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A helping hand from VRA

The Guyra VRA have stepped up as restrictions tighten due to the COVID-19 virus. They are now working with the IGA and SPAR supermarkets in Guyra to deliver groceries and necessary household goods to members of the community whom are in mandatory or self-initiated isolation in their homes.

To take advantage of their services you can phone your order through to the supermarket. You will be required to provide payment over the phone and the vendor will package your supplies and contact the VRA. This delivery service will be provided free of charge and purchased items will be left at your front door.

Wayne Mendes from the VRA said that they saw there was a need to assist members of the community.

“Our members were aware that some people have been struggling, particularly the elderly who were becoming isolated and finding it hard to get out to do their shopping,” Wayne said.



Kirks IGA Manager Harry Kirk with Wayne Mendes from the Guyra VRA. The VRA are assisting with deliveries and also on the look out for new members

“We saw this is a great opportunity to not only help out, but also to promote the squad and the work they do in the community,” he said.

“This is what we do, give a helping hand anytime, anywhere.”

Kirks IGA Manager Harry Kirk has welcomed the

initiative which will free up his staff who are working under great pressure at the moment.

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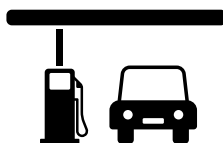
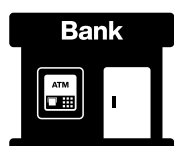


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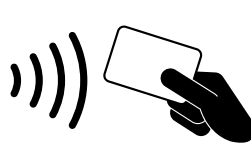
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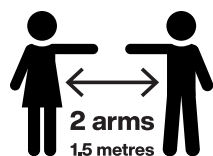
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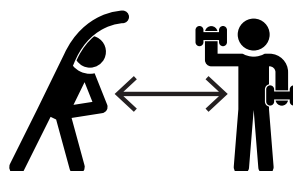
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CUT OUT AND KEEP

Guyra couple celebrate Platinum Anniversary

Next Wednesday the 8th of April is a significant day for David and Gwen Rainger.

The day will mark their 70th wedding anniversary and, with a planned family celebration on hold due to the coronavirus, they will spend the day in isolation instead.

The couple met in the main street of Guyra while they were out with friends and dated for about 14 months before they decided to tie the knot. During their courtship Gwen remembers going to the theatre with a friend and being joined by David and his friend who would jump the seats to be with them.

After a five-month engagement they were married at the Methodist church in Armidale on the 8th of April 1950. They were attended by Kath and Joe Reeves who were bridesmaid and groomsman. The reception was held in the Church hall attended by about 60 guests.

They remember family and friends coming together to make it a wonderful day. Eunice Reeves made the wedding dress, Mart Chapman did the catering, Mrs Brown did lovely flower arrangements and Mrs Faint made the cake.

They spent their honeymoon in Sydney where they stayed at the People's Palace. Gwen had never been to Sydney before and this was a great adventure.

The couple made their home at the Rainger family property "Brockley", starting out in a lit-

tle one-bedroom house which they called home until 1958. As their family grew they built a bigger house where they lived until moving to live in Guyra in 1997.

That family eventually grew to include five children, Ken, Sue, Gail, Wendy and Judy. That number now also includes 14 grandchildren and more than 25 great grandchildren.

They have seen many changes during their time together and reflected on the fact that 70 years ago the pace of life was much slower. Now things happen at a faster pace where you don't seem to have time for anything and family values have changed.

David and Gwen say that the secret to staying together is to give and take, trust your partner, and don't give up on them no matter how hard things get. They also say that it is important to stay friends and to always talk even when things go wrong.

Brockley holds a special place in both their hearts as the place where they lived for most of their married life and raised their family. Among the special times were family cricket games down the paddock at Brockley, weddings, births and special occasions. A tradition of the family gathering for Sunday lunches continues today at their new home where they look forward to being joined by their extended family.



David and Gwen Rainger will celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary next week



Council elections pushed back by 12 months

Local government elections which were due to be held in September have been postponed until for 12 months due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a statement, Local Government MP Shelley Hancock said it was a "regrettable decision", but one that would provide "certainty" for local councils, communities and election candidates.

"The NSW Government has made the regrettable decision to postpone the September local

government elections for 12 months in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic," she said.

"Local government elections are a vital part of the democratic process, ensuring local councils are accountable to their local communities."

