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Samoan's sing for Christmas

A group of Costa's Samoan employees recently performed at the Armidale Town Hall for the Multicultural Christian Christmas Concert.

The concert was for all diverse groups and people of all faiths and demographics in our multicultural-multinational community.

The ladies provided a traditional dish to share of Kasava and Taro with coconut cream and eggfuiogg. The team had a fantastic time and their performance was enjoyed by many.

The women are working at the Costa Tomato glasshouses through the Federal Government's Pacific Australia Labour Mobility scheme.



Join the fun at the Christmas Carnival

'Tis the season to be jolly, and what better way to spread the holiday cheer than the much-anticipated Guyra Christmas Carnival 2023!

The carnival takes place this Friday December 1st and there will be a full program of entertainment.

As the community comes together to celebrate the joy of the festive season on Friday, this

year's carnival promises to be a dazzling extravaganza with over 40 vendors set to line Bradley Street.

Families can look forward to an array of exciting activities that caters to all ages, including special guests, Santa and his reindeers, Thomas and Friends electric train rides, Fairy Simone, face painting, market stalls and food vendors, and much more.

Program of events:

- 4pm - Start
- 5.45pm - Arrival of Santa and his reindeers
- 7pm - Lighting of Christmas tree

Entertainment:

- 4.30pm - Guyra Central School Dance performance
- 4.45pm - Arlo's Treasure Show with Anthony Zarb
- 6.10pm - Samoan Dance

Performance – FIP Group
6.30pm - Fijian dance, Samoan dance, and Fijian and Samoan Christmas song

7pm-8pm- Christmas mix
So mark your calendars for this Friday, December 1st and join in the festivities at the Guyra Christmas Carnival from 4pm to 8pm.

Let's celebrate the magic of the season and create cherished memories for our community.

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St Marys performing arts night



On Thursday November 23rd, St Mary of the Angels students held their Creative Arts Night. They performed exceptionally well, demonstrating their talents and putting on a show that filled the room with joy and excitement.

Their enthusiasm was contagious, and it was a pleasure to see them enjoying every moment on stage. A big thank you to Guyra Central School for the use of

their school Gymnasium in the lead up to and on the night. Thank you once again to our parents and school community for being a part of this memorable evening. We hope you had as much fun

as we did, and we look forward to more opportunities to come together and celebrate the wonderful talents of our students.

**Zoe Nugent
Principal**



Scout Hall to get new lease on life

The Rotary Club of Guyra was last week handed the keys to the former Guyra Scout Hall.

Rotary has taken on the role of Crown Land Manager for the hall which has fallen into disrepair over recent years.

It is a first for the club, as no other Rotary clubs in NSW have been granted Crown Land Manager status to date.

Rotary President David Kanaley said that this is a long term project and that the hall needs considerable repair before it can be made fit for purpose as a community facility.

Works needed include replacing stumps, repairing openings in the eaves and roof, fixing drainage, replacing or fixing old windows, updating the toilets and kitchen, repainting inside and out, installing a disability access ramp and handrails and fixing other building issues.

The Rotary Club of Guyra had applied for a Crown Reserves Improvement Fund grant of \$145,000, but additional funding



Above | to r: Rodney O'Brien (Crown Lands), handing over keys to Rotary President David Kanaley, Angie Wetzler (Crown Lands), Wendy Mulligan and Hans Hletbrink

will be necessary. The project will only proceed if grant funding becomes available.

The Hall in its current state is unused and unusable. This project will restore the Hall and bring it up to current community use and occupation standards.

Rotary plans to use the hall for

its meetings and for storing and sorting books for the Book Fair. In addition, it would be available for use by community groups or organisations for their meetings, or as an educational facility.

For those interested in the Hall's history, the old Scout Hall comprises two buildings which

were former schools in remote areas of the Guyra District: Everett School, built c.1941 and Moggs Swamp School, built c.1943. They were moved to the current site in the 1970s by the Guyra Scouts.

TroutFest praised in Parliament

The committee behind the Guyra TroutFest are over the moon following a Community Recognition Statement which was delivered in the Legislative Assembly by Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall.

