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Santa out and about on two wheels

Around Christmas time every year Dan McGinty pulls his faithful red suit out of the cupboard and takes to the streets of Guyra on his motor cycle as a way of spreading Christmas cheer.

The reason is simple – he just wants to help the kids in town to make memories and feel the joy of Christmas. He has no schedule, but says he just cruises when he feels like it, alerting residents via social media that he is out and about.

Dan said that what makes it worthwhile is the response he gets from kids, but also from many of the towns more ‘senior’ residents who wave from their verandahs as he goes by.

“It is awesome to see the looks on the kids’ faces and see their reactions but some of my biggest fans are actually the older residents who greet me with waves and cheers,” he said.

“I really enjoy doing it and love playing the character. Lots of people say there is no Christmas spirit around anymore, but I prefer to get out there and just do it – don’t



Santa Claus (aka Dan McGinty) with one of his biggest fans Lincoln Rowe

talk about, get out and make it happen.”

Dan is happy to be the Santa in the family snap, so if you see him flag him down

and he is happy to pose.

If you haven’t seen Santa on two wheels yet, keep your eye out usually on the weekends in the late afternoon.

He has no set schedule, but will alert the town via facebook and will continue right up until Christmas.

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Financial reports confirm worst fears

Interim Administrator Viv May said the long awaited finance reports tabled at the November meeting of Armidale Regional Council last week confirmed his worst fears and were a much needed reality check for Council to move beyond its current woes and gain the respect of the community again.

Two financial reports titled Review of Council Finances and Financial Sustainability were considered at the meeting. The Review of Council Finances was undertaken by Ms Carolyn Foley from Northern Beaches Council and from this report Mr Robert Finch a former Local Government Auditor was engaged to complete the review.

The summary from the report identifies a decline by \$11 million (working capital and reserves) in the first three years of the new Council. Operating expenditure in the 2017/18 Financial Year exceeded the budget by \$11.6 million and put considerable strain on the budget which

was already in deficit. Major capital projects like the new Armidale Library exceeded budget estimates by \$4.2 million and Council proceeded with capital purchases without a budget or funding source such as the purchase of land adjacent to the airport.

"This report identifies a significant lapse is financial management in the early years of the merger," said Mr May. "Many assumptions were made about the existence of cash reserves but they were pure fantasy, they didn't exist. And the proper checks and balances were not being done to keep expenditure on operating and capital to budget forecasts."

The second report presented to the Council meeting by Acting General Manager John Rayner provides information on Council's current financial position and foreshadows a comprehensive improvement plan for Council operations.

Section 8A of the Local Gov-

ernment Act sets out guiding principles for Councils and Mr May said that the evidence shows that the guiding principles in the Act have not been adhered to for many years.

"In-fact it probably goes back to the management of the former Armidale Dumaresq and Guyra Shire Councils who were both deemed not fit for the future by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART)," Mr May said.

"With this legacy from the former Councils to deal with, in the development of the new Council, it should have been a priority and a major focus to restore financial sustainability but unfortunately it turned into a spending spree.

"The report also shows a complete lack of judgement in the allocation of funds to implement roads renewal and maintenance. From the 2017/18 Financial Year until now there has been a 50 percent drop from \$8.43 million to \$4.2 million on local roads

maintenance and renewal."

On November 19, 2020 the Minister for Local Government, The Hon Shelley Hancock, served Notice of Intention that she plans to issue a Performance Improvement Order (PIO) on the Council. The Draft PIO has an emphasis on financial improvement and management. Elected representatives will be returning on 12 December.

"The PIO sets in place very stringent requirements for Council including the appointment of a Financial Controller who will act as a gate keeper for Council spending," said Mr May

"Rest assured that the financial mismanagement of the past will not occur and Council will be focused on a back to basics approach of restoring sound governance and financial management.

"The report by the Acting General Manager is the beginning of the turnaround for this Council and a focus on much needed financial discipline."

Celebrate Christmas with Rotary

Come along and enjoy a BBQ
with Guyra Rotary

5.30pm in the NAB carpark

Friday, 11th December



- Free sausage sizzle
- Free fairy floss
- Lighting of the Guyra Christmas tree at 7pm

Everyone welcome
*Covid measures,
social distancing in place*



Rotary



Rotary Opens
Opportunities

Fitting tribute for horse enthusiast

Kevin Davidson and Doug Ferris, on behalf of the Guyra Campdraft Club, made a fitting tribute to Ted Mulligan on his 104th Birthday recently. They replaced the old ring entry gate in front of the Secretary's Office, naming the ring in Ted's honour. Due to the COVID restrictions only 10 people, which included seven members of Ted's large family could be present.

