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## New early learning centre for Guyra

Early childhood learning services in the Guyra district will be boosted by a new facility announced by Council and the Federal Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce, on Tuesday

Mr Joyce joined Armidale Regional Council Mayor Simon Murray and other Council representatives at the current site of the Guyra Preschool and Long Day Care Centre, to announce the \$1.5 million project to establish a new purpose-built centre.

The new building, to be located behind Council's Civic Administration Building in Guyra, will enable the centre to double its maximum number of enrolments. It will also incorporate a before and after school care and a vacation care room, hubs for the University of New England and TAFE, and a community room.

"This represents a substantial increase in the quality of early childhood learning facilities for Guyra and surrounds, as well as meeting the needs of many more local children and their families," Councillor Murray said.

"The new location in the heart of Guyra will also help to further activate the town's central business district.

It is projected enrolments will increase from about 29 to 58 for



Cr Peter Bailey, Cr Diane Gray, Preschool Supervisor Amanda Campbell, Cr Simon Murray, Member for New England Barnaby Joyce and Scot MacDonald GM Businesses for ARC

daily preschool and long day care operations and to 30 children for out-of-school-hours care.

Cr Murray said that not only will more families benefit from its services, it will greatly enhance the centre's long-term financial viability and create more jobs in the town. He said the more centralised location would provide greater access to learning resources such as the Guyra library.

"Guyra Pre-school has been looking to develop a new pre-

school and day care for a long time and this will be a great step forward for the community," Cr Murray said.

He said the project has been greatly assisted by \$613,000 from the Federal Government, with a \$900,000 input from Council.

Mr Joyce said the Federal Government was committed to providing parents with access to quality early learning facilities.

"These first few years play a crucial role in a child's early development," Mr Joyce said.

"So having access to a first-class learning environment such as this will go a long to providing kids here in Guyra with the best possible start in life."

A second stage in the project will also bring the UNE and TAFE Study Hubs under the same roof, with the hubs offering better distance education facilities for local UNE and TAFE students.

Until Stage 2 is funded, Council plans to temporarily relocate the UNE Study Hub.

## Whimsical and colourful store opens



Jynsi Hooper with partner Luke Bennett and daughter Hilda

If you are looking for a little colour in your life, look no further than Little Loki & Me, which opened its doors in Guyra on Monday. Already operating the business online, Jynsi Hooper was delighted to find a suitable space in her home town to add to her already successful venture.

Jynsi said that the inspiration to seek out good quality, ethically made and colourful kid's clothing came after the birth of her son Loki. At that time, she found that most clothing for boys was drab and she had to look further to find clothes that fitted her own needs.

What she found was what she

describes as 'Whimsical apparel' which is colourful, bright and cute, as well as being well made. Now she is sharing her passion with others and has stocked her store with her favoured Scandinavian children's clothing brands, as well as handmade toys and dolls.

Originally from Guyra, Jynsi recently moved back with partner Luke. They had been weighing up their options for a while and found that they a little bit more time on their hands and just thought that right now was the time to do it.

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Download the COVIDSafe app today to keep yourself and your community safe by helping our health workers to notify you quickly if you've come in contact with someone who has Coronavirus.

With your privacy protected by law, COVIDSafe keeps a secure note of other users you've been near if you have to go out. So, if they test positive for Coronavirus, you'll be notified. It'll help us stop the spread sooner, so we can all get back to the things we love.

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# Kids get back to school as restrictions ease

Face to face learning at Guyra Central School has recommenced this week following what Principal Michelle Nicholson said has been easily the most challenging period of her career. The school made the move to online learning at the end of term 1, as restrictions were tightened in the face of the COVID-10 pandemic. This required adapting to almost daily changes, processing an overwhelming amount of information and implementing a new way of learning in a very short time.

With the easing of restrictions, students were welcomed back this week with face to face learning being phased in, as per Department of Education rulings. Phase one sees Years 11 and 12 back four days a week Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday along with Kindergarten students. Teachers are also back on site, with the exception of a few who are in the at risk category.

Other year groups are being welcomed back one day a week, with Year 7 coming in on Mondays, Year 8 on Tuesday, and Year 9 and 10 on Fridays. Attendance by Primary students is based on family groups attending one day a week. Students of



Early Stage 1 students from Guyra Central are enjoying the return to school

emergency workers and those who need additional support are able to attend full time and are being encouraged to do so if needed.

Principal Michelle Nicholson said that the school remains committed to getting the best outcomes for their students and getting them back into the classroom is the first step of a two-week plan. On Monday this meant that were 157 students on site which represents around 50 per cent of the school's enrolment.

"We are lucky to have the space which means we can ad-

here to social distancing protocols and there was no feeling of crowding with the kids working together well while respecting the required protocols," Mrs Nicholson said.

"They were just excited to be back at school and talking to their mates, which is something they haven't been able to do for quite a while."

"It has been a steep learning

curve and we are working within strict hygiene protocols to ensure health concerns are addressed," she said.

"This includes the students who are actively involved in learning how to keep themselves safe and making sure that they understand this is something they will be doing long term."

Mrs Nicholson acknowledged that it has been a challenging time and praised her staff who have gone above and beyond to ensure that students needs are being met.

"My staff are working one on one with students to see they are up to date and to find out if they need any extra support and I am pleased to say that I have not witnessed any extra anxiety," she said.

