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What Living in Guyra has done for us



Seasonal workers at the Guyra Tomato farm raised \$1400 on the weekend which will be used to build a shelter at the maternity ward in Port Vila

Ronald, Keskie and Benoni are three of 120 Seasonal Workers currently living in Guyra who are employed by Jobs Australia. These boys come from Vanuatu and are here on a six-month rotation working at Costa Tomato Farm.

In recent discussions with Jobs Australia staff, the boys talked about what living in Guyra has done for them, the opportunities it has afforded them and their families back home and how truly grateful they are to be here.

It is such a small insight into the life

and background of our seasonal workers who travel here from Tonga Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands who fondly call Guyra their home. So, we wanted to share their stories with the wider community.

Ronald's story

Everyone has a story, everyone has a background, a spiritual and cultural belief says Ronald who is on his third rotation, this time in Guyra.

Previously Ronald has worked for Jobs Australia in Victoria and Queensland. He has at home a wife

and two children ages 10 and 3. Although being away from his family for long periods of time is hard, being here working has allowed Ronald to buy land in one of Port Vila's biggest villages Mele Maat. He has built his house in stages from money earned each rotation.

Ronald is the team leader of his group who arrived in June 2023, and they conducted a fundraiser over the weekend. The workers in his group feel they are more fortunate financially than others, so each worker contributed part of their

weekly earnings to go to chosen charities back in Vanuatu.

Ronald and his team of workers raised over \$1400 and have chosen to help the maternity ward in Port Vila where expectant mothers are forced to wait in the street when attending appointments. Ronald and his team hope to build a shelter to allow them to sit and wait to be seen in the hospital, as well they would like to give some money to children with disabilities in the islands where medical help and supplies are scarce.

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Australia has a serious and growing energy crisis. Come and hear of current global developments in nuclear and discuss its benefits to the New England region.

Date: Thursday, 9th November at 6pm

Venue: Armidale Bowling Club

Presentation by: Robert Parker, Founder, Nuclear for Climate Australia

Benoni's Story

Benoni also on his third rotation and leaves at home his wife and small daughter Keryana. Like Ronald, Benoni has in stages built his home and on this rotation is able to finish it so it enables him to have a fully functional kitchen. Benoni, when in Vanuatu, also runs a side business of his own, a small Nakamal which is a kava bar in the village of Mele.

"It has taken time, but it has been so worth it getting my home to a comfortable living standard, and somewhere to return after work in Australia. It gives me comfort to know my wife and daughter are safe there while I'm away."

"Being away from family has its challenges and when we are far from our children, we miss them terribly. We miss birthdays and milestones which we can only see in photos and by video chat.

"I made a promise to my sweet little girl when I was leaving Vanuatu,



Above: Benoni with his family
Right: Ronald, Keskie and Benoni

I promised her that I would speak to her every single day. So no matter where I am or what I'm doing, Keryana calls every night so I can sing her a song so she can sleep. I cherish this but I can't wait to go home and hug her too.



Keskie's story

Keskie has a bit of a different story and is here in Australia for his first time. He has recently faced adversity where he has lost his entire home last week during cyclone Lola. Keskie comes from the island of Malekula and has been trying to join the seasonal workers program for over 8 years. With so many people wishing to travel for seasonal work it has been really hard to enter the program.

Keskie has paid for a passport every year in hope he would get a chance to travel and was fortunate to be recruited by David Daniel at Paradise Workers in 2023 who sent him to Guyra.

Keskie has a wife and two children, and being here has afforded Keskie's children a secure education. Like all our workers from the islands, coming to Australia pays for school fees, it's the only thing that allows our children a high school education, where many

kids leave school at an early stage as it is unaffordable. Some children are forced to work to earn an income for the family which means they aren't properly educated.

"Following last week's cyclone and losing my family home I will face many challenges returning home. Being here will allow me to earn money to start rebuilding but living on the Island, will have its challenges.

"Unlike Australia where materials are readily available, Port Vila is the only place where building materials can be sourced. To rebuild our home, I will need to purchase materials on the main land, have them couriered to the port, then shipped to the wharf on my island.

"I will then have to transport them to my land before being able to repair my home. Often in the islands, as building materials and equipment is so unobtainable, we often use bamboo, thatched roofing in place of modern material."




Above: Keskie's home which was damaged during the recent cyclone
Left: The house Benoni has built for his family

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Saturday 18th November 7pm
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Changes to drought management plan

Armidale Regional Council (ARC) last week approved the early introduction of Level 1 water restrictions ensuring residents won't be left high and dry in the forecast long, hot summer ahead.

