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Soup kitchen hits the spot

In March this year, Sheree McGinty began operating a soup kitchen with the support of her family and Church community. The soup kitchen is open every fortnight at Guyra's Church of Freedom in Nincoola St, offering a free community meal to anyone who wants to come along. The idea came from her love to serve and help people.

Sheree prepares the meals that her own family enjoys and serves it up for all comers, usually till all the food is gone. They also offer a delivery service for those who don't feel safe coming out right now with the pandemic and there is a takeaway option too.

While she normally cooks everything herself, there are times when friends offer to cook something and she appreciates that others share her sense of purpose and desire to give back to the community.

"God is so good to me and this is my way of showing people the love and kindness of my Lord and saviour," Sheree said. "I connect with so many people who are lonely and don't really have the finances to go out."

"It is not just for the poor and hungry, this meal is for everyone! I connect with people in the community who are lonely and this is an opportunity for them to get out and meet others in a safe and friendly environment. It is also good for some of our overseas workers to come and enjoy a nice 'aussie' meal.



Sheree McGinty has been cooking and serving meals for all comers since March

At the moment there are around 40 regulars who come along, however some nights there are more and some less. Due to

COVID restrictions they can only serve 20 at one time in the Church at the moment. However, that hasn't been a problem as some just eat and go home, some take away and some meals are delivered.

"All the feedback has been very positive with everyone being very grateful for the yummy food and opportunity to meet new people," Sheree said. "We had one lady say that when she came into the kitchen, she felt like she was home, which totally melted my heart and I get joy from seeing people happy and full.

Sheree said that she doesn't do it alone, and has the support of her family, her Church and two very special members of the community - Paul Hartas-berry and Wayne Mackenzie.

"I couldn't do it without them," she said. "I just want to say THANK YOU to everyone for coming and making this service a blessing for the community. I have also been so blessed with some very kind donations, which, however unnecessary, are very much appreciated."

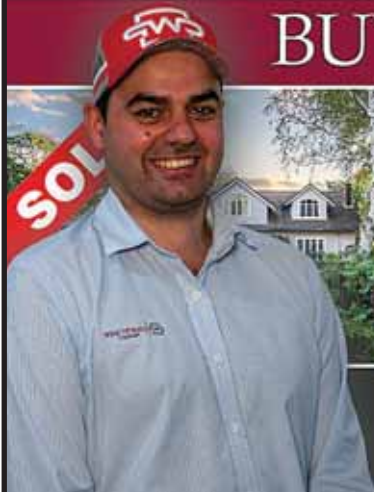
All food is prepared in a clean environment abiding by the State's health and hygiene regulations. The Soup Kitchen is open every second Friday night from 5pm, opening this Friday October 1st and fortnightly until December 24th.



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TroutFest puts call out to 'bomb' Bradley street

Do you want to help 'bomb' Bradley St? With Yarn bombing or some other soft decorations that is!

TroutFest, with the help of CWA members, are calling on shops and local groups to help make Bradley street a place of beauty and fun during the week leading up to TroutFest. The themes are spring or fishing and you are invited to use all your imagination. There will be prizes.

There are some guidelines from Council that must be adhered to and some helpful hints. Apart from trees and traffic signs, CWA and the TroutFest committee hope that all structures in the main shopping centre are decorated with something to remind us of Spring or the joys of fishing and especially trout fishing in the week leading up to the festival.

TroutFest will run from October 15th through to the 17th. Bettina Donahue at the Wool Shop will be able to help with advice and products. So come on everyone.

Let's have some fun and show how creative you can be.

Register and get the guidelines from a CWA member of from the TroutFest committee or contact them by email guyratroutfest@gmail.com.

All shop proprietors will receive the guidelines from CWA. Shop windows can still be decorated if you prefer. Note you must be registered to participate: 0488 755 736.



Need some yarn bombing inspiration? street trees (above) and a colourful walker



Facebook: [guyratroutfest](https://www.facebook.com/guyratroutfest)

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Kid's Tagged fish fishing prize

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Michael Kean named Volunteer of the Year

Michael Kean from Black Mountain has been named as Volunteer of the Year for New England at the 2021 Volunteer of the Year Awards. Many will know Michael for his technical skill via his business Cool Country Consulting, however he also manages to find a few hours each week to help keep Armidale Community Radio 2ARM FM on air.

