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Martin, Murray and Widders gone

The refusal of a majority of councillors to take responsibility for their actions is the main reason that Simon Murray decided to step down from his role as Mayor of Armidale Regional Council.

Mr Murray announced his resignation last week joining fellow councillors Lib Martin and Brad Widders in standing down from their roles. Diane Gray announced her resignation last month.

The latest resignations come after months of infighting among councillors which resulted in the appointment of an administrator for a period of three months and the subsequent resignation of CEO Susan Law.

Serving his second term as Mayor, Mr Murray has been on the back foot since January after a vote of no confidence. Up until last week he resisted calls to step down, however said that following the resignations of councillors Gray, Martin and Widders his position became untenable.

The seeds for his resignation were sown in the lead up to the council being suspended.

"After the Minister issued the notice of motion to suspend, we held a workshop for councillors with a mediator to develop our response," Mr Murray said.

"That workshop led to a mayoral minute which the then Deputy Mayor Lib Martin and I put before the extraordinary meeting."

"We were prepared to accept some responsibility and drafted a response



Mayor Simon Murray and Deputy Lib Martin stepped down last week along with Cr Brad Widders

along those lines, however an amendment saw the removal of a clause acknowledging that council had lost the respect of the community," he said.

"At the time I was disappointed that some councillors refused to accept that they had a part in what had happened, because unless you accept responsibility, you can't move forward.

"Recent comments from those council-

lors suggest that is still the case," he said.

"Realistically given that attitude and the other resignations I would have very little input when the suspension is listed, so felt that now was the time to move on."

He said that the pressure of the job was 'relentless' from both councillors and the community and was not doing his health any good. Without the responsibility of the mayoral position he said that he is more relaxed and able to enjoy life and get back to work on his farm.

Despite being comfortable with his decision to move on he has expressed concerns that there will be little or no community input into the selection of a new General Manager.

"The decision of who will be appointed to this position should be a decision of the community and not one made by an administrator," he said.

"I also worry about what will happen with the remaining councillors being city focussed and fear that rural areas will suffer without adequate representation.

"The numbers are in Armidale and unfortunately there has been infighting going on there for forty years," he said.

"Recent experience suggest this has not changed. We still need a rural and regionally focussed voice and now is the time for anyone who wants to have a go and be that voice to stand up."

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Coming home to Guyra

Growing up in Guyra, Peter Davis did not imagine he would one day be overseeing one of Australia's largest and most advanced glasshouse operations, with a workforce of up to 600 people.

Peter is the Operations Manager for Costa's Tomato glasshouses, covering more than 30 hectares over two sites in Elm Street and the New England Highway.

"I am pretty proud to be in the position I am especially being a local boy," Peter said.

"I grew up in Guyra but moved away when I was 19. I worked in steel recycling and the container industry in Brisbane."

After spending some years in the city, Peter and his wife decided to make the move back to Guyra.

"We moved down here and our son started school here. My father was working at the Costa Glasshouse and I started off doing a bit of labouring and then moved into a safety role.

"In 2018, our Operations Manager moved on and the role came up. I always



Peter Davis is the Operations Manager for Costa

thought that role would suit me so I threw my hat in the ring and was successful."

Peter, who has completed a Graduate Certificate and Master's degree in safety, oversees the growing operations, maintenance and pro-

duction across the two sites.

"There's always something different happening. We have excellent people here who complement each other and we all work well as a team. It makes it so much more enjoyable when you

have good people around you.

"The company has really helped me to progress my career and it's great to see other local people come up in the business."

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31 July	Espresso Coffee \$140

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Acting General Manager appointed

The former General Manager of Sutherland Council and Administrator for Georges River Council John Rayner has been appointed to the position of Acting General Manager for Armidale Regional Council following the resignation of CEO Susan Law.

Administrator Viv May said that Mr Rayner is an experienced and well respected leader in Local Government and comes with a wealth of

experience in local government both in the city and regionally.

