



# Guyra Gazette

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## Costa Scholarship sets local student up for success

A scholarship worth \$10,000 is now open for local students in the Guyra, Armidale, Glen Innes and Inverell region, who are starting their university education in horticulture or agriculture.

The Costa Tomatoes New England Tertiary Scholarship is offered each year to a student who has finished their Year 12 studies and is embarking on their university education.

Tiffany Tarrant, who finished Year 12 at Duval High School in Armidale in 2019, was the 2020 recipient of the Costa Scholarship. She is about to start her second year of a Bachelor of Rural Science at the University of New England.

"I always wanted to go into agriculture, I'm very passionate about the industry. When I got the scholarship, it was such a huge relief for my studies," Tiffany said.

"I have two younger sisters and I'm the first in my family to go to university. It took a lot

of financial stress off and has really helped me pursue my passion.

"I would 100 per cent recommend anyone in the local area to put an application in. The financial support really allows you to focus on your studies. It's helped me to get the necessary textbooks and practical equipment.

"It's good to see a large company like Costa supporting local students."

The Costa Tomatoes New England Tertiary Scholarship is open for applications until March 31.

It is open to 2020 Year 12 students residing in Guyra, Armidale, Glen Innes or Inverell area who are starting full-time study in 2021, in a relevant Agriculture/Horticultural degree at an approved Australian University.

**Information is available on the Costa website at: <https://costagroup.currentjobs.co/job/costa-tomatoes-new-england-tertiary-scholarship-2021/guyra/580>**



Tiffany Tarrant was the 2020 recipient of the Costa Scholarship

## Auction - 186 Bradley Street, Guyra

Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021 - 11.00am, on site

### Great Opportunity to Be Had ...

This 3-bedroom home located in the main street of Guyra is just a small distance from the local Bowling Club, Golf Club and shopping centre.

Situated on a large 2000 square metre double block, with back access to Mackie Parkway, this home consists of 3 bedrooms, lounge, sunroom, kitchen, bathroom and a couple of sheds.

A little restoration may be required but it certainly has plenty of character and the bones to make it something special.

Vendors are highly motivated and are looking for a quick sale.



**Elders**

Contact Mark Atkin: 0455 310 657  
or Elders Armidale and Guyra: 02 6775 4500  
for further information & to book an inspection



# AUSTRALIA'S COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAM IS UNDERWAY.

COVID-19 vaccines will keep Australia safe and protect our way of life. The people most at risk of serious illness and those most likely to be exposed to the virus in our communities will be vaccinated first, including:

- **Quarantine and border workers**
- **Frontline health care, disability and aged care workers**
- **People living in aged and disability care accommodation**

Vaccination offers the best protection from COVID-19, but it's also important we all continue to remain COVIDSafe.

To find out when it's your turn, visit [australia.gov.au](https://australia.gov.au) or call the National coronavirus and COVID-19 vaccine helpline **1800 020 080**.

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**COVID-19**  
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# Guyra student speaking on behalf of rural youth

Guyra Central School student Cordelia Lloyd joined students from places as far as Streaky Bay in SA, Alstonville in northern NSW, and Yanakie in Victoria, as one of 18 rural and remote young Australians who travelled to Canberra to meet with Federal Ministers and education officials to share their thoughts on rural and remote education across Australia.

Over the course of three days, they attended several meetings to speak on behalf of their peers all over the country.

The National Forum was the final outcome of a year-long leadership program delivered by the Country Education Partnership (CEP) across South Australia, New South Wales and Victoria. The program aims to develop leadership skills of rural and remote young people, while also providing a formal, national voice for rural students on issues affecting their education and communities.

Guyra Central School student Cordelia Lloyd explains how a group of rural students are influencing government policy.

*I first heard about the Rural Youth Ambassadors program when I received an email on an ordinary school day. At the time I had no idea just what that email would lead to.*

*Many of us including myself, applied for this program without any thought that in the near future the program would take us anywhere close to Canberra and important politicians that can help facilitate our ideas and hopes for youth growing up in rural Australia.*

*However, as we have progressed through our time as a part of the Rural Youth Ambassadors for our respective states, we have learned there are no bounds to what we can achieve. So, despite our original state of mind when we started in the program 22 high school students from either NSW, South Australia, or Victoria have spent three*



Cordelia Lloyd (back row, far left) joined students from across Australia in Canberra

*days, speaking with Ministers, our local Members of Parliament and other pertinent individuals. We discussed key issues facing young people from rural Australia and the initiatives we would like to see taken to address them.*

*As a group we have developed three main ideas, the first being a partnership between schools in a nearby radius that enables them to work together so that they may share resources and offer a broader range of subjects and extra curriculums to students.*

*Our second idea regards mental health and proposes a solution that involves a proactive rather than reactive approach that is student driven and better allows for teachers and parents to help students deal with mental health issues.*

*Our final idea addresses how students from rural areas receive information about pathways after high school that involves a youth-to-youth approach where a careers expo travels around to all the high schools in rural Australia. The expo would focus on the stories and experiences of those who have successfully*

*taken opportunities outside of their rural community as young people and then later returned.*

*After spending a whole day presenting our ideas, we returned to our accommodation excited for the days ahead of us, yet exhausted.*

*During our visit, we hope to have our ideas circulating around in Parliament House and even for some of these ideas to begin the process of being implemented. This pro-*

*gram has also enabled us to find like-minded individuals that share our passion and initiative for providing a better world for young people living in rural Australia.*

*As a result of this all of us have bonded from our shared experience of the National Forum and the friendships we have gained due to this will continue to prosper and strengthen into the foreseeable future.*

*As a result of this experience, we have all also grown as individuals and become better versions of ourselves and leaders.*

*After our four days together in Canberra we hope that all the hard work we have done leading up to and during the national forum will result in rural youth benefiting from an outcome that bridges the gap between metropolitan and rural Australia in relation to education, mental health and our opportunities and pathways for after high school.*

*And lastly when we all return back to our hometowns we will take with us our personal growth, better leadership skills and a message of hope for the future for young people living in rural Australia.*



## Grazing Opportunity at Guyra

Department of Planning, Industry & Environment - Crown Lands is seeking applications by expression of interest from the public for a grazing opportunity on Crown land at Guyra.

