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## Protesters fight for change



Around forty protesters were outside the meeting of Armidale Regional Council in Guyra last week calling for fairer rates and more transparency from Council.

They were protesting not just against the proposed 18.5% Special Rate Variation, but also other issues including ongoing water restrictions and the perceived failure of the State Government's amalgamation policy.

As Interim Minister Viv May chaired his final meeting of the

Council the groups' protest chants were easily heard within the council chambers and at one stage a recess was called when protesters banged on windows, drowning out speakers inside.

Rally organiser Joshua Fittler said that he was pleased with the turnout and that the community rallied together really well. He started the group 'Protest against the extreme rates of Armidale Regional Council' as a way to form real plans and take real action

against rate hikes and irresponsible fiscal management

The group expressed disappointment at not being allowed to address those gathered in the public forum session of the meeting.

They were told that due to COVID-19 restrictions on numbers, only one representative could go inside and the group wanted two - one representing residents from Guyra and one representing those from Armidale.

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### MORAY Merino Stud

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Despite the departure of the Interim Administrator and the subsequent return of the elected Councillors this week the group plan to continue their fight to ensure that their voices are heard. Mr Fittler acknowledged that Guyra is getting a very bad deal out of what is happening and shares their wider concerns.

"I think lobbying the local council is only part of it and we need to start lobbying the State Government for a fair go for the bush," Mr Fittler said.

"The key thing is that one of the reasons we are where we are now is because they offer 'in kind' funding for new infrastructure, but there is little 'in kind' funding for maintaining existing infrastructure resulting in the need to increase rates.

"We are not alone and of the merged councils 18 of 20 are in a worse financial position than before the mergers," he said.

"The recently released financial report into ARC revealed



Rally organiser Joshua Fittler (far right) and fellow protesters fired questions at ARC Business Manager Scot MacDonald as Interim Administrator Viv May and Acting General Manager John Rayner left the meeting

that spending in 2017/18 when council first merged was shown to have blown out by \$11m.

"With a rate rise of 10% representing \$1.5m, that \$11m is a lot of years of special rate variation to claw back those losses.

"Given that this was on the governments' watch while under the previous period of administration it shouldn't be the ratepayers picking up the bill."

The group has also offered support to Central Coast ratepayers fighting similar is-

ssues to the Armidale region. They have formed a sister group called 'Protest Against Extreme Rates of the Central Coast' for the council area which has been placed in administration and is also facing rate increases.



## New England Community College

thanks the community for the ongoing support throughout 2020 and wish everyone a *Happy Christmas and a Safe New Year.*

The offices at Guyra, Armidale and Glen Innes will be closed from:  
**Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December**  
and will re-open on:  
**Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

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# New Mayor and Deputy elected

Cr Ian Tiley has been elected Mayor of Armidale Regional Council, with Cr Debra O'Brien to serve as Deputy Mayor.

The vote was taken on Monday afternoon at the first meeting of the newly reinstated Council, following six months of administration.

The leadership team of Tiley and O'Brien will be in charge until the next Local Government elections which are due to be held in September 2021.

Speaking after the vote Cr Tiley said that it was a great honour to be elected and that his election marks the beginning of a new era for the Council. He thanked his colleagues for their support and said he is looking forward to working with all six of his colleagues.



ARC Mayor Ian Tiley

"The return of your council is a victory for local democracy, a people's victory," Cr Tiley said.

"This is the beginning of a new era at Armidale Regional Council. The governing body is returned with the task of governing effectively."

Cr Tiley also promised to adhere to the imposed improvement order and guar-

anteed that there will be no recriminations over the past.

"We know the problems go back many years, possibly as far back as the amalgamation of Armidale and Dumaresq," he said. "We do need to look back so we don't repeat the past."

"We are one team, we are united, we will listen to you. We are determined as a group to be effective and to get things happening over this short period."

Cr Tiley said that as Mayor his door will be open to all and promised to conduct town hall style meetings in both Armidale and Guyra.

He has already scheduled a special meeting early next week which will be open to the public to brief the governing body and community on resolutions taken during administration.

