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Premier's Spelling Bee at Guyra Central

On Wednesday the 27th of July, K-6 participated in the Guyra Central School Premier's Spelling Bee. The Premier's Spelling Bee is a fun and educational way for primary school students to engage with and improve their spelling. The program includes activities that encourage students to become more confident users of language through broadening their vocabulary, and promotes improved literacy skills in conjunction with the NSW English K-10 syllabus.

Early Stage 1 commenced the Spelling Bee and did very well spelling words aloud at their first spelling bee. The Kindergarten Spelling Champion was Lachlan. Stage 1 students all had a go at spelling and there were four competitive rounds before Hugh Kliendienst became the Stage Champion.

Stage 2 students competed in the Spelling Bee next with several close rounds using the Junior wordlist. Laney Orfordhill was the Stage 2 Champion and will represent Guyra Central School at the Regional Final, which will be held online for 2022.

Stage 3 students were confident with the challenging words from the Senior List. Oakley Brazier was the Stage 3 Champion and



Left:
Mrs Bronwyn Paull
with Flynn Byers

Below:
Mrs Paull with
Stage 3 Champion
Oakley Brazier

will represent Guyra Central School at the Regional Final, which will be held online for 2022.

Premier's Spelling Bee Coordinator 2022 Mrs Bronwyn Paull congratulated all of the students

who participated in the 2022 Premier's Spelling Bee.

"It was great to hear so many primary students confidently spelling a range of challenging words in this year's spelling competition," Mrs Paull said.



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Costa deploys robotic pollination

In a world first, Costa is working with Israeli company Arugga AI Farming to deploy robotic pollination for truss tomato plants at its tomato glasshouse operation in Guyra.

Pollination in glasshouses around the world is generally done using bumblebees, however their use is banned in Australia. That means the pollination

process is done by hand.

In this commercial deployment, robotic pollinators drive along the rows, find flowers that are ready for pollination using artificial intelligence and send air pulses to vibrate the flowers in a specific manner which imitates buzz pollination as performed by bumblebees.



Bush fire danger period delayed

The Bush Fire Danger Period (BFDP) for the New England/Northern Tablelands Districts will now commence on the 1st September 2022 and cover the Local Government Areas (LGA's) of Armidale, Uralla, Walcha, Glen Inness, Severn, Inverell and Tenterfield.

NSW RFS Superintendent Paul Metcalfe said that due to significant rainfall and ongoing wet conditions over most of the region this year the NSW RFS, in consultation with other agencies, has announced a delay to the start of the Bush Fire Danger Period, now to begin on 1st September 2022.

Superintendent Metcalfe stated now is the time for residents to take action and prepare their property for the bush fire season by removing flammable materials from their yards.

"Clearing gutters of leaves, checking the condition of their hoses and that they reach right

around their house, and where appropriate, conducting burning activities," Supt Metcalfe said.

"These preparation tips, as well as helpful information about what to do in the event of a fire, are contained in the Bush Fire Survival Plan guide, which can be downloaded from the NSW RFS website."

Property owners are not required to obtain a permit until the 1st September 2022 BFDP start date but are still required to notify adjoining neighbours and the RFS at least 24 hrs prior to lighting up. Property owners can notify the RFS via the online notification portal at: <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/notify>

Information about hazard reduction burning and required notifications is available on the NSW RFS website at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/BFDP.



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Aileen chosen for NSW Legislative Council

Members of the NSW Liberal Party have preselected Aileen MacDonald OAM as the Party's candidate to fill the casual Legislative Council vacancy that will be caused by the impending retirement of the Hon Catherine Cusack, with Party endorsement to follow shortly.

Aileen has always brought a strong rural perspective to her work in finance, retail, agriculture, marketing and government services. Her community work has been likewise focused on building a better region.

"Rural communities are the heart and soul of our state, and building a small business while raising a family in regional NSW has given me an appreciation for the issues affecting country NSW," said Mrs MacDonald.

"My husband and I had operated a small agri-business across this region, which has given us great insights into the resilience of country communities."