"I would also like to pay tribute to the students and their families for adapting to a new way of learning and for being committed to making this work."

As more restrictions are relaxed these plans will be reviewed and further changes implemented.

## Whimsical and colourful store opens (cont.)

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"What you will find in store is good quality, ethically made, sweatshop free designer items," Jypsi said. "They are a bit more expensive than the chain stores, but the quality is much better and we are trying to keep it affordable for locals and also offer something a bit special for tourists."

"There are young families, and family members, out there who I think share the desire for good quality and fun clothes for their kids and grandkids - somewhere they can shop for birthday presents or gifts."

"I had looked around and took inspiration from places like Uralla where smaller boutique style shopping is working. I think this will work well in Guyra and the more options there are, the more people we could attract to town," she said.

"It all came together quickly and after I opened the doors on Monday I had twelve sales on the first morning, which was much

more than I had expected," she said. "We are starting with a month long trial, but I hope to be in it for the long term and would be more than happy to be here in five years' time."

You will find Little Loki & Me at 91 Bradley St, formerly home to the Commonwealth Bank. The current range includes an organic range of items for 0-5 years, with some items for older kids. They are also selling toys and handcrafted household items, beanies and some maternity clothes.

As well as the shop front, you can also shop online at <https://litlelokiandme.com/>. They are doing free home deliveries and are hoping to get a catalogue out so that people who can't get into the store can place orders. Phone enquiries can be made by calling 0421 935 363. Opening hours are 9am to 6pm Monday to Friday, 9am to 3pm on Saturday and 9am to 1pm on Sunday. These hours are subject to change.

**THE NATIONALS** for Regional Australia

# Barnaby JOYCE MP

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Delivering for Guyra

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**PUMPKIN SOUP** from JoJo's

**STUDENTS** are back at school

**WOOD FIRE** keeping the house toasty warm

**YEARS OF LOBBYING** and pushing for a new preschool have paid off. Thanks to all those who worked hard and helped to make this happen

## What's NOT

**BEFORE** using someone's yard as a shortcut, it is good manners to ask the owner.

**STEALING** firewood

## QUOTE of the week

**We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give**

*Norman MacEwan*

### Bureau of Meteorology

## Weather

### WATCH

#### Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
05	Tues	2.1	14.1	0
06	Wed	5.6	16.2	0
07	Thurs	3.1	16.5	0
08	Fri	4.8	16.8	0
09	Sat	7.8	14.0	0
10	Sun	6.8	12.8	7.4
11	Mon	-1.9	12.8	0

Rain this week	7.4mm
May. rainfall	18.2mm
Rainfall YTD	446.8mm
Rainfall last YTD	169.2mm
Ave. rain to May	402.9mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

## Four years on - was it worth it?

Guyra residents have now had 4 years living with the blatantly unsuccessful forced merger with Armidale. Without change, the future is looking even worse for residents of both Armidale and Guyra. All of the merger 'bribe money' has disappeared with the main street that was used as the 'big carrot' being half done and not nearly finished. Was this all worth it for loss of our valuable autonomy?

The drought and virus cannot be blamed for our predicament; given 15 businesses closed and lost in our town. Only now we, the residents and ratepayers, fully see that amalgamation has not turned for our betterment but rather the complete opposite. We have not only lost our voice, "Guyra knows what is best for Guyra", we have lost our autonomy and we've suffered economic loss.

We now share a huge debt, with no way of funding 'the pie in the sky' projects. Where are the proponents who told us the success of this merger? They are not heard or seen but are they in a position to benefit from securing opportunities for themselves? Even the former Mayor says there is no evidence that the merger has been any benefit to Guyra. He is now calling for a larger area to be merged with the hope that it might work. What a shame these well-educated, so called business minded representatives, fail to address the real problems of reduced Federal Assistant Grants and cost shifting to local government, which are real issues that contribute to fitness for purpose of Local Government.

Guyra residents are very upset about the sale of hard won, specific purpose, Guyra owned assets, including homes and road maintenance equipment and the simultaneous increase in the number of new charges (over 60) together with increased water and waste charges and increased rate charges as a result of rate har-

monisation yet to hit the desk.

Are the unprecedented water issues and ongoing water restrictions relevant to Guyra or are they protecting big business? Have we, the Guyra community, been adequately consulted about other projects like the rail trail, the airport, the new waste facility? Can we reflect that there has been failure to attempt consensus on these issues? Can we guess that the council's current mode of operation appears so dysfunctional that they could not run a significant organisation, designed to service a whole community?

A poll run in Guyra and Tingha which clearly showed a majority want their council back, was rubbished by the very people who said they would support a demerger for Guyra if it were sought by more than 50%. Well our poll showed well in excess of 90% wanted Guyra council back but that received a disgraceful "no action" reaction. We are now subjected to the factional fighting rather than elected councillors listening to the needs of residents. It is a reputation earned by Armidale Councils in the past and becoming entangled in such a council has exceed our worst nightmares.

Unlike councillors of other forced mergers, councillors of Armidale Regional Council refuse to acknowledge this failure. Other councils forcibly merged at the same time, Gundagai/Cootamundra Council have invested, on behalf their residents, in a study by Dr. Joseph Drew, into the outcome of their forced merger. His report clearly shows the failure of the merger recommending the two should demerge. The ARC has not attempted a similar enquiry on behalf of our residents, rather they sell off assets and get rid of Tingha, gut the Shire, in an effort to ensure the chance for demerger is lost.

