



# Guyra Gazette

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## Enjoy a 'Picnic in Nature' at Little Llangothlin



If you love nature why not visit Little Llangothlin Nature Reserve this Saturday

The Guyra Landcare Network and the Ben Lomond Landcare Group, invite you to a 'Picnic for Nature' at Little Llangothlin Lagoon on Saturday October 21st from 10:30am to 2pm.

Communities across NSW will simultaneously host a picnic - in conjunction with Nature Conservation Council of NSW (NCC), to provide an opportunity to bring nature lovers together to connect over the natural beauty and biodiversity in the local area and experience a diverse variety of birds, frogs

and vegetation.

Little Llangothlin Lagoon is a World Heritage RAMSAR site with a short walk to a picnic area that invites you to see, hear and smell the wonders of the wetland.

At the viewing area there is information signage, and the Lagoon is surrounded by a 5 kilometre walk track where you can see the outcome of recent significant re-vegetation projects.

Bring a hat (with a fly veil), sunscreen, good walking shoes, sunglasses, camera, water/drinks, food, fruit and picnic rug as

well as a garbage bag to take home your waste.

Downloading Frog ID app from the Australian Museum onto your phone will help you identify the 90 different species of frogs found in the Lagoon.

From more information please contact Southern New England Landcare mail@snelandcare.org.au on behalf of the Guyra Landcare Network or the Ben Lomond Landcare Group bllandcare92@gmail.com.

## Guyra Community Meeting

Thursday 26 October

Guyra Bowling Club 6pm

Calling all residents of Guyra and surrounding areas! Your voice matters, and we want to hear your thoughts and ideas at the upcoming Guyra Community Meeting, proudly chaired by our very own Armidale Mayor, Sam Coupland.

This is your chance to:

- Share your concerns and suggestions
- Learn about upcoming local projects and initiatives
- Connect with your fellow community members
- Discuss ways to make our beautiful region even better



# TroutFest committee says thanks

Guyra TroutFest committee are very thankful for all of their supporters who helped with the organisation of this year's event.

Over the October long weekend there was an influx of people in Guyra celebrating the opening of the trout season. Visitors came from as far afield as Queensland, Victoria and all over NSW to enjoy the activities on offer.

With only a very small committee, a lot of work happens behind the scenes to bring all the events together. This year there were a couple of last minute cancellations with the fishing clinic and tomato farm tours having to be cancelled.

It was disappointing for the committee who had put hours of work into organising these events. On the day, something as simple as closing off the main street for the markets took an army of volunteers.

The committee would like to thank all the businesses that were open as they wanted to bring life to the street to showcase what Guyra has to offer. Thank you to the service clubs and volunteers who assisted - we know it can be tough as numbers are minimal in some clubs.



The Cool Cats Band on display in Burgess Garage Car Museum during TroutFest

Also thanks to Guyra and Community Progress Association for beautifying Guyra with signs and Kay Smith's beautiful murals. Overall the committee were pleased with the event, however they realise

they have a few things to work on. If you would like to join the committee please contact them as your feedback, good and bad, would be welcomed so you can help make it happen.

The winner of the shop window display was Our little Gallery and first place in the Metal Masterpiece competition went to the Cool Cats Band.

## Bald Blair Public School Success at Trout Festival



Dustin and Cooper Turnham with their prizes.



Taharn, Alby and Izzy with their prize-winning artwork.

Bald Blair students participated in the writing and art sections of the recent Guyra Trout Festival with much success.

Dustin Turnham, in Year Two,

was awarded first prize in the writing competition. Dustin was presented with a \$50 voucher sponsored by Deano's Trout Farm. Cooper Turnham, in

Kindergarten, was awarded a Highly Commended in the writing competition.

Congratulations to all the Bald Blair students and thank you to

Deano for the generous sponsorship.

*Ros Edwards  
Principal*

# Total clearance at working dog auction

The inaugural Top of The Range working dog auction held at Guyra on October 7th saw all 12 lots sold to a top of \$6200 with an average of just under \$4000. Two of the dogs passed in during the sale, sold immediately afterwards.

The Jeff Ritchie-bred Kelpie bitch Ritchies Spook by Coomoonoo Andy took the top price, going to Graham and Felicity Reeves, Gum Flat via Inverell.

Second-top-priced lot Pip, a Border Collie bitch bred by Ben Lennon, Guyra, went for \$6100 to a cattle property downriver from Lawrence on the lower Clarence, along with two other dogs from the sale, making the purchasers the volume buyers.

These were the Archie Lawrence-bred Beth, a black and tan Kelpie bitch, which made \$5000; and the \$4900 Border

Collie bitch Dunbible Creek Bonnie, bred by Daniel McLennan, Guyra, and started by champion trialler Dick Chapman, Murwillumbah.

Also making \$5000 was the Dan Vidler bred Kelpie bitch Glen Ayre Rosie II, going to Nerrandra.

The sale was conducted by Elders Armidale/Guyra with Myles Williams calling up bids from 55 registered bidders, with 38 listening-in on AuctionsPlus.

Elders thanked the vendors, underbidders and successful purchasers. Also thanks to the stock providers for the cattle and sheep that were used for the demonstrations.

