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Tour de Cure passes through town



Above: Tour de Cure dropped in to Guyra Central School

Below: June Walker hosted the riders at her Ben Lomond home and also caught up with Mark Beretta in Glen Innes (*Instagram*)

Last Tuesday the Tour de Cure Signature Tour passed through the Guyra area, enroute from Armidale to Glen Innes on day five of the event. The Tour de Cure ride took place from March 26th to April 1st 2021, bringing together people from all corners of Australia who are searching for a cure for cancer.

One of the Tour De Cure pelotons visited Guyra Central School, where students are engaged in the 'Be Fit, Be Healthy, Be Happy' program. The riders said that there's a reason the tours only run during term time, and that is because they want to reach to as many school children as possible through the 'Be Fit, Be Healthy, Be Happy' program.

"Riding into the school, meeting the kids and giving a short, fun-filled presentation is a highlight of every tour," they said. "Together, we help to demystify cancer and encourage the kids and their school community to make healthy lifestyle choices for their future."

The school featured in a highlight reel on the Sunrise television program the following day. Following their visit to Guyra Central School they passed through Ben Lomond, also visiting the Ben Lomond school.

Ben Lomond resident June Walker stopped the riders to hand over a donation and also featured on the 'Sunrise' program, earning special praise from the show's sports presenter and Tour De Cure rider Mark Beretta who posted the following tribute on Instagram:

"June, I think you are a wonderful, adorable human! Way out in the country yesterday, June was waiting at the farm gate with her \$10 donation for @tourdecureaus. When we saw her, we decided to make an unscheduled stop. She invited all the riders and crew in and hosted us for a wonderful half hour! She is heart and soul a beautiful Australian country woman and we are all much richer for meeting her."



IS YOUR RURAL LIFESTYLE BLOCK READY?

During the last 2 years, we have seen the impacts of a range of climate change risks and challenges.

Rural Lifestyle Landholders in the GUYRA & BLACK MOUNTAIN area are invited to a workshop where they can

- Share reactions to recent drought and fires
- Explore responses to future climate change risks
- Explore the how-to and the barriers to adaptive action
- Learn how to better navigate the next fire, flood or drought.

2.00-5.30 pm Saturday 17 April 2021
GUYRA BOWLING & RECREATION CLUB

Free tickets at www.stickytickets.com.au/464ql

Bookings essential for catering and COVID safety.
More information at www.snelandcare.org.au/events.
Contact annette.kilarr@snelandcare.org.au or 02 6772 9123.

Are you giving your rural lifestyle block the best chance to survive the next fire, flood or drought?

Do you have the knowledge & skills

to navigate through it?

Images courtesy of Nathan Ruzick and Jossy Castells on Unsplash and Lauren Zittler



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Southern New England Landcare



Main street upgrade reaches next stage

Work on the upgrade of Guyra's Bradley Street is progressing, with the Stage 2 roadworks set to get underway this month.

The road rehabilitation works will involve the excavation and reconstruction of the existing road pavement in Bradley Street between Mackenzie Street and Nincoola Street.

Armidale Regional Council General Manager James Roncon said it's an exciting

step in the Guyra main street upgrade.

"Stage 2 will see huge improvements to the quality of the road which will increase the overall quality of the street," said Mr Roncon.

"This project has taken longer than anticipated due to the discovery of underground fuel tanks, however Council is powering on and making sure this project is delivered."

Pedestrian and traffic ac-

cess along Bradley Street will be temporarily affected to facilitate the works, with a full road closure between Nincoola Street and Mackenzie Street scheduled from Monday 19 April. The full road closure is expected to be in place for three weeks, dependant on weather and site conditions.

A 24 hour detour will be in place during the full road closure and will divert road users to the nearby Booro-

long Street. Pedestrians will still be able to use the footpaths on either side of Bradley Street to minimise impact on businesses in the street. Pedestrian fencing will prevent pedestrians crossing through the work-site for the duration of the work.

The \$450,000 project has been jointly funded by the NSW Roads to Recovery Program and merger funding.

Council fined for unlawfully taking water

Armidale Regional Council has been issued two penalty notices by the Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR) for unlawfully taking water between December 2019 and February 2020. The fines totalling \$3000 were issued to the council on March 10.

The regulator alleged the council allowed a business in Guyra to take water from two of its test bores without the required Water Access Licence (WAL) or Special Purpose Access Licence (SPAL).

Armidale Regional Council received approval in 2019 to do a test drilling program for groundwater at three sites in Guyra as part of a groundwater supply system to back-up its town water supply.

