



Guyra Gazette

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No-one knows LOCAL like we do



The Orange by-election experience set the theme and encouraged the group of protesters who gathered in Guyra on Sunday. Decked out in all shades of orange, the group of about 200 included our very youngest citizens through representation across the age spectrum, to our very own centenarian.

The protest was organised by the Guyra Amalgamation No Thank You (ANTY) group who have stepped up their campaign to have the amalgamation of Guyra Shire and Armidale Dumaresq councils overturned.

Expressive banners shouted against forced amalgamation, demanded democratic rights at grass

root level and highlighted betrayal, loss of council, of voice, and of identity.

ANTY Spokesperson Beth White said that there was a feeling that complacency in State Parliament is working against local democratic rights.

"The Armidale Regional Council Draft Community Strategic Plan sees strength in unity," she said. "However, the pursuit of oneness defies the strengths of the diversity in the region, particularly the towns, villages and the rural sector. It results in loss of rural votes and reduced rural representation."

It was made clear that the next state election will be in the last week

of March 2019.

"A number of political careers have been tossed by support of council mergers, but equally some parties hold strong against amalgamations and see merit in demergers like those rolling out in Queensland," Beth said. "There is wisdom in evaluating those options to register your views at the ballot box."

Meantime ANTY are urging residents to continue to support the petition campaign to ensure the matter is debated in parliament not just signed off as policy and by the stroke of a pen.

The petition has been boosted by signatures gathered at the show and

those recently sent from Gundagai.

"Ratepayers are urged to watch the ARC website "Have your say" page or call at the Guyra Shire Office to collect copies of draft policy for scrutiny and comment," Beth said. "Comment on proposals/ plans and consider the effect that new charges, fees and policies will have on the community in which you live," she said. "With council elections set for September, our community will do well to look to encourage good candidates to stand for election to represent us."

"If you haven't signed the petition FIND it! SIGN it! and write to the politicians; all of them, to express your views."

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Needlework on Show at Glen Innes and Guyra

The art of needlework is becoming increasingly popular among the youth of Guyra and their skills are being recognized at local shows. Sixteen kids entered work at the recent Glen Innes Show and managed to come home with a swag of prizes including five firsts, three seconds and one highly commended.

Josh Bell took out the champion and most successful exhibitor in the Junior Needlework section with a back pack.

For the Guyra Show over 30 entries were received from junior exhibitors, with many receiving first, seconds and highly commended prizes. Sub-junior needlework champion was won by Matilda Brown with a pencil case. Junior Needlework Champion was won by Chloe Brown with a dress.

The encouragement award went to Shanae Wark.

These children all attend sewing classes held at the GALA centre during school holidays. Tutor Robin Godlonton has congratulated the children for the works that they entered in both shows.

“Most of the items were made using donated fabric and we appreciate those who made these donations during the year,” Robin said. “Over the last 12 months the kids have learnt how to make a platypus heat pack, backpacks and plastic bags holders using different strips of fabric.”

“I am extremely proud of the work that they have produced and also pleased to see that the next generation is learning these skills and getting enjoyment from their creations.”



Setting up the display at the Guyra Show on Friday



Champion at the Guyra Show for Matilda Brown



Robin sharing skills with Colleen Pearson



Josh Bell Champion at Glen Innes

What's HOT

Costa group tomato farm donating tomatoes to the Guyra food pantry - also other locals donating fresh produce

Friday night Twilight Dressup Sports for ages 12-24 6pm-8pm at the Community Hall this Friday organised by the Guyra Youth Council

What's NOT

Weeds and rubbish in the garden beds in the main street

Mozzie bites

Warm jumpers being needed already

Submit your Hots and Nots by phone 6779 2132 email news@gala.org.au or drop in to the GALA centre

Weather Watch

Guyra Hospital

Date	Day	Min	Max
21	Tues	9.0	22.6
22	Wed	11.4	23.1
23	Thurs	10.1	25.9
24	Fri	11.1	26.8
25	Sat	11.9	25.1
26	Sun	12.5	21.1
27	Mon	10.1	19.1

Rainfall this week
0mm 0 days
February's rainfall
78.0mm 8 days

Water treatment plant

Rainfall Registrations - to 9am Monday, February 27
Rainfall - 0mm (253mm YTD)
Top Dam FULL
Bott. Dam 130mm below spillway
Daily average town consumption (target 650 kl) 1603.2 kl
Water Restrictions - NIL

Rainfall year to date
264.0mm 20 days
Rainfall last year to date
167.4mm 17 days

Sun shines on Show

The sun shone on the 109th Guyra Show with big crowds and lots of action at the Showground.