Proponents and advocates for merger want us to give up on our democracy. They want

to keep this community in a place where we no longer have a voice in our destiny. They want us to give up despite the fact they cannot show any evidence or benefit to residents. It is the only way they have left to destroy the will and resilience of small rural communities that should be seen as their greatest asset.

Despite the fact that we are told and expected to 'just give up', a group of residents with a vision for our future, have, with courage and determination held meetings; have met with Adam Marshall, and we are encouraged by the result.

As we mark the 4th anniversary of the forced amalgamation and the next rate notice hits your desk (or screen - as they would have it) remember with us, to keep believing in the value of communities, not in dollar terms, but for the very fabric that holds this country spirit together.

Guyra are we going to become a village with a hardly any businesses left? We say no we aren't, and let's make Guyra great again.

*Gordon Youman  
Save and Grow Guyra*

## The Rudderless Ship

Many thanks to the NSW Coalition Government for throwing the residents of Guyra onto the rudderless ship called "Armidale Regional Council".

As it staggers from one undecided motion to another; e.g., do we sack the Mayor and General Manager (at considerable cost to ratepayers)?

One only has to walk up the half empty Beardy Street to see the dynamic merged council's effect on business investment.

I think the old story of the bus travelling from a lunatic asylum in Sydney to Brisbane and tipping over outside Armidale Council, with some passengers running inside - so that the strange behavior of several councilors could be explained: "Yes, he/she was on the bus"!

*David Bearup*

# Restoration grant for historic Church

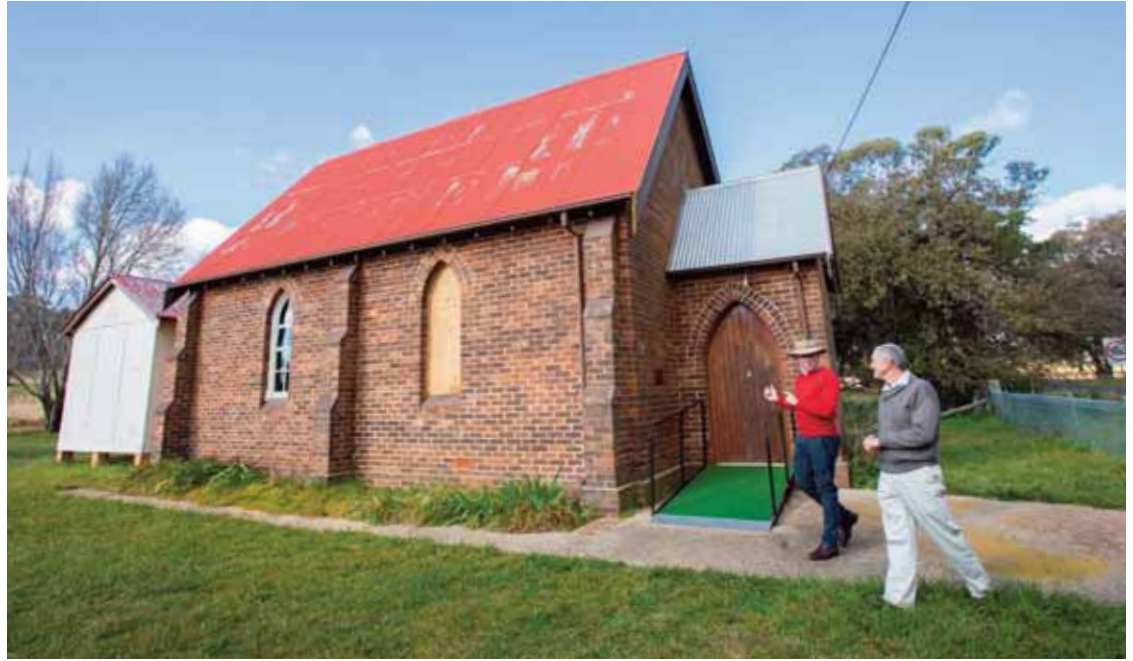
The 118-year-old Black Mountain Church will 'rise again' to its former glory, thanks to a \$53,028 grant from the State Government to refurbish the building and strengthen its walls.

The historic building has considerable religious significance for the region and was a central meeting place for the Black Mountain community.

Announcing the grant, Member for Northern Tablelands said that despite its significant age, it remains in a serviceable condition due to maintenance undertaken by members of the local congregation.

"Despite that work, years of harsh winters and the recent drought have taken a toll on the structure, with movement in the brickwork causing large cracks which allow in the weather." Mr Marshall said. "To bolster the building's structure, this funding will be used to replace the existing windows and allow the brickwork to be repointed, filling in the cracks.

"Parts of the outside of the church will also receive a fresh coat of paint as a way of limiting any future weather damage. Because this is a heritage building all the works will be done in a way which preserves the traditional look of the



Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall with Armidale Baptist Church Secretary Malcolm McPhee inspecting the 118-year-old Black Mountain Church, which is about to undergo some restoration work.

building."

Armidale District Baptist Church Reverend Andrew Coburn said the grant would support the preservation of an important piece of local history.

"Black Mountain's Baptist congregation was one of the first of its kind, established in the region over a century ago," Rev Coburn said.

"In its early years it was vital in providing financial and pastoral assistance to establish

churches in other towns, including Armidale, Glen Innes and Inverell.