Aileen McDonald (pictured with Leslie Williams MP) has been preselected to fill a casual vacancy in the NSW Legislative Council

Aileen received an Order of Australia Medal in 2020 and was named Guyra's citizen of the year in 2019, after dedicating years to the local business community, Rotary and the Liberal Party. Her involvement with the Guyra and District Chamber of Commerce, of which she was president from

2016 to 2019, as well as her decade of service with Rotary, have prepared Aileen to advocate for the needs of local communities across the Northern NSW.

As the President of Business New England, and the driving force behind Renew Armidale, Aileen has been championing

local small business and community issues, which has helped to build a foundation for her continued advocacy as a Parliamentary representative for Northern NSW.

"I am incredibly humbled by the trust that has been placed in me. I will use this opportunity to bring a rural perspective to the NSW Parliament, and will work incredibly hard to support the Perrottet Government in delivering services and infrastructure for our regional communities - building on the legacy of the Hon Catherine Cusack."

"The Perrottet Government has been doing an outstanding job leading our state through challenging times - investing in our local services and strengthening their delivery, while taking the pressure off our families and businesses," Mrs MacDonald said. "I look forward to making a positive contribution in the Legislative Council."

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Dental Health talk at Black Mountain Public School

PEOPLE who submit Hot's & Not's for publication

On Friday, 29th July, the students at Black Mountain Public School enjoyed a visit from Letecia Kearney (Primary Health Care Nurse) from HealthWISE. Letecia spoke to the students about the importance of dental hygiene specifically concentrating on the amount of sugar in sweet fizzy drinks and foods that contain extra sugar. Students were amazed by the amount of sugar in each bottle of soft drink. Letecia discussed with everyone when to brush their teeth and the students were presented with coloured pencils and tooth mazes at the end of the presentation.

*Mrs Justine Eddy
Relieving Principal*



What's **NOT**

NOTHING submitted for Hot's & Not's this week

QUOTE of the week

Knowledge is like underwear. It is useful to have it, but not necessary to show it off.

Bill Murray

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
26	Tues	4.5	12.7	0
27	Wed	-1.4	7.2	2.2
28	Thurs	-3.5	12.1	0
29	Fri	-1.5	9.9	0
30	Sat	-3.8	10.6	0
31	Sun	-0.3	10.9	0
1	Mon	5.0	9.7	0

Rain this week	2.2mm
July rainfall	97.2mm
Rainfall YTD	637.2mm
Rainfall last YTD	674.2mm
Ave. rain to Aug.	559.5mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Have your say

Demerger rally

The Guyra Save and Grow Committee is pleased to advise that they will be sending a contingent from our group to the demerger rally next Tuesday August 9th. This is to be held outside Parliament House, Macquarie Street Sydney, commencing at one pm.

The group are keen to hear the speakers give their own accounts of the forced amalgamation outcomes, and all other relevant information which flows from the rally. A golden opportunity also exists to network with others who have also suffered these injustices and this will benefit our cause greatly.

This will pave the way for a

promising outlook for all these forced merged councils to demerge next year, including Guyra. Giving up is not option for these communities with full support from all opposition parties to demerge. Local Government Boundary Commission has now clearly for the second time recommended demergers for some councils.

Guyra is part of a group of 12 councils "Demerge NSW Alliance" to restore our autonomy.

We would like to wish our group members safe journeys and we are most eager to hear their reports from Parliament House Sydney upon their return.

Guyra Save and Grow Committee.

"Shared Vision" meeting disappointing

I found the Council community meeting on the 26th disappointing. With several forward thinking speakers being overshadowed by the usual anti change group, voicing anti rail trail and tomato farm voices, followed by a marathon delivery on the wildlife of the 'Mother of Ducks' Lagoon region.

I hope that future meetings focus solely on Guyra going forward.

David Bearup

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Gazebo planned for CWA's 90th

A new gazebo will be built in McKie Park as a lasting memorial marking 90 years of service to the Guyra community by the Country Women's Association.

Members of the Guyra CWA last week met with Wendy Mulligan and David Kanaley from the Guyra Garden Club to discuss the location for a proposed gazebo.

A site was agreed just south of the existing Guyra Garden Club's Garden adjacent to Bradley Street/Lagoon Road near the Sandon Street turnoff to the New England Highway.

The proposed gazebo site has great views across the golf course and longer distance views over the Mother of Ducks Lagoon. It also has middle distance views over a dam used during TroutFest. There are trees nearby for shade in summer.

