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Peonies pull them in

Guyra took on a festive feel on Saturday with the town's first ever Peony Festival exceeding the expectations of organisers. Visitors came from as far afield as Murwillumbah and Moree as well as nearby towns, to not only purchase a bunch of peonies but also to support other businesses and enjoy a day out in our cooler climate.

Fiona Smith was one of the organisers and she said that they were blown away by the response and from her point of view it looked like it was great day for everyone.

"The whole idea was to support a local Guyra business and also bring people to town to support other businesses," Fiona said.

"Judging by the number of peonies sold and seeing so many people filling up the coffee shops, enjoying the atmosphere, buying raffle tickets and making purchases throughout town I think it was a great success."

Fiona said that because of COVID they decided to keep it simple and just asked the main street to be open and see what would happen. They



Tina Skipper and Rebecca Smith at the Peony Cart which was a popular stop for the many visitor in town for the festival.

hope to be able to expand the idea with bigger plans in conjunction with the Spring Flower Festival next year and also the possibility of other special days throughout the year.

"To look at the main street on Saturday morning with so

many people, it would be great to see it like this more often," she said.

"The drought showed just how vulnerable we were, because once the farmers stopped spending money, businesses really suffered."

"I think it was great to see

those businesses open and doing so well and we have shown what can be done by working together to create something interesting," Fiona said.

"It really gives you a bit of hope for the future."

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NAIDOC Week

Last week the students at St Mary of the Angels held a wonderful NAIDOC celebration with all students participating beautifully.

Our welcome ceremony began with Acknowledgement of Country and the Aboriginal Our Father prayer followed by amazing musical and dance performances which many students helped choreograph authentically.

At lunchtime, students were treated to a tasting of Native ingredients in modern recipes, wattleseed damper with quongdong jam and then lemon myrtle sorbet in cones, all made by Mrs Grills.

After lunch some of our older students led the school in Traditional Aboriginal

games such as Birray, Weme and Koolchee. It was a wonderful acknowledgement of our country's Aboriginal history and culture

Principal Sharon Wittig



Above:

Catie Furphy,
Jake Siddell and
Bella Hayes

Left:

Edward Grills

Right:

Rachael Jackson and
Sienna Nguyen



Out & about at the Peony Festival



The markets at the Australian Poetry Hall of Fame were the biggest ever



Selling tickets for Rotary and the Garden Club
Aileen MacDonald, Wendy Mulligan, Sue Atkin and Helen Bearup

The Rainbow Room
91 Bradley St., GUYRA
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Hilda, Jypsi and Jane from The Rainbow Room
won the window display competition (Pic. Donna Davidson)

Councillors back, but with restrictions

Minister for Local Government Shelley Hancock has signalled a return of the elected body of Armidale Regional Council following six months of administration. Armidale councillors will be reinstated with strict controls and expert supervision under a proposed Performance Improvement Order (PIO) issued by the NSW Government.

“After six months under administration we have a clear picture of the state of the council and exactly what needs to be done to strengthen its performance and restore community confidence,” Mrs Hancock said.

“The proposed PIO provides a comprehensive roadmap to restore the proper and effective functioning of the council with strict controls and requirements and expert supervision to make sure the job gets done.

Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall has cautiously welcomed the news and believes that strict controls will

aid in restoring democracy to the community. He said that the returning Councillors were now on notice and would be scrutinised closely by the community and Local Government Minister, after they return to duty on 12 December this year.

“The Councillors have been given a second chance and will have nine months to prove to the community they’ve learned lessons from the past and will now work together to rebuild the organisation and the community’s trust and confidence in the council,” Mr Marshall said.

“The Administrator has done a good job at identifying the problems and setting the course for recovery and the returning Councillors must now be united and provide strong and effective leadership for the whole region and never allow the problems of the past to emerge again – we cannot afford it.”

The Performance Improve-

ment Order (PIO) will curtail some of the powers of the elected members and lay down a clear roadmap for what has to be done in order to get the council back on track.

The Minister will appoint an independent financial controller for the council, and a temporary adviser will be put in to strengthen Council’s governance framework and monitor the conduct and performance of the governing body. In order to instigate a period of stable management, the ability for Councillors to terminate the newly appointed General Manager’s contract will also be removed.

