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Planning begins for Spring Flower Festival

The Guyra Garden Club and Guyra Rotary Club are in the early stages of planning a new community event for the town. They are hoping to hold the inaugural Guyra Spring Flower Festival in October 2021. This festival will work in with the three day TroutFest and one day Guyra Peony Festival.

The festival will involve the planting of a memorial avenue as envisaged by a 1951 resolution of the former Guyra Shire Council that was never implemented on land designated as a Memorial Park. This old Council resolution was reported 'From the Archives' in the Guyra Gazette on 06 August 2020.

The area is now better known as Apex Park and Rotary Anniversary Park and is situated at the southern end of Bradley Street opposite the Bowling Club and Museum.

Garden Club members unanimously voted at their meeting on September 28th to move to fulfil this resolution even though nearly 70 years has passed by since it was made. The memorial trees will be a spring flowering species. A second row of trees known for their autumn colours is also being considered as part



SPRING FESTIVAL STEERING COMMITTEE (l to r): Robyn Jackson, Julie Waters, Jenny Cummings, David Kanaley, Wendy Mulligan, Shelley Harvey, John Ross, Liz Brown and Barb Ross

of this memorial avenue.

Guyra Garden Club President Wendy Mulligan is excited about the project which will see trees planted in memory of service men and women who were involved in any war.

"It is proposed that each tree and plaque will be purchased by surviving relatives," Wendy said. "GPS coordinates will also be taken to record the location of each tree and the details of which service man or woman it

honours."

"It will be open to all Guyra residents to purchase trees for this memorial avenue even if their service relatives were not from Guyra," she added. "In this way it is inclusive of the whole existing community not just as it was in 1951 following the second World War."

The Garden Club will seek Armidale Regional Council's agreement to use this public land for its intended purpose.

In addition, a beautiful spring garden in the style of a mandala is proposed for land at the southern end of the memorial avenue that will be visible from the New England Highway.

Garden Club Treasurer David Kanaley said that, by definition, a mandala is a geometric shape or pattern that symbolises the universe.

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Peony Festival to bloom in November

On November 21st, Guyra will host the inaugural Peony Festival which promises to be an event for the whole family.

Coinciding with the highly popular Peony season, which already attracts visitors from far and wide, organisers plan to make this a day to put the whole town on display.

Peonies will be for sale at the 'Woolly Lamb' and visitors will be encouraged to support participating businesses in Guyra who have extended their trading hours for the day from 9am to 4pm.

Most of the street will be open for business kicking off with the

Left: Guyra businesses are being encouraged to open their doors for the Peony Festival

ever growing Farmers and Craft market in the Australian Poetry Hall of Fame. Interested stallholders can contact James Warren 0423 478 656 if they would like to book a stall.

Other attractions include the Guyra Museum, Antique Machinery Museum, and the Vintage Car Museum. Buskers are invited to perform on the street and they can register their interest by phoning 0428 792 037.

Bradley Street will come alive with Vintage Cars, service club raffles, music and much more throughout the day. As a community let's support our town and grab a coffee, some peony roses and a bite to eat. Come and browse our local businesses and visit the amazing museums.

Support our local service club raffles and help put our great little town on display. This event is a proud initiative of BIG ideas Guyra, supported by the Guyra and District Chamber of Commerce and the Guyra CWA Evening Branch.

It will be a COVID safe event with social distancing rules and contact tracing measures in place.



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Squealing Piglets ride in for Men's Health



Steve Wendtman from the Squealing Piglets hands over a donation of \$2600 to John Jackson from the Guyra Men's Shed

A group of bikers rode into town last Saturday, partly having a "big ride" over the long weekend and partly to hand over a donation of \$2,600 to the Guyra Men's Shed.

They are small group of friends and family who love riding motorbikes and describe themselves as "far from 'Wild Hogs' hence the less than frightening moniker 'Squealing Piglets'

Giving their rides for fun a purpose, this generous group of blokes from the Newcastle area decided to give back to the community, in particular, Men's Health.

"On our yearly ride we raise money for an organisation or

charity that is on our route that promotes men's health," organizer Steve Wendtman said. "This year we are staying at Guyra and we are raising much needed funds to support the local Men's Shed."

"We were humbled by the reception to our small efforts to assist which made the ride worthwhile."

The Squealing Piglets were greeted by Men's Shed manager, John Jackson and members including Richard Navin, Peter Brazier and Dave McKay. The Men's Shed is under the auspices of Guyra Adult Learning Association Inc. (GALA) and CEO Dorothy Lockyer and committee members Campbell

Wolfenden, Robin Godlonton and Martha Weiderman were also there to welcome the group.

It is a much needed boost for the Men's Shed who usually rely on gold coin donations and sales of their work to continue to operate. The donation will go a long way towards establishing a new shed for the group.