Councillors agreed at their general meeting on Wednesday October 25 that it would move residents to Level 1 water restrictions when total dam storage was at 90 per cent and move to Level 2 water restrictions when total dam storage was at 80 per cent. Previously Council had implemented Level 1 restrictions when dam storage was at 80 per cent.

Mayor Sam Coupland said Council's Drought Management Plan 2020 (DMP), which was adopted in February 2021, was a considerable improvement in Council's response in times of (and preceding) drought and drew heavily on its learnings from the drought in 2019.

"The DMP provides for permanent conservation measures and implements water restrictions well before water levels at our dams reduce to the point that seriously impact our ability to supply water to our community," Mayor Coupland said.

"The DMP was subject to widespread industry and community consultation and, as Mayor, I am reticent to develop 'policy on the run'. However, I have thought deeply about this matter, spoken to community members on the land and consulted with Council staff.

"The water levels at our dams remain healthy, as of Monday, September 23 total water storage is at 94.9 per cent. Nevertheless, I would rather be accused of going too early on water restrictions than too late."

Council also plans to investigate a subsidised rainwater tank program.



Water restrictions will kick in when dam storage drops to 90%

The Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) recently predicted warmer and drier conditions would be likely over spring and summer for parts of eastern Australia, due to an El Niño and positive Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) that tended to draw rain away from Australia. El Niño events also increased the risk of extreme

temperature shifts, like heatwaves and hotter days.

Level 1 water restrictions involve households using no more than 180 litres per person per day and include restrictions including not watering gardens and washing cars with hoses during the heat of the day and using sprinklers for two hours only.

Avoiding an energy blunder downunder

Nuclear for Climate Australia founder Robert Parker will make his case for nuclear power and a clean energy future at the Armidale Bowling Club next week.

After a career in civil engineering, where he worked on international hydroelectricity projects, Mr Parker became interested in climate science but said he soon became disenchanted with the push for renewables.

His concern about carbon reductions led to the completion of a Masters in Nuclear Science at ANU and continued study into the nuclear fuel cycle especially for its use in Australia.

As the founder and former President of the Australian Nuclear Association (ANA) he investigated advances in nuclear fuel cycle for power generation and developed public information programs into nuclear energy, radiation and reactor safety, and uranium resource development.

Robert has attended numerous conferences and study tours of nuclear power plants, fuel and waste facilities, and reactor manufacturing plants worldwide.

In his talk Mr Parker will outline



the need for emissions reductions, why we are going through an energy transition and why he thinks nuclear is the most sustainable and environmentally beneficial energy source.

He will also cover the economics and operation of electricity energy systems based on 100% renewables, compared with ones that include nuclear energy.

Mr Parker will advocate for a concept which includes teaming up with Canada to power Australia with nuclear energy, concluding with an outline of the benefits to rural and regional Australia from a programme of nuclear energy based on both some small and some larger plants.

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What's HOT

Nominations for Australia Day Awards are open – don't leave it to the last minute - forms available at GALA

Bradley Lane has been cleaned up and looks amazing

Community BBQ and education day on this Sunday - details page 9

Rachel's Farm showing at GCS - see page 7

Faith-based horsemanship clinic on Saturday Nov. 4th

What's NOT

Not having a ranger in Guyra anymore

QUOTE of the week

PARENTHOOD:
Desperately seeking a break, but not wanting to miss a moment

Bureau of Meteorology Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
24	Tues	5.3	28.0	0
25	Wed	13.1	29.2	0
26	Thurs	11.0	16.7	0
27	Fri	4.6	14.1	17.4
28	Sat	5.1	14.9	4.0
29	Sun	4.4	19.3	0
30	Mon	5.3	23.1	0

Rain this week	21.4mm
October rainfall	40.4mm
Rainfall YTD	592.2mm
Rainfall last YTD	979.4mm
Ave. rain to Oct.	694.0mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Poets on the Mountain Festival

The Australian Poetry Hall of Fame (APHOF) in Guyra will be hosting the 'Poets on the Mountain Festival' from November 12th to 19th.

Festival spokesperson Thundercloud said that this festival not only celebrates the Australian bush poetry tradition but also offers a platform for talented poets to showcase their skills and creativity.

"The Poets on the Mountain Festival will be a unique opportunity for poetry enthusiasts and Aussie culture lovers to come together in a magnificent setting, creating memories that will last a lifetime," Thundercloud said.