Importantly, it also avoids impacting on Armidale Regional Council's water, sewage and drainage services as well as NBN cable services.



Planning for the site of a new gazebo:
CWA members Heather Starr, Del Healey and Leigh Ramage with Wendy Mulligan from the Garden Club

The CWA, with support from the Guyra Garden Club, has asked to meet with Council staff to progress this important addition to McKie Park.

The CWA is providing all the necessary funds to purchase a 3.5m wide gazebo and to have it installed. The contribution of the Guyra CWA to the community is

acknowledged and appreciated.

The gazebo once erected will be a valuable asset which can be enjoyed by everyone - locals and visitors alike for many years to come.



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Petition launched demanding immediate Rural Health changes



In the largest combined effort yet to demand drastic change and improvements in health services and staffing levels across the region, last week I was joined by local Mayors, nurses and midwives and community advocates to launch an electorate-wide community petition.

This petition calls for three main actions -

1. Split the Hunter New England Health District and re-instate the

former New England Area Health Service, which included the North West region;

2. Directly employ doctors in emergency departments in rural and regional district hospitals, with the capacity to provide outpatient services; and

3. Dramatically increase the number of nurses employed in rural and regional hospitals with appropriate nurse to patient ratios.

We need 10,000 signatures to trigger a debate on the floor of State Parliament and force immediate action. This petition is borne out of sheer frustration; frustration that our concerns and requests have either been ignored or dismissed by health officials.

We are getting a raw deal and we're all sick to the back teeth of seeing our hard-working nurses get worked to the bone, no doctors in our hospitals and local lives put at risk,

on a weekly basis.

It is time to combine forces across the New England and North West, speak with one tremendously loud voice through this petition and demand that our health services are directed by local voices responding to local needs.

The petition highlights the widespread deterioration of our primary and acute medical services since the merger of local area health services into Hunter New England Area Health.

Petitions are available for signing at my Electorate Offices, councils and some businesses. If you have any questions about how to add your name to the petition, please feel free to contact my office.

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Community Noticeboard

Meals on Wheels

No Meals on Wheels for drivers to deliver until further notice

Street Stalls

August 5, 6 Guyra Lodge
 August 18, 19, 20 Lions Club
 August 25 CWA

Church Notices

St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church Mass 6pm Saturday and 9am Sunday. Weekday Mass Monday – Friday 9am
 Contact: 6779 1036

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: Di Burey 0428 791 742

Church of Freedom (Cnr. Boorolong & Nincoola Sts.) Sunday worship: 10am Prayer meeting: Tuesday 6.30pm Bible discussion: Wednesday 6.30pm Pastors: Jeff & Sharon Ritchie 0421 847 973 Chaplaincy services: Dave Brown 0419 539 372, Dan McGinty 0409 399 270

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

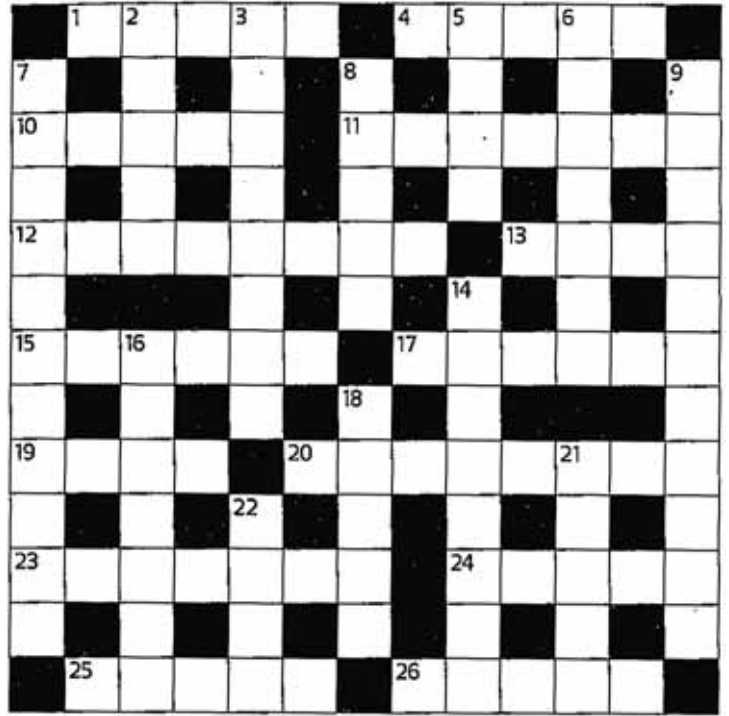
Across:

1. Room (5)
4. Preside over (5)
10. Use a razor (5)
11. _____ F.P., TV showing starring Rebecca Gibney (7)
12. Garment (8)
13. At one time (4)
15. Mad (6)
17. Breakfast dish (6)
19. Ungulate's foot (4)
20. Everton FC's ground, _____ Park
23. Small bouquet (7)
24. Marten fur (5)
25. Sorrow (5)
26. Former Prime Minister _____ Morrison (5)

Down:

2. Crockery item (5)
3. New moon shape (8)
5. Vestibule (4)
6. Children (7)
7. Surprising (11)
8. Bundle of hay (5)
9. Felt (11)
14. Dead-end street (3-2-3)

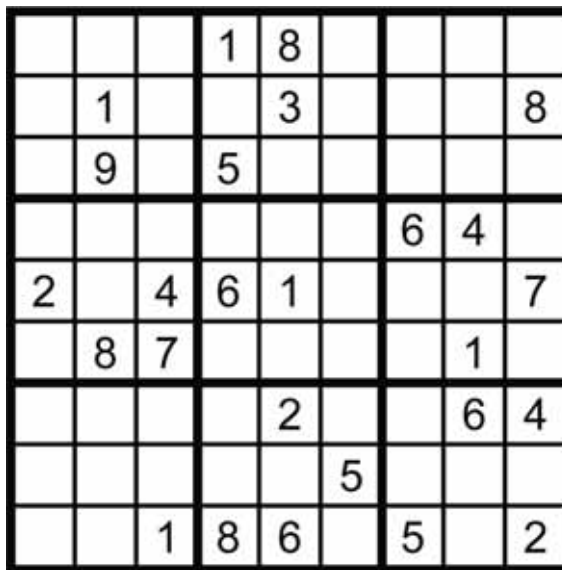
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16. Financial backer
18. Welsh county (5)
21. Wooden-soled shoe (France) (5)
22. Stare lecherously (4)

Across 1. Space, 4. Chair, 10. Shave, 11. Halfax, 12. Overcoat, 13. Once, 15. In-sane, 17. Muesli, 19. Hoof, 20. Goodison, 23. Nosegay 24. Sable, 25. Grief, 26. Scott
 Down: 2. Plate, 3. Crescent, 5. Hall, 6. In-fants, 7. Astonishing, 8. Sheep, 9. Expert-enced, 14. Cul-de-sac, 16. Sponsor, 18. Powys, 21. Sabot, 22. Oggle

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JUST FOR FUN - Short jokes

- What is sticky and brown? A stick! Because they make up everything!
- How does a rabbi make coffee? Hebrews it! • I hate Russian dolls... they're so full of themselves!
- Rest in peace boiling water. You will be mist! • Talk is cheap? Have you ever talked to a lawyer?
- How do you throw a space party? You planet! • Why did the gym close down? It just didn't work out!
- Want to hear a construction joke? Oh never mind, I'm still working on that one. • Two artists had an art contest. It ended in a draw!
- Why don't scientists trust atoms? • A plateau is the highest form of flattery.

What to Watch

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

Netflix Movies

- Sisters, Flight
- Fifty Shades of Grey
- The Terminal, In Time
- The War With Grandpa
- Alex Strangelove
- Inventing Anna

Netflix Series

- Peaky Blinders
- Snabba Cash

iView

- Goldstone, Jack Irish

9Now

- Ransom



GLENRAC welcomes new Sustainable Ag Project Officer

The Glen Innes Natural Resources Advisory Committee has welcomed a new Project Officer for Sustainable Agriculture to their ranks.

Emma Tilley will be based full-time at the GLENRAC office and her work will focus primarily on assisting farmer's to improve their resilience in the face of a changing climate.

Growing up on a cattle farm in QLD's Scenic Rim, Emma later moved to Brisbane to study a Bachelor of Science, majoring in Zoology/Ecology.