This will mean that for amalgamated councils such as Armidale Regional, the elected Mayor will remain for a further 12 months. Simon Murray was elected for what was expected to be a one-year term in September

2019, however that term will now be extended.

The March meeting of council which was scheduled for March 25th has been postponed and Cr Murray said that they are still waiting for direction from the Office of Local Government to enable meetings to proceed. Current legislation requires meetings to be open to the public and also allow people to attend and have their say.

One option is to allow audio visual meetings to take place

and council staff are currently looking at how meetings could be run. Cr Murray said that communication issues are a stumbling block for all regional councils as they look to move to meetings by phone or online.

Cr Murray said that despite being in self-isolation he remains in constant contact with the CEO. Council staff are continuing to work according to the operational plan, while adhering to guidelines set by the State and Federal Government.

Early morning fogs, followed by glorious autumn days

Businesses taking tough decisions - continue to support those that you can

Searching through family archives to help the Historical Society with their research

STAYING AT HOME

What's NOT

P-Platers driving in the fog with no lights

Living in uncertain times and not knowing what will come next

Shortages caused by panic buying

QUOTE of the week

Worry is like a rocking chair: It gives you something to do but never gets you anywhere

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
24	Tues	11.2	17.5	0
25	Wed	11.1	21.4	0
26	Thurs	10.0	17.9	18.0
27	Fri	8.7	16.9	9.2
28	Sat	6.1	19.9	0
29	Sun	11.0	20.5	1.8
30	Mon	9.7	19.5	2.0

Rain this week	31.0 mm
Mar. rainfall	72.2 mm
Rainfall YTD	377.0 mm
Rainfall last YTD	125.0 mm
Ave. rain to March	297.4 mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Members of the Guyra Historical Society are researching and recording the businesses that were in Guyra. With the view of producing a book that will be launched next year. They are asking if anyone has a story or a photo pertaining to a business in Guyra. It could be a story about working in the shop, buying from the shop or just a photo of the shop or a story that their parents or grandparents told them.

We were recently given a photo of Solomon Skin Shop. Solomon Skin shop (the local Branch of Herbert J Solomon Export Limited) was situated in Malpas Street / New England Highway on the site were the Guyra Motel now stands (opposite Big Lamb Statue) The business started C 1912. W (Billy) Woodward was the Manager from 1912 until 1937 with his residence being next door were the Rafters/Woolly Lamb is.

On researching this business, we came across the following article from Guyra Argus dated 22nd June, 1922:



Arthur Devlin and W Woodward with a load of skins

Mr W. Woodward the well-known local skin and produce buyer informs us that from 29th May to 10th June, a period of 12 days, excluding a holiday, he purchased 16,143 lbs of rabbit skins, paying for same £2,122.16.11 the price per lb working out at a fraction under 2/7½. Taking 6 skins to the lb the above figures show that 96,858 rabbits were destroyed in this district in a

very short time. It is questionable whether any other industry in New England, any one mine included, ever paid out more for labour in the time quoted.

If you have a photo or a name of a business we can do the research. We would also love to talk to you.

Please contact Dorothy Lockyer 02 6779 2132 (work) or 02 6779 1146 (after hours). You can also email

Have your say.....

No lasting benefit

I refer to the letter from John Ross in the Gazette dated March 11, 2020 regarding the 'Rail Trail'. He gives some population figures for Armidale and Tamworth of 21,000-22,000 and 19,000 respectively, in 1960. He then states present day figures of 22,000 and 50,000 for the towns.

The 1960 edition of the Australian Yearbook shows Armidale 9460 and Tamworth 18,400. Current figures from Australian Bureau of Statistics suggest that today these populations would be around 24,504 for Armidale and 42,872 for Tamworth. Thus it would seem each has increased

in the region of around 2.5 times, very similar! (These are, of course, unaudited figures).

The correspondent then goes on to say that he and his wife had visited "a small rail-trail town, much the same size as Guyra," and had heard the rail trail "is worth around 1 million dollars per month in economic activity". Perhaps Mr. Ross could let us know where this small rail-trail town is? It must be a very wealthy little community!! I spent 41 years working in country NSW towns including many that lost their trains, such as Bourke, Brewarrina, Gulargambone, Dorrigo, Holbrook, Mungindi, North Star, Guyra, and the like, as a young Banker, Bank

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Manager and Rural Financial Counsellor, so yes, I DO know what I am about!