The festival's schedule includes the Australian Bush Poetry Film Festival and Poetry Workshops hosted by accomplished poets.

The APHOF will be hosting a series of events, workshops, and performances, celebrating the art of bush poetry, while bringing together poets and enthusiasts to share stories, engage in interactive sessions, and enjoy the camaraderie that this poetic community fosters."

During the festival the ABPA NSW Bush Poetry Championship will also take place on November 18th and 19th.

This prestigious competition will see the finest bush poets from across New South Wales



compete for the title of NSW Bush Poetry Champion. The championship will include captivating recitations of original and traditional bush poetry, highlighting the depth of talent within this art form. There are also prizes and categories for youth, novice and local poets, so be sure to check the website for entry details

The Rhymers Variety Show on November 18th promises to be a night of unmatched entertainment. Featuring the brilliant talents of Ray Essery, Bill Kearns, and Robyn Sykes, this one-night-only variety show will be a highlight of the festival.

The audience can expect an enchanting evening of entertaining rhymes, laughter, and thought-provoking poetry. Hosted by Musical duet Tom

McIlveen and Susan Ashton of 'Spiral Time'. If you enjoy poetry, rhymes and "tall" stories, this Rhymers Variety Show may be just for you.

Special guests include the hilarious, legendary 'Mullumbimby Bloke', Ray Essery, the 'Master of Bull' himself, the always witty, incomparable Bill Kearns and the nationally and internationally acclaimed "Sculptor of Words" Robyn Sykes. All three have performed at festivals throughout Australia for many years and are always in high demand with audiences of all genres and Thundercloud is excited to showcase all three performers in Guyra.

For more information on the festival schedule, ticket prices, and accommodation options, please visit www.australianpoetryhalloffame.com.au/events

Remembrance Day services in Guyra

Remembrance Day is Saturday, 11th November. The Guyra RSL sub-Branch will hold a brief Remembrance Day service at the Soldiers Memorial Hall in Bradley Street, commencing at 10.45am on Saturday, November 11th.

Members of the community are invited to attend as a show of respect for all our servicemen and women who served in all conflicts. Each year on this day, Australians observe one minute's silence at 11.00am in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.

At 11.00am on 11th November 1918 the guns on the Western Front of World War I fell silent after more than four years of continuous warfare. Germany called for an armistice (suspension of fighting) in order to secure a peace settlement. They accepted the Allied terms that amounted to unconditional surrender.

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month attained a special significance in the post-war years. The moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front became universally associated with the remembrance of those

who had died in the war.

During the period of the First World War, Australia's population was 4 million which is now the population of Sydney. More than 600,000 of our young men signed up to fight for their country and homeland in the First World War.

Following the Remembrance Day service, members of the community are invited to proceed South along Bradley Street to celebrate the completion of the Guyra Garden Club's Memorial Park project.

Hans Hietbrink

Memorial Park opening on Remembrance Day

On Saturday November 11th, Guyra Garden Club, community organisations and members of the public will mark the completion of the three-year Guyra Memorial Park project with a morning tea, participation in the Remembrance Day service and a Park Walk.

The Park has been enhanced by planting an Avenue of Trees, by placement of Memorial Stones identifying service people lost overseas during World Wars 1 and 2, and by a Mandala Garden with a Rotunda in its centre.

The Rotunda has been funded by Guyra Country Women's Association and a new BBQ has

been constructed by the Rotary Club of Guyra and Armidale Regional Council.

"It is a fitting day to declare open, for public use, reflection and enjoyment, the Club's Memorial Park project," President Guyra Garden Club Dr Sandra Welsman said.

"All citizens of Guyra and the region are invited to join the Remembrance Service and then join us for the Park Walk from 11.30am to 1pm.

"The Park Walk will include opening of the Rotary BBQ, and a stroll through the Memorial Avenue of Trees, to the

ceremonial opening of the Memorial Stones and the Mandala Garden."

"It is also a day to thank our many community supporters, Armidale Regional Council plus our funding bodies, the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal 'Tackling Tough Times Together' program, and the Australian Department of Veterans' Affairs, 'Saluting Their Service' program."

Guyra Garden Club and associated community groups are especially pleased that this project substantially advances a 1951 resolution of the then Guyra

Shire Council for a Memorial Park.

Speakers on the day will include Guyra Garden Club project managers, Rotary and CWA members, and leaders from Armidale Regional Council, plus this region's elected political representatives. The opening will also involve 30 Army, Navy and Airforce Cadets plus representatives of the Armidale based 12th/16th Hunter River Lancers and 24th Light Horse Museum.

