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Margaret Grills named top citizen

Outstanding community service was recognised at the 2024 Australia Day Awards dinner held in Guyra on January 25th.

Margaret Grills was announced as Guyra's Citizen of the Year for 2024, ahead of a strong field of five other nominees.

Margaret's received her award for her volunteer work at the Guyra MPS over the last 11 years. She has a history of going above and beyond in services to individuals and community.

Many successful activities conducted through diversional therapy are thanks to her efforts and support. Margaret has a great relationship with the residents and staff and is loved and respected by all.

Other nominees in this category were David Kanaley, Robin Godlonton, Sharon Bowles and two joint nominations, Barbara & John Ross and Wendy Mulligan, David Kanaley & Sharon Bowles.

Armidale Regional Council Mayor Sam Coupland was joined by this year's Australia Day Ambassador, Michael Crossland, Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall, and ARC General



Citizen of the Year nominees (l to r) Robyn Godlonton, John & Barbara Ross, Margaret Grills (winner), Wendy Mulligan, Sharon Bowles, David Kanaley and Australian Day Ambassador Michael Crossland.

Manager James Roncon to present the awards.

Other award winners:

Young Citizen of the Year:
Brianna Marshall – Brianna was nominated by St Mary of the Angels Primary School. They described her

as an extraordinary student who puts her heart into achieving academically but places a strong emphasis on supporting others within the school community. She received many outstanding accomplishments in 2023, ranging

from top performer in the Australian mathematics competition, numerous other academic achievements, to swimming awards and representing the school in a leadership role.

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Guyra Show - Friday 16th & Saturday 17th February

Exhibitors please note Changes to Entry and Judging Times



Section 6 - Wool:

Fleeces must be delivered to the Pavilion on Wednesday, 14th February no later than 3.00pm.

Section 7 - Potatoes, Fruit & Vegetables:

Judging time is 9am on Friday.

Section 8 - Horticulture:

Judging time is 10am on Friday.

Section 9 - Jams & Preserves:

Judging time is 9am on Friday.

Section 10 - Cooking:

Judging time is 9am on Friday.

Section 11 - Needlework:

Judging time is 10am Thursday, 15th February.

Entries received in the Pavilion from 8am to 10am on Thursday. No late entries will be accepted.

Section 12 - Fine Arts:

Judging time is 10am on Friday.

Section 13 - Small Photography:

Entries must be received by 4.30pm on Wednesday, 7th February. Entries may be left at The GALA Centre, 136 Bradley Street or posted to Guyra Show Society, PO Box 37, Guyra. All entries must be mounted on cardboard with a 1cm border with exhibitor's name on the back of the photo and the mount.

Section 14 - Crafts:

Entries to be received by 9am, Thursday, 15th February. Judging time is 11am on Thursday.

Section 15 - School Arts & Craft:

Entries must be delivered between 1.30pm and 5.30pm on Tuesday, 13th February. No late entries will be taken.

Judging will be on Wednesday, 14th February.

Section 16 - Lego & Models:

Entries from 1.30pm-5pm Tuesday, 13th and 8am-10am Wednesday 14th. Judging time is 11am on Wednesday, 14th February.

Section 17 - Caged Birds:

Entries to be made by Wednesday, 14th February to Matt McKenzie on 0457 527 591.

Section 19 - Farm Waste to Art:

Entries must be submitted to the Guyra Showground by 5pm Thursday, 15th February.

Section 20 - Tony Williams Memorial Tractor Display:

Tractors to be at the Showground by 6pm Thursday, 15th February.





Above left: Junior Citizen of the Year Briana Marshall presented by Michael Crossland
Above right: Sportsperson of the Year: Charlie Ward (winner), Flynn McFarlane and Jeremy Newberry (representing daughter Brooke) presented by Adam Marshall MP
Right: Art and Culture Award Nancy Prisk presented by ARC Mayor Sam Coupland



Above: Community Event of the Year - Memorial Park Opening (l to r) Hans Hietbrink, Wendy Mulligan, Sharon Bowles, ARC General Manager James Roncon, David Kanaley and Robyn Jackson
Right: Contribution to Sport Guyra Bowling Club David Wilcox presented by James Roncon
Below left: Sports team of the Year Guyra Hockey Club (l to r) Matt Jackson, Jodi Ellis, ARC Mayor Sam Coupland & Prue Post
Below right: Community Service Award Guyra Garden Club (l to r) Nancy Prisk, John Ross, Barb Ross, Robyn Jackson and Adam Marshall MP



OAM for Hans Hietbrink

Guyra resident Hans Hietbrink has been presented with a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for his service to the community of the Northern Tablelands region.