They carried out investigations and yield testing at the end of which they allowed the tomato farm to take 13 megalitres of water in total from bores at Izzeard Park and Guyra Showground.

NRAR commenced a thorough investigation in July 2020 following a public tip-

off. They undertook an investigation into the allegation and later took action to protect the environment and uphold water laws. Water users are required to hold a WAL or a SPAL must do so before they take water.

Armidale Regional Council applied for and was granted an exemption under c39A of the Water Management (General) Regulation 2018 to construct a bore without having to apply for or hold a water supply work approval in January 2020.

When granting the exemption, NRAR informed the council that a WAL or SPAL was required for water taken through the bores. These exemptions only apply to critical water use situations during drought conditions and only to construct test bores.

NRAR said the council breached s60A of the Water Management Act 2000 when it unlawfully took water from bores without holding a WAL or SPAL during the time of the offending.

Need a room? The Hub can help

The Hub at Guyra has a number of rooms available for use by the wider community following their recent renovations. Centre Manager Sarah Hunt said that they have already welcomed new users at the centre and believe the facilities would benefit many more.

They have one larger consult room which is suitable for meetings that need the extra space, or for a large group. This has a verandah room attached with self-contained kitchenette.

Two smaller consult rooms are also available which are suitable for private meetings, service meetings and for outreach activities. The Boardroom is suitable for functions and comes with full WI-FI and large screen access.

Community groups looking to

conduct cooking classes or lifeskills education are able to make use of the fully equipped Kitchen. It is suitable for functions, with dining for up to 8-10 people. The kitchen has a state of the art large cook top and oven, dishwasher, filtered water and large fridge. You only need to supply the food.

The Computer Room can also be hired for use by individuals or by groups that are fully supervised. It is equipped with computers, large monitors, high-speed internet, Microsoft Office Suite, printer connection, photocopy papers.

All rooms come with full access to the modern well-equipped kitchen and refreshments are provided for each booking including tea, coffee, biscuits, sugar, milk and

bottled water. Toilets (including an accessible toilet with shower, auto adult change table and baby change table) are available.

Consult rooms can be hired for \$40 full day (or part thereof), the kitchen is available for \$50 full day (or part thereof), the boardroom with internet access will cost \$50 full day (or part thereof) and Computer room hire is \$50 for a full day or \$20 per hour.

Bookings are essential and you can book the space for one-off or regular use. Special rates may be available for more than one day per week bookings. Please contact 6779 1635 or email info@the-hub.cc for more information.

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- ◆ Consult Rooms (\$40)
- ◆ Kitchen (\$50)
(fully equipped)
- ◆ Boardroom (\$50)
(with internet)
- ◆ Computer room (\$50)

Full day (or part thereof)
Refreshments provided

Bookings Essential
Further information -
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160 Bradley Street,
Guyra

What's HOT

SATURDAY NIGHT at the Lagoon: great food, coffee, company and Easter Egg hunt.

DAYLIGHT SAVING finally over.

WASTE SERVICES GUIDE from Council in the mailbox

LIVE THEATRE returning to the Arcadia Theatre - book your tickets now

ARTWORK at Post Office

What's NOT

BARKING dogs

QUOTE of the week

A true friend is someone who thinks that you are a good egg even though he knows that you are slightly cracked

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
30	Tues	8.7	17.8	0
31	Wed	6.2	15.8	0
01	Thurs	7.1	17.2	0
02	Fri	9.2	17.9	0
03	Sat	10.4	17.3	0
04	Sun	8.1	15.7	0
05	Mon	11.3		0.8

Rain this week	0.8mm
March rainfall	182.4mm
Rainfall YTD	374.6mm
Rainfall last YTD	404.6mm
Ave. rain to Apr.	341.8mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Can Assist Fundraiser



Lauren, Wal and Renee Irvine have donated 'The Bull Bar' to be auctioned for Can Assist

The Guyra Branch of Can Assist will be holding a fundraising auction at the Royal Hotel on Friday April 16th.

Up for grabs will be a unique piece created by Wal Irvine for the Farm Waste to Art competition at the Guyra Show.

The aptly titled "The Bull Bar" will go under the hammer with all proceeds going to help local patients

affected by cancer.

Auctioneers for the evening will be Michael Jackson and Steve Adams.

Like many local groups, Can Assist has struggled with fund raising due to the restrictions imposed during the pandemic.

President Wendy Jackson said that they were extremely grateful for the offer of assistance from the Royal Hotel which allowed

them to conduct meat raffles once a month.

Coinciding with their next meat raffle night on April 16th, they will auction the 'Bull Bar' which was kindly donated by the Irvine family.