The route of the proposed 'trail' would NOT generate any lasting benefit to anyone except a very few who have some economic interest of their own. AND, it is totally irrelevant on the proposed route, with alternative 'trails' already in place which could stand development. The Puddledock, Sunnyside, and even the Thunderbolt's Cave tracks, all of which lead to Black Mountain, could all be developed without damaging a National Asset like the Great Northern Railway.

Barry Evans

Supermarket workers at the front line

During this time of uncertainty, when we are all feeling the strain, supermarket workers have been at the front line. Manager of Kirks IGA Harry Kirk has praised both his staff and the Guyra community for their efforts during this time.

“Despite the increase in demand the Guyra community has been great to deal with and there has been no bad behaviour in the store,” he said. “At the same time the extra workload has been stressful for my staff so next time you come in, take the time to thank them for their hard work.”

“They are the ones who are keeping your cupboard and fridges full and they are the ones who are unpacking up to 40 pallets of groceries each week in an effort to keep up with the demand.”

“They deserve a thank you, as do our junior staff team who have been working extra hours to keep up with demand,” he said. “It is very daunting for them to be at the forefront of panic buying, so please be considerate of that.”

“Key items such as flour, sugar, hand sanitiser, tis-



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sues, and toilet paper are on backorder at 850 % of demand,” he said. “These items are being trickle fed to us from suppliers and we can't predict when they will arrive, but we are doing our best to ensure equal distribution to customers. If anyone has a large order if they contact us and we will try to help fulfil their needs.”

Harry said that there have been a few out of towners coming into the store and they have been closely watched by staff to make

sure they don't take too much.

Regular customers will notice changes to how the store operates as restrictions tighten and they endeavour to adhere to government guidelines. This includes a sanitisation station at the door and social distancing at the checkout. They are working towards asking customers to pack their own groceries and also encouraging customers to make the move to remote ordering by phone or email.

This will reduce the potential for the spread of the virus, and further protect staff and customers. The doors will remain open, however as more people are being encouraged to stay at home, they are expanding delivery options.

To ensure this service runs smoothly customers are encouraged to put in a weekly list and staff will complete the order. Orders need to be submitted by email to accounts@kirksiga.com.au or by phone 6779 1555. Payment will need to be by credit card if possible, and they are encouraging family and friends to assist elderly residents with the transition.

While every effort will be made to complete the orders, if products aren't available please advise if you want the item substituted or if you would prefer not to receive the item. These orders will be delivered inside the town boundaries and they are working towards twice a week delivery to a central location in Black Mountain. For other out of town areas arrangements can be made for orders to be sent out with mail runs.

A helping hand (cont)

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“Increased demand and panic buying over recent weeks has meant that our staff have been taking on an increased workload and they are starting to get fatigued,” Harry said.

“It has been a continued battle just to keep the shelves full and they have been run off their feet struggling to make their regular deliveries so this is a great relief.”

“This is great effort from the VRA to ensure people can stay at home, and it really helps us out as well. They are a great organisation who do a great job in the community so anyone who like to get in-

involved I would encourage them to do so because they need our support.”

Deliveries will not include takeaway food. Community service undertaken by the group includes attending accidents, assisting at community events, and animal rescues.

Last year they opened up their shed to rural residents who needed somewhere to wash their clothes during the drought.

If you want to find out more about joining the VRA just speak to one of the team. New members can join with a three-month trial period and training is provided.

The team at CROP Hair Design will be taking a short break from Monday 6th April - Monday 20th April

We will be returning to business (we won't say “as normal” because these are far from normal times) but we will be returning if permitted on Tuesday, 21st April.

We can still be contacted on 0401 313 954 during this break for anyone who would like to make a booking or arrange with us to purchase product.

We ask you to please respect our break and do not ask us to come to your home to do hair!

Please stay safe and well and we look forward to seeing you in a few weeks.

Your team @ CROP



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Phone or text us
for an appointment
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Students adapt to learning from home



Playground fun and fitness at Black Mountain Public School last week.

Black Mountain Public School is continuing to demonstrate resourcefulness and ability to adapt during these challenging times.

As many of our students have chosen to isolate at home, our dedicated staff and teachers have already sent home the first of many Learning from Home Packs as well as working tirelessly to complete

our online platform for our students. A huge thank you must go to all our dedicated parents/carers who are helping their children with their learning at home.

We hope that all our students, families and friends stay safe during this challenging and uncertain time.

*Justine Eddy
Relieving Principal*



Library starts 'Book and Collect' service

Armidale Regional Libraries have introduced a 'book and collect' service and expanded its home delivery service so members can access books and other resources during the COVID-19 shutdown.