Personal bests at State Athletics Carnival

Guyra Central School students recently participated in the NSW State Athletics Carnival. The event must have been an exciting and challenging experience for them.

Lincoln Atkin, who ran in the 12/13 year boys 1500m, and Sammy-Rose Dowden, who ran in the 12/13 year girls 200m, both achieved personal best times, which is a great accomplishment. It's always great to see young athletes pushing themselves and achieving their goals.

In addition to their individual events, Sammy-Rose Dowden, Oakley Brazier, Taearliegha Torrens, and Manatu Ashman also participated in the 4x100m relay, which must have been a thrilling event for all involved. It's wonderful to see Guyra Central School represented in such a competitive and exciting



Above, l to r: Lincoln Atkin, Sammy-Rose Dowden, Oakley Brazier, Manatu Ashman and Taearliegha Torrens

event.

Overall, Lincoln, Sammy-Rose, Oakley, Manatu and Taearliegha should be proud of

their efforts and outstanding achievements in Athletics this year. They have proven themselves to be dedicated and

hardworking athletes, and their successes are a testament to their commitment and talent.

Renewable energy projects must provide benefits

A Renewable Energy Community Benefit Framework – that promotes benefit sharing strategies associated with the development of renewable energy projects in the Armidale region – was adopted at last week's Ordinary Council Meeting.

"The creation of the Renewable Energy Zone (REZ), where Armidale is the epicentre, is our one-off mining boom," said Armidale Regional Council Mayor Sam Coup-

land.

"As a responsible council we need to ensure that any benefits that can be derived from the creation of the REZ are not only shared throughout the community but more importantly provide an inter-generational benefit.

"As one of the host locations for the New England REZ, we want to work with renewable developers who are interested in being good corporate citizens and integrate

with the community. The framework draws a clear position from Council that the minimum community benefit threshold is 1.5 percent of the capital value of the development. Projects that do not deliver community benefits above this threshold are likely to be considered not in the public interest and by extension Council could object to these developments on public interest grounds."

Council has previously agreed

general terms for planning agreements associated with Tilbuster Solar Farm in October 2021 and Oxley Solar Farm in August 2022.

With the establishment of the Renewable Energy Community Benefit Framework Council will now turn its mind to establishing a "Future Fund" that will see the proceeds of planning agreements for renewable energy projects invested for future generations.

Community Noticeboard

Meals on Wheels

Nov. 2 H Marchant
 Nov. 3 L & R Skinner
 Nov. 6 Judy Broad
 Nov. 7 Stuart Broad
 Nov. 8 CWA

Street Stalls

Nov. 2,3,4 Rotary
 Nov. 9 Can Assist
 Nov. 10 Guyra 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, 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

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

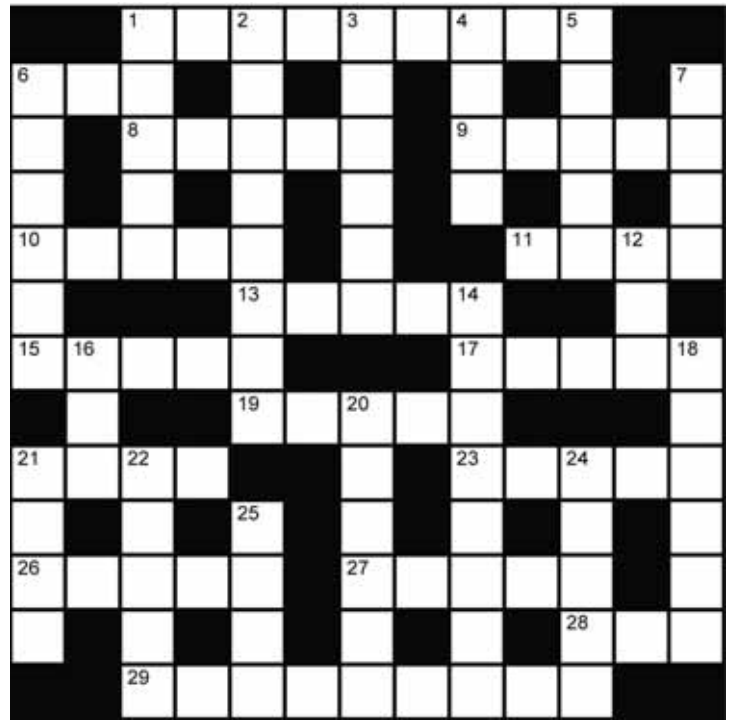
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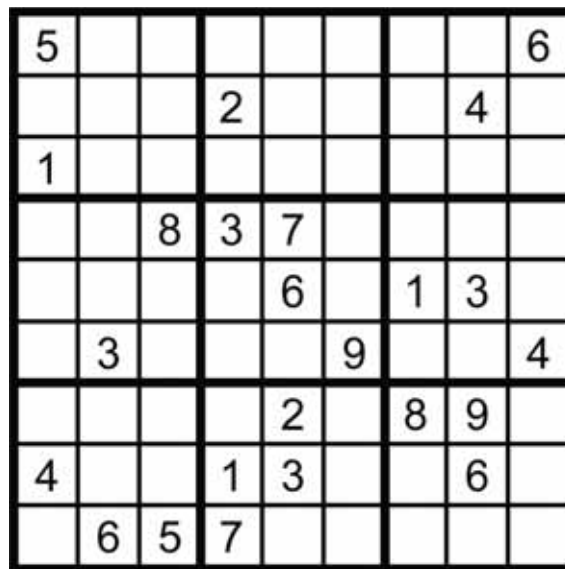
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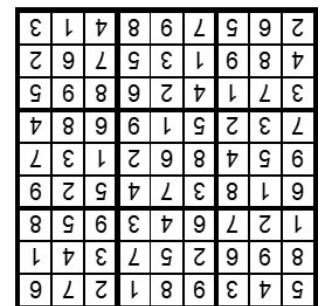