# More choice for watering your garden

Armidale Regional Council has changed the rules on watering gardens under the region's Level 3 water restrictions, to provide more flexibility.

Residents can now water with a hand-held hose at any time between 6am to 8am OR between 6pm to 8pm on Sundays and Wednesdays.

Residents can choose between either time period. Watering is not permitted during both time periods on the same day. Watering with garden sprinklers and fixed hoses is still not permitted under the Level 3 restrictions.

Visit the Water Restrictions page on Council's website for more information on how you can help protect our region's water supply.

## Guyra Anglers Christmas Raffle

**Thank you to our Sponsors:**

**Guyra Hotel**

**Dasha's Hardware**

**Khammo**

**Deano's Springwater**

**Smoked Trout**



Thank you to all who supported the Guyra Anglers raffles.

Please be advised that people with Malpas cards who are not current members the cards will be cancelled.

There have been Bass, Redfin and Trout caught at Malpas recently.

**Guyra Anglers would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Christmas**

**For further information, call:**

**Grant Roberts**

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Merry Christmas to the Guyra Gazette readership

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# What's HOT

# Have your say.....

**2020 IS COMING TO AN END** - may 2021 be a better year for all

**LIGHTS** in the trees in the Bradley Street

**NEW** paint jobs and renovations happening in the CBD

**SURPRISE CHRISTMAS** gifts on your desk

## What's NOT

**SUMMER** starting and ending in November

## QUOTE of the week

People are so worried about what they eat between Christmas and the New Year, but they really should be worried about what they eat between the New Year and Christmas.

### Bureau of Meteorology

## Weather

### WATCH

#### Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
8	Tues	8.9	18.1	5.2
9	Wed	4.4	22.1	0
10	Thurs	8.8	23.0	0
11	Fri	10.7	15.0	0
12	Sat	7.7	14.0	7.0
13	Sun	8.1	17.1	1.0
14	Mon	9.9	17.6	1.4

Rain this week	14.6mm
Dec. rainfall	75.4mm
Rainfall YTD	848.6mm
Rainfall last YTD	301.6mm
Ave. rain to Dec.	914.5mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

### Vale Beth

Beth Williams was a very special citizen of Guyra involved in so many community organizations such as the Community Garden, Chamber of Commerce, TroutFest and so many others. She wasn't just a member, she was a very active member and gave her all.

She was a wiz on social media and helped out several organizations with their publicity. She freely shared her time and many talents and was a willing mentor for several of us who were fortunate to know her.

Beth was also a creative person as all who visited her and John's market stalls would know. She loved a chat and often passed the time with her many friends over a coffee somewhere in Guyra.

Beth's energy seemed boundless and she was an inspiration to us all.

Beth you will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered.

*Lynne Chapman*

### Where did the Inquiry go????

Enough is an enough for Guyra residents who have been more than patient with the forced merger in May 2016 which, against all promises of no forced mergers, promises of \$20 million savings over 10 years (now mergers have cost NSW more than \$1.03 billion in 3 years), against all the submissions, and wishes of the Guyra community "The Merger" was forced on us.

The ARC now appears to be in at least \$10 million or more in debt, holding no cash reserves, miscalculated \$24 million in a budget, sold off Guyra assets and where did close to \$20 million of merger money go? Let's get real, this is our money. We will never have this paid back? We have witnessed a blatant waste of money with neither management nor representation.

## Have your say

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Guyra was promised a \$2.7 million main street up grade, lower rates, and better services. None of these have happened. Money "gone missing", no accountability and where is the inquiry? Has it been dropped and traded off too?

We lost our main service centre in town, our council and their associated spend in town plus that of their employees together with support of our schools and sports and voluntary organisations? Consulting is only a meeting with the citizens, then for the ARC to go ahead and do what it wants, as driven by the government and big business. We had no say in naming our new council but despite requests for it not to name one centre over the other we ended up with ARC plastered on signs all over our town.

The environmental effect on our ground water cannot be ignored, given the number of bores and quantity of water being used, the loss of water from 'hung' surface aquifers escaping into lower aquifers. There must be proper studies to show the risk to environmental reserves and water from surface springs where creeks emerge and water for downstream and livestock.

