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\$8.7 million for Rail Trail

A long held dream for the establishment of the New England Rail Trail (NERT) is within reach, with an announcement last week from Deputy Prime Minister and Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce that \$8.7 million has been allocated to develop Stage One of the New England Rail Trail.

The funding follows a successful application from Glen Innes Severn Council to build Stage One of the project between Glen Innes and Ben Lomond - a distance of 35.5 kilometres.

Armidale Regional Council has lodged a separate funding application to construct the Armidale to Ben Lomond section of the rail trail, with a decision expected later in the year.

Mr Joyce, who is also the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development said the Great Northern Rail Line between Armidale and the Queensland border had not carried trains for 31 years.

"The rail trail will revitalise this asset and generate economic growth through increased tourism, providing a



Ben Lomond Railway station is set to become a launch pad for cyclists with funding announced to construct Stage One of the NE Rail Trail

safe recreational location for cyclists and walkers, attracting an estimated 4,000 overnight visitors and 4,000 day visitors, who will spend in excess of \$1.6 million annually at local businesses," Mr Joyce said.

Guyra local David Mills has been behind the push for the establishment of the rail trail for almost 10 years and said that he was 'ecstatic' to learn of the funding allocation. Initially pushing for the trail to be opened between Black

Mountain to Ben Lomond, the idea was later expanded to include the full distance of 103km from Armidale to Glen Innes.

Mr Mills said that despite opposition he was always hopeful that this day would come.

"This is a very large project, and from the beginning we knew it would be a long affair," he said.

"There has been a lot of work behind the scenes to make sure all stakeholders have

done their due diligence and that we ticked all the boxes."

Mr Mills also acknowledged that even with this funding there is still a fair bit to go and he has likened the project to being a marathon rather than a sprint.

"It has been fantastic to have both local members and the two council areas supporting the progress of the project, which has helped us to get this far," he said.

"We have our fingers crossed that Armidale's application will get the go ahead, however these funding rounds are extremely competitive so it is not guaranteed."

"We are also extremely grateful for all the support from the community, particularly those who supported the crowd funding campaign which allowed for the completion of the business case which formed the basis of our funding applications.

"Without that support we wouldn't be having this conversation because it led to the successful funding bid from Glen Innes Severn council and is also the basis for a second funding application from ARC."

Save And Grow Guyra

In this week's edition of the Gazette you will find a **Letter of Support** for the de-amalgamation of Guyra & Armidale Councils and the formation of a **NEW GUYRA RURAL COUNCIL**

Please read the information sheet and support the efforts to reclaim our own local Council. All those registered on the Electoral Roll to vote in the Armidale Regional Council area are able to sign a Letter of Support.

Drop-off points for your Letters of Support are:

- **Ben Lomond** - Barry Litchfield
- **Wandsworth** - Phil Henry
- **Ebor Hotel**
- **Guyra** - CT Electric, Sue Ross, Davidson Cameron & Co., Guyra Bowling & Recreation Club and SAGG office at 104 Bradley Street

Photos help secure power reliability

Essential Energy will soon take to the skies above Armidale, Guyra and Glen Innes, using specialist high-definition equipment attached to a helicopter to undertake a further assessment on the condition of the electricity network in the aftermath of the devastating fires of late 2019 and early 2020.

Higher quality capture using an autonomous image capture sensor means more images can be taken along a more direct and higher flight-path than in previous years. Previously the helicopter had to fly low and frequently over some powerlines to get the same quality.

Operations Manager Ranges, Paul McWilliams, said "The newer technology will not only mean a faster delivery of the images but also lessen the impact on people and livestock in the flight



Essential Energy patrolling its electricity network from the skies

path."

"These flights are a crucial part of our broader program to understand the condition of the network so we can identify and repair damaged or deteriorating network assets according to the risk they present."

The helicopter will be used to fly the powerlines in some New England local government areas.

"Our overall Bushfire Risk Management Plan involves this helicopter-led data capture, other aerial inspections,

drone and ground-based asset inspections combined with our network analysis, to understand and manage risk to ensure the safety and reliability of the network," Paul said.