Mr Hietbrink served as Mayor of Guyra Shire Council from 2008 to 2016. He has served on a number of committees for Armidale Regional Council since the amalgamation including the Guyra Australia Day Committee, Traffic Advisory Council, Business Advisory Committee, Regional Growth Advisory Committee and Local Representative Advisory Committee.

Mr Hietbrink's history of community service hasn't stopped at council roles. He is a committee member of the Guyra and District Chamber of Commerce, serving as president from 2019 to 2021 and secretary since 2021. He also chaired the Local Area Health Committee from 2008 to 2016.

Since 2006 he has been a member of the Rotary Club of Guyra, serving as president from 2019 to 2021 and secretary since 2021. He was also presented with the Paul Harris Fellow recognition in 2018.

He was chair of the Northern Tablelands Local Land Services from 2014 to 2020 and is a former member of the State Board.

Mr Hietbrink is a former chair of the Border Rivers Gwydir Catchment Management Authority, a current member of the Guyra Neighbourhood Centre and, since



Hans Hietbrink OAM with daughter Marni and wife Chris

2015, president of the Guyra RSL Sub-Branch.

"I feel very honoured and I'm very humbled by it," said Mr Hietbrink. "I believe it is important to put back into a community what you derive from it."

"I've enjoyed living in Guyra and when I was living in Sydney, I enjoyed living there.

"So I'm a great believer in work-

ing for a community for the betterment of a community so that people can enjoy where they live."

"Everything I've done, I've enjoyed, and I've enjoyed seeing the results of the input that I've had.

"I've worked in a number of organisations and associations in the community and most of the work has been behind the scenes, helping them put together strategic plans or

together revised constitutions, so that those associations can improve the way they do business.

"But it's been very rewarding just working with people, because it's not just a one man show, it's working with people to achieve results."

"Guyra and Armidale and any other regional or rural community only survives when volunteers get in and do most of the work," he said.

"You can't rely on government or councils to help build resilience, that's got to come from the grassroots.

"Therefore, I completely encourage anyone to get involved in community organisations and associations and work for the betterment of the volunteers."

Mr Hietbrink has previously been honoured with an Australian Service Medal (1945-1975), a Defence Long Service Medal, Australian Defence Medal and Anniversary of National Service Medal for his time with the Australian Army and Reserves.

He began serving the local community while living in Baulkham Hills; as a Group Scout Leader, a Charter Member for the Rotary Club of Kellyville, and President of the Parents and Friends Association of Our Lady of Lourdes in Baulkham Hills.

Mr Hietbrink encourages people to get involved in community organisations.

Margaret Grills named top citizen (cont)

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Community event of the Year: Memorial Park Opening, jointly organised by the Garden Club, CWA and Rotary.

Noted for its evolution from intent (in 1951) to reality (in 2023), the Remembrance Day opening celebrated the completion of a long term plan. The day included a Remembrance Day service, walk through the avenue of trees, unveiling of the Memorial Stones and opening of the Mandal Garden and Rotunda.

Also nominated in this category was Guyra TroutFest and the Guyra Garden Club.

Art and Culture Award: Nancy Prisk. Nancy has voluntarily conducted and led the Guyra Community Choir for 25 years.

Nancy's dedication and knowledge brings the community together to experience the joys of group harmony singing and performing, whilst also providing an avenue to self-expression and general well-being.

Also nominated in this category was Lynne Chapman for the TroutFest Art Show.

Contribution to Sport and Recreation: Guyra Bowling & Recreation Club - The club hosts sporting and recreational activities and also supports a number of local groups through sponsorship and donations.

Sports team of the Year: Shamrock Hockey Club - The club fields junior and senior teams in the Hockey New England competition. In 2023 they made the

grand final in women's 1st and 2nd grade along with men's A and B grade. The club demonstrates sportsmanship and dedication to supporting junior members to develop the game.