'I was really interested in environmental, agricultural and conservation science. For my honours year I did a research project looking at the correlates of feral cat distribution across Eastern Queensland,' said Emma.

'I've always had a love for the land and for nature, so it's exciting to be able to combine two of my

passions to make a positive difference in both the agricultural and environmental fields. It's such an important area of research and innovation and a really exciting field to be in.

'I'm really looking forward to getting to know and working with the locals – the morning and afternoon teas at the GLENRAC events is also a nice bonus!'

Emma's activities will be funded primarily through the Future Drought Fund, a project that involves partnerships with University of New England and Southern Queensland & Northern NSW Drought Resilience Adoption & Innovation Hub (SQNNSW) over the next two years. Her appointment reflects the growing momentum of GLENRAC as the organisation continues to attract funding from highly regarded bodies.

GLENRAC Chief Executive Of-



ficer, Kylie Falconer said that Emma will be working across mainly new projects GLENRAC has been fortunate to attract, including Future Drought Fund ac-

tivities to improve farmer's resilience in the face of a changing climate.

'Her activities will include working with farmer's in the region to build skills in climate forecasting for feed budgeting purposes and pasture management, soil testing, farm water supply and water management and the use of drone technology for weed mapping and follow up control.

'Emma is also busy organising the next Young Farmer catchup at the Deepwater Brewery to be held in August which builds on the success of the last Young Farmer event.'

Farmers interested in partaking in the Future Drought Fund project are encouraged to get in touch with the GLENRAC office on 02 6732 3443, or drop in to the GLENRAC office at 68 Church St, Glen Innes NSW 2370.

Council appoints new Chief Officer – Corporate and Community

Armidale Regional Council's Manager Communications and Marketing Darren Schaefer has been appointed as the new Chief Officer Corporate and Community to join Council's senior leadership team and help guide the organisation on its change journey.

An extensive recruitment process for the role began earlier this year based on Council's restore and thrive turnaround strategy, and Mr Schaefer was successful in his appointment based on organisational fit and his capabilities and commitment to the organisation.

Mr Schaefer will lead Council's corporate and community functions including customer experience, governance and risk, information technology, libraries, community services, visitor information centre, preschool and airport.

Taking the bull by the horns and commencing in the role immediately, Mr Schaefer said he is thrilled by the opportunity and eager to help drive long-term stability and organisational performance.

'The organisation has been fol-

lowing a back-to-basics approach and I hope to continue this methodology for improved customer experience, better alignments between council and the community, and enhanced proficiency and productivity across our core functions,' he said.

'I bring a strong combination of executive level experience and connection to the Armidale region, and I have history in helping organisations in a variety of industry sectors to realise their potential through effective change management.'

Mr Schaefer has been working at Armidale Regional Council for the past two-and-a-half years and acting in the role of Chief Officer Corporate and Strategy for the past seven months.

'Acting in the role has allowed me to get my feet under the desk and identify areas for improvement. There is a lot to do and it will take a team of dedicated people to help turn this organisation around and that's what I intend to foster; a culture of high performance and continuous improvement, one that is stable, cohesive and we as staff and community can all be proud

of,' said Mr Schaefer.

During his engagement at Armidale Regional Council Mr Schaefer has been part of the execution of the Big Chill Festival and ice-skating rink, food markets and murals in the mall, the redevelopment of tourism websites, exchanging land sales at Armidale Airside Business Park, Guyra Preschool facility upgrades and the soon-to-be completion of the digital makerspace at Armidale library.

General Manager James Roncon said he is optimistic about the future of the organisation with Mr Schaeffer joining him at the helm.

'Mr Schaefer epitomised the right fit, the right commitment and the right capability and capacity to continue his growth within the organisation and in the role as Chief Officer Corporate and Community,' said Mr Roncon.

'I believe we are on the right path to transforming Council into a high functioning and progressive organisation and delivering better outcomes for the community.' Mr Schaefer formally commenced in the role from Monday 25 July 2022.

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Talk to a local



“Wildlife Tails”



Thanks to Lily who is one of our carers, for the following update on three microbats who came into care. Part 1 of this story was printed in the Guyra Gazette in May if you would like to refer to it.