They invite everyone to come along for their chance to bid on this unique item while supporting a great local charity.

Community assistance grants

Community groups and individuals in the Armidale region are invited to submit applications for Community Connectivity Assistance and Arts & Culture Small Grants. Applications for each grant opened on Thursday April 1st and are designed to support groups and services within the Local Government Area to address communication needs within our community, and support arts and culture within the region.

Armidale Regional Council is offering Community Connectivity Assistance of up to \$2400 per group or organisation, and up to \$3000 for Arts & Culture Small Grants. Applications for the Arts & Culture Small

Grants are open to artists across all art forms, community groups and arts organisations to support their endeavour.

The Community Connectivity Assistance Grants aim to provide financial assistance to purchase equipment, implement programs that increase communication capabilities, and facilitate and encourage communication between groups and organisations.

Applications for the grant close Wednesday April 21st and successful applicants will be notified at the end of May 2021. Further information and application forms are available on the Grants and Funding Opportunities section of Council's website.

Soonchild in the saddle for Sadie's wild ride

A homegrown night of Wild West-inspired theatre created by Nundle-based artist Natasha Soonchild is set to tour the small halls of the New England North West from late April, including a stop at the Australian Poetry Hall of Fame in Guyra. The performance is brought to audiences by Arts North West On Tour's annual Pocket Productions program.

Soonchild will hit the stage in the title role of *Shootin' Sadie*, an acclaimed one-woman show written and developed in Nundle and directed by Gwenda Blackwell.

A multi-talented performing and visual artist, Soonchild will inhabit multiple characters for the production, narrating Sadie's story of adversity and triumph through the entertaining and accessible prism of the Wild West genre.

"Sadie's journey is one of adversity and strength revealing the moral compass that guides her conscience," Soonchild

said. "She has true grit."

Established acoustic musician from Nundle, Golden Guitar-winning Krsulja will perform a blend of Folk, Rock and Country as the opening act for the show. First stop on Sadie's wild ride will be the DAG Sheep Station, Nundle on Saturday April 17, after which the show will continue to The Australian Poetry Hall of Fame at Guyra on Thursday April 22.

A year since the Hall reopened, owner James Warren is excited to be presenting *Shootin' Sadie* as the first touring production at the town's revived Arcadia Theatre.

"After a 50-year pause as an entertainment venue, the town of Guyra once again has a community entertainment and arts hub which *Shootin' Sadie* will help revitalise," he said.

To book for the Guyra performance, head online to www.eventbrite.com or contact the venue on 0423 478 656.



**Natasha Soonchild is the star
"Shootin' Sadie"**

One year on for Poetry Hall of Fame

The Australian Poetry Hall of Fame in Guyra has just celebrated its first anniversary. It was March 24th, 2020 that James Warren arrived in Guyra with a dream to establish the Australian Poetry Hall of Fame in the former Arcadia Theatre. Twelve months on he reflects on how his dream is progressing.

Despite the challenges such as the COVID lockdown beginning on the first day of opening, I am still here. The highlights of the year have been the opening of the Saturday morning Guyra Farmer's and Craft Market from 8:30 to 1pm every Saturday. The market provides an outlet for local producers and creators to sell and market their goods. The Easter Saturday on April 3rd, was an extra big market with many more stall holders.

The Guyra Film Society began and shows regular monthly films with 20 plus members and anyone is welcome to come to their

first screening for a donation, new members are always welcome.

Every Wednesday evening there are open mic poetry nights from 6:30pm and recently Steve Wordsmith was inducted as the 2021 Living Legend of Australian Poetry and local ambassador Gladys Wilson was awarded an up and coming post award for the preservation of Australian history in poetry.

There are Healthy Him men's circuit training every Monday night from 6pm as well as Tibetan Yoga and Breathing classes incorporating Tsalung and the 5 Tibetan Rites of Rejuvenation on Sunday 9:30am and Tuesday 9:30pm and 6pm.

There is also the Red Door Gallery in the side room which is a space for local artists who want to hold an exhibition or sell their art on commission. The Hall of Poets is coming along and currently features the poetry of 25+ Famous Australian Poets.