"Currently services are conducted monthly, with anywhere between 12 to 40 people travelling from Armidale and Guyra to attend. Getting on top of these significant maintenance issues now will mean services can continue, particularly in winter, for many years to come.

"We have already engaged trades people to undertake

these specialised works, and now the funding has been secured I expect the project will get underway within two months.

"I want to thank Adam for his generous support of this project. The people of Black Mountain are proud of their little church and will be pleased to know steps are being taken to ensure it remains an active part of their community."

## CEO showdown in court as Minister called in

A planned meeting of Armidale Regional Council on Monday did not go ahead after a temporary injunction put a stop to the vote which would have seen the CEO's contract terminated. The temporary injunction was issued by the Land and Environment Court, and the meeting has now been adjourned to June 10th.

On Tuesday, the Land and Environment Court was hearing further arguments into the matter. A statement issued by ARC said that as the matter is currently before the courts, it would be inappropriate to issue any further comment at this time.

Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall has now requested the urgent intervention of the Minister for Local

Government to resolve what he says are 'significant issues of dysfunction within Armidale Regional Council.'

In a statement released on Tuesday he said that in his observation, relationships within the Council including those between individual Councillors, between the governing body and the executive arm and between the council and the community – has deteriorated to the extent where the situation is irretrievable, with effective and proper governance of the council now not possible.

"It is obvious to even the most casual observer that the elected body is fractured and split into two distinct 'camps' who have been unable to resolve their differences," Mr Marshall said. "This situation

has not occurred overnight, but has progressively become worse, culminating in two recent attempts to call extraordinary meetings to terminate the General Manager's contract of employment."

"I fear the personal enmity and resultant bullying between individuals is permeating through the organisation and this is impacting, not just morale, but actual performance of the Council."

"While all this has been taking place, the community has also been expressing its concerns. It is fair to say that confidence in the Council's ability to provide effective and united leadership, to be a voice for the region and deliver on priorities and needs of the region at this difficult time, has been se-

verely shaken, if not lost completely."

"Therefore, with a heavy heart, I respectfully requested the Minister's intervention in having her officials from the NSW Office of Local Government immediately commence an investigation into the conduct and governance of Armidale Regional Council.

"I hope this can be expedited to ensure this untenable situation is not allowed to continue and become 'business as usual'.

"I had hoped Council would have been able to resolve its internal differences and get back to focussing on and working together for the community, but I am now of the view that is not possible. I expect to hear back from the Minister soon.

# Excited to be back at school

It was lovely to see students return to school at Black Mountain yesterday. Staff were very excited to return to face to face teaching. This week, we will be blending face to face and online learning.

Students were even more excited to see their revamped, new-look classrooms.

In Phase 2 our students will be required to be present at school on Thursday this week and our Transition Program will resume every Friday, starting this Friday, 15th May 2020.

Next week the students will be returning for classes on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

In Week 5, beginning Monday, 25th May 2020 we will be back to school 5 days a week.

Take care and stay safe.

**Justine Eddy**  
Relieving Principal



# Helicopter appeal

With all face to face fundraising and major event activity on hold as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic, the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service has launched its annual appeal with a goal to raise over \$300,000.

The financial appeal will directly assist the helicopter service to save local lives across Northern NSW. The Appeal comes as the community service also recognises 45 years of operation in Newcastle and 20 years of operation in Tamworth.

“This invitation however is made mindful that many communities are yet to recover from the bushfire crisis and are now faced with these further challenges,” said Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service CEO Richard Jones OAM. “We are very conscious that not everyone in our community is in a position to donate but we will be very grateful to those that are able.”

“This truly is a community run service. In the end we are one Community and as our thoughts are with those who are suffering in these trying times, our focus remains on the provision of the best aeromedical support for those in need 24-7,” Jones concluded.

The community can make donations to the Service’s Appeal online at [www.rescuehelicopter.com.au/Appeal](http://www.rescuehelicopter.com.au/Appeal) or by FREECALL 1800 155 155.

# New collection offered at Library

Armidale Regional Library members now have access to a huge online collection of independent Australian and international titles novels, classic literature and modern, award-winning titles.

The Library is now providing members access to Indyreads, a state-wide collection of eBook and eAudio resources.

Indyreads is accessible to members on computer, tablet or

smartphone. Simply download the app or visit Council’s website.

To register for the service, members are required to select ‘Armidale Regional Council Library’ and input their library card membership number and pin (the pin is the password used to access your membership in the library online catalogue). If you have trouble registering for these services, email or

phone Library staff for assistance.

The loan period is 21 days and items can be renewed if there are no reservations. Items can also be returned early via the app. The maximum number of items per borrower card is 20.

For more information, visit [www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au/libraries](http://www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au/libraries) or the Library’s Facebook page.

## WORDSEARCH - Food

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## SUDOKU - Easy

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## Free mulch for residents

The Armidale Waste Management Facility & Guyra Recycling & Transfer Station are providing free mulch to Armidale region residents on Saturday and Sunday 16 & 17 May. Mulch can be collected from the facilities between noon and 4.30pm.

Residents can receive free mulch via bins, ute or trailer load. It will be limited to one visit per household and deliveries will not be available for the free supply. All loads must be covered before they leave the facilities.

## Exhibition of Draft Guyra Development Control Plan

Council gives notice of the exhibition of Draft Guyra Development Control Plan (DCP) 2015.