The Crown land is situated on Starr Road, being Lot 7314 DP 1163671, with an approximate area of 5.37ha, in the Parish of Falconer, County of Sandon.

Interested parties should obtain an 'Information Package for Applicants' from the department's website at [dpie.nsw.gov.au/lands](http://dpie.nsw.gov.au/lands) (public exhibition) or contact Crown Lands Armidale.

Applications close on **Friday 9 April 2021** at 4:30 pm (AEDT).

If you have any enquiries, please contact Sarah Jeffrey on (02) 6770 3121. File: 21/0136.

- ROAD side lawnmowing
- RAIN falling at night
- DAYLIGHT SAVING - almost coming to an end
- CRICKETERS making it through to the semi finals
- FOOTY season is back
- MORE MONEY for the Showground
- GUYRA COFFEE - rated highly by local traveller

The Lions Club of Guyra hosted the Youth of the Year Quest club level at their meeting of 17th February 2021 at the Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club. Two contestants entered late last year, however due to COVID restrictions the event was delayed. The delay meant that it clashed with one of our contestants other commitments and consequently only one could compete.

The lone competitor, Joseph Stanley, was still judged as per the criteria set out by the Lions clubs of Australia with three judges sitting to interview Joseph on a range of topics. He also participated in the public speaking session where he had to speak on two impromptu questions that the judges had worked out between themselves, and he also spoke on a topic of his choice for five minutes.

Judges for the evening were



Jim Betts congratulates Joseph Stanley

Mr. Alan St Clair, Mrs. Rita Williams and Miss Leanne Sweeney representing the National Australia Bank.

Joseph will now represent our club at the Regional final in

Glen Innes on 13th March 2021. We wish Joseph all the best on the night.

*Jim Betts*  
YOTY Chairman.

*What's* **NOT**

- HIT and miss mowing – stay off your phone
- BOWLS REPORT missing from last week's Gazette

## QUOTE of the week

*Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.*

Winston Churchill

## First birthday coming up

Steve Wordsmith has been a regular visitor to Guyra since the Hall of Fame opened last year, and wants everyone to know that most activities are continuing despite the absence of 'Thundercloud'. That includes the Wednesday night poetry readings and the Saturday morning Farmers Market.

Don't miss the opportunity at the Australian Poetry Hall of Fame in Guyra, as it celebrates its first birthday on March 24th, to meet Steve and buy a copy of his book "Where the rubber hits the road in this game they call life".

The book is available in bookstores across the world however this is a once in a lifetime offer to meet the author Steve Wordsmith, a man who has dedicated his life to touching the lives of the real people of Australia. The people who have felt the effects of the extremes of our wonderful country, floods, droughts, bushfires and the heartache caused by suicide and the epidemic of drug and alcohol related hurts, damage and family destruction.

Come in and have a chat with Steve who is well-known in poetry circles. He was selected to represent Australia at World



Steve Wordsmith is the current poet in residence at the Australian Poetry Hall of Fame and says it is business as usual

Expo in 1988, leading the Federation Parade in 2001, as a representative of the people of this great country of Australia, the down to earth, the battlers, the

farmers, the people who have, and continue today to work hard to make this country the most fabulous country that it is.

**Bureau of Meteorology**

## Weather

### WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
2	Tues	12.9	24.5	0
3	Wed	10.6	23.0	0
4	Thurs	10.8	21.0	0
5	Fri	9.7	22.2	0
6	Sat	11.0	21.5	0
7	Sun	11.3	22.1	0
8	Mon	13.2	19.9	0

Rain this week	0mm
March rainfall	0mm
Rainfall YTD	191.4mm
Rainfall last YTD	322.2mm
Ave. rain to Mar.	290mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology



# \$1.037 million for local road upgrades

Armidale Regional Council has been successful in securing \$1.037 million of funding from the Australian Government to conduct gravel re-sheeting and bitumen sealing on twelve local roads.

The Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Stage 2 funding will see gravel re-sheeting on six roads, and bitumen sealing on six others over the next two years.

Armidale Regional Council General Manager James Roncon said this funding will ensure our local roads remain at the highest stan-

dard.

"These projects will boost the safety of our local roads and will improve the overall experience for drivers," said Mr Roncon.

"It is our top priority to deliver the community with the highest quality infrastructure, and through securing this grant we are taking the steps to do this," he said.

Council has received \$637,217 for the bitumen re-sealing program, which will see works conducted on Starr Road and Youman Street in Guyra, Wollomombi Village Road, Rockvale Road, Aber-

foyle Road and Boorolong Road.

"These works will begin with heavy patch and shoulder works, which we aim to complete within this financial year," said Mr Roncon.

"Once the heavy patches have settled for the required period, resealing will begin and we anticipate this will be complete by mid - 2023."

The gravel re-sheeting program will cost \$400,000, and will see works done on Old Ebor Road, Kilcoy Road, Old Hillgrove Road, Metz Road, Sandon Road and Dumaresq Road.

Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce, said the road upgrades would deliver multiple benefits for the Armidale region.

"Not only will this funding build better roads for our local communities, the construction work will keep local people in jobs and drive new money back into the local economy," Mr Joyce said.

"This is further delivery for people in the New England."

Works on these projects will be staggered over the next two years and are expected to be complete by the first half of 2023.

# \$781,668 for new Showground amenities

A deposit of the financial kind has flushed its way into the Guyra Showground bank account, with Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall announcing a \$781,668 State Government grant to construct two new amenities blocks, with modern accessible toilets and showers.

Mr Marshall said since the start of the pandemic the government had provided \$910,771 in stimulus grants to support upgrades to the showground and generate work for local tradies. He said the incredible level of investment had assisted Guyra Showground's managers achieve the majority of their 10-year improvement plan, in just four years.

"For most showground managers, securing almost \$1 million in any form of government funding is rare and very welcome," Mr Marshall said.

"By having a prioritised list of shovel-ready projects, Guyra Showground's land managers have made the most of the various Crown Lands' stimulus programs as they have become available.

"This latest instalment will allow a new shower and toilet block to be built to replace amenities on the southern end of the ground, for use by



Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall with Guyra Show Society Secretary Dorothy Lockyer

Guyra Pony Club members.

"The amenities currently behind the Community Hall will then be demolished and replaced with accessible toilet and showers.