The Men's Shed currently operates from premises behind the Council Chambers, which is being redeveloped as the new Early Childhood Learning Centre. They are in discussions to relocate to the old SES building on the New England Highway.

On Tuesday they met with council Administrator Viv May and Council staff to discuss the

move. The SES are still operating from the premises but will vacate the shed in the coming weeks.

Donations are still being accepted via a Go Fund Me page, and they are hoping that the final tally will reach \$3,000. As well as personal donations the group also received a generous donation of \$1,000 from Glencore Australia.

To support our local Men's Shed, the Go Fund Me page will remain open until the end of October 2020. To donate go to:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/men039s-health-guyra-mens-shed>

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What's **NOT**

LATE FROSTS putting an
end to promising blooms

STILL WAITING for La
Nina to arrive

CHRISTMAS items already
out in shops

**QUOTE of
the week**

**Problems are
opportunities
in work clothes**

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
29	Tues	2.9	15.6	0
30	Wed	3.9	14.0	0
1	Thurs	4.9	16.0	1.8
2	Fri	4.1	21.0	0
3	Sat	5.0	22.2	0
4	Sun	5.9	22.6	0
5	Mon	6.3	21.8	0

Rain this week	1.8mm
Sept. rainfall	40.6mm
Rainfall YTD	656.2mm
Rainfall last YTD	211.8mm
Ave. rain to Oct.	697.6mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin,
Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

**No windfarms on prime
agricultural land**

We are pleased to note that the Minister for Energy and Environment, Matt Kean said:-

“The reason that we’re coordinating the build of this new generation and transmission is so that we can ensure that the infrastructure is going where it’s accepted. That means not on prime agricultural land but on land where the social licence is there and the community wants this infrastructure.”

I agree with and support comments by the Strzelecki Community Alliance, that we:-

- Support the responsible deployment of renewable energy technologies.
- Seek transparency and accountability in the planning, construction and operation of wind farms
- Ask for fair and equitable treatment of neighbours.
- Want conformity to the recommendations of the National Wind Farm Commissioner.

Like ‘Delburn’ the Ben Lomond /Glencoe ‘Rangoon’ proposal ‘is an industrial wind energy facility which threatens the lifestyles, health, rights and financial security of the people neighbouring the site.

As a citizen of the Ben Lomond/Glencoe community I express my objection to the interpretation of the NSW State’s priority for renewable energy as The Rangoon Windfarm, being a wind farm overhanging and impacting the Ben Lomond village, our homes, our farm land, our workplace, our recreational and educational facilities.

No greater discrimination can arise than when the actions of one takes away the rights of another. Normally what we do on our property - house/business/ farming or gazing enterprise - does not and may not impact on

our neighbours, nor is it legally permitted EXCEPT it seems in the case of a ‘State Significant Development’ clothed in environmental value, claims of sustainability but ultimately for the profit of companies far removed from the state and Australia.

My understanding as to why the Rangoon project is not accepted in the Ben Lomond community is that we share particular concerns that:-

- The impact of noise and visibility will determine a bleak future for Ben Lomond Village disrupting social, cultural, economic and civil structures within our community.

• According to the scoping documents not only are we, the inhabitants, deemed to be of little significance but the landscape of highland mountain ranges, headwaters of four river systems, clear air and perfect dark skies are also deemed to be of no specific value. At the same time there are campaigns, post drought, bushfires and during CoVid19 wanting to assure individuals in these communities that they matter and need to address ‘mental health’ – R U OK anyone?

- Claims of significant community consultation have not met community expectations
- Health impacts on our population
- Where NE Highway incidents warranted a separated, double unbroken, white line to be trialled due to an unacceptably high level of traffic incidents – this proposal places the highest (250m) wind turbines right beside the road – a formula for distracted drivers and unprecedented trauma. Local first responders will be further implicated and further stressed.
- Habitat in remaining pockets of native vegetation are of great concern from vortex

driven weed seed spread together with sound, flicker and activity contributing to disturbance of patterns of living for all wildlife, particularly known populations of koala and quoll and raptors.

• A definitive research report on the effects of turbines on the pollinators and the dung beetles is wanting.

• Commitment to eco-friendly decommissioning processes is absent.

• Disturbance of normal grazing and farming practices in a normally highly valued, productive area.

• Aerial fertiliser strips rendered unusable, push costs of traditional practices, to make them prohibitive.

• Land values are already affected due to the possibility of the Rangoon windfarm approval.

• This is a new proposal so comments; that this windfarm was approved years ago by Guyra Shire Council; don’t bother to object, just ‘get over it’; are false.

I ask that you join us in writing to ask for reassurance from federal and state ministers that there is some substance to the minister Matt Kean’s remarks that renewables should be built: “not on prime agricultural land, but where there is a social licence to build and the community will welcome them.”