Sponsors for the event were Enduro and the CWA Guyra Evening Branch provided fantastic refreshments and cooked the meat supplied by Top of the Range Meat Co.



Above l to r: Graham Reeves, Jeff Ritchie and auctioneer Myles Williams from Elders

## Guyra RSL sub-Branch may have to close

Currently, the Guyra sub-Branch of the RSL has only ten service members – that is, members who are serving or have served in either the Regular or Reserve forces. President of the sub-Branch, Hans Hietbrink, explains that to operate as a sub-Branch, Guyra must have at least ten service members.

“Unfortunately, some of our service members are elderly or ailing, and if we lose just one of our current service members, RSL NSW will close the sub-Branch, or we will be forced to merge with Armidale,” he said.

“There are quite a few veterans in our wider community who are not members of our sub-Branch and I urge all local ex-service men and women to join the RSL and become members of the Guyra sub-Branch.

“It does not matter whether you have served in the Regular forces or Reserve forces, your

membership of the RSL is critical for keeping the sub-Branch active in Guyra. Without your membership, we will not be able to continue as a sub-Branch.

“Membership is free and veterans can join on-line or by simply completing an application form. There is no reason to not be a member.”

RSL members recognise and remember the service and sacrifice of those who have served and are serving. The Guyra sub-Branch organises and conducts the ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day services as well as providing care and welfare to veterans and their families. If the sub-Branch closes, these activities will cease to be provided locally.

For further information, please call Hans Hietbrink on 0402 044 891 or Chris Hietbrink on 0411 807 046.

## Family needs help in wake of tragedy

Guyra residents - I am reaching out to you for help. My Son Luke Wells (Wells Adventures on YouTube) was killed in a car accident on 30/9/23 at Bingara Road Bundarra.

Luke's Vehicle, Buggy, Trailer and all his personal items were taken from the accident to the Secure Police Compound at Guyra. My Son has not been buried yet as his body has been with forensics.

We were notified on Monday 9/10/23 that the compound was broken into and Luke's personal items have been stolen.

Missing are Luke's clothes bag, his hunting bags with 10 dog collars, tracking devices and handheld GPS, his camera bags, his drone bag, his swag and fridge freezer, his carving knives and his hunting knives.

We need these items returned and we just can't believe this is happening to us. Especially



when Luke has not been laid to rest.

If anyone has any knowledge of this incident or sees or finds any items can they please contact us or the Guyra Police. Please, Please, Please!

*Tracey Wells (Luke's mum)*

# What's HOT

Thanks to the person who returned bins that were blown away in the wind on Monday

Contributing to Share the Dignity - see page 9

Helping a family find their loved one's belongings - see page 3

# What's NOT

Needing the heater on – and it's October!

The wind blowing rubbish around the streets

## QUOTE of the week

Art is man's attempt to improve on nature

## Bureau of Meteorology Weather

### WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
10	Tues	7.1	19.6	0
11	Wed	6.0	21.6	0
12	Thurs	6.0	22.2	0
13	Fri	3.8	18.3	0
14	Sat	4.0	20.3	0
15	Sun	6.0	24.6	0
16	Mon	6.8	24.5	0

Rain this week	0.0mm
October rainfall	19.0mm
Rainfall YTD	570.8mm
Rainfall last YTD	900.8mm
Ave. rain to Oct.	694.0mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

# Have Your Say .....

## What's next after referendum?

After the Referendum Results on Saturday 14th October 2023, and the overwhelming No Vote across the country and locally to give Indigenous Australians a Voice, it is finally Official, "Australia is a Racist Country" and you can't argue with the result it speaks for itself.

Thank you to the No Voters for unwittingly confirming this and a BIG thank you to the YES Voters for finally exposing what I have known all my life. What's next Apartheid?

*Greg Livermore*

## Black Mountain Public School Visit to Deano's Trout Farm

On Monday, 16th October 2023, our school went on an excursion to Deano's Springwater Trout Farm. We explored the different ponds and watched a fishing demonstration by Dean. We learned about the process involved from product to plate and fed the goats. Everyone would like to say a huge thank you to Dean and his family for such a great day!

*Mrs Justine Eddy  
Relieving Principal*

## Have your say

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67792069.

## Handwritten stories

It was pleasing to receive entries in the Handwritten Story Competition as a part of Troutfest. We feel it is appropriate to

display these entries, along with art, because handwriting is a valued art form.

We especially want to thank Dean Williams from 'Deano's Smoked Trout P/L' for the very generous First Prize, a \$50 fishing voucher, which was awarded to Dustin Turnham for his story.

We hope Dustin will have a fishing experience that is worthy of relating in some form, in next year's competition.

*Belinda Parkinson  
and Beth White*



## Meals on Wheels

Oct. 19	Narelle Leven
Oct. 20	D Schmidt
Oct. 23	Steve Norris
Oct. 24	Narelle Leven
Oct. 25	Toni Kirkman

## Street Stalls

Oct. 20	Wig Library
Oct. 26	Hospital Aux.
Oct. 27, 28	Guyra Lodge

## 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: Hans Hietbrink 0402 044 891

## 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, followed by morning tea. Doors open from 8:30am. 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:** Pastors Linden & Kerrie Pollard 0455 232 073.