“He understands regional life and I am looking forward to him starting to rebuild the confidence of staff and working with me to restore community trust in Armidale Regional Council,” Mr May said.

“The General Manager of a Council is an important position. It’s the glue that holds everything together, between

staff, councillors and the community.”

Mr Rayner will not commence until late August, however Mr May said that he was prepared to wait in order to get the right person for the job. Any gap between the incumbent CEO departing and the commencement of the new Acting General Manager will be filled by internal appointments.

“There are many and varied issues to deal with to

right the ship,” said Mr May. “The important thing is that we are moving forward with the recruitment process to ensure Council’s day-to-day operations and commitment to project delivery continues.”

The recruitment timetable for a permanent General Manager will be outlined at the next Council meeting on Wednesday July 22nd.

Wintry blast brings more snow

Snow fell across the Guyra district last night with temperatures dropping rapidly on Monday evening with the arrival of a cold front. It was the third fall of the season, and the biggest yet.

Snow began falling shortly after 5pm on Monday in the Black Mountain area and in Guyra shortly after. Guyra itself missed out on the heaviest of this snow event with the biggest falls further north around Llangothlin and Ben Lomond and also around Wandsworth.

There were reports of around 2 to 4cm of snow settling shortly after dark at Ben Lomond. Most of the snow fell between 6pm and 7pm and further falls predicted for Tuesday did not eventuate.



Snow at Ben Lomond on Monday evening

Most of the snow melted before sunrise, remaining for longer at the higher altitudes around Ben Lomond. Falls were also experienced in other elevated parts of Northern Tablelands from Walcha up to Glen Innes

and on the Barrington Tops.

The icy conditions resulted in an alert for traffic to be careful when traveling between Guyra and Glen Innes on the New England Highway around Ben Lomond.

Footpath remediation

Work to remediate areas of footpaths in the Guyra CBD are being carried out this week. Armidale Regional Council has engaged Heritage Concrete to undertake the remediation with work expected to commence on Wednesday July 15th and be completed by Friday July 31st.

The work will cover the remediation of areas disturbed during the underground fuel tank investigations, as well as areas that have been temporarily disturbed during NBN installations.

There is expected to be some disruptions to pedestrian movements during this time and signs will be in place to guide pedestrian around the work areas.

Free app makes library more accessible than ever

Armidale Regional Library has a new app to make it even easier and more convenient to borrow items or access online services.

The Library App is now available to download for free from the Google Play App Store and Apple App Store, enabling members to use their phones or smart devices to book items and easily access a world of free

online entertainment, reference materials and other information.

A self-service feature, introduced to the Armidale Regional Library app in time for the official launch, allows library patrons to use their phones to issue items from the collection to their library card.

In the next few months, app notifications will be

added to issue reminders when items are due for return or renewal. The app means members can now access books, movies, newspaper and other entertainment and information on their smart phones or tablets with a single tap.

Armidale Regional Library has recently updated and expanded its array of online services, including eBooks,

eAudiobooks, movies, children’s stories and other resource.

Members can also use the app to access a variety of services from the State Library of NSW, including legal and health advice.

Visit Armidale Regional Library’s new pages on the Council website for more information.

WATTLE providing a splash of colour in the winter landscape

UNEXPECTED deliveries of flowers and chocolates without a card

TROPICAL WINTER - warm up on Friday with a night of music

What's **NOT**

CLOSURE of the Library on Saturday mornings

PARKING in driveways and blocking access to bins

QUOTE of the week

There is never a wrong time to do the right thing

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
7	Tues	-0.2	13.7	0
8	Wed	-0.7	11.0	0
9	Thurs	4.4	11.0	3.0
10	Fri	5.4	12.0	0
11	Sat	5.9	9.0	5.4
12	Sun	6.5	11.5	1.4
13	Mon	-1.1	7.3	0

Rain this week	9.8mm
July rainfall	15.2mm
Rainfall YTD	549mm
Rainfall last YTD	194.8mm
Ave. rain to July	511.1mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Heartfelt thanks

I would like to thank from the bottom of my heart the Volunteer Rescue Association crews, Ambulance Crews, Police and Piddingtons' Funeral Home that came to 'Granite Springs' to help our dear friends of Backwater and Wards Mistake look for 'My Trevor'.