“All these are measures the community should have confidence in and it’s up to the Councillors now to come back together and provide the leadership they were elected for,” Mr Marshall said.

“These checks and balances would be imposed until the next election, in September next year.”

Councillors return welcomed

The return of the Council and democratic leadership to the people of the Armidale Regional Council area has been welcomed by Interim Administrator Viv May.

“In my first Minute to Council in June 2020, I stated that the ARC community deserved better from its Council and committed to work to restore a democratically elected body as soon as possible,” Mr May said.

Mr May said Council is in a rebuilding phase and its “financial management weaknesses have been identified and are being addressed”.

“It is pleasing the Minister has recognised the hard work of many people during the past six months, which has given a clear picture of the state of the Council and what needs to be done to restore confidence and trust of the community,” he said.

“The proposed Performance Improvement Order and the very strong independent oversight on councillors clears the way for the return of councillors and limits opportunities for further mismanagement.

“I welcome the Order. It is a comprehensive approach to the management of what was a toxic environment and will allow the return of the Council and democratic leadership to the people of this region.”

Mr May said an honest, open and transparent approach to decision making has been introduced to ARC over the past six months and he expected this will continue with the return of elected members.

My May will remain as Interim Administrator until December 11 and has emphasised he will continue to drive a reform agenda and will continue to be available to meet with and assist residents.

Separation plan for new council almost ready

In a week where suspended councillors are preparing to get back to making decisions for the Armidale Region, the group pushing for separation and formation of a new rural council say they well down the path of completing their submission to go the Minister for Local Government.

Save and Grow Guyra are preparing to follow the lead taken by Cootamundra, Gundagai, Tumbarumba and Tumut, who have already completed submissions for demerger. Cootamundra - Gundagai Regional Council and Snowy Valleys Council were formed in 2016, at the same time as Guyra and Armidale Dumaresq were amalgamated to form Armidale Regional Council

Almost 5 years on from the mergers, the Sydney Morning Herald has recently lifted the

lid on what they say is the failure of the controversial policy, revealing that the 20 amalgamated councils had lost \$1.03 billion in three years and ratepayers are facing hikes in rates and cuts in services. They have also reported that the NSW Labor Party is pushing for an inquiry into the ‘doomed’ council merger policy

Rob Lenehan and Gordon Youman from Save and Grow Guyra say that they are not surprised that amalgamated councils are under pressure. They said that the amalgamations were doomed to fail and the NSW government had disregarded all the evidence from local government experts such as Brian Dollery and Dr Joseph Drew.

Save and Grow Guyra have continued to meet regularly since the amalgamation and

say that their worst fears have come true, including the latest push for a Special Rate Variation.

“From a local point of view we always knew that bigger was not better, particularly in regional areas and we are working to prepare a submission to take to the Minister for Local Government,” Mr Lenehan said.

“We now have a lead to follow with other towns in the same position as us already having lodged their submissions, which are being heard by the Boundaries Commission.”

“What we are proposing is a predominantly rural council which will be at least equal in size to the former Guyra Shire and we hope to have the submission ready to go to the Minister for Local Government in the coming weeks.”

What's HOT

PEONIES and people brightening the streets of our town

CHRISTMAS is now a month away - time to plan and get organised

What's NOT

STILL waiting for this so called "la nina."

THE terrible state of the Guyra Lawn Cemetery. Grass not mown, weeds, thistles. Very upsetting.

LOVELY new toilets at the Ted Mulligan recreation grounds locked for the last three home games of cricket. Open them up!!!!

QUOTE of the week

This is not the year to get everything you want. This is the year to appreciate everything you have.

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
17	Tues	14.7	25.8	6.6
18	Wed	9.5	23.1	0
19	Thurs	9.4	27.3	0
20	Fri	10.0	27.5	0
21	Sat	11.9	28.7	0
22	Sun	12.7	27.0	0
23	Mon	13.3	27.2	0

Rain this week	6.6mm
Nov. rainfall	13.0mm
Rainfall YTD	771.2mm
Rainfall last YTD	246.0mm
Ave. rain to Nov.	804.0mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Rotary public speaking



Public speaking contenders Joseph Stanley and Cooper Stanley with adjudicators Aileen MacDonald, Wendy Muligan and Hans Hietbrink

Last week the Rotary Club of Guyra held its annual Public Speaking competition. In a Covid 19 safe room at Council Chambers,

Youth Service Director Scot MacDonald said that they were privileged to hear two strong contenders. Joseph Stanley and Cooper Stanley who were asked to speak for five minutes on the Rotary Four Way Test.