Customers can learn more about aerial inspections, including how to arrange for notification prior to the flights commencing by visiting www.essentialenergy.com.au/aerial.

If the inspections identify an issue with the Essential Energy network, the network will be repaired according to the risk to network reliability and community safety. Follow Essential Energy on Facebook and Twitter for updates on aerial patrols or visit: essentialenergy.com.au/aerial for further information.

Weather permitting, the patrols will take place in early July.



Transition to Kindergarten 2022 at Guyra Central School will run one day a week for the whole school year



2021 Transition to Kindergarten at Guyra Central School will be held each Tuesday throughout Term 3 and for most of Term 4.

First day of Transition -
Tuesday 13th July
Final day for Transition -
Tuesday 7th December



Parents/Carers of children that are 5 or turning 5 years old before 31st July 2022, are encouraged to contact Guyra Central School on 6779 0844 to secure a position in the Transition to Kindergarten Program.

For more information contact the school on 67790844.



Pharmacy joins vaccine roll out

Guyra Pharmacy is one of twenty-two pharmacies across regional and rural NSW who will begin administering the AstraZeneca jab as part of a pilot program, in a bid to boost to the vaccine rollout.

Premier Gladys Berejiklian said community pharmacists already have an important role in Australia's vaccination program, administering vaccines including the yearly flu jab.

"We know that some of these communities have limited local access to general practitioner services and having these pharmacies involved will assist with the phased rollout of the AstraZeneca vaccine to these communities," Ms Berejiklian said.

Community pharmacies will need to meet certain standards in order to administer COVID-19 vaccines.

Guyra Pharmacist Vu Nguyen said that he is 100% happy with the decision to be included in the roll out of the vaccine. He said he has already had inquiries from customers about the pharmacy roll out which will begin towards the end of July.

"We are feeling that there are people who really want the vaccine and are not able to get for number of reasons," Vu said. "Having another point



Guyra Pharmacist Vu Nguyen, with staff member Taylor Waters, has welcomed the chance to administer the AstraZeneca vaccine

where they can call in to is very positive."

"To get back to normal we need herd immunity as soon as we can and to do that we need to vaccinate our people first."

"I feel that as pharmacists we are more than capable of helping the government," he said. "We already have the skill and the facilities to help

make the roll out of vaccines faster."

Vu said that the primary benefit of vaccination is protection against illness from COVID-19 and in particular against severe illness and death. He said that the COVID-19 vaccines have been studied in tens of thousands of people in clinical trials, with

more than 1 billion doses administered worldwide.

Guyra Pharmacy will only be administering AstraZeneca vaccine. Vu encourages anyone who is eligible, including younger age groups, to have a chat about the risk and the benefits with himself or their doctor to assist in making an informed decision.

Mayor welcomes rail trail funding

Armidale Regional Council Mayor Ian Tiley has welcomed last week's announcement of funding for the New England Rail Trail. Cr Tiley said that even though the first stage being funded is mostly in the Glen Innes area he expects there will still be benefits for Guyra and the wider region.

"It is wonderful that Glen Innes have received \$8.7 million to get the first stage happening," Cr Tiley said.

"Council has been advocating for funding for some time and given that Glen Innes has received funding, this is a very

positive step."

"ARC has its own funding application in and it would be great if that is also successful. No doubt there would be wonderful economic benefits for the whole region."

There has been some opposition from within Council for the project however Cr Tiley said that should not be an issue going forward.

"It was a decision of Council to seek grants to fund the building of the Armidale to Ben Lomond section of the rail trail, and it is incumbent on all councillors to accept that

decision."

Cr Tiley acknowledged that once the rail trail is built that Council will be then be responsible for ongoing maintenance, which could present some problems given council's financial position."

"If we are successful in our grant application, I would not hesitate in accepting the funding and get on with it," he said.

"The ongoing maintenance issues can easily be overcome, especially when weighed up against the enormous benefits that this project will undoubtedly bring."