The statement recognised the work of the TroutFest committee and volunteers for staging an outstanding weekend of activities.

The event, which was held over the October long weekend, celebrated the commencement of the trout season, along with all that is on offer in the Guyra district for locals and visitors alike.

Mr Marshall read out the statement, which 'congratulated the committee for coordinating the many events' and 'commended all those involved in the successful weekend – events such as this in regional towns cannot function without the ongoing support and commitment their volunteers give.'

Committee President Dot Vickery said this acknowledgement was a great surprise and a boost to moral for all involved.



TroutFest president Dot Vickery holding the Community Recognition statement with committee members (standing | to r) Sarah Hunt, Brian MacDonald, Robin Godlonton, James Warren and Michelle Murray

"It is good recognition for a small town such as Guyra to be brought up in parliament, particularly as there were only a small

number of people behind this event," she said.

"At the time we were disappointed to not have support from

council and hearing these words have given us a boost as we begin planning for next year.

"Our aim was to support businesses in town and I think we pulled that off.

"The business community, really got behind the event, despite a couple of last minute cancellations.

"We have learned a few things and next year's TroutFest will be bigger and better."

In the lead up to next year's event, the committee are hoping to re-engage with the Anglers Club and Tomato Farm to ensure a full program of events can proceed, and are also hoping to get more support from Armidale Regional Council.

The committee are on the lookout for more people to support them and help organise TroutFest in 2024.

If this is what a small committee can do, imagine what they could do if more people get involved.

If you want to become involved contact any of the committee members.

What's HOT

Bradley St. will be closed from 2pm Friday between Moore and Mackenzie Sts in preparation for Christmas Carnival

Overwhelming generosity of individuals and businesses across the area

What's NOT

Judgementalness of tiny minority who really should know better

XXXX wrappings littering roadsides

QUOTE of the week

"My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?"

Bob Hope

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
21	Tues	10.4	20.5	8.4
22	Wed	13.5	19.5	14.0
23	Thurs	13.0	20.0	12.4
24	Fri	12.3	19.5	2.2
25	Sat	10.8	15.0	1.6
26	Sun	8.8	21.9	11.2
27	Mon	11.3	23.9	0

Rain this week	49.8mm
November rainfall	120.8mm
Rainfall YTD	713.0mm
Rainfall last YTD	1036.0mm
Ave. rain to Nov.	795.2mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Lions Youth of the Year Quest



Above l to r: Rita Williams, Bob Furze, Brooke Grills, Jada Alefosio, Trisha Varley and Oliver Flynn

On Wednesday November 15th the Guyra Lions Club held the annual Youth of the Year competition. The competition comprises two parts – an interview and a public speaking section.

Four contestants competed including Oliver Flynn, Trisha Varley, Brooke Grills and Jada Alefosio with all contestants being from Guyra Central School. The contestants were interviewed

by a panel of three judges who asked questions about their school and personal interests and activities as well as testing each one's general knowledge.

The second part of the competition involves public speaking, with the judges rating them on their responses to two impromptu questions which each contestant spoke about for up to two minutes. After this they were each

asked to give a prepared speech for up to five minutes.

The winner of the public speaking section was Brooke Grills and the overall winner was Trisha Varley, who will go on to the regional competition to be held in Guyra in February next year.

*Youth of the Year
Chairman Bob Furze.*

90th birthday celebrations

Don Williams marked his 90th birthday on the weekend with a family celebration at Rafters. To top it off Don got to relive his youth by getting a flight in a T9 Texan thanks to Lochie Onslow and Fleet Warbirds. Nothing like looping the loop when you are 90!

Don's family would like to thank Rafters and Lochie for all they did to make it a special time for Don.



Farmers forum unpacks windfarm issues

The growing interest in wind turbines in New England, and the release of draft planning guidelines by the NSW Department of Planning, saw around one hundred people attend a forum in Guyra last week.

The Guyra branch of the NSW Farmers forum with the theme 'Thinking of Wind Turbines', featured a range of speakers with specialist knowledge and real life experiences to help unpack what can be a divisive topic.

The forum was held just a week after new draft wind energy guidelines were released by the Minns government to provide the community, industry and regulators with the "key planning considerations" for wind farms including visual, noise and biodiversity impacts.