"The Community Hall is heavily utilised by local seniors groups and so these

amenities, coupled with a new access ramp, will make that building more comfortable and accessible for people who have restricted mobility.

"This is wonderful news for all members of the community who use the showground."

A new laundry will also be built on site, for community use during disasters like drought and bushfire.

"If there is one thing Guyra has had its fair share of over the past two years its natural disasters," he said.

"At the height of the drought in 2019 the State Government provided Armidale Regional Council with an emergency grant of \$7,000 to allow it to install a portable laundry, for use by farmers who had run out of water on their properties.

"Now the showground will have a permanent laundry block on site, which will be available for use by residents both during difficult periods and events.

"The showground is a community asset and I commend the land managers for this level of forethought, in establishing a permanent laundry which will be ready to assist vulnerable locals in their time of need.

"As we saw with the recent success of the 2021 Guyra Show, the improvements have transformed the showground into a functional venue which will be capable of meeting the entire community's needs for decades to come."

## Community Noticeboard

### Meals on Wheels

March 11 Joyce & Jim Betts  
March 12 Golf Club Ladies  
March 15 NE Mutual  
March 16 Pam Hart  
March 17 Anne Hulbert

### Street Stalls

March 11, 12, 13 Rotary  
March 18 Catholic Women  
March 19 Presbyterian Church  
March 20 Kolora

### Church Notices

#### St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church

Mass 6pm Saturday  
Mass 9am Tuesday  
Contact: 6779 1667

#### St. James' Anglican Church

9am Sunday. Doors open from 8:30am. We have plenty of space, all welcome!  
Contact: Rev. Tim Stevens 6779 1111

#### 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

### Service Clubs

**LIONS CLUB** dinner meetings 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month at Guyra Bowling Club, 7pm. Ph: Geoff Reeves 6779 1257

**ROTARY CLUB** dinner meetings 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month 6pm for 6.30pm at Guyra Cafe Ph: Aileen MacDonald 0417 079 307

# Telehealth counselling now available

A free telehealth counselling service is now available for people living in rural areas, or for those wishing to seek help from home. Kimberley Squires, Community Engagement Coordinator, Lifeline Direct said that it has been a particularly difficult year for many. Multiple stresses such as the bushfires, drought and COVID have brought unprecedented pressures on families and individuals in the New England region.

"Many community members saw the fires firsthand while working to save their properties and ensuring their families were safe. Some community members lost their homes and saw the devastation to livestock and bushland. These experiences have brought financial pressures, family stress and trauma that are often very difficult to manage alone.

"Face to face counselling is now available for bookings. It is totally free and available to anyone in our communities experiencing stress, anxiety or sadness following the bushfires," said Ms Squires. "Lifeline New England is encouraging anyone feeling worried, sad or anxious to contact our team to talk about



Lifeline's Jessica Woods can recommend services for Guyra residents

ways to manage these feelings and get back to enjoying life."

This local counselling program is funded by the Primary Health Network Hunter New England Central Coast. Peer Worker, Jessica Woods began work for Lifeline in January this year and her role is to engage with the Guyra and Armidale local communities and recommend services available to them.

Whilst at this stage face to face counselling is available in Armidale for Guyra residents,

telehealth options are also accessible for those wishing to seek help from home. Counselling is available now and bookings can be made by calling 1300 152 854. No referral is required for this service.

For 24/7 crisis or suicide prevention support, please call Lifeline on 13 11 14

Online crisis support chat is also available 7pm – midnight (AEST) 7 days a week: [www.lifeline.org.au/crisischat](http://www.lifeline.org.au/crisischat)

## Get ready for your vaccination

The Australian Government is encouraging residents in the New England to get ready for their COVID-19 vaccination by linking their digital government services, particularly their myGov and Medicare accounts.

The call to link digital services follows the announcement that the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) will be the record for all vaccinations for Australians and that record will form the basis of the vaccination certificate that all Australians will be able to use, including visa holders.

The AIR has undergone significant upgrades in preparation for COVID-19 vaccine

rollout. The AIR already allows you to see your recorded immunisations through myGov or the Medicare Express Plus app through an 'immunisation history statement'. Almost 5.6 million immunisation history statements were securely accessed by individuals over the last financial year. Your immunisation history statement will record your COVID-19 vaccinations.

Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce, said linking your myGov and Medicare digital accounts is a simple step you can take right now that will help you and your family be ready for a vaccinated Australia.

"This is something you can do right now to get your family vaccination-ready, it will be really helpful once you've had the vaccine and will mean you can easily access your vaccine certificate through the Australian Immunisation Register at the touch of a button.

"Do not forget, if you already have your Medicare account linked in myGov, make sure you check your contact details are up to date."

For further information about how the vaccination program is operating, including the Vaccine Eligibility Checker tool to confirm which phase of the rollout you will be in, visit [Australia.gov.au](http://Australia.gov.au)



# New phone policy has positive effects

Restrictions on the use of mobile phones at Guyra Central School have had a positive effect in both the classroom and in the playground. The school implemented the use of Yondr pouches in Term 4 of 2020 as part of a new phone policy at the school.

Each morning when students arrive at school, they magneti-

cally lock their devices into their own Yondr pouch. It allows students to maintain possession of their devices, but they cannot be used and they are not able to unlock until the end of the day.

Acting Head Teacher Wellbeing Linley Ryan said that negative incidences directly related to inappropriate phone use have

dropped by over 40% since the implementation of the policy.

"The benefits of the policy include an extraordinary improvement in student engagement in the classroom," Mrs Ryan said.

"There are far less distractions and an improved learning environment for all students."

"In the playground we have

also witnessed dramatic changes.

"Students are communicating with each other and there has been an increase in participation in recreational pursuits and physical activity in the playground.



Without the distraction of mobile phones students are less distracted in the classroom and playground behaviour has improved

## Swimmers a credit

On Friday 26th February, a squad of nine swimmers from St Mary of the Angels School travelled to Tamworth to represent the school at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival.

Congratulations to Tessa Jackson, Amber Writer,

Freya Bray, Camilla Grills, Alana Marshall, Lily McFarlane, Olive McFarlane, Bella Hayes and Flynn McFarlane.

These students all swam extremely well and were an absolute credit to the school.