Members can now book resources by emailing or phoning the library, then pick them up from the entrance of the Armidale or Guyra library at a time arranged between staff and the borrower.

The 'book and collect' option comes as the library is also experiencing increased demand for home deliveries, as residents adhere to health recommendations to stay home and avoid groups of people during the COVID-19 crisis.

Deliveries will be available to homes within the Armidale and Guyra town boundaries and, to minimise contact between people, resources will be left at the front door of the home."

The service will not be collecting items until after the libraries have fully reopened. Orders for both the home delivery and collection options are limited to 10 items. Both services will be reviewed on a regular basis and may change with short notice, depending on demand and further Government restrictions.

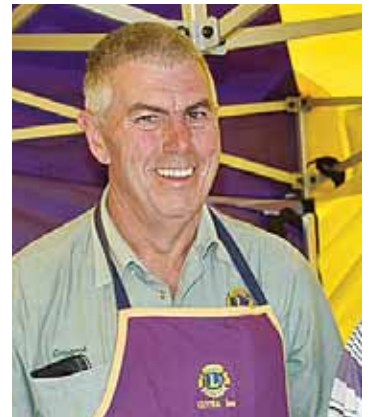
To make an order contact Armidale email library@armidale.nsw.gov.au or phone 6770 3636 or Guyra - email [## Easter raffle shortened amid health concerns](mailto:gslibrary@armi-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

This year's Lions Easter raffle had to be shortened due to the current health conditions. The club decided that the risk to both the public and our members was too great to carry on until Easter. We would like to thank the community for the support they have once again shown us. The results are as follows.

Roger Cox, Craig Coppock, Sue Davies and John Davies each won a \$75 Voucher.

Also to follow all government directions the Lions Club has suspended all meetings and fund raising until things clear up. Hopefully it will not be long before everything returns to normal for the benefit of all Australians and the world as a whole.

The Lions Club will be checking the post office box so we can still deal with invoices and other matters that arise. We hope to return as soon as possible to keep supplying help



to the community where needed. New members are in desperate need to carry on the good work we do, if you feel the need to contact the club you can contact me on my mobile 0429779223 or send a letter to the PO Box 118.

Thank you to everyone that has help the club so far this year.

*Lions President Graeme
Shiels*

Coronavirus response

On advice from State and Federal Governments Armidale Regional Council is implementing a number of social distancing policies and temporary public facility closures to ensure public safety and slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus in our community.

Importantly, Council wishes to reassure the community that it will remain operational and maintain essential services. However, some non essential services and scheduled events will see some temporary changes and cancellations. Furthermore, many of our office staff will be practicing responsible social distancing by working remotely from home or alternative sites.

Council will continue to provide all services online and our phone lines will be available 24/7.

For more information on Council's response to coronavirus please visit www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus

Expression of Interest for Guyra main street public art project artist/community artworker

Armidale Regional Council is seeking registrations of interest from an artist/ community artworker to design and implement public art works in the Guyra Main Street based on images provided by students of Guyra Central School.

The project concept will represent a colourful, graphic interpretation of the students' artworks that enhance the ambience of the main street, create local identity and encourage cultural tourism.

The successful applicant will also work with selected Guyra Central School students on the project and mentor them in public arts practice.

The total budget for the project is \$20,000 including all materials to complete the project, delivering workshops to Guyra students and the project management fees.

Applications close at 5pm on Wednesday 15 April 2020.

Visit Council's website for more information

Armidale Regional Libraries

Both the Armidale and Guyra Libraries have extensive online services for e-books and magazines, all available online.

Resources include, childrens books, Australian and international titles, classic literature and modern award-winning titles, your favourite weekly magazines and more.

You can search our catalogue online at library.armidale.nsw.gov.au if you would like to browse our resources.

Playgrounds, camp sites, skate parks, camping areas (Ebor and Mother of Ducks), BBQ areas, exercise equipment and Apex Lookout are closed for use until further notice to reduce the transmission of Coronavirus to the public. Please adhere to social distancing regulations of two persons only in public spaces

Work commences to link emergency bores

Council crews have begun to construct the underground piping and pumping network that will link the emergency bores to the Guyra Water Treatment Plant.

Last year, when the region's water supply was at critical levels, Council engaged a hydrogeologist to identify sites with the greatest likelihood of significant underground water at depth. Drilling contractors were engaged and test sites were drilled across the Local Government Area.