Guyra Branch President Beth White said they were really pleased with the turnout and she was especially pleased that the speakers touched on issues that people might not have thought of.

"I think the forum was valuable and it served to make people more aware of landholder rights when it comes to wind farms that are being built in their neighbourhoods and communities," she said.

"It was all about empowering people to know what their rights are, to seek information and think about the long term implications before signing."

Among the speakers was Angus Witherby who is a planner with extensive experience in regulatory requirements, compulsory acquisition and renewables.

Mr Witherby presented a series of check lists for people to consider if they are planning to host turbines, if they were considering signing a neighbour agreement or were otherwise impacted.

He told those present that there is no doubt you need a specialist lawyer to draft up any agreement, and to anticipate what may happen into the future.

Some of the things to

consider are rates, public indemnity insurance, land use options, remediation clauses, income sharing arrangements and legal expenses.

The second speaker for the night was George Papadopoulos who was able to give a lived experience with the turbines.

Mr Papadopoulos expressed some concerns that the new guidelines were not properly considering some of the very low frequency noise that emanates from the turbines.

He personally suffered some health issues and has further investigated and reported on a swathe of Australian Wind projects and their side effects.

Cameron Way looked at the investment in renewables from a risk point of view. While there is certainly a financial upside to hosting - that must be balanced with a considered exploration of the whole range of costs.

Cameron also floated some interesting alternative renewable strategies, site suggestions and he exposed changes to turbine technology

not covered in selection of Renewable Energy Zones.

Matt Riley from NSW Planning unpacked the planning departments Draft Wind Guidelines for these developments.

Obviously while there is considerable polarisation in community views on Turbines, there are also a plethora of third party impacts for which the planners have to account, through these Renewable Guidelines.

All speakers saw merit in Wind Energy but the disagreement comes, as to the appropriate accountability, responsibility and placement for these turbines and the subsequent requirement for Transmission and storage.

NSW Farmers are encouraging people to have their say in responding to the draft guidelines.

The Department of Planning will be in Armidale on Friday at Ex Services to explain new guidelines.

Get your nominations in before it is too late

Guyra's Australia Day committee are still looking for unsung heroes of the local community to be nominated for Australia Day awards.

Nomination forms have been available for a few weeks, however applications have been slow to come in so far.

Time is running out to ensure that members of the Guyra community who have made significant contributions or have achieved at a high level are recognised.

Former Citizen of the Year Rita Williams is encouraging more people and groups to get their nominations in as soon as possible.

"We need people to put pen to paper now and fill in the nomination forms either in person or online," Rita said.

"These awards recognise



Last year's Australia Day nominees - nominations close December 6th for the awards which will be handed out in Guyra on January 26th, 2024

those in our community who work to make our town a better place.

"We want to see as many names put forward as possible

so that these achievements can be openly acknowledged."

Forms are still available at the GALA Centre in Guyra

You can also arrange to get a

copy by phoning 6779 2132 or by email dorothy@gala.org.au

Nominations close on December 6th.

Community Noticeboard

Meals on Wheels

Nov 30 Sue Adams
 Dec 1 L & R Skinner
 Dec. 4 Judy Broad
 Dec. 5 Stuart Broad
 Dec. 6 Wendy Lockyer