*Principal Sharon Wittig.*



**Back l to r:** Amber Writer, Freya Bray, Lily McFarlane, and Tessa Jackson,

**Front:** Alana Marshall, Olive McFarlane, Camilla Grills, Flynn McFarlane, and Isabella Hayes

## School leaders 2021



Black Mountain Public School recently held our annual Leadership Assembly. Each year our student leaders receive their badges and address the assembly. The leaders have a range of important roles and responsibilities across the school, which they undertake during the year. Shylah, Amber and Fenix proudly received their badges from their parents. Merit certificates, and awards were also presented and excitedly received.

*Mrs Justine Eddy  
(Relieving Principal)*



# Supporting neighbours to rebuild boundary fences

More than 240 landholders across the Northern Tablelands have received over \$5 million to help rebuild boundary fencing bordering public lands destroyed during the 2019-20 bushfire season.

Eligible landholders can still receive grants from the 'Supporting our Neighbours' program and are being urged to apply through Local Land Services (LLS), with applications closing on Wednesday, March 31st.

LLS Executive Director, Regional Operations Rob Kelly said on average Northern Tablelands landholders have received about \$20,000 through the program to help cover the cost of lost boundary fencing.

"The road to recovery is long, but we're still here to help people rebuild and reshape their properties after the devastating

bushfires," Mr Kelly said.

"Through this program, we can provide up to \$5,000 per kilometre to purchase materials to rebuild fire damaged boundary fences with your public lands neighbour.

"This is one of the easiest support programs you will come across as we have a team of dedicated fencing coordinators to walk applicants through the entire process."

Grants can be issued retrospectively to help cover the costs for those who have already replaced their fencing.

**Applications close on March 31, 2021, with a dedicated team processing new applications as quickly as possible over the coming months. To find out if you are eligible and to apply, visit [www.lls.nsw.gov.au/fencing](http://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/fencing) or call 1300 778 080.**

# Warm weather the perfect storm for barber's poll worm

Recent rain and warm weather have provided ideal conditions for barber's pole worm. Female barber's pole worms lay up to 10 000 eggs per day and larvae on pasture have been building up all summer. Over the past couple of weeks, a rapid population explosion has occurred.

Often the sheep go from looking fat and healthy to dead very quickly with few symptoms.

Our District Vets have investigated several flocks where unexpected deaths of sheep were caused by barber's pole worm. Young or old, skinny or prime, ALL sheep are susceptible.

A particular concern is that, in a number of cases, the sheep were only two weeks post drenching. Drench resistance or ineffective drenches just make the problem worse.

Remember the principles of Integrated Worm Management and your Farm Biosecurity Plan:

1. If you are buying sheep, when you get them home hold them in the yards on feed and water and give them an effective drench. Don't introduce someone else's drench resistant flock to your flock.

2. Producers need to lookout for weak sheep with pale eyelids and gums.

3. It takes about 21 days for the lifecycle of the worm, so about 3-6 weeks after the rain event is when we expect to see clinical signs in sheep.

4. Monitor. A worm test will tell you what is really going on in your flock.

5. Please do not reach straight for the drench gun - do a worm test first.

If you have unexpected deaths in sheep it may not be worms. Contact your Local Land Services District Vet on 1300 795 299 or local veterinary practice for assistance if this occurs.

## Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

**March 3rd** - There was a yarding of 3345 lambs and 1380 sheep and with the increase in lamb numbers both processors and restockers were well catered for.

The majority of the lambs were new season. The quality was fair to good as was condition. There was a good supply of

Merino wether hoggets. There was increased processor competition, with the usual restocker orders in place.

Market trends varied in the restocker lambs. Strong demand for the plainer condition light weights resulted in dearer trends. The better quality lambs showing more condition and car-

rying extra weight saw a cheaper trend.

Despite the increased processor competition the demand was weaker. This saw all classes record cheaper trends. There was some weight related price increase in extra heavy weights.

A line of good quality Merino wether hoggets attracted good

restocker support. Strong processor competition saw the sheep market sell to dearer trends. Merino sheep carrying 40mm to 60mm skin length were keenly sought.

Restockers were active in the market for both Merino ewes and some of the sound heavy weight crossbred ewes

## Armidale Cattle Sale

**March 4th** - There was a small increase in numbers. There were very few vealers and weaners penned. Yearlings were well supplied and there were good numbers of grown cattle.

The quality of the offering was quite mixed, with condition fair to very good. There was an increased percentage of cattle in the medium and heavy weight classes. There was increased processor and feedlot competition.

Restockers were not as active with the limited supply of light weight cattle available. There were varying trends in the young cattle. Restocker steer vealers sold to cheaper trends. The better quality medium and heavy weight feeder steers sold to a slightly dearer market trend, while the lesser quality lines met weaker demand to

sell to cheaper trends.

The cheaper trends carried through to the heifer yearlings to feed, breed and quality variations also contributed to the lower prices. Grown steers to feed sold to a cheaper trend with a wide variation in age, breed and quality.

Despite an increased presence of export processors, the well finished heavy steers sold to a cheaper trend. The well finished grown heifers sold on a firm to cheaper trend, with only the best remaining firm.

The cow market saw a firm to slightly cheaper trend despite increased competition. The big improvement in the market was in the bulls. The increased competition resulted in a dearer trend of as much as 30c/kg.

## Weekly Wool Sales

**March 5th** - The lack of volatility in the market place continued this week with minimal movement in the headline indicators as well as the individual micron indicators.

The Northern region indicator has traded in a narrow 40 cent band during the course of the past six selling weeks. The 50,000 bale expected national offering failed to eventuate falling short of the mark by 3,500 bales. 42,199 bales were sold nationally for the week with a passed in rate of 9.3%.

Major buyers included Techwool, PJ Morris and Tianyu. The Fremantle mar-

ket selling last on Thursday closed to a softer tone for the 18 to 19.5 micron types.

Total first hand bales offered for the season to date is showing a 10.4% or 92,600 bale increase on last season. This increase comes despite the latest AWTA test data showing a 5.2% decrease in the number of bales tested over the same period.

Somewhat of a national production recovery commenced in February with AWTA testing an additional 25,000 bales compared to February 2020. More than half of this figure is attributed to NSW with WA the only state to record a decline.



# Guyra Show Results

## ~Shearing~

There was a very good turnout of 24 shearers for the Speed Shear at the Guyra Show.