The intended outcome of the amendment is to delete Chapter 12 Notification procedures and to reflect the changes to Armidale Regional Community Participation Plan which has been adopted by Council.

The Proposal and supporting documentation will be on public exhibition from Wednesday, 29 April 2020 to Wednesday, 26 May 2020, at:

- Council's website at [www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au](http://www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au)
- Council's Have Your Say page: [yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au/](http://yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au/)

Submissions are invited and must be addressed to the CEO, Armidale Regional Council, PO Box 75A, Armidale, NSW 2350, or sent by email to [council@armidale.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@armidale.nsw.gov.au). Submissions must be received by Council no later than 5pm on Wednesday 26 May 2020.

Please be aware that if you make a submission, other people may have access to your comments. This may be as a result of a report to a Council meeting or as part of an application under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009. Also, under State legislation, any person making a submission on a Draft LEP amendment must also disclose whether they or an 'associate' have made a 'reportable political donation' or gift to a local Councillor or Council employee within the period commencing two years before any submission is made and ending when the Draft LEP is determined. Further details including disclosure forms are available on request.



More than five million Australians have downloaded the COVIDSafe app, which helps find close contacts of COVID-19 cases.

It enables State and Territory health officials to quickly contact people who may have been exposed to COVID-19, so they can be contacted more quickly and advised that they might be at risk. This reduces the chances of the virus then being passed on to other family members, friends and other people in the community.

Downloading the app is voluntary and State and territory health officials can only access app information if someone tests positive and agrees to the information in their phone being uploaded. The health officials can only use the app information to help alert those who may need to quarantine or get tested.

The COVIDSafe app is the only contact trace app approved by the Australian Government. Increased confidence in the capacity to quickly find and contain outbreaks quickly will mean governments can ease restrictions while still keeping Australians safe.



A new accessible toilet block has been constructed at the Guyra Recreation Grounds this month. The grounds are a hub for Guyra cricket and soccer and the new accessible toilet facility will be a highly valuable asset for the various groups that use the recreation grounds.

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 27 May 2020 at 4pm. Council meetings are being held online until further notice, as a measure to prevent the spread of COVID-19. These meetings continue to be streamed live via Armidale Regional Council's youtube channel.

## eNotices

Enjoy the convenience of receiving and paying **your rates and water bills online**

To find out how:

- visit the **Rates page on our website**
- check your **rates or water notice**
- ask our **customer service staff**



## Community service support

Local and national organisations are continuing to support our local communities during the Coronavirus pandemic.

These services, ranging from legal advice, mental health initiatives, youth programs, information relating to employment, renting or other issues caused by the effects of COVID-19, are providing short-term and long-term support at any time for people in the region to ensure everyone is staying safe.

For a full list of services and more information, visit [www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus](http://www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus)

## Public Notices

### Public notices

A list of public notices and advertisements including development proposals, public exhibitions, extraordinary meetings and more are now available on Council's website.

## Stay connected

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

on Twitter  
'ArmidaleRegional LGA' or  
'@ARC2350'.



and on Instagram  
'armidaleregionalcouncil'



## PUBLIC NOTICE - Wednesday 13 May 2020

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## CROSSWORD CLUES

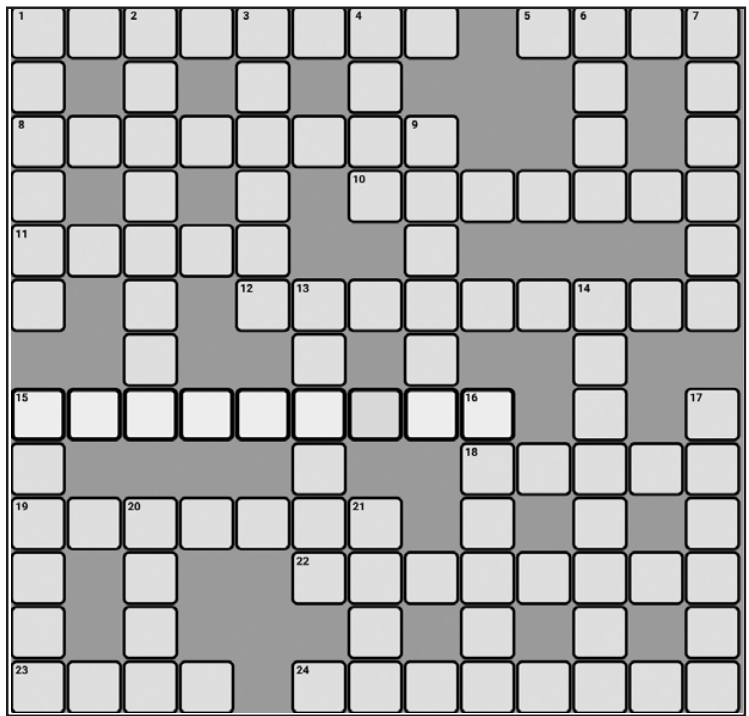
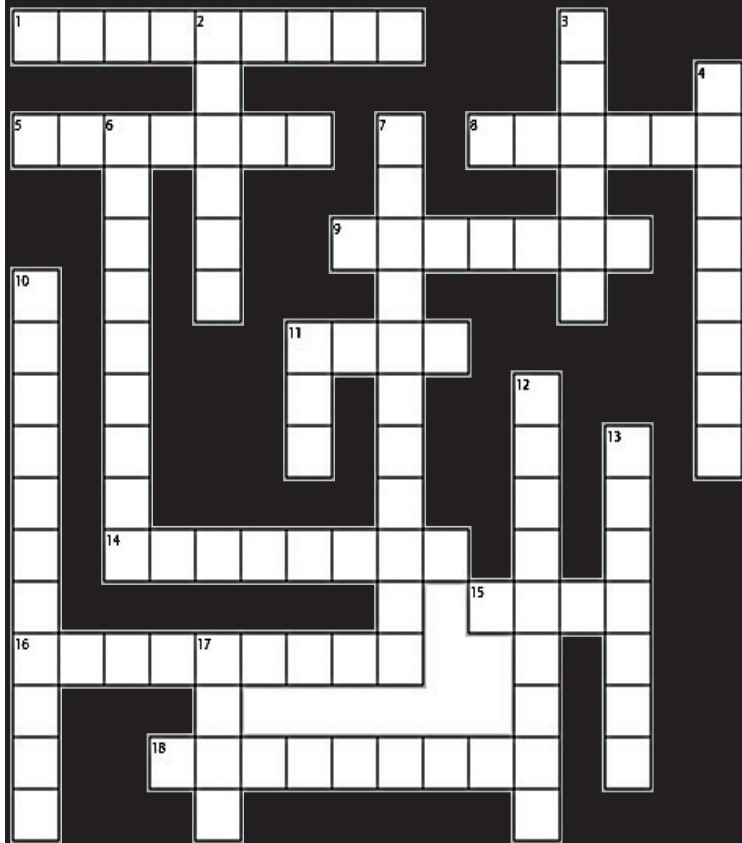
### Across