In her address at the official opening of the Show, President Ellen Newberry said that the event had been indulged by some truly spectacular weather to showcase what a wonderful little town Guyra really is.

“Recently, I was reading through the Guyra Show Society’s objectives - these were written over a hundred years ago and are still incredibly relevant today,” Ellen said. “The Society aims to encourage the development of pastoral, agricultural, and horticultural pursuits by means of periodical exhibitions (namely the show), where examples of superior livestock, agricultural and horticultural products are awarded prizes.”

“To this very day the society continues to achieve these aims - we’ve seen prize cattle, horses and poultry; an incredible display of wool in the pavilion and shearing in the woolshed; as well as fine art, crafts, cooking and horticultural products that showcase Guyra’s agricultural excellence.”

Rob Lenehan introduced Junior Showgirl entrants Briana Merritt and Taylah Martin.

Briana was announced as the winner and was sashed by life member and patron of the Show Society Frank Presnell.

Showgirl Rachel Angus was unable to attend the Show which clashed with Zone judging at Wal-



Show Society President Ellen Newberry, Taylah Martin, Frank Presnell and Briana Merritt

gett.

The official duties for the night were performed by Dorothy Every OAM. She recounted a long association with the show dating back to the 1960s exhibiting sheep.

“I never would have thought that I would be here opening the

Guyra Show with an OAM after my name,” she said. “A country show is a time to catch up with friends and catch up with anything rural.”

The Bull Calcutta held on Saturday raised around \$7000 that will go towards the Sir Ivan Bush-

fire Appeal.

Limousin bull CB Lonestar owned by Nigel & Casey Wieck from Delungra sold for a Guyra Show Society Feature Bull Calcutta record price of \$4,200. It was bought by a syndicate formed by the Looker family.

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Strong competition at Lamb Show

There was strong competition at the Guyra saleyards last Wednesday with producers vying for bragging rights as the winner of the champion lambs at the annual Show sale.

There was an increase of 2460 on the previous sale with a total of 6410 lambs on offer. Producers were invited to enter pens of 25 or more lambs to be in the running for prizes on offer from Landmark Guyra.

This year was the third year that the Lamb Show was sponsored by Landmark. Chris Sole from the Guyra Show Society was on hand to present the ribbons and prizes.

Judging took place prior to the sale, with the livestock buyers tasked with the job having a difficult decision.

Speaking on behalf of the judges Andrew Jackson said that the champion export pen shown by Stafford

Youman were well presented and benefitted by being shorn.

“I know that producers are busy, but shearing really makes a difference when it comes to sale time,” he said. “They were the stand out pen of the day.”

The winning lambs sold for \$210, while the runners up from Westbrook Pastoral Co sold to \$185.

In the trade category Tim and Louise Moffatt took the honours with a pen described by the buyers as the ‘freshest lambs on the hill’. They sold for \$175 with the runners up from Roslyn Partnership selling for \$160.

In the exotic breed category, the winning pen was exhibited by Shane Davidson and the runner up was Mulligan and Looker. They sold for \$182 and \$155 respectively.



Chris Sole from the Guyra Show Society with Stafford Youman who took the top honours in the Export category

Record entries for Yard Dog trials



Record entries were received for the weekend’s Guyra Show Yard Dog trials. Organiser Margo Hogan was overwhelmed by the support received. Dan Sisson can boast not only having the best saleyard dog, but having the best saleyard dogs taking out 1st and 2nd from Tim Light.

The results are as follows: Maiden 1st Adam Cabot - Liz 71 + 92 = 163; 2nd Stuart Williamson - Tim 75 + 80 = 155; 3rd Deb Maxwell - Evil 82 + 57 = 139; U/P Sarah Richards - Futra Mate. Judge Andrew Fittler from Armidale.

Novice 1st Michael Colvin - Bruce 80 + 94 = 174; 2nd Eric Tighe - Percy 82 + 91 = 173; 3rd Greg Thomas - Ted 82 + 82 = 164; 4th

Stuart Williamson - 75 + 82 = 157; U/P Eric Tighe - Lily. Judge Andrew Fittler

Open 1st Eric Tighe - Maxi 93 + 90 = 183; =2nd & 3rd Stuart Williamson - Trend 88 + 90 = 178, Jai Moor - Dash 97 + 81 = 187; 4th Tony Overton - Orca 88 + 84 = 172; 5th Adam Cabot - Duke 89 + 81 = 170; U/P Ed Gray - Ace & Tony Overton - Nina. Judge Peter Hogan from Glen Innes.

The support and donations from NAB Agribusiness, Lagoon Red Poll Stud, Grazag, Elders, Landmark were greatly appreciated, along with the loaning of the sheep by Geoff Bell and Jack Vivers and Joel Youman for the transportation of the sheep to the showground.