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COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Ordinary Meeting will be held in Armidale from 4pm on Wednesday 22 November 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

General Hand, Parks - Armidale & Guyra

We have an exciting opportunity for multiple General Hands to join our Parks team!

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New road safety initiative goes hand in hand with education

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.

Check out the full media release on our website!

Your 'Hold my Hand' locations:

- Rotary Park Guyra
- Apex Park Guyra
- Guyra Recreation Ground

Guyra Community Recovery Event - Movie: Rachel's Farm



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Join us for our community recovery event in Guyra, as we showcase 'Rachel's Farm' - A film directed by Rachel Ward, as she explains her journey recovering from bushfires and floods.

When: 4 November 6pm - 9pm

Where: Guyra Central School

<https://events.humanitix.com/rachel-s-farm-film-night-in>

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Frocked up for a good cause

The Frocktober event held on the weekend raised over \$550 for research in to ovarian cancer.

Some of the prizes were donated back to be raffled off at another event later in the year.

Thank you to Brisk Trading, Crop Hair Design, Dasha's Hardware, Elders Guyra, The Organic T-shirt, Royal Hotel and Lenehan Contracting services for donating prizes and for your support.

Best Frocked Fella was Willie Jones, sponsored by Elders Guyra and Dasha's Hardware



Black Mountain Public School

Celebrate NAIDOC Week with dance

Black Mountain Public School students travelled to Armidale Secondary College on Tuesday,

24th October 2023 to perform with the Armidale Secondary College dancers, celebrating NAIDOC Week.

Thank you to Armidale Secondary College for providing the bus to transport our students and Tasharni Jerrard for designing the dance t-shirts.

Mrs Justine Eddy
Relieving Principal



Have Your Say

Off-grid living a 'privilege'

There is certainly in the use of high end Australian or German manufactured technology to support independent living off the grid. It is a privilege that rests with those who have or have had technical understanding, know how, confidence, a site, the discipline and the financial resource to successfully embark in and mitigate living off grid, over past years and for those new to the experience.

There is nothing about living independent of the electricity grid that will protect a householder or property owner from the impact of a renewable energy project precinct, the associated battery storage and the transmission on their doorstep, except wisdom, consideration, community cohesion and political pressure. That wisdom may come from copious research and asking the right questions. Understanding the "lived experience" is quite helpful. With knowledge and experience we can apply pressure to the "lily livid dreamboats" to reset the vision, the practice and the political will.

Please note that the Guyra Branch of NSW Farmers offers "Fifteen First Questions Before Signing." The session applies to any Renewable Electricity Generation Works contract" at the Guyra Bowling Club on Wednesday 22nd November.

While there is a shift in pressure points regarding the definite mismatch between the siting of electricity generation capacity and point of consumption, there is nothing about living independently off the grid that limits the Australian coal mine or gas field production that supports manufacture the product components offshore to supply the necessary equipment for single site or broad scale electricity generation and transmission. Nor is there yet satisfactory 'planning for decommissioning' the redundant components, despite the fact that there is a limit to the rare earth resource, going forward.