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Main street upgrade works set to restart

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Guyra is a step closer to having a new and improved main street, with the \$3.0 million Bradley Street upgrade gaining momentum. The second stage of road works between Nincoola Street and Mackenzie Street will soon begin, with the design review now in progress. Essential Energy work on the overhead powerlines is also set to commence once designs are finalised.

Armidale Regional Council's Interim Administrator Viv May says it's an exciting step for the long awaited project.

"We are waiting on Essential Energy to finalise the designs for the recommissioning of the building awnings along Bradley Street, which will allow for the installation of the new overhead powerlines," he said.

Landscaping between Ollera Street to Nincoola Street is also underway, after it was put on hold last year due to the drought. Recent rainfall has



Design works for the second stage of the road works is now underway

meant planting can now begin. A mural to be created by Melbourne artist James Price will complement the landscaping, and the community will soon be able to have their say on what design should be chosen.

"The landscaping will breathe new life into the main street, and make the town

more attractive to both locals and tourists," said Mr May.

"Unfortunately the Melbourne COVID-19 lockdown has meant Mr Price can't reveal the designs in person, however, he is working on a video presentation that the public can view, which will be displayed for community consultation," said Mr May.

"The artwork is based on works by students from Guyra Central School, so it will be a true tribute to the local community."

Along with the installation of new seats, garbage bins and a footpath reinstatement earlier this year, a new street stall shelter will be installed later this month.

The first stage of the road works between Ollera Street and Nincoola Street were completed in October last year, and landscaping is expected to be finished by December.

"A garden mandala is a space for relaxation, reflection and focusing the mind," David said. "Garden mandalas are usually a circle that contain a starburst, wheel, or spiral patterns incorporating flowers such as tulips."

Traditional mandalas usually also contain the four directions (north, east, south and west) or the four elements (earth, air, fire and water). The Garden Club are working on an interesting design for the garden, which are unusual in Australia.

Armidale Regional Council has invited the Guyra Garden Club to submit a project proposal including early draft design, tree and plant species, costings and sources of grant funding. The Club will make grant applications to help fund the project which they hope will become a tourist drawcard.

They will also be seeking 'in kind' support from Council in the preparation of the garden mandala beds and to prepare the holes for the memorial avenue tree plantings.

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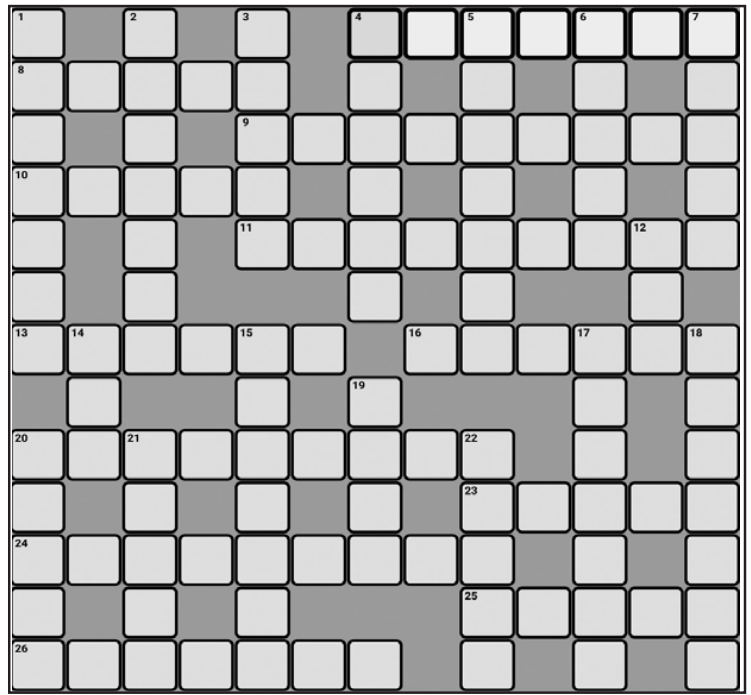


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 kale leek maize nettle okra parsnip pea plantain
 pulse sage shallot soy swede yam

Just for fun

Daylight Savings Explained

When told the reason for Daylight Savings Time, the Old Indian said, "Only the government would believe that you could cut a foot off the top of a blanket, sew it to the bottom, and have a longer blanket."