I am grateful to all of you for bringing Trevor home out of the cold and back to a warm place in our hearts.

Keep safe and thank you all again.

Karen Janson
Backwater

Should Guyra get its Council back?

Ever witnessed a civic body fail so pitifully as the first, post-amalgamation Armidale Regional Council? Granted, it was always going to be a tough gig simply because freshly amalgamated councils usually tend to be rife with opinion. Too many councillors still wrestle with the concept of regionalism and remain far too Armidale-centric to be able to meet their

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responsibility to play nice. Luckily, they were never expected to agree, get along or even like each other, (to that degree those elected were a huge success). It seems they just needed to tolerate each other for long enough to get things done. Council did have a lot to get done and only three years to do it. You just knew the time to hand out the popcorn would come. Considering the period was loaded with in-fighting, financial problems, drought, fire, rocky relations with a state MP and a pandemic, this council's longevity actually raised an eyebrow or two. Simply, there was never a team of councillors working cooperatively for ratepayers, just individuals striving to leave their mark, but only managing to graffiti the

walls for others to clean. In its search for someone to blame, and to its eternal discredit, this council turned on its own staff. It tried to scapegoat those who had taken it through drought and fire and were negotiating financial problems and the pandemic. And that is why it failed. It hated itself from the inside out. At the time of writing, four councillors have resigned. It started with Cr Di Gray, Cr Libby Martin was next, Cr Simon Murray and now Cr Brad Widders. Senior staff have also resigned. They all walked away shaking their heads. Only time will tell if more will follow, but people do have long memories, and it would amaze you just who could support de-amalgamation of the Guyra and Armidale councils under certain circumstances. One thing is for certain, it will be time to hand out the half-time munchies if the remnants of this particular council are ever allowed to meet again.

Steven Green
Armidale NSW

Tropical Winter Song Launch

Friday night the 17th of July the Australian Poetry Hall of Fame is hosting "Tropical Winter" a reggae, pop and island music night.

There will be a song launch from the Nivan Crew Guys, a collection of musicians from Vanuatu.

Nivan Crew Guys was formed out of a group of seasonal workers that love music and found a way to entertain themselves during social distancing. Their new song is titled, "68 Ollera Street Guyra".

They have a unique island sound which has a pop reggae feel and makes you want to move your feet. The night

will begin with a community drumming circle at 6pm so bring your drums and have a beat. The night is a drug and alcohol free all ages family night as are all events at the Australian Poetry Hall of Fame.

Wednesday Words Open Mic Poetry night continues this week at 6:30pm. Saturday Guyra Farmers Market continues to grow in stall holders, variety and patronage becoming a social hub to enjoy our Saturday morning together yarning and listening to music.

Plus, Sunday the 19th from 3pm to 6pm is the second Guyra Songwriters Cir-

cle. All are welcome to come and participate or just listen.

Donations of poetry books from Guyra local poets, Myra Sweeny, Nan Grills, Sheila Sewell and David Bearup to our Australian Poetry Archive and Library are appreciated and welcome.

Drop in to sign up for Guyra Film Society which now has 10 members and if we reach 30 or 40 members we can reduce the cost of membership substantially, increase the frequency of movies and also hold an annual film festival.

Region set to light up

The New England will become the renewable energy powerhouse of NSW, with Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall and Energy and Environment Minister Matt Kean last week announcing an \$80 million State Government investment to establish the State's largest, Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) in the region.

Mr Marshall said the 8,000 MW REZ will deliver the jolt needed to recharge economies and communities right across northern NSW.

"The New England REZ is expected to attract \$12.7 billion in investment for new energy infrastructure that will lower household electricity bills and capitalise on established wind and solar projects on the Northern Tablelands.

