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New planting in time for Spring

A range of forms and a variety of colour are the intended objective for new garden beds in the Guyra main street and marks the conclusion of the beautification of Bradley Street for now.

Armidale Regional Council in consultation with the Guyra Garden Club have prepared a planting selection that will provide colour all year round and tolerate frost, drought conditions and durability against pedestrian damage.

Mayor Sam Coupland said it was good news that the project was coming to an end with the finishing planting touches in place for Spring.

“The Guyra Garden Club members are well placed to advise council on a selection of plants that will not only look beautiful year round but tolerate the tough conditions,” said Mayor Coupland.

“This is the type of partnership we want to encourage to ensure the Guyra community can have their say and be part of the decision making for their town. I look forward to seeing the beds planted out and in full bloom, hopefully in a few months’ time.”

Site preparation and planting by Council’s Town and Open Spaces team is scheduled for Sunday 11

September with all works expected to be completed in one day (weather permitting). The following Sunday 18 September may be required if the work takes longer than expected. Sunday has been chosen to ensure there is minimum impact to businesses and residents. Bradley Street will be closed between Ollera and McKenzie Streets from 7am to 5pm. Pedestrian access will be maintained to businesses open on

Sunday.

Plant selection includes:

- Rosemary: an original selection by the Guyra Garden Club, an evergreen that can be pruned to shape, can be used by cafes and has mauve flowers in late spring/summer
- Cat Mint: as an alternative or in addition to Rosemary
- Liriope mucari: soft always green strap leaved clumping plant that is great for mass planting, purple flowers in late summer Autumn, great for edges along kerbs and can tolerate dry conditions

• Dietes bicolor: really tough large barrier plant can be used to dissuade pedestrian access, dry tolerant and cheery yellow flowers in spring and summer

• Sedum spectabile ‘Autumn Joy’: aim for use was to contrast form with strap leaved plants. Would be mass planted alongside Liriope and provide colour in Autumn ranging from pink to copper red. Will die back in Winter but provide a visible renewal appeal in Spring

• Miscanthus – Red Skin

Students as Authors local winner

A very big congratulations to Mia Waters from St Mary of the Angels, who was the winner of the CSO’s Students as Authors Writing Competition in the K-2 Category. Mia published a short story titled ‘Helping the Sea,’ about a young boy and girl who help to care for the environment and marine life.

Mia met with Trish Donald, a local illustrator, who will help develop Mia’s story into an eBook for publication on SORA, the digital library platform. What an achievement! Well done, Mia.



Have your say - Proposed Special Rate Variation

Council has resolved to seek community input on a proposal to apply for a permanent rate increase over and above the usual amount permitted by the state government each year. As a resident or ratepayer you are invited to have your say.

yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au

or visit the display at the Guyra Library

Public meeting
Wednesday 14 September
@ The Guyra Bowling Club from 6pm - 8.30pm

Zoom meetings
21 September @ 10am and 6pm
register on yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au

Tuesday 13 September
@ Armidale Town Hall from 6pm-8.30pm

Thursday 15 September
@ Sauer Memorial Hall, Wollomombi
from 6pm-8.30pm

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TroutFest nears

The TroutFest program is nearing completion and the committee are very pleased with the range of events, displays and other activities that will make up the festival over the three days of October 7, 8 and 9th.

The chair said "We believe we have something for everyone in this year's program from fishing to children's activities to country music for the younger set to displays of interest to the men of the community."

Register now for market stalls, the art and photography competition and the junior art competition. Photography is the feature category this year including a separate section for young photographers under 18 with a first and second prize. Entries close September 30.

Children have a separate art competition which was a huge success last year with some amazing artworks submitted. All schools have received a copy of



Register now for the TroutFest Art Competition

the entry form but you can also pick one up at the Neighbourhood Centre next to Council.

This year we also have a writer's section for children with the theme "If fish were a wish". This was suggested by two Ben Lomond ladies to encourage young people to handwrite a story. We are looking forward to seeing the stories.

Entries close Thursday September 22 before school holidays begin and can be delivered to the Neighbourhood Centre Monday to Thursdays between 10am and 2pm.

Bald Blair Success at NW Athletics Trials



Clem, Taharn, Abbey & Isabella after their race



Bald Blair Public School students, Isabella Purvis, Abbey Grills, Clem McKemey and Taharn Masuk-Purvis represented the Armidale PSSA Zone at the North-West Athletics Trials in Tamworth last Friday.



The team placed second in the Nigel Bagley Small School Relay

and have earned themselves a place at the NSW PSSA Athletics Championships to be held on the 19-20 October at Olympic Park, Homebush.

Congratulations on a fantastic effort in such wet and muddy conditions.

Principal Ros Edwards

FERAL PIGS IN FOCUS

FRIDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2022
9:30 AM - 12 NOON
BEN LOMOND HALL





Join GLENRAC, David Worsley, NPWS and Northern Tablelands Local Land Services to learn about ways to manage feral pigs on your property, with Dr Mahri Koch and Koen Dijkstra highlighting the impact of feral animals on upland wetlands.