I would like to thank all the shearers and the large crowd for turning up to see a spectacular show of speed shearing. I'd like to thank all the shearers who helped shear rams on a Saturday morning to help raise prize money.

Thank you to all the sponsors who generously donated money to put up prizemoney to bring shearers from around the State to the night. Major sponsors Glenavon Angus and NSW Farmers, also Tangleby Angus, Fox & Lillie Woolbrokers, G & A Mayled Shearing, Guyra Fuels, Deano's Smoked Trout, Guyra Hotel, Top of the Range Shearing, Sam Sewell, Ray White Livestock, Fernhill Guyra, Warren Lockyer Transport, Klabe Groundspreading, Lenehan Contract Services and Nutrien Ag Solutions.

We finished the night off

with a bit of fun where teams of three had to shear two sheep, then one had to eat a cold pie and one skulled a beer. This was a big hit for everyone except the person eating the cold pie. Winners were Luke Foster, Maare Foster and Erick Klabe.

Thank you to all the shearing committee for the time and hard work, to Wayne and Lorraine Jenkyn for the supply of sheep, and to Phil Saunders for carting the sheep in and out. Hopefully we are all back to normal next year.

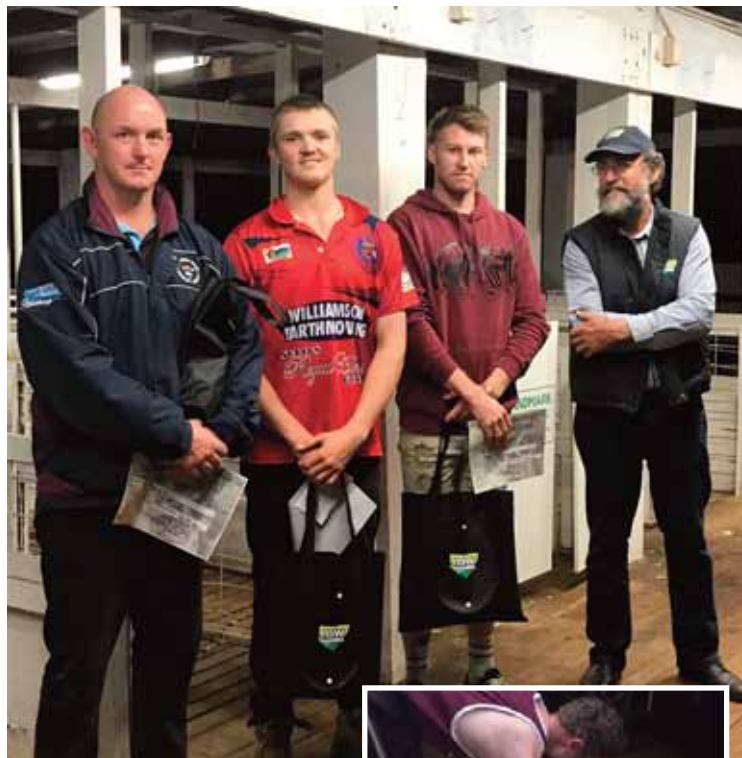
*Bruce Reeves*

### Open Winners

- 1st Daniel Linnett (Trangie)
- 2nd Tete Putuha (Walcha)
- 3rd Jeremy Newberry (Guyra)

### Intermediate Winners

- 1st Jezza Hayes
- 2nd Ewan Winter (Glen Innes)
- 3rd Les Perrett (Guyra)



### Above:

Intermediate winners (l to r) Les Perrett, Ewan Winter and Jezza Hayes with NSW Farmers President James Jackson

### Right:

Guyra shearer Jeremy Newberry was third in the Open



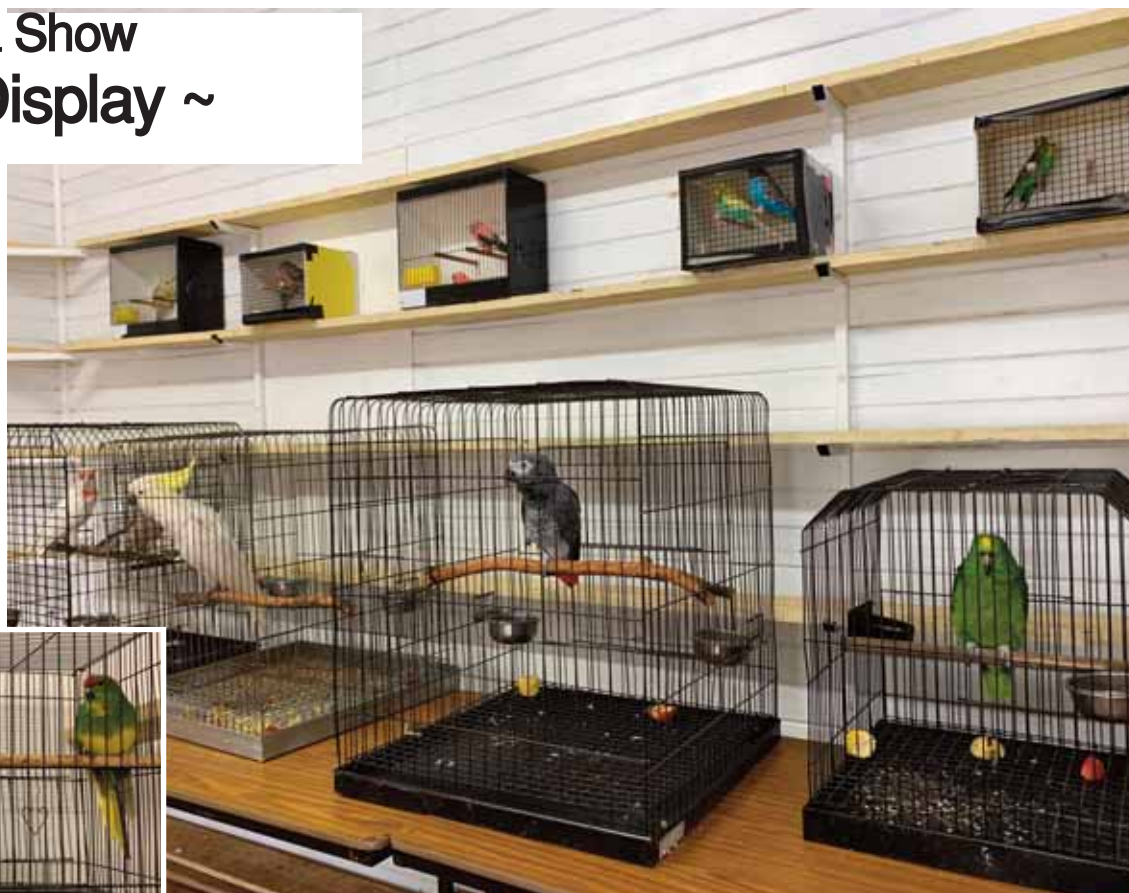
## Guyra Show

### ~ Bird Display ~

It was arranged to run a bird display at this year's Guyra Show instead of the usual Bird Show.