Come and check out the

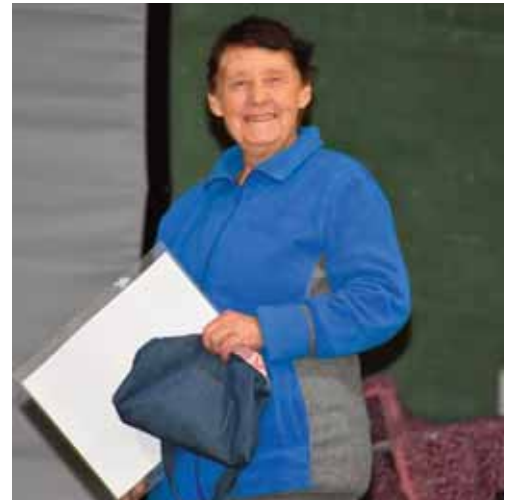
extensive collection of books and poetry library and our Mont Marte art supplies and Ironlak Street Art Paint cans. Plus don't forget to see the impressive mural by Tony Timor.

The year ahead is looking exciting with an ARIA award winning and CMAA winning female country music singer Fanny Lumden tentatively booked for May, and Glenn Skulthorp being negotiated for October.

Our next big event is *Shootin' Sadie* booked for April 22nd. *Shootin' Sadie* is written and performed by Natasha Soonchild with special guest John Krsulja as the pre-show performance. Tickets are available online from eventbrite or directly from the Australian Poetry Hall of Fame.

The space is also available for bookings and events with discounts for community groups holding fundraisers.

James Warren



**Up and coming poet Gladys Wilson (above)
and 2021 Living Legend Steve Wordsmith**



Community Noticeboard

Meals on Wheels

April 8 Joyce Betts
 April 9 Golf Ladies
 April 12 Anne Hulber
 April 13 NEM Staff
 April 14 Ann Hulbert

Street Stalls

April 8 Wig Group
 April 9 & 10 Masonic Lodge
 April 11, 16, 17 Lions Club
 April 22 CWA

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:

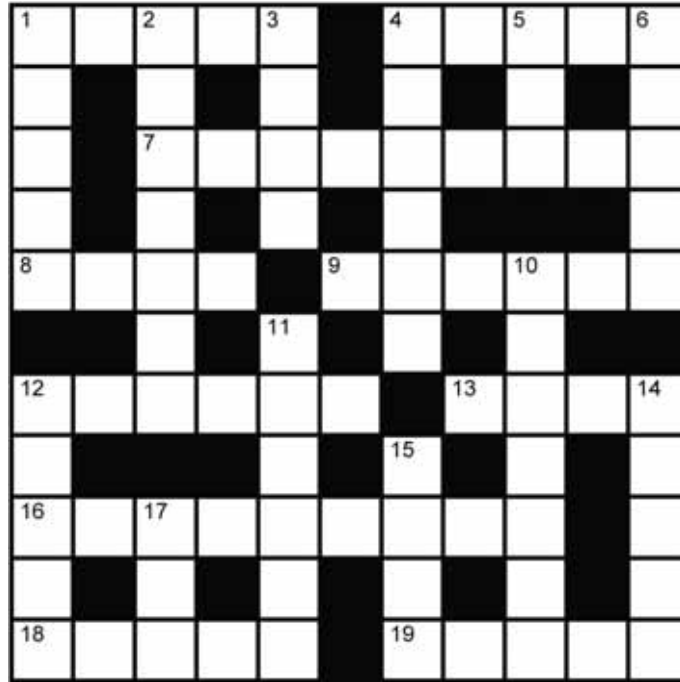
Regular Sunday Service: 9.30am
 Contact: Nancy Davidson 6779 1366

Service Clubs

LIONS CLUB dinner meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesday 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

CROSSWORD



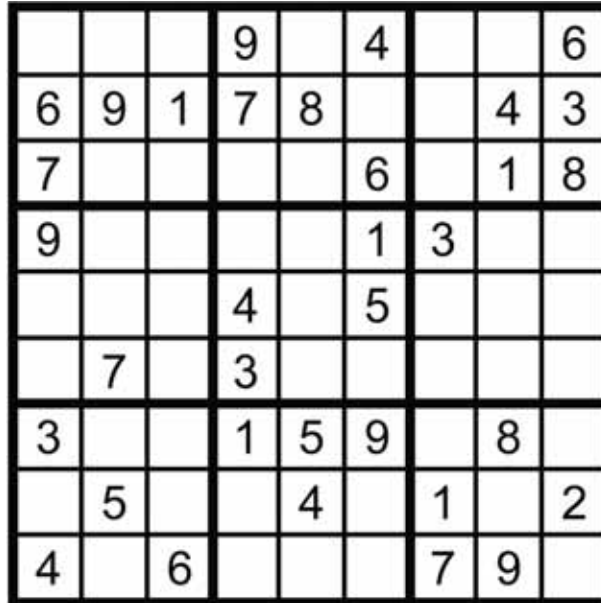
Across:

1. Legal Arbitrer
4. Usually in a wooded area
7. Investigator who observes carefully
8. Villain's doing
9. Basic
12. Any communication that encodes a message
13. The amount by which the cost of business exceeds its revenue
16. High class and selective, only for a certain few
18. Move to the music
19. A small amount eaten or drunk

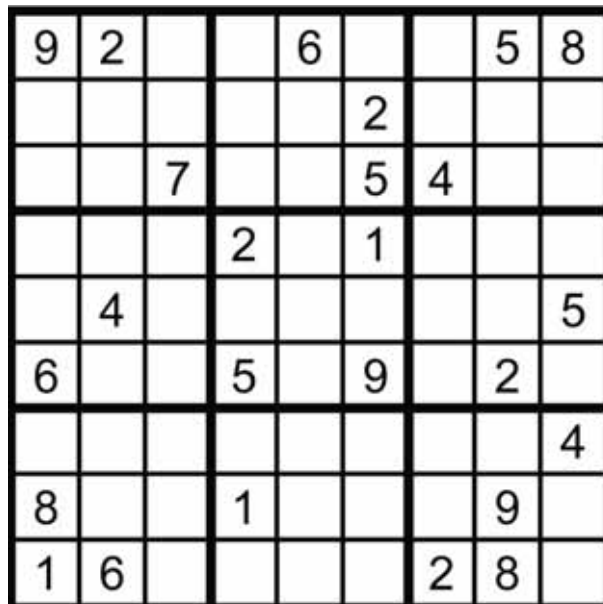
Down:

1. Fruit's liquid
2. Going by car
3. Simple
4. An entry on a list of persons who contributed to a film
5. The act of gambling
6. Hospital sister
10. Procedure, something you do in order to achieve a certain result
11. Mother to us all
12. An indicator of pace
14. A subdivision of an act of a play
15. Mud ingredient
17. Metal receptacle

Sudoku - Easy



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Search on for local artist to create mural

Armidale Regional Council is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from groups or individuals living in the Guyra area who would be interested in assisting a local artist in developing a mural design for the toilet block in Bradley Street. At last month's Council meeting it was resolved the original artist would not paint the mural due to strong community backlash.

Armidale Regional Council General Manager James Roncon said Council is ensuring the Guyra community are given a piece of public art they can enjoy and appreciate.

"We have listened to the concerns the Guyra community had, so we are going back to the drawing board to make sure we deliver residents with a mural they

want to see in their main street," said Mr Roncon.

"By including residents in the process, we are ensuring a mural will be delivered that suits the tastes and needs of the Guyra community."

Community groups or individuals are required to collaborate with a local artist when submitting their EOI, and ideas must reflect the

local themes and identity of the Guyra community and is designed to enhance the ambience of the main street.

"Through engaging a local artist, the artwork will capture the true essence of the community and will cement Guyra's identity," said Mr Roncon.

The new artist and community group or individual must be prepared to have the

project fully completed before June 30 in order to meet the funding requirement. If the project is not complete by that date, the funding will be returned.

For more information, or to submit an EOI, visit the Public Art page on Council's website. EOIs close on 13 April 2021.

Council secures funding to improve local facilities

Armidale Regional Council (ARC) has received \$500,000 from the Australian Government Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCI Program). This program supports local councils to deliver priority local road and community infrastructure projects across

Australia, supporting jobs and the resilience of local economies to help communities bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council has received \$100,000 of LRCI funding which will go towards upgrading the Guyra Men's Shed, \$350,000 for the Mon-

ckton Aquatic Centre in Armidale to receive new heat pumps, and \$50,000 which will go towards an emergency meeting place for the Lower Creek Community.

Work to upgrade the pumps at the Monckton centre will be carried out during the pool's closure over Winter.



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Support flows for upgrading water storages following recent rain

With water flowing over the causeway at Malpas Dam and Guyra Dam full, the rain in March has set many on the land up for a positive winter.

Early last month, Water Minister Melinda Pavey came to the region and met with myself, Armidale Regional Council Mayor Ian Tiley and council's water engineers, to receive a progress update on the feasibility study being undertaken on the raising of Malpas Dam wall.

By lifting the wall 6.5 metres the storage capacity will more than double to 27 gegalites, transforming it into a regional water storage.

This project will provide peace of mind to Guyra's businesses and households that during an extreme dry time, as experienced in 2019, they will have a back-up water supply to rely on should Guyra Dam run dry.

Pleasingly at that meeting Mayor Tiley committed to increasing the number of staff council has working on the project, in order to get its plans to Government as soon as possible.