**Seventh-day Adventist Church:** Aboomala Street. Sabbath School 10.00am Saturday Divine Service 11.30am Saturday. **Contact:** Minister Luke Reeves 0410 761 320 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: Dan McGinty 0409 399 270

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Ordinary Meeting will be held in Armidale from 4pm on Wednesday 25 October 2023.

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

## Current Vacancies

### Finance Officers - Two Positions - Closes 22 October

We are currently looking for two experienced Finance Officers to join our team on a 2 year contract.

### Graduate Accountant - Kempsey/Armidale Road Restoration Project (KARRP) - Closes 22 October

Armidale Regional Council is seeking a dedicated and talented Graduate Accountant to join our dynamic team.

### Parking Ranger - Closes 29 October

As Parking Ranger you will be responsible for promoting compliance with enforcement and education of car parking regulations on a daily basis.

### Project Accountant - Kempsey/Armidale Road Restoration Project (KARRP) - Closes 22 October

### Quality Control Officer RMCC Term- Closes 22 October

Apply today! - Search: Jobs at

## Black Mountain Community Recovery Event



### Official opening of the Black Mountain tennis courts!

A huge thanks to everyone that supported our event and to the Black Mountain community for coming along and supporting the official opening of the community tennis courts!

## Want to know what's on in your region?

Join over 4000 of your fellow community members and subscribe to our What's On! & eNewsletter. To keep up to date, visit our website to subscribe! <https://www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au/council/newsroom/subscribe-to-our-newsletter>

**Halloween**  
IN THE  
BEARDY ST. MALL, ARMIDALE

**FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2023 | 4PM - 8PM**  
FOOD TRUCKS  
FAMILY FRIENDLY  
DRESS-UP

SCARY HAUNTED HOUSE  
TRICK OR TREATING  
KIDS ACTIVITIES MONSTER MASH DJ

ARMIDALE Regional Council NSW

### Need a lift?

Book your seat on our FREE shuttle service to Halloween! Contact Guyra Home Support services for more information!

**6770 7127**

**1300 136 833**

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Regional Council



**Under 6s, l to r:** Kane Jones, Lulla Ketley, Lahmaylii-Ann Brown, Locky Heagney, Harvie Mendes, Nicholas Hutton, Lane Cruickshank

**Under 6s - Coach Anna Heagney**

The 'Little Chats' had a great year of tag football. All the players learnt new skills from playing the ball correctly, running in the right direction and passing to their teammates.

All the players loved playing 'red rover cross over' at training and especially when the older footy players joined in!

Each week the "Little Chats" had big smiles and encouraged their team mates on the field. The best part was watching them singing the Guyra Super Spuds song after the game.

A big thank you to all the parents and siblings that helped on and off the field. We can't wait to see you next year on the football field.



**Guyra Junior League teams Season 2023 wrap up**

**Under 9s – Coach Braidy Vidler**

I was lucky enough to have the pleasure in coaching under 9s this year, watching them grow as a team and develop their individual football skills is the most rewarding thing! Such a great little team, their friendships and the way they support each other makes us all so proud! Bring on 2024!

**Under 9s Back l to r:** Jackson Griffin, Hunter Melmeth, Ashton Hutton, Rylan Wilson, Unaloto Ale, Edward Newberry Middle: Airlie Vidler, Abel Ketley, Johnny Lockyer, Indigo –Grace Atkin Front: Greg West

**Under 11s - Coach Todd Clark**

2023 was a pretty solid year for the under 11s, with only nine boys from the grand final winning side from last year returning this year. However with some new players coming forward this team proved to be the hardest working group, as they nearly all backed up weekly to help the under 12s field a side as well.

After qualifying for the semi-finals the under 11s played Moree in Bingara in what was almost a replay of last year's semi-final game. This time the boys went further after 10 minutes of extra time, still with no result they then went into golden point only to go down after 53 minutes of solid footy. With no reserves due to some boys being sick, all boys played a full game. This game by many was regarded as being the most entertaining game of the finals.

All in all I couldn't be any prouder of this great group of young men and thoroughly enjoyed coaching them again and wish them the best for the future.



**Under 11s, Back l to r:** Assistant Coach - Dan Vidler, Coach - Todd Clark, Kane Brennan, Zac Jones, Willson McElroy, Brax Hutton, Assistant Coach - Graham Hutton **Middle:** Jake Artz, Flynn McFarlane, Corey Banfield, Seth Patterson, Samuel Ashman **Front:** Baxter Clark, Ryan Vidler **Inset:-** Fletcher Gardner (left) Christopher Welsh (right)



**Senior League Tag**

**Coaches Amanda Campbell & Kasey Elliot**

The senior league tag team had a cracking season finishing the year 3rd on the ladder and beating many of their major rivals. The senior league tag girls really came together as a team this year and played to their fullest potential winning five games in a row towards the end of the season and one of their largest winning margins was over 40 points.