Street Stalls

No.v. 30 Catholic Women
 Dec. 1, 2 Guyra Lodge
 Dec 7,8,9 Lions Club

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

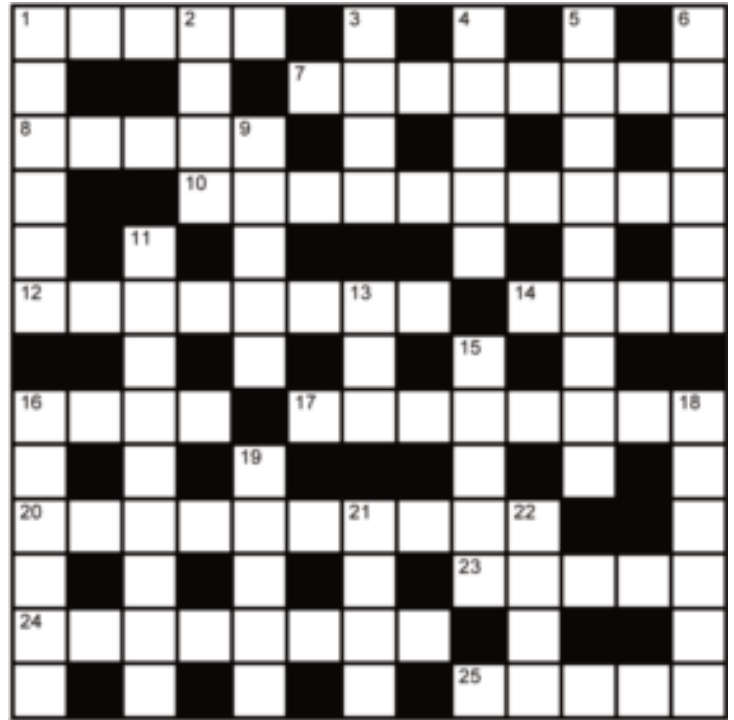
ACROSS

- Eye-cover (5)
- Intricate ornamentation (8)
- Desire eagerly (5)
- Sweet-smelling plant (10)
- Crucial (8)
- Cluster (4)
- Boat (4)
- Revenge attack (8)
- Resolute (10)
- Taunt (5)
- Long hallway (8)
- Go around (5)

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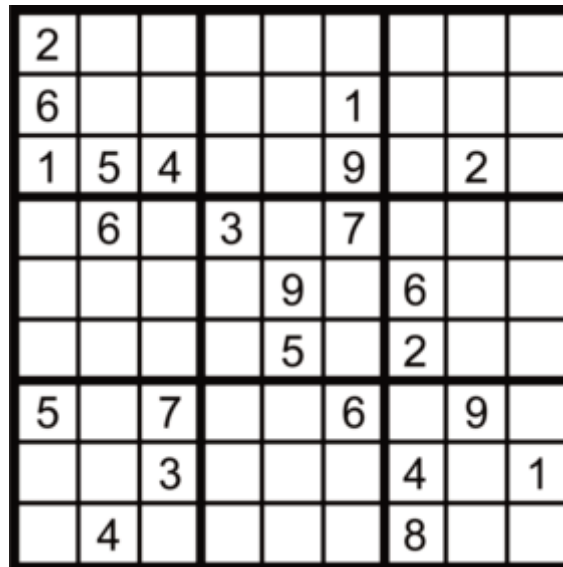
- Outdoor meal (6)
- Ship's company (4)
- Actress ____ St. John (4)
- Fat schoolboy, ____ Bunter (5)
- Ship's lookout point (4'1,4)
- Clandestine (6)
- Hoofed pig-like mammal (5)

QUICK CROSSWORD

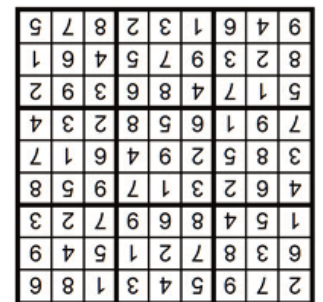


- Mourn (6)
- Coach (5)
- Common metal (4)
- Secretaire (4)
- Scaled-down model (9)
- Epoch (3)
- Condiments set (5)
- Lead astray (6)

SUDOKU - Medium



Across: 1. Patch, 7. Filligree, 8. Cove, 10. Wallflower, 12. Critical, 14. Knot, 16. Ship, 17. Reprisal, 20. Determined, 23. Tease, 24. Corridor, 25. Skirt
Down: 1. Picnic, 2. Crew, 3. Crew, 4. Billy, 5. Crow's-nest, 6. Secret, 9. Tapir, 11. Seduce, 18. Lament, 19. Train, 21. 21. Iron, 22. Desk



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Guyra Christmas Carnival

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Bradley St, Guyra
Friday 1 December
4pm to 8pm



Rotary Club
of Guyra


Regional Council

Rotary is thrilled to announce the return of the Guyra Christmas Carnival 2023! Get ready for a festive extravaganza that will transform the heart of Guyra into a magical wonderland for residents and visitors to enjoy.