We have now got more than 60 new fees and charges, increased rate bills, over 100% increases and then add on the SRV, (probably close to 150%) the Guyra rate payers can't afford this increase with one of the worst droughts on record. At the Black Mountain Council meeting no mention was made of the drought by the ARC, only CoVid affects.

All the experts have been ignored advising "bigger is not better" and now we can say we told you so. A study by Professor Drew on 6 years of data cannot be ignored showing clearly it is a diseconomy of scale.

Using six years' data, Professor Drew and his team were able to compare the fiscal outcomes of amalgamated councils to non-amalgamated ones. The 'headline' result from this research is that amalgamation has resulted in an average 11.2% increase in unit costs at affected councils.

It's interesting those few proponents of the forced merger are holding Guyra's future back by not recognizing the loss of the autonomy, and costs to service an ever growing debt. The long and the short of it is "it's a huge failure" I ask those people to look at the facts and the effects on the Guyra community. We will come out and stand together. We will fight to get our council back. Don't slide behind the negative ones in our community and don't give up.

Our representation of Guyra was let down by the promise to support a demerger if we could get more than 50% wanting it. We got support of 92% in Guyra and 89% in the old Guyra shire overall, but were then ridiculed of the results by merger proponents and our representative.

Guyra is in the process of putting a submission for Guyra's separation from ARC to the NSW Government with Adam Marshall making representation and submitting signatures to the Minister of Local Government Shelley Hancock.

Guyra can move forward in leaps and bounds making amends for the failures of the ARC only if it stands alone and we decide our future through our own council.

*Gordon Youman  
Save and Grow Guyra*

# Enrolments on the rise for 2021

Guyra Central School will have its biggest kindergarten class in a number of years with the enrolment for next year currently sitting at 25. This is almost double last year's initial intake of just 13 students, which has grown to 17 with extra enrolments. The higher enrolment can be put down to both increased birth rates and new people moving to town.

Mrs Sjaan Mitchell will be in charge of Kindergarten for her fourth year and said she expects a smooth start thanks to the transition program that has been running at the school since the start of term 4.

"Like most things this year we had to rethink how things were done and modify our usual one day a week 6 month transition program due to COVID-19," Mrs Mitchell said. "Instead we have been running our transition program two days a week during term 4 and the kids have all settled into routines and school life really well."

Mrs Mitchell said that transi-



Guyra Central's Kindergarten transition class

tion is all about establishing routines and settling students into the normal daily routine of school. As part of the program they have been taking part in lots of activities, rotating between literacy, craft, maths and playtime. Routines are also im-

portant at home and parents can help to make the transition to school easier by establishing a set bedtime and wake up time as well as incorporating learning activities into their child's day to day life.

There are also good enrolments expected for the secondary school next year. On Tuesday December 1st, Year 6 students from Guyra Central, as well as students from local feeder schools were welcomed for activities as part of their preparation for transition into high school.

Organiser of the transition program Mr Andrew Murray said that COVID-19 has meant that formal transition was limited to just one day instead of

the normal three days.

The school is expecting 30 enrolments next year for Year 7, and students were given a chance to experience a day in the life of a high schooler with a taste of Science, English, Food Tech, Art and Agriculture as well as time in the playground.

"Being part of a Central School makes transition a lot easier as students already know the staff and many of the school's routines," Mr Murray said.

"Welcoming students from outside the school was a bit harder this year due to COVID however I have been in contact through the feeder schools and hoped that they felt welcome and enjoyed their day."



Year 7 Transition students enjoyed cooking and art as part of the transition program



David Pearson, Jack Yorstan, Wendy Mulligan, Santa Claus, Judy Pearson, Annette O'Sullivan, Eamon Yeates, Aileen MacDonald and Hans Hietbrink

## *Out and about Rotary Christmas BBQ and Tree Lighting*



Citizen of the Year Sue Adams flipped the switch to turn on the Guyra Christmas Tree for 2020

# Achievements celebrated



**Back l to r:** Lachlan Clark, Daniel Grills, Archie Jackson, Lily McFarlane, Camilla Grills  
**Front:** Freya Bray, Alana Marshall, Olive McFarlane, Sienna Nguyen, Dominic Nguyen

On Tuesday 8th December the St Mary of the Angels community came together to celebrate the achievements of our students in Years 3-6.