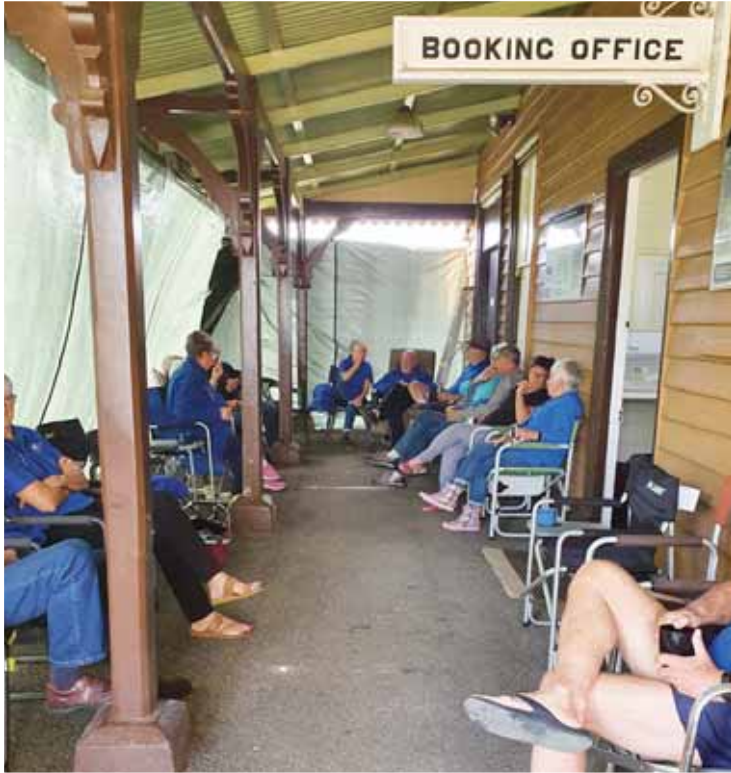
Angus Brazier and Peter Montague kindly agreed to run the event and supply all the birds.

There were 94 birds on display and 300 people visited the site. Angus and Peter would like to thank their visitors, supporters and especially John Credland for his help for this successful bird display.





# Camping out at Black Mountain Railway Station



Black Mountain Railway Station hosted a visit from 20 RV's and their owners from "The New Englanders" Campervan Motor Home Club



Black Mountain Railway Station recently played host to 20 RV vans and caravans from the Campervan Motor Home Club the "New Endlanders".

Each year the club returns to Black Mountain to enjoy the unique atmosphere of camping at a Northern Tablelands heritage railway station. They included large RVs right down to a single person who had a miniature red caravan the size of a smallish SUV.

The 40 or so people who stayed for the weekend are real fun loving people from all over the New England, and also from far away as Sydney and the South Coast. They just appeared to attract simi-

lar retirees who wish to escape from dreary suburban localities and get out with positive people who like to travel.

Treasurer of the Black Mountain Preservation Society Alan St Clair who is the keeper of the keys to the station, was invited over on Saturday night to enjoy their festivities as long as he bought a bottle of red with him. He even encountered one couple who have been travelling for 13 years on the road with no fixed abode!

They cleaned up after themselves, took their rubbish with them and will return next year singing the praises of the Guyra and Black Mountain locality.

## Budget review yields positive step for Council

An extensive review of the 2020/21 budget by senior management at Armidale Regional Council has resulted in a net improvement to Council's General Fund result of \$2.1 million.

A second quarter (Q2) budget review presented at the Council meeting on February 24th shows that after accounting for carry forward items from the prior financial year, the quarter one revised 2020/21 budget forecasted a consolidated operating deficit of \$22k. The Q2 budget review forecasts an improvement to the consolidated operating result of a \$2.1m surplus.

The General Fund, which accounts for a large portion of

revenue collected by rates and user charges, has been the focus of the extensive review. An improvement in the operating result from an \$805K operating surplus as at the Q1 budget review to a \$2.9m operating surplus is forecast, providing a net improvement to the General Fund operating result of \$2.1 million.

A contributing factor to the operating surplus is the recognition of grant funding of \$693,609 relating to the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program (Round 2) and an improved forecast for landfill revenues. Budget savings were identified due to event cancellations because of COVID-19, reduced staff re-

sourcing availability to deliver programmed works, review of subscriptions, review of consultancy work, review of unnecessary 'ad hoc' expenditure and reviewing operational priorities.

Armidale Regional Council General Manager James Roncon said the Q2 budget review was a step in the right direction.

"The organisation needs continued and sustained discipline and a focus on core services over the next two years to climb out of the financial stress currently being felt by Council.

I would like to thank Council staff for their commitment to financial discipline. There is

still a long road ahead but services are continually being reviewed to ensure value for money whilst delivering the best outcomes for the community."

Reduced revenue has impacted the budget due to the effects of COVID-19 in the areas of airport revenue, a decrease in lease income, changes in staff, a hold on recruitment and the deferred opening of the new landfill due to improve recycling initiatives. The 2020/21 capital works program was \$42million. The second quarter budget review decreased this to \$39m through a revised forecasted works for the remainder of the Financial Year.





# Gazette's Celebrity Footy Tipping



A big welcome to all our tipsters for this year's footy tipping competition.

We have a good line-up of Celebrities joining in the fun.

There is room for one more to take the Gazette's place.

Prizes for the Celebrities are: 1st half page ad, 2nd and 3rd a quarter page ad and we'll think of something for the last place wooden spooner.

At the time of going to press, we have 12 entries for the Locals competition, most having a wide variety of interesting noms de plume.