CROSSWORD CLUES

Across:

- 4. Illusion of a person with substance
- 8. Joint above the wrist
- 9. A mistake you make when you're not paying full attention
- 10. Groups of singers
- 11. Interior designer
- 13. Atlantic/Pacific link _____ Canal
- 16. Where a monarch might live
- 20. Futuristic high-tech sci-fi genre (Blade Runner e.g.)
- 23. Relating to ships
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- 25. Series of links
- 26. Italian name for Virgin mary

Down:

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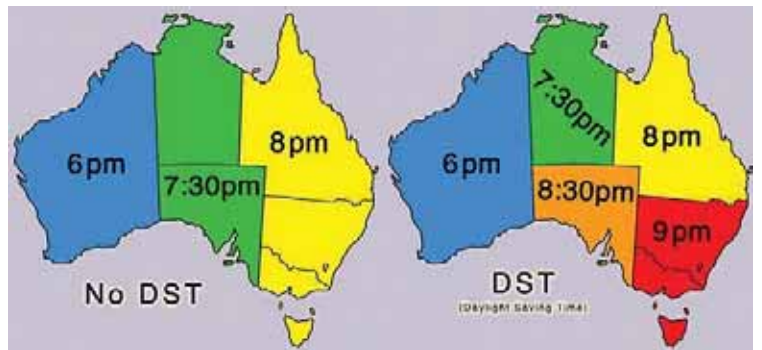
- from tomatoes
- 2. It holds the guts
- 3. Long bladed weapon
- 4. What one does during a sermon
- 5. European country, home to Vienna
- 6. Not loose
- 7. Parking timer
- 12. Used for frying
- 14. Whichever one
- 15. A being who might live on the red planet
- 17. Not important or significant, not worth remembering
- 18. Shakespeare born in (country)
- 19. Person's surrounding atmosphere
- 20. Quality of being attractive & pleasing
- 21. Staple food
- 22. What the K in KO means

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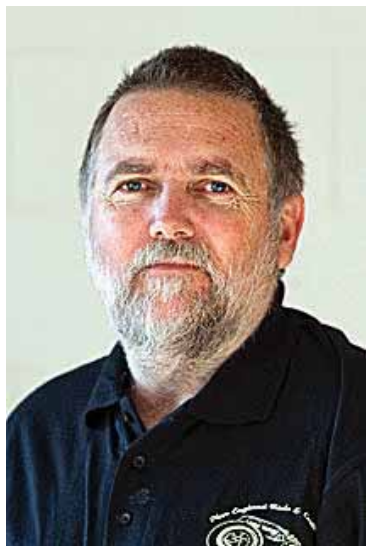
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Guyra Chamber of Commerce met for the first time since the election of the new board in August.

The room was packed to COVID capacity and it was pleasing to see so many new faces and people just raring to go. I have spoken before about the growing positive vibe in the business sector and a growing confidence that Guyra can do great things even in tough times.

We talked about the need to support each other and actively promote all our businesses in Guyra as a collective, and work towards getting travellers off the highway and into the CBD. We are well poised for this now with such drawcards in Bradley street as the Car Museum, the Australian Poetry Hall of Fame, the regular craft and farmer's markets, and the refurbished Historical Museum.

We have long held the view that the Tourist Information Centre should be in the main street and we have started a kiosk at GALA to test the wa-



ters as to what level of Tourist Info Centre we could operate. We also spoke about the need to have a theme that would make travellers talk around the free camps, camp fires and caravan park laundries that "you really should call into Guyra and see". Any ideas for this would be most welcome.

Diane Gray spoke to the meeting about the extension to her role as "Strengthening

Business Facilitator" linking businesses affected by downturn as a result of drought, bushfire and Covid to all services and financial assistance available to them. If you would like to contact Diane please email diane.gray@ep.industry.gov.au.

The meeting also agreed to support the up-coming Peony Festival with a special event in the main street in partnership with the Evening Branch of CWA which will take place on 21st November. If you are interested in this event, please contact Rebecca Smith who was installed as the Events Director for the Chamber or Fiona Smith.

David Kanaley was appointed the Projects and Grants Director and Dave spoke about plans the Garden Club is currently working on both short and long term. More to come on these initiatives in the near future.

Hans Hietbrink is Director for Membership and will be working closely with all members providing information as

it comes to hand. Hans is also reviewing and monitoring the Web page. All members can have a link to their own web page or an ad on the chamber page for \$25 annually added to their \$25 annual membership fee.

Martha Weiderman was appointed Director for Publicity and Social Media. If you would like to contribute ideas or would like to know how we can assist your business, please email chamber@guyra.org.au

Lastly we would like to encourage all businesses in Guyra to unite by becoming a member and work collectively to building a culture of supporting "Locals First".

Next meeting we are seeking a raft of ideas to be distilled into our Strategic Plan and set some goals for a growing future, so please either speak with myself or other members or send an email to chamber@guyra.org.au. You can also phone President Steve Mephram 0404 485 585

Small businesses offered financial support

Small businesses across the region that have been significantly affected by drought, fire, or the COVID-19 pandemic will soon be given some needed financial assistance.

As part of the \$900,000 NSW Government Drought Stimulus Funding, Council is offering fifty \$2000 grants to eligible businesses that need start up assistance, are wanting to expand, or needing to improve their online services.

Interim Administrator Viv May said the grants couldn't come at a better time.

"The drought has taken a huge toll on small businesses across the region, and now there is the added burden of the bushfires and COVID-19," he said.