Ted's daughter Mary Carriگان has compiled Ted's recollections of the Showground in his earlier years.

Ted's first memories of riding at the Guyra Showground were around 1924 when he was about 8 years of age. His father was a steward in the pavilion at the Guyra Show, so Ted thought he would enter his horse in some of the ring events. Ted learned to ride when he was not much more than a toddler, consequently establishing his life-long love of horses and a passion for horse riding.

"Everybody rode in those days as it was really the only mode of transport available to people," explained Ted.

There were still very few cars about. Ted rode to school each day and rode over the family property, "Glenore" doing stockwork and he would often ride into both Armidale and Guyra.

When he was around 20 years old Ted, along with his



Doug Ferris, Ted Mulligan and Kevin Davidson

brother Maurice, joined the 12 Light

Horse Regiment prior to them both enlisting in the army.

Initially they joined the Armidale branch but soon there were enough Guyra members to form a Guyra Branch. Weekend camps were held on the showground where members undertook basic training, including weapons handling, ceremonial drill, mounted and dismounted tac-

tics and regimental manoeuvres.

Some years later around 1958 Ted, along with other locals Charlie Scholes, Abby Grills and Eddie Mills became the founding members of the Guyra Pony Club. Pony clubs were being established throughout NSW after the war. The Pony Club troop drill was based on similar principles to that of the Light Horse Brigade.

Ted was an active committee

member of both the Guyra Pony Club and the Guyra Show Society and was a great believer in helping wherever he could, providing riding instruction to many children. If children other than his own did not have a horse he'd try and provide them with one or help organise one for them. Ted, along with all six of his children and some of his grandchildren were very keen competitors in the Show ring.

This love for horses and horse riding became the catalyst in forming many lifelong friendships and a great deal of sporting and social outings have taken place at the Guyra Showground with Ted and his family attending Pony Clubs, Shows, Gymkhanas, Rodeos, Campdrafts and Sports Days.

In the mid-nineties Ted and his wife Iris left the family property Ellerslie and moved to town. Without the commitment of running the property Ted, who by now was in his 80's, was able to concentrate on his horses and riding full time. Ted along with his great friend Doug Faint spent their days riding and attending to their horses at the showground. Ted has always loved the showground with its magnificent Elm and Poplar trees circling the ring and felt proud that Guyra Showground was amongst the best in regional Australia.

Guyra Can Assist President's Report

In a Year like no other, from drought and bushfires to the Covid19 Pandemic, I am continually amazed by the support of our branch members and the generosity of the Guyra Community who we serve to support.

While our street stalls fell victim to Covid19, I would especially like to thank Naomi and Shane Davidson at the Royal Hotel for offering us regular raffles on the first Friday of each month. With the help of the Williamson family, these have been most profitable.

We again catered for the

Eastern Plains bull sale, and were recipients of the generous donations from Guyra Lions Club, Guyra Lady Bowlers and the Lamb & Potato Festival. We also received \$7,690.46 from the Regional Australia Bank through their Community Partnerships Program. A first this year was our entry into the local Waste to Art competition, which was successfully auctioned off at the Guyra Show.

Whilst our Melbourne Cup fashion parade could not be held, we had wonderful ongoing support of the Guyra Veteran Golfers and the Bowling Club which saw us receive

\$856 from Melbourne Cup day events.

In closing, I sincerely thank Sue who as secretary does far more work than is ever noted and again congratulate her on being Guyra Citizen of the Year 2020, and Lyn who has continued to keep our finances in check. To all our members, who do and don't attend meetings, for their continued support and willingness to help the Guyra Branch of Can Assist in many ways, I thank you in what has been a particularly difficult year and let's look to a less dramatic 2021.

Wendy Jackson,
President Can Assist

Election of Office Bearers for 2021

President Wendy Jackson, Vice President Julie Gittoes, Treasurer Lyn Skinner, Treasurer Support Helen Gaukroger, Secretary Sue Adams, Secretary Support Helen Bearup, W.H.S Officer Shelley Harvey, Publicity Sue and Wendy.

On Friday 4th December at the Royal Hotel, Can Assist will draw their major Raffles at 7.30 pm, after the meat draws - all welcome.