"Both spoke confidently and

brought a personal perspective of the impact of the last few months of Covid," Scot said. "Guyra is fortunate to have two young men who are developing the critical skill of public speaking."

"The Rotary Club of Guyra would like to acknowledge Guyra Central School for their enthusiasm in promoting this opportunity to help students in developing this important life

skill."

Adjudicators Aileen MacDonald, Wendy Mulligan (Club President) and Hans Hietbrink had a tough job, but declared Cooper the winner on the night. The adjudicators also provided Joseph and Cooper with feedback and helpful tips. Cooper now progresses to the next Rotary District round early in 2021.

Have your say.....

WOW

Congratulations to the organisers of the Peony Festival. What a great day. The advertising was spot on. People came from everywhere, and when did you last see a traffic jam in Bradley Street?

Thanks to the Council Workers who made sure everything was neat and our locals and visitors who were wonderfully supportive and very tidy! You would not have known on Sunday morning that so many people had been in town.

Once again, thank you to the organisers. You achieved an enormous success for your Community.

Helen MacDonald

So where to from "enough is enough"?

Obviously I feel airing a problematic grievance can

serve to get feedback, to build a network, to collaborate and find alternative views and approaches.

Together individuals can search and review alternatives that may lead to possible actions that can make a difference, either locally, in this state or nationally. Make the calls. Write the letters. Address people in positions of authority, trust and decision making. Let them know your vision; and suggested solutions to the problems. Respond to their return contact with more information, justification and further clarification.

Look what can be achieved. Those are the decisive actions taken on the path to the establishment of "BIG Guyra." The group followed a vision to achieve the inaugural Peony Festival on Saturday. Congratulations to them and all participants on their achieve-

ments.

Like the BIG Guyra Group - be decisive! Take action! Don't miss responding to the Armidale Regional Council rating proposals with your preferred option, your expectations and your views on future rates and service levels before December 10th. The NSW Minister for Local Government, now Shelly Hancock, is responsible for the aftermath of the merger and the chalice of the harmonisation of rates. The Administrator will determine the Special Rate Variation, (SRV) proposal, so it is vital that you make your feelings and preferences known through the local member and the minister and the council offices.

Let them know what you are thinking about rates and services

Beth White

Spotlight – High On Health Natural Therapies

When did you move to Guyra and what brought you here?

I've lived in the New England region since 1999. I first lived in Uralla when I came to study childcare here. From Uralla I moved to Armidale & lived there for some time before moving to Guyra to live with my husband Peter in 2007.

How long have you been in business?

I completed my Diploma of Remedial Massage at Armidale TAFE in 2013 & started High On Health Natural Therapies in 2015, so 5 years now.

How many staff do you employ?

It is only myself at present.

What services do you offer?

I have my clinic in Guyra where I offer Remedial Massage, Swedish/Relaxation Massage, Heated Stone Massage, Chilled Stone Massage, Myofascial Cupping, Reiki, Foot Reflexology, Ear Candling, & Australian Bush Flower Essences.

I am a doTERRA Wellness Advocate so am able to supply you with any essential oil needs that you may require.

I am also an Independent Business Owner working with Cerulea a biotech company which provides solutions to stimulate stem cells in the body.

Each Saturday you will also find me offering chair massage (back, neck, shoulders) at the local Guyra Farmer's & Craft Market from approx. 10am till 12.30/1pm.

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

The best thing would be the flexibility around my family. I also like the chance to develop & improve my business as I see fit. The worst



Emma Heagney is a regular at the markets in Guyra and was kept extra busy during the weekend's Peony festival

thing – I haven't found one yet.

How have things changed since you started?

My massage training was the last year before they brought in a new standard of qualification and from what I'm told Armidale TAFE no longer even train massage therapists. There seems to be more paperwork each year (especially now because of Covid). My association (AMT – Association of Massage Therapists) has evolved over time too and has changed how we need to do annual continued professional education from one of a points based system to an hours based system.

What effects have challenges such as drought, bushfires and

coronavirus had for your business?