Congratulations to the following students:

**Dux 2020**

Archie Jackson  
**Sportsperson 2020**  
 Olive McFarlane

**Ramage Engineering Science Award**

Sienna Nguyen  
**Molly McKervey Creative Arts Award** Freya Bray  
**ADIG Mathematics Award** Dominic Nguyen  
**CWL Pastoral Care Award** Lachlan Clark  
**St Vincent de Paul Social Justice Award** Olive McFarlane

**U Goose Technology Award**

Daniel Grills  
**Armidale Regional Council Citizenship Award** Camilla Grills  
**Costa Leadership Award** Lily McFarlane  
**Costa Junior Leadership Award** Isabella Hayes  
**Cath Lockyer Literacy Award** Alana Marshall

# Farewell and welcome

On Wednesday Black Mountain public School will farewell our Year 6 students with our tree planting ceremony and a Guard of Honour as they leave the school for the last time.

I would like to welcome our new Kindergarten students for 2021 and our new enrol-

ments.

Next year, we have an exciting Music Program starting. We will be working in partnership with the New England Conservatorium of Music who will be providing music tuition for students in years 4 – 6.

I wish everyone a wonderful

Christmas break and I look forward to seeing everyone returning refreshed and ready for a great year of learning in 2021.

***Mrs Justine Eddy***  
***Relieving Principal***

# ADRA ends year with specials and cake

A big shout out to the Guyra Community from Guyra ADRA Op Shop for 2020. We were so excited to open our extended doors in February 2020 and just three weeks later COVID-19 closed the doors again. We had to cease taking donations during that time and comply with COVID-19 rules.

When we reopened the Guyra community and their friends were generous of heart and quality donations poured in. Thus, we were able to assist those who are struggling for various reasons and our shop has become a very busy bustling haven for customers and volunteers alike.

We welcome a visit from our customers to share complimentary fruit juice and Christmas cake on Thursday December 17th, along with catching a special just in time for Christmas. Half price store wide for Thursday 17th only.

Our shop will close at 3pm on Thursday 17th and reopen Wednesday February 10th, 2021. We will be taking donations during that time by arrangement. Please phone Helen 0414 933 650.



Farewell to Year 6 Tristain Cooper, Eli Wood, Jayda Hayes with Mrs Justine Eddy, and welcome to Kindergarten 2021 Ava Davenport, Nyome Lynch, Phoebe Peltonen and Dustin Turnham

# Shearer training opportunity

Job seekers and school leavers have an opportunity to acquire shearing and crutching skills in January 2021, with Regional Development Australia Northern Inland (RDANI) conducting two Wool Works Shearing Schools. Together with TAFE New England they are conducting two free five-day courses: The first will be held in Inverell from January 11 to 15 and the second will be in Glen Innes from January 18 to 22.

RDANI secured funding from the Commonwealth Government and TAFE NSW to make these two courses possible. They are ideally suited to anyone who has finished school in 2020, any job seekers or any adults out there who are interested in learning or improving their shearing and wool handling skills."

The Wool Works Shearing School delivers entirely hands-on, non-classroom training. It utilises the expertise of fully qualified trainers, veteran shearers and a District Vet, who are passionate about the wool industry and its skills needs.



RDANI Executive Director Nathan Axelsson said there is a real shortage of shearers and rural workers generally at the moment and these skills can genuinely translate to employment.

"Shearing and crutching are skills in demand and once qualified, you can earn \$300 a day," Mr Axelsson said. "Shearing skills also open up the door to many other job opportunities that are out there in the agricultural sector, which is the highest

employment sector in our regions. The rewards are there for people who are willing to come along and give it a go."

"This course will show potential employers that you have basic training in the rural sector but just as importantly, the drive to learn and work that employers want to see."