Guyra did yield positive test drilling bore sites and Council is now investing in infrastructure to provide emergency water supply in the event of the region experiencing severe drought conditions in the future. Early testing of the water quality is showing positive results however final connection to the water treatment plant will not proceed until Council meets Australian Drinking Water Guidelines and ARC is successful in being granted a Water Access Licence from the NSW Government.

Armidale Regional Council Mayor Cr Simon Murray said this is an important investment for the region to supplement our water supply in an emergency and in the event of the drought biting hard again in the next couple of months.

"By having access to emergency bores we are putting less pressure on our water network during severe drought," said Cr Murray.



"The bores will support usage during severe water restrictions placing less pressure on existing dam supplies for Armidale. I'd like to recognise the State Government and Adam Marshall MP for their support for the groundwater program."

Three emergency bores will be located at Izzard Park, the Sports field and the Showground linking to the Guyra Water Treatment Plant via a new underground network.

Guyra residents are advised that increased activity of works by Council crews will be visible however with limited impact on residents. Any impact will be confined to roadsides and Council land. Residents will be advised if they could be directly impacted prior to work commencing. The bores are sunk to depths of approximately 150 metres. At this depth there will be no impact on existing bores and monitoring bores are being installed.

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Armidale Regional Council is on Facebook - the page is named 'Armidale Regional Council'.



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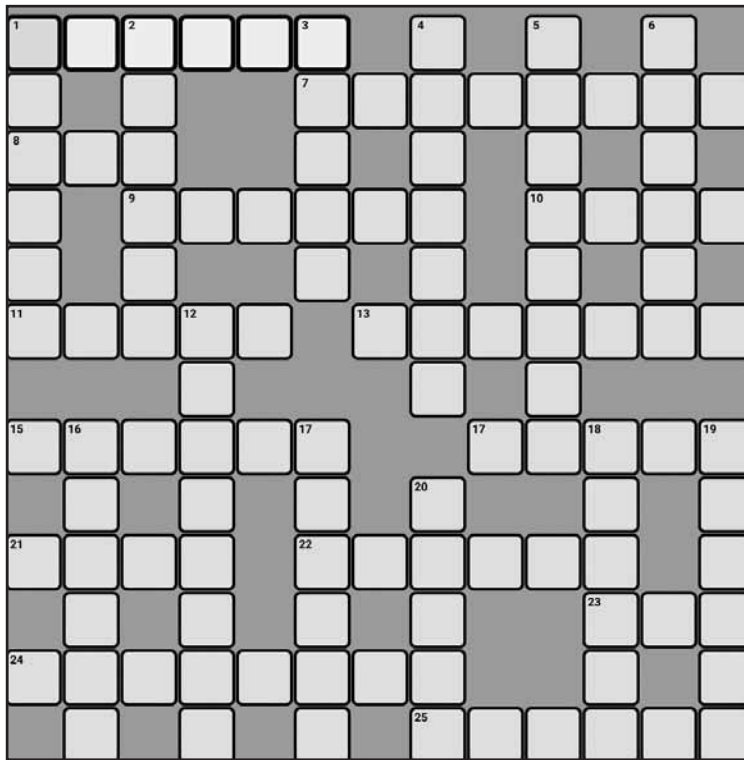


and on Instagram
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CROSSWORD CLUES

Across

- 1 Unexpectedly quick
- 7 Not fully developed, juvenile
- 8 Adult male person
- 9 Assemble
- 10 Chance, fortune
- 11 Body Trunk
- 13 One celestial body obscures another
- 15 A field where grass is grown to be made into hay
- 17 Brother of one's father
- 21 Succeed in an examination
- 22 Military greeting
- 23 Snake-like fish
- 24 Bear in mind
- 25 Depository for displaying objects of historical interest

Down

- 1 Apex
- 2 Hazard
- 3 Wall recess
- 4 Clasp another person in the arms
- 5 Adult male horse
- 6 What a police bloodhound does
- 12 Avoid by stepping sideways
- 16 Substance covering the crown of a tooth
- 17 Sushi condiment
- 18 Dairy product
- 19 Insignia
Clock that wakes a sleeper at pre-set time

WORDSEARCH - Food

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- Beef
- Brisket
- Corn
- Dates
- Dip
- Dry
- Egg
- Lamb
- Menu
- Nosh
- Olive
- Pot
- Recipe
- Rhubarb
- Salmon
- Slice
- Spork
- Tofu
- Turnip
- Yam