- H2O in reverse (locality)
- OAM recipients Vickery & Every
- Aboriginal corporation
- Former Mayor and sawmill owner (surname)
- Where you will find MPS \_\_\_\_\_ St
- Leaky pipes - give them a call
- Summer activity venue
- Pyrotechnics is his hobby
- Want curtains? Give her a call (surname)

### Down

- Principal at St Marys (surname)
- Raquet sport played year round
- Brothers Greg, Rod and Phil
- Weighing system developed in Guyra
- Indigenous Protection Area
- Village with a Welsh name
- They will help you out in a storm
- A locality, a street and a frog
- Unfinished link to Dorrigo
- Happened for the 112th time this year

HINT: LOCAL KNOWLEDGE



## CROSSWORD CLUES

### Across:

- Well known to someone
- Apartment
- Used (materials) again
- Performed with the fingers
- Go ahead, fire away
- Effective in doing what is required
- Inspire
- Doctor's assistant
- Matter to be solved
- The act of rewriting something, correction
- Not go straight
- Charge for money borrowed

### Down:

- Trees grow here

- A person who repairs machines, especially cars
- To track down
- Like good wine
- Failed to win
- Slim personal computer that uses a touchscreen
- The sport of swimming underwater
- One who works the land
- Physical effort, carried out to improve fitness
- Anticipate
- Powers a car
- Edible seed, salted or roasted
- Finished
- Not very nice.

## Market Report - Weekly Wool Sales

**Week ending May 3rd** - The wool market continued to retreat for the third consecutive week. The 48 cent fall in the Northern Region Indicator has left it at levels not seen since April 2016. The limited supply of better style, higher yielding types remain the least affected as the offering is dominated by lower style and low yielding types. 36% of this week's national offering was either withdrawn prior to sale or passed in resulting in just over 17,000 bales being sold. Major buyers included Techwool, Tianyu and Seatech. Even in the current environment of great uncertainty prices for the mid micron Merino types are trading at levels above the 80th percentile over the past 25 years. Sydney is once again rostered for a 1 day sale next week with a small national offering of just 27,000 bales. First hand bales of-

ferred for the season to date is now down 17.5% or a staggering 236,000 bales. Around 5.5% of this fall can be attributed to production with the balance being added to the ever growing stockpile of held wool around the country. The international economic road to recovery seems impossible to predict with volatility and further challenges one of many potential scenarios.

**Week ending May 10th** - For the fourth consecutive week the market has continued to fall. Individual micron indicators have fallen between 120 cents (18 micron) to 207 cents (21 micron) over this period. 20,661 bales were sold nationally for the week with 18.5% passed in and 11.8% withdrawn prior to sale. The Crossbred and oddment sector is making up a significant portion of the

passed in wool. Major buyers included Tianyu, PJ Morris & Techwool. AWTA test data released on Friday last week is showing an 8% decline for the month of April bringing the national season to date decline to 5.7%. This is broadly in line with the Australian Wool Production Forecasting Committees updated estimate of a 6.3% reduction in Australia's woolclip for the 2019/20 season. Australian retail sales figures released by the ABS for the month of March show a 9% decline in department store spending, one can only imagine that the April decline will be far worse. If this is playing out in our country than most of the developed countries around the world will be facing the same if not even greater drop in consumer discretionary spending. The road ahead remains uncertain.



# FROM THE ARCHIVES *GALA Day at Guyra:*

*Guyra Argus*

*14th November 1902.*

Monday last has been anxiously looked forward to by Guyra and District residents for some weeks past, as it was anticipated that it would be a day to be remembered in the history of Guyra, and prophesies on this occasion turned out to be correct, for there were about 1000 people present- a record for Guyra.