Frisk, Chester, and Flora (Part 2)

Things were going well with Frisk and Chester until a couple of weeks later when Frisk showed her stubborn streak once more and stopped eating. She started losing weight, then her milk dried up.

I panicked again, and rang Jackie, the Northern Tablelands Wildlife Carers flying fox and microbat coordinator. It was decided that she would take Frisk and get her eating again, and I would keep Chester and feed him. At that point I had another baby microbat in care, a Lesser Long-eared female named Flora who was a week or two older than Chester. I could slot him in with her feed and care regime, and they could keep each other company.

But, Chester had apparently inherited his Mum’s stubborn streak, and getting him to take enough milk at each feed was a challenge. Where Flora would only take a few minutes to feed and clean, Chester would take me well over an hour to get a less than satisfactory amount into him. I had to resort to giving him subcutaneous fluid injections several times as he was dehydrating and losing weight.

I went online to get suggestions from other microbat carers on how to get him eating. I could try holding him in different orientations: horizontally, vertically, head down at an angle, on his back. I could try having him all wrapped up in a tissue with only his muzzle poking out, or partially unwrapped with his head more exposed. I could try making clicky noises at him like his mum would, feed him from a tiny canula tip, feed him with a small foam teat for him to suck on. Nothing



worked and I was fighting him to get only a few drops at a time into him.

Flora, on the other hand, was a breeze to feed and a delight to have in care. Lesser Long-eared bats are one of my favourite species of microbat. They are so adorable with their little snouty noses and their long, expressive ears. Plus they tend to have a very friendly and calm nature. After feeding, Flora liked to be held in my hand while she had a nap. Then she would wake in her own time and enjoy a stretch and a grooming session in or on my hand.

I was feeding these two babies every three hours around the clock, and grabbing quick naps between each feed. Lack of sleep was not helping my anxiety and frustration with Chester. Then one day, for no apparent reason, he started drinking. With gusto! It was such a relief, and certainly made my life much easier and his life more of a guaranteed thing!

From this point on, he grew well. He and Flora were going for longer between feeds: 4 hours, then five, then six, so I was able to sleep more. And Frisk came back to me in a better mood and with a repaired appetite. Life was good for me and the three microbats in my care.

If you find an animal in distress or injured please ring 1800 008 290. Feel free to click on the QR code to visit our website.

How would a Foot and Mouth Disease outbreak affect Australia?

Two UNE academics unpack what a Foot and Mouth Disease outbreak would mean for animal and human welfare, the environment, and the economy.

As our Indonesian neighbours face a Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) outbreak, Australia is gearing up for the possibility of the viral disease reaching our shores for the first time in over a century.

While FMD doesn’t affect humans, it causes painful blisters on the mouth and feet of cloven-hoofed livestock such as cattle, sheep and pigs, and can be lethal for young animals.

With past overseas outbreaks having led to the mass culling of infected in affected zones and non-infected animals in buffer zones, UNE Professor of Animal Behaviour and Welfare, Dr Paul McGreevy, says if it were to come to Australia, there would be devastating impacts.

The environmental, human and animal welfare toll

“There will be significant animal welfare implications if FMD arrives; a prospect that is truly terrifying,” he says.

“There will also be profound implications for veterinary and biosecurity personnel, and, with large numbers of carcasses to dispose of, there would be environmental impacts.

“This is the so-called ‘triple bottom line’ that underpins UNE’s interest in the novel One Welfare framework, which is a concept highlighting the interconnections between animal welfare, human wellbeing and the environment.”

What would it mean for the economy?

In addition to the welfare and environmental impacts, economists predict an outbreak would have long-lasting consequences on the economy and the country’s ability to export meat products to certain areas around the globe.

“ABARES modelling from several years ago suggests that a large, multi-state outbreak of FMD outbreak in Australia would have an estimated direct economic impact of around \$50 billion over 10 years. With rising prices of meat, this has become around \$80 million,” says UNE Associate Professor in Biosecurity Economics, Dr Susan Hester.

“This is estimated to be mainly due to the cost of lost trade, although it does include some costs of responding.”

A/Prof Hester, who works in the UNE Business School and the Centre of Excellence for Biosecurity Risk Analysis at the University of Melbourne, has spent the past two decades researching how to reduce the impacts of biosecurity threats, and says an outbreak would be felt widely.