Cr Peter Bailey has also welcomed the announcement and said he is looking forward to the future when the rail trail will be in full operation.

"You only have to look at the recently opened Tumbarrumba Rail Trail to see what is possible," he said.

"In the first twelve months of operation there were 18,000 visitors and 10 new businesses have opened.

"Wouldn't it be great to see a café open at the Ben Lomond railway station and to see farm stays and Bed & Breakfasts opening up and thriving."

What's HOT

MAMA MIA performed by the Armidale Drama & Musical Society - a great show!

MAKING MASKS - and wearing them correctly

HOME GAME for the Super Spuds (weather permitting)

HEAVY FROST - cold, but so pretty to look at

What's NOT

DOOF DOOF MUSIC playing at 6am on a Sunday morning

Ben Lomond says no to Windfarm



TAKING A STAND: Barry Litchfield and Russell Roberts

QUOTE of the week

The trouble with most of us is that we would rather be ruined by praise than saved by criticism.

Norman Vincent Peale

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Gyura MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
29	Tues	3.3	11.0	0
30	Wed	3.7	12.1	0
1	Thurs	3.7	12.8	0
2	Fri	7.5	12.1	26.0
3	Sat	5.0	11.2	1.2
4	Sun	0.2	12.2	1.0
5	Mon	-4.1	7.7	0

Rain this week	28.2mm
June rainfall	97.0mm
Rainfall YTD	563.0mm
Rainfall last YTD	538.0mm
Ave. rain to Jul.	500.7mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

No 'Rangoon Wind Farm in any shape or form'. That is the stand of Ben Lomond and district neighbours and village residents.

Nothing about the potential sale of 'Meridian' or a plan to reconsider and re-vamp the project is able to dampen the determination of a Ben Lomond community opposing the project. While a farmer who is interested to sign a contract to host a renewables project may be inclined believe it is "sustainably green" and "financially wise", some of the community believe there are many well researched elements of those values which are questionable or illegitimate,

thereby strengthening a resolve to remain ardently against the proposal. It is disappointing to witness the unco-ordinated, disjointed function of the 'Energy Infrastructure Roadmap's' legislation, 'NSW Planning' Policies and Energy Infrastructure Commissioner.

To our detriment, there is systemic failure to address issues, resolve problems and protect the right of any host farmers, residents or neighbours. As there is no protection for the common law right to "the quiet enjoyment of their own land," opponents remain adamant in objecting to the Rangoon Wind Farm.

New signage in and around the village delivers the message by comparing an approximate 'to scale' view of recognised aspects of the village, the city and a turbine.

The red dot at the bottom for the Hall 5.5m

The Sydney Harbour Bridge.

High point from ground 134m The Brother Mountain high point rising 152m above Ben Lomond village.

The scaled 250m relative height of a proposed turbine.

Kermit the frog had it right!" It isn't easy being green!"

Just because it looks green, feels green and we are told it is green, doesn't mean its really green! *Submitted*

Final Assembly

It was lovely to see all the parents/carers at Black Mountain Public School's final assembly for Term 2.

Students received awards for Outstanding Attendance, Class Awards, Principal Awards and Reading Awards.

Congratulations to all students on their achievements. We are very proud of your successes this term.

Mrs Justine Eddy (Relieving Principal)



Support strong for demerger - but more needed

The Save and Grow Guyra group is this week continuing their push to get signatures in support of the formation of a new council area based on Guyra.

Spokesperson Gordon Youman said that they collected more than 600 letters of support in their first week. They have also handed out more than double that amount for residents to take home and are hopeful that when these are returned they will have the required number of 2050 to take to the Minister for Local Government.

"We have been encouraged by the response so far and now the next phase is getting forms back," Gordon said.

"The shopfront will be open until the end of this week and after that we will have a number of collection points available for the forms to be returned."

"Our submission is all ready to go and once we have the letters of support in we can get the ball rolling," he said. "We are also reminding people that everyone who is on the electoral roll can sign. They do not need to be a ratepayer and every household member can lodge their own form if they are registered to vote."