"Importantly, at a time when

towns are looking for new ways to encourage employment opportunities, the REZ will generate 2,000 construction jobs and 1,300 ongoing jobs.

"Already, large scale wind and solar projects in the Northern Tablelands electorate are generating enough electricity to power 254,318 NSW homes.

"With approved projects like the New England Solar Farm at Uralla and Metz Solar Farm at Armidale expected to start construction in the next two years that output is set to explode to well over half a million regular homes.

"Further to that, an area stretching just from Walcha to Tenterfield, there is at least another 10 state-significant projects going through assessment with the NSW Depart-

ment of Planning.

Mr Marshall said the REZ represented a golden opportunity to diversify economies and provide better infrastructure.

"For the first time in our region's history, we are on the cusp of being a net exporter of energy building wealth in our communities," he said.

"Through progressive new policy frameworks and the National Energy Guarantee (NEG), we are balancing the needs of community while government action is driving new investment in new power generation to deliver least cost energy to customers.

"The benefits of the New England REZ blow way beyond the renewable energy sector, offering the opportunity for mass investment in things like public roads, telecommunications infrastructure and

health services.

"Quality infrastructure is not only vital for the efficient delivery of electricity to the network but will also play a role in encouraging people to relocate to our area to work on these ground-breaking projects.

"The official declaration of New England as an 8,000 MW REZ is a long-awaited milestone for the future of the region and I am determined to see community-wide benefits flow from this announcement."

REZs involve making strategic transmission upgrades to bring multiple new generators online in areas with strong renewables resources and community support. For more information, visit www.energy.nsw.gov.au/renewables/renewable-energy-zones.

Spotlight on Local Business - Dasha's Hardware

How long have you been in business?

We bought the hardware business from Les and Carmel Kirk in January 1998 after Darren had worked there for many years. They were great role models to us and always happy to help with advice in our early years.

How many staff do you employ?

We have three wonderful staff: Leon, Debbie and Todd, but over the years we have employed many young locals who have gone on to new careers but hopefully we have helped in their success.

What services do you offer?

We sell general hardware, timber, roofing iron, concrete mesh, cement, power tools, paint and gardening tools and much more!

What is the best/worst thing about owning your own business?

The best thing is being able to make your own decisions and helping in our community. The worst is working seven days a week and probably not having enough family time.



Tania and Darren Lennon always provide a warm welcome for customers at Dasha's Hardware and Building Supplies

How have things changed since you started?

We have moved premises and changed computer systems recently. We changed to become a Home Hardware store to increase our product range to help our customers to shop locally.

What effects have challenges such as drought, bushfires and coronavirus

had for your business?

The drought and fires were extremely hard as we watched our farmers struggle with lack of water, feed and then the fires; but as they are time poor we are very quiet. The virus has had the opposite effect. We have been much busier with everyone doing tasks at home while they have time.

What is the most interesting job you have carried out?

Our biggest and most interesting challenge was renovating the shed in Ollera Street to a new shop for Dasha's Hardware eight years ago and at the same time having four small children.

Do you get good feedback from your customers?

Yes, we have wonderful locals that support us shopping locally and we have met lots of interesting travellers who always comment on our large range of products for a small town, which is nice to hear.

Any advice for people starting out in business?

Work hard, be positive, stay strong even when faced with challenges. You will get there!

Final thoughts?

We feel privileged to have had a business in this wonderful town for 23 years. We have seen many changes in that time and worked with lots of great people. We are proud to be a part of a strong and resilient community and hard times show us if we help each other we will be OK.