2ARM FM has been broadcasting for over 42 years to Armidale, Walcha, Uralla, Guyra and all areas in between, and is almost completely run by volunteers, including 32 announcers.

As well as being one of the station's volunteer presenters, Michael is also the deputy president of the management committee and volunteers his technical expertise to improve the quality of on-air presentation.

Over recent years, he has helped to replace and upgrade aging studio equipment, as well as keeping the station's website and social media channels up to date.

He also helped the station to stay on air during COVID



Volunteer of the Year for New England Michael Kean

lockdowns, with many of the station's presenters working from home providing important information and feedback for the local community.

The radio station was also awarded the category of Volunteer Team of the Year, which recognises volunteer groups of two or more people.

Michael said that what he enjoys most about his role is keeping the community informed. Next week he will present Episode 203 of his show 'Life with Mike', which he has been presenting for the last four years.

Most weeks he spends a couple of hours on the week-

end on the management side, another couple of hours preparing his show and around five hours on air presenting which he says is the 'fun part'.

Michael said that he finds his role rewarding and that he gets a lot of enjoyment on a personal level, and also gets a lot of satisfaction from helping others. He enjoys being part of the team who he believes is very deserving of the group award, because they all put in a lot of hours to keep the station running.

Michael also has another volunteer role as admin of the 'Guyra What's on Your Mind' Facebook group. After identifying a need for somewhere for residents to ask questions, share news, and find out what is happening in the local area, he created the group and it has become extremely popular.

The group has become a meeting place for residents, new and old, and has now grown to over 2000 members.

Guyra residents can listen to 2ARM FM at 92.1FM. It is also available to stream online or via various radio apps.

Project Zero30 survey open

Residents of the Armidale Regional Local Government Area (LGA) have the opportunity to contribute to the region's journey towards net zero emissions by 2030 by sharing information on their own household energy use through a short survey open until 30th November.

Information collected from residents will help build the first Armidale Regional LGA "carbon account", the first step in the process towards net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and reaching the objectives of Project Zero30, a partnership between the Armidale Regional Council, the University of New England (UNE), Business New England, local

businesses and community members.

Project Zero30 is pursuing Climate Active Carbon Neutral certification for precincts on behalf of the Armidale Regional LGA. That is, government backed certification awarded to precincts that have credibly reached a state of net zero emissions, or carbon neutrality. This means that activities occurring within the LGA will have no net negative impact on the climate.

Complete the survey at <http://zero30.org.au/armidale-regional-lga-household-energy-survey/short-survey> here. The survey is open until 30 November 2021.

Long Weekend Trading Hours

Friday, 1 st October	7.00am - 6.30pm
Saturday, 2 nd October	8.00am - 1.00pm
Sunday, 3 rd October	8.00am - 1.00pm
Monday, 4 th October	8.00am - 12.00noon

Long Weekend Specials

- Avocados - \$1.10 each
- Pork Steak - \$14 kg
- Northern Super Crisp
- 24 pack stubs - 2 for \$92
- Carlton Dry
- 24 pack stubs - 2 for \$94



Kirk's



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What's HOT

TROUTFEST - get involved in some of the great events happening around town

LOTS OF ACTIVITY and renewal happening around town

WEEKENDS AWAY and spending time at favourite holiday spots

MORE FREEDOMS on the horizon

What's NOT

IRRESPONSIBLE YOUTH with little else to do with their time but to wilfully remove street warning signs

Kolora staff fully vaccinated



All staff at Guyra's Kolora Aged Care Facility are now fully vaccinated. To celebrate McLean Care held a thank you lunch for all the staff. Well done everyone!

QUOTE of the week

A closed mind is like a closed book; just a block of wood

Chinese Proverb

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
21	Tues	1.8	6.5	0
22	Wed	-1.0	13.1	0.4
23	Thurs	0.1	16.5	0
24	Fri	3.3	17.2	0
25	Sat	5.3	18.7	0
26	Sun	2.0	17.4	0
27	Mon	3.4	14.1	0

Rain this week	0.4mm
Sept. rainfall	17.8mm
Rainfall YTD	796.6mm
Rainfall last YTD	679.6mm
Ave. rain to Sept.	613.5mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Clear path out of lockdown

NSW has a clear path to follow out of the pandemic and lockdowns, with the roadmap for easing restrictions at the 80 per cent double dose target revealing a brighter future for the community.