Sportsperson of the Year: Charlie Ward - Charlie has been a member of the Guyra Pony Club for 12 years. In 2023 Charlie was captain of the area 3 Showjumping team at the Sydney Royal and also achieved numerous Showjumping and Pony Club awards. She also participates in Clay Target shooting and was the U18 Ladies National Champion along with National, Northern Zone and NSW State awards.

Also nominated in this category were Flynn McFarlane, Isabella Purvis and Brooke Newberry.

Community Service Award: Guyra Garden Club - They play a significant role in making Guyra a more attractive and interesting town through their work by maintaining McKie Park, and their recent involvement in the Memorial Park and Mandala Garden. They are one of the largest and most active garden clubs in the New England.

Also nominated in this category were Nancy Prisk and John and Barbara Ross.

Environmental Citizen of the Year: Lesley Patterson - Lesley is not only building her personal knowledge in association with the dedication, love and interest in environmental education through the Banbai Rangers, but is willing to share through outreach education.

What's HOT

Lamb & Potato Festival over for another year - well done to all involved

Congrats to all the winners at Aus Day Awards night

Guyra Show - time to start preparing those entries

Back to school - hopefully a great year ahead

What's NOT

Footpaths in town are looking a bit grungy - time for a clean up maybe?

QUOTE of the week

Don't be afraid to start over again. This time you're not starting from scratch. You're starting from experience

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
23	Tues	12.0	21.5	0
24	Wed	11.3	29.0	0
25	Thurs	16.3	30.1	0
26	Fri	14.0	28.7	0
27	Sat	20.6	28.5	0
28	Sun	17.6	26.5	11.8
29	Mon	17.0	23.6	1.2

Rain this week	13.0mm
January rainfall	66.0mm
Rainfall YTD	66.0mm
Rainfall last YTD	89.0mm
Ave. rain to Jan.	118.7 mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Forum to outline current de-merger policy

A Public meeting is planned for February 22nd, starting at 6 pm at the Guyra Bowling Club.

Save & Grow Guyra invite residents, ratepayers of Armidale Regional Council and the general community members to an information and local input forum regarding current State Government policy on demergers.

Labour have adopted a softer approach to the possible de-merger of councils suffering after being (in some cases) forcibly amalgamated under the former coalition governments Fit for the Future process.

There is no doubt that the 2016 so called reform process for

Local Government has been a total and devastating failure for many councils across NSW including the former Guyra Shire Council. The Guyra community could not have been stronger in their resistance to amalgamation back then. We were united as a community and vehemently defended our democratic right to retain our small but largely successful GSC.

We were totally ignored being forced to join a city centric council with nothing in common with our dynamic community, now facing an uncertain future. With the abandonment of Local Government ward system of council elections, we have little

to no chance of being represented due simply to numbers.

It's time again to ramp-up our efforts to convince the "powers that be" that we want a Guyra based council returned. So come to the Guyra Bowling & Recreation Club on February 22nd at 6.00pm. We must remember that a survey conducted by the Guyra Shire Council in 2016 resulted in 94% against a merger. Furthermore in 2019 SAGG conducted a poll in conjunction with the State elections which showed that over 90% of former GSC residents were in favour of a de-merger.

Rob Lenehan
S&GG Chairman

GUYRA SHOW SOCIETY 2024

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Old cars needed to help with training

Guyra VRA Rescue NSW is reaching out to the community to acquire old now no longer used/registered motor vehicle to be used for crew training purposes.

The cars are generally mocked up with entrapped persons inside and the vehicle placed in varied precarious positions to add realism to the training and assessment process.

The vehicle and crews utilise best Road Crash Rescue practices to hone their skills and practice and develop new skills in an ever changing world of evidence based Rescue learning.

We require old preferably damaged vehicles that can at least still be rolled or winched onto a vehicle trailer. We will collect and dispose of what remains of the vehicle once we



Guyra VRA Rescue NSW is on the lookout for vehicles to assist with training

have completed training with it at no cost to the vehicle provider.

If you can assist our organisation to be better prepared, our training unit can be contacted by emailing guyra.training@vrarescue.org

Skywalk opens in Glen Innes

The newest tourist attraction and recreation space in the region was officially opened in Glen Innes last week. The Glen Innes Highlands Skywalk will showcase Celtic and Ngarabul connections and culture.