The team's success came down to hard training, competing on each play and working together as one. Overall the season was an outstanding season to watch and the girls really outdone themselves each game. Their attack was second to none and was reflected with the points on the score board each week. Coaches Amanda Campbell and Kasey Elliott both couldn't be prouder of the hard work the team put in and the result that came out of such a successful season.

**Senior League Tag Back l to r:** Coach - Kasey Elliott, Bree Wilson, Hayley Clark, Ella Vidler, Madison Collins, Amber Writer, Piper Kempton, Courtney Spradbrow, Matilda Atkin, Ava Campbell, Coach - Amanda Campbell **Front:** Lily McFarlane, Gwenisha Landsborough, Summa Elliott, Sophie Mitchell, Masie Moran-Kim, Brooke Newberry, Kate Ward, Lucy Ward, **Inset:** Olivia Wilson **Absent:** Shylah Cutmore

# Guyra Junior League teams Season 2023 wrap up

## Under 12s Coach Linley Ryan

The under 12 boys team had an awesome 2023 season. There was significant growth and improvement over the competition and most importantly, the boys enjoyed the comradery and representing our fantastic Junior Rugby League Club.

The 7 boys who made up the 12 boys' team (Sam Reeves, Tom Ward, Jack Wesley, Will Vidler, Lincoln Atkin, Beau Wilson and Billy Ryan) were supplemented each week by some of the 11s team. Without these boys stepping up, the 12s would not have been able to field a team – so a big thank you to those boys. Thank you to the commitment of all the boys, turning up to training each week and helping out. Thank you to Troy Wesley and Todd Clark for all their assistance and support throughout the season with coaching, managing, and mentoring.

End of season awards: Best & fairest – Lincoln Atkin, Size does not matter – Max Lockyer, Highest tackles & line breaks – Beau Wilson, Most consistent U11's back up player – Seth Patterson, Reliability & work ethic – Ryan Vidler, Most improved - Sam Reeves



**Under 12s, Back l to r:** Assistant Coach – Troy Wesley, Zac Jones, Will Vidler, Lincoln Atkin, Baxter Clark, Willson McElroy, Jack Wesley, Billy Ryan, Coach — Linley Ryan  
**Middle:** Brax Hutton, Ryan Vidler, Seth Patterson, Sam Reeves, Beau Wilson  
**Front:** Thomas Ward, Max Lockyer  
**Absent:** Fletcher Gardner, Kayne Brennan, Christopher Welsh



**Under 14s, Back l to r:** Coach - Peter Presnell, Parker Campbell, Jack Beard, James Grills, Chase Beard, Ethan Wilson, Billy Lockyer, Will Hutton, Thomas Brazier, Hugo Brazier, Assistant Coach - Craig Hutton  
**Front:** Thomas Ward, Max Lockyer, Thomas Graham, Linjarra West, Thomas Mitchell, Liam Hutton, Lincoln Atkin, Harley Ferguson

## Under 14s - Coach Peter ROCK Presnell

Under 14s had a tough year with only 14 players on the books, but with help from three under 12 boys (Lincoln Atkins, Max Lockyer & Tom Ward) we were able to field a side each week except the Moree game as we was down to only 9 players that week. The boys trained hard all year and they done their town proud.

The trophy winners were: Best and fairest Linjarra West, Players player Liam Hutton and Linjarra west, Coach award Parker Campbell, Most consistent Billy Lockyer, Most improved Tom Mitchell, Rookie of the year was Will Hutton, Best forward Hugo Brazier, Best back Thomas Brazier

Thank you to all parents for getting the boys to training and game days and a huge shout out the Aimee Hutton and Craig Hutton for all the help this year. Thank you to all sponsors for your ongoing support and a big thank you to Gina Lockyer and her hard working committee.

## Under 16s Coach Dean Heagney

2023 was a great year for rugby league in Guyra once again, the young men that made up the under 16's side this year were one of the best teams we have seen in many years not just on the field but within the club their willingness to help the committee and the support they showed each other should be commended.

When they pulled on that Guyra Super Spuds jumper each week you could see they knew they had a job to do, they were proud.

These young men are an excellent example of true Guyra spirit throughout the whole year on & off the field, they were great roll models for our younger teams to look up to and outstanding representatives for our town.

The energy & determination that this team played with week in & week out was inspirational, and the performance of these players in the



**Under 16s Back l to r:** Tommy Ryan, Cooper Wilson, Jason Mowbray, Treigh Bonsor, Riley Melmeth, Peter Campbell, Angus Dullaway, Charles Mitchell, Robert Ashman  
**Front l to r:** Darcey Heagney, Brendan Landsborough, Rave Brazier, Harry Purvis, Lachlan Clark, Tristan Cooper, Matt Gardner  
**Absent:** Sam Surawski, Coach - Dean Heagney

semi finals series this year to get them to the Grand Final was nothing short of amazing.

We would like to congratulate these young men on a fantastic season of rugby league & we wish the

young men moving on to senior league all the best and hope to see all the others and hopefully a few new faces again next year

This year the trophies went to: Best and Fairest – Darcey Heagney,

Most Consistent – Rave Brazier, Most Improved – Treigh Bonsor-Karhu, Golden Boot – Harry Purvis, Coaches Awards – Colin Connors and Cooper Wilson

# OPINION: The Lunacy of Climate Cult's 100% Renewables

I endorse comments by Katrina Humphries "The Land" 5th October 2023 "inherent stupidity of the lily livered dreamboats pushing ideals" indeed!