"Through these grants, Council hopes to ease some of the unforeseen financial strain

that many people are facing during this period."

Businesses will need to meet a specific criteria, and all applications will be assessed by an independent panel.

"Any locally owned and operated business within the Armidale LGA should apply if they have seen significant financial downturn as a result of drought, fire or the COVID-19 pandemic," said Mr May.

"These grants will be a welcome help to small businesses who have faced the brunt of the past few years."

Applications must be made online between October 2 and October 30, and successful applicants will be notified by Monday 16 November.

For further information please see the Armidale Regional Council website.

Applications open for NSW Local Sport Defibrillator Program

Sporting groups and local councils across the region are encouraged to apply for funding towards potentially life-saving equipment, with the NSW Government's Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program now open.

The program has helped to equip sports and public facilities with the equipment to respond to life-threatening situations.

This round eligible organisations in the New England North West are able to access up to \$1,300 of the purchase cost of one of these devices.

Medical experts say the first eight minutes following a cardiac arrest are critical and that early access to CPR and a defibrillator is essential to increasing a patient's likelihood of survival.

With more and more people

remaining active at an older age, early access to a defibrillator could mean the difference between life and death in the event of a heart attack.

Modern devices are designed to be used without any medical training, improving survival rates for the 33,000 Australians who experience cardiac arrest each year."

The scheme is targeting community sports clubs, but applications from licensed sporting clubs and sports organisations associated with schools, churches, universities, and councils will also be considered.

For more information and to apply, visit the website www.sport.nsw.gov.au/clubs/grants/defibrillator.

The program is open until 12 April 2021.

International Rural Women's Day

Calling all you rural ladies! GLENRAC's annual Rural Women's Day will be hosted at Glen Dawn Woolshed on Glen Legh Rd this year. Coinciding with the United Nation's International Day of Rural Women, the event will be a celebration of the health, wealth and wellness of farming women across the district.

Financial adviser Ben Law (otherwise known as Queensland Country Life's Financial Bloke) will headline the event, Zooming in to the woolshed to advise attendees on how to achieve financial freedom using the five pillars of the Wealth Windmill – teaming, planning, protecting, focusing and growing.

Also presenting on the day will be local exercise physiologist and clinical Pilates teacher, Ellen Adams from Moveology New England, who will talk about the im-

portance of strong female bodies and provide some exercises to improve desk posture for attendees to take home on the day.

Rural Adversity Mental Health Program Coordinator, Letitia Cross, will be on hand to discuss the importance of female friendships and social connection for women's mental wellbeing, and HealthWISE primary health care nurse, Chris Connor, will advise ladies on the top tips for talking to their doctors, as well as performing health checks on the day.

"Rural Women's Day has become a standout event in the GLENRAC calendar as it provides an opportunity for social connection and is such a fun day for all who attend," said event organiser, GLENRAC Project Officer, Jennene Perkins.

"We have a stellar line up of speakers on offer this

year, all ready with handy tips and tricks for the ladies to take home. The Glen Dawn Woolshed overlooks the landscape surrounding and promises to be a fantastic event venue for everyone to enjoy on the day."

International Rural Women's Day – Thursday 15th October 2020, Glen

Dawn Woolshed, 574 Glen Legh Rd

Glen Innes NSW 2370. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this event has limited spaces.

Please RSVP by 13th October on 02 6732 3443 or RSVP by email glenrac@glenrac.org.au

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Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

September 30th - There was a reduced penning of 1,100 lambs and 450 sheep. A mostly good quality offering of well finished heavy weight lambs, limited supplies of light weight.

The usual buyers were in at-

tendance, however the limited numbers of light weights restricted restocker activity. Demand was high from processors with market trends dearer. The lighter the weight class, the smaller the price improvement.

As weights increased the price gains increased with the heavy and extra heavy weight classes showing a significantly dearer trend.

There was strong demand for the limited supply of sheep.

Again the majority of the sheep showed a good level of finish. Market trends were substantially dearer than the sale two weeks ago.

Rural Market Reports

Armidale Cattle Sale

October 1st - There was a reduced penning this fortnight. Yearling cattle made up the bulk of the offering with a few in each of the other categories. The quality and condition of the penning was mixed with some very good quality and conditioned cattle penned.

There was increased export processor competition, however not all regular buyers were in attendance. Restocker and feedlot demand was high, this resulting in dearer trends through the yearlings. Light weight yearling steers to restock experienced a moderate increase.

Medium and heavy weight feeder and restocker steers saw a

dearer trend of 18c to 20c/kg. Light weight yearling heifers to restockers attracted keen demand to sell to a dearer trend of as much as 25c/kg with breed also contributing. Medium and heavy weight feeder heifers also posted strong gains.

There was little change in the market for the limited supply of trade yearlings. Heavy grown steers sold to a cheaper trend, with the well finished heavy heifers also slightly cheaper. The increased competition in the export cattle saw the cow market as much as 17c dearer, while a very strong heavy bull market saw a trend as much as 18c/kg dearer.