From the Monday after NSW hits the 80 per cent (aged 16 and over) double dose vaccination target, eased restrictions will allow those who are fully vaccinated to have up to 10 people visit their home, participate in community sport, and access hospitality venues (where drinking while standing up will be allowed indoors). All premises will operate at 1 person per 4sqm indoors, and 1 person per 2sqm outdoors.

Premier Gladys Berejiklian said the 80 per cent roadmap will also remove the limit of fully vaccinated guests for weddings and funerals, and remove customer caps for personal services such as hairdressers.

"I know people are counting down the minutes until we reach 70 per cent double dose and the freedoms that will pro-

vide, and today we are providing further certainty by announcing the 80 per cent roadmap and future settings," Ms Berejiklian said.

"Vaccination remains our ticket to freedom so we need to work even harder to get jabs in arms, to help stop the spread, minimise outbreaks and ensure people are protected when we open up."

Given updated health advice, adjustments have been made to the 70 per cent roadmap. Regional travel will now not be allowed until 80 per cent (fully vaccinated only), and a booking cap has been introduced for hospitality venues of 20 people per booking.

Deputy Premier John Barilaro said the NSW Government is considering changes to incoming international arrival caps, so more people can return home for Christmas.

"The NSW Government's 70 per cent roadmap lifts fully vaccinated people out of lockdown and when we reach 80 per cent, restrictions will ease even further," Mr Barilaro

said.

"The key continues to be vaccination rates, so please do not hesitate and book in for your free COVID-19 vaccine today so we can reach these targets as soon as possible.

"I must also clarify that travel between Greater Sydney and regional NSW will only be permitted when the state reaches 80 per cent double dose. This change is necessary to give some regional areas the time they need to increase local vaccination rates."

The roadmap may be fine-tuned by NSW Health as they monitor the COVID-19 situation over the coming weeks.

From 1 December further changes will be introduced including all venues moving to the 2sqm rule, masks will not be required indoors at offices, indoor pools and nightclubs can reopen, and unvaccinated people will have greater freedoms.

If you are not booked in for a COVID-19 vaccine, please book an appointment as soon possible.

Proposed road closure of Wheat St Ben Lomond

At the Ordinary Council Meeting on 22 September 2021, Council resolved to place the proposed closure of Wheat St Ben Lomond on public exhibition from Friday 24 September to Monday 25 October 2021.

Council was contacted by Mr Nigel Geoffrey Bourne on 5 Jul 2021, requesting to purchase the unformed Council road, Wheat St, located on the southern outskirts of the Ben Lomond village. Wheat Street is bordered by Wandsworth Rd in the west, Ben Lomond Rd to east, and parcels of land owned by Mr Nigel Geoffrey Bourne and Ms Nicole Judith Anne Rooke to the north and south. Following Mr Bourne's initial correspondence to Council, Council Officers provided him with copies of the NSW Crown statutory process for the transfer of ownership. Under Part 4 Division 3 of the Roads Act 1993, Council can elect to transfer vestige of the former road reserve to the Crown. The customer was notified of applicable Fees and Charges associated with the closure of Council roads.

Submissions are invited and must be addressed to the General Manager, Armidale Regional Council, PO Box 75A, Armidale NSW 2350 or sent by email to council@armidale.nsw.gov.au

Submissions must be received by Council no later than 10pm on Monday 25 October 2021.



We are hiring

Council is looking for an

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Renewable Energy Policy

The Draft Renewable Energy Policy is currently on public exhibition until 10pm Monday 25 October 2021. Visit yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au to view the policy and provide feedback.



Street Stall applications

Organisations wishing to conduct street stalls and appeals in the Bradley Street Stall in Guyra during 2022 are requested to submit written applications to Council by 5pm Wednesday 1 December 2021.

Applications can be posted to Armidale Regional Council, PO Box 75A, Armidale, NSW 2350 or emailed to council@armidale.nsw.gov.au.

First and second preferences for days and dates should be stated although no guarantees can be given that these dates will be allocated. In an attempt to

satisfy all requests, some Thursdays will be allocated as well as Fridays and Saturdays.

Late applications will be accepted but will not be given preference for allocation dates.

For further enquiries phone 1300 136 833.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on Wednesday 27 October in the Guyra Council Chambers from 4pm. Limited gallery due to COVID-19 restrictions. Have Your Say and invited presentations will be live streamed from 3pm.

Stay connected

Armidale Regional Council is on Facebook - the page is named 'Armidale Regional Council'.