What's HOT

CRICKETERS finding some form

SUMMER is here and so is the warm weather

CHRISTMAS window display at Juniels

KEEPING cool at the Pool

What's NOT

LEAVING DOG DROP-PINGS on the footpath

CBD MURAL DESIGNS - no option 3 for those who don't like 1 & 2

QUOTE of the week

What we have to learn to do, we learn by doing

Aristotle

Bureau of Meteorology Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
24	Tues	11.8	26.0	2.0
25	Wed	8.5	24.5	0
26	Thurs	8.5	26.1	0
27	Fri	12.7	28.3	0
28	Sat	12.9	30.1	0
29	Sun	16.4	30.0	0
30	Mon	14.6	32.2	0

Rain this week	0mm
Nov. rainfall	15.0mm
Rainfall YTD	773.2mm
Rainfall last YTD	271.8mm
Ave. rain to Nov.	804.0mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Dancers take to the stage in Guyra

Twenty-seven Guyra students performed at the annual Australian Dance Enterprises (ADE) dance recital on the weekend. It was the first time they have held a recital in their home town. ADE Principle Colette Brazier said that they were lucky to have the opportunity to hire "The Australian Poetry Hall of Fame". The venue has received some renovations this year thus allowing groups the opportunity to hold local events inside.

Students performed a com-

bination of ballet, jazz, hip hop, tap, modern and contemporary. Molly Brazier performed a beautiful contemporary solo and the senior ADE Armidale troupe travelled up to also perform and lovely modern dance to "Purple Rain".

"Thank you to James Warren for allowing us to use this great venue with a stage," Colette said. "We had approximately 90 audience members that were all comfortably seated 1.5 metres apart to en-

sure social distancing."

"Our Guyra classes are now finished for 2020 and I would like to thank all my Guyra families for their support and trust during this Worldwide Health Pandemic, allowing our ADE Guyra Studio to continue to operate; hopefully 2021 will be a COVID-19 free year." Enrolment day for 2021 will be Thursday the 28th of January at the Guyra Community Hall 3:30pm to 4:30pm for more details see our website www.australiande.com.



Sophie Roberts, Lucy Ward (either side)

Back to r: Clee Beechey, Shakira Beechey, Katie Furphy, Indi Roberts

Middle: Ivy-Rose Brazier, Darcie Campbell, Willow Brettle, Jade Cox

Front: Maddison Ellem, Jorja Cruickshank, Willow Cruickshank, Grayson Brettle, Vancara Lockyer

Gardening Fun at Black Mountain

The students have had a fabulous time over the past couple of weeks in our school garden. They have spent time preparing the soil, planting numerous varieties of vegetables and have been vigorously watering them daily to keep them growing. We look forward to a bumper crop that we can all share

before the Christmas holidays.

They also planted a range of trees, succulents and shrubs in the other garden areas around the school. We have purchased a bottlebrush to attract bees and birds and a honeysuckle to climb near the sheds to beautify the area.

Mrs Justine Eddy
Relieving Principal





Above:
Molly Brazier

Above right:
Sophie Roberts, Madison Collins, Haley Clark,
Lucy Ward, Matilda Atkin, Shakira Beechey

Right:
Back l to r - Mackenzie Ellem, Alana Marshall
Middle: Kayden Mulligan, Jake Saddell, Indi Roberts
Front: Katie Furphy, Clee Beechey, Molly Morgan
Photos by Munique Reid from MuniquePhotographics



Back l to r: Indi Roberts, Jake Siddle, Xavier Maunder, Grace Siddle
Front: Darcie Campbell, Vancara Lockyer, Jade Cox



Shakira Beechey, Sophie Roberts, Hayley Clark, Matilda Atkin, Lucy Ward

First Eucharist

On Saturday 21st November, six students received the Sacrament of First Eucharist at St Mary of the Angels Catholic Church.

These students had busily prepared for this sacrament at school or with an at home program. All of our First Eucharist candidates celebrated this sacrament in the presence of their family members and local parishioners.

We would like to congratulate Sam Reeves, Logan Lockyer, Anthony Dinh, Khloe Martin, Connor and Caitlin Montague on achieving this very important faith milestone.

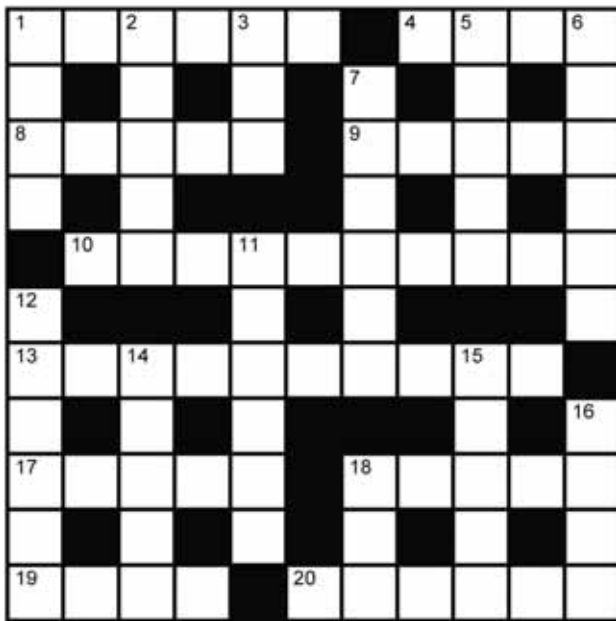
We would also like to offer our thanks and appreciation to Father Roel Llave who helped to officiate the Sacrament.