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Guyra student's excel in Statewide competition



Above, l to r: Rose Kliendienst, Dixie Orford, Georgette Loeb, Summer Tibbs

Guyra Central School students have had great success in this year's Premier's Debating Challenge, with two teams making it to the finals.

The primary stage 3 debating team – Sammy-Rose Dowden, Lincoln Atkin, William Collins, and William Vidler – made it to the Regional Finals for the first time.

The Year 8 debating team – Rose

Kliendienst, Summer Tibbs, Dixie Orford, and Georgette Loeb – won the Regional Finals and have secured a spot in the State finals in Sydney.

This is the first time that Guyra Central School has had a team progress this far in the competition.

The Premiers Debating Challenge is an annual competition that gives students in Years 5 through 12 the

chance to showcase their public speaking skills. In each debate, teams have just one hour to prepare, and they won't know the topic or which side of the debate they are on until the clock starts ticking. Debates can be held in-person or over Zoom to suit the schools involved.

Free community BBQ this Sunday

The Guyra and Community Progress Association will host their first 'Welcome to Guyra - Meet and Greet BBQ' on Sunday November 5th.

A free steak or sausage sandwich along with other delicious goodies and games for the kids is planned.

The event will be held at the Mother of Ducks Lagoon BBQs commencing at 11am.

Guyra VRA will be on hand to give demonstrations on using a Defibrillator as well as other vital skills such as treating Snake/Spider bites.

Everyone is welcome! For catering purposes, please RSVP to progress@guyra.net.

Rural Market Reports

Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

October 25th - 4515 head yarded this week. Top price \$149 Average \$61.66. Lamb numbers increased by more than double with the sheep also showing an increase.

There was a full field of processors in attendance following the return of one after a short absence. The quality of the offering overall showed improvement with a couple of pens of well finished new seasons and a good supply of well finished shed heavy and extra heavy weight old lambs standing out. There was limited restocker activity.

The extra competition and improvement in quality saw dearer trends through the lamb market for the most part. There were a couple of negative price changes however this was weight and quality related.

A little restocker competition saw the light weight slightly dearer. The well finished medium and heavy trade lambs saw a slightly dearer trend with odd

sales showing strong gains. This trend continued into the heavy and extra heavy export weights.

A fair to good quality penning of sheep with a number of pens lacking condition. The majority were freshly shorn merinos. Increased competition also saw market trends slightly dearer throughout.

Armidale Cattle Sale

October 26th - A total of 1,166 head yarded, averaging \$645.83 per head and 165.27 c/kg.

There was a small increase in supply as producers continue to offload in the face of poor seasonal conditions. The quality of the offering was very mixed with young cattle making up a large percentage.

The condition of the offering varied greatly with large numbers on the plainer side. Conversely there were some very well finished grown cattle. The usual processors were in attendance along with some feedlot participation. A rain forecast saw restocker activity high. The forecast increased demand for the young cattle and resulted in

dearer trends through most classes. The majority posted strong gains.

The lightly muscled yearling heifers in the light weight classes saw a breed related price change in the negative. The quality and condition of the grown steers was generally plain with several pens of plain condition full mouth manufacturing steers penned. The majority were purchased by restockers and opportunity feedlotter.

The few well finished lots purchased by processors were a little dearer as were the well finished grown heifers. Quality contributed also. There were cheaper trends for the most part through the cow market with most showing slight falls. The best of the heavy weight cows were slightly dearer with some improved quality. A larger supply of bulls sold to cheaper trends.

Weekly Wool Sales

October 27th - The market managed to hold onto last week's gains in what was a relatively stable but uneventful week.

An almost unchanged Aussie

dollar and consistent weekly national offerings around the mid to low 40,000 bale mark appears to be the key in keeping buying ticking over at current price levels. The range bound price level of the market is about to extend into its fifth month.

The 1 cent gain in the Northern region indicator was largely driven by the 17.5 micron and finer types that closed 20 cents dearer. Offsetting gains was a 20 cent decline in the 18 micron indicator. 34,324 bales were sold nationally for the week. Clearance rates remain high with just 6.1% of the offering passed in and this was predominantly Crossbreds and Oddments once again.

Major buyers included Techwool, PJ Morris and Endeavour Wool. Next weeks expected national offering has risen to over 47,000 bales and if this quantity materialises it will be the largest weekly offering since the end of August. 22,000 additional bales have been offered for the season to date compared to last season and 40,000 additional bales have been sold.



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MEETINGS

GUYRA ANGLERS last meeting of the year, 6pm Saturday 4th November at the Guyra Bowling Club. Raffles. All welcome.

GUYRA JUNIOR LEAGUE AGM will be held on Monday, 6th November 2023 at 6:15pm at the Royal Hotel Guyra.

PUBLIC NOTICES

GUYRA CRICKET CLUB has a position open to curate the Guyra cricket wicket. Would suit semi-retired person. Guyra Cricket's annual Xmas Hamper to be drawn on 9th December. Tickets can be purchased at the Royal Hotel or see Willy Jones. Enquiries to James Stewart 6779 4215.

MUSEUM OPEN

GUYRA HISTORICAL MUSEUM is open this Sunday, 5th November and on Saturday, 11th November from 10am-2pm. Tours of the museum are available on request. Enquiries please call 6779 2132 during business hours.

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DEATH & FUNERAL NOTICES

SULLIVAN; KEITH JAMES
28.08.1941 - 25.10.2023

After a short illness.

Formerly of Malpas Street, Guyra

Loved partner of Betty Marshall (Dec'd).
Loving son of Owen John Sullivan & Phyllis Sullivan (nee Tyler) (both Dec'd) and brother to his siblings.

Adored family member of the Lantry and Jason families and much loved by his many friends, especially Digger and Noelene Morse (both Dec'd) and his many great neighbours over the years. Especially loved by, and loving 'grandfather' of, Caitlin, his Princess. Much loved 'Poppy Keith' to Flo and Zephyr.

A Graveside Funeral Service will be held at Anna Bay Lawn Cemetery, 4124 Nelson Bay Road, Anna Bay on Friday, 3rd November 2023 commencing at 11am. Everyone is welcome afterwards at The Salamander Hotel.

No flowers by request, but you can donate to Australian Red Cross in Keith's name.

All enquiries to Lance Boots Funerals, Raymond Terrace: 02 4987 2101.

CLAIM THE DATE

SATURDAY, 11th NOVEMBER:

Official Opening of GUYRA MEMORIAL PARK. BBQ, memorial avenue, memorial plaques, mandala garden and rotunda following the RSL Remembrance Day service.

SUNDAY, 12th NOVEMBER:

GUYRA CUP at Armidale Racecourse.

SATURDAY, 25th NOVEMBER

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TUESDAY, 12th DECEMBER:

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT hosted by the Hospital Auxiliary in the Guyra MPS grounds.

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PROBUS NOTES

Our next meeting is Monday, 6th November. We will meet at the Bowling Club car park at 9am to go on the Heritage Tour in Armidale.

Monday, 13th November will be our monthly meeting at 10am at the Bowling Club.

After the meeting we will car pool to Ollera Station to see the garden and museum of bug-gies, etc. Any new members would be welcome to attend.

Judy Jackson

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Cricket

Under 11s Guyra 97 defeated Easts 56. Batting Peter Grills 11 ret. and Rylan Wilson 15ret.

Under 13s Guyra 3/115 defeated Walcha/Uralla 3/101. Batting Tyler Cameron 12*, Sam Reeves 15*, Billy Ryan 12*, Thomas Ward 9*, Charles Drew 8. Wickets Charles Drew 1/19, Christopher Welsh 1/11, Jack Wesley 1/11.

1st Grade Guyra 10/173 defeated by Ex Services 0/176. Batting Grant Ryan 32, Ben Jackson 47, Lucas Tait 19, Jack Lockyer 14*.

2nd Grade Guyra 1/35 defeated TAS 10/31. Batting Dave Laing 19*, Hugo Brazier 13*. Bowling Luke Foster 1/6, Mavric Foster 3/7, Tim Foster 3/6, Tom Lockyer 2/19.

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Men's Bowls

Two games were played last weekend. In major singles Robert Moore defeated Barry Walls 31-27, and in pairs Anthony Bull and Ian Jacobs defeated Phil Kliendienst and Mathew Simpson 28-13.

On Saturday 4th November at 12 o'clock in major singles Dan Kennedy will play Colin Stanley with Barry Walls to mark and in minor singles John Jackson will play Wayne Reeves with Robert Walls to mark.

Jack.

Midweek Golf

Looks like rain interfered with some of the play this week. Most teams played which was great.

Highest point score went to Emma Vidler with 30 points. Well done. Next highest were Beau Wilson and



Nicki Mendes on 25 points and Cooper Wilson on 24. On the rundown we had Noah Brennan, Jenny Atkin and Harrison Brazier on 23, Cooper Brennan, Levi Vanderwolf, Wayne Archibald, Dan Lennon and Heidi Wilson on 22.

Best team score for the week went to Balls Deep on 94 points, followed by Tee Em Up on 91, Par-tee Putters on 85 and Catch 23 on 82. Well done to everyone who played.

Lucky ball winners this week Lee Rose and Toni Burton.

Don't forget that you should be a member of the Guyra and Bowling Recreation Club to play in this competition.

Middy

Vets Golf

Last week we played a foursome's event with 18 players enjoying the beautiful weather and a golf course in great condition.

Tex Varley and Roger Grills proved to be a lethal combination to come in the winners followed close behind and runners up, Ray Sweeney and Neil Paine. NTP winners went to Tex on the 7th, Neil on the 10th with Paul Redden getting the 18th.

The golf was followed with a BBQ lunch enjoyed by all. Col Walls and myself went to the Walcha open on the Friday but unfortunately, no cigar. The vets next game will be on Tuesday the 14th and that will be a stableford event. Next Tuesday of

course is Melbourne cup, this is usually an Ambrose event and with Wal and I both unavailable Jacko has indicated that the club may still run it. If you want a game I'm sure it can be organised.

Drake

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Competitive field for Men's Golf Open

The Men's Golf hosted the Guyra Open on Sunday. The field wasn't as big as hoped with a lot of visitors competing in the Walcha Open which was scheduled on the same day.

Regardless the field was very competitive on a brilliant sunny Sunday with every player being very impressed with the challenging course and the great work being done by Shane and all of his helpers. With a few of the major contenders unavailable it was the chance for some new names to be part of the winners

circle and this was reflected in the closeness of the scores.

Winners for the day were A Grade Gross winner Steve Kliendienst with 80 closely followed Runner Up Ian Taylor on 81. B Grade Gross winner was Peter Jackson with 82 followed by Bruce Coppock on 85. C Grade Gross winner was Pat Grills on 92 with Runner up Warren McCowen on 101.

The Nett Winners and Runners up were as follows: A Grade Darrin Towells with Morgan Reece (one of our

visitors) finishing second. B Grade was Neil Payne followed by another visitor Troy Dawson finishing second. C Grade winner was Roger Grills who did well to finish the day after being struck by a ball on the course.

Nearest the pins were Ian Taylor on the 7th and Steve Kliendienst on the 18th with the longest drive going to young gun Morgan Reece with a huge drive.

The Golfers would love to thank Major Sponsors Elders of Guyra for their continued support. Elders have been a part of the

Guyra Open for some time now and we hope their support can continue for years to come. We would like to thank the players that travelled from elsewhere to be part of our Open and congratulate all the winners for the day.

Next Sunday is one of our most supported two person Ambrose days with the Brian Lennon Memorial. This day is always huge so we invite everyone to come along and have a great day with the Lennon Family.

Happy Golfing

S.K.



Clockwise from above:
(Presented by Darrin Towells)

- Steve Kliendienst A Grade Winner
- Peter Jackson B Grade Gross Winner
- Pat Grills C grade Gross winner
- Ian Taylor A Grade runner up
- Neil Payne B Grade runner up
- Warren McCowen C Grade r/up
- Roger Grills C Grade net winner

New committee needed to ensure rugby league returns in 2024

After a poor turn-out for Sunday's annual general meeting, Guyra Rugby League will hold a barbecue and a second attempt at forming a committee this Sunday at 2pm.

The meeting at the sports complex will be the last chance to get the club off the ground for 2024, otherwise there will be no senior league in Guyra again.

The club will put on a barbecue and drinks for those in attendance and then hold the meeting in order to appoint a president, secretary, treasurer, vice-presidents and committee members to run the club going forward.

After a hugely successful year both on and off the field, it is vital that the good work done this year

is not undone.

"Technically we had enough in attendance to run the AGM last Sunday, but we wanted more people to be involved so we're going to ask for all interested people to show up this Sunday," current president Grant Robertson said.

"The club is in good shape financially and we have had a lot

of interest in the coaching jobs, but we need a committee first.

"No committee means no footy."

Anyone who would like to be involved should attend the ground on Sunday or contact the club via email guyrarugbyleague@gmail.com or on Facebook.