Trade bans and tourism

Reduced tourism, mental health impacts for those who administer and witness stock culls, and a change in what we pay at the grocery store, are all things to look out for if FMD were to spread.

“We would likely lose our access to premium meat export markets, and our products would be banned from those countries until FMD can be proven to have been eradicated from Australia,” she says.

“Given we export much more meat than we consume, if all the meat that we currently export was to be consumed in the domestic market, then prices would fall, although, if large quantities of animals had to be destroyed and did not become part of the supply chain, then prices could eventually rise.

“It really does depend on where the outbreak occurs, its size and how quickly it can be contained and eradicated.”

The road to recovery

As for how long it could take for Australia to recover from an FMD outbreak, A/Prof Hester says there are many factors at play.

“To regain FMD-free status for trade, a country must wait three to six months after eradication, depending on the eradication strategy used. This comes on top of the time it takes to eradicate, which could be over a year.

“It depends on the size of the outbreak when it is first detected, and how many different outbreaks occur. Recovery would likely take a long time where there are many outbreaks and they are not discovered until they have spread widely.”

Australia’s biosecurity measures –our saving grace?

While the prospect of an outbreak is troubling, A/Prof Hester says Australia is well-equipped to keep a disease like this off our shores if biosecurity measures are adhered to.

“Australia has invested heavily for many decades in activities aimed at preventing FMD from entering and in planning and preparedness activities in the event FMD were detected here.

“We assist our near neighbours in the South-East Asian region to manage FMD, we have strong border risk-mitigation measures, and post-border, we have the ability to respond quickly to control and eradicate the disease. We have livestock tracing systems that would be used in the event of an outbreak, and there have also been various ‘practices’ at responding to an outbreak.”



Gazette's Celebrity Footy Tipping

In Round 20 of NRL Footy, everything went to plan for most of the favoured teams, with only the two major upsets being: the Parramatta Eels win over the Penrith Panthers and the West Tigers win over the Brisbane Broncos.

The Sharks won in a rib tickler over the Rabbitohs in Golden point, with Nicho Hynes potting the field goal to clench the win.

The Mighty Green Machine are rolling on towards the finals with a win over the Titans, whilst the Roosters are hitting top gear with a win over the Manly Sea Eagles. The Bulldogs are coming good at the wrong end of the season,

with a convincing win over the Knights. The Storm and Cowboys both had much needed wins and hold their spot in the top 4.

Round 21 will be the acid test for a few teams, with major injury and suspension concerns.

The Panthers will have a tough fight on their hands if they wish to take out the minor premiership over the coming weeks, as they will be missing both halves to injury and suspension up until the finals.

In the Locals Tipping, Sharky still holds top spot with the 3 Bunnies and the Shiba Inu Soldier failing to make up any ground this week.



In the Celebrities, Soley still holds a commanding lead with the end of season rapidly approaching.

The Greenblooded Reporter

Sue's Tips

- Broncos
- Storm
- Sea Eagles
- Rabbits
- Raiders
- Sharks
- Cowboys
- Tigers



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- Storm
- Eels
- Rabbits
- Panthers
- Dragons
- Cowboys
- Knights



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- Storm
- Eels
- Rabbits
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- Raiders
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PROBUS NOTES

Our next meeting is on Monday, 8th August at the Bowling Club at 10.00am.

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Junior League

With the 2022 season heading towards the pointy end, Guyra Junior Rugby League teams headed to Moree on the weekend winning most of the games on the day. The previous weekend they played against Bingara, Inverell and Kootingal.

The under 14s played a good close game and came away with a draw and the under 12s played well and were unlucky to lose on the day. There are just three rounds to play before finals and Guyra are should have a majority of teams represented in the deciders.

This weekend Guyra teams will travel to Warialda and will be hoping to cement their place in the final series. Guyra Junior League are also preparing to host a Gala day for the under 6s and 8s on a date yet to be decided.

Men's Bowls

No club games were played last weekend due to the excitement of the upcoming Pennant season beginning on the 13th of August.

On Saturday the 6th August, starting at 12 o'clock in handicap singles Michael Shiner will

take on the in form Mallie Walls with Logan Beechey to mark.

