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## Looking at the Big Picture

An education model which turns the traditional curriculum on its head is already proving its value to students at Guyra Central School.

Big Picture Education Australia (BPEA), which has been operating at the school since the start of 2021, puts students at the centre of the decisions around what, how and when they learn.

Guyra was the first school in the New England to implement BPEA and has recently been joined by Tamworth High School as the only two schools north of Newcastle taking part in the program.

The BPEA model is a departure from traditional learning where students go into the classroom and the teacher tells them what they are going to learn. Big Picture starts with the student rather than the curriculum and they pursue their own passions and interests. Instead of teachers, they



**Above l to r:** Michelle Nicholson (Principal Guyra Central School) Deborah Bower (Lecturer UNE, Faculty Environmental Science) Savannah White (Year 11 Morisset High school student) Professor Brigid Heywood (Vice Chancellor and CEO UNE) Dr Jim White (Adjunct Professor - School of Education; Faculty of Humanities, Arts, Social Sciences and Education UNE), Mrs Viv White ( CEO Big Picture Education Australia), Suzie Bower (Big Picture Education)

have advisors and instead of going from class to class they work on their own projects in groups of around 17 students. Andrew Murray heads up

Big Picture at Guyra Central, where there are three advisories currently operating. Mr Murray said that students are exploring a diverse range of in-

terests and they are already seeing positive outcomes for the students involved.

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# RASF Scholarship for Stephanie Cameron

Guyra's Stephanie Cameron is one of six students from the New England North West region announced as recipients of the 2021 Rural Scholarship and VET Scholarship programs from the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW Foundation (RASF)

Also receiving scholarships from the RASF Dennis Gordon from Armidale, Dimity Evans from Uralla, Rowan Cowley from Inverell, Teanna Heywood from Tamworth and Caitlyn Galagher from Wee Waa. They will each receive funding of \$3000 for part-time study and up to \$6000 for full-time study.

Stephanie Cameron grew up at "Gowrie" west of Guyra. She is the 6th generation on the family farm and has always enjoyed working and assisting with running super fine wool Merinos. She is at the Univer-

sity of New England completing a Bachelor of Agriculture and plans on following this with a Master of Education to become an agriculture teacher. Her ambition is to play a role helping shape the future of regional and rural NSW. Stephanie's scholarship was donated by TA Field Family.

RASF Manager Cecilia Logan said the program provides financial freedom for students in regional areas or those looking to work in a rural community.

"The RASF Rural Scholarship and VET Scholarship programs are vital in assisting students from regional NSW pursue their dream careers," Mrs Logan said.

"For most regional students further study requires them to relocate and move away from their families.

"These scholarships are de-



Stephanie Cameron

signed to help make that move or decision a little easier with funding to assist with accommodation, textbooks or income

which allows them to focus on their studies."

Since 2007, the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW Foundation (RASF) has invested over \$6.2 million into country NSW through its education and community grant programs. This includes over 600 scholarships to students across NSW, including targeted scholarships for regional journalism and those pursuing careers in the Australian wine industry. Applications for the 2022 RASF Scholarship programs open on July 1.

The RAS Foundation is a charitable foundation that encourages educational opportunities and helps build strong and sustainable rural and regional communities through a range of targeted grants and scholarships.

## Looking at the Big Picture (cont)

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"Since the start of the year we are seeing that it has already led to a dramatic rise in attendance and previously disengaged students are now engaged and wanting to come to school," he said.

"We are also seeing that families are engaged and some were blown away to see the standard of work that their children are doing."

Guyra Central School Principal Michelle Nicholson said that the Big Picture pathway works alongside the traditional HSC pathway and it is all about getting the best outcome for each child.

"The school has been looking at Big Picture it for a long time and it is not something that we rushed into," Mrs Nicholson said. "It is still in the beginning stages, but I believe it is good fit for the school and may even be more rigorous than the mainstream in terms of meeting learning criteria."

Co-founder and CEO of Big Picture Education Australia (BPEA) Viv White AM recently visited Guyra Central

School where she is working with the leadership team to build relationships in the wider community. As part of the visit, she was joined by Adjunct Professor Jim White PSM from the University of New England (UNE) and Savannah White, a Year 11 BPEA student from Morisset High School in Newcastle.