The group is following a precedent set by Cootamundra/Gundagai and Tumbarumba/Tumut who have already lodged



submissions for a demerger. A decision is pending on these demergers, with Deputy Premier John Barilaro recently coming out in support of these communities.

They are seeking support across the whole of the Armidale Regional Council area, not just Guyra. Armidale residents wanting to support them can contact the group by phone 0468 958 057 or follow the Save and Grow Guyra facebook page

which is updated regularly.

Letters of support can be returned to 104 Bradley St, until Friday 9th July. The following collection points have also be set up to facilitate collection.

Wandsworth - Phil Henry, Ben Lomond - Barry Litchfield 1189 Ben Lomond Rd, Guyra - CT Electric, Sue Ross Real Estate & Davidson and Co, Ebor - Ebor Hotel



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Rebates for mice control - open

Local households and small businesses impacted by the mice plague can now claim rebates for costs associated with managing the vermin by visiting the Service NSW website.

Rebates have been made available through the State Government's \$150 million Mouse Control Program. The financial and emotional impacts of the mouse plague were major concerns for regional communities and the rebate would at least help to reduce the cost of battling the rodent infestation.

Eligible households can now claim up to \$500 and small businesses, including primary producers, can claim up to \$1,000 to help meet the cost of mouse baits, traps and cleaning materials bought after 1 February 2021.

I encourage local households and small businesses to apply for the rebate, keeping in mind that it can only be claimed once, so best to lodge your claim when you have spent close to the

maximum available amount. Primary producers who live where they work could claim a single rebate of up to \$1,000 to help meet the cost of protecting their homes from mice.

For further details about the mouse rebate program, including eligibility and the claims process, go to: www.nsw.gov.au/initiative/mouse-control-support-program

Additional Covid testing

COVID-19 drive-through testing clinics in Armidale and Inverell have increased in response to demand for screening following the most recent outbreak.

Laverty Pathology has established new drive-through testing clinics at the Armidale Regional Airport Business Park and at the Inverell Hospital Community Health carpark.

As a result of the latest outbreak in NSW, the phone lines at the Armidale and Inverell Hospital testing clinics

were running red hot, with reports of people unable to get through to book an appointment.

Due to the delicate situation the State now finds itself in, I wrote to the Health Minister and local health district (LHD) and I'm pleased that residents can now access these additional drive-through clinics.

The Laverty Pathology Armidale Business Park drive-through clinic will operate between 8am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday.

In Inverell, the relocated drive through testing will operate at the Inverell Hospital Community Health carpark from 8am to 2.30pm, Monday to Friday.

To find your nearest testing clinic, visit www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/how-to-protect-yourself-and-others/clinics or contact your GP.

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Community Noticeboard

Meals on Wheels

July 8th Narelle Leven
 July 9th Golf Ladies
 July 12th Lions Club
 July 13th Pamela Carter
 July 14th Anne Hulbert

Street Stalls

July 8, 9 & 10 Lions
 July 15, 16 & 17 Rotary
 August 6 & 7 Masonic Lodge
 August 13 Hospital Aux.

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

Across:

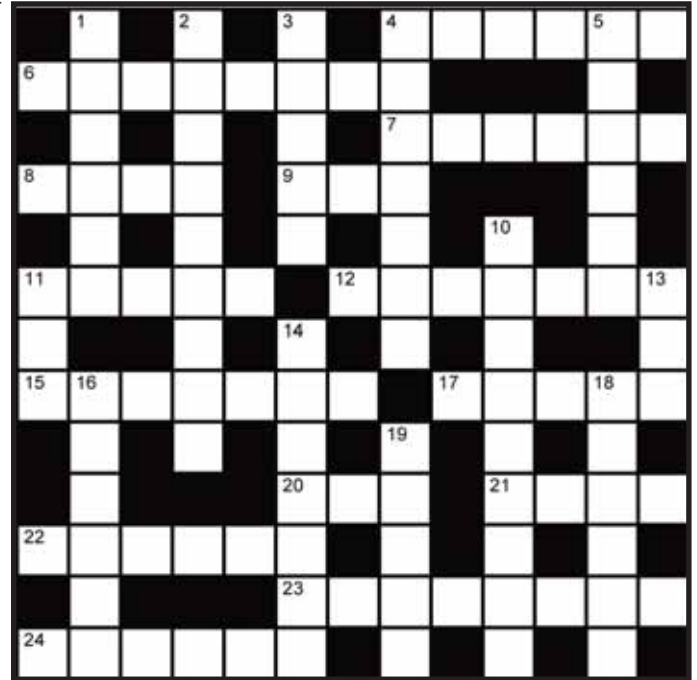
4. Keg, cask
6. Blow up
7. Supply or fill with oxygen
8. Waistband
9. Consume
11. A shade of brown with a tinge of red
12. Hot and spicy
15. Official who is expected to ensure fair play
17. Crustlike surfaces of healing wounds
- 20 Pinnacle
21. Blow delivered with an open hand
22. Hindu deity
23. Person to whom money is owed by a debtor
24. Only ____ mosquitoes bite

Down:

1. This computer key allows you to erase mistakes
2. Generic object used to hold something
3. Keen
4. Famous English band formed in Liverpool
5. Alternative - this or that
10. Craft used outside the Earth's

CROSSWORD

at-



- mosphere
 11. Form of address
 13. Affirmative answer
 14. Salad vegetable
 16. Of horses
 18. Signal light on a hill
 19. Rate of travel

Across: 4. Barrel 6. Detonate 7. Aerate 8. Belt 9. Eat 11. Sepia 12. Peppery 15. Referee 17. Scabs 21. Slap 22. Vishnu 23. Creditor 24. Female
Down: 1. Delete 2. Container 3. Eager 4. Beater 5. Either 10. Space-ship 11. Sir 13. Yes 14. Lettuce 16. Equine 18. Beacon 19. Speed

SUDOKU - Easy

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What to Watch

Our armchair critic has new recommendations every week - something to enjoy for everyone. All movies have ratings of M and over - happy viewing!

Netflix - Movies

The Hard Way, The Bone Collector, Never Back Down, 22nd July, Pele, Outbreak.

Netflix - Series

Sex Education

ABC Iview

Call the Midwife

Beamafilm

(free access with library card)
 Kings Speech



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Nominations open for Australia Day awards

Do you know someone who deserves to be recognised for their selfless dedication to the community? Why not nominate them for an Australia Day award?

Nominations open until 25 November 2021.

Visit the Australia Day page on our website to fill out a nomination form or drop into one of our offices to pick up a hard copy form.



COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on Wednesday 28 July in the Guyra Council Chambers from 4pm. Have Your Say and invited presentations will be held from 3pm.

Do you own a pet?

As a pet owner, you must ensure your dog or cat is:

- Registered
- Microchipped
- Given an identity tag

Visit the Animals and Pets page on our website for information about the requirements of owning a pet and other helpful tips.



Your one stop shop for finding grant funding

Council has joined forces with Grant Guru to deliver a free website for business and community grants. Community members can simply use the search engine to find available grants and filter grants by specifying location, industry and type of project. Visit Council's website or visit armidaleregion.grantguru.com.au

Are you prepared for the constitutional referendum?

On September 4, a constitutional referendum will be held in conjunction with the Local Government election to decide whether the number of councillors should be reduced from eleven to nine from 2024.

Here is a helpful list of pros and cons to help you make an informed decision.

Should the number of councillors be reduced from eleven to nine?

For

- Savings of \$49,620 per annum (the fee per councillor is \$24,810pa).
- Reduced ongoing costs (minimum \$10,000 per councillor for things such as phones and professional development).
- The current ratio of 1 councillor to 2,792 residents is high compared to other councils.
- Increased efficiency and effectiveness.
- Quality over quantity.
- Many regional councils with larger geographical areas only have nine councillors.

Against

- Good representation may be worth the cost.
- May be hard for a smaller number to grasp all of the key issues across such a large area.
- May be difficult to support the current number of advisory committees.
- Community access to councillors may be reduced.
- A larger number can provide a broader range of perspectives.
- Smaller numbers may lead to control by political or self interest groups.
- May be more difficult for lesser known candidates to get elected.