David Worsley, Centre for Invasive Species Solutions and Northern Tablelands Local Land Services, will discuss the following:

- Covering all aspects of practical pig control, trapping, 1080, sodium nitrite, diseases, lifecycle etc
- Foot and mouth disease, Lumpy skin disease and African Swine Fever

RSVP for catering
by 14th September

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Find out more



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New beginnings at the Guyra Hotel

Andrew Kneen is the new licensee of the Guyra Hotel. He comes to Guyra with plenty of experience having worked at the Royal Hotel in Armidale for around 15 years.

The Guyra Hotel is owned by the Roche Group who took over from long term owners the Foran family last year.

The Roche Group holds significant pub, hospitality and accommodation assets in both the Hunter Valley and Mid-North Coast regions. In the New England they also own the Royal Hotel in Armidale and the Thunderbolt Inn in Uralla.

Separately, the Roche family is heavily invested in the New England area with a significant rural aggregation at the nearby Jeogla and Wallamumbi Station.

Andrew has been taking his time to get to know the locals since taking over a couple of months ago. He is supported by a team of local staff who have



Tash Peltonen with new licensee Andrew Kneen

made him welcome.

"I love the old pubs and really enjoy the atmosphere of a traditional pub like this one," he said.

"We will be making some gradual changes, starting with a

refresh to the accommodation with the demand for short term stays increasing.

"It is also pleasing to see that we are starting to get people coming back in who haven't been

here for a while."

Andrew said that getting the kitchen up and running is part of the plan, however this is being hampered by shortage of qualified chefs, so it may not happen for a while.

"Staff are hard to find at the moment so we will wait until things settle down a bit," he said.

"It's a shame because we get travellers calling in, usually looking for a meal which we can't offer at the moment."

To keep the locals coming in there will be regular entertainment. On the weekend they had Matt O'Leary performing and there will be something different happening once a fortnight. Keep an eye on the facebook for the line up.

Andrew is also keen for the venue to be part of the community and invites any sporting clubs and community groups who are interested in sponsorship opportunities to call in for a chat.

Invitation to find out more about Boorolong Wind Farm

Leading renewable energy developer CWP Renewables is inviting the community to information sessions this month for its proposed Boorolong Wind Farm.

The project, located around 20km north-west of Armidale, is in the early stages of development and comprises wind turbines and battery storage to provide firm renewable energy generation.

CWP Renewables Project Manager Samuel Newman encouraged the community to drop in to one of the upcoming information sessions.

"We're keen to speak with the community about our plans and to gather information to help shape the project during this early development phase," Mr Newman said.

"The area we've been investigating is well suited to a wind farm as it has reliable levels of wind and is close to an existing

transmission line."

The proposed wind farm is located within the New England Renewable Energy Zone (REZ), which is expected to deliver up to \$10.7 billion in private sector investment whilst supporting around 830 operational jobs and 1,250 construction jobs.

Drop-in information sessions are being held on Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 September from 2pm to 7pm at The Tops Function Room, Armidale City Bowling Club, 92-96 Dumaresq Street, Armidale.

Community members are also invited to complete a survey to provide feedback on Boorolong Wind Farm which will help inform the design that will feed into a Scoping Report.

For more information, visit www.boorolongwindfarm.com.au.

New England Community College

Tech Savvy for Seniors

One-on-One or Groups of 4 at Guyra, Armidale & Glen Innes

Cost: \$ 10 per student per session



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New England Community College

Enrolments are now open for **KIDS' SEWING** during the school holidays



Dates:

26th & 27th September 2022

Contact:

GALA: 02 6779 2132

Robin: 0428 791 992

Cost:

\$50 per child

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Black Mountain Public School Father's Day Sports Afternoon

NEW SHOPPING BUS to replace the taxi service - call 6770 7127 if you need a lift down town

FARMER wants a wife - wishing the local lad all the best

BLOSSOMS and blooms around town including some new plantings

LANE PITTMAN performing in Guyra this weekend

SOUP & sandwiches in the Community Garden on Tuesdays

FOOTY tipping winners and losers - thanks for taking part

Black Mountain Public School students celebrated Father's Day with a Sports Afternoon on Friday, 2nd September 2022. The afternoon started with a Yarn Up with parents and community to share our excitement about student progress and engagement in their learning. Afternoon tea was provided, and students proudly displayed their work. Due to the inclement weather indoor activities of bowling and quoits were keenly contested in the classroom. Father's Day gifts and crafts were made, and students were eager to present them on Sunday. I hope everyone enjoyed their special day.

*Mrs Justine Eddy
Relieving Principal*



Have your say

QUOTE of the week

Everything happens for a reason. Sometimes the reason is you're stupid and you make bad decisions

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
30	Tues	7.3	11.8	0
31	Wed	5.9	16.3	6.0
1	Thurs	2.2	15.3	0
2	Fri	6.2	11.0	0
3	Sat	4.9	7.2	20.4
4	Sun	2.4	10.5	9.2
5	Mon	0.3		0

Rain this week 35.6mm
 August rainfall 87.8mm
 Rainfall YTD 754.4mm
 Rainfall last YTD 778.8mm
 Ave. rain to Sept. 616.4mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Questions need to be answered

NSW Farmers have provided a format for Energy CO (an arm of NSW Planning) to address questions posed by the public. En CO is the authority Adam Marshall credits with having a capacity to prevent connection to the grid by 'non compliant' energy proponent companies.

EnCo say - they can't impose an upfront decommissioning bond because renewables are a private contract between Proponents and Host, on private land and they(the companies) can do whatever they want - Both host and proponents are jointly liable for decommissioning.