Viv White said that building strong relationships between the students, their teachers and experts in their fields of interest is an important part of BPEA.

"We recognise that a lot of learning will take place outside the classroom," Mrs White said. "What you see with Big Picture is kids on farms, kids in law offices, kids in medical practices, kids in carpentry shops, and kids in supermarkets learning about their passion in their community."

"Adult real world learning is important and our kids are doubly ready for life – we have the eye on the prize for them and they have their eye on the prize as well."

An important part of the program is making connections and during their visit to the area, they met with staff from UNE with the view to providing mentors and pathways as students progress.

Adjunct Professor Jim White from UNE runs a program called Schools and Universities Connect. Part of his role is help bring students into university and he said that he supports schools exploring pathways rather than saying there is just one way.

"Some students are happy with traditional HSC and schools will continue to provide that option," he said. "I also know that we need to provide alternatives and I love the concept of portfolio learning that is part of Big Picture and having parents as part of the process."

"Learning is a lifelong process. I see teachers as being mentors and recognise that they are not the font of all knowledge," he said. "We should be taking our students to another level and exploring ways to expand their knowl-

edge outside of the school environment and that is what Big Picture does."

The visit also provided an outlearning experience for Morisset High School Savannah White, who met with Big Picture students and staff at Guyra Central School to share her experiences. Savannah is a Year 11 student who completed Year 7 as a traditional student before transitioning to Big Picture in Year 8.

"I was in the top class and doing well but found school quite repetitive and I wasn't excited by the work," Savannah said. "When I joined Big Picture I was able to choose topics I was interested and I haven't looked back. It is a wonderful experience to be able to choose whatever you are interested in, to delve into it and truly follow your passions."

"It is definitely something that has made a huge difference for me and it is something I would recommend for anyone who wants to be part of Big Picture.

## What's HOT

**FINDING** a warm place for a delicious meal - thanks Silent Hands

**FANNY LUMSDEN** - a great show enjoyed by all

**SUPER SPUDS** at home this Saturday - looking for volunteers to help out on the day

**MAIN ST** roadworks finally progressing in the right direction

## What's NOT

**NOT** being able to find the last two words in the wordsearch

## QUOTE of the week

*Sometimes the wrong choices bring us to the right places.*

Unknown

Bureau of Meteorology

## Weather

### WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
25	Tues	5.0	15.3	0
26	Wed	4.3	15.2	0
27	Thurs	-2.0	14.0	1.8
28	Fri	-2.0	12.6	0
29	Sat	-0.3	10.4	0
30	Sun	2.6	11.5	0
31	Mon	2.5		0

Rain this week 1.8mm  
 May rainfall 44.8mm  
 Rainfall YTD 437.8mm  
 Rainfall last YTD 471.8mm  
 Ave. rain to May 395.7mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin,  
 Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

# Armidale Eisteddfod

On Tuesday 25th May 2021, I travelled to Armidale to attend the Armidale Eisteddfod at Lazenby Hall at the UNE.

I attend two classes at the New England Conservatorium of Music (NECOM), Cantilena and Cantilena Chorale.

At the Eisteddfod we sang four songs against two classes from PLC, and two classes from Armidale City Public School. Normally these performances are judged and places are given but because of COVID-19 they decided that the classes didn't have enough time to prepare, so all classes were given feedback on their performances instead.

I was very excited and nervous to be singing on stage in front of a lot of people.

*Harley Hammond (Stage 3)*  
 Guyra Central School

Harley Hammond at the Eisteddfod



# Thank you ADRA volunteers



Guyra ADRA Op Shop volunteers were recognised and thanked by the Guyra ADRA Op Shop management committee recently. As part of National Volunteer Week (NVW) ADRA hosted an afternoon tea where volunteers were presented with an appreciation

certificate and voucher.

NVW took place from May 17th to 23rd and is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteers. This year's theme was Recognise, Reconnect, Reimagine.

ADRA also hosted a Biggest Morning Tea event on Thurs-

day 27th May collecting \$162:55 for the Cancer council. The ADRA Op Shop continues to have lots of local support from the community, and also from travellers calling in. They are open Wednesday and Thursday from 10am until 3pm.