The recent spilling at Malpas Dam really highlights the need to continue pursuing this important infrastructure upgrade at all levels of Government, and I look forward to seeing ARC's preliminary designs and costings by the end of this month.

Time to Dine and Discover in Guyra

With COVID-19 restrictions now considerably eased in NSW, it's time for us to get out and enjoy the sights and sounds of this great region.

A cost effective way to do that is to utilise the State Government's Dine & Discover NSW program, with locals now able to apply for their \$100 worth of vouchers.

This program is aimed at reinvigorating the hospitality and tourism sectors following COVID-19 and it is important for the local economy that local businesses cashed in.

At this stage, according to the Service NSW website, two eateries in Guyra, the Royal Hotel and Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club, have signed up to accept Dine and Discover NSW vouchers.

Every NSW resident aged 18 years and over is eligible for four \$25 vouchers, worth \$100 in total, to spend in participating businesses.

Residents can easily apply online on the Service NSW app and at www.service.nsw.gov.au and a non-digital solution will be made available to customers who don't have a smartphone or compatible device.

Dine & Discover NSW vouchers will be divided into two categories:

- Two \$25 vouchers to be used for eating in at restaurants, cafes, bars, pubs and clubs 7 days a week, excluding public holidays; and
- Two \$25 vouchers to be used for entertainment and recreation, including cultural institutions, live music, and arts venues, available 7 days a week, excluding public holidays.

I encourage eligible businesses in Guyra who are yet to sign up to make sure they get on board. For more information on Dine & Discover NSW, visit www.nsw.gov.au

Contact my office:
Phone: 02 6772 5552 Fax: 02 6772 5026
Email:
northerntablelands@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Drawing the line on rural crime

“Draw the line on regional crime” is the central message to the new Regional Crime Campaign which was launched this week. In NSW, more than 80% of farmers have reported being a victim of crime according to new research by the Centre for Rural Criminology, University of New England. Even more critical is the high levels of repeat victimisation, with more than 76% of farmers being a victim of crime on more than two occasions, and more than 23% experiencing crime more than seven times*.

Crime Stoppers and the NSW Police Force are launching a state-wide crime campaign to address awareness of regional crimes, prevention measures and to increase reporting to Crime Stoppers and the police.

Regional crime can affect individual’s finances and safety directly but can also have a more widespread impact on the prosperity of the town and its people. In regional areas, the perception of a community, its safety, its people, and its economic situ-

ation can affect tourism, impact on its attraction of high-quality health professionals or teachers and other essential service providers. But it doesn’t stop there. Crimes in regional areas have a flow-on effect, impacting pricing, distribution, and availability of produce everywhere.

The campaign will provide information on how regional communities can deter or prevent crime in their area while encouraging everyone to report crime. The message to the NSW community is: Any information on any crime anytime. The Crime Stoppers contact centre operates 24/7, 365 days a year and all information captured is in complete confidence.

Crime Stoppers is working with the NSW Police Force Rural Crime Prevention Team and the Police Transport and Public Safety Command across a range of major crime areas including stock theft, marine theft and poaching.

Stock theft, as one example, has a significant financial impact on our farmers. Between 2015 and 2020, there has

been a conservative estimated value of \$22.5m worth of sheep and cattle reported stolen within NSW. If we consider the value of stud stock, loss of animal by-products and loss of future breeding potential, the financial impact on primary producers within NSW could realistically be over \$60m*.

NSW Police Force’s Corporate Sponsor for Rural Crime, Acting Assistant Commissioner Brett Greentree, says it is important to work together to protect farmers.

“Rural crime has no borders and police across Australia are working together to protect the livelihood of our farmers against offenders who target them,” Acting Assistant Commissioner Greentree said.

“Our farmers have already suffered natural disasters such as drought, bushfires and floods and we will not accept people stealing from them or making them feel vulnerable in their own home. We urge you to call Crime Stoppers or your local police with any information.”

The newly-launched com-

munity awareness campaign will run state-wide for a 12-month period. Crime Stoppers will be visiting regional communities to engage with communities in an effort to help reduce crime and increase reporting.

Crime in regional areas is not new; however, it continues to be a growing area of concern for the whole of NSW, not just the farming community and therefore it needs a whole of community approach.

- You can help by reporting anything suspicious, strange, or concerning.

- Any piece of information, anything you have seen or heard, may be crucial in preventing or solving a crime.

- Call or click Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000/ nsw.crimestoppers.com.au

- For a crime in progress call Triple Zero (000). Save Triple Zero for Emergencies (000)

*Source: NSW Farmers Survey, data analysis February 2021, Centre for Rural Criminology, University of New England.’