Prizes for our Locals are: 1st \$100.00, 2nd \$50.00 and wooden spoon \$20.00. Let the games begin!

**The deadline for Celebrity tips is no later than 11.00am on Tuesdays so that we can meet our print deadline.**

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- Warriors
- Roosters
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# Melted Moments wins Horse of the Year

A group of Guyra racehorse owners are celebrating following the Clarence River Jockey Club's Horse of the Year dinner which was held on Saturday March 6th.

Melted Moments, locally owned by Belinda Lenehan, Jenny Tierney, Wendy Jackson and Angela Grills won the prestigious Horse of the Year for the 2019-2020 Racing Season. Melted Moments also collected the Old Timer Horse of the Year award.

The awards night, which was postponed for 6 months

due to COVID 19, was a fitting tribute to the horse who unfortunately broke down in January and had to be put down.

During his career he had 93 starts for 15 wins and won \$283,000 in prize money.

All of the owners attended the awards evening and were very excited about picking up both awards.

"It was a great night," Angela said. "We had some great fun with him, he was a little champ with a big heart."



Belinda Lenehan, Wendy Jackson, Angela Grills and Jenny Tierney with the Horse of the Year trophy

## Men's Bowls

Saturday March 6th saw round 3 of the No 4 Pennants played when Guyra No.4 Pennant team played North Tamworth at Guyra. The scores were relatively even for the 63 ends played, but for Guyra they were narrowly beaten. Guyra needed two shots on the last end to taste victory and they were unable to convert on the last bowl of the day going down by one shot and as a result losing overall by two shots.

Steven Sole, Boyd Stanley, Herbert Jackson and Robert Walls defeated the team led by S Bayliss 23 shots to 22 shots over 21 ends.

John McIlwain, Michael Shiner, Scott Campbell and

Roger Cox were defeated by the team led by G Cameron 18 shots to 17 shots over 21 ends.

David Wilcox, Colin Stanley, Murray Bourke and Andrew Sparke were defeated by the team led by Z Curtis 20 shots to 18 shots over 21 ends.

The final score was Guyra 58 shots to North Tamworth 60 shots over 63 ends. The result was 1 point Guyra 9 points North Tamworth.

Club Championships played Sunday March 7th.

In club Pairs David Wilcox and Robert Goodchild played Geoff Reeves and Wayne Reeves, both teams were fairly even for the first half a dozen ends but David fresh

from Pennants Saturday soon settled and as a result David and Robert soon opened a lead and went on to take the victory 23 shots to 12 shots over 21 ends.

In Major Singles: Barry Presnell played Mallie Walls. In this game Mallie sent out a message to the other Major Singles players that he was ready to play when he put the sword to Barry 31 shots to 18 shots over 28 ends.

There will be no Club Championships this weekend due to Pennant play.

Guyra will travel to North Tamworth Saturday March 13th for round 4 of the No 4 Pennants. **Skips to arrange transport for their team**

Team: 1. Steven Sole, Boyd

Stanley, Robert Walls and Robert Moore

Team: 2. John McIlwain, Michael Shiner, Scott Campbell and Roger Cox

Team: 3. David Wilcox, Colin Stanley, Cameron Peardon and Andrew Sparke.

Manager: John Jackson.

**Pennant players please note that there are changes to teams so make sure you are playing.**

Just a short message to players when you attach Club stickers to your bowls make sure that they are attached to the correct side of the bowl, that is remember the small ring is always on the inside.

*The Bowls Bandit*

## Gazette Footy Tipping

Eel-be-Right	0	Old Chook	0
The Swimmer	0	GG	0
Good Guess	0	Hazel	0
Lucy's Choice	0	*We have room for more Locals.	
The Intern	0	<b>Tips for Round 1</b>	
Smooch	0	<b>MUST be submitted</b>	
The 3 Stooges	0	<b>to the Gazette office</b>	
Red Devils	0	<b>by 4pm today</b>	
Elva Brazier	0		

### Locals Entry Form - Round 2

*Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March*

Name: .....

Phone: .....

Eels	vs	Storm
Warriors	vs	Knights
Titans	vs	Broncos
Bulldogs	vs	Panthers
Sea Eagles	vs	Rabbits
Cowboys	vs	Dragons
Tigers	vs	Roosters
Sharks	vs	Raiders



## Ladies' Golf

Last week the ladies played a 4BBBAM with Wendy George and Karen Oehlers winning with 54 points. The runners up were Wendy Jackson and Donna White with 52 points.

Nearest the pin winners were Donna White on the 10th hole, Suzanne Towells on the 18th hole and Debbie Heffernan on the 7th and 9th holes.

This week is a Stroke and Flag Event along with the Goodwill Plate and 2nd Round of the Golf NSW Medal. Next week is a Stableford along with the 2nd Graham Betts Round. Wendy George is the starter.

*Birdie*

## Men's Golf

Last Sunday the Guy Warskitt Memorial 4 Ball was played and won by Scott Mendes and Michael Jackson with 46 points, on a countback from Jake Ellis and Dean Moore. Nearest to the pins were Michael Jackson on the 7th, Darrin Towells on the 10th

and Dean Moore on the 18th. The March monthly mug was also played and won by Mick Purvis.

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

*The Albatross*

## Midweek Golf

Mid Week golf finishes on Sunday 21st March.

Last week top scorer went to Meg Simpson with 28 points. Congratulations. Next on 24 points was Dan Lennon and on 22 points were Logan Beechey, Bob Constance and Ian Brown. On 21 points were Taylor Brennan, Matt McFarlane, Neil Paine and Chris Duthie.

Extra points to Sultans of Swing, No Shankers, Pitch Purrfects. Total of 45 players put their cards in which means not many missed out. Maybe it was that extra week that made a difference.

Good luck to everyone for the last two weeks of mid week golf.

*Middy*

## Rugby League

The Super Spuds have lined up a tough home trial this Saturday to kick off 2021.

The Kootingal Roosters will face Guyra at the New Red Hill in women's leaguetag, under 19s and first grade as the Spuds prepare for the Group 19 season.

Games kick off at 1.30pm and entry is a gold coin.

Training is now on every Tuesday and Thursday and more players are needed to strengthen the three squads.



Volunteers to help out on game days are also needed.

Meanwhile the club is fundraising by selling supporter jerseys for \$99.

The money raised will help buy uniforms for a charity game later in the year.