# Draft budget to focus on core values and improved financial management

Armidale Regional Council's Draft Operational Plan and Budget is now on public exhibition. The draft details the proposed activities and budget and supporting rates, charges and fees for the 2021-2022 financial year.

The 2021-2022 financial year will also see the introduction of the harmonisation of rates between the former Armidale Dumaresq and Guyra Shire Councils proposed to be undertaken over four years.

Armidale Regional Council General Manager James Roncon said it is important for residents to have their say on the proposed increases to fees and charges, the budget and finan-

cial direction of Council. Community consultation is also being undertaken on the proposed four year rates harmonisation implementation framework.

"This budget is the first step of a long and disciplined road in maintaining levels of service to the community and improving Council's financial position," said Mr Roncon.

"The Council's financial position is dire but this year's budget is about bringing Council to a point where we can deliver basic services and set a foundation that addresses the requirement of the Performance Improvement Order that Council is operating under.

"This also means we need to keep saving money to build up our available funds for at least the next three or four budgets to enable Council to address the condition of some of our assets that are deteriorating.

"At the moment we are predominantly relying on State and Federal grants to address deteriorating assets and fund new ones. This isn't sustainable and Council needs to be able to have cash reserves available to con-

tribute to improving our assets or for any unexpected situation."

Council's financial position has been impacted by the recent drought, bushfires, floods and the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2021-2022 Draft Operational Plan and Budget attempts to mitigate these impacts as far as possible without cuts to services. The budget position will be supported with strategies to ensure costs are tightly controlled and financial management across the business is a key priority.

Council is encouraging the community to have your say on The Draft Operational Plan and Budget 2021-2022 until Thursday 24 June, 2021. The suite of documents on public exhibition include:

- Draft Operational Plan and Budget 2021-2022 (including the operational and capital budget);
- Draft Revenue Policy 2021-2022 (including proposed four year rates harmonisation implementation framework); and
- Draft Fees and Charges 2021-2022

These documents and a number of fact sheets highlighting proposed changes to rates and charges are available to view on

Council's your say online engagement hub. [Yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au](https://yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au)

Hard copies will also be available at the Civic Administration Buildings in Armidale and Guyra and at the libraries.

Council will be hosting two information sessions. In Armidale on Tuesday 8 June from 5.30pm at the Council Chambers and in Guyra on Wednesday 9 June from 5.30pm in the Guyra Council Chambers. Staff will present the Draft Operational Plan and Budget 2021-2022 and conduct a Q&A session.

Registration is essential via [yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au](https://yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au) if you would like to attend in person or you may choose to watch the sessions live on our YouTube channel.

Submissions are invited and must be addressed to the General Manager, Armidale Regional Council, via post to PO Box 75A, Armidale NSW 2350 or sent by email to [council@armidale.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@armidale.nsw.gov.au) Submissions can also be dropped off at either the Armidale or Guyra Civic Administration Buildings.

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## Armidale Hospital COVID-19 Vaccination Hub

From Monday, 31st May the Armidale hospital vaccination hub will be open and administering the Pfizer COVID-19.

Those aged 50 years and over who cannot access the AstraZeneca vaccine through their GP are eligible to book into the clinic.

Members of the general public aged 40-49 can also now register their interest in receiving the Pfizer vaccine via the NSW Government website: [www.nsw.gov.au](https://www.nsw.gov.au).

When availability increases, people aged 40-49 who have registered their interest will be contacted and offered appointments. This ensures as many people as possible have access to the vaccine and NSW Health makes maximum use of its available supply.

NSW Health continues to vaccinate eligible people in the priority groups set out by the Federal Government and appointments can be booked through

the eligibility checker on the Commonwealth Department of Health website: <https://covidvaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/eligibility>.

## Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 4

Community groups and sporting clubs in the Guyra area are set to benefit from Round 4 of the NSW Stronger Country Communities Fund, with applications now open for programs and infrastructure projects that benefit locals and encourage women's participation in sport.

As with the previous three rounds, funding allocations are made to each local government area, with \$1.68 million available for initiatives in Armidale Regional Council this time.

Half the funding allocation will be set aside for projects that focus on women while the other half will go towards infrastructure, street beautification and community programs and events.