Bush Fire Danger Period Ends

The NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) is advising landowners of the end to the Bush Fire Danger Period in the New England and Northern Tablelands areas.

This means that from the 1st April 2021 fire permits will no longer be required for burning on properties located within the Walcha, Uralla, Armidale-Regional, Glen Innes, Tenterfield and Inverell Local Government Areas.

A/Zone Manager Mark Denton of the New England RFS said that the message to landholders is to take the opportunity throughout the coming winter months to try and get any necessary burn-

ing completed on your property.

“With the recent trend in fire seasons beginning earlier in the year and summer fire weather conditions becoming more unpredictable landowners should not rely on being able to burn in summer,” Mr Denton said. “Ensure all your pile burning and hazard reduction activities are scheduled into the winter land management activities for your property.”

“The cooler months are where all the preparation work should occur to ensure you are in the best possible position for the next fire season. The RFS is able to carry out property assessments, as-

sist you with your Bushfire Survival Plan, prepare burns plans and arrange for qualified fire crew to undertake the burn on your property.”

Although fire permits are no longer required anyone intending to light a fire must notify neighbouring landowners and their local fire authority at least 24 hours before burning. This requirement exists throughout the entire year. The preferred method for notifying the RFS is via our new online portal which is accessible via the NSW Rural Fire Service website.

Before lighting any fires this coming autumn and winter please ensure you have

completed the following:

- Give fire authorities and neighbours 24 hours notice.

- Delay the burn if concerning winds are forecast.

- Create proper fire breaks and clear around the perimeter of piles of timber.

- Have adequate water resources and firefighting equipment on hand.

- Supervise the fire at all times.

- Call Triple Zero (000) immediately if your fire escapes.

For more information contact the New England RFS on 6771 2400 or Northern Tablelands RFS on 6732 7046.



Gazette's Celebrity Footy Tipping



Some perfect scores were recorded over the weekend: Nightwatchman in the Locals has now stepped out ahead; Vu showed a return to form and the Gazette is very pleased with itself to now lead the Celebrities on 50 points!

Next we have Georgie, Solely and Harry on 48 points, and Cody is running in 3rd place on 46.

Sue and B&L are not too far behind on 42 points.

Following Nightwatchman (54 points) on the Locals Leaderboard are Eel-be-Right and The Red V on 50.

Seven of our Locals scored 14 points, including Hazel who had to redeem herself after last week's disaster.

In 3rd place we have the Red Devils, Bulldog and The Star on 48. A further three are on 46 with the field remaining quite well spread until we come to Farmer Joe who did well to score 6 points.

Sue's Tips

- Rabbits
- Warriors
- Panthers
- Titans
- Storm
- Roosters
- Tigers
- Eels



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Solely's Tips

- Rabbits
- Warriors
- Raiders
- Titans
- Storm
- Roosters
- Tigers
- Eels



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Weekly Wool Sales

April 2nd - Once again gains were made over both selling days this week with the combined fortnights rises almost eradicating the losses registered from two weeks ago. The finer types continue to be well supported highlighted by up to 20% gains on the corresponding period last season. This is unsurprising when looking at the seasonal testing data.

AWTA's testing data is showing a 9.6% decline in the volume of wool testing 19.5 micron and finer for the season to date and this escalates to a 19.6% decline in wool testing between 16.6 to 17.5 micron.

AWEX report that the volume of wool offered for the month of March was the largest in 10 years with testing data showing a 25% increase on the previous season. This had led to a recovery in the volume of wool tested nationally for the season to date which is now just 0.9% lower than the previous season. 40,035 bales were sold nationally for the week with a passed in rate of 9.5%.

Major buyers included Techwool, PJ Morris and Lempriere. Sales are now in a week Easter recess and resume the week commencing the 12th of April. Have a safe and happy Easter break. This report will resume on the 16th of April.

Vets Golf

Last week 11 players struggled in the wet conditions to play a Four Ball Stableford. The Greenkeeper was commended for keeping the front nine open in such conditions.

The difficulty showed in the scores with the winners, Pat Grills and Chris Newbery scoring 35 points followed by Jon Cumming and Wal Chapman with 34.

Nearest to the pins went to Mick Shiner on the 7th the first time around and Wal Chapman the 7th the second time. Noone made the 9th on the second shot.

Pennants at Uralla are coming up on Thursday 15th so please put your name down.

A Vet

Men's Bowls

There were no Club Championships played over the weekend because of Easter. Club Championships set down for this weekend, Saturday April 10th: Start: 1.00pm. Starter: John Jackson. Umpire: David Wilcox.