EnergyCo says they will prosecute if not decommissioned.

So if a proponent defaults, a Host is in trouble. I think we should point this out to prospective hosts.

If the host also defaults where does this leave a property, a community, a town, a region, etc.

Would overseas owners even care?

Sample Questions asked at Walcha were answered and this information given:

Walcha district is now expecting four (4x) to (5x) five times more energy generation than that of any other district.

Q1) Why aren't the proponents of wind farm developments required to prove that the huge foundations required to support each tower will not cause irreversible damage to the vital reserves of groundwater?

EnergyCo panel answer: Groundwater is not a consideration. Yes, perhaps surface water is, but not groundwater.

Q2) The Victorian Supreme Court has recently recognized the impact that the noise and infrasound created by wind farms has on human mental health. Why then is it that meaningful consideration is not also being given to the mental health of farm animals and native fauna?

EnergyCo panel answer: Things are different in NSW. NSW already has more stringent noise controls than Victoria. As for infrasound, our research has found that it has little more impact than that of general background noise.

If you do not understand infrasound (the noise that you do not hear) you might look at an informative documentary. This documentary on the 'lived experience' is perhaps a little lengthy, however to anyone living within a 20km radius of any proposed wind farm development, it is essential viewing. <https://youtu.be/ywWNx30Jyuo?t=12> (Some Science behind "Turbine Sickness" also found at 'Stop these Things' website as 'Infrasound caused by industrial wind turbines')

Beth White

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Have your say - Proposed Special Rate Variation

WHAT WILL BE IMPACTED ON YOUR RATES NOTICE?

The proposed 50% SRV will only impact the two line items highlighted in red on your rates notice. This is made up of the base rate for your property category and the land value.

Example Note: we used 'Rateable Value' of \$55,000 (Which is close to the average for Guyra - Residential).

Rates Notice 2022-2023

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ARMIDALE
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Mr & Mrs Ratepayer
55 Example Street
GUYRA NSW 2365

Assessment Number	5432-1
Due Date	31/09/2022
Issue Date	25/07/2022
Rateable Value	55,000
Valuation Base Date	01/Jul2019
Land Area	1000m ²

PROPERTY LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

55 Example Street GUYRA NSW 2365
Lot 1 DP 7654321

PARTICULARS OF RATES AND CHARGES	RATE IN \$ / UNIT CHARGE	RATEABLE VALUE / UNITS	AMOUNT
Residential - Guyra	0.005453	55,000	299.92
Residential - Guyra Base Amount	240.00	1	240.00
Residential - Sewerage Access Charge	525.00	1	525.00
Water Access Charge	315.00	1	315.00
Domestic Waste Service	436.00	1	436.00
Regional Landfill Levy	155.00	1	155.00
Regional Landfill Operation Charge	72.00	1	72.00
Guyra Stormwater Charge	25.00	1	25.00
NET AMOUNT DUE			\$2,067.92

Work at Council

The following job opportunities are now available at Council:

- Casual Lifeguards and Pool Attendants
- Operator in Charge - Guyra
- Transport Engineering Opportunities

For more information or to apply, visit Council's website.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on Wednesday 28 September in Armidale from 4pm.

The public are welcome to attend a live streaming of the meeting at the Guyra Civic Administration Building for any residents wishing to watch.

FACT - Rate revenue

- Rate revenue does not increase because land values rise
- Rate revenue does not increase because the population grows
- Rate revenue does not increase because there are more blocks of land or more ratepayers
- Rate revenue can mostly rise in one of three ways:
 1. Supplementary valuations (average 0.23% over 5 years)
 2. Increased by the 'rate peg' *
 3. Increased by an SRV

* Note: From 2022-23 the rate peg includes a population factor that varies for each council and which adjusts for the supplementary valuations percentage

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or visit the display at the Guyra Library

Speak to our friendly revenue team if you would like to know the impact of the proposed 50% Special Rate Variation on your rates or need further clarification.

SRV hotline: 1300 364 366

Stay connected

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



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



and on Instagram
'armidale regional council'

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Community Noticeboard

Meals on Wheels

Sept 8 Wendy Lockyer
 Sept 9 Golf Ladies
 Sept 12 Regional Bank
 Sept 13 Lions Club
 Sept 14 CWA

Street Stalls

\September 23,24 Guyra Lodge
 September 29 Hosp. Auxiliary

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: Contact Pastors Linden & Kerrie Pollard 0455 232 073.