Weekly Wool Sales

October 2nd - The largest national offering in the past two months showed just how fragile the nature of the rises over the past three weeks has been. With 31,000 bales on offer historically it shouldn't be considered a large offering but with 7,500 bales more on offer than the previous week it seems it was enough to tip the market back into retreat mode.

Understandably the passed in rate jumped considerably higher to around 18% resulting in almost the same quantity of wool sold as the previous week. Major buyers included Lempriere, Techwool & Endeavour Wool. It

was the mid micron Merino types that were hit hardest with 19.5 to 21 micron categories giving up half of last week gains. The finer types performed well in comparison after gaining on average 130 cents last week they gave up around 30 cents this week.

Next week's national offering increases again with 34,450 bales currently expected. AWTA Test data for the 1st quarter of the season was released yesterday and is showing a 7.8% decline in the weight of wool tested. Queensland, Tasmania and West Australia all registered double digit declines.

Ladies' Golf

Last week a field of 14 ladies played the Foursomes Championships sponsored by the Gittoes Family.

The winners were Donna White and Julie Walker.

Nett Winners were Wendy George and Jenni Jackson.

Nearest the Pin winners were Belinda Lenehan and Julie Walker on the 9th hole.

Jenny Rogers on the 10th hole.

Wendy George on the 18th hole.

Thank you to the Gittoes Family for your ongoing sponsorship and support.

This week the ladies are participating in the annual Tee off for Breast Cancer Flag Event sponsored by Wendy George.

Next week is the 4BBB Championship sponsored by Guyra Welding Works starting at 9am over 27 holes.

Birdie

Men's Golf

On Sunday a good field of 24 took part in the Regional Australia Bank 2 person am-brose, the winners were Darren Lennon and Nick Burey with 65 ¼ with Pat Grills and Mick Jackson

just behind on 65 1/2. Nearest to the pins were Steve Kliendienst on the 7th, Mick Jackson on the 9th, Les Perrett on the 10th and Barry Simpson on the 18th. The long drive was won by Karen Oehlers.

Next Sunday will be the Dougie Waters Memorial 4BBB Stableford. Just a reminder a couple of big events coming up are the Guyra open weekend on the 24th and 25th and the 4BBB championships on the 1st of November.

The Albatross

Vets Golf

Last week was the Four Ball qualifying round for the New

England Vets Golf Four Ball Championships. The winners on the day were Chris Newbery and the ever consistent Mick Shiner with a score of 43. The other qualifiers for the NEVGA Four Ball were Col Walls and Phil Devlin on 42 and Don Campbell and Len Stanley 40. Good luck to these teams in the finals which will be played at Guyra on November 17.

The other winners for the day were the Nearest the Pins, Don Campbell on the 7th, Chris Newberry the 10th and Mick Shiner on the 18th. Yes, there were other players but we did not get a look in. Maybe next week.

It was with much sadness that we farewelled one of our long standing members and committee member, Warren McCowen who will be moving to Toowoomba. We wish him and Jane well for their next adventure, they will be missed.

A Vet

Cricket

Junior and senior cricket is set to start on Saturday October 24th. Guyra Cricket Club club will enter four teams in the senior competition and three in the junior competition.

Online registration is up and running and players can register online at www.playcricket.com.au by searching for Guyra Cricket Club.

Seniors interested in playing can contact Contact Charlie White 0428 318 127 or Adrian Cameron 0427 351 059.

Juniors can contact Graham Cameron: 0415 872 685 (U11) Simon Brown: 0427 665 131 (U13) or Jason Campbell: 0428 763 688 (U15) for more information

The club will be practising COVID safe procedures throughout the season.

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Making our region's small businesses a procurement priority

I was very pleased to announce recently that State Government agencies must now first consider buying goods and services from a small, medium or rural business for all direct procurements up to \$250,000 as part of a plan to boost local businesses.

The government's Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) and Regional Procurement Policy will provide a boost to the region's economy in the wake of droughts, devastating bushfires and now COVID-19.

This new policy is good news for our region's businesses and couldn't come at a better time as it will see even more of the government's considerable annual spending stay in our region and support locals.

The policy also provides a 'Small Business Exemption' to give local businesses an opportunity to cut through red tape and government processes.

It allows government departments to buy directly from small businesses for any purchases up to \$50,000 even if there is a mandated whole-of-government contract in place.

For more information visit:

www.buy.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/sme-and-regional-procurement-policy

To access Business Connect specialist procurement support visit:
www.business.nsw.gov.au/businessconnect

Guyra student selected for NSW Rural Leadership Program



Minister for Education Sarah Mitchell, left, NSW Rural Youth Ambassador 2020 Pilot Program participant Guyra Central School student Cordelia Lloyd and Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall.