Open Singles: Andrew Sparke to play Barry Campbell marker Scott Campbell. Dan Kennedy to play Barry Walls marker Michael Rusden.

Minor Singles: Roger Cox to play John Jackson marker David Wilcox.

The Bowls Bandit

Ladies' Golf

Last week the ladies played a Stableford along with the 3rd Graham Betts Round. The winner was Karen Oehlers and the runner up was Suzanne Towells.

Nearest the pin winners were Suzanne Towells on the 7th hole, Kerry Bull on the 9th hole first round and Donna White on the 9th hole second round.

This week the ladies are playing a Par Medal round. Next week will be a Stableford.

Birdie

Big Chill Beer and Barbeque Festival

The inaugural Big Chill Beer and Barbeque Festival will be held in Armidale on Saturday 15 and Sunday May 16 and will host a range of breweries and butchers from all over the state, along with barbeque cook – offs and some well-known musical acts yet to be announced.

The new annual event is set to cement Armidale as a tourist hotspot and will put the region's frosty Winter and unique Autumn leaves on display.

Not only will there be a variety of craft beer, boutique wine, and street - food stalls, there will also be barbeque cook – off competitions on both days.

If eating is more your thing, for a \$35 fee you can register to be a judge where you will taste all of the mouth-watering creations and help choose the Big Chill BBQ Champion.

Tickets are \$25 for the whole weekend, or \$15 for Sunday only entry, and can be purchased online via Eventbrite, with the proceeds set to go towards next year's event."

For more information, or if you would like to submit an expression of interest to compete, exhibit as a trade stall holder, or apply for a spot on the musical stage, visit the Big Chill website at <http://bigchill.com.au>.

More information will be released in the months leading up to the event, which was made possible by an \$80,000 from the Bushfire Community Resilience and Economic Recovery Fund.

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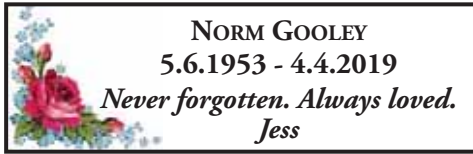
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PROBUS NOTES

Our next Probus meeting is on Monday, 12th April. Yearly subs of \$30 are due.

Weather permitting at the conclusion of our meeting, we will car pool to Llangothlin to Judy Grills' property.

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Drachenfels takes 2021 Guyra Cup

The 2021 Guyra Cup meeting on March 28th was well-supported by local businesses who sponsored the seven-event race meet. Following the cancellation of last year's event due to COVID, the return of the event saw a great day of racing with good weather and an atmosphere to match. There was a good crowd on hand including two busloads of locals who were trackside on the day.

Cessnock trainer Jeremy Sylvester took home the major prizemoney in the 1400m Cup race with 'Drachenfels', with Armidale trainer Stirling Osland's 'In Heart's Wake' coming in second.

Rachael Murray had the ride on 'Drachenfels' and was sitting second last heading into the straight. She guided the seven-year-old to the front in perfect timing taking the lead with 200 metres to go to claim the race.

Race one was the Royal Hotel Class 1 Maiden Plate over 1900m won by the Osland trained 'Point Counterpoint'. Dasha's Hardware and the Guyra Bowling and Recreation

Club jointly sponsored the second event on the card the 1400m Colts, Geldings and Entires Maiden Plate which was won by Coffs Harbour trainer Brett Dodson with 'Full Press'.

Next up was race three the Kirks IGA sponsored 1400m Fillies and Mares Maiden Plate with the Osland trained

'Kingstar Bullet' getting over the line by five lengths ahead of the rest of the field.

Quirindi trainer Peter Mills with 'Hillbilly' took out the fourth race of the day, the 1100m Guyra Hotel Maiden Handicap. In the fifth race of the day 'Bethpage' trained by Jacob Perrett took out the 1100m Class 1 Handicap,

sponsored by Lenehan Contract Services.

The seventh and final race of the day was the Elders Guyra/Armidale sponsored 1100m Benchmark 58 Handicap, which was taken out by Inverell trainer Mark Stewart with 'Righthere Righnow.'



Top:

"Drachenfels" won the 2021 Guyra Cup with former Armidale apprentice Rachael Murray aboard.

Pic: Bradley Photos

Right:

"Righthere Righnow", the winner of the Elders Guyra/Armidale Benchmark 58 Handicap, with Lachie Holz (Elders Rural Services Walcha), Craig Waters (Elders ArmidaleGuyra) and Georgie Gaff (Elders Guyra)

Pic: Elders