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



and on Instagram 'armidaleregionalcouncil'



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Community Noticeboard

Meals on Wheels

Sept. 30 Narelle Leven
 Oct. 1 L & R Skinner
 Oct. 4 Judy Wells
 Oct. 5 Stuart Broad
 Oct. 6 Wendy Lockyer

Street Stalls

Oct. 1 Hospital Aux.
 Oct. 7 CWA
 Oct. 8 Presbyterian Church
 Oct 15 & 16 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

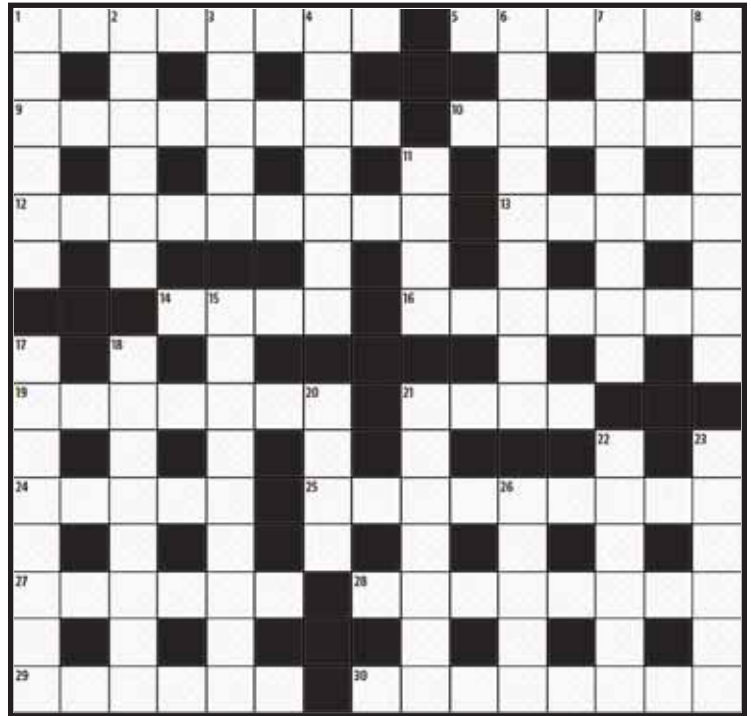
CROSSWORD

Across:

- Lens opening
- Levels of rock in a geological structure
- Party mind game
- Eddies
- Voted in again (2,7)
- Horse's hind leg joints
- Wound mark
- Deliberately sink
- Bring ship to stand still (5,2),
- Snow vehicle
- Falsify
- Kind of peach
- Heavy and grey (of sky)
- Supplies
- Tranquilise
- Seventh commandment sin

Down:

- Agreement
- Income cheat, tax _____
- Do business
- Go back in (2,5)
- Terraced home (4,5)
- Vile act
- Estimated damages
- Dedicatory poems



- Brainiest
- Mixes up (cards)
- Ponytail elastic
- Pig's cry
- Fastened
- Foundation garment
- Football sweater
- Blacksmith's block

Across: 1. Aperture 5. Strata 9. Chardons 10. Swirls 12. Re-elected 13. Hocks 14. Scar 16. Scuttle 19. Heave to, 21. Sled 24. Forge 25. Nectarine 27. Leaden 28. Provides 29. Sedate 30. Adultery
 Down: 1. Accord 2. Evader 3. Trade 4. Re-enter 6. Townhouse 7. Atrocity 8. Assessed 11. Odes 15. Cleverest 17. Shuffles 18. Hairbands 20. Ink 21. Se-cured 22. Girdle 23. Jersey 26. Anvil

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What to Watch

Our armchair critic has new recommendations every week. Happy viewing!

Netflix - Movies

It's Complicated, Lawless, Philomena, Tallulah, Assault in Precinct 13, Jumping the Broom

Netflix - Series

The Mess You Leave Behind

ABC Iview

Smother

Tubi

Jesse



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Perry finalist for prestigious agricultural award

Judges of the Zanda McDonald Award, Australasia's agricultural badge of honour, have announced eight finalists, and will crown not one but two winners for 2022 – one from each side of the Tasman.

Now in its eighth year, the prestigious award recognises future young leaders working in agriculture, and provides an impressive prize package centred around a tailored trans-Tasman mentoring programme. The eight talented finalists - four from Australia and four from New Zealand - have been selected for their passion for the industry, strong leadership skills, and the contributions they're making in the primary sector.