The \$2 million project is funded by the NSW Government as part of the Public Spaces Legacy Program. It includes the master concept plan to improve utilisation and attraction of the Centennial Parklands with each of the three viewing points having their own stories to tell, sharing voices from local Traditional Custodians, astronomers, geologists and historians.

Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall joined Glen Innes Severn Council Mayor Rob Banham to officially open the new attraction which brings a new level to the world-renowned Australian Standing Stones precinct.

The Centennial Parkland Skywalk can be accessed by car

via Watson's Road, or reached on foot from the Australian Standing Stones array which stand below the lookout.

Minister for Planning and Public Spaces Paul Scully said the NSW Government is committed to providing high quality public open space to further enhance communities like Glen Innes into places people love to live.

"I'm sure the Glen Innes Highlands Skywalk project will be a big drawcard for tourists and the local community alike who will come together to experience this unique attraction," Mr Scully said.

The design, production and delivery of the Glen Innes Highlands Skywalk's Geotourism visitor experience – an all-time first for the region – delivers 22 audio stories and 360-degree drone footage integrated into a hyper-local mapping platform which visitors can access through a QR code.

Tingha Australia Day Awards



Long-serving community volunteers Margaret Parker, Linda Mozzell, Jean Symes and Dawn McKenzie, were named as joint Tingha Citizens of the Year.

Australia Day Ambassador, former local government veteran John Wearne AM, gave a brilliant speech and presentation about the

changing nature of our national day and our country.

One of the highlights of the night was didgeridoo player Dylan Breen's performances, explaining the history and intricacies of the ancient instrument.

Community Noticeboard

Meals on Wheels

Feb 1 H Marchant
 Feb 2 L& R Skinner
 Feb 5 Narelle Leven
 Feb 6 Debbie Schmidt
 Feb 7 Wendy Lockyer

Street Stalls

Feb 2 Guyra CWA
 Feb 15 Hospital Aux.

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

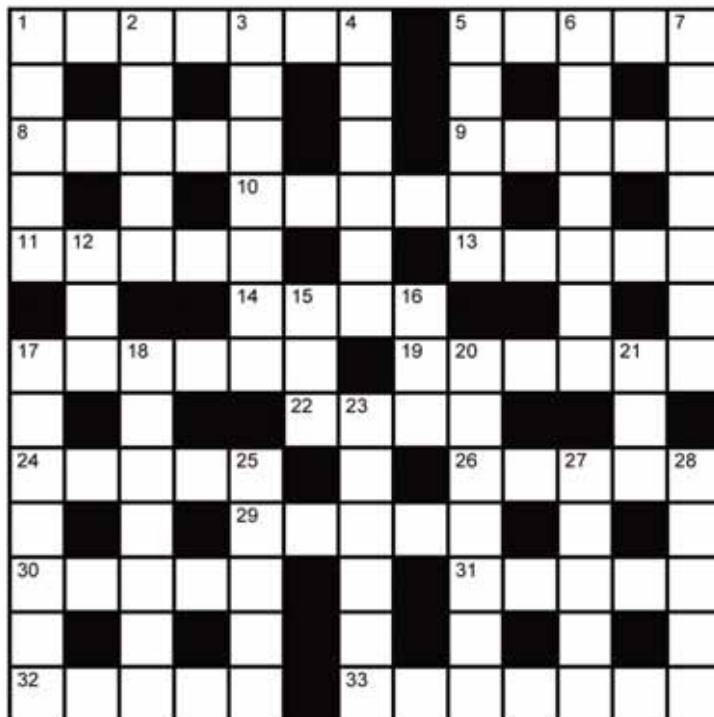
ACROSS

1. Source of snuff (7)
5. Fad (5)
8. Excuse (5)
9. Old-fashioned (5)
10. Scuffle (5)
11. Squeeze (5)
13. Find out (5)
14. Legendary giant (4)
17. Reigning queen (6)
19. Rhododendron-like shrub (6)
22. Payment transfer system (4)
24. Writer, Robert ____ Stevenson (5)
26. Final Greek letter (5)
29. Actor, ____ Flynn (5)
30. Pointed (5)
31. The Phantom of the ____ musical (5)
32. Saturn's largest satellite (5)
33. Infant's outfit (7)

DOWN

1. Vagabond (5)
2. Saline solution (5)
3. Deep red (7)
4. Stableman (6)
5. Replica (5)
6. Ladies' team game (7)
7. List of omissions (7)
12. Cereal grass (3)