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

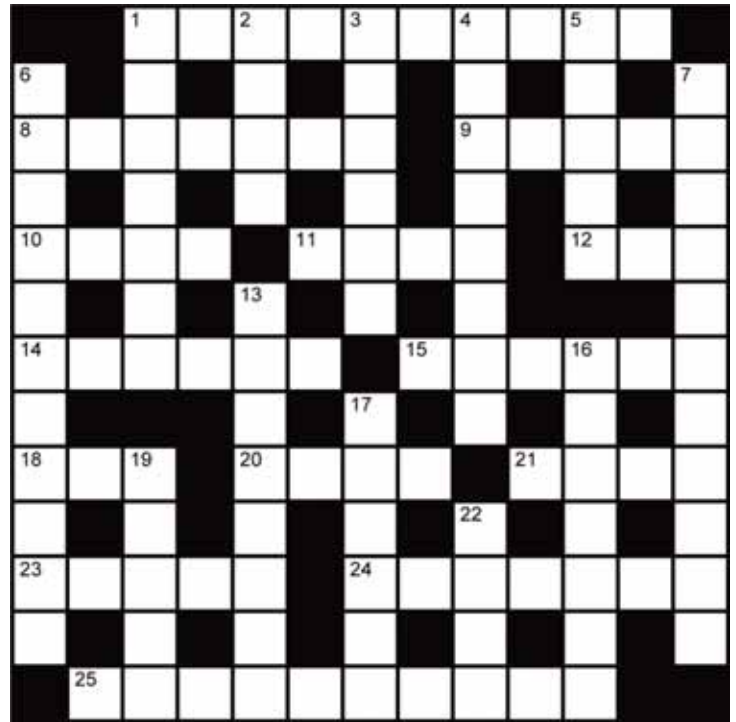
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- White Christmas singer (4,6)
- Faint light
- Grin (5)
- Country bordering Jordan (4)
- Number (4)
- Colourful artist ___ Done
- US Fuel (anag) (6)
- Ligament (6)
- Young child (3)
- Rum and water mixture (4)
- Vestibule (4)
- Jewish teacher (5)
- Aristotle ____, Greek millionaire shipowner (7)
- Herbaceous perennial, also called 'cinquefoil' (10)

Down:

- Large military unit (7)
- Captain of the Nautilus (4)
- Graphite (6)
- Noticed (8)
- Building block (5)
- Farming (11)
- Pointless (11)

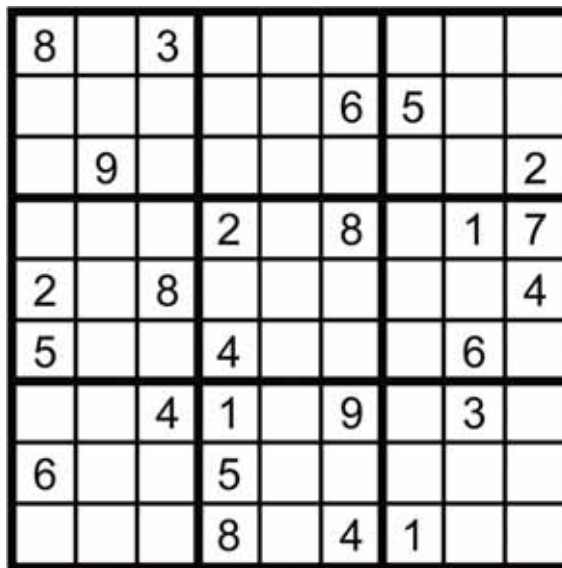
QUICK CROSSWORD



- Bog (8)
- Lowest lake in the world (4,3)
- Tenth part of a Roman legion (6)
- Strictly prohibited (5)
- Shopping precinct (4)

Across: 1. Bing Crosby, 8. Glimmer, 9. Smile, 10. Iraq, 11. Four, 12. Ken, 14. Useful, 15. Tendons, 18. Tot, 20. Frog, 21. Hall, 23. Rabbi, 24. Onassis, 25. Pontentilla
Down: 1. Brigade, 2. Nemo, 3. Carbon, 4. Observed, 5. Brick, 6. Agriculture, 7. Meaningless, 13. Quagmire, 16. Dead Sea, 17. Cohort, 19. Taboo, 22. Mall

SUDOKU - Hard



JUST FOR FUN - Dad jokes

- Here, I bought you a calendar. Your days are numbered now.
- Where do fish sleep? In the riverbed.
- What did one plate say to his friend? Tonight, dinner's on me!
- Where are average things manufactured? The satisfactory.
- I tried to sue the airport for misplacing my luggage. I lost my case.
- Why doesn't the sun go to college? Because it has a million degrees!
- I was wondering why the frisbee was getting bigger, then it hit me.
- I have many jokes about rich kids—sadly none of them work.
- What do you call a singing laptop? A Dell!
- Why was six afraid of seven? Because seven ate nine.
- Why are skeletons so calm? Because nothing gets under their skin.

What to Watch

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

Netflix Movies

Let him go, Sudden Death
 Blind Side, The Silencing
 Black Crabs, Shaft
 Cobalt Blue, Hall Pass

Ones I didn't like

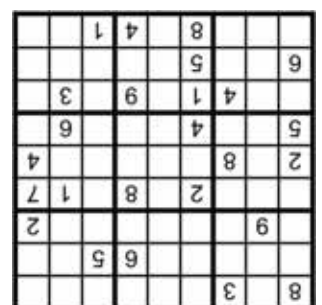
Me time, Spiderhead,
 Synchronic, Wander,
 Tic Tic...BOOM

Netflix Series

Northern Rescue, You

Ones I didn't like

Afterlife, Squid Games,
 Murderville, Blood and Water,
 Deadly class





“Wildlife Tails”



Owl be Back!

Thanks to Chris, one of our wildlife carers, for this article.

Barbed wire is an effective and cheap way to control cattle but it takes a terrible toll on the wellbeing of wildlife. A case in point is a baby Barn Owl that came into my care, more than a year ago.