This year, Rotary is teaming up with Armidale Regional Council to make this year's Christmas Carnival one to remember.

- Santa's Workshop
- Live Entertainment
- Christmas Carols
- Food Trucks
- Market Stalls

Service NSW is coming
to our community



Thursday, 21 December: 9am - 12pm

Current Vacancies

**Airport Reporting
Officer Lead** - Closes 29
November

**Operations Engineer
- Water/Waste Water** -
Closes 3 December

Volunteer today!

Guyra Home Support Services are currently looking for volunteers. They are looking for people who are interested in delivering meals, driving their community car/bus, or assisting with activities and excursions for the elderly members of Guyra.

Interested?

Call Toni or Bec on 02 6770 7127



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COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Ordinary Meeting will be held in Armidale from 4pm Wednesday 13 December 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.



1300 136 833

29 November 2023

www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au


Regional Council

Have Your Say

Bill to return autonomy

For anyone who may have missed it, in State Parliament this week Dr Amanda Cohn (MP) presented a Bill to return autonomy to NSW Shire Councils that have been disaffected by the disastrous amalgamation process.

This was supposed to bring efficiency to Local Government areas through economy of scale. Instead, all we have achieved is massive rate increases, loss of plant and equipment along with considerable amount of infrastructure being sold off and a loss of business within the town.

We have gone from a viable town and community to being spoken of as that village north of Armidale. Fortunately, our community spirit remains and

Have your say

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they will never take that away from us. Try as they might.

It is hoped that this Bill will get through Parliament and we will get the chance to vote on it in a plebiscite in the not too distant future.

The amalgamation, which was forced on us against all local advice, has been possibly, the most disastrous piece of Legislation ever to go through Parliament.

It has been divisive, a waste of \$millions of dollars and has

created situations that we probably will never recover from.

Ray Mulligan

Who decides?

Politicians should not decide wind turbine future.

Bureaucrats should not advise governments on major social and community restructuring.

They are not trained to professional knowledge in other industries.

Governments should not trust or have confidence in the business of product developments such as turbines, who could disregard risks and responsibilities in order to gain large risky profits.

Politicians are not qualified to make decisions, they are there to implement best thought ideas into future acceptance.

Brian Milton

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Rural Market Reports

Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

November 22nd - Total yarding 3186. Top price \$147 Average per head \$59.12

Lamb numbers increased slightly with sheep supply steady. The quality of the lamb offering was very mixed and included large numbers of merino lambs showing varying weights and condition.. there were very few good quality new season lambs penned. There was increased processor competition with the return of one absentee from the previous sale. A varying market trend through the lambs with the Crossbred lambs to process selling to dearer trends with odd classes showing strong gains. The plainer quality lambs struggled to maintain recent levels. The merino lambs averaged down with a greater supply. Well finished sheep and Merino's carrying longer skins were keenly sought by processors. Once again dearer trends resulted

with some strong gains in places. Next Sale December 6th

Armidale Cattle Sale

November 23rd - The numbers remained low this fortnight with good rainfalls across the district slowing supply. The majority of the offering with quality and condition fair to very good with the prices on the increase.

A total of 334 head yarded, Averaging \$942.42 per head and 246.5 c/kg.

The numbers remained steady with good rainfalls across the district slowing supply. Young cattle and cows made up the majority of the offering with quality and condition fair to very good. There was reduced processor attendance while restocker activity was high. High demand from those restocker orders resulted in dearer threads through all classes of yearlings. Light weight steers sold to a significantly dearer trends breaking the \$4per kilogram barrier for the first time in a long

while. The medium and heavy weight steers also posted strong gains however not as much as the light weights. Yearlings heifers also sold to much dearer trends under strong demand with price gains not as great as those of the steers. No heavy grown steers to quote. Grown heifers to process sold to dearer trends with the reduced processor attendance having little effect. A very strong cow market saw the well finished heavy weights sell to a dearer trend of 20c to 30c/kg. Heavy bulls to meat works sold to a cheaper trend under reduced competition.

Next sale Thursday 7th December 2023.