The four finalists from Australia are Charlie Perry, 35, manager and partner at fam-

ily owned wagyu beef farm Trent Bridge Partnership, from Guyra, Northern NSW; Kate McBride, 23, fifth generation farmer and station hand at Tolarno Station, and researcher at The Australia Institute, from Western NSW; Gavin Rodman, 28, District Manager - Far North, Sugar Research Australia, from Cairns; and Jeremy Cummins, 34, owner and manager for feedlot and backgrounding business Bottlejac Trading Company in Gunnedah, North West NSW.

The four New Zealand finalists are Adam Thompson, 35, director of Restore Native Plant Nursery, beef farmer and mortgage broker from Cambridge; Katie Vickers, 28, Head of Sustainability and Land Use for Farmlands, from Christchurch; Olivia Weatherburn, 33, Na-



Charlie Perry

tional Extension Programme Manager for Beef + Lamb New Zealand, from Mossburn Southland; and Rhys Roberts, 34, CEO of market garden and farm operation Align Farms, from mid-Canterbury.

Richard Rains, award chairman says whilst Covid-19 travel restrictions drove the change to two awards, it has also created an exciting

opportunity. The award also adapted last year in the face of Covid, crowning two winners. With the increase to eight finalists and two winners, the award can have a positive impact on more future leaders in Australia and New Zealand.

The Australian and the New Zealand winner will each pick up an impressive personal development package, including a fully personalised mentoring trip in Australia and New Zealand (when travel allows), up to \$10,000 worth of tailored education or training, media coaching, and other mentoring and industry opportunities.

Following face-to-face interviews in their respective countries, the winners will be announced in November 2021.

New taskforce to pilot domestic violence program

A new taskforce has been established to help pilot and facilitate the establishment of a community centred, culturally safe domestic violence program for First Nations men in the Armidale region.

A Mayoral Minute was supported at the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 22 September to establish that the Mayor of the day be the Council representative on the taskforce and to convey the support of Council for the current initiative to establish a First Nations Men's Behavioural Change Program.

The Primary Care Pathways to Safety pilot is funded by the Primary Health Network and is delivered by Armidale Women's Shelter. The pilot was established to build capacity in General Practice to Recognise, Respond and Refer (RRR) Domestic Family Violence (DFV). At present Armidale has no

community based DFV Men's Behaviour Change Program, and many First Nations women are reluctant to disclose DFV when there are no support programs in place.

The Taskforce will have members from a broad cross section of stakeholders including the Armidale Council, Aboriginal Medical Service, General Practitioners, Police, other agencies and interested community organisations, who can provide strategic direction and develop a sound advocacy plan to attract further funding to implement and evaluate the proposed community model.

Responsibilities of the Taskforce include providing strategic and operational support to the Cultural Governance Steering Committee to enable development of a support program for Aboriginal men by Aboriginal men.

Guyra's Church of Freedom

Soup Kitchen

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Council REZolution puts renewable energy policy on review

The New England Region is projected to become one of the largest generators of renewable energy in Australia over the next ten years with the development of the New England Renewable Energy Zone (REZ). As the development prospers, Armidale Regional Council (ARC) has established a Renewable Energy Policy to shape and optimise development outcomes and the community's desire for the region to lead a zero emissions future.

ARC and surrounding Local Government Areas are key stakeholders in the development of the New England REZ, with more than \$13 billion to be invested across the region.

As the region positions itself as a leader in the renewable energy sector, Council identified the urgency to develop a policy that provides guidelines for implementation of the REZ and drive responsible development and operation of investments.

ARC Mayor Ian Tiley said the Policy will enable Council to be at the forefront of decision making, from the earliest design concepts through to long-term operation and management of projects.

"Council recognises its role as a facilitator and seeks to develop a reputation for expertise and leadership in renewable energy through cleverly and effectively engaging in all aspects of the energy division."

"We welcome investment, encourage best practice and commit to performing our roles to the highest standard," said Mayor Tiley.

A number of projects are already in the design, planning or construction phase, prompting Council to develop a policy that provides much-needed guidelines for implementation of the New England REZ, and guide responsible development and operation of these investments and set up community benefit sharing arrangements.

"The Renewable Energy Policy will provide a framework for the benefit of current and future generations of residents and businesses across the Local Government Area, and provide a foundation for responsible implementation of the New England REZ within the Armidale Region," said Mayor Tiley.