I've noticed because of all of the above mentioned challenges that people don't seem to have the income they used to. Covid really put a spanner in the works with massage therapy shut down for some time & then upon re-opening with new & stricter rules in place regarding cleaning to name one.

During the peak of the pandemic it made it hard to buy certain cleaning products especially as they were either unavailable, sold out, or I had to source them from further afield. The clinic looks slightly different now with both myself and the clients wearing

masks, a Covid screening document needing to be filled out, temperature screening before entering the clinic, new chairs that can be wiped down and more.

Do you get good feedback from your clients?

Yes. I always ask at the end of the treatment if there was anything the client would of liked me to have done more or less of or differently which provides me with great feedback. I have not heard any complaints (except about all the paperwork, esp. with a new form due to Covid). I have fantastic repeat clientele so that says it all.

Any advice for people starting out in business?

Go for it! Planning and persistence really help. I'd also highly recommend getting a Google Business listing asap.

Final thoughts?

I want to thank everyone who has supported me so far. Owning your own business & wearing many different hats isn't always easy, but it is rewarding & without my valued clients I wouldn't be here today.

- Remedial, Swedish/Relaxation Massage
- Heated Stone Massage
- Chilled Stone Massage
- Myofascial Cupping
- Reiki, Foot Reflexology
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Honeybee Swarm Season begins

It is now honeybee swarm season in the Guyra area. Local amateur beekeeper Campbell Wolfenden said that swarming is a fundamental part of the natural reproductive life cycle of honeybees.

“Swarms emerge from their colonies on warm, sunny days however a sudden weather change does not interrupt the swarming urge once the process has been instigated,” he said. “When the time is due for the swarm to emerge, it will - regardless of the weather, even hail and cold winds won’t stop it.”

Campbell said that if a swarm of bees arrives on your property there is no need to panic and despite the thousands of bees buzzing around they are not on the attack.

“Consider yourself as fortunate being able to witness one of nature’s wonderful performances,” he said. “All the bees are doing is looking for a new home and stinging is usually not on their mind at all.”

If you see a swarm of honeybees settling on your property, here are some useful tips:

- Keep children and pets inside the house until the flying bees have clustered onto a

bush or another object.

- After the swarm has clustered and most of the bees have stopped flying, it is usually safe to be outside the house.

- Keep children and animals well away from the swarm

- Arrange to have the swarm removed by a beekeeper.

- Wear footwear to protect your feet in case bees have settled or are crawling on the ground.

- Do not attempt to move the swarm by hosing it, throwing stones at it, smoking the bees or taking any action to make the swarm move.

- Do not spray the swarm with fly spray or any other pesticide.

Any interference with the swarm will only aggravate the bees and encourage them to sting in defence. Interfering with the swarm will make it more difficult for a beekeeper to deal with the bees.

You need to act quickly if you want to have a bee swarm removed by a beekeeper. You can contact Campbell Wolfenden on 0413 018 655 if you need a swarm removed.



Campbell Wolfenden relocating a swarm from the Guyra Central School Farm last Friday. They are now housed in a nuc box next to the other school hive

Weekly Wool Sales

November 29th - The 40,000 bale plus expected national offering did not eventuate this week with just over 7% withdrawn prior to sale.

Expectations of a firm market due to last week’s solid close evaporated quickly as prices retreated from the outset. 30 to 40 cent declines were registered across the board by the end of the first selling day.

A rising passed in rate combined with pre sale withdrawals helped to stabilise the market on the final day with the finer types gaining 5-10 cents.

Crossbred types and Merino Skirtings came under the most pressure and continued to de-

cline in value as the week progressed. 28,110 bales were sold nationally for the week with a passed in rate of 19.7%.

Major buyers included Tianyu, Techwool and Endeavour Wool. In excess of 40,000 bales are once again expected to be on offer next week, with only four sales left until the market heads into its annual three week recess period.

First hand bales offered for the season to date remain almost on par with last season, with early estimates of the offerings over the coming four weeks indicating this trend is set to continue.

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Planning for our future Proposed Special Rate Variation



Council is seeking your feedback on the proposed Special Rate Variation and Rates Harmonisation.

If you were unable to attend face-to-face community consultation sessions, register to attend our online webinar on Monday 30 November at 6pm.