I was pleased to announce last month that Guyra Central School student Cordelia Lloyd is one of nine high school students from across the region who has been selected to participate in a new program aimed at boosting the aspirations and leadership

capabilities of young people in rural and regional schools.

The NSW Rural Youth Ambassador 2020 Pilot Program will immerse the Year 11 students from Guyra, Inverell, Moree and Wyallda in six months of leadership development, advocacy and learning.

As these young people enter the final years of school this is a golden opportunity for them to build positive leadership skills which will take their peers and communities forward.

Rural towns offer a range of fantastic opportunities for young people to exercise leadership and develop public speaking and citizenship skills like Lions Youth of the Year or the Rotary Youth Leadership program.

This pilot program builds on those experiences by offering young leaders the chance to share ideas, engage with successful business and thought leaders, explore youth programs with key decision makers and most of all energise each other.

I congratulate all nine students and wish them every success in the program.

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Classifieds Trades & Services

MEALS ON WHEELS

8 October Joyce & Jim Betts
 9 October Golf Club Ladies
 12 October Ann Hulbert
 13 October Pamela Carter
 14 October Ann Hulbert

CHURCH SERVICES

St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church - Guyra - Contact: 6779 1667:

Mass 6pm Saturday
 Mass 9am Tuesday

St. Columba's Presbyterian Church:
 9am Sunday followed by morning tea
 Contact: Rev. Andrew Campbell
 0447 724 536

The Chapel, 66 Llangothin Street:
 Sunday Service: 10am
 Contact: 0460 448 864

Seventh-day Adventist Church:
 Sabbath School 10.00am Saturday
 Divine Service 11.30am Saturday
 Contact: Church Clerk 6779 1587

Uniting Church, 57 Ollera Street:
 Regular Sunday Service: 9.30am
 Contact: Nancy Davidson 6779 1366

FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry at The Chapel
 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday of the month.
 10am - 12pm and 1pm - 2.30pm.
 Contact: 0460 448 864

PUBLIC NOTICES

GUYRA HISTORICAL MUSEUM will be open this Saturday, 10th October from 10am. Enquiries : 6779 2132.

VINNIES SHOP Opening hours:
 Tuesday 10am - 2pm
 Wednesday 1pm - 4pm
 Friday 10am - 2pm



Information sessions on Costa's tomato glasshouse expansion development and water security initiatives

Costa is holding information sessions for the local community on the progress of building our new 10-hectare tomato glasshouse at the New England Highway site. This will also include an opportunity to raise any issues about Costa's development application to Armidale Regional Council, which involves seeking approval from Council to construct two new dams.

The information sessions will be coordinated by Susan Sims from Wixim Consulting. In attendance will be Costa Management and Costa's Civil Engineer.

Where: Royal Hotel
122 Bradley Street, Guyra

When: 14th October – 2pm to 7pm
and: 15th October – 7am to 1pm

In order to manage COVID-19 requirements, attendees will need to book a separate session with a maximum number of four people per session. One hour will be allotted per session. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Please email:

susan.sims@wixim.com.au
 or call 0419 703 454

to book your session by no later than c.o.b. 13th October.

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Contact: The GALA Centre
136 Bradley Street, Guyra
Ph: 6779 2132
E: admin@gala.org.au

MEETINGS

CWA Guyra Evening Branch AGM, tonight, Wednesday 7th October, 6pm @ GALA Centre. Please RSVP to Anne 0413 595 353 as space is limited due to social distancing requirements. New members welcome.

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SUNDAY, 8th NOVEMBER: Guyra Cup (note postponement from 19th April)
SATURDAY, 21st NOVEMBER: Peony Festival 9am-4pm in the main street.

WHERE'S CASPER?

Find Casper and his soccer ball! He appears three times. There are no prizes just put your detective hats on and tear your hair out looking for him!





Australian Government

We're extending the JobKeeper Payment until 28 March 2021.

The Australian Government is extending the temporary JobKeeper Payment to the end of March 2021. From 28 September, businesses must meet the turnover test and submit their declarations by the 14th of each month.

There will be two new payment rates – one for those who work more than 20 hours per week in the relevant period, and another for those who work less. The employee eligibility date has also changed to 1 July, meaning some businesses could claim for more staff.

It's part of our plan to keep business in business, and Australians in jobs.



28 Mar 2021 ▶

JobKeeper Payment

Visit [Australia.gov.au](https://www.australia.gov.au)

Men's Bowls

Saturday October 3rd saw the Final of the Major Singles played. David Wilcox played Andrew Sparke. David, in good form, and Andrew, still on a high after defeating Dan Kennedy, all pointed to a great game.