Places are limited, so you will need to register as soon as possible by phoning Inverell TAFE on 131 601 or Glen Innes TAFE: 6768 2323

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## Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

**December 9th** - There was an increased penning of 2,445 lambs, with sheep numbers down to 1,540. It was a very good quality penning of lambs with a good supply of new seasons, heavy weight old lambs and well finished Merino lambs. The usual processors were in attendance and operating.

Market trends varied with trade weight young lambs up to 24kg dressed selling to cheaper trends with an increase in supply. This increase also affected average quality in some classes. Restockers were active on the lighter weight classes. There was also an increase in the supply of heavy weight young lambs, they

attracted strong competition, however there were none at the previous sale to compare to.

Well finished Merino lambs sold on a firm to slightly dearer market trend. The heavy and extra heavy weight old lambs saw an improvement in quality on a dearer market trend to record strong price gains.

The overall quality and condition of the reduced supply of sheep showed an improvement. Market trends were generally firm to slightly cheaper with processor competition varying through the weight classes. There were also some quality related price changes.

## Armidale Cattle Sale

**December 10th** - The numbers were well down, with good rain last week and a promise of another good follow up in the coming days. All categories were represented with grown heifers making up the largest number. Quality was mixed and condition was fair to good. The low numbers saw a reduced buying group.

Variations in quality played a role in price change through the young cattle and significantly so in places. Overall trends were cheaper with limited competition. The better

quality cattle were least affected. There was not a lot of change in the market trend for grown steers to feed with buyers active. Average quality improved and accounted for some strong price change.

Feedlotter and processors competed strongly on the grown heifers. The market for those to process was dearer. A small number of cows also attracted keen processor competition, selling to a dearer trend. With very little competition from processors the bull market was significantly cheaper.

## Weekly wool sales

**December 11th** - Good gains were made over both selling days this week across all micron categories. A 24 cent rise in the Northern Region Indicator on the first day of sales was followed up with a further 25 cent rise on the final day. The Merino types were the best supported gaining over 50 cents for the week. 35,947 bales were sold nationally with the passed in rate falling to 5%.

Major buyers included Techwool, Tianyu and Endeavour Wool. The lift in the market has pushed prices within 20 cents of their most recent high in October and has closed the

week at its second highest level since early May. This has caused the expected quantity on offer nationally next week to rise to over 49,000 bales. If this volume does eventuate it will be largest sale of the season to date by a fair margin and almost 15,000 bales greater than the corresponding sale last season.

Next week is the last opportunity to sell wool before the mid season three week recess so it comes as no surprise to see this increase in quantity on the back of what has been a solid, well supported market over the preceding three weeks.



# Bore water supply review finds Council complied with obligations



An independent review has found Council's provision of water to tomato producer Costa Group, from a bore in Izzeward Park, was in accordance with legislation and regulations.

The investigation report, presented to last weeks' Ordinary Council meeting, says Council's interaction with Costas and subsequent provision of bore water in response to the drought all complied with Council's legal obligations as the relevant water utility.

Council's Interim Administrator, Viv May, resolved in September to commission the independent report into the provision of water to Costa Group in 2019/20. He asked for all information including the request for Costa Group to fund the construction of infrastructure at the

Izzeward Park bore, details of all Memorandums of Understanding between Council and Costa Group, and the relationship between Council, including staff and councillors, and Costa Group

Wollongong City Council's governance manager, Todd Hopwood, was seconded to undertake the review. He recommended making the report public to "give the community transparency and confidence in the actions taken by staff that they have acted in the best interests of the community and provided effective management of water supply and security for the Guyra area and the Armidale region more generally".

Mr Hopwood's report also recommends a number of actions

by Council to improve the community's understanding and confidence in Council's decision making methodology and "how it is achieving best value overall for the community in its decision making":

- Council review its approach to community engagement and stakeholder management
- Greater emphasis on record keeping of all documents and correspondence that relate to a decision or action of Council
- Council considers the proactive release of any relevant materials that would improve community understanding of a Council action or decision

The Council meeting resolved to refer the recommendations to the new General Manager, James Roncon, when he begins in the role in early January.