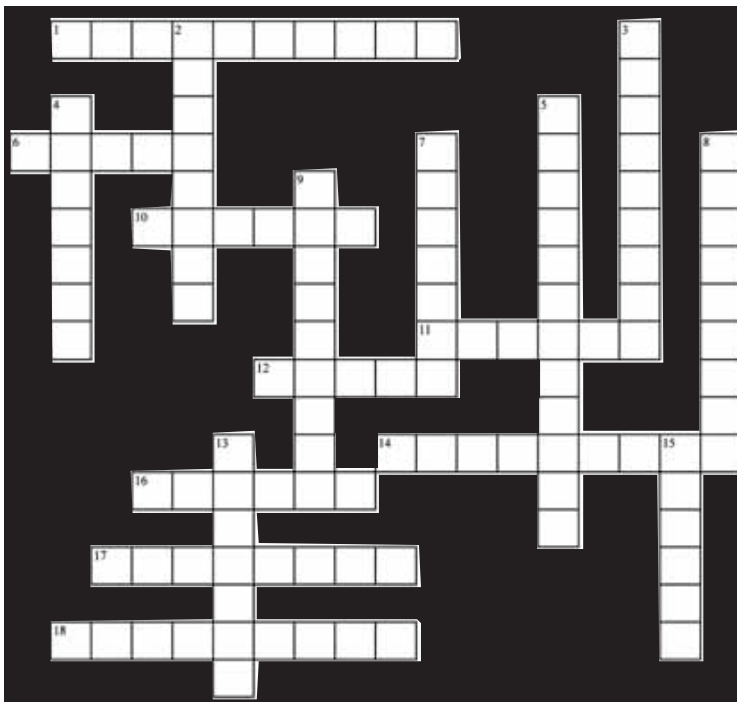
GUYRA CROSSWORD CLUES

Across

- Street where the VRA shed is located
- Where you workout in Guyra, _____ Gym
- Singing ambo also known to act as a cop (surname)
- Green Valley museum
- Breeds rodeo bulls and spreads fertiliser (surname)
- Guyra are Super Spuds, Armidale are the _____?
- Creek beginning with Q
- Gossip column Jan's _____
- Street named for Ollera's first Manager

Down

- Guyra rugby league legend, turned accountant
- Coffee stop at Ebor
- Gully adjacent to Ebor Rd
- Cricket umpire & President with movie star name (5,8)
- Showground trees _____ Poplar
- Tingha's streets named for these
- School that is turning 100 this year (4,4)
- Jeff Martin checks this regularly
- Clay target shooter, Olympic & Commonwealth games rep



JUST FOR FUN

- A guy goes in for a job interview and sits down with the boss. The boss asks him, "What do you think is your worst quality?" The man says "I'm probably too honest." The boss says, "That's not a bad thing, I think being honest is a good quality." The man replies, "I don't care about what you think!"
- My memory has gotten so bad it has actually caused me to lose my job. I'm still employed. I just can't remember where.
- Some people say the glass is half full. Some people say the glass is half empty. Engineers say the glass is twice as big as necessary.
- I asked the corporate wellness officer, "Can you teach me yoga?" He said, "How flexible are you?" I said, "I can't make Tuesdays."

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Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

July 8th - There was a reduced penning with 2,100 lambs and only 400 sheep. The quality of the lamb offering was mostly good, with well finished medium and heavy weights making up the bulk of the offering. The usual processors were in attendance, however there was minimal restocker activity. Market trends through the lambs were cheaper, following recent trends through most areas. The heavier the lambs the greater the dollar/head fall. With quality and a lack of restocker activity, the light weight trade lambs saw a trend that was \$14 to \$20/head cheaper. Well finished

lambs suitable to the local trade market were least affected to show a cheaper trend of as much as \$11/head. The heavier weight classes, over 24kg experienced substantial price falls, exacerbated by the fortnight break in sales. The small number of sheep saw limited processor competition with market trends also significantly cheaper.

- **Lambs** topped at \$182/HD
- **Hoggets** topped at \$164/HD
- **Ewes** topped at \$140/HD
- **Wethers** topped at \$150/HD

Armidale Cattle Sale

July 9th - There was a small increase in numbers with a yarding of 685 head. The quality of the offering was mostly good with well-bred and well finished cattle in good supply. There were some very good yearlings and cows penned. The usual processors were in attendance as were most of the regular restocker and feedlot orders.