By improving and building purpose-fit female facilities and developing

programs, girls and women will feel more welcome, safe, included and encouraged to regularly participate in sports and recreational activities.

This is a great opportunity for people to get together and identify projects that are going to make a real difference to their local community.

My staff are available to answer any questions people might have about the program.

I will support our councils and other eligible organisations to prepare applications for round four funding and talk about what the community wants and needs, to ensure we make the most of this fantastic funding opportunity.

Applications close on 25 June 2021. For more information, including program guidelines and eligibility criteria, visit: [www.nsw.gov.au/SCCF](https://www.nsw.gov.au/SCCF)

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## Meals on Wheels

June 3	H Marchant
June 4	L & R Skinner
June 7	N Leven
June 8	D & B Mayled
June 9	W Lockyer

## Street Stalls

June 3,4,5	Rotary
June 10,11	Lions
June 18,19	Masonic Lodge

## Church Notices

### St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church

Mass 6pm Saturday and 9am Sunday. Weekday Mass Monday – Friday 9am  
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

The St Vincent de Paul Society is asking the community to give generously to its Winter Appeal this year, due to a growing list of families across the state suffering financially.

With many still feeling the impacts of COVID-19 and JobSeeker payments being rolled back, the organisation says it's helping more people on low incomes being 'priced out' of secure places to live.

St Vincent de Paul Society

NSW CEO Jack de Groot, says more people are asking for help who haven't had to before.

"Every time the payment has been cut over the past year, the demand for our help has increased to the point that some are in a position worse than pre-COVID-19," Mr de Groot said.

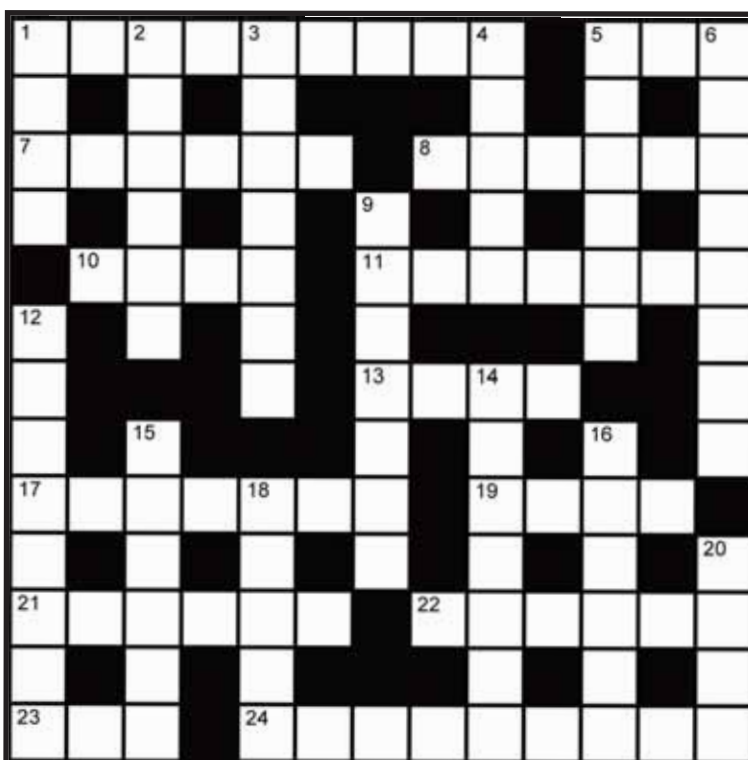
"The Federal Government showed it was possible to lift thousands out of poverty by raising JobSeeker, but right

now Vinnies is having to fill the gap for people forced to choose between eating every day or having a roof over their head."

St Vincent de Paul Society, is encouraging the community to donate food, clothing or money. The organisation will help more than 350 communities across the state this year.

To donate to the appeal, visit [vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal](http://vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal) or call 13 18 12.