Feedback from the community is encouraged via a formal submission to Council.

Address submissions as 'Submission SRV and Rates Harmonisation'

- By email: council@armidale.nsw.gov.au
- By Post: Armidale Regional Council PO Box 75A, Armidale 2350
- Drop-off: Armidale Civic Administration Building, 135 Rusden Street or at the Guyra Civic Administration Building 158 Bradley Street.

Submissions close midnight on Thursday 10 December 2020. For full details and formal submissions visit yoursayarmidale.nsw.gov.au

Have
your
say

2021 Australia Day Awards nominations closing

Nominations for the 2021 Australia Day Awards close this Friday 27 November.

The awards are an opportunity to celebrate individuals and organisations who have contributed to their communities.

Nominations are invited for the following categories

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Senior Citizen of the Year
- Community Service
- Sportsperson of the Year
- Contribution to Sports and Recreation
- Art, Culture or Drama
- Community Event of the Year
- Environmental Citizen of the Year

Award recipients will be announced at Australia Day celebrations held on Monday 25 January in Guyra and Tuesday 26 January 2021 in Armidale.

To nominate a member of the community visit the events section at www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 9 December 2020 at Guyra Council Chambers, 158 Bradley St, from 4pm. Please see Council's website if you would like to register to attend a Council meeting.



Guyra main street mural

Guyra's main street is getting a spectacular new mural and you can help finalise the design.

Guyra Central School students created illustrations of animals native to the area and internationally-acclaimed artist James Price brought those illustrations together into two draft mural designs.

We're inviting community members to indicate their preferred concept and provide feedback to play a part in finalising the designs.

Take the poll on Council's Your Say website to choose your preferred concept design.

Council liaised with Guyra Central School and engaged James to create the mural as part of the Guyra Main Street upgrade.

The design focuses on many of the wildlife and livestock that call Guyra home. The mural and its creation will contribute to a more attractive town centre for locals and visitors, while helping the community develop a stronger connection to the region's environment and unique cultural identity.

Images of the concepts and a video where you can meet the artist is also available on the website.

We're inviting community feedback until 23 December 2020 and James will then use the poll result and other feedback to complete the preferred concept.

The mural will appear on the main street toilet block, the new street stall structure and other main street features.

It is scheduled to be painted by James in early 2021. Further enquiries phone 1300 136 833.

For concept designs and to take the poll visit yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au

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'



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Full house at Ebor

Members of Guyra CWA took the opportunity to support the fabulous funny "Women Like Us" at Ebor Sports Club on Saturday November 15th. The evening was another initiative of Primary Health Network and Healthwise in collaboration with Rural Aid and RHAMP to deliver support services and fantastic fun.

The "COVID-19" full house appreciated the opportunity to network with key health/drought/ rural support services, enjoyed a fantastic meal courtesy of the Ebor P& C,

and laughed non-stop while Mandy and Ellen (Women like Us) entertained with funny stories around everyday life.

The evening was another wonderful success for the committed Health team in the area. On Saturday the Healthwise conducted healthy checks at the Woolly Lamb during the Peony Festival while the Guyra CWA Evening and day branches had a fantastic information stall at the Australain Poetry Hall of Fame markets from 9am - 2pm.



Helen Rich (Kelly's Plains CWA), Mandy Briggs (WLU), Kate Blackmore (UNE School of Education), Chris Fyfe (Chair First Nations Festival), Mary Hollingworth (Guyra Evening CWA) and Ellen Briggs (WLU).

Lead role for Perry



The Australian Wagyu Association has announced its new Board for 2020-2021 which was sworn in at the Annual General Meeting held on November 4th, with Guyra's Charlie Perry taking on the President's role.

In a year where industry has risen to the challenges of the pandemic, the AGM for the first time was held principally online, with voting conducted virtually.

President Charlie Perry said that there is no doubt that 2020 has been a difficult year for the industry with environmental conditions and COVID-19. He said he is looking forward to working with the Australian Wagyu Association Board in 2021, with a renewed energy and focus on inclusivity and embracing the diversity within our global membership."

Guyra CWA Annual report 2020

The annual meeting last year was held in the middle of the drought, a very stressful time for those of us on the land, and there was also bush fires in the district.