Sharon Wittig
St Marys Principal



Above l to r: Caitlin Montague, Connor Montague, Logan Lockyer, Khloe Martin, Anthony Dinh, Sam Reeves

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Two-dimensional shape with four sides
4. Pick out a place
8. Bronze winning place
9. Going to the dogs (e.g.)
10. Thing that is worth buying because it may be profitable or useful in the future
13. Skillfulness in avoiding wasted time and effort
17. Common stain
18. Push button
19. Sound effect hear in caves
20. Mythical fire-spewing creature

Down

1. Place for a building
2. U in USSR
3. Warning light colour
5. Group of Lions
6. Fruit used in salads
7. Opposite of big
11. Explanation for something that went wrong
12. Group of Sports Clubs
14. Sudden burst of radiant heat
15. Hold tight
16. Body covering of living animal
18. 4-wheeled motor vehicle

Just for fun - Christmas

What happened to the man who stole an Advent Calendar?

He got 25 days!

Who delivers presents to baby sharks at Christmas?

Santa Jaws!

What do they sing at a snowman's birthday party?

Freeze a jolly good fellow!

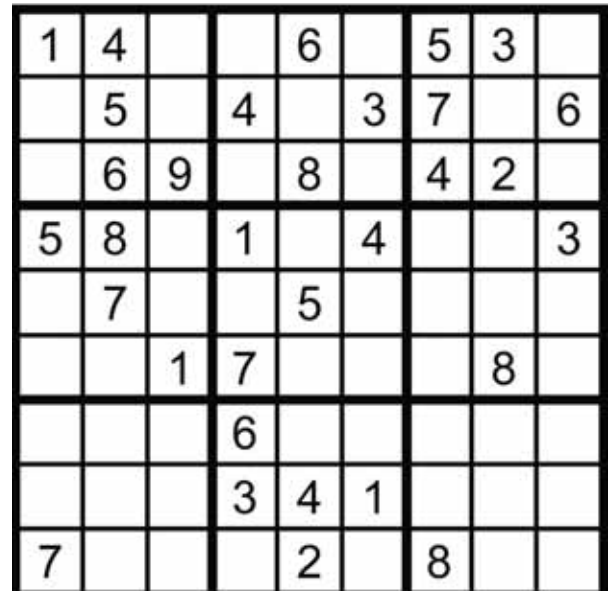
What do Santa's little helpers learn at school?

The elf-abet!

What kind of motorbike does Santa ride?

A Holly Davidson!

SUDOKU - Easy



Future Drought Fund grants to improve resilience

New England-based Northern Tablelands Local Land Services has received \$190,000 in Australian Government funding for a project supporting local farmers to develop innovative land management methods and improve drought resilience.

The project is one of 12 to share in \$5 million under the NRM Drought Resilience Program – Landscapes.

Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management David Littleproud and Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce, said the program was part of the Government's Drought Response, Resilience and Preparedness Plan.

The project will provide landholders with improved skills and knowledge to improve management of groundcover, water and soil, to support drought resilience here in the New England.

Project activities will in-

clude farm dam demonstrations that showcase best practices of water quality and quantity management, information packages, field days with local landholders to champion the projects and peer-to-peer learning to build capacity of local farmers to manage groundcover levels, minimising erosion and maximising pasture recovery.

The project will also support the establishment of a network of moisture probes and weather stations on a minimum of 20 properties to provide real time data that landholders can use to adjust stocking rates, inform future management and maintain groundcover.

"This is very exciting work to be undertaken in the New England to help local producers and landholders with innovative ways to buffer their businesses and properties against future droughts," Mr Joyce said.

First Koala Conservation Officer for New England

Des Andersen has been appointed as the first dedicated Koala Conservation Officer for the Southern New England region. Mr Andersen will work with Southern New England Landcare to deliver the Northern Tablelands Koala Partnership Project, which will draw on recent and historical data to identify koala populations and engage and inform the community to help deliver 'on-ground' action.

"I'm keen to work with the community to give our local koala population a helping hand," said Mr Andersen. "As an iconic Australian animal, the koala is immediately recognisable around the world, and its survival broadly reflects Australia's attitude toward looking after our natural environment," he said.

Recent drought and bushfires coupled with climate change and human activity have significantly impacted Koala habitat.

"I'll be drawing information and data gathered by local ecologists into an operational

plan," he said.