Demand from restockers waned somewhat over the fortnight. This resulted in cheaper trends for both steers and heifers. There was some significant price reduction. Medium and heavy weight yearling steers were in good numbers with quality showing improvement. The market trend for medium weight was generally firm, while the improved nature of the heavy feeders contributed to some strong price gains.

Yearling heifers to restock and feed also saw a firm to dearer market

trend. There were insufficient heavy grown steers suitable to processors to quote. Feedlotters active through all weight classes. Well finished grown heifers struggled under weaker processor demand to see a market trend that was up to 20c/kg cheaper.

There was a large correction in the cow market over the fortnight with the market trend as much as 30c/kg cheaper, despite the offering showing a quality improvement. Heavy bulls experienced a similar trend.

- Under 330kg steers**
388 to 492 c/kg
- Heifers vealer up to 280kg**
366 to 412 c/kg
- Feeder steers**
311c to 426 c/kg
- Yearling Heifers up to 330kg**
316 to 411 c/kg
- Grown steers over 500kg**
361 c/kg
- Cows** 265 to 281c/kg

Pollinating robot being tested in Guyra

An Israeli company that has created an autonomous pollinating robot has started its first trials in Australia and it is now being tested at Costa Group's multi-million-dollar greenhouse facility in Guyra.

Arugga AI Farming is hoping its technology can transform Australia's greenhouse farming sector, especially greenhouse tomatoes, which are currently pollinated by hand.

Chief executive Iddo Geltner said after successful trials in Israel, the company had targeted Australia because it did not have bumblebees.

"Around the world, pollination in greenhouses is typically performed using commercially produced bumblebee hives, but these bees don't pollinate well in certain conditions, and they're actually banned in Australia," he said

The robot autonomously drives along the rows, finds flowers that are ready for pollination using artificial intelligence, and sends air pulses to vibrate the flowers in a very specific manner to imitate buzz pollination as performed by bumblebees.

Mr Geltner said the company would focus initially on pollinating tomatoes but was also looking at opportunities to improve yields for other greenhouse crops.

"The greenhouse sector is huge and growing around the world at a steady pace of more than 5 per cent a year," he said.

"As far as we know, greenhouse farming is the fastest growing agricultural sector in Australia, so we've started with Costa in Guyra, but later on will look to work with other growers."



Eytan Heller and Iddo Geltner, the co-founders of Arugga AI Farming.(Supplied)

College corner - There's never been a better time

This week at New England Community College we are introducing two new courses.

The first one is 'Making Learning Fun' and the second is 'Being Connected'

Making Learning Fun

Prepare for your computer based Drivers Knowledge Test (DKT) with the assistance of New England Community College.

Starting from August 3rd, 2020 New England Community College is offering a short course to assist you prepare for the Computer-based Drivers Knowledge Test (DKT) conducted by the NSW Transport, Roads and Maritime Authority.

Successfully completing the DKT is the first step toward obtaining a full NSW Drivers Licence. The course is designed to assist participants study the Road Users Handbook and concentrate on practicing online multiple choice question tests.

Personal assistance is



Cheese making earlier this year at NECC Armidale.

Anyone interested in booking in for a cheese course give us a call.

Also interested in running wax wraps, candles, painting, lead lighting, cake decorating and cooking. All ideas welcome.

available for participants. If you have trouble reading manuals and completing multiple choice tests this is the course for you. Courses will run in three 3 hour sessions per week for two weeks (18 hours of training).

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ing in a way that suits you. It can be done at home or via face to face sessions in our training rooms.

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Would you like to know what people are talking about when they say they had a 'zoom' session with a group of people?

Are you interested in learning the basics of getting online?

The internet can be used to keep in touch with people, share special moments with family and friends, follow your hobbies, fill in forms, order food, learn a new skill, shop online.