In November it was very humbling to receive a box full of encouraging messages from the primary school children of Birmingham School in Victoria. Their hope for rain for us did come true in January. We were also supported by our twinning branch Keriaville in the Illawarra group with two cash donations.

Guyra CWA donated book prizes for the end of year functions at the Guyra Central School, St Marys, Bald Blair and Black Mountain Schools. We made a donation to Colleen Pearson to continue her Marjorie Glasser scholarship for Year 12.

Our nominee Sue Adams was chosen as Guyra's Citizen of the Year in January. Our morning shift at the Lamb and Potato Festival was shared with the Guyra CWA Evening Branch. Thank you girls for all your help.

Some of our members helped the Evening Branch members with the mammoth task of packing and delivering drought aid packages.

We were able to host the March council meeting and the Cookery and Handcraft day before everything was closed down due to the Coronavirus.

We did not have March, April or May meetings so June was our next meeting. At this meeting we said goodbye to our member Yvonne Kelly who was moving to Brisbane. Thank you to Trish Fields who took on Yvonne's role as our International Officer. After our July meeting we were able to have lunch at the Woolly Lamb Café to celebrate our 88th birthday.

Our fund raising activities have been very limited this year due to all the restrictions but hopefully next year will be different.

To secretary Del and Treasurer Leigh our grateful thanks for all you do for our association.

To all our members thank you for your input at our meetings. This year has confronted us with challenges but we are fortunate to live where we do, and life goes on.



Keep well everyone.
Heather Starr

Rescue Helicopter appeal

For communities across Northern NSW, the summer months signal holidays, time to connect with family and friends, celebrations with colleagues and the opportunity to travel. However for Westpac Rescue Helicopter crews, the summer months are usually the busiest.

In anticipation of this demand, the vital aeromedical service has launched a Summer Safety Appeal. Funds raised will ensure the Westpac Rescue Helicopters are ready to respond 24-7 from three bases at Belmont, Tamworth and Lismore.

It is hoped community support for the Summer Safety Appeal will bolster the Service's funds which have been impacted significantly by COVID during 2020, with regular fundraising and events postponed or cancelled.

You can be part of every mission flown by supporting the Service's Summer Safety Appeal.

Tax deductible donations can be made up until December 31 by visiting www.rescuehelicopter.com.au/Appeal or by phoning 1800 155 155.

Senior League

The Super Spuds could field four teams in next year's Group 19 competitions after the club decided to enter the newly-created women's nine-a-side tackle competition.

This new league will exist alongside the women's leaguetag competition and female players will be allowed to play in one or both of these competitions.

The club now needs someone to coach one or both of the women's teams.

Anyone interested can contact the club via Facebook or through the committee.

Guyra will also seek players to form a first grade side and an under 19s team for 2021.

Anthony Dittman will coach the first graders while Beau Orchard will be the U19s' mentor.

Training is set to commence at a date to be determined, but players are welcome to submit their interest in the meantime.

The club has also appointed Jo Cruickshank as secretary and is now keen to hear from anyone who would like to be a volunteer, especially on game days.

Grant Robertson

Midweek golf

Another busy couple of weeks of golf. Highest point scorers for the previous week went to Peter Archibald, Sheree Clarke and Wal Chapman with 23 points. Then on 22 points was Andrew Youman, Richard Burey, Vicki Reeves and Lisa Ellis. With 21 points we have Taylor Brennan, Scott Mendes, Leanne Burey, Jack Kliendienst, Debbie Heffernan, Darren Lennon and Neil Paine. And on 20 points were Kerry McFarlane, Dan Lennon, Karen Oehlers, Barry Wilson and Peter Mulligan.

Updating you on this week's golf scores - competing for the high score of 24 we have Matt McFarlane, Peter Presnell and Wendy George. Next in line on 23 was Logan Beechey, Bob Burey and Jon Cumming. On 22 points we have Ian Taylor and Deb Heffernan. On 21 points were Bob Constance, Wayne Archibald, Paul Redden and Derek Smith. And to round off the scores with the 20 pointers were Tom Skipper, Ian Brown, Neil Paine, Richard Burey, Chris Duthie, Luke Brazier and Beau Orchard. Approx. a third of the players had 20 points or over.

Team and individual scores

are gradually creeping up and the extra 2 points for all players putting score cards in is certainly helping. I will give it a couple of more weeks and publish some of the scores before we have a break at Christmas.