"Establishing a policy will provide a Council-endorsed statement of intent for stakeholders and sets standards for negotiating community benefit sharing schemes, voluntary planning agreements, power purchasing agreements, regional renewable energy distribution system, shared equity and other commercial arrangements that benefit our current and future generations."

The Renewable Energy Policy has been designed to align with Community Strategic Plan goals and the 2018-22 Delivery Program via an Integrated Planning and Report-

ing Framework. The Policy will also assist in the delivery of Armidale Regional Council's 2021-22 Draft Operational Plan and contribute towards the fulfilment of Council's Zero30 and EcoARC 2020 commitments.

Armidale Regional Council Mayor Ian Tiley said the Renewable Energy Policy is now on public exhibition for community feedback from Friday 24 September for a period of 28 days.

"We want the community to review the policy and submit feedback. This will give Council further insight that we are meeting the needs of the community while encouraging significant investment in the region," said Mayor Tiley.

To review the policy on public exhibition go to Council's Your Say website yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au or visit our Armidale and Guyra Customer Service areas.

New group formed to push for demerger

Community members from amalgamated councils across NSW have come together to form a new alliance promoting polls to gauge residents' desires for demergers. Demerge NSW Alliance (DNA) has announced that it has already attracted support from residents of a majority of the state's 20 merged councils.

This covers communities across NSW from Guyra to Bombala, from Central and Mid North Coast and in Sydney from Botany Bay to Pittwater including Canterbury Bankstown, the most populous council in NSW,

DNA coordinator Grantley Ingram, from Bombala, expressed the continuing outrage of communities over the NSW government's forced amalgamations.

"After five years of merged councils, communities remain angry about the remoteness of the mega councils, the rate increases, the failure to deliver financially and lack of representation," Mr Ingram said in a statement. "They want their local councils back."

Discontent has been brewing since 2016, when the Coalition government merged councils without giving communities a democratic vote on whether they supported the move.

NSW Local Government Minister Shelley Hancock's July rejection of demerger proposals from Tumbarumba (amalgamated into Snowy Valleys Council) and Gundagai (merged into Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council) has shocked and dismayed their residents.

In the case of Snowy Valleys, an investigation by the Boundaries Commission led to the recommendation that the demerger should go ahead.

Furthermore, NSW Deputy Premier and Nationals leader John Barilaro and his Nationals colleague, Cootamundra MP Steph Cook, had demanded in June that the state government split the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council. Meanwhile, councillors from the Inner West LGA have voted to hold a demerger poll at their local government election on December 4.

"This issue will not go away until democracy is restored and polls are held either by Councils voting to hold a poll, as the Inner West has done, or after the next state election by Parliament setting up a legislative

process," DNA supporter Katrina Pearson said.

DNA has sent a letter to councillors of amalgamated councils calling on them to support motions at their next council meetings for a poll on demerging to be held at local government elections on December 4. Voting on this motion will inform their communities of the current councillors' positions on demerging.

Should residents vote for a demerger, the newly elected councils must respect that desire and put a proposal for a demerger to the local government minister.

Legislation already passed has decreed that the cost of any demerger through that process would be funded by the state government.

Cultural burning effective at fuel reduction

A rare study of Aboriginal cultural burning in southern Australia has found the practice as effective at fuel reduction as conventional hazard reduction burns, while being much less harmful to native plants than bushfire.

Monitoring of an indicator species, the threatened Backwater grevillea, established that cultural burning had a relatively minor impact on mature specimens. A bushfire that ripped through part of the study zone in 2019 killed 99.6% of existing grevillea plants.

“Wildfire, hazard reduction and cultural burning all reduced standing fuel load by about the same amount, but only cultural burning left a multi-age population of grevillea,” said lead researcher, University of New England (UNE) cross-cultural ecologist Dr Michelle McKemey.

“It is more evidence that cultural burning practices have an important place in managing our natural heritage as we try and reckon with the effects of climate change.”

The study was conducted on Wattleridge Indigenous Protected Area (IPA) in forested escarpment country north-east of Guyra, NSW, by the land’s Indigenous owners, the Banbai nation, and a team of researchers led by Dr McKemey.

For Banbai nation elder, Lesley Patterson, the advantages of cultural burning are clear. “You know your canopy and the older plants are going to survive if you do low intensity burns. It does the country better, and the bush doesn’t take as long to come back as it would with a bushfire.”

The multi-year project drew on Indigenous and scientific concepts to investigate how cultural burning affected local ecology, compared to conventional hazard reduction burning.