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on Twitter 'ArmidaleRegional LGA' or '@ARC2350'.



and on Instagram 'armidaleregionalcouncil'



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UNE and Costa team up for world-first DNA study

A world-first study using DNA samples from hydroponics is being undertaken through a collaboration between University of New England (UNE) and Costa, as part of the Future Food Systems Co-operative Research Centre (CRC).

The CRC's 'Tomato rhizobiome' project is designed to further the understanding of microbial colonies in the root zones of hydroponically grown greenhouse tomato crops.

A stronger rhizobiome helps plants grow better, produce more fruit and show greater resilience to pathogens. Once the project team has a better understanding about the rhizobiome of tomatoes grown in hydroponic media, they'll use that knowledge to find ways to foster robust rhizobiomes in these plants.

All this will be of immense value to growers of hydroponic crops globally. Hydroponics play a key role in sustainable food production, as they require less space and fewer resources than traditional agriculture.

Project lead Dr Gal Winter and industry-embedded PhD student Phil Thomas, from UNE, have set up trial plots of hydroponic tomatoes in close collaboration with the Costa Tomato glasshouses at Guyra.

"Hydroponic media are very different from the soil environment," Dr Winter explains.

"Crops grown in soil get all the nutrients from the soil, and it is very, very rich in microorganisms. It's challenging to study what's in the root zone of hydroponic plants, because there isn't a lot.

"The challenge is, how do we get a population of microorganisms [in that hydroponically grown plant's root zone] to support the plant?"

The team has set up an experimental glasshouse at UNE to experiment with different probiotic treatments for the plants. Later, this will be used to test for different pathogens – by introducing pathogens into the root zones of our trial hydroponically grown tomatoes to see if the probiotic-



PHD student Phil Thomas (above) and Technical Development Manager for the Costa Paul Butterworth (right)

treated plants handle them differently.

"Secondly, we have set up trial plants in a 'sample slab' at the Costa Group glasshouse facility in Guyra that emulates Costa's standard hydroponic system at the facility; with these, obviously we don't create any interference – we just see what is there," Dr Winter said.

"To the best of my knowledge, this is the first-ever study that uses DNA metagenomics on hydroponic materials."

Paul Butterworth, Technical Development Manager for the Costa glasshouses, says the initial findings are very promising.

"We believe the project is progressing nicely and the information already coming from the project is having an influence on how we look at our crops. Exciting times ahead," he said.

Some of the promising initial results include the creation and demonstration of an effective sampling method to test the probiotics within the rootzone of hydroponic tomatoes; and the demonstration of probiotics persisting in the rootzone of hydroponic systems for a period of time – cur-



rently tested at 19 days from inoculation.

University of New England's Dr Winter said samples of the root zones of the trial plants were taken by drilling 'core holes' into the slab.

"From these samples, we can ascertain the [hydroponic root zone's] microbial community through DNA analysis. But rather than employing 'classic microbiological methods' – creating cultures, putting them on plates, then examining these under a microscope – we're using a cutting-edge technique known as metagenomics. It is the most advanced technique available today," she said.

"It basically takes the DNA and, through DNA sequencing, identifies a genome of every-

thing that's there – all the microbes. We use a piece of equipment known as a MinIon to do this advanced DNA sampling. The device is so small it could fit in the palm of your hand – it's amazing.

"The overarching aim, once we understand what's in the hydroponic plant's rhizobiome, is to work out how best to manipulate that for better plant health.

"Ultimately, that allows us to develop tools for hydroponic growers that enable them to analyse and understand their plants' microbiomes on the go – and then say, 'now I need to apply this or that treatment' to strengthen their microbiomes.

"And our study is one of the first to do this sort of analysis."



Gazette's Celebrity Footy Tipping

Farmer Joe's Lament

If you haven't guessed, I don't know anything about League. Why did I go in the Tipping Comp? Well, I'm just in it to make up the numbers. At first I was confused, where were the Newtown Jets and the North Sydney Bears?