"A lot of the preliminary data gathering has been done, and it's helped identify both where koala populations exist and provided a focus for conservation actions," said Mr Andersen.

The Northern Tablelands region has been identified as an important area for the future of koalas. It has several koala populations that are not subject to the same population and development pressures as those on the coast. The region may also be more resilient to the impacts of a changing climate.

The project will involve engaging communities around Guyra, Armidale and Uralla and will run from October 2020 to June 2021 with the possibility of an extension, pending additional funding. Community information sessions will commence in early 2021.

The project is part of the NSW Government's Saving our Species (SoS) program for threatened species conservation.

Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

November 25th - There was a sharp increase in numbers with 1,800 lambs and 2,300 sheep penned. The quality of the lambs was very mixed, comprising an odd pen of new seasons, quite a few Merino lambs and very few older crossbreds.

Condition was fair to good with some of the Merino lambs

showing a high level of finish. All the regular buyers were in attendance. There were varying trends in the lamb market with the best of the new season crossbred lambs selling to a significantly dearer trend.

The lighter weight Merino lambs sold to a slightly dearer trend, while the heavier weights were cheaper. Heavy

and extra heavy weight crossbred lambs were substantially cheaper with quality and the lack of supply contributing. Restockers were active through the lamb sale on lighter weights and a few pens of Crossbred ewe lambs.

Sheep numbers increased and featured large lines of Merino Wethers in forward

condition. Overall the condition was fair to very good.

Demand was weaker throughout with market trends cheaper. The heavy and extra heavy weights were significantly cheaper. The light and medium weight sheep were least affected with restockers competing on some lines.

Armidale Cattle Sale

November 26th - There was an increase in number this fortnight as the weather heats up and feed dries off. All categories were represented, while quality and condition was very mixed. Overall both were well down on the previous sale.

There was reduced processor and feedlot competition, however one export processor re-entered the market. Restockers were still active. De-

mand from both restockers and feedlotters was weaker. This resulted in cheaper trends through most classes of young cattle.

The best of the vealer steers to restockers remained firm, with the heifer portion cheaper. Trade vealers saw a cheaper trend of 10c to 20c/kg. All classes of yearling steers to restock and feed saw trends cheaper with quality variations

accounting for some substantial price change.

The better quality steers to feed were least affected. Yearling heifers followed similar trends, up to 20c/kg cheaper the better quality lots over 280kg. Those to the trade also saw trends cheaper.

Despite the reintroduction of one major processor, demand for export cattle was weak. This combined with a vast reduc-

tion in quality saw heavy grown steers to process show significantly cheaper trends. This followed through to the well finished grown heifers.

Reduced competition saw the cow market from 50c to 60c/kg cheaper in the fortnight, with heavy bulls also showing a significantly cheaper trend.

"Compelling case" for Rail Trail

Armidale Regional Council has stepped up its support for a rail trail between Armidale and Glen Innes - and has delegated authority to its General Manager to investigate possible funding. The move comes following the receipt of a detailed business case for the project.

The approximately \$22 million project to construct the 103km New England Rail Trail would bring benefits worth an estimated \$114.6 million over 20 years, according to the business case presented to last week's November Ordinary Council meeting.

An accompanying report to the meeting said the business case presented a "compelling case" to further investigate the project.

The meeting resolved to back the project, while ensuring Council was suitably diligent in considering all of the benefits and implications for Armidale Regional Council and Glen Innes Severn Council, which has also indicated its intention to pursue funding for the rail trail.

The business case, developed by Regional Development Australia on behalf of New England Rail Trail Incorporated, estimated the New England Rail Trail would attract 15,000 new day visits and 14,000 new



overnight stays in the region annually.

"This will generate more than \$5.8 million of additional visitor expenditure each year," the business case says.

It says when the health and recreation benefits to the local community are added to the injection of tourism, the benefits of the rail trail would equate to more than \$5 for every dollar spent constructing the facility.

Infrastructure consultant Halliburton & Associates was engaged earlier this year to provide a more accurate estimate of the costs to construct and maintain the rail trail. Halliburton estimated it would cost \$22.05 million to build the trail and supporting infrastructure.

While the consultant is still confirming likely maintenance costs for two bridges between Ben Lomond and Glen Innes, the business case is forecasting ongoing operational costs could be up to \$154,000 per year.

The report says a finalised business case will be provided once the bridge assessments were complete and a more detailed review of annual operational costs would be required from both councils.

The meeting report also foresees further public engagement to explain the project, listen to community concerns and address those issues.

"There has already been considerable community consultation on the rail trail and the business case addresses a num-

ber of the community concerns raised so far," Council's Interim Administrator, Viv May, said.