Cultural burning involves typically low-level patchwork fires conducted at times calculated to support the life-cycles of key plants or animals.

Hazard reduction burns in-



Banbai ranger Kane Patterson with a Backwater grevillea

volve setting controlled fires over specific areas in cooler seasons, but without cultural burning’s focus on managing particular species and typically over much larger areas.

Bushfire unexpectedly became part of the project when a branch of the huge 2019 bushfires, which burnt about two million hectares of Eastern States forest, penetrated the Wattleridge IPA.

The near-total loss of mature plants in the heat of the summer bushfire provided a practical illustration of the value of cultural burning as a tool for fire and species management, Dr McKemey said.

The wildfire also lost some of its damaging intensity when it reached the zone of old cultural burns.

Dr McKemey hopes that Indigenous people and ecologists are only at the start of a widespread collaboration that will see the return of widespread cultural burning to southern Australia.

Following an appearance on Gardening Australia, the Banbai rangers have been invited to undertake a number of cultural burns in national parks and on private property.

On their own land, cross-cultural monitoring of the Backwater grevillea has been extended and expanded and will help to inform the adaptive management of the IPA.

“There are a number of cultural burns planned by different Aboriginal groups in the New England region this year,” Dr McKemey said. “In some places it’s the first cultural burn that has taken place for more than 50 years.”

Every cultural burn also involves oversight by Rural Fire Service (RFS), partly as a knowledge-sharing exercise and partly as insurance.

“Every cultural burn in southern Australia builds on our understanding of fire as an ecological and cultural tool,” said Dr McKemey. “With each burn, we take a step closer to having a much more nuanced and potentially powerful approach to fire management.”

Residents urged to check for any unclaimed money

More than \$467 million of unclaimed money is sitting with Revenue NSW ready to make its way into the hands of NSW citizens

The forgotten money held by Revenue NSW includes share dividends, trust accounts, refunds, commissions, deceased estates and money from a range of other sources.

Anyone can search for unclaimed money on the Revenue NSW website. It is a free service offered by the NSW Gov-

ernment to get money back into the hands of its owners.”

The unclaimed money register holds money that has not made it to the correct owner for any number of reasons, including a change of address or name, misplaced paperwork or has simply been forgotten.

Revenue NSW periodically undertakes data matching activities and attempts to contact potential owners of new items received from enterprises.

Men's Bowls

Club Championships played over the weekend:

Semi Final Club Triples: John Jackson, Geoff Reeves and Wayne Reeves played Michael Shiner, Col Stanley and Andrew Sparke. John and his team were completely out played by Michael and his team. The game was one sided but even though thoroughly beaten John and his team can walk away from this game knowing that they made Michael and his team work for their win.

The other game was a Major/Minor Pairs event: Mallie Walls and Logan Beechey played Robert Moore and Cameron Pearson.

This was a closely contested game with both teams not giving an inch. With the scores changing on a number of occasions only one team can be the victor. As I stated earlier the scores could not be separated by end 24 the scores were 22 shots all and with only one end to play the winner of the next end would be the winner and that was Cameron and Robert. Score: 23 shots to 22 shots over 25 ends.

Now to this weekend: Saturday October 2nd: Social Bowls: start: 1.00pm. Names by 12.30pm all welcome.

Sunday October 3rd: 10.00 am: Junior Bowls all kids welcome to come and try. Followed by Social Bowls: names by 12.30 pm for a

1.00pm start.

A date to remember. Sunday 10.10.21: The Bowling and Recreation Club Ltd AGM will be held at 10.00am. The Bowls AGM will follow at 12.00pm. Followed by the Semi Final of the Club Fours. Dan Kennedy and team to play John McIlwain and team. Robert Moore and team to play Steven Sole and team. Bowls presentation to follow and BBQ for all bowlers. The above games are play or forfeit directions of the Match Committee.

Bowlers are reminded that nomination sheets for the 2021/2022 bowls season are now on the notice board so if you wish to take part in these competitions then get your team and or name in now Nominations close October 17th.

Also on the notice board are the nomination sheets for the upcoming Annual Bowls Carnival to be held in from November 30th to December 5th, any local team wishing to take part in this Carnival then get your team together and enter. Women's Open Triples will be held Tuesday November 30th. RSVP no later than November 21st. Mixed Triples Carnival December 1st. RSVP No later than November 29th. Carnival proper will commence Thursday December 2nd with the Schweppes Pairs to be played over 2 days. The New England Mutual triples will commence Saturday December 4th

and run for 2 days. More information on these events as they draw closer.