The little fellow was just fledged and still had some wispy down on his head when, one night, he flew and hit a barbed wire fence. So entangled was he that all the primary flight feathers on one wing were torn out and the wrist suffered severe tearing to the point where bones were exposed. One thigh had a tear the size of a 50 cent piece. The vet check, however, showed no broken bones so we decided to give him a chance to recover.

He was reluctant to eat at first so when I had to catch him from the hospital box to apply ointment to his wounds, 3 times a day, I also fed him chopped up mice and chicken hearts, pushed down his throat.

The call of a Barn Owl is far from the archetypal call attributed to owls. It is a harsh, rasping and high pitched growl and he made good use of his voice to scold me as I wrapped him in a towel so I could administer his daily treatment and feed.

It is this uncompromising and defiant attitude that endears the raptors to me so much. Within a week or two, he was eating for himself and life became more relaxed for us both. Barn owls have good appetites and in the wild they consume a large number of mice, rats, small birds, bats and insects. With their perfect hearing, they can detect prey in total darkness when they are rendered effectively blind due to no light being present. The disc shaped face channels sound waves to their sensitive ears so they do not have to rely on their keen sight.

As he progressed but was still wrapped each day in a towel, for treatment, a friend endowed him



with the name BURRITO! The wounds finally healed and he was placed in an aviary with sloping branches so he could climb about, they are very agile little owls.

Time passed and the flight feathers grew. My fear was that torn skin may heal awkwardly, therefore causing feathers to grow out of position and render him unable to fly and therefore survive. To my relief, all was well and finally, after a year, his wings were even and operating. I had to ensure that he could catch his natural prey before I released him and he thrived on a diet of trapped rats and mice.

Finally, last week, after the weather had cleared, he was released here in Uralla where, hopefully, he can wreak havoc on a thriving rat population.

The major risk to owls is the use of rodent poisons (owls prefer to take sick and weakened prey) as well as sticky traps, left out in the open. So, a cautious approach to their use is the only way to ensure that these wonderful birds remain in our environment, to keep our pest numbers down and to bring such joy to our lives.

Last night at around 5 am I heard him calling near the house (3 weeks after release?) so he must be finding food. I have been worrying with all this cold weather and have unsuccessfully searched for him at night.

I will leave food out for him tonight....

If you find an animal in distress or injured please ring 1800 008 290.

Rural Youth Ambassadors Program

Guyra Central School student, Dante Lloyd (Year 11) is among the 20 young people from rural and remote communities participating in the 2022 Rural Youth Ambassadors Program. The Country Education Partnership (CEP) established and launched the program at the Country Education Partnerships 2011 Rural Learning Summit in Victoria. In 2020, inaugural Rural Youth Ambassador Programs began being delivered in New South Wales partnering with the education sector, rural communities, and governments to provide opportunity for young people within rural and remote communities the opportunity to develop their leadership skills and capacity. The program aims to enhance and improve the lives, learning opportunities and outcomes of participants – thus promoting “youth agency”.

The Program involves four face-to-face forums which take place in Sydney over the course of the year. Throughout these forums, the Rural Youth Ambassadors will undertake a range of leadership development activities, conversations focused on rural and remote life and learning, participate in presentations to senior education sector people, meet with the Minister for Education, meet with philanthropy organisations and key stakeholder groups, as well as present at education workshops, forums and conferences.

Dante spoke about his experience so far and on becoming involved in The Rural Youth Ambassador program –

“I was very excited to be accepted into the program and I have now attended three forums. From the forums I was able to gain a understanding that I have the opportunity to inspire real change at a potentially national level. I hope to achieve real productive change leading into the last two forums that are upcoming in the next term.

“At the start it was very intimidating traveling down to Sydney on my own to meet a bunch of strangers I had never met before. But once I arrived everyone had a sense of comradely despite only knowing each other for a few



Dante Lloyd

hours. Everyone was very kind and supportive, it was a great environment to speak my personal opinions and what I thought needed to change.

“The Rural Youth Ambassadors program is about inspiring change but also developing the members in their communication skills. Recently I went to the second NSW forum where we spoke to many members of the Department of Education from their Rural and Regional team, their mental health and wellbeing team and a couple of others.

We presented our ideas and most of the people we have presented to have been very supportive of our ideas and concepts. During this second forum, we also started working on one of our projects. The project is to create a promotional video for each member's hometown to try and attract University students to undertake practicums in rural communities. This project is ongoing. I have started to do some filming of Guyra and I plan on conducting interviews for it very soon.

“The completion of the promotional videos should be within the next two weeks and hopefully published shortly afterwards. With our other concepts I will most likely be talking to MPs or Department of Education representatives to advocate for our projects. Next term there will be an NSW forum and a National Forum where all the members across the Country will meet in Canberra.”

Solar Farm agrees to \$5.9 million community benefit contribution

The 225 MW proposed Oxley Solar Farm east of Armidale has agreed to pay \$5.9 million as a community benefit contribution.

Councillors unanimously endorsed the agreement at the Armidale Regional Council meeting on August 24th.

Mayor Sam Coupland said he expected that this would be the first of many such deals over the coming years as part of the NSW Governments New England Renewable Energy Zone (REZ).

Historically wind and solar farms have contributed little in employment (outside construction phases) and almost nothing in community benefit contributions, however, Council is now very clear that developers can expect little support if they are not engaging meaningfully with locals, minimising the impact of their project and making appropriate financial contributions to

the community.