"However, it's essential the community is further involved as we continue to investigate and pursue this project.

"The findings for the business case certainly suggest this would be a fantastic initiative to boost tourist and economic expansion in this region."

The report says it is anticipated the full cost of constructing the rail trail would be met by Federal and State Government funding and the meeting delegated authority to the General Manager to investigate funding opportunities.

No further action on hydrotherapy pool project

A peer review undertaken on the proposed development of the New England Regional Hydrotherapy Centre has exposed a considerable risk to Armidale Regional Council's reputation and its financial capacity to construct and operate the proposed centre.

At the Council Meeting held last week, the Interim Administrator decided that no further action be taken in relation to the hydrotherapy centre project.

Earlier this year a Council decision was made to 'proceed to open tender for design, build and operate' the New England Hydrotherapy

Pool Centre and successfully secured NSW Stronger Country Communities funding of \$1.46 million and \$2.3 million from the Federal Government's Building Better Region Fund.

Further due diligence was undertaken and Council engaged Otium Planning Group to undertake a peer review of capital and operating costs previously prepared for the purpose of seeking funding. The subsequent review of the project has highlighted a number of issues and noted that the majority of regional hydrotherapy pools they are aware of run at a substantial

operating loss.

Acting General Manager John Rayner says the peer review has exposed considerable financial risk to council if the hydrotherapy project is allowed to continue.

"As beneficial as this project would be to the community to have access to a modern hydrotherapy pool centre, unfortunately at this time the financial risk is just too great," said Mr Rayner.

"Moving forward with this development would be contrary to the Local Government Minister's recent announcement of a proposed Performance Improvement Order placed on the Council

when the governing body returns on December 12.

"Our first priority and that of the local Government Minister Shelley Hancock is to address the Council's financial and governance issues and set in place a solid rebuilding phase for Council."

The Interim Administrator has also recommended that Council make representation to the local Federal and State Members and funding authorities and negotiate the possible re-allocation of grants from the Hydrotherapy Pool Centre to the Guyra Long Day Care Centre project and other projects.

Book Week at Bald Blair



Students enjoyed dressing up as their favourite characters for Bookweek 2020.

Above: Years 3 to 6

Top right: Years 2 to 3

Bottom right: Kinder - Year 1



Water conservation needed as temperatures climb

Council is reminding residents to stay the course and adhere to level 3 water restrictions as temperatures climb and the Armidale region catchment misses out on much needed rainfall to top-up the water supply. November is typically one of our wettest months in the region however both Guyra and Armidale have only received 15mm this year.

The last two weeks of water usage statistics has seen a steep increase in water consumption with daily per person usage already at 180-190 litres per person per day. The current target for level 3 restrictions is set at the NSW State average of 180 litres per person per day.

Interim Administrator Viv May says it was unfortunate that the catchment had missed out on the recent good rainfall that had fallen over much of the State, with total water storage levels currently sitting at 66.3 per cent capacity.

"I am urging residents to put to good use the water



Council Water Patrols will again encourage residents to adhere to level 3 water restrictions.

saving strategies that helped us through the drought in 2019 and ensure you understand the level 3 water restrictions currently applied, for residents on the potable network," Mr May said.

"Reducing your water usage will be doubly important this year as the residential water tariff has increased. So being water wise will not only help conserve our valuable water supply but assist in managing household budgets."

Council is urging residents to remain cautious and use water wisely. This means understanding what you can and can't do under level 3 restrictions. Council will also ramp-up water patrols and residents are encouraged to report people who consistently breach water restrictions through Council's website.

Outside watering of lawns and gardens is allowed with a hand held hose with a trigger nozzle or with a water ef-

ficient drip irrigation system for two hours on Sunday and Wednesday between 6-8pm. Watering of gardens with a bucket is permitted but not during the heat of the day. Buckets can be used to wash vehicles but not during the heat of the day and watering of new turf can resume for up to six weeks adding an additional 2 hours on Monday and Thursday to the standard watering days already available for lawns and gardens.

Hand held hoses must not be used to wash cars, washing down hard surfaces, even with a high pressure cleaner, is not allowed and filling of private swimming pools is still prohibited. Sprinklers and fixed hoses must not be used at any time.

Public parks, gardens and facilities will be allowed one watering cycle per field on Monday and Thursday and commercially owned sports areas and landscaping can be irrigated for two hours on Monday and Thursday between 5-7pm.

Men's Bowls

There is only one game to report this week and that was the Final of the Handicap Singles. Dan Kennedy (-8) played Andrew Sparke (-2).