Anyway, I decided to try for the major prize but I didn't want to compromise my principles. On no account would I go for Manly, and what's with the names. It used

to be the Manly Sea Eagles, Canterbury Bankstown Bulldogs, and the others. Now they just use the mascot names!! At least if you are using Mascot names they should get it right. It should be the South Sydney Rabbitohs, or the Bunnies. Not the Rabbits. Isn't Rabbits a commentator not a Mascot.

So, my system calls for my favourites, followed by the Sydney Clubs, then others. Therefore, Canterbury go before Melbourne or New Zealand even if I'm not keen on

those Mortimer Boys. Of course, Canberra is picked in front of almost anyone because Mal played for them, Brisbane is my pick as Mal played for them and Queensland is better than NSW because Mal played and coached them.

It doesn't look like my system will work this year but I will go in next year's tipping comp, if they let me. I only hope that the West Tigers learn how to play as a team before then.

Sue's Tips

Sea Eagles
Rabbits
Roosters
Sharks



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Score: 158

Soley's Tips

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Rabbits
Bulldogs
Sharks



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Specialists



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m: 0418 650 059

Score: 166

B-&-L's Tips

Raiders
Rabbits
Roosters
Warriors



Fourways Service Centre

Maxxis Tyres & other leading brands
Mechanical repairs
Log book servicing
Rego inspections



87-89 Bradley Street
6779 1284

Score: 156

Harry's Tips

Sea Eagles
Rabbits
Roosters
Sharks



This week's Special:
Yearling Scotch Fillet
Steak
an unseen
\$25 per kg!

94 Bradley Street, Guyra
6779 1555



Score: 188

Cody's Tips

Sea Eagles
Rabbits
Roosters
Sharks



Opening Hours:

Monday to Thursday:
8.00am to 5.30pm
Friday: 7.30am to 5.30pm
Saturday: 7.30am to 12pm



105 Bradley Street
6779 1008

Score: 164

Vu's Tips

Sea Eagles
Rabbits
Roosters
Warriors



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8am
Monday - Friday

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Score: 174

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Georgie's Tips

Sea Eagles
Rabbitohs
Roosters
Sharks



2021 Angus Bull Sales
Glenavon - 02/08/21
Bald Blair - 03/08/21
Eastern Plains - 04/08/21
Figtree Park - 09/09/21
Elders Armidale - 6775 4500

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Wool Market Report

July 2nd - After an uninterrupted gain of 187 cents over a six week period the Northern Region Indicator retreated over both selling days.

A 23 cent decline on the first day of sales was followed up with a further loss of 19 cents on the final day. Merino skirtings, Cardings and Crossbreds were least affected whilst most

Merino Fleece types recorded larger, uniform losses across the individual micron categories. 33,582 bales were sold nationally for the week with the passed in rate jumping to 21.6%.

Major buyers included Fox & Lillie, Techwool and PJ Morris. This was the final sale of the 2020/21 season. 645 cents was the difference between the high and low point of the Northern Region Indicator. This is the highest level of volatility over the past five seasons.

310,000 additional bales were offered compared to the 2019/20 season resulting in a 14% increase in the total value of wool sold. AWTA testing data for the season shows a 7.4% increase in the number of bales tested nationally with a massive 44% surge in June figures.

The new season commences with sales over the coming fortnight before heading into the annual three week recess.

Spuds back at home following washout



James Deaves splits the Rooster defence when the sides last met at Ashford?

Guyra is back at home this Saturday and ready to break the deadlock with Ashford.

Last time these clubs met it could not have been a more even day of football.

The Spudettes drew 12-all while the Super Spuds came from behind to snatch a 34-all result.

If the NSW government's Covid restrictions are not

lifted by the weekend, the game will go ahead with restrictions in place.

This will mean masks must be worn and everyone must sign in at the gate and practise social distancing.

Last Saturday's games against Narwan have been postponed until August 14 after Armidale Regional Council decided its fields

can't handle a bit of rain.