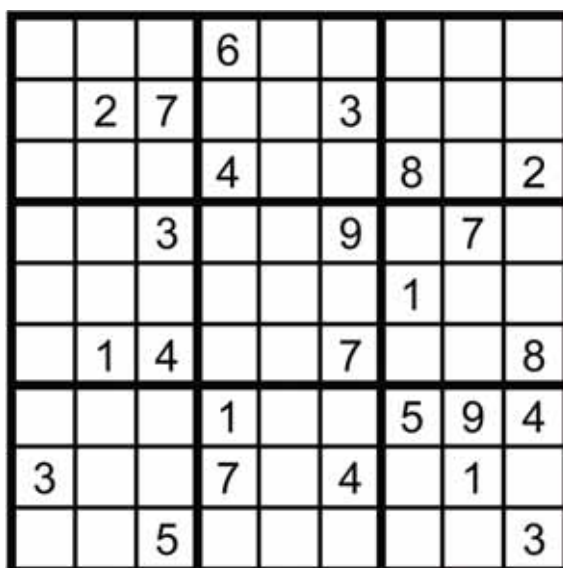
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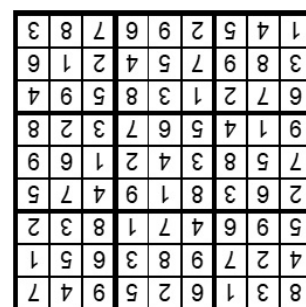
15. Joke (3)
16. Aural organ (3)
17. Dependent on (7)
18. Food connoisseur (7)
20. Study of animals (7)

21. Ovum (3)
23. Middle Eastern country (6)
25. Carrying chair (5)
27. Throw out (5)
28. Watchful (5)

SUDOKU - Easy



ACROSS: 1. Tobacco 5. Mania 8. Alibi 9. Dated 10. Melee 11. Press 13. Learn 14. Ogre 17. Regina 19. Azalea 22. Giro 24. Louis 26. Omega 29. Errol 30. Aimed 31. Opera 32. Titan 33. Layette
DOWN: 1. Tramp 2. Brine 3. Crimson 4. Ostler 5. Model 6. Netball 7. Addenda 12. Rye 15. Gag 16. Ear 17. Reliant 18. Gourmet 20. Zoology 21. Egg 23. Israel 25. Sedan 27. Eject 28. Awake



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Alex Manners, Chief Officer Assets and Services gives an important update about Guyra's water supply

"I understand that you may be experiencing changed water quality and am writing to share some information and plans that I hope will provide reassurance.

As the weather warmed over summer, and with low rainfall in the catchment serving the Guyra dams, water quality in Guyra suffered. This was especially noticeable in late December.

Water treatment is guided by the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (ADWG), and in New South Wales (NSW) it is regulated by the New South Wales Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW), as well as New South Wales Public Health (NSWPH)." **(Alex Manners).**

To read more, visit the Armidale Regional Council Website.

Council Meetings

The next ordinary council meeting will be held in Armidale from 4pm Wednesday 28 February 2024.

The public are welcome to attend a live stream of the meeting from the Guyra Civic Administration Building for any residents willing to watch.



Current Vacancies

- Finance Officer:**
Closes 4 February - ARC is currently looking for an experienced Finance Officer to join our team!
- Waste Transfer Attendant:**
Closes 11 February - We have a great opportunity for someone who is keen to be a part of a solid team in assisting with the essential service of waste management and a cleaner and greener future for our community.
- Mechanics:**
Closes 11 February - Council is looking for fully qualified Mechanics to join our Plant, Fleet and Workshop team in Armidale
- Coordinator Design:**
Closes 11 February - With tertiary engineering qualifications, this position will provide advanced levels of professional, technical support and assistance to the asset planning and design

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Australia Day Awards Dinner 2024

Congratulations to the outstanding individuals honored with awards during Guyra's Australia Day Celebrations last week! The esteemed Australia Day Ambassador, Michael Crossland, graced the occasion to personally present these accolades. Joining him was Armidale Regional Council Mayor, Sam Coupland, and General Manager, James Roncon. Margaret Grills was the well deserved recipient of Guyra's Citizen of the Year Award!



Men's Golf

On Sunday a very competitive field took to the course. The course was in great condition and the day was very humid but the scoring was phenomenal, with all but three teams registering a nett score in the 60's.