Andrew was coming off a win against Dan last time they played one another and with a 6 shot advantage he went into this game full of confidence. Andrew made good his 6 shot start and opened a sizeable lead. Dan never lost sight of the final objective and by end 12 had wiped his minus score, even though Dan was consistent Andrew just kept his head down and continued to extend his advantage. However Dan was not done yet and he staged a spirited charge and reduced the lead to the start Andrew started with, but not to out done Andrew strung together a number of ends of his own and opened the

lead that proved to be a winning lead. Andrew went on to victory 31 shots to 18 shots over 37 ends.

Coming up this week is a week of Bowls as the Guyra Bowling Club stages its 31st Annual Bowls Carnival. The Carnival kicks off with the Women's Open Triples Tuesday December 1st, followed by the Mixed Triples Wednesday December 2nd. Both games commence play at 9.00am.

Thursday December 3rd will see the Carnival proper get underway with the Schweppes Pairs played over two days, 32 teams have entered this event.

Saturday December 5th will see The Schweppes Triples commence and will conclude Sunday December 6th, this event has also 32 teams entered, so if anybody would like to witness a high standard of Bowls played then venture down to the Bowling Club and

enjoy the atmosphere and Bowls, the Club is fully air conditioned and a lot cooler than the outside temperature so are the refreshments.

The Bowls Club

Men's golf

Last sunday a 4BBB par was played for the Ducats trophy. The winners with +8 were Steve Wilson and Peter Presnell, runners up were

Scott Mendes and Mal Gaukroger nearest to the pins were Len Stanley on the 7th, Dominic Hill on the 10th and Barry Simpson on the 18th.

Next sunday District penants will be played in Ashford anyone wishing to play should contact Richard Burey.

The Albatross



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CRICKET SCOREBOARD Saturday, November 30th, 2020

1st Grade
Guyra defeated
Ex Services
Guyra Innings
Heath Dowsett.....11
Grant Ryan.....22
Ben Jackson.....40
Charlie White.....0
Matt Finlay.....12
Joey Ryan.....61
Mitch Woods.....18
Matt Simpson.....39
Adrian Cameron.....not out.....1
Tyson Burey.....not out.....4
Jake Ellis.....dnb
Extras.....27
Total.....8/235(cc)
Overs.....45
Ex Services Innings
165 off 43.1 overs
Guyra Bowling:
Mitch Woods 1/15, Jake Ellis 3/28, Tyson Burey 1/21, Ben Jackson 1/11, Matt Finlay 1/19, Joey Ryan 2/34, Heath Dowsett 1/19

3rd Grade
Guyra defeated
Hillgrove
Guyra Innings
Craig Lockyer.....25
Simon Brown.....54
Cody Patterson.....26
Brodi Campbell.....1
Brock Laybutt.....33
A Landsborough.....22
Cameron Surawski.....2
Andrew Pearson.....40
Jason Campbell.....not out.....15
Brendon Williams.....0
Tim Foster.....2
Extras.....16
Total.....236
Overs.....36.3
Hillgrove Innings
9/140 off 40 overs
Guyra Bowling:
Cody Patterson 6/20, Brodi Campbell 1/38, Andrew Pearson 1/13, Tim Foster 1/20, Aaron Landsborough 0/17, Cameron Surawski 0/10, Simon Brown 0/6, Brendon Williams 0/6

Under 13s
CSC 2/148 (cc)
defeated Guyra 102
Bowling: Jack Soraghan 1/28, Thomas Brazier 1/14
Batting: Jason Mowbray 12, Toby Handebo 20, Aiden Brown 12, Thomas Brazier 13, Sam Surawski 12
Under 11s
Guyra 1 7/236(cc)
defeated Hillgrove
Brumbies 14/147 (cc)
Batting: Edward Grills 24, Tyler Cameron 21 Mavric Foster 26 Billy Ryan 21 Tom Ward 17 Maxwell Schaefer 23
Bowling: Tom Ward 3/15, Nayte Foster 2/10, Tyler Cameron 2/26,
Guyra 2 defeated TAS (no scores available)

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MEALS ON WHEELS

3 December Heather Marchant
 4 December Lyn & Richard Skinner
 7 December Kath Varley
 8 December Jan Jordan
 9 December Narelle Leven

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

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

COURSES

RMS Combined Traffic Control
 15th & 16th December - \$360
New England Community College
 136 Bradley Street, Guyra (RTO#90145)
 Phone: 6779 2132

FOR SALE

TOWN ACREAGE with Council approval 13 block subdivision \$165,000.
 Phone 0412 856 679

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

DEATH & FUNERAL NOTICES

WILKINSON; DARCY PATRICK
28th November 2020

of "Messines" Guyra. Dearly loved husband of Mary, loving father of Nick. Loved son of Harold (dec'd) & Marj and loved brother of Gay & Julie.