Halfway competition - For everyone who was interested in playing in the midweek competition and didn't get a team together or get their team entered in time we are offering to sponsor a half time winner.

This will be in conjunction with the main winners at the end of the competition.

This means that if you put a team in before Christmas or just put your name/names in the box at the club and if we have extra teams entered for the 9 weeks starting in January then there will be additional prizes for the winners of the second 9 weeks.

NB: you don't have to be a golfing member to be in this competition just a social or junior member of the Guyra Bowling Club.

Anyway if you are interested let us know.

Middy

Ladies' Golf

Last week the ladies played a 4BBB Aggregate with Wendy George and Meg Simpson coming out as winners with 69 points.

Nearest the pin winners were Karen Oehlers on the 7th hole, Meg Simpson on the 9th hole, Wendy George on the 10th hole and Jenny Rogers on the 18th hole.

This week is the Par Medal Playoff.

Next week is a stroke and putting competition with Julie Walker as the starter.

Birdie

Men's Golf

Last Sunday the largest field for several years turn up for the Brian Lennon Memorial day.

Sixty-nine players took part and the best score of the day went to Dick Burey and Mick Jackson who shot 8 under. Two shots behind were Ian Taylor and Dom Hill. Nett winners were Luke Brazier and Ben McCormack with Robert Moore and Peter Archibald runners up. Nearest to the pins were B J Cameron on the 7th, Bruce Coppock on the 10th and Mick Jackson on the 18th.

A big weekend of golf is coming up with Saturday being the

final of the Opal Cove Cup. On Saturday night Presentation night will held and on Sunday a 4BBB par will be played for Ducat's trophy.

The following Sunday Penants will be played in Ashford, anyone available to play should let Dick know by this weekend.

The Albatross

Men's Bowls

Saturday November 21st saw a Major/Minor Pairs played. Dan Kennedy and Grahame Starr played Robert Walls and Steven Sole. This game saw the high standard of bowls in the Club with both teams giving nothing away, Dan and Grahame held a slender lead but by the 10th end the score was even and from then on the both teams went shot for shot. Steven and Robert held their nerve and slowly drew away and by end 25 they had the game in their hands winning 22 shots to 15 shots.

On Sunday November 22nd another Major/Minor Pairs was played. Robert Moore and Cameron Peardon played Steven Sole and Robert Walls. Steven and Robert went into this game on a high after winning a tight game on Saturday. Steven and Robert played as though they had not been off the green but even though they held a handy lead by end 19 they lost their focus and Robert and Cameron nearly snuck under their guard winning the next 6 ends unfortunately coming up just short. Robert and Steven fell over the line in a nail biter 20 shots to 19 shots over 25 ends.

Club Championships boarded for the upcoming weekend are:

Saturday November 28th: Start: 1.00pm. Starter and Umpire: John Jackson.

In Club Fours: Robert Moore, Boyd Stanley, Geoff Reeves and David Lyes to play John McIlwain, David Wilcox, Cameron Peardon and Roger Cox.

Final Handicap Singles: Dan Kennedy to play Andrew Sparke marker John Jackson.

Just a reminder to all Bowlers: The Guyra Annual Bowls Carnival will get underway with The Women's Open Triples, Tuesday December 1st entries for this event closes 23.11.20.

Wednesday December 2nd. The Mixed Triples will be played and entries will close 30.11.20.

Any team wishing to take part in either of the above Triples could you please ring the Bowling Club on 6779 1499 during hours.

The Carnival proper will commence Thursday December 3rd and Friday December 4th with the Schweppes Pairs to be played this event has a full field of 32 teams.

The carnival will continue Saturday December 5th and Sunday December 6th with the New England Mutual Triples, at the printing of this report there is only one team required for a full field so if you would like to take part in this event then contact the Bowling Club on the above phone number during hours.

The Bowls Bandit.

Cricket

Round five of the Armidale competition saw Guyra go down in all three senior games.

The first-grade side was never in the hunt, managing only 48 runs to be all out in the 22nd over. In reply, City passed their total in the 7th over for the loss of just two wickets.

Second grade was more competitive in their game against TAS in the game played on the Guyra Turf. Batting first Guyra were dismissed for 153. DJ Patterson contributed 78 runs to this total to be the best for Guyra.