Weekly Wool Market

November 24th - The market has produced solid gains for the second consecutive week. Prices have risen close to the top of those received for the season to date, with only the sales either side of the mid-year recess eclipsing this week's closing

level.

The Merino sector (except for cardings) was once again the driving force and the main target for buyers. The Northern region indicator gained 19 cents on Tuesday and a further 5 cents on Wednesday. 35-55 cent gains were made across the Merino fleece sector.

39,674 bales were sold nationally for the week and with the market improving the passed in rate fell to 4.6%. Major buyers included Techwool, PJ Morris and Endeavour Wool. The Aussie dollar closed the sale week at it highest level since the first sale back from the mid-year recess.

When looked at in US dollar terms the Eastern market indicator has risen 5% over the past three weeks. Any further upward movement would likely suggest a breakout of the holding pattern that the market has been in. Forward market prices have lifted on the limited volume traded but are not prepared to run ahead of this week's auction prices.

Black Mountain Public School – Swim School Week

Last week was an important week for our students as they participated in the School Swimming and Water Safety Program. Students developed their swimming skills and water safety knowledge with Mrs Lorraine Brazier and teacher supervisors. While the weather proved to be challenging, all students enjoyed learning new skills.

*Mrs Justine Eddy
Relieving Principal*



Wildlife Tails



A FALCON, TOWERING IN HER PRIDE OF PLACE....WAS HAWKED AT AND KILLED ...BY A MOUSING OWL!

These words from Hamlet, point to the high esteem that Peregrine falcons have had in the minds of people for many centuries. A week or so ago, I was contacted by a wildlife carer in Inverell who had one in his care and that it needed more experienced help than he could offer. I drove over that afternoon and brought the beautiful, adult female Peregrine home.

Unfortunately the vet who had initially treated her, had not x-rayed the bird and so I booked her for an x-ray for the next day. It has to be noted that Worldwide, all species of raptor, have a 65-70 % death rate in their first year of life. In this case, an adult female is an important subject for special care as she had overcome that first year of danger, been a successful hunter and may even have had numerous nests herself.

My first job, given that it is nesting season, was to see if she had the signs of having recently laid eggs. Had she left a nest of young ones? The brood patch of a bird, on the chest above the legs, becomes in-



Peregrine Falcon

flamed and the feathers at that spot are often ruffled, soiled or abraded due to sitting on eggs. She showed no sign of this activity. This also told me that she may have been unwell for a time before being found on the road but her condition was generally good, with no signs of a vehicle impact.

She ate well, was active and alert while she was in my care.

The x-ray results however, held bad news. I sent the x-ray to several experienced vets, including some overseas. The general opinion was that the left shoulder joint was degraded, most probably due to cancer in the bones at that point. There were signs of lesions already in the lungs. This would explain how she had managed to feed herself prior to her discovery, perhaps with diminishing success while hunting, until a sudden collapse of the bone occurred, which had brought her to the ground.

The prognosis was for 2-3 weeks survival period but with a very painful death. I had no choice but to have her euthanized.

This side of wildlife care is the hardest to deal with. To make a choice to end a life, for the long term benefit of an animal and to hold them while they slip away, is not easy.

The Hamlet quote, I thought, was apt due to the fact that this bird, the most efficient of predators, was eventually brought down by the chance development of a single malignant cell.

Life is precious and I think it behoves us all to celebrate and enjoy our lives as best we can.



Classifieds Trades & Services

CAN ASSIST RAFFLES

CAN ASSIST raffles at the Royal Hotel This Friday night, 1st December from 7.30pm

- 10 meat trays • 5 hams

After the meat raffles, we will draw our major raffle.



PROBUS NOTES

Our Christmas dinner will be held on our normal meeting day, Monday, 11th December at 11.30am for 12.00noon start. Cost is \$30.00.

Please get your names in to Judy Jackson, phone 02 6779 1409 before 1st December.

We have been invited to Glen Innes Probus dinner on Thursday, 14th December at the Glen Innes Service Club at 6.00pm. Cost is \$35.00.

Anyone wishing to go please ring Judy before 4th December.