## 19 year old dies in highway accident

A 19-year-old man has died in a crash north of Armidale. About 5pm, Monday December 14th, emergency services were called to the New England Highway, about 20km north of Armidale, following reports of a three-vehicle crash.

Police were told a utility travelling south collided with the trailer of a north-bound truck, before colliding with a second truck. The driver and sole occupant of the ute, a 19-year-old man, died at the scene.

The truck drivers, two men – aged 52 and 57 – were treated at the scene by NSW Ambulance paramedics for minor injuries. The older man was later transferred to Armidale Hospital for further treatment. Officers from New England Police District established a crime scene and are still investigating the cause.

Anyone with information should contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

## Local Guyra 2021 Calendar



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Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> December  
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# Classifieds Trades & Services

## MEALS ON WHEELS

17 December Lesley Credland  
 18 December Ann Hulbert  
 21 December Ann Williams  
 22 December Pam Hart  
 23 December Guyra CWA

## CHURCH SERVICES

**St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church - Guyra** - Contact: 6779 1667:  
 Mass 6pm Saturday; Mass 9am Tuesday  
*Christmas Mass:*  
 7pm 24 December; 9am 25 December

**St. Columba's Presbyterian Church:**  
 9am Sunday followed by morning tea  
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 0447 724 536

**The Chapel**, 66 Llangothin Street:  
 Sunday Service: 10am  
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**Seventh-day Adventist Church:**  
 Sabbath School 10.00am Saturday  
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 Contact: Church Clerk 6779 1587

**Uniting Church, 57 Ollera Street:**  
 Regular Sunday Service: 9.30am  
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**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**  
 CHRISTMAS CLOSING NOTICE

**Last Day:**

THIS FRIDAY, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020  
 10am-12pm and 1pm-2.30pm

**Re-opening:** Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**VINNIES SHOP** will close on  
 Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December and will  
 re-open on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.

**VINNIES CARE & SUPPORT CONFERENCE**  
 will close on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December  
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## IN MEMORIAM

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 McLEOD  
 20.12.2007**



**BRIAN JOSEPH  
 McLEOD  
 9.12.2018**

You left us beautiful memories  
 Your love is still our guide  
 And though we cannot see you  
 You're always at our side.  
*Christine, Annie, Denise  
 and families*

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES



*Your invitation to Christmas services ...*

**GUYRA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
 Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> December  
 9.00am

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
 Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> December  
 9.00am

**Rev. Andrew (& Anne) Campbell**  
 0447 724 536



**CHRISTMAS EVE CAROLS**  
**At St. James Anglican Church**

Guyra Anglican Church warmly  
 invites you to join us for a service of  
 lessons and carols at 6:30 pm on  
 Christmas Eve. There are plenty of  
 seats, and we're CovidSafe.

Doors will open at 6 pm to give time  
 to record your attendance. If you plan  
 on singing, the wearing of a mask is  
 encouraged. We would love to see  
 you!

## RAFFLE RESULTS

**Guyra Cricket Club** raffle winners -  
 hamper Brad Looker, wheelbarrow  
 Yas Foster, perfume Heidi Wislon.  
 Thanks to Dasha's, Guyra Pharmacy  
 and IGA for donations.

## TENANT WANTED

**TENANT** wanted on rural property  
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## POSITIONS VACANT

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## Midweek Golf

Only this week to go before we have a break for the midweek competition. Only one team with extra points this week – Sultans of Swing. Well done.

Highest score this week went to Peter Jackson. Congratulations. Next on 22 points we have Ian Taylor, Deb Heffernan, Wayne Archibald and Ian Brown. With 21 points were Adam Brennan, Mal Gaukroger, Wendy George, Bob Burey, David Brown. And on 20 points we have Derek Smith, Jenny Rogers and Lisa Ellis.

Leading the competition are Full House with 711 and a close second we have Baldersleigh Bashers on 704. Not far away are Sultans of Swing 694. Next in line Bean Golfin 684, Pitch Purrfects 683, No Shankers 675, Nuts & Jugs 662, Shire Sharks 616, Big Nuts 604, Thistle Chippers 160 (they missed quite a few weeks).