For further information please contact Betty Bourke or David Wilcox on (02) 6779 1499 during working hours.

The Bowls Bandit

Vets Golf

After two very ordinary weeks for golf with snow on each Tuesday, the Vets finally played their first competition for a very long time. Eight players competed in an Individual Stableford counting putts. The winner with a score of 35 was Phil Devlin. Phil also was closest to the pin for the second shot on the first.

Runners up were Col Walls and Pat Grills both with a score of 32. Col was also nearest the pin on the 7th. The best putter on the day was Chris Newberry with 32 putts.

With the course drying out it won't be long before we can play on the back nine. It's great to be back playing competition.

A Vet

Ladies' Golf

Last week a field of 14 ladies played a Stableford. Wendy Jackson was the sponsor.

The winner was Wendy George with 35 points. Jenny Rogers was the runner up with 33 points. Nearest the Pin winners were Belinda

Lenehan and Wendy George on the 7th hole. Karen Oehlers and Suzanne Towells on the 9th hole.

This week is a Par Medal round. Next week is the First Round of the Ladies Championship. 27 holes with a 9am start. Wendy George is the starter. Good luck to all.

Birdie

Midweek Golf

The Midweek competition will commence on Monday October 18th. Nominate your team of six people before October 9th. All players must be a golf member or member of the Guyra Bowling Club.

Cost each week is \$5 for golf members and \$10 for Bowling Club members. This is paid when you collect your scorecard and check your handicap before you play the 9 holes. Nomination forms and rules are available at the Club.

We play in two rounds – first one is from October 18th to December 19th (9 weeks) and then recommence after Christmas/New Year on Monday January 17th through to Sunday March 27th.

We have some great support for this competition in the last couple of years and hope you will be able to once again get a team together. Looking forward to seeing you on the golf course.

Middy

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Rural Market Reports

September 24th - The strengthening on the final day of sales last week carried over to this week's opening with the market dearer from the outset.

All of the Merino micron indicators gained between 15 and 35 cents on the first day of sales and held onto these levels on the final day with just a few minor movements recorded.

Crossbreds continue to struggle and held back the headline market indicators from larger rises. 32,405 bales were sold nationally for the week with the passed in rate of 9.3% being heavily dominated by the Crossbred sector.

Major buyers included

Tianyu, Techwool and Fox and Lillie. In US dollars the market only moved up 1 cent this week as the Aussie dollar comes under pressure with its fortunes seemingly tied to Iron Ore.

Next week's national offering rises to over 41,000 bales continuing the seasonal trend of far greater weekly offerings than last season, which currently stands at a 30% increase.

Forward market activity centered on the 19 micron indicator, trading as far out as July next year. In a positive sign all trades changed hands at a small premium to this week's physical close.

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GUYRA BOWLING & RECREATION Club AGM Sunday 10th October, 2021 at 10.00am.

GUYRA CAN ASSIST Annual Branch meeting will be held on Tuesday, 12th October at 3.00pm at the Bowling Club. All welcome. Email: canassistguyra@outlook.com Ph: 0473 211 830.

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Fresh coat of paint lets murals stand out

How amazing are our two local artists Brian Irving and Kay Smith?

Together they have created the most beautiful and very unique murals depicting Guyra's very own Mother of Ducks Lagoon which I feel as a community has made us all feel very proud.

This significant landmark for our town was brought to fruition with the help of many generous people in our community. It goes to show that Guyra as a community can make anything happen if we want to have a go!

To those wonderful and generous people who contributed towards making our Murals Shine and be Safe, a huge THANK YOU.

Last, but not least, to Brian and Kay, your generosity, love of Guyra and contributions to many years of sharing your passion and talent with our local schools will always be cherished.

As young Brody Hoffman said whilst helping his dad Adam install their donated security system, "I still have my boomerang I painted with Mr Irving at Bald Blair!"



Following last week's unveiling, a fresh coat of paint has been added to the amenities block

The happiness in our town and the smiles to many faces along with the memories you have both created has now become part of our local history culminating in our

very own Mural series. Something our community can proudly call their own!

Look out Guyra, these amazing artworks of 'two cultures', that tell

a story, are now well on the way along the Australian Mural Trail for travellers to come, visit and see!

Donna Davidson

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