## Crossword



### Across:

1. Aware of surroundings, sensations and thoughts
5. Tender, offer
7. Shared by two or more people
8. Woven cloth
10. Variety
11. Assumption
13. In the middle of
17. Able to achieve efficiently whatever has to be done
19. Curved piece of metal for coats etc.
21. Creature
22. Meteorite bruise on the planet
23. A contribution made to the government
24. Being

### Down:

1. Tented area
2. Vague understanding or , idea
3. Of the seashore
4. Unpaid worker
5. Famous doll, often paired with Ken
6. Reduce in size
9. Music emits from this in cars
12. A plane, a helicopter or a balloon
14. Receive from predecessor
15. Giant sculpture of a lion with a pharaoh's head
16. Sewing thread
18. Valiant
20. Not false

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## Sudoku - Easy

	2			9		8	5
	6			8	3	1	7
	8			7	2	9	
				9			
		2				5	
5	3			4	1	2	
9			7	3		6	
				5			4
2			4		1	9	

# Grant for Guyra Men's Shed

The Australian Government is continuing to support the health of men in the New England by providing \$11,680 to four organisations in the latest round of grant funding of the National Shed Development Programme.

Member for New England Barnaby Joyce welcomed the Australian Government funding of \$3,885 to Guyra Men's Shed for a defibrillator, Samsung tablets, tools and equip-

ment. Tenterfield Men's Shed was awarded \$3,000 for a new lathe, Manilla Men's Shed \$2,700 for laptop computers and training on software such as Zoom and Inverell Community Men's Shed a further \$2,095, also for a defibrillator.

"During the COVID-19 pandemic, many Australians, including the many in New England branches of our local men's sheds turned to technology to stay connected with

each other," Mr Joyce said.

"This funding means that the Guyra and Manilla men's sheds can buy new IT equipment and provide training to their members, allowing them to stay in touch in today's connected world."

Mr Joyce said recent funding would also provide for life-saving medical equipment such as defibrillators at Guyra and Inverell.

Regional Health Minister,

Mark Coulton said there are more than 1,000 Men's Sheds across the nation.

"Men's Sheds play a vital role in preventing social isolation and mental ill health. They offer thousands of men of all ages a safe and friendly environment where they can work on meaningful projects while building strong social connections," Minister Coulton said

## Positive milestone for Malpas upgrade

Armidale Regional Council will move forward with planning to raise Malpas Dam's spillway by 6.49 metres after councillors supported a recommendation at the May 26 Ordinary Council meeting.

The decision was based on the findings of reports from the NSW Public Works Advisory, the NSW Urban Water Services Armidale Yield Study and the Malpas Dam Upgrade Assessment undertaken by Council staff.

Armidale Regional Council's General Manager James Roncon said this is a positive milestone for the multimillion dollar project.

"Securing the region's water supply is a major priority for council, so this decision is a welcome step in ensuring the region is prepared for future droughts," said Mr Roncon. "We believe an investment in water security is crucial to protecting the wellbeing of the re-

gion for decades to come."

The Malpas Dam Upgrade Options Report analysed three options, including keeping the existing full storage level, raising the spillway by three metres, and raising the spillway by 6.49 metres.

Raising the full storage level by 6.49 metres will increase Malpas Dam's storage from 12.2 gigalitres to 27.6 gigalitres, and while this won't provide the full secure yield required over the 30 year time frame, it will significantly increase the storage volume and will add the capacity to accept pumped inputs from other catchments.

Council will now commence the preparation of a business case for the project to explore the funding source, the impact on Council's financial sustainability, impact on operating costs, and the affordability for residents and businesses.

## Development Application approved for proposed Guyra preschool

The Development Application (DA) for the proposed Guyra Early Childhood Learning Centre was approved at the May 26 Ordinary Council Meeting, subject to conditions.

The DA is for the construction of a proposed centre-based child care facility to be built behind the Guyra Civic Administration Building as well as the construction of a new car park and associated works.

Armidale Regional Council Mayor Ian Tiley said while this does not guarantee the new preschool will be built, it gives Council the green light to do so if funding becomes available in the future.

"This is simply a step we had to go through to ensure the construction process is as streamlined as possible if it is deemed feasible for the Early Childhood Learning Centre project to go ahead," said Mayor Tiley.

"This approval gives us the peace of mind we need while we continue to seek funding options and explore the feasibility of the project."

Council received two submissions from members of the public against the DA, however, both of these have now been addressed through the conditions outlined in the approval.

These conditions include a deferred commencement condition pursuant to section 4.16(3) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, requiring

that an amended Aborigicultural Impact Assessment and Car Parking Access Plan is provided which demonstrates that the largest tree - the English Oak - can be successfully retained.