The winners for the day were Wayne and Mick Purvis with a score of 61 – great to see Wayne back. Runners up were Harry Purvis and Brett Little with a score of 63 making it a real family affair.

Nearest the pins were Luke Brazier on the 7th, Cooper Brennan on the 10th and Adam Brennan on the 18th.

This weekend is an individual stroke in conjunction with the Monthly Mug. Please keep an eye on upcoming events. We will be throwing in some more Ambrose days to get everyone involved.

Happy golfing

S.K.

Pool comp

The Royal Hotel's Supporters pool comp kicks off again this week.

Wednesday January 31st 6pm Bulldogs v Manly

Thursday February 1st 6pm Dragons v Eels

Saturday February 3rd 6pm Roosters v Knights

Sunday February 4th 2pm Tigers v Queenslanders, 4pm Sharks v Raiders

Four rounds remaining, all remaining rounds are displayed at the Royal Hotel and also on the Royal Hotel facebook page. Finals day is to be held Saturday March 2nd at 2pm. We ask all teams to try and keep this date free. Thanks.

S.K.







2024 GUYRA SHOW

TONY WILLIAMS MEMORIAL TRACTOR DISPLAY

Prizes for:

- The Oldest Massey Ferguson Tractor**
- Best Presented Massey Ferguson Tractor**
- Any Tractor with the Best Story**
- The Oldest Tractor on display**

Tractors to be at the Guyra Show ground
by 6pm thursday 15th february 2024




Rural Market Reports

Guyra Sheep and Lamb Sale

January 23rd – 5553 head were yarded.

Top price \$222 average per head \$57.55

	Average	Top
Ewes	\$68.46	\$144
Hoggett	\$52.55	\$92
Lambs	\$62.32	\$222
Rams	\$31.14	\$60
Ram Lambs	\$67.88	\$84
Sheep	\$33.39	\$107
Wethers	\$79.38	\$110

Next sale Tuesday January 30th

Armidale Cattle Sale

January 18th - A total of 1,064 head yarded, Averaging \$1227.71 per head and 294.53 c/kg. Following good rain over the 6 week layoff between sales the numbers were well down. The first of the weaners were penned along with a good supply of yearlings and cows. Quite a few at the heavier end of the weight classes.

The quality of the offering was generally good with the majority of the cattle presenting in good condition. There was a full field of buyers in attendance including some extra orders. Demand for young cattle was very strong through all classes

and categories. Restockers and feedlots competed strongly on the medium and heavy weight young cattle while restockers showed a confidence in the market going forward by bidding strongly on the lighter weights.

All young cattle sold to dearer trends with most showings significant improvement. The yearling heifers posted some of the greater increases. Processors also competed strongly for the well finished grown cattle with both the steers and heifers showing strong improvement. There was increased competition from feedlotters on suitable lines.

It was a very good quality penning of well finished cows with the market much dearer and in line with what's been happening elsewhere. There was increased competition from processors on bulls with substantially dearer prices achieved.

Next Sale Thursday February 1st

Weekly Wool Market

January 25th - Prices continued their downward trend in all selling centres this week. Finer Merino fleece wools (16.5 µm) continue to be out of favour with

Merino skirtings following the trajectory of the fleece sector. Crossbreds had a solid week with all MPGs posting positive gains. The EMI lost 10 cents to 1,186 c/kg clean. The national offering contracted this week, with 37,757 bales offered for sale (12,148 bales fewer than last week). The national pass in rate lifted 1.7% to 9.6%. Sales resume on 30 January with 36,535 bales currently rostered for sale.

A limited Merino fleece offering in Sydney produced variable results. All MPGs lost ground on Tuesday, down 5 (18.5 µm) to 65 (16.5 µm) cents with stylish (MF4) lots less affected. Competition intensified on Wednesday, but the sector could not find its feet with more irregular price movements. Merino skirtings tracked in line with the fleece sector, although well prepared lots with minimal faults found good support. Crossbreds lifted on Tuesday, up 5 to 10 cents, and were unchanged on Wednesday.

The Northern Regional Indicator shed 12 cents to 1,239 c/kg clean with the Northern Regional Carding Indicator down 1 cent to 701 c/kg clean. Sydney's with pass in rate was 5.9% with 343 bales withdrawn.