When told this solar or that wind EGW will power 400,000 homes – do you understand, do you accept that this means powered some of the time? Is it good enough ONLY SOME OF THE TIME? What about the rest of the time? The shortfall must be met or we plunge into energy deficit; energy poverty - darkness!!!! Coal fired power stations had always supplied energy, met peak demand and idled through lower demand. Gas can meet all demand, fire up quickly to meet peaks, then shut down in parts, like-wise nuclear.

The Lunacy of Climate Cult's 100% Renewables concept haunts a thinking person.

The Lunacy of Climate Club 100% Renewables concept increases costs to every one by:

- ignoring a full marginal analysis of THE EMBEDDED COST - (in financial terms & in terms of carbon)

- the true full costing:- including fuelled digging to mine and manage ores & huge payloads for small returns of rare earth minerals;

- slave labour and exploited child labour, the human cost;

- exploitation of the Amazon rainforest for balsa wood components; environmental cost

- fuelled transportation, shipping, manufacture, freight, installation, roads, pads and structures;

- sacrifice of generated electricity required to operate these utilities;

- full cost of all transmission infrastructure, including new transmission;

- loss of energy in transmission

- storage options

- sacrifice of Net Primary Production on productive land and waters

- depletion of native fauna and flora especially vulnerable colonies

- sacrifice of unrecoverable land and water

- cost to reclaim/recycle/dispose operating components, redundant components and

- all associated contamination and restoration of landscapes.

- failing to factor in storage capacity:-Battery capacity being threefold known energy requirements ii] to meet current demand iii] to recharge the battery iii] to sacrifice energy required for EGW utility operations (motion/ cooling/ and loss)

- failing to recognise the contribution of communities and social dysfunction created by demands/attention/stress/ research and effort in responding to poor planning processes and procedures;- all are measurable costs.

While our politicians sell best coal and gas (LPG) overseas accounting for a positive GDP, the recipient countries laugh at us. The mythical clever country'!

Our elected representatives don't listen. They don't hear. They fail to understand that wind/solar/battery/Electricity Generating Works (EGW) never generate an adequate energy supply for manufacture.

If renewable energy was the source of energy to produce components of EGWs, they'd never have sufficient energy to create any EGW system. Panels; blades; tur-

bines; infrastructure; and supporting components are manufactured product brought in, a guarantee Australia will be forever dependent. That is, Australia will never be an independent manufacturing country with industrial capacity under renewables.

Australians get a Renewable Energy system guarantee ensuring we will never have capacity to manufacture again; add lost agricultural productivity; contamination burden; dumped unrecyclable components and lost natural landscapes, forsaken wildlife.

We suffer the indignity of subsidising the lost independence of Australian energy security, thereby Australian National security; forfeited to foreign entities; foreign agencies; foreign countries; foreign values and governance!

As for projected dominance of electric cars- just more "inherent stupidity of the lily livered dreamboats pushing ideals" indeed! Do we have to take what there is - or can Australia wake up?

*Beth White  
Ben Lomond*

## Ingrid in Mexico – September report

After a long break school has finally started for the Mexican School year. I now actively participate in every class, though I still have some minor issues with the language. I am now able to read and write in Spanish relatively well. My favourite subjects this term are psychology, human rights and administration.

For Mexican Independence Day, being independence from Spanish rule, we had a fun day. At school we played various games for two hours. We also had stalls set up selling traditional Mexican foods such as pozole and enchiladas.

This month I also managed a trip to the cinema where I saw Nun 2, with my friend Emi. I have also had numerous social outings with my host Mum Gabbi and her friends. The cafe where we drank coffee was super cute, with all the drinks on the menu being named after famous artists or their art work.

We have also had two to three Rotary dinners during the month which were all enjoyable. Because we have had new students arrive I have found them more enjoyable, rather than being the only exchange



The Querétaro arches, originally built as an aqueduct.

student present. The new students are from Hungary, Brazil and France. I have developed a bond with the Hungarian girl and we share the journey to Spanish language classes. She has landed on her feet and has a wonderful host family.

I have also been lucky enough to travel a little more, and experience new parts of the Mexican country. This has included a trip to Malinalco where we celebrated a birthday for a friend's father. We made

the most of the trip visiting the markets, a mezcaleria, a cafe and their Aunty's house. The town itself is super gorgeous and the food was fantastic.

At the Mezcaleria (restaurant/bar) they had bottles of tequila with spiders, ants, cockroaches and a snake all floating around in them. This is seen as a delicacy in Mexico.

For the Independence Day long weekend I travelled to Queretaro. In addition to spending a day explor-

ing the city we went swimming and watched the Independence Day ceremony on the television. We also shared food with friends of the family. In addition to an address from the President of Mexico, and a few politicians yelling "Viva Mexico" there was also a traditional fireworks display to end the celebrations.