The Committee of the Loyal Chas Veness Lodge (MUIOOF) worked like Trojans, and by Sunday afternoon had everything in apple-pie order for the event of the year, and it was surprising the amount of work they got through, having transformed the racecourse into a picturesque grounds. The country people began to arrive early and a continuous

stream of buggies and sulkies continued to pour into town up until dinner time, in fact the residents began to wonder where all the people were coming from.

The Armidale Oddfellows' having decided to run a special train to Guyra on this occasion, worked the venture for all it was worth, and had the satisfaction of seeing their "spec" turn out a financial success, the excursionists being packed in the carriages like sardines and even the breakvan was full. With a little delay as possible, the Oddfellows formed a procession in front of Starr's Hotel, headed by the Armidale band. The members of New England Lodge followed, then the officers and brethren of the local lodge, conveying the beautiful ban-

ner of the district.

Brother T.E Sole acted as Marshall, and the procession marched from South Guyra to North Guyra, thence on to the racecourse, when the lengthy programme was started, only a few events, however were disposed of before lunch was announced. Picnic parties could be seen everywhere, while in the large marque about 120 visitors were entertain by the local Oddfellows. At 2pm the sport programme was resumed, and very interesting events were witnessed, but the most amusement was the worst turn-out. There were two competitors and it would be difficult to find the worst turn-out than those. The committee are to be congratulated on the manner they carried out their duties

# First World Problems

"Who put the toilet roll on the holder the wrong way?" That's a question I often ask the family. They all seem to think there's no right or wrong way, but I of course, know better. Really, I shouldn't complain as it nearly always falls to me to replace the roll. How a family can collectively get to 3 sheets left before I need to go is beyond logic. At least now I can buy toilet paper. At one stage I thought I'd have to resort to cutting up newspapers! The Gazette's a bit stiff, so I'd have to buy one of the dailies.

It's not my only problem. For instance, I like to start my shopping at Kirk's in the 1st aisle, even if I know I don't need anything in that aisle. I get confused if approaching the aisle from the wrong end. This has become difficult with social distancing requirements, as I now sometimes have to turn around and go back if someone else is already in the aisle. Some cruel people have commented that it could be an intelligence matter but as I'm the normal one this can't be correct.

One of our children is adamant that bread/toast has to be spread right to the edge. This means that the rest of us have usually finished lunch before she has even completed building a sandwich.

There are lots of examples of strange behaviour by "other people". It's sometimes hard to understand why they do things as they do.

All these things are unimportant and can come under the heading of 1st World Problems because we can count ourselves lucky that we do have lovely, soft toilet paper, can shop with convenience, have leaders who are worried about our health and a society that generally wants to do the right thing and help each other be happy.

*Ramblings  
by the Guyra Ghost*

# FROM THE ARCHIVES *Pic of the week*



## JOKES of the WEEK

• During self isolation..

**Dogs:** "Oh My god, you're here all day and this is the best as I can love you, see you, be with you and follow you! I am so excited because you are the greatest and I love you being here so much!

**Cats:** "What the hell are you still doing here?"

• I don't know why my fishing buddy is worried about Coronavirus, he never catches anything.

• Social distancing rule: If you can smell their fart, move further apart.

• Coronavirus has achieved what no female has every been able to achieve. It has cancelled sports,

closed all bars and kept all guys at home!

• The science communtiy has figured out that the spread of Coronavirus is based solely on two things.

1. How dense the population is
2. How dense the population is



# Classifieds Trades & Services

## MEALS ON WHEELS

14 May	Joyce Betts
15 May	Ann Williams
18 May	Guyra Lions Club
19 May	Pamela Carter
20 May	Ann Hulbert

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### Guyra Crossword 6-5-2020

**Across:** 1. Post, 5. Gymnasium, 7. Tibbs, 9. Tenterden, 11. Show, 14. CWA, 16. Aberfoyle, 17. Georges, 18. Deanos

**Down:** 2. Thrift, 3. Wandsworth, 4. Dutton, 6. Mitchell, 8. Constable, 10. Ebor, 12. Passion, 13. Nursery, 15. Dasha

### Crossword 6-5-2020

**Across:** 1. Social, 4. Cyclic, 7. Tanned, 9. Instruct, 11. Null, 14. Utterly, 15. Keen, 16. Asia, 17. Carrier, 18. Deep, 21. Initiate, 22. Domain, 24. Adhere, 25. Mental

**Down:** 1. Satan, 2. Canal, 3. Ape, 4. Constrained, 5. Courtyard, 6. Cult, 8. Disturbance, 10. Cruise, 12. Uneven, 13. Lunchtime, 19. Enact, 20. Panel, 21. Iota, 23. Ore

## WHERE'S GAZZA

Find **Gazza** in this week's edition of the Gazette. Our friendly cockatoo appears three times. There are no prizes just put your detective hats on and enjoy the hunt.



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GUYRA NSW 2365

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

## COURSES

**RSA & RCG:** 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> May

**WHS WHITE CARD:** 25<sup>th</sup> May

New England Community College  
136 Bradley Street, Guyra (RTO#90145)  
Phone: 6779 2132

## CLAIM THE DATE

**SUNDAY, 8th NOVEMBER: Guyra Cup**  
(note postponement from 19<sup>th</sup> April).

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Australian Government

# Get out your Green Thumbs!

Over the past few weeks Kitchen Gardening, or Vegie Patches as we often refer to them, have gone to a whole new level. The beginning of the pandemic saw a flurry of seeds and seedling purchases, panic set in and people decided to grow their own food for the tough times ahead. There was an urgency that I imagine was much like the war years, when food scarcity was very real.