If our overlords allow us to play on our own ground this week the leaguetag will kick off at 1pm with the men's game to follow at about 2.15pm.

Keep an eye on the Spuds' Facebook page for updates about the game and restrictions.

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Locals Entry Form - Round 18

Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on **Wednesday 14th July**

Name:

Phone:

State of Origin
14th July

NSW

vs

QLD

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



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RAFFLE RESULTS

BALD BLAIR Centenary Celebrations
Wood raffle D McKemey. 100 Club
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MEETINGS

GUYRA SHOW SOCIETY AGM will be held at the Guyra Bowling Club on Saturday 24th July at 9.30am followed by a general meeting.

PROBUS NOTES

Our next meeting is on Monday, 12th July at the Bowling Club

After our meeting we will have a movie at the Council Chambers at 12 o'clock: "Penguin Bloom". This is okay if restrictions are adhered to.

Judy Jackson

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COVID VACCINATIONS



GUYRA MEDICAL CENTRE

wishes to advise that

Pfizer vaccine is available

- from this Friday, 9th July
- for people aged 40 to 59

AstraZeneca vaccine is still available for people aged 60 and over.

Please phone 6738 4070 for an appointment

When making an appointment, please be aware that you need at least one (1) week between having the flu vax and the Covid vaccination.

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Lions give juniors a sporting chance

Junior sporting groups in Guyra have received a boost to their bottom line, thanks to the Guyra Lions Club.

Each of the junior sporting codes has an extra \$250 to spend, helping to keep the kids on the field.

Lion Geoff Reeves said he has a special affinity for junior sport, having watched his own kids grown up playing in town.

He also knows that it can be an extra burden for parents to find money and that fundraising can be difficult, particularly while COVID-19 restrictions are in place.

Jo Dullaway, representing Guyra Junior Soccer, said that the money will be used to purchase new balls. It comes at a good time as many of their old balls had passed their use by date.

Simon Brown from the Guyra Cricket Club said that they will also put the money



Simon Brown (Junior Cricket), Lion Geoff Reeves, Lion Peter King and Jo Dullaway (Junior Soccer)

towards balls for their Junior teams.

Simon said that balls are the biggest expense for the club

and this money is certainly appreciated.

Lions Club President Peter King said that they are always

looking to support a good cause and knows that the money will be put to good use for the benefit of junior sport.

Men's Bowls

A game of Club Championships was played Saturday July 3rd and that was a Major/Minor Pairs game. Dan Kennedy and Grahame Starr played Steven Sole and Robert Walls. In less than ideal weather, both teams started slowly with Steven and Robert getting the better of the start. It did not take long for Dan and Grahame to get used to the conditions and open a substantial lead, one they did not relinquish and went on to win the encounter 28 shots to 14 shots over 25 ends.

Sunday July 4th saw another game of Major/Minor Pairs played when Colin Stanley and Greg Mitchell played John Jackson and Geoff Reeves in ideal weather conditions. Colin and Greg shot out of the blocks early and led 8 nil by end 4. John and Geoff fought back but Colin and Greg were able to hold that lead and went on to victory 26 shots to 13 shots over 25 ends.

Club Championships set down for this weekend:

Sunday July 11th: Start:

12.00pm. Starter and Umpire: Robert Walls

Club Pairs: Colin Stanley and Corby Kliendienst to play Scott Campbell and Boyd Stanley

Semi Final Major Pairs: Dan Kennedy to play John McIlwain marker David Wilcox

Minor Singles: John Jackson to play Barry Walls marker Robert Walls.

The Bowls Bandit

Ladies' Golf

With the Guyra course still closed several ladies travelled up to Glen Innes for a game last week. Wendy George was the Guyra winner with 72 Nett and a nearest the Pin shot.

If the course is open this week the ladies will play an American Foursomes. Next week several ladies are travelling to Inverell to play in the Sapphire Cup. Good luck to all.

In Guyra there will be a Stableford along with the 5th Round of the Graham Betts. Belinda Lenehan is the starter

Birdie