The carpark that is included in the DA was due to be funded by the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Phase 1 funding, however Councillors adopted the recommendation to reallocate the money to other projects due to the fact the Guyra Early Childhood Learning Centre project has not yet been fully scoped.

"The conditions of this funding require the money to be spent by the end of this financial year, so council believes the best option is to reallocate the funds to ensure the money is not lost," said Mayor Tiley.

"This money will now be spent on our asset backlog that will greatly benefit the community."

The \$985,000 of LRCI funding to will now go towards the 2021/2022 renewal program for Council assets, including kerb and guttering, footpaths, urban road reseals, gravel road resheeting, stormwater drainage improvements and building renewals. Council has applied for an extension to complete the projects by 31 December 2021.

To read the DA, see page 88 of the May 26 meeting agenda.

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## What to Watch

This week our armchair critic has once again done the hard work and come up with some titles to add to your watchlist. All movies have ratings of M and over and include some hidden gems. Hopefully enough variety to cater for different tastes.

### Netflix - Movies

Peppermint, Green Book, Enola Holmes, Eye in the Sky, American Assassin, Identity Thief

### Netflix - Series

The Crown, Good Girls

### ABC Iview

Harrow, Top of the Lake

### Beamafilm

(free access with library card)  
Brooklyn, Promised

# Donations needed for Emergency/Dignity bags

Project Green students at Guyra Central School have been busy sewing emergency/dignity bags that will be filled with essential items to help local members of the community in times of crisis (Fire, Flood, Domestic Violence and Eviction etc.).

Project Green has already been sewing washable face masks, dress up crowns for kids and washable sanitary pads which will be included in the woman's/ teen bags.

The bags will be handed to local organisations to be distributed to local community members in need (any left-over bags will be donated to Share the Dignity charity).

We are at the stage of filling these bags with essential items and are seeking donations from our community to complete the bags. Please

find below a list of items that will be included in each bag.

- \*Toothbrush
- \*Toothpaste
- \*Deodorant
- \*Shampoo and Conditioner
- \*Soap/Body wash
- \*Comb or Brush
- \*Hand Sanitiser
- \*Tissues or Handkerchief
- \*Kids Colouring book and pencils

ALL ITEMS NEED TO BE UNOPENED AND IN ORIGINAL PACKAGING

If you are able to donate any of these items, Guyra Central School will have collection tubs located at the front office, Secondary - Room 2, Secondary - Room 3.

Any donation is greatly appreciated and going to a very worthy cause.

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## Guyra Gazette

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**Talk to a local**

## Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

**May 26th** – Yarding 4605. There was an increased penning of both sheep and lambs. The quality of the lambs was improved with a number of pens showing increased weights. The full field of processors were in

attendance, with restockers active through all but the heavier weight classes.

Market trends were firm to dearer for restocker lambs with the plainest condition light-weights showing strong im-

provement. Some restocker orders were targeting heavier weights and better condition lots. The well-finished lambs to process also sold to dearer trends with the weight increases accounting for strong price

gains.

The mixed quality and condition penning of sheep penned sold to dearer trends. There was limited restocker activity with very few sheep carrying any skin value.

## Weekly Wool Sales

**May 28th** - Once again it was a contrasting week for the market. 19 micron and finer types continued their march upward as buyers chase quality lower vegetable matter types. The broader Merino fleece types gave back some of last week's gains whilst the Merino carding indicator lifted by 2.5%.

At the close of sales The Northern region indicator sat just above 1400 cents for only the second time in the last twelve months. The current price premium for the 18 micron indicator compared to the 21 micron indicator is around 55%. The 10 year average for this premium has only been 16%. So yes whilst the finer types are currently outperform-

ing their broader relatives they are still a far cry from the 300% premium they were receiving 20 years ago.

38,808 bales were sold nationally for the week with a passed in rate of 11.7%. Major buyers included Techwool, Tianyu and Lempriere. Upcoming national weekly offerings are gradually starting to reduce from their unseasonably high levels but look likely to remain well above last season's offerings for the month of June.

Forward market prices remain strong particular for the finer types, trading at and even slightly in advance of the current physical market.