Guyra Sheep and Lamb Sale Weekly Market Report

There was a yarding of 9650 sheep and lambs at the Guyra sale on February 22, up 2850 on the previous sale. On offer were 6410 lambs and 3240 sheep.

The annual lamb show and sale saw numbers increase and quality improve. There was an excellent penning of well finished heavy trade and export weight lambs, mostly 2nd cross. Restocker lambs were also well supplied. All the regular processors were in attendance along with strong restocker competition. Market trends varied with light and medium weight young lambs suitable to the restockers selling to a slightly dearer trend. The increased numbers in the trade weights impacted average prices in a market that saw the better quality lambs sell on a reasonably firm market trend. The secondary quality trade weights sold to a cheaper trend. Heavy and extra heavy weight lambs also saw the best remain firm with the increased numbers also having an impact on average prices. The sheep sale included some very good lines of well finished medium and heavy weight ewes and wethers. Market trends were dearer for all classes with some price improvement attributed to weight increases.

Lgt restocker.....	\$ 62 to \$105
Med restocker.....	\$115 to \$120
Trade lambs.....	\$120 to \$160
Hvy lambs.....	\$134 to \$175
Extra heavy lambs.....	\$177 to \$210
Light ewes.....	\$ 33 to \$ 90
Medium Ewes.....	\$102 to \$125
Heavy ewes.....	to \$129

Guyra Sheep Sale will be **WEEKLY** until further notice.

Council committed to a strong future

Armidale Regional Council is committed to a strong future and many good outcomes for the Guyra community.

Since the NSW Government created the merged Council in May 2016, Council has worked hard to engage with residents from across the new local government area (LGA).

“Genuine engagement is a high priority and will remain so,” Council Administrator Dr Ian Tiley said. “We are working to establish a strong foundation for the new Council, consultation is integral to that process.”

Strategies to provide community members with maximum opportunity to contribute to planning processes have included: listening tours, workshops, agency and other meetings, and ‘pop-ups’ in Guyra main street, at the Guyra Lamb and

Potato Festival, Guyra Sale Yards, and in Tingha, Ben Lomond, Wolloomombi and Ebor.

A draft Community Strategic Plan was on six weeks public exhibition - during which time community members were encouraged to comment. Other planning processes are underway concurrently.

According to Dr Tiley, ensuring water security is fundamental to Guyra’s future.

“A safe secure supply is a high priority,” said Dr Tiley. “While Guyra has ample water most of the time, short intense dry spells coupled with high demand can see water levels in the dams drop rapidly.”

Council is examining a range of strategies to ensure Guyra’s water security including enlarging the town’s existing dams, constructing a new dam or building a pipeline from Malpas Dam. A secure reliable water

supply is also essential to support further growth of the town and local industries.

Several major Guyra-based projects are underway including the Kolora Aged Care Facility, the main street upgrade, soon to be approved and the replacement of Tenterden Bridge. There have also been several smaller community projects supported.

“As a result of the larger scale and capacity of the new council projects like Kolora have been brought forward,” said Dr Tiley.

“A number of other projects like the main street upgrade are possible because of the NSW Government’s Stronger Communities Fund and other State and Federal Government funding opportunities. \$10 million will be invested in infrastructure projects and community projects in the Armidale Regional

Council local government area.

An Economic Development Strategy is currently underway for the new council.

“Planning for the future of the Guyra economy is a big component of the work going into the Armidale Region Economic Development Strategy,” said Dr Tiley.

“Building on the success of the Costa Group’s Tomato Farm, Council believes that Guyra has the potential to be the site for a range of glass house growers,” Dr Tiley said. “Given its strong agricultural industry base and prospects for investment in ‘smart agriculture’, Guyra is well-positioned to be a hub of economic activity in the Armidale Region.”

“If people in the Guyra region have issues or concerns relating to the Council I encourage them to meet with me,” concluded Dr Tiley.

Scot MacDonald MLC

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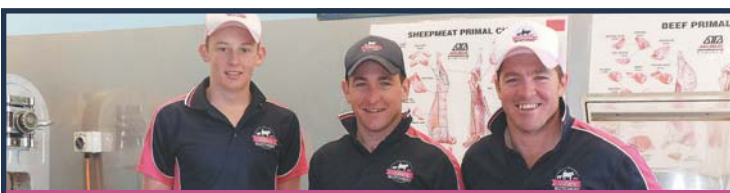
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Home Support Services out and about

Community Noticeboard

Clients and volunteers of the Guyra Home Support Service have had a busy start to the year with several interesting and varied outings offered. To start off the year a trip to the Tamworth Country Festival was enjoyed by all who attended, despite the heat. At the end of January a full bus load of passengers travelled to the Blue Wren Café near Castledoyle to enjoy true country hospitality by Lou Forsythe with delicious home made treats and time to wander through the beautiful gardens before heading back in to Armidale for a pub lunch.