Oxley Solar Farm met one of those expectations by agreeing to make a community benefit contribution of \$5.9 million over the next 20 years with approx. \$2.79m due on commencement of construction and the remaining amount payable over 20 years. They have also significantly scaled down the original footprint of the solar farm in response to local submissions and in an attempt to minimise their impact.

Oxley Solar Farm still needs to address a number of issues raised in public submissions in order to obtain the necessary State Government approvals and Mayor Coupland pointed out that the community benefit deal doesn't guarantee the Oxley Solar Farm will receive State Government planning approval.



Guyra Anglers Club Inc John Wilcox Trout Classic

7-9 October - Guyra Troutfest

Age Categories:

Seniors - 16yrs+
Juniors - up to 16yrs
Everyone Welcome

Prize Categories:

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Largest Creek Trout
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Rural Market Reports

Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

August 31st - There was a small reduction in supply, mainly in the lambs. The quality of the lambs on offer was generally good, carrying good condition. There was a good supply of heavy and extra heavy weights along with a fair supply of medium and light weights. There were very few to suit restockers. The usual processors were in attendance.

Market trends were firm to slightly cheaper than the previous sale two weeks ago having missed the sharp correction as sales last week. Light weight lambs to process saw the better quality lots remain firm, while the plainer quality pens were cheaper for the most part. The well finished medium weights to the trade saw demand not as high, resulting in cheaper trends. The heavy and extra heavy weights were well received and attracted strong competition.

The market trend was firm to a shade cheaper with reductions only minimal.

The limited supply of sheep saw market trends show little change.

Armidale Cattle Sale

September 1 - The first sale for a month yielded 304 mixed cattle. The market consisted of a mixed quality offering of yearling and some late weaners, along with a good penning of cows and a large increase in bull numbers. Only two exporters operated with mixed competition from restockers and feeder operators.

Weaner steer demand was high on several pens of late weaners to see that category sell to significantly dearer trends. There was a plainer offering of the heifer portion with these also experiencing a dearer trend throughout. Trends improved considerably through the yearling steer penning with strong demand from restockers and op-

portunistic competition. Feeder operators showed strong demand for pens of medium weight yearling heifers to see firm to dearer trends for the most part. Yearling heifers to processors were also dearer.

Quality lifted in the grown steer offering to see stronger trends with the grown heifer market firm. Cows improved considerably through all grades with medium weights up to 50c/kg better. The well finished heavy weights sold to significantly dearer trends. Increase bull numbers saw trends also improve for heavy and lighter weight bulls.

Weekly Wool Market

September 2nd - After remaining unchanged for the previous fortnight the Eastern Market Indicator gave up 12 cents during the course of this week's sales. It was a designated Superfine sale in Sydney this week with a more stylish offer-

ing helping to limit price reductions and even provide some small increases in the Northern region quote.

The bulk of the fall in the Eastern Market Indicator was due to the volatility in the Southern region with price reductions of up to 75 cents reported in the finer types at the Melbourne sales. Of the 35,534 bale national offering 30,454 were sold with a passed rate of 14.3%.

Major buyers included Techwool, PJ Morris and Meliwa. Italian interest's operated strongly on the better style, finer types available this week. AWTA test data released yesterday for the first two months of the season is showing an 11% rise in the weight of wool tested nationally compared to the corresponding period last season.

Western Australia was the only state to record a decrease. AWEX auction statistics indicate 30,000 additional bales have been offered for the season to date



Gazette's Celebrity Footy Tipping

Congratulations to all our Winners.

In the Celebrities tipping, Soley has turned the tables and gone from the wooden spoon recipient in 2021 to the winner in 2022 on 282 points. Magic Martha from the Gazette has taken out 2nd place on 276 points, closely followed by Sarah from Elders on 274 points who came home with a wet sail.

The winner of the all elusive wooden spoon was Vu from the Guyra Pharmacy on 246 points.

In the Locals tipping, Sharky was a convincing winner, winning by 12 points, on 298 points for the season. The Three Bunnies took out 2nd place on 286 points.

Mother finished third and had a great end to the season, with some high scoring rounds.

The Red Devils, Shiba Inu Soldier, Angel and Smooch all started the season strong but folded late, whilst From The Sideline, Garden Gurus, Old Timer and The Honey Pot all finished the season off strongly and

probably could have done with another couple of weeks tipping.

Poor old Dip Stick finished on 162 points and has had his hand firmly on the wooden spoon for most of the season. He will need to revise his strategy for 2023.

Overall it has been a very competitive season and thank you everybody for your participation.

Good luck if your teams are in the finals and Go the Mighty Green Machine!

The Greenblooded Reporter

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Vets Golf

Last Tuesday (30th) a small field of golfers attempted a long awaited game on an already very wet course only to see more showers come in and play was abandoned.

Six vets however did get a game in at Inverell for their open day. Inverell is also quite wet in patches with a few areas fenced off. Apart from that the course was in magnificent order and a field of about sixty players participated in a great days golf.

Guyra players had a little success with Col Walls scoring 34 points and picking up a placing in B grade. Col also hit a massive drive down the tenth fairway to pick up the longest drive. In A grade Ian Taylor also had a great score of 34 points narrowly missing out on a trophy. Wal Chapman got lucky picking up a prize in the raffle.