In reply, TAS passed Guyra in the 26th over with three wickets still in hand. Cody Patterson was the best with the ball taking 4/19.

In third grade, Guyra played Easts who were all out for 160 runs. Best with the ball were Brodi Campbell 2/26 and Mick Shiner 3/18. In reply Guyra fell just short, being all out for 145.

Brock Laybutt contributed 26 with the bat and Dan Vidler 37 to be the best for Guyra.

In Junior games the Under 13s came out on top, defeating TAS. They restricted the opposition to 105 with Jason Mowbray and Jack Soraghan each taking two wickets.

Guyra finished the day on 106 with Angus Dullaway (24), Harrison Brazier (22) and Jason Mowbray (20) the best with the bat.

The Under 11s had mixed results with Guyra 2 (100) going down to Hillgrove fillies (116). Guyra 1 (174) defeated CSC (104).



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26 November Guyra CWA
 27 November Narelle Level
 30 November Regional Aust. Bank Staff
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CHURCH SERVICES

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 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

St. James' Anglican Church
 9am Sunday. Places are limited, please arrive from 8.30am
 Contact: Rev. Tim Stevens 6779 1111

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 HOSPITAL AUXILIARY wish to advise that the annual **Christmas Carols by Candlelight** have been cancelled for this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. They look forward to the event returning in 2021.

GUYRA HISTORICAL MUSEUM will be open this Saturday from 10am to 2pm. Enquiries: 6779 2132.

Christmas Closure Guyra Medical Centre

We will be closed from
 25th December to 3rd January
 Patients are urged to make sure
 their scripts are up to date
 Phone: 6738 4070

IN MEMORIAM

SHEILA SEWELL
 24.11.2015

*Mother,
 My mind still talks
 to you
 My heart still looks
 for you
 My soul knows you
 are at peace
 Love you always.*



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New England Community College

(RTO#90145)

136 Bradley Street, Guyra

Phone: 6779 2132

CLAIM THE DATE

SATURDAY, 16th January 2021: Guyra Local Health Committee will hold their **Guyra Family Fun Day**. More details to come soon.

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Fishing is a sport for all the family

The Guyra Anglers Clubs is active in looking after the future of fishing in our area. Their objective is to have an activity which the whole family unit can be involved in.

They have been busy restocking local waterways to ensure there are plenty of fish to be caught. Trout fry have been released in local waterways throughout the district and fingerlings went out last Saturday. Add to that \$3000 of Bass which will be released into Malpas Dam at about Christmas time and a further \$3000 of Cod that will be released into local specified waters.

The club has also applied for a couple of grants – one is for the Guyra Central School Ag College to cover the cost of

transport and equipment to monitor local waters. The other grant they are seeking is to purchase a solar powered aerator to be used at the 10th hole dam on the Guyra Golf Course.

The Anglers Club will be conducting Christmas raffles at the Guyra Hotel on Friday November 27th, with lots of prizes on offer including hams. New and old members can renew their subs on the night. The club is also in the process of updating their fishing shirts and these will be available for members to purchase.

To find out more about the activities of the Guyra Anglers Club contact Grant Roberts on 0429 856 769.



Cath and Fletcher Richardson enjoy time together while fishing

Guyra Golf Vets qualify for State Carnival

Eleven players played in the Guyra Vets competition and another six played in the New England Vets Golf Association Four Ball final that was also played on the Tuesday which we hosted.

In the Guyra competition Chris Newberry and Dave Bearup took out the Four Ball with 44 points and the runners up being John Prisk and Jim Betts on 42.

In the New England Vets Four Ball Final, Guyra did well taking out both first and runner up. Jon Cumming and Wal Chapman won with a score of 44 on a countback from Len Stanley and Don Campbell also scoring 44. The winners will be travelling to Port Macquarie next year for the State finals.



Caption: New England Four Ball final winners Jon Cumming and Wal Chapman

The Vets would like to thank the Bowling Club especially David and Betty-Anne for assisting us to run the day under COVID restrictions. The day would not have been such a success without the generous donation of tomatoes from Costas. All players went home with some. This week we play for a Gift Voucher from Dashas Hardware.

A Vet

Guyra Anglers Christmas Raffle

Friday
27th November
from 5pm at the
Guyra Hotel



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