Rotary hosts Brazilian exchange student

Seventeen-year-old Filippe Papotti Brait was hosted by the Rotary Club of Guyra for a few days from Sunday January 21st.

Filippe is on exchange from Brazil and his visit follows on from Guyra local Ingrid Geere experiencing Mexico as an exchange student last year. Filippe lives in a city of about 1 million people, so experiencing small communities such as Guyra and Uralla as part of his exchange was a big adjustment but opened his eyes as to what is possible.

As part of his visit to Guyra Filippe was hosted for a day by Wendy and Peter Mulligan at their Baldersleigh Road property. He had a great experience working in their shearing shed. He learnt to shear sheep as well as doing other jobs such as throwing shorn fleeces on to skirting tables. His first shorn sheep was a bit rough but the second was perfect. He very much enjoyed the day and even ate his first homemade scones at morning tea saying, "they were delicious."

Filippe was also hosted by the President of the Rotary Club, David Kanaley, who took him to visit the new Memorial Park and

Rotary BBQ in Bradley Street as well as the Rotary Hall (old Scout Hall) project in Nincoola Street.

Another highlight of his visit was a lunch at Patricia and Andrew Tims property in Black Mountain where he delighted in an Indian meal with many varied dishes with a Brazilian twist. In return Filippe produced a Brazilian chocolate desert which was most enjoyable. He said, "both countries have diverse but inclusive populations made up from immigrants from many countries."

Filippe's visit to Guyra and Australia more generally is designed to provide him with an opportunity to experience Australian culture and to develop as a leader who will promote peace and justice around the world.

As part of his exchange, he will also visit Sydney, Canberra, Adelaide, Newcastle, Uluru and Alice Springs. We wish Filippe well on his journey of discovery and personal growth.

*David Kanaley
President,
Rotary Club of Guyra*



Brazilian exchange student Filippe in the woolshed

Poetry takes a leap into the digital age

In a ground breaking move the Australian Poetry Hall of Fame (APHF) has taken a giant leap into the future by expanding its payment options to include not only traditional methods like cash and card but also embracing the world of digital currencies. Patrons can now enjoy the convenience of paying with PayPal, Bitcoin (BTC), and Satoshi (SAT) via the Wallet of Satoshi, as well as Ripple (XRP) and Solo (SOLO) through the Sologenic Wallet.

The decision to incorporate cryptocurrencies into their payment system is a testament to the APHF's commitment to staying at the forefront of technological advancements. The Director of the APHF James Warren expressed his enthusiasm for the move.

"As the custodians of poetic

heritage, we must also be stewards of progress," James said. "Embracing digital currencies not only aligns with our commitment to innovation but also opens up new possibilities for engagement with our audience."

One notable addition to the payment options is the acceptance of Satoshi (SAT) using the Wallet of Satoshi. For those unfamiliar, SAT is the smallest unit of Bitcoin, representing one hundred millionth of a single Bitcoin. It is named after Satoshi Nakamoto, the mysterious creator of Bitcoin. The inclusion of SAT in the payment system allows for more granular transactions, enabling patrons to make micro-payments with ease.

Cryptocurrencies bring several advantages to the table, with

speed of transaction being a key highlight. Traditional payment methods often involve a series of intermediaries, resulting in delays in processing. Cryptocurrencies, on the other hand, operate on decentralized networks, facilitating swift and direct transactions. This increased speed can significantly enhance the overall efficiency of the payment process for both the Australian Poetry Hall of Fame and its patrons.

Furthermore, the utilization of digital currencies aligns with the global trend towards decentralization and financial inclusivity. By embracing a variety of payment options, the APHF is not only catering to the preferences of a technologically savvy audience but also ensuring accessibility for a broader demographic.

Cryptocurrency payments also offer enhanced security and transparency. The blockchain technology underlying these digital currencies provides an immutable record of transactions, reducing the risk of fraud and ensuring a high level of trust between the Australian Poetry Hall of Fame and its supporters.

The APHF's move to incorporate cryptocurrency payments marks a significant step in the cultural sector's adaptation to the evolving landscape of finance and technology. As the world continues to embrace the digital age, institutions like the Australian Poetry Hall of Fame are poised to lead the way, ensuring that the appreciation of art and culture remains in harmony with the advancements of the 21st century.