Andrew continued his good form and raced to an early 11 shots to nil after 6 ends, but not to be denied David fought back and by end 13 the scores were even he continued on and soon held the lead. As predicted the game turned into a real titanic battle with first one held the lead then the other had a turn. By end 28 either player could take out the Final with the scores Andrew 28 shots, David 27 shots. With teeth gritted and determination Andrew put his head down and managed to get the 3 shots needed winning 31 shots to 27 shots over 30 ends.

Andrew with this result is now Major Singles Champion for the 2019/20 season. Congratulations to both Bowlers.

Sunday October 4th saw three Club Championship games completed.

In the Semi Final Minor Singles John Jackson played Roger Cox and this game also pointed to another tight encounter. From the outset this proved to be the case. This game had everything as both bowlers fought to gain the ascendancy, with scores being level five times it came down to which bowler could hold their nerve the best. By end 31 John only wanted 2 shots to victory however Roger had a say in the result and by end 33 John still wanting 2 shots, Roger only wanting 3 shots. End 34 John held game but Roger was not done just yet he drove into the head, after the dust had settled he held 1

shot. With one bowl left John took a deep breath and he also put up an on shot and managed to trail the jack into ditch resulting in the two shots required to win the game 31 shots to 28 shots over 34 ends.

Another Semi Final Minor Singles was played between Mallie Walls and Robert Goodchild. In this game Mallie proved too strong for Robert but being a new bowler he acquitted himself well and by reaching the Semi Final was a great achievement. Mallie ran out winner over 17 ends.

The third game was a Handicap Singles game between Dan Kennedy (-8) and Robert Walls (+1). Even with a 9 shot advantage Robert had no answer to Dan's consistency and by end 11 had caught up the deficient and continued this form and went on to victory 31 shots to 10 shots over 27 ends.

Now to next weekend's Club

Championships:

Saturday October 10th: Start: 1.00pm. Umpire and Starter: David Wilcox.

Major/Minor Pairs: David Wilcox and Paul Johnson to play Ian Jacobs and Mallie Walls. Michael Shiner and partner to play Roger Cox and Boyd Stanley.

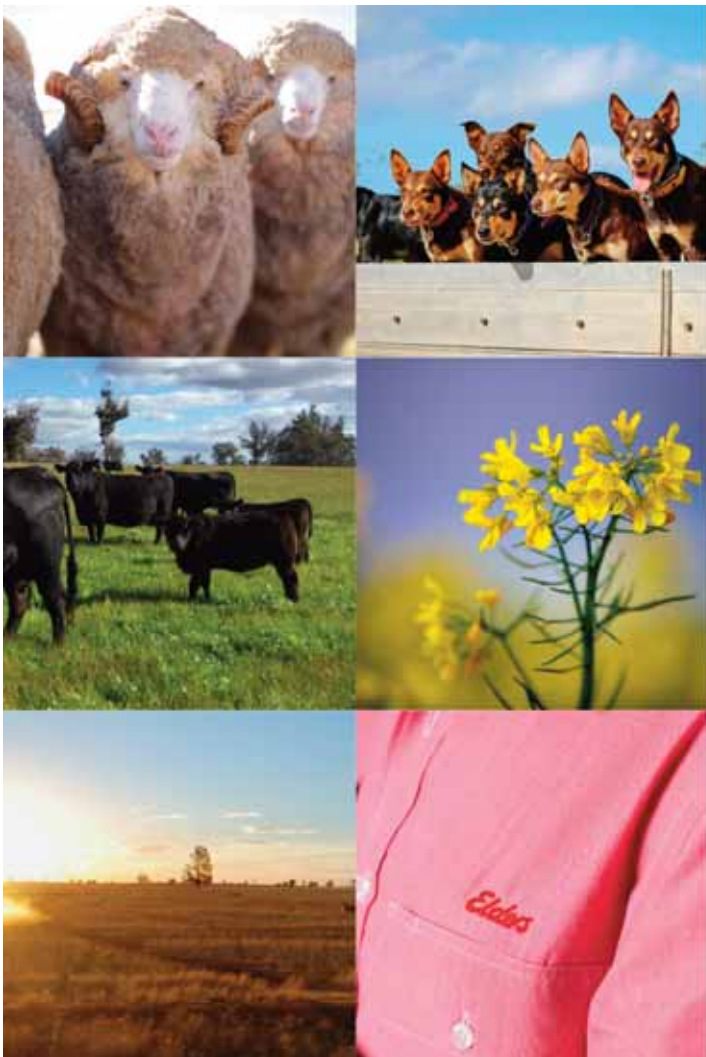
Sunday October 11th: Start: 1.00pm. Starter and Umpire Robert Walls.

Major/Minor Pairs: John Jackson and Geoff Reeves to play Scott Campbell and Barry Campbell. Barry Presnell and Michael Jackson to play Dan Kennedy and Grahame Starr.

Handicap Singles: Robert Moore to play Barry Walls marker Robert Walls.

All games boarded games are play or forfeit to help complete the 2020 games. Match Committee,

The Bowls Bandits



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