Unfortunately I had to go to the Doctor for the first time during my visit. To say it was a little different would be an understatement. The surgery itself looked like a super fancy motel. Once I had my consultation with the Doctor he prescribed some medication. Unlike Australia where Dr Jey prints out the prescriptions, the Doctor proceeded to type up the script on an old typewriter. Many places here don't seem to have computers which seems a bit strange for someone used to always having a computer close by.

I look forward to seeing what the next month holds in store for me. Thank you for reading of my adventures in Mexico.

*Ingrid Geere*



# New road safety initiative

Armidale Regional Council (ARC) has launched a new road safety campaign to encourage carers to hold children's hands when near or crossing roads.

In partnership with the Little Blue Dinosaur Foundation, Council has launched the safety initiative, 'Hold my hand' which advocates for child road safety through community education, government campaigning and by implementing effective local and national road safety initiatives.

Following the tragic death of four-year-old Thomas Maxwell Davis McLaughlin in 2014 from a pedestrian road accident on the Central Coast, Tom's mother, Michelle McLaughlin established the Little Blue Dinosaur Foundation. Today the Foundation campaigns for a stronger focus towards road safety, and a more educated, and safer future for communities across the country.

Council has teamed up with Little Blue Dinosaur for a more dedicated approach to road safety in the Armidale Region, establishing 'Hold my hand' signs in key locations across our region including; The Arboretum, Adventure Playground, Curtis Park North and South, Lambert Park, McDonald Park, Rotary Park Guyra, Apex Park Guyra, and the Guyra Recreation Ground.

"The Armidale region is a place where community spirit thrives, and the 'Hold my hand' initiative embodies that spirit," said Deputy Mayor Todd Redwood. "We are dedicated to fostering a safe and welcoming environment for all children living and visiting our region.

"As a father of two young children, I was disturbed to learn that on average, one Australian child is killed on our roads each week. This shocking statistic fuelled my passion to ensure this initiative was introduced in our region.

"The 'Hold my hand' initiative is a testament to Armidale Regional Council's unwavering dedication to its residents and the enhancement of our region's quality of life, particularly for youth. This initiative reflects the Council's commitment to safety, unity, and community empowerment, creating a brighter and safer future for the youth in our region."



Deputy Mayor Todd Redwood with children Pearl and Fleur and wife Tenille

The Little Blue Dinosaur Foundation offers three key child pedestrian road safety tips, allowing communities to become more educated on child safety in their area;

1. Hold your child's hand (on or near roadways). It's just as important as wearing a seatbelt in a vehicle.
2. Slow down The risk of death or serious injury is higher for children, even at low speeds. (In a crash between a car and a pedestrian, there is a 90 per cent chance of death at speeds of 50km/h or greater)
3. Educate your child. Talk to your kids about road safety and the importance of safe behaviour around roadways.

Children aged 10 years and younger have limited cognitive, physical and perceptual limitations around roadways, driveways, and car parks which makes them very vulnerable road users.

**For more information on the Little Blue Dinosaur Foundation and their ongoing commitment to child road safety, visit their website: <https://www.littlebluedinosaur.org/>**

## JUST 1 month until - IT's in the BAG

Collection points will open up across the country where you can drop It's in the Bag donations filled with hope and love.

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## Rural Market Reports

### Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

**October 11th** - Total Yarding: 2500 (+950) | Sheep Yarding: 940 (-60) | Lamb Yarding: 1560 (+1010). Top price \$125, average per head \$36.10

Lamb numbers increased while the sheep supply remained similar. The quality of the lambs was very mixed with few pens of well finished heavy weight old lambs and several pens of light weight new seasons. There was reduced processor attendance with one still closed for maintenance.

There were a few bright spots in a market that saw few highlights. The young lambs sold to restockers on a dearer market trend. The plainer quality old lambs struggled under limited processor competition with restockers participating at the low prices. Well finished heavy weight lambs sold to a dearer trend. There was little restocker demand for young crossbred ewes.

The reduced processor

attendance had little effect on the market with most selling to a dearer trend. The well finished lines keenly sought.

### Armidale Cattle Sale

**October 12th** - Yarding 970 (-760) There was a sharp reduction in numbers in an offering that included a line of 300 store conditioned light weight Angus heifer yearlings. There were less than 150 steer in the penning.

The overall quality of the offering was mixed while condition varied greatly. There were some very good cows showing higher yield potential. The usual processors were in attendance however not all got a start. Restockers were plentiful.

Market trends varied through the young cattle with light weight yearling steers to restockers selling to dearer trends. The medium and heavy weights were cheaper with limited competition. Those light weight yearling heifers sold to a dearer trend with breed a major

factor in a strong price increase.

The heavier weights up to 330 kg also sold to a slightly dearer trend. Medium and heavy weights in limited supply sold to cheaper trends with well finished lots suitable to process struggling under limited competition. There were insufficient heavy grown steers to quote.

The well finished grown heifers to process sold to cheaper trends while those to restock and feed were dearer. A stronger cow market saw trends dearer throughout with the higher yields contributing to the improvement for heavy weights.

### Weekly Wool Market

**October 13th** - The lacklustre performance of the market continued this week. Weekly national offerings remain fairly stable as does the clearance rates. The relative lack of demand from European nations continues to apply downward pressure on the finer

micron categories.