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PHOTOGRAPHY ENTRIES

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4.30pm on

Wednesday, 7th February.

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All entries must be mounted on cardboard with a 1cm border and with the exhibitor's name on the back of the photo and on the mount.

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Out and About



Show and Shine



Cricket

The T20 competition wrapped up with the grand finals which were played on Australia Day. Guyra weren't represented in this year's finals.

Final round results:

1st grade 7/85 went down to the eventual winners City/UNE 3/88. Batting Joey Ryan 25, Brayden Cameron 26, Jack Lockyer 10. Bowling Joey Ryan 1/24, Heath Dowsett 2/10.

2nd grade 9/69 were also defeated by eventual winners Walcha/Uralla 7/131. Batting Corey Torrens 21, Al Boney 8, Les Perrett 9. Bowling Maurice Blair 1/24, Tomki Tanner 2/38, Corey Torrens 3/23, Al Boney 1/5.

3rd grade 10/59 defeated by Walcha/Uralla 5/62. Batting Tommy Mitchell 10, Hugo Brazier 12, Nayte Foster 9, Cooper Brennan 10. Bowling Mavric Foster 3/6, Nayte Foster 1/7.

The regular competition recommenced on the weekend.

1st grade 10/113 were defeated by City/UNE 7/116. Batting Mitch Woods 25, Joey Ryan 13, Brayden Cameron 17, Harry Purvis 12, Aidan Purvis 15*, Steve McElroy 10. Bowling Charlie White 1/6, Andrew Pearson 1/29, Heath Dowsett 2/24, Joey Ryan 3/39.

3rd grade Guyra 5/72 (match abandoned) Hillgrove 8/88. Batting Hugo Brazier 27, Al Boney 10, Dan Mitchell 16*. Bowling Derris Torrens 3/16, Cooper Brennan 3/15, Tom Lockyer 1/10.

This weekend Guyra 1sts will play Ex Services at Guyra and Guyra 3rds will play City/UNE at Bellevue Oval.

Vets golf

Once again this year we had a shift in the kitchen at the lamb and Potato festival. I think about twelve vets counting Helen and Marie worked the six hours and I reckon we done pretty good. Thanks to you all.

Last Tuesday was our 4BBB stableford and what a great turn up. Twenty one players is certainly the most we have had for quite some time and I believe the fellowship we are enjoying

in vets at the moment is tremendous.

We welcomed some faces we haven't seen for a while in Ron Starr and Mick Kirk. Harry Kirk also joined us for a hit with a great day being enjoyed by all.

John Prisk and Custard Mulligan were the winning combination just nudging out Ian Taylor and Paul Redden on a count back, both with 44 points. NTPs went to Ian on the 7th, Paul on the 10th, and Scott Mendes on the 18th.

Next week is the Reg Taylor stroke event.

Drake

Ladies' Golf

Last week a field of 14 ladies played a Stableford. Pip White was the winner with 38 points. Suzanne Towells was the runner up with 37 points. Nearest the pin winners were Pip White on the 9th and 18th holes. Debbie Heffernan on the 10th hole.

This week is a Stroke and Putting Competition. Next week is the 1st Graham Betts Round Stableford. Christine Gellie is the starter as well as sponsor.

Birdie

Men's Bowls

No matches were played last weekend. Games set down for this weekend are on Saturday starting at 12 o'clock:

In club triples Colin Stanley, Randy Mulligan and Anthony Bull will play Robert Moore, Shane Brennan and Roger Cox. Also John Jackson, Geoff Reeves and Ian Jacobs will play Barry Walls, Wayne Reeves and Mathew Simpson.

On Sunday February 6th Steven Sole, Scott Campbell and Barry Campbell will play Phil Kliendienst and two of his friends.

Jack

Midweek golf

Another busy week for everyone. A lot of good scores this week and the best one went to Beau Wilson on 26 points with Cooper Brennan a close second on 25. On 24 points we had Nicki Mendes, Noah Brennan and Peter Archibald. Team score for the week once again went to Tee Em Up with 93 points. On the countdown were Sultans of Swing with 80 then Pitch Purrfects and Full House on 76 and No Shankers on 74.

Please don't forget to put your score cards in the box. I notice a couple of people who had paid but neglected to put their score card in the box. There is a few more golf balls for the winners this week – near the box that holds the score cards.

Happy golfing.

Middy

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