SUDOKU - Easy

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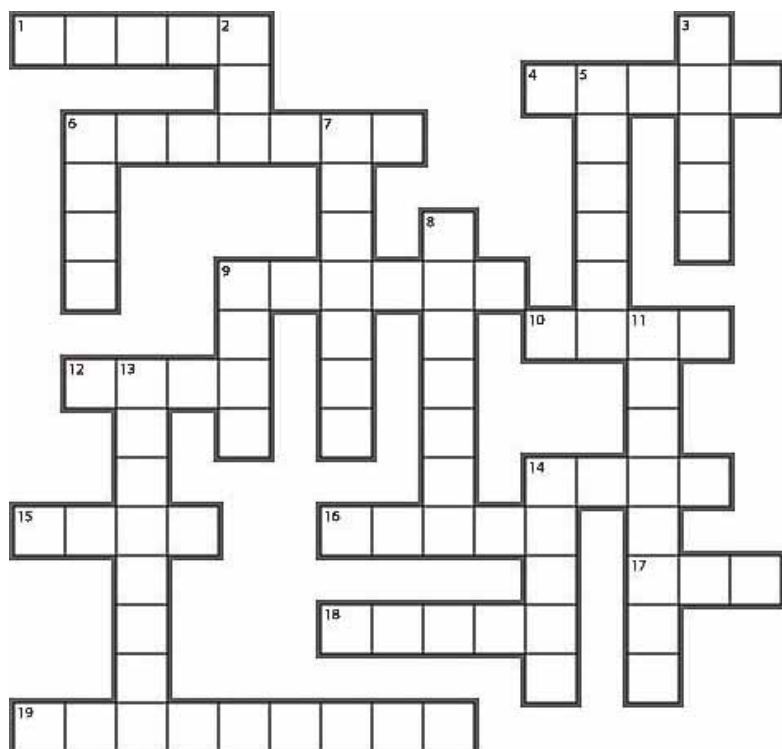
Across

- 1. Festival held in spring
- 4. Built sideways in Bradley St
- 6. These boys kick a round ball
- 9. A dam, a house and a street
- 10. Our BIG attraction
- 12. Fiona collects lots of these
- 14. Game played on the lagoon
- 15. Our water comes from the _____ River
- 16. This could hurt you on the road to Armidale
- 17. This sporting club has a great view
- 18. We dig this sporting team
- 19. Higher than Guyra

Down

- 2. ___ of the Range
- 3. Little Boy Lost (surname)
- 5. Final resting place in the bush
- 6. Lamb with a handle
- 7. Came to town in 1884
- 8. First Female Mayor (surname)
- 9. One way to serve potato
- 11. Cricket oval's new name
- 13. Newspaper 1959 - 1983
- 14. A big story in 1920s caused by this

HINT: This one is all about Guyra



How Locals can help Locals!

Important Update from your local newspaper

Dear Readers,

These are challenging times for our local community, as they are for all local communities around the world. Many of us are anxious and unsure about many things, but one thing we know for certain is that we need to work together as a community to overcome the challenges this global pandemic has created.

Isolate and Avoid Infection:

The Coronavirus is first and foremost a health crisis, and keeping our community safe and healthy is the number one priority. Please follow the government protocols and do all you can to avoid infection.

Stay Informed:

The Guyra Gazette has become the trusted source of local news and we take our responsibility to inform the local community very seriously. For the latest government advice regarding COVID-19, see www.health.gov.au and please be aware that 'news' on social media is not regulated and many false and dangerous theories are being shared online.

Please Buy Local:

This health crisis has caused an economic crisis and we need to do all we can as a community to save local jobs, and livelihoods in the long term. The best thing we can do (in addition to staying well) is buying from our local businesses whenever possible.

Buying locally has an amazingly positive multiplier effect on the local community because your money keeps being reinvested by other local businesses and employees. This is critical to keeping locals in jobs.

A Note to our Advertisers:

We understand these are very tough times for business – as we are also feeling the impact. We are ready to assist you to keep the local community updated about any changes to your business operations, trading hours, safety protocols, new service delivery models, messages of thanks/support or other important news.

We are also in the process of developing programs for our loyal advertisers to assist

through these tough times and we look forward to working together to see this pandemic through. As you know, we distribute the Gazette free to all 2365 mailing addresses with pick-up locations in the Guyra CBD, Armidale, Tingha and Llangothlin.