The Northern region indicator lost 4 cents on Tuesday and a further 8 cents on Wednesday this week. The broad based Eastern market indicator fell back down to within 2 cents of its lowest point in the past three and a half months. This is a level that the market has managed to bounce back up from several times during this period. 38,006 bales were sold nationally for the week with a passed in rate of 8.3%. Major buyers included Endeavour Wool, PJ Morris and Techwool with the top 4 dominating proceedings.

Next weeks expected national offering climbs slightly higher and a stable market would be viewed as a good result in the current environment. Total bales offered for the season to date are running at 3.5% or 16,500 more than the corresponding period last season. As mentioned last week total sales over the same period is even greater due to a lower passed in rate.



# Classifieds Trades & Services

## GARAGE SALE

**SATURDAY, 21st October** at 1715 Baldersleigh Rd, Guyra: bedroom furniture, office desks, kitchenware, chairs and much more. Not before 8am.

## MEETINGS

**GUYRA UNITED SOCCER CLUB** Annual General Meeting will be held at the Royal Hotel at 6.30pm on Wednesday, 25th October. We hope to see some new faces!

**GUYRA NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE** Annual General Meeting Monday, 6th November, 6pm at 160 Bradley Street.

**GUYRA & COMMUNITY PROGRESS ASSOC.** AGM this Thursday 19th October Guyra Bowling Club at 5.30pm followed by general meeting.

**WARDS MISTAKE PROGRESS ASSOC.** AGM Sunday, 29th October at 5pm at the tennis courts. Ph: 6779 7616.

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**SATURDAY, 28<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER:**  
**CHALLENGE TO THE FELLAS** - Are you man enough to frock up? Support ovarian cancer research. Frock-Tober at the Royal Hotel from 6.30pm.

**SATURDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER:**  
**Official Opening of GUYRA MEMORIAL PARK.** BBQ, memorial avenue, memorial plaques, mandala garden and rotunda following the RSL Remembrance Day service.

**SUNDAY, 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER:**  
**GUYRA CUP** at Armidale Racecourse.

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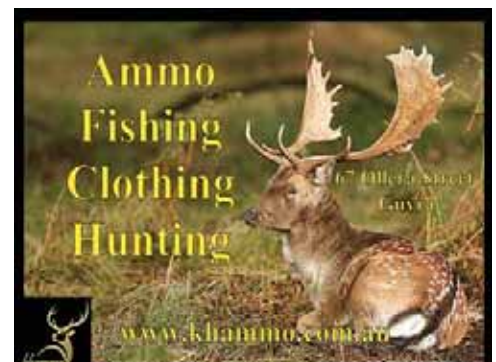
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## Cricket

In the opening round of the Armidale District Cricket Competition, Guyra Cricket Club fell short in both their games.

First grade were up against Hillgrove in the first round. Guyra were dismissed for 160 in the 36th over. Michael Purvis was best with the bat making 51 runs. Charlie White 13, Corey Torrens 16, Aidan Purvis 18, Andrew Pearson 14 and Stephen McElroy 18 all made it to double figures.

Hillgrove finished the day on 5/202. Michael Purvis took 3/30 off 6 overs to be the best with the ball. The other wickets takers were Mitch Woods and Heath Dowsett.

Guyra third grade were all out for 104 in the 23rd over. Al Boney top scored with 20 with Taylor Brennan making 19, Dan Mitchell 15, and Tom Lockyer 13.

In reply, Hillgrove lost just two wickets, finishing the day on 106. Taylor Brennan took both wickets.

This week Guyra firsts will play City UNE at Lambert Park and thirds will also play City UNE (venue tbc).

## Vets Golf

Last Tuesday the 10th we had 15 players turn up to contest a stableford event. I witnessed some great golf from Don Campbell who came in the winner with a great score of 41 points. Second place getter with 39 points was Ray Sweeney who also won the putting contest with just 22 putts. Ray had just 9 putts on the back nine. Nearest the pins went to Roger Grills on the 10th and Paul Redden on the 18th.

Next Tuesday is a Canadian foursomes. Something a little different as we have a five Tuesday month and after the golf we will have a sausage sizzle lunch.

Coming up on the 28th of November we are holding a PENNANTS APPRECIATION DAY to say thank you to all vets, ladies and men that supported our successful Pennants' campaign over the last year.

This is open to all financial members of Guyra Vets, Ladies and Men and it's a relatively free day. We will pay the green fees, we will provide lunch with Donna catering and there will be ham, turkey, and Lions cakes for trophies. The event is a two person Ambrose and we are doing a draw for markers. Hope you can all make it.

Congratulations to Deb Heffernan who scored a HOLE IN ONE on the 9th hole in the Saturday Mollie Sole comp.

*Drake.*

## Men's Bowls

Results of games last weekend: In major/minor pairs Shane and Noah Brennan defeated Colin Stanley and Greg Mitchell 26-20, in handicap singles Robert Moore defeated Roger Cox 31-24.