Aged 72 years

Funeral Service to be held at Piddington's Crematorium Chapel, Uralla Road, Armidale on Wednesday 2nd December 2020 commencing at 2:00pm.

By Request No Flowers. Donations in lieu to Guide Dogs Australia.

A donation box will be at the chapel.



Piddington's AFDA 6772 2288

SHED CLEARING SALE

SATURDAY, 5TH DECEMBER at 686 Lagoon Road. Not before 9am, until 4pm. Chainsaws, posthole borer, hedge shearer, farm gates, Hilux twin cab (needs recon. Motor), solar fence gear.

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Contact: The GALA Centre
 136 Bradley Street, Guyra
 Ph: 6779 2132

E: admin@gala.org.au

CLAIM THE DATE

FRIDAY, 11th December 2020: Guyra Rotary Club **FREE** Christmas BBQ and lighting of the Christmas tree. 5.30pm NAB carpark. All welcome.

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

GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY, 5TH DECEMBER at 4 lackey Street, Guyra from 8am. Tools, household items, furniture, collectables.

TENANT WANTED

TENANT wanted on rural property near Kellys Plains. 3 B/R house. No pets. 6772 2242

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Midweek Golf

Well done to the committee and helpers for a great Presentation Night.

Congratulations to the winners of 2020 midweek – Charged up – Steve Kliendienst, Beau Orchard, Logan Beechey, Adam Brennan, Tony Dittman, Brad Waters.

Runners up went to No Shankers – Karen Oehlers, Vicki Reeves, Belinda Lenehan, Belinda Williamson, Leanne Burey, Meg Simpson.

Individual winner was Karen Oehlers and a tie for runner-up between Beau Orchard and Donna White. Karen received a \$500 voucher from Flight Centre to discount any travel plans for the future.

THIS WEEKS CATCHUP- Looks like 24 is the top point score this week and this goes

to Peter Presnell. Next with 23 is Jason Waters, Ian Brown and Kerry McFarlane – well done. On 22 points Wayne Archibald, Jack Kliendienst and Steve Kliendienst. With 21 points Bob Constance, Karen Oehlers and Paul Redden. And with 20 points we have Darren Lennon, Sheree Clarke, Lisa Ellis and Mal Gaukroger.

Team and individual scores are very close and I will publish them after the next two weeks of play.

If you aren't in the leading group of scores and we can get some new teams to start after Christmas you will be in the running for prizes for the second half of the comp. The scoring will be separate to the main competition.

HALF WAY 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 Par Medal in conjunction with the Par medal playoff.

Jenni Jackson had an excellent round winning Karen Oehlers trophy with a +6 score.

The winner of the Par Medal play off was Karen Oehlers with +4.

Nearest the pin winners were Wendy Jackson on the 7th hole and Wendy George on the 18th hole.

This week is a stroke and putting competition.

Next week is a Par Medal with Pip White as the starter.

Birdie.

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A big year and a happy Christmas

While the COVID-19 pandemic changed many things in 2020, it failed to slow time – I can't believe it is December already.

Guyra is a great example of just how busy the last twelve months has been.

This month, the \$400,000 State Government funded redevelopment of 'The Hub at Guyra' will come online and officially be providing outreach services to the community.

The new, \$120,000 grandstand at the Guyra Sporting Complex looks fantastic, and will offer much needed shelter from the weather for players and spectators.

At Mother of Ducks Lagoon, the \$459,182 amenities and campsite upgrade is creating new tourism opportunities for the town.

These are but a few of the great projects which I have been pleased

to support which will greatly benefit residents into the future.

With Christmas just three weeks away my thoughts and well wishes are with everyone this festive season.

Rockvale Road sealing provides alternate route to Guyra

I was very pleased for work to finally get underway last month, on sealing another 1.4km section of Rockvale Road, between Armidale and Guyra Road.

This important freight link has been a burr under the saddle of many motorists for years now and this latest work, supported by the State Government, will leave just 7.5km unsealed.

With Rockvale Road safer and more accessible, the Guyra community has an alternate route to Armidale which can be utilised at times when the New England Highway is closed because of snow, ice or a

motor vehicle accident.

I'll continue to work with Armidale Regional Council to secure the funds to finish the job and ensure there is no more gravel on this road.

A Christmas present for Guyra Early Learning Centre

In November, I delivered a Christmas present to the Guyra Early Learning Centre, in the form of a \$20,000 State Government grant.

This funding will allow the facility to purchase five new interactive white boards, for installation in each of the education rooms.

The inclusion of the white boards will mean educators can deliver in depth and technologically advanced curriculums to all children aged 6 weeks to 12 years.

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