Thanks to our Readers:

We can't thank you enough for your loyal support since we began production just over three years ago and we look forward to keeping you informed well into the future. Our team of two will keep producing the Guyra Gazette throughout this time of crisis to bring you as much local news as possible as well as up to date advice regarding this virus.

Thank our Local Workers:

We must say a huge thank you to our local health care workers: to Dr. Jey and his team, the nurses and ancillary staff at the MPS, Vu and the staff at Guyra Pharmacy, our Ambulance officers and other emergency service workers. They are our front-line troops in this battle against the coro-

navirus and we wish them well.

We also say thanks to Harry and the staff at Kirk's IGA and to Assim and staff at Spar. They are essential workers in our community bearing up under trying conditions and an increased workload.

Hospitality businesses are feeling the pinch as they try to adapt to strict guidelines as to how they can operate. Some have already made the decision to close, while others are offering new options for their customers.

It is impossible to list all the changes as our businesses continue to adapt. If in doubt please phone ahead to avoid disappointment and support those who are continuing to operate.

Finally, STAY AT HOME if you can, look after each other, maintain your social distancing and wash your hands. They say character is revealed in a crisis and our local community is again rallying and showing great strength and resilience.

Janelle & Martha

Action plan in place for tomato farm

The Costa group, who operate the Guyra tomato glasshouses, has implemented a COVID-19 Action Plan to ensure that as a business they are doing everything they can to prevent the spread of coronavirus in their workforce and the general community.

In a statement released last week they said that the health and safety of employees and their families is a key priority and they have established COVID-19 Steering Committees to ensure they can respond rapidly across their business.

"As an essential service, it is also important we maintain business processes that are critical to our day-to-day functioning," the statement said.



"We are continuing to follow closely the advice of the Federal Department of Health and have implemented a range of health and safety protocols including new arrangements for contractors and visitors to our sites, hygiene

and cleaning practices, working from home policies and social distancing."

"We have provided a suite of resources for our staff, including a dedicated intranet page and free-call health hotline and will be continuing to up-

date advice as necessary."

"In addition to our focus on the health and wellbeing of our employees, we are maintaining our rigorous food safety and quality processes."

"As one of Australia's leading fruit and vegetable producers, it is critical we continue to be able to provide quality fresh produce to our customers, both here in Australia and overseas."

"During our peak harvest seasons across all our produce categories, we have high labour requirements. In these uncertain times, we encourage people in industries that have been directly impacted to explore our employment opportunities."

2020 Guyra Show - Poultry Results

Thank you to Guyra Milling, Nutrien Ag Solutions and Grazag for their sponsorship of the poultry section at the Guyra Show.

Head Steward John Mitchell said it was very pleasing to some enthusiastic juniors enter the competition this year.

Hard Feather Large:

Pitt Game – 1st Andrew Blake

Old English Game Blue/Red – Male 1st Cheryl Brown, Female 1st Cheryl Brown

Old English Game AOV – Male 1st Cheryl Brown, Female 1st & 2nd Cheryl Brown

Hard Feather Bantam:

Pitt Game – 1st C Brown, 2nd A Blake

Old English Game Blue/Red DL – 1st C Brown

Old English Game Black Tail Wheaton – 1st Billy Youman, 2nd C Brown

Old English Game Blue Tail Wheaton – 1st C Brown

Old English Game Duckwing AOC – 1st B Youman, 2nd C Brown

Old English Game Pile – 1st

C Brown

Soft Feather Large:

Rhode Island Red – 1st John Mitchell

Leghorn AOC – 1st & 2nd J Mitchell

Juniors:

Hard feather Bantam – 1st Darcy & Hugo Sisson, 2nd Brazier Bros.

Soft feather Large – Male 1st & 2nd Brazier Bros., Female 1st Thomas Brazier, 2nd Foster Bros.

Soft feather Bantam – Male 1st Hugo Brazier, Female 1st Hugo Brazier

Ducks AOV – Male 1st Nathan Lane, Female 1st Nathan Lane

Water Fowl:

Muscovy AC – 1st Rachel Hancock

Pairs:

Hard feather Large – 1st Andrew Blake

Soft feather Large – 1st Andrew Blake

Hard feather Bantam – Male 1st B Youman, 2nd C Brown, Female 1st A Blake



Poultry enthusiasts Hugo Sisson, Darcy Sisson and Nathan Lane

Community Heritage Fund applications now open

Owners of properties listed as heritage items in Armidale Regional Council's Local Environmental Plan 2012 (LEP) can apply for a grant through a Community Heritage Fund established by Council and funded through the NSW Heritage Office.