## Armidale Cattle Sale

**May 27th** – Yarding 910. Numbers remained steady with heavy weight cattle well supplied. Light weight cattle were limited in supply. Quality and condition was mostly good, with very few in the plainer grades. The usual processors were in attendance along with extra feed-lot competition.

Trends varied from the sale a fortnight ago. Vealers to restockers sold to cheaper trends for both steers and heifers. Some heavy weights to processors struggled to maintain their recent levels. Medium weight yearling steers to restockers and feeders experienced little but quality related price change.

A good supply of heavy weight yearling steers suitable to feed experienced a significantly dearer market trend with breed and quality

variations accounting for a large price range.

Medium and heavy weight yearling heifers attracted strong demand to also sell to a dearer trend, price improvement not as great as the steer portion.

Heavy weight grown steers over 500kg to feed sold to a much dearer trend. An improved quality penning of heavy steers suitable to processors sold to a dearer trend with increased competition.

Well finished heavy grown heifers sold on a firm to dearer trend. Well finished heavy weight cows sold on a firm to slightly cheaper trend with great variation in quality. Restockers were active on plainer condition, and joined cows, with the trend dearer. Heavy weight bulls sold to a slightly dearer trend.





# Gazette's Celebrity Footy Tipping



Our Red Devils were one of the few tipsters to achieve the top score of 12 points this week and are now top of the Locals Leaderboard on 142 points.

The Red V remain tenacious and are only two points behind on 140. The Star is in 3rd place on 138, but the Night-watchman did not do well and has slipped to 4th place on 136 points.

There is quite a group bunched up behind the leaders, including the footy

tragic, Eel-be-Right who has taken her eye off the ball lately.

Even though Celebrity Vu has been busy organising moving the Pharmacy a couple of doors down the street, he still managed the top score of 12 points, along with Sue.

Harry is stretching out his lead, now on 144 over Georgie and Vu next in line on 130 points. Soley and Cody are level pegging on 128 points.

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## Soccer

Guyra United are having a great season so far with all three senior grades on top of the ladder at the end of round 7.

In this week's results, **4th Division** had a 2 all draw against East Armidale. Goals scored by Stephen McElroy.

**3rd Division** won by 2 goals to 1 against Armidale City West Side Blue. Goals were scored by Michael Biru 1 and Robert Sisson 1.

**2nd Division** won by 6 goals to 0 against Inverell. Goals were scored by Braith Kliendienst 2, Tyson Burey 2, Norman Miniti 1 and Matt Simpson 1.

**Under 10s** - The Phantoms took on North Armidale this week. The Phantoms were trying to come back strong after their first loss the week before. Play started out a little slow with some back and forward play between the teams before the Phantoms started knocking the ball around. It did not take long for the first goal to hit the back of the net to a great strike to Braxton Hutton. After this there was some good defence to keep them ahead by one at the break. With a change in goalkeeper and a drink to freshen up, they came out strong and spent most of the half on the attack. Nate Mendes scored a screamer from long range which was followed by some great goalkeeping by Charles Drew to keep Norths from scoring. The last goal of the game was by far the best so far for the season with some lovely passing and a wonderful run by Isabella Purvis to then cross the ball for Braxton Hutton to calmly place it in the back of the net. Final score 3 nil.

In other games, **Under 12 Spirits** had a loss, 2 goals to 1. Goal scorer was Aiden Brown. The **Under 14 Ghosts** won by 3 goals to 2. Goals were scored by Jack Soraghan 1, Cooper Reeves 1 and a home Goal by DK.

**Under 16 Junior Caspers** had a massive win 13 goals to 1. Goal scorers this week were Kye Raper 4, Cooper Brennan 3, Emily Lockyer 3, Charlie Mitchell 2, Oliver Flynn 1. Go Guyra!!

## Men's Bowls

The weekend saw the continuation of Club Championships played in pleasant weather. Firstly Saturday May 29th saw Robert Moore play Mallie Walls in Major Singles, for the first 6 ends the scores fairly even at 5 shots to 4 shots but that is where things changed as Mallie the Giant Killer took over and never let Robert back into the game. Mallie went on to take the game 31 shots to 14 shots over 29 ends.