Judy Jackson

MEETING NOTICES

GUYRA SHOW SOCIETY meeting today, Wednesday 29th November, 7pm at the Secretary's office, Guyra Show-ground. New Members welcome.

HISTORICAL MUSEUM

GUYRA HISTORICAL MUSEUM is open by appointment. Enquiries to 6779 2132 during business hours.

COURSES

Tech Savvy Seniors Program & Certificate courses

Enrolments now open for:

- Certificate I in General Education for Adults
- Certificate II in Workplace Skills
- Certificate III in Business

First Aid

Monday 11th December

Bookings essential at New England Community College

(RTO#90145)

136 Bradley Street, Guyra

Phone: 6779 2132
or enrol online:
www.gala.org.au

RETURN THANKS

TIMOTHY JAMES STEVENS
17th November 2023

Julie and Family would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and messages.

Thanks also to Dr. Jey, our Ambulance officers, Police and to all who attended the funeral.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.

FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry at The Chapel
66 Llangothlin Street, Guyra
OPEN on FRIDAY 9am-12pm
Contact: 0455 232 073

TRAIN DRIVERS WANTED

Would you like to drive a train?

Our Guyra Heritage Train needs more drivers. No licence required.

Full training provided.

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available for hire

- Zoom meetings can be arranged

Contact:

The GALA Centre
136 Bradley Street, Guyra
Ph: 6779 2132
E: admin@gala.org.au

CLAIM THE DATE

FRIDAY, 1st DECEMBER:

GUYRA CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL from 4pm in Bradley Street. Market stalls, fun and presents for the kids, music, BBQ, entertainment, Santa will be here, Christmas tree lighting.

TUESDAY, 12th DECEMBER:

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

CLAIM THE DATE

For your event

or function

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Men's Bowls

Guyra Bowling Club will be hosting a week of bowls this week starting on Tuesday with the Women's Triples on Wednesday. The mixed Triples will be played on Thursday, and Friday will be the blue ribbon event with a full field contesting the Schweppes pairs.

On the weekend the Triples carnival will be played with another full field. A Calcutta will be held on Friday night for the triples, so if you want to see some good bowls, win some cash and generally be entertained, the club is the place to go.

Results for last week are:

In major/minor pairs Dan Kennedy and Graham Starr defeated Tim Ellis and Mathew Simpson 33-16. In major singles Robert Moore defeated Anthony Bull 31-23. In the final of the minor singles Robert Walls proved too strong for John Jackson 31-30.

Jack

Rugby League

There are two events occurring in Guyra rugby league this Friday.

Firstly, coaching applications for 2024 close for all three grades with the club planning on making appointments at next Wednesday night's committee meeting.

For the club to run A grade, women's leaguetag and under 18s next year, all three teams will need coaches.

Applicants need to provide a written expression of interest that includes their experience in rugby league.

These can be emailed to guyrarugbyleague@gmail.com or given to a member of the committee.

The Super Spuds will also be represented at the Christmas Carnival on Friday evening with a limited amount of club merchandise available for purchase.

This includes match-worn jerseys, supporter jerseys, polo shirts, socks and other souvenir items.

The stall will be open during the carnival from 4pm and is cash only.

Super Spud

Vets Golf

Golf last Tuesday was a stableford event plus a putting competition. Jon Cumming was the best on the day getting the win with 32 points. Neil Paine came in second with 30 points on a count back to Ian Taylor. Ian was the best putter and the NTPs went to Jon Cumming on the 7th and Chris Newberry on the 18th.

Also last week on Friday a good number of Vets, both men and ladies, travelled to Uralla for their open day. I haven't been handed any info on this but a few snippets I've been able to pick up is that Paul Redden scored a very good 37 points and was in the winners list. Kerry Bull won the ladies trophy and Ian Taylor got a NTP. Sorry if I missed anything else.

Golf next week is a stroke event.

Drake.

Sunday Golf

On Sunday, a competitive field played in a mixed event with Mick Jackson continuing his purple patch to combine with Wendy Jackson and take out the day, with Ian and Leonne Taylor finishing second.

This weekend is the N.E.D.G.A pennants being played in Guyra with the home team nominating some strong teams in Scratch and Nett and will be trying their hardest to bring home a Pennant or two for the day.