The purpose of the fund is to provide grants of up to \$2000 to assist with heritage conservation works. Eligible works to heritage listed properties include repair, maintenance, and restoration of missing components. Examples of suitable projects could include work on the structure of the building, verandahs, roofing, wall cladding, fences, decorative detail, painting and stormwater drainage.

Armidale Regional Council Mayor Cr Simon Murray said

the grant would go some way to assisting owners in the preservation and conservation of heritage properties across the Armidale Region.

Application forms and standard conditions are available on Council's website www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au search 'grants and funding opportunities'. Completed application forms must be submitted to Council by 5pm Thursday 14 May 2020.

There is limited funding available. Council expects to be able to fund only those projects that are most appropriate and achievable.

For further information contact Council's Customer Service Team on 1300 136 833 or send an email to council@armidale.nsw.gov.au

"Calm your farm!" Farmers reassure public

Farmers are reassuring consumers there is no need to fear food shortages in Australia as the world grapples with the coronavirus pandemic.

NSW Farmers' Vice President Chris Groves said farmers in NSW and across the country are busy doing what they do best - producing local food and fibre.

"The hens are still laying eggs, the dairy cows are still being milked, grain growers are preparing winter crops, orchards are still bearing fruit and Australian farmers are still producing the world's best produce."

"This unprecedented event will have an impact on our export markets, which take around 75 per cent of what farmers produce, but Australians can be assured that

there will be more than enough food for them."

"We don't rely on any other country to feed us. We want consumers to keep in mind both rice and wheat are grown here in New South Wales along with the vast majority of our fruit and vegetables. There's no need to panic if there's no rice or pasta on supermarket shelves."

"The drought is still lingering and farmers are recovering from bushfires, but fresh food items like apples and bananas are being picked now and the livestock sector is maintaining supply."

"It's incumbent on supermarkets to work closely with farmers to ensure readily available produce at this time," Mr Groves concluded.



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The Hub at Guyra is still operating

10am - 2pm, Tuesday - Friday. However, we are unable to allow anyone into the building due to strict health regulations governed by Australian Health Authorities.

If you need support, please phone 02 6779 1635.

Leave a message and we will phone you during business hours.

Vinnies Conference

Appointments will be taken by our members. Please phone on Wednesdays 1pm to 4pm.

Mob: 0427 792 133 or 6779 2133

Guyra Care & Support Conference will continue operating with changes to face to face interviews.

Centrelink number is still essential. Help is available.

Please leave a short message on the phone with your contact details. We will call you back.

Please be advised that Care & Support is open for business.

Vinnies Store is closed until further notice.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

GUYRA HISTORICAL MUSEUM will be CLOSED until further notice. Enquiries: 6779 2132.

The Guyra Food Pantry (at The Chapel)

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

- The Food Pantry will be closed this week - Friday 3rd April.
- Closure is due to Covid-19 circumstances as most of our volunteers are over 70 and are recommended to stay at home.
- We will keep you up to date for Friday 17th April as we look at the best way to provide a service for you. *We apologize for any inconvenience.*

CHURCH SERVICES ONLINE

The Chapel

CHURCH SERVICES - 10am & 6pm
AVAILABLE ONLINE
including Kids Church Online
www.thechapelcollective.com.au

MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER

- April 2 - Heather Marchant
- April 3 - Lyn & Richard Skinner
- April 6 - Kath Varley
- April 7 - Don & Betty Mayled
- April 8 - John Mitchell

STREET STALLS

- April 2 - Catholic Women's League
- April 3 & 4 - Masonic Lodge

STALLS MAY BE CANCELLED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS

RAFFLE RESULTS

LIONS CLUB Easter raffle \$75 vouchers won by Roger Cox, Craig Coppock, Sue Davies and John Davies. Thanks to all for your support.

CLAIM THE DATE

***NOTE: Postponed until further notice.**
SATURDAY, 4th APRIL: at Wandsworth "Celebration of Resilience" for recovery from drought and bushfires. Entertainment, live band, BBQ, educational stalls, mental health. Also will be held on 16th May at Bald Blair, 13th June at Guyra and 11th July at Ben Lomond.

SUNDAY, 8th NOVEMBER: Guyra Cup (note postponement from 19th April).

CLAIM THE DATE

For your event or function

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