Individual score leaders go to: Logan Beechey 172, Lisa Ellis 171, Debbie Burey 170, Darren Lennon and Deb Heffernan 166, and on 165 Steve Kliendienst, Dan Lennon, Peter Presnell, Wendy George, Neil Paine and Ian Brown.

I will put all the scores up on the board at the Bowling Club and ask Richard Burey to send them out.

We are still hoping to have a second half competition in conjunction with the main midweek comp. Still chasing names and teams.

Midweek re-commences on 18th January 2021. Looking forward to next year and lots of golf. Merry Christmas everyone.

*Middy*

## Men's Bowls

There were no Club Championships played over the weekend. However this weekend the Final of the Major/Minor Pairs will be played: Sunday December 20th start 1.00pm. Starter and Umpire: Robert Walls. Steven Sole and Robert Walls to play Boyd Stanley and Roger Cox.

Also weather permitting the Brian Vickery Ham Day will be played. Any person wishing to play must have their name in by 12pm. People wishing to play must be at least a social member.

Game will start 12.30pm. Box draw pairs. Cost \$10.00. Bowls shirt to be worn if you have one. If uneven number of entries then last in misses out.

Coming up on Saturday January 23rd and Sunday January 24th 2021 is The Top of the Range Fours. This is a Two Day Men's Carnival. Prize money is \$5800. There will be 5 games of 15 ends. Start: 9.00am.

Entry fee: \$60.00 per player, this includes Lunch both days and breakfast Sunday morning. This event is sponsored by: Berry Bowls Systems, Lion Nathan, Crowe-Horwath, Donna's Bistro, Costa and Tomato Exchange. Accommodation: Shiralee Motel, p/h: 6779 1380.

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## Ladies' Golf

Last week the ladies played a Par Medal round with Wendy George as the winner. Julie Walker was the runner up on a countback from Karen Oehlers. Nearest the pin winners were Karen Oehlers on the 9th hole, Pip White on the 10th hole and Wendy George on the 18th hole.

This week is a Stableford along with the Ladies Presentation night. Next week is a Daytona Event with Vicki Reeves as the starter.

*Birdie*

## Vets Golf

On the 1st of December 14 players competed in the monthly Reg Taylor Stroke competition. First with 88 was Chris Newberry with runner up Ian Taylor on 89.

The nett winner was also Chris with a nett 77. Terry Varley was the best putter with 30 putts. Nearest the pins went to Chris Newberry on the 7th, Patty Hill the 9th, Chris Newberry again on the 10th and Len Stanly the 18th.

On the 8th December, in quite cold and windy weather, a large field of 16 players competed in an Individual Stableford counting putts.

The highlight of the day was a Hole-in-one by Nancy Prisk on the 9th. Well done Nancy.

The winner with 33 points was Terry Varley and the runner up was Mick Shiner with 32. The best putters were

Colin Mulligan, Ian Taylor and Mick Shiner all with 30 putts.

Nearest the pins were Pat Grills on the 7th, Chris Newberry the 10th, Don Campbell the 18th and of course Nancy Prisk in the hole on the 9th.

This week we will be playing a Four Ball sponsored by President David Wilcox, thanks David. Since next week will be the last game before Christmas, we will again be playing for a ham and there will be a few refreshments.

*A Vet.*

## Cricket

There was only one result from the weekend with most of the round washed out.

Third grade has a good win over Hillgrove in the T20 game played in Armidale. The Guyra bowlers restricted Hillgrove to 8/101 off their 20 overs. Wicket takers for Guyra were Brodi Campbell 2/13, Tim Foster 1/17, Simon Brown 1/10, Brendan Williams 3/13 and Steve McElroy 1/6.

In reply Guyra took just 15 overs to get the win for the loss of just three wickets. Taylor Brennan (45) was the best with the bat, well supported by Brock Laybutt (21), and Jack Lockyer (10).

The final round of games are scheduled for this weekend. First grade have the bye, while 2nds will take on TAS on Ted Mulligan Oval, while thirds will be up against City at the Truckstop.



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