Anyone who would like a jersey or to volunteer for the club can contact president Britt Youman on 0409 215 031 or message the club via Facebook.

*Grant Robertson*

## CRICKET SCOREBOARD March 6th, 2021

1st Grade Guyra defeated Easts	2nd Grade Guyra defeated by Ex Services	3rd Grade Guyra defeated Ex Services
<b>Guyra Innings</b>	<b>Guyra Innings</b>	<b>Guyra Innings</b>
Grant Ryan 53	B Landsborough 10	Craig Lockyer 106
Mitch Woods 11	Andrew Pearson 8	Jack Lockyer 13
Ben Jackson 61	Tim Foster 2	Les Perrett 12
Joey Ryan not out 64	DJ Patterson 18	Simon Brown 5
Matt Simpson 0	Cody Patterson 0	Brodi Campbell 6
Matt Jackson 2	Pete Ahoy 1	Taylor Brennan 0
Charlie White not out 18	Travis Patterson 8	Maurie Blair 4
Keiran Wicks dnb	Jim Lenahan 0	Dan Vidler 10
Jake Ellis dnb	Dominic Cutmore 0	Brendon Williams 0
Tyson Burey dnb	Tremane Patterson 5	Jason Campbell 19
Heath Dowsett dnb	T Landsborough not out 0	Archie Dowden 3
Extras 40	Extras 8	Extras 20
<b>Total 5/251(cc)</b>	<b>Total 60</b>	<b>Total 198</b>
<b>Overs: 45</b>	<b>Overs: 19</b>	<b>Overs: 35.5</b>
<b>East's Innings</b> 136 off 43.5 overs	<b>Ex Services Innings</b> 6/61 off 21.0 overs	<b>Ex Services Innings</b> 181 off 32.5 overs
<b>Guyra Bowling:</b> Mitch Woods 2/9, Jake Ellis 4/22, Tyson Burey 4/21	<b>Guyra Bowling:</b> Brandon Landsborough 1/23, Cody Patterson 5/26	<b>Guyra Bowling:</b> Dan Vidler 4/26 Brodi Campbell 1/32 Taylor Brennan 2/19 Simon Brown 3/39

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

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The Lions Club of GUYRA will be holding their annual Senior Citizens outing on:

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# Anglers Club Presentation Day

The Guyra Anglers Club Inc. held a successful AGM and Presentation day on Saturday March 6th. Congratulations to all our winners in fishing and raffles. A huge thanks to those that bought raffle tickets and to the following businesses who supplied our great range of prizes. All support is highly appreciated.

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**Guyra Anglers Club Life Members and Junior Fishers**  
**Back 1 to r:** Norm Williams, Gary Sole (Coco), Dot and Ted Davidson  
**Front:** Laura Britton, Tyler Britton, Charlie Drew, Noah Brennan, Kayne Brennan

- Kingfisher Lures Inverell
  - Elders
  - MoTackle
  - Compleat Angler Inverell
  - Grazag Guyra
  - Guyra Hotel
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  - John Mitchell
- Guyra Anglers Club**

## Veterans Annual Open Day

Last week the Guyra Vets ran their Annual Open Days. Monday saw over 50 players compete in a Four Ball Stableford. The winners were Phil Devlin and Col Walls with a score of 44 points. Runners up also with 44 were Wendy George and Debbie Heffernen. The longest driver for the ladies was Pip White and the men David Lyes. Nearest the pins went to Wendy George on the 7th, Pat Fulford from Sydney on the 9th. On the 10th was Barry Craze, also from Sydney, and the 18th, Paul Hemming, Brisbane.

On Tuesday the Open Individual Stableford was played with over 60 players. A Grade winner was Craig Hulls from Glen Innes with 38 points and runner up, Gordon Dean from Inverell with 33.

B Grade was taken out by David Carr from Goondiwindi on a count back with Col Walls, both on 35. Len Stanley with 36 won C Grade followed by Don Campbell on 34.

It took another countback to separate the ladies, with Andrea Swemmer win-

ning from Pip White. Both ladies scored 30 points.

The ladies' longest drive was Cheryl McDonald, Walcha, and the men's went to Ian Taylor.

Nearest the pins were Greg Constantine from Armidale on the 7th, Jenny Rogers the 9th, Ian Swanston from Glen Innes on the 10th and Gordon Dean, Inverell, the 18th.

The Club would like to thank our sponsors, the Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club, Nutrien Ag Solutions, New England Autos and of course Costas who were again very generous with tomatoes to distribute.



**Top right:**  
 C Grade winner Len Stanley with Fiona Smith representing Nutrien Ag Solutions  
**Right:**  
 Phil Devlin and Col Walls won the Four Ball Stableford

*A Vet*



## Two teams through to finals

Guyra will be represented in two semi finals of the Armidale District Cricket Association competition this weekend.

The third grade side are minor premiers following a good win in the final competition round against Ex Services

Craig Lockyer carried his bat through the innings to finish on 106 not out. Dan Vidler was the best with the ball taking 4/26. This weekend they will be up against Ex Services again in the semi final.

The first grade side will also play in the semi final this weekend, finishing third on the ladder. They had an easy win on the weekend against Easts. Grant Ryan (53), Ben Jackson (61) and Joey Ryan (64 no) were the in form batsmen, while Jake Ellis (4/22) and Tyson Burey (4/21) starred with the ball.

They will play Easts in this weekend's semifinal.

Second grade bowed out of the competition following a loss to Ex Services on the weekend.

*Full cricket scoreboard page13*



**3rd Grade Minor Premiers**  
(above)

**Back l to r:** Jason Campbell, Simon Brown, Maurie Blair, Taylor Brennan, Les Perrett, Dan Vidler

**Front:** Brodi Campbell, Jack Lockyer, Craig Lockyer, Brendon Williams, Archie Dowden, Oscar Atkin

**Below:**

Craig Lockyer was in form on the weekend with 106 not out



## Community Information, Drop-in Sessions & Meeting

Community members are welcomed to discuss the Project with RWF representatives and provide feedback

*Rangoon Wind Farm*

### BEN LOMOND MEMORIAL HALL

- Drop-in Session - 17<sup>th</sup> March  
1.00pm - 4.00pm
- Information meeting - 17<sup>th</sup> March  
5.30pm - 7.30pm

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