In major/minor pairs Col Stanley and Greg Mitchell will play Dan Kennedy and Graham Starr, and Scott and Barry Campbell will play Steven Sole and Robert Walls.

There will be a roll up on Sunday for the Pennant players at 12 o'clock if they feel they need some practice. The first round of Pennants begins on the 13th of August with the 3s travelling to Armidale Ex Services and the 4s taking on Glen Innes at home.

Jack

Ladies' Golf

Last week there was no golf played as the course is still to wet for carts and the cold winds were very unpleasant for any walking players.

This week is a Stableford. Next week is a Par Medal, Wendy George is the starter.

On Sunday, some ladies will be playing in the Graham Betts Final in Armidale. Good luck!

Birdie



Junior League action against Bingara and Inverell July 23rd

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Locals Entry Form - Round 22

Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on **Wednesday 10th August**

Name:

Phone:

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

Country 18s outstanding performance against City

STRONG performances by a trio of senior rugby players from The Armidale School (TAS) at the recent Australian Schoolboy Rugby Championships has proven to be good preparation for their performances in the NSW Country 18s side against City. The annual clash was played at Bathurst on Sunday July 31st.

TAS First XV skipper Stirling Munsie from Guyra captained the Country 18s side which included fellow TAS team mates Prop Eugene Campbell from Walcha and second row Fred Kearney, from Coonabarabran along with a fourth New England rep, Hayden Schumacher from Armidale.

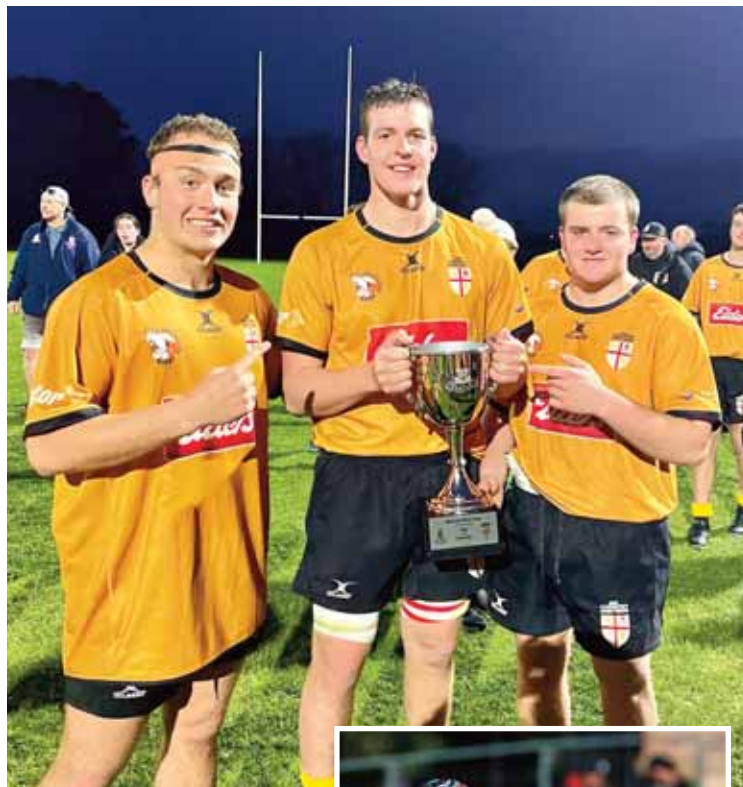
At the Australian Schoolboy Rugby Championships Eu-

gene and Fred were members of the NSW Barbarians who went on to win the Sir Edward Weary Dunlop Trophy as runners up in the tournament and Stirling played for NSW Junior XV.

Before taking to the field on the weekend, Stirling said that there's no better preparation for a game than to have played a few games of such a high calibre.

The Country team had an outstanding 38-7 win over City in Bathurst, taking the Michael Brial Cup - the first time the metro boys have been defeated in more than 30 years!


As well as captaining the side, Stirling was also awarded Player of the Series and Best Forward.



Above: Stirling Munsie with his TAS teammates Fred Kearney (centre) and Eugene Campbell (right) with the trophy.
Photo taken by Michael Campbell.

Right: Stirling Munsie hits out against a Queensland opponent at the Australian Schoolboy Championships

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