Build your confidence in using digital technology.

Give us a call for more information.

Check our ad for upcoming courses

Why we need to pay more for water

Changes to water fees and charges in the draft 2020/21 Budget are a response to welcome changes in community water consumption levels and a greater appreciation of the value of this resource, Council's Director – Businesses, Scot MacDonald, said.

The draft Budget on public exhibition until Thursday July 16th includes increases to water access and usage charges to adjust for reduced consumption under ongoing water restrictions and its impact on financial reserve to maintain water infrastructure.

"Residents and businesses have done an incredible job responding to the water restrictions in place and reducing water consumption during the drought," Mr MacDonald said.

"While that has been extremely valuable in protecting our region's water supply, the reduced water sales have had a significant impact on Council's Water Reserve to operate, maintain and upgrade our water supply assets.

Council's actions to combat the drought also brought additional costs, including a range of water saving measures and the development of a

ground water supply network at Guyra."

He said all these factors contributed to reducing the Water Reserve by around \$6 million in 2019-2020 and the impact is expected to continue in 2020/21.

At the same time, the drought has further demonstrated that Armidale and Guyra's water infrastructure is ageing and requires significant and urgent investment to avoid failures.

"Council cannot rely on State Government funding to fix its water assets. Water fees and charges are being adjusted to undertake asset renewal, be water secure for residents and businesses, and develop water infrastructure fit for future generations," Mr MacDonald said.

"In addition, increasing the charges applies a greater value to our water, reflecting a change in community perception and recognising water as a scarce resource.

"The increases are not aimed at generating more funds for the Water Reserve compared to previous years. They will restore the fund close to pre-drought levels, when average water consumption was much higher."

He said there were also proposed changes to water charges as a result of a harmonisation process to ensure fees and charges are consistent throughout the local government area, and to treat the water supply network as a single system for the whole region.

The documents currently on exhibition also include the draft 2020/21 Operational Plan, featuring several capital projects to update and upgrade the region's water infrastructure.

Those projects include an upgrade of the Puddledock Dam to Armidale pipeline and a stability upgrade of Dumaresq Dam - with both initiatives 50% funded by State Government contributions.

Further infrastructure work for a Ground Water Supply Network being developed in Guyra is also part of the draft Operational Plan, along with an assessment of options to upgrade Malpas Dam.

Other water projects in the draft Operational Plan:

- Regional Water Treatment Plant Master Plan
- Water mains replacement
- Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition Telemetry Systems

• Malpas raw water transfer pipe support repair and remediation – Stage 1

• Guyra Dam raw water pump station and switchboard

Council held a community webinar and pop-up stalls in Armidale and Guyra about the proposed water charges, upcoming water infrastructure projects and the impacts of drought on the Water Reserve.

A recording of the webinar, and other webinars being held as part of the Budget and Operational Plan exhibition period, are available to view on Council's Your Say Armidale website.

The Your Say Armidale site also features:

• All the documents on exhibition

• A link to register for a final webinar in the series – about the new regional landfill on Waterfall Way and proposed changes to waste charges

• Frequently asked questions about the draft Budget and Operational Plan

• Details on how to provide feedback on the documents on exhibition

From the archives - Tubbamurra School 1929



Standing:

Percy Campbell, Geo Campbell, Reg Lockyer, Jim Leahy, Albert Walls

Middle:

Ella Drew, Vida Archer, Joan Archer, Dulice Lockyer, Elsie Walls, Grace Drew

Front:

Les Lockyer, Lloyd Drew, Jim Archer, Harold Drew
Teacher Frank Burgmann

Ladies' Golf

Last week a field of 12 ladies played for Shona Mulligan's trophy.

The event was also a Golf NSW Medal Round and putting competition.

Wendy George was the winner with a score of 75 Nett.

The runner up was Kerry Bull on a Count Back from Donna White with 76 Nett.

Donna White won the putting competition.

Nearest the pin winners were Kerry Bull on the 10th hole and Wendy George on the 18th hole.