Games set down for this Saturday 21st October at 12 o'clock: In minor singles Robert Walls will play Shane Brennan with Mathew Simpson to mark. In handicap singles Randy Mulligan will play Colin Stanley with Barry Walls marking and Tim Ellis will play Barry Presnell with Robert Moore to mark.

*Jack.*

## Ladies' Golf

Last week the ladies played the Guyra Welding Works 4BBB Championships. Belinda Lenehan and Leonie Taylor were the winners on a countback from Kerry Bull and Wendy George.

Nearest the pin winners were Wendy George and Karen Oehlers on the 9th hole. Karen Oehlers and Pip White on the 7th hole. Leonie Taylor on the 10th hole. Pip White on the 18th hole.

This week we are hosting the NEDGA Medal District Playoff. Next week is the Annual Tee -Off for Breast Cancer Event. Wendy George is the starter and sponsor. Last week in the Mollie Sole Debbie Heffernan shot a Hole in One on the 9th hole. Well one Deb!

*Birdie*

## Men's Golf

The men's matchplay is coming to an end soon. We are down to the semi finals with Steve Wilson to play Peter Jackson by 29th of October. Len Stanley is waiting to play the winner in this year's final.

The Sunday golf should be in full swing now and we ask any new golfers to come along and have a game on our great course.

I will post the weekend's competition in the Gazette week to week now to keep everyone on board. This weekend is an individual Medley. Happy Golfing

*S.K.*

## Midweek Golf

What at week. 17 teams registered to play. 93 people played. 30 new players. Fantastic.

Highest individual score for the week went to Barry Wilson with 28 points. Next in line went to Billy Youman with 27 and Randy Mulligan 26. With 25 points were – Logan Beechey, Dan Lennon, Jenni Jackson, Aaron Mendes, and Scott Wake.

Best team score for the week went to Double A Rons with 95 followed closely by Shire Sharks with 92 then Pitch Purrfects on 91. Some great scores coming in. Congratulations to all the new players on joining a team and giving it a go.

New England Auto's, Darren and Suzanne Towells, have sponsored midweek golf with a supply of golf balls. So when you play each week there might be a surprise for the golf ball recipients. This week balls go to: Billy Youman, Randy Mulligan and encouragement award to Tom Ward.

Also Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club have provided \$10 vouchers for midweek golf. The highest individual score each week will win a voucher.



A Hole in One for Debbie Heffernan

Please remember to put your TEAM NAME and YOUR NAME on your card.

Remember to check your handicap each week. They will probably change most weeks and if you had an exceptionally good or bad round then they may have changed by heaps. Good golfing everyone.

*Middy*



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# Master's Hockey success

At the conclusion to the 2023 Hockey season a number of members from Guyra and New England were selected to play for NSW Hockey teams.

The players have just returned from Perth after competing in the 2023 Australian Master's Hockey Championships.

Michael and Peter Jackson played in the NSW Over 60's Blue team while Matthew Jackson and Dean Waters played in the NSW Over 34's team. Matt Bull and Ken Whitty played in the Over 40's and Over 45's respectively.

Another Guyra club member, Paul Marquardt also competed at the Championships and has been selected to play for Australia in the Over 60's in Auckland.

Michael and Peter Jackson were part of the NSW team that won the gold medal over the home state Western Australia in the Grandfinal 3-2 and are now Australian Champions.

Whilst Matt Bull, Ken Whitty, Matthew Jackson and Dean Waters didn't bring any



medals home, they all played very well in their respective age groups and Matthew Jackson and Dean Waters have both been selected to play in the Australian Over 34's in Capetown next year at the World Cup in July.

#### Above l to r:

Ken Whitty, Matthew Bull, Dean Waters, Matthew Jackson, Peter Jackson, Michael Jackson, Archie Waters (child)

#### Right:

Michael & Peter Jackson



## It's 'Back to Base' for Rescue Club Members

Past patients who have been assisted by the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service across Northern NSW are invited to a special visit, tour and morning tea on Sunday October 22nd, 10am to 11.30am at the Tamworth Base.

The event is an opportunity to reunite these special guests, known as Rescue Club Members, with pilots, aircrew and the helicopter's critical care medical team who played a crucial role in their respective rescues.

The service's Acting Chief Executive Officer, James Lawrence, said the event provides past patients a better understanding of how the service operates as a vital part of the state's emergency care chain.

"They are a very select group of people, whose day started out just like any other, only to take a turn that would remain etched in their minds forever. For many of them, meeting and talking with service staff, medical crew, pilots and aircrew also helps them in the recovery process. For others, it's a

way of connecting with people who have been in similar situations," Mr Lawrence said.

"Our last Rescue Club functions were held in 2019, with the pandemic restricting base access for all but essential personnel since that time. Now, after nearly four years, we are excited to welcome past patients back to meet those who played such a vital role in their lives."

Today, the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service operates in partnership with NSW Ambulance and NSW Health, to deliver the highest standard of aeromedical and rescue services to those in need across a state-wide network.

A NSW Ambulance critical care paramedic and NSW Health doctor are on board each AW139 aircraft to provide the highest quality critical care where it is needed most.

People who have been assisted by the service and are interested in attending should register at <https://rescuehelicopter.com.au/events/rescue-club/>

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