As a gardener I am really hoping people continue to think this way because if the world's population explodes as predicted, we will need too. The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) estimates the world's current 7.7 billion people consume more than 1.7 times what the earth can sustainably supply and by 2050, with an estimated 9.8 billion people on the planet we will need to produce 70% more food.

This is great news for the future of agriculture, but what can we do as individuals and families to help ourselves and the health of our planet? The answer: grow our own food and the good news is, it's really not difficult.

Growing your own food is rewarding, affordable and a much healthier alternative to the store bought stuff that can often be transported from miles away, cold stored for weeks and by the time we eat it has lost 90% of its nutrients. At this time of year, we are planting our winter vegetables. I love all of the greens - beans, English spinach, any of the pea family. Tuscan Kale is great too, it's part of the Brassica family, which includes broccoli, cauliflower and cabbage. These three are a little trickier to grow as they are susceptible to pests, the white cabbage butterfly in particular. But essentially plant whatever you love eating.

Now what type of vegie garden do you want? There are so many options, in ground garden beds, no dig raised beds, container gardens, window box gardens, it's really up to your own creativity and the time and space you have available. If you are going with the raised bed option, which is by far the most popular, it is really important to



find the right spot with a northerly aspect. Vegies need lots of direct sunlight, and they need good quality soil to grow in. You must get this right before you plant, I CANNOT stress this enough. Your soil needs to be a rich brown colour, able to retain water and drain well. The donut test is always a good one to do to see what your soil is like. Get a handful of soil, mix water in and roll it together in your hands, it should bind together, then roll it into a sausage and see if you can make a donut shape without it breaking. If you can you have a good consistency, if it doesn't roll into a ball and keeps falling apart it has too much sand and silt and if it's soggy it has too much clay. To fix the problem, just add whatever is missing. Gypsum helps break up clay soils and by adding organic matter to sandy, silty soils you will build the soils structure and its ability to hold water. Doing a PH test of your

spoil is also a very good idea. You don't want it to be too acidic, or too alkaline, somewhere between 6 - 7.5 is ideal.

And if you really get into growing your own food, composting is another terrific thing to do, to reduce waste and feed your garden beds.

I recently put in a few beds and used the 'Wicking System', which is a style based on capillary watering, where the plants draw moisture from below. A reservoir of water exists in the base of the lined bed. Water goes into the poly pipe, and is evenly distributed through the ag-pipe.

Another interesting way is the 'Hugelkultur System', a German style, where you plant into a mound constructed from decaying wood debris and other compostable biomass plant materials. The idea behind both of these systems is that your plants will never dry out, drawing moisture from below and as they say "there's no such thing as a bad gardener, just a forgetful waterer!"

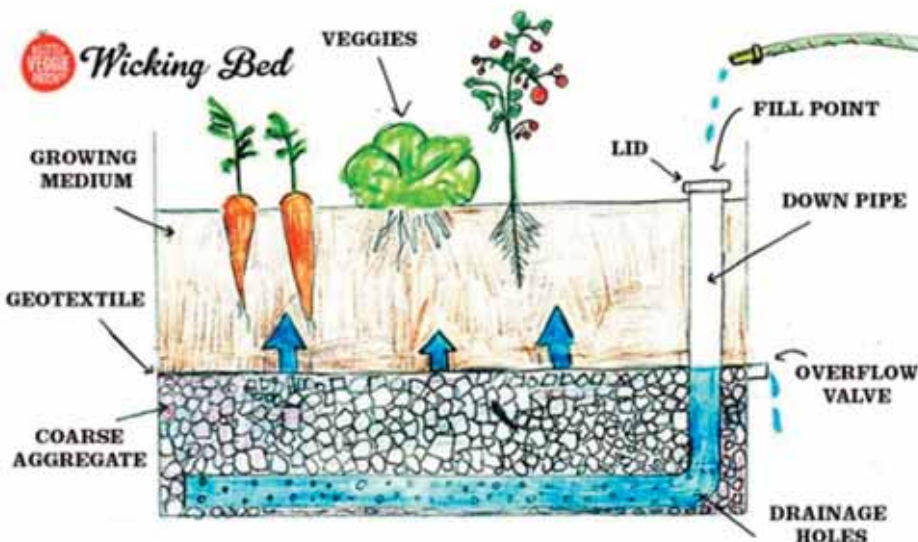
But if you don't have the space for a dedicated vegie patch, just plant a few edibles in your flower beds or in some pots around the house, herbs are always great in pots and a good place to start, but you will need to ensure they are watered regularly.

Another option is to join a community garden group. In Guyra 'The Hub' operates a community garden, so contact them if this is something that interests you? A great way to get together with like-minded people.

Micro greens is another terrific option, these are fast growing 'micro' plants that are packed full of vitamins and minerals, they are affordable and take up very little space on your window sill or kitchen bench.

So many options, so why not give it a grow.....I mean go!

*Until next time,  
Happy Gardening!  
From the 'Girl Who Gardens'*



**Above:** Diagram of cross section of 'Wicking System'

**Right:** 'Wicking System' Vegie Patch