Hopefully we can eventually get some dry weather and get back on our own course, meantime Dor-rigo have their open day on 7th. Glen Innes have their week of golf coming up and if you want to get

a game in let me know and I will get something organised.

Drake.

Men's Bowls

No bowls were played at the weekend due to the wet weather. To catch up there will be two games this weekend. On Saturday the 3s will play Armidale city at 11 o'clock the teams are (1)Steven Sole, Colin Stanley, Robert Walls and Roger Cox (2)Michael Shiner, David Wilcox, Robert Moore and Ian Jacobs (3) John Mcilwain, John Jackson, Cameron Peardon and Murray Bourke. The 4s will play Uralla at 1 o'clock also at Guyra, the teams are (1)Scott Campbell, Paul Johnson, Wayne Reeves and Tim Ellis (2)Anthony Bull, Barry Presnell, Randy Mulligan and Bob Goodchild (3) Mallie Walls, Barry Campbell, Geoff Reeves and Evan Sole.

Sunday's games will be the 3s playing Ex Servies at Guyra at 11 am, the teams are (1)Steven Sole, Colin Stanley, Robert Walls and Roger Cox (2) Michael Shiner , David Wilcox, Robert Moore and Ian Jacobs (3)John Mcilwain, John

Jackson, Cameron Peardon and Murray Bourke. The 4s will travel to Glen Innes, leaving at 8:45 the teams are (1) Scott Campbell, Paul Johnson, Wayne Reeves and Tim Ellis (2) Anthony Bull, Barry Presnell, Randy Mulligan and Bob Goodchild (3) Mallie Walls, Barry Campbell, Geoff Reeves and Evan Sole. Good luck to all teams.

Jack.

Ladies' Golf

Last week several ladies travelled to Inverell to play in the VW Scramble. It was a lovely day. The winners were from the Inverell Golf Club.

This week at the Guyra course we'll play a Par Medal, while several players will compete in the NEDGA 4BBB/Veterans Tournament at Tenterfield.

Next week is the Foursomes Championships sponsored by the Gittoes Family; 27 holes with a 9am start.

Good luck to all.

Birdie

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Talk to a local

What do you think?

There are widespread concerns in the community about Australia's defence security.

But what do we have to fear? After all, we are an island nation at the bottom of the South Pacific, Indian Oceans and South China seas. We have no land borders with any nation. So what's the big deal?

China looms large in this world of ours. We remember that China was, and still is, our major trading partner. Everyone was basically happy with this arrangement.

Then Covid19 hit, we shut our borders to China and asked the World Health Organisation to investigate the origins of Covid19 in China. The Chinese Government took massive affront to that and instituted a trade embargo on goods such as barley, beef, coal to name a few.

There is an increasing broad concern throughout the Asian community that China wishes to "take over" the self-governing island of Taiwan with its 23 million people who may need "re-education"!

The US has said that it will protect Taiwan's independence. Through the establishment of AUKUS, a trilateral security pact between Australia, the UK and US, we are tied in to support the US to protect Taiwan from reunification? How? It's not clear.

China has over the past 20 years built up its air force, missile, drone, and navy vessels whilst its army has always been huge.

While it's unlikely that China would engage in a D Day type landing to invade Taiwan, China could without warning undertake massive cyber attacks, destroy US surveillance satellites,

knock out undersea cables that carry most of the traffic required.

They could also block off the sea lanes to Taiwan and throughout Asia. Their aim would be to drive the US out of Asia. It's now China's backyard.

At best we have only 30 days fuel stocks here in Australia, with a further 30 days held overseas.

If those stocks are stopped from getting here, we cannot refuel our fighter aircraft or navy. Transport stops. Further, we lose control to import essential goods.

How do we protect ourselves? If China moves in the next 5 years, which is quite possible, it's plain that Australia will not be able to make any substantial advancements to its military capability or national resilience. A prudent Australia would have started to prepare 20 years ago.

Nothing can be done in the short term other than to prepare a comprehensive national security strategy to make the nation self-reliant and resilient..... over time.

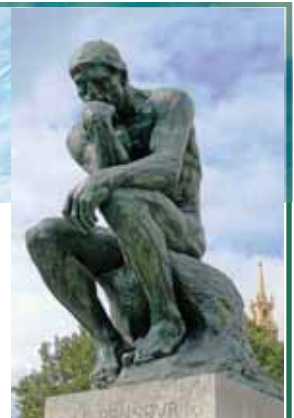
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PROBUS NOTES

Our next meeting is on Monday, 12th September at the Bowling Club at 10am.

Any new members are welcome to attend.

After our meeting we will go to the Library to watch the movie, 'Downton Abbey: A New Era' at 12 o'clock.

All welcome to attend.

Judy Jackson

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Soccer season coming to an end

On Saturday, September 3rd the Guyra United Soccer Club held their last home round of the regular season followed by Junior presentations and old boys day. It was a day of rain and cold weather but we thank everyone for coming out and braving the cold.

Under 10s Player's player went to Kayne Brennan, Under 12s Player's player went to Eli McGinty and under 14s Player's player went to Jack Soraghan.

The under 12s Spirits received the David Martin Team of the Year trophy for their improvement and sportsmanship throughout the year. Shane and Jess Brennan received Club Person of the Year award, every week they go above and beyond to help out the club and we appreciate it very much.