This week we are playing a Par Medal.

Next week is a Stroke with a Golf NSW Medal Round along with a putting competition.

Jenny Shiels is the starter as well as the sponsor.

Birdie

Vets' Golf

Last week a pleasant day saw a good field of 16 play the Reg Taylor Stroke competition.

We welcomed Phil Williams and Mal Gaukroger as visitors and also a new Vet. Mick Shiner, we hope to see Mick more regularly.

The Stroke winner with a great score of 78 was Phil Williams followed by Mal Gaukroger with 87. The Nett Winner, Herb Wilson had a good day with 74 nett. and 35 stableford points. Roger Grills also scored 35 stableford points.

Both Mal Gaukroger and Phil Williams shared the lowest putts with 28 putts. Phil Williams had a good day being also closest to the pin on the 7th. The only other nearest the pin was Len Stanley on the 18th.

This week the weather turned a little for the worst and no one braved the snowy weather.

Next week we play a fun 18-hole par 3 event.

A Vet

Men's Bowls

After a false start and inclement weather, the Saturday games were called off. However the Sunday games had better luck and games went ahead.

In Open Singles: Dan Kennedy played Robert Walls. Robert really put it to Dan for the first 12 ends but Dan soon found the green to his liking and went on to take the win 31 shots to 16 shots over 25 ends.

The other Open Singles was between Col Stanley and Barry Campbell. Col jumped

out of the starting gate early but Barry caught up and drew level by end 7. From then Col took control and went on to take victory 31 shots to 13 shots over 21 ends.

The other game played was a Handicap Singles game played between Cameron Peardon (+1) and Mallie Walls (0). Cameron enjoyed a 1 shot start and he made it pay but Mallie not to out done made up the deficient and went on to win the encounter 31 shots to 19 shots over 33 ends.

Now to this weekend's games:

Saturday July 18th. Start:

12.00pm. Starter: John Jackson. Umpire: David Wilcox.

Open Singles: Col Stanley to play John Jackson marker David Wilcox.

Handicap Singles: Andrew Sparke to play Roger Cox marker Barry Presnell. Robert Walls to play Mallie Walls marker Barry Campbell.

As stated last week all boarded games are play or Forfeit as the Match Committee endeavours to finalise the Open Singles to have a Club Champion in the Champion of Champions.

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Gazette's Celebrity Footy Tipping



B&L are the first to crack the century and lead the Celebrities on 101 points. They have a good lead of 8 points with next in place being the Gazette on 93.

In 3rd place we have Sue, Vu and Ben on 91 points and another two points to Soley on 89.

It's still anyone's game at this stage of the competition, but will that buffer of 8 points be enough to carry B&L through to the end?

Top scorer for the Locals this week was The Red V with 12 points to bring them into equal 4th place with Hazel and the Red Devils.

The Terrible Twosome have been joined at the top of the Leaderboard by From The Desk to lead our Locals on 95 points.

Sharing 2nd place on 93 points are Bulldog, Eel-be-Right and Chris with just 2 points to Jy in 3rd place on 91.

Sue's Tips

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From the Desk	95	The 3 Bunnies	83
Bulldog	93	Nightwatchman	81
Eel-be-Right	93	Elva Brazier	81
Chris Morley	93	Old Chook	81
Jy Starr	91	Sarbear	79
Hazel	89	WKAD	73
Red Devils	89	Famous Five	67
The Red V	89	Dason	59
GG	87		

Locals Entry Form - Round 11

Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on Wednesday, 22nd July

Name:

Phone:

Eels	vs	Tigers
Cowboys	vs	Sea Eagles
Broncos	vs	Storm
Warriors	vs	Roosters
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Please accept this as our personal thanks,
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MEETINGS

GUYRA & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY AGM will be held on Thursday, 23rd July at 5.30pm at The GALA Centre.

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Men's Golf

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Next Sunday will be an 18 hole stableford for a club trophy.

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