Also played was a Club Pairs game between Roger Cox and Evan Sole who played Dan Kennedy and Barry Walls. Roger and Evan started with a flurry going out to a lead 12 shots to 5 shots by end 12 and managed to hold the lead despite a comeback by Dan and Barry and by end 18 there was only 4 shots the difference. Dan as usual put on a master class and by end 20 held a 4 shot lead, 19 shots to 15 shots. With only one end to play Roger and Evan managed to score 4 shots drawing the game, so another end was required to find a winner and it was Roger and Evan that managed the one shot necessary to secure a win 20 shots to 19 shots over 22 ends.

Sunday May 30th saw an Open Singles game played between Andrew Sparke and Colin Stanley. Colin started off strong and was never headed despite Andrew's efforts to stem the tide but it was all in vain as Colin went on to victory 31 shots to 14 over 30 ends.

Played over the weekend was the Zone 3 Singles played at Armidale City. There were two representatives from Guyra and they were John McIlwain and David Wilcox. David won through to the last 8 to be played at Inverell Sports this weekend, we wish David all the success.

Club Championship Games set down for this weekend:

Saturday June 6th: Start: 12.00pm. Starter and Umpire: Robert Walls.

Club Triples: John Jackson, Geoff Reeves and Wayne Reeves to play Steven Sole, Scott Campbell and Barry Campbell.

Handicap Singles: Robert Walls to play Barry Walls marker Dan Kennedy.

*The Bowls Bandit*

## Vets Golf

Last week 11 Vets competed in an Individual Par event. The winner with a square result was Terry Varley followed by Wal Chapman on -1. Terry was also nearest the pins on both the 10th and 18th greens. The best putter on the day was Chris Newberry with 24 putts.

Next week will be the next round in the Reg Taylor Shield comp.

Coming up on the 22nd June, we will have the elimination round for the NE Four Ball competition where three teams are selected to travel to Inverell for the NE finals in August.

*A Vet*

## Ladies Golf

Last week some ladies travelled to Inverell to play in the Ladies Open. Suzanne Towells and Vicki Reeves (pictured) won the Open. Kerry Bull and Pip White were Scratch runners up. This week is a Par Medal.

Next week is a Stableford and the 5th Graham Betts Round. Jenni Jackson is the starter and trophy donor.

*Birdie*



## NRL Gazette Footy Tipping

Red Devils	142	GG	124
The Red V	140	The Iggman	122
The Star	138	The 3 Stooges	122
Nightwatchman	136	The 3 Bunnies	120
Lucy's Choice	128	Hazel	120
Eel-be-Right	128	Old Chook	116
Smooch	128	The Intern	116
Bulldog	128	Elva Brazier	114
Good Guess	128	The Swimmer	110
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Corey Torrens ran in three tries in Guyra's big win over Armidale

The Super Spuds smashed the pie eaters on their home track last Saturday, but face a much harder test at the New Red Hill this Saturday.

After conceding points to begin every game this year, Guyra finally got on the board first at Armidale with Jack Armatage scoring out wide.

The Rams hit back soon after to lead 6-4 but it was the only time the Spuds were troubled.

Rheece Handebo ran in a try from about 40m out, DJ Patterson added one from much closer range and Corey Torrens added the fourth Guyra try late in the

half.

Only the goal-kicking into the wind kept the home side in it at 16-6.

After halftime Torrens ran in his second by beating several tacklers and Corby Kliendienst used his soccer skills to post his maiden try of the year.

That blew the lead out to 26-6 and despite total dominance the Spuds only managed one more score when Torrens brushed off some feeble tackles to bag his hat-trick.

Beau Orchard had a blinder despite a corked knee and Torrens was hard to handle.

They secured most of the individual awards and points, but also good were Armatage, Dan Clyde-Smith, Harry Rowbottom and Lachie Williamson.

The Spudettes didn't have such a good day, going down 28-nil to the Rams.

The defensive effort for much of the game was very good, but possession and speed told in the end with three tries in either half.

Best for Guyra were Ash Richardson, Taylor Waters, Sharnie Cullen, Bianca Grob and captain Britt Youman.

This Saturday the premier-ship-favourites, the Moree Boomerangs, come to Guyra.

The canteen and bar will be open and a wood raffle is being offered with tickets available at Fourways.

The club would love to see some new volunteers come and help out.

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