Congratulations to the award recipients and another massive congratulations to the Under 12 Spirits, Under 14 Ghost, 2nd Division and 4th Division for making the semi finals this week.

Old boys day was a huge success with a lot of old faces present to watch our senior teams compete for their place in the semi finals. Second division had a 7 - 2 win over East Armidale finishing 3rd on the ladder with a home semi final this weekend. Fourth Division had a 2 - 1 loss finishing 2nd on the ladder.

Junior Semi finals games this

weekend are:

Under 12 Spirits vs DK Knochets at 11:15am Guyra Recreational Grounds

Under 14 Ghosts vs TAS White at 10am TAS Adamsfield

The winner out of both Junior games will compete in the grand final on Saturday, 17th September 2022, time and venue to be advised.

Senior semi final games this weekend are:

Guyra 2nd vs Demon Knights at 1pm Guyra Recreational Grounds, must win for the 2nd Grade Caspers.

Guyra 4th vs Armidale City Westside at 1pm Harris Park.

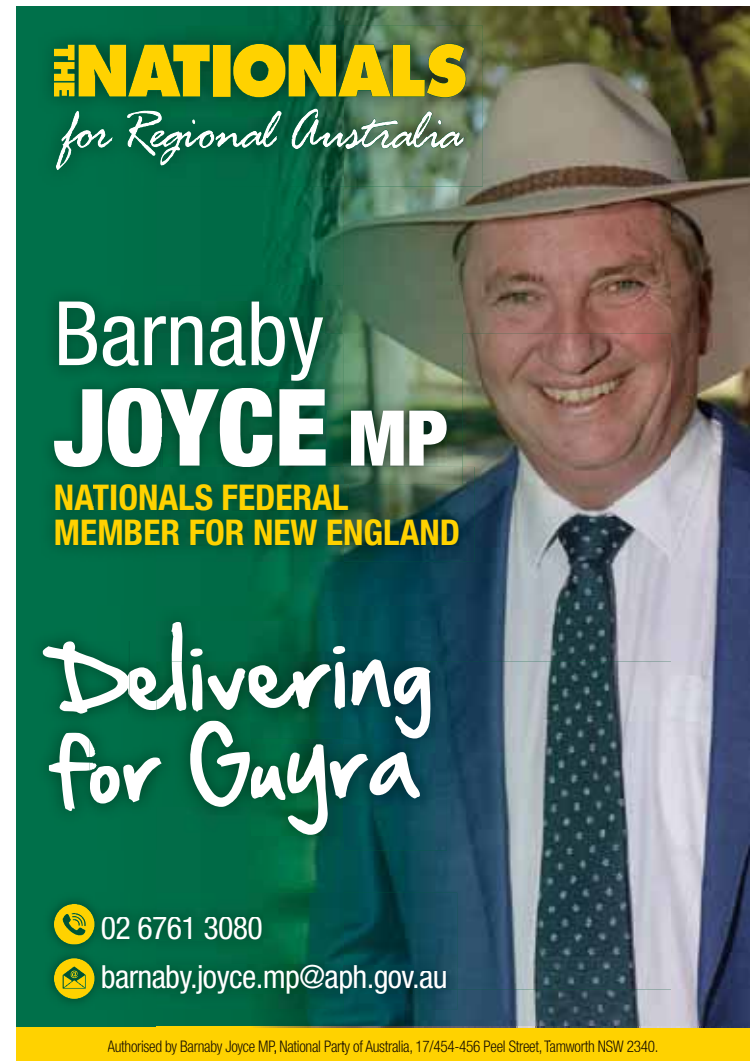
From the club we would like to thank our junior sponsors DRT, Simpson's Earthmoving, SA & RA Tibbs and Fourways Service Centre for your sponsorship - without your continued support we wouldn't have the club we have today! Thank you. Also a huge thank you to our junior coaches Felicity Williams, Casey Lennon, Elizabeth Rosser, Stephen Kliendienst, Mitchell Hope, Dennis Kraan and Michael Colvin - you volunteer your time every week and we all appreciate you giving up your free time to coach our children.

Thank you also to the parents for bringing their children to the games every weekend this year we have had a lot of cold miserable days but you all still show up. A massive thank you

to the committee members who volunteer their time and work as hard as they do to keep this club running, your job is not easy at times but it shows what a great job you are doing just by looking at how successful our club is!

Goodluck to all teams in the semi finals this week, it's amazing how such a small town can be so competitive in Soccer!

Go Guyra!
Nikki Mendes
GUFU Secretary



Gazette Footy Tipping

The prizes for our Locals are:
First place \$100.00, Second \$50.00
and the Wooden Spoon \$20.00.

The prizes for our Celebrity winners are:
a half page ad for first place
and a quarter page ad for second and third.

The top 8 teams to battle it out in the finals are:

Panthers	42	Storm	32
Sharks	38	Roosters	32
Cowboys	36	Rabbits	30
Eels	34	Raiders	30

The Local Tipsters Final Leaderboard

Congratulations Sharky & 3 Bunnies!

Sharky	298	Bulldog	268
The 3 Bunnies	286	Up the Knights	268
Mother	282	Hazel	268
Red Devils	280	The Raider	266
Shiba inu Soldier	280	Iggman	264
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