An enjoyable trip to Woolgoolga with time to shop, lunch at the Amble Inn, Corindi and ice cream on the headland was next on the agenda. All outings complement the Home Support Services regular Wednesday group social activities at Nicholii House which meets each Wednesday between 10:00am and 2:00pm.

In March the service will be of-



fering several trips around the local area for NSW Seniors Week Festival activities. New clients are always most welcome. To find out

more call into the office at 162 Bradley Street to pick up a monthly calendar or contact Sally or Clare at the office on 6770 7127.

New Presbyterian Minister for Guyra

Reverend Andrew Campbell will conduct his first service in Guyra on Sunday March 5th at 10am. Reverend Campbell is a Reverend Emeritus of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

Growing up in Coffs Harbour and Inverell, he studied rural science in Armidale and was ordained an Elder in Inverell in 1972. Andrew has served as a Home Missionary at Warialda, studied at Moore Theological College and was ordained a Minister in 1978.

Andrew has served in Muswellbrook, the Ministry to Youth (Salt Company) in Mt Druitt, Blacktown, St Marys and Thornleigh, Apsendale (Vic) and St Andrews Wagga Wagga.

Andrew retired in 2015 from full time ministry and trained in intentional short term ministries, serving in that capacity at Caringbah until coming to the New England. He will be sharing his time between Guyra and Glen Innes.

Please come and meet Andrew Campbell this Sunday all welcome.

80th birthday



Betty Wilson celebrated her 80th birthday on February 5th and was treated to a surprise breakfast with family, friends and neighbours.

Betty is a lifelong Guyra resident and husband Norm and sons Craig and Roland were on hand to witness the milestone.

Meals on Wheels

March 2 Heather Marchant
March 3 Lesley Credland
March 6 Kath Varley
March 7 Don & Betty Mayled
March 8 Jan Jordan & St Mary's students

Street Stalls

March 2 Can Assist
March 3 Presbyterian Church
March 9 Kolora Fundraising
March 10/11 Machinery Group

Church Notices

St James Anglican

Sun 9am Traditional Service, 10.30 am Family Service; 1st Sunday of the month: Backwater 2pm 3rd Sunday of the month: Ben Lomond 12.00 noon Rev Mark Evers 6779 1111

St Mary's Catholic

Saturday Mass 6pm in Guyra, Sunday 9am 1st Sunday of the month: Ben Lomond, 3rd Sunday Wards Mistake, otherwise Guyra

St Columba's Presbyterian

Sunday 10.00am Bible Study at 9.30am Acting Session Clerk: Jim Coleman 67332021

Uniting Church

Regular Sunday Service - 9.30pm Enquiries Nancy Davidson 6779 1366

Seventh-day Adventist

Saturday from 10am Bible Study, 11am Divine Service. Enq: 6779 1587

Northwest Church

66 Llangothlin St Service 10am Sunday. Connect group and Spektrum Youth Tony Stace 0427956772.

Church of Freedom

10 Nincoola Street - Contact: 0421 847 973 Tuesday Prayer 6.30pm, Wed Bible Study 6.30pm Sunday Service 10am

Service Clubs

LIONS CLUB dinner meetings 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month at Guyra Bowling Club, 7pm. Ph: Peter King 0412 780 951

ROTARY CLUB dinner meetings 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at Rafters Restaurant, 6.30pm. Ph: Aileen MacDonald 0417 079 307

Lions Youth of the Year regional final

The Lions Youth of the Year regional final was held on February 25th at the Armidale Bowling Club. Major Sponsors for the competition are the National Australia Bank and the event was hosted by the Armidale Dumaresq Lions Club.

This year four contestants from our region participated in the event these being Kelsie Youman (Guyra), Matt Champion (Glen Innes), Sophie Ditchfield (Inverell) and Ragavi Jeyakumar (Armidale

Dumaresq. Interviews commenced early Saturday afternoon in front of five judges. The public speaking part of the competition was held at a dinner which was held at the Armidale Bowling Club. Contestants had to speak for two minutes on each of the two impromptu questions which the judges had selected.

After the impromptu questions each speaker had a five minute prepared speech. The judges unani-

mously declared Ragavi Jeyakumar the winner in the public speaking and she was also declared the overall winner. Ragavi will now go on to represent the region at the District final at Sawtell.

The judges commended all contestants on their performance

and indicated that they