All players should enter their preferred time on the time sheet which will be displayed at the Bowling Club. Good luck to all players.

Happy Golfing

S.K.

Ladies' Golf

Last week the Ladies golf was not played due to the beautiful rain. This week is the final of the Par medal. Next week is a Bisque Par with Nancy Prisk as the sponsor and starter.

Birdie

Midweek Golf

Over half of the players dodged the rain this week and put in a scorecard. We have counted everyone's score who played

Highest individual score once again goes to Noah Brennan with 27 points. Well done. Next was Peter Jackson with 25 and Scott Youman, Matt McFarlane and Billy Youman came in with 24 points.

Highest team score goes to Tee Em Up with 87 points, followed by Baldersleigh Bashers on 81 then Sultans of Swing on 77 points.

Reminder to the junior boys to hit off the men's yellow markers.

Also, preferred lies on the fairway and with the soft ground, repair your divots.

Middy

Pool Competition

In this week's results the Roosters were too good for the tigers while a young Knights

team defeated the Bulldogs, Queenslanders snuck home over the Eels while Sharks were too strong for the Dragons and the Raiders dominated the Sea Eagles.

This week's games are

Wednesday 6pm

Queenslanders v Manly

Thursday 6pm -

Knights v Eels

Saturday 5pm

Tigers v Bulldogs

Sunday 2pm

Sharks v Roosters

Sunday 4pm

Raiders v Dragons

Points Table is:

Raiders	6	+31
Roosters	6	+20
Qld's	6	+16
Sharks	3	+9
Tigers	3	-5
Knights	3	-6
Manly	3	-10
Bulldogs	0	-12
Dragons	0	-20
Eels	0	-23



Australia Day Awards



Nominations are now open and CLOSE on Wednesday, 6th December

- Forms are available at the GALA Centre, 136 Bradley Street, Guyra
or by emailing: dorothy@gala.org.au
- Enquiries should be directed to Rita Williams 6779 1182 or Dorothy Lockyer on 6779 2132.
- Completed forms can be posted to: PO Box 170, Guyra, or emailed to: dorothy@gala.org.au or delivered in person to GALA.
 - Please mark completed forms: "ATTENTION: Australia Day Nomination".

Award Categories are:

- Guyra Citizen of the Year (over 25 years)
- Guyra Young Citizen of the Year
- Guyra Community Service Award
- Guyra Sportsman of the Year
- Guyra Sports Team of the Year
- Guyra Contribution to Sport & Recreation
- Guyra Art, Drama, or Music Award
- Guyra Environmental Citizen of the Year
- Guyra Community Group/Event of the Year



Golfers gather to honour an absolute champion

At Guyra Golf Course on Sunday November 26th, a crowd of golfers gathered to witness the unveiling of a Memorial Plaque in the garden behind the 3rd Green.

The plaque was funded by the Guyra Lady Golfers to commemorate the outstanding achievement of Marie Beesley, who was the Ladies' Club Champion 22 times; with her first win being in 1956.

It was Marie Beesley who donated the plants for the garden behind the 3rd green, in 2004. We thought that was a fitting spot to install the Memorial. Bruce Beesley, his wife Jan and son Rob were present to unveil the plaque.

Bruce Beesley also presented

the ladies' current club champion, Kerry Bull, with the new Marie Beesley Memorial Championship Trophy.

This trophy came about as the ladies' Honour Boards, held at the club, were no longer kept updated and had been removed.

Both the Memorial Plaque and the new trophy are testament to Marie; an absolute Champion and a wonderful supporter of Guyra golf over the years and a golfing friend to so many.

My thanks to the Guyra ladies who were involved in the work to install the rock and plaque, and also to everyone who turned up on the day to witness the event.

Vicki Reeves

Above:

The Beesley family joined members of the Guyra Lady Golfers to unveil a plaque in of of Marie Beesley who was Club Champion 22 times with her first win being in 1956



Bruce Beesley presenting the ladies' current club champion, Kerry Bull, with the new Marie Beesley Memorial Championship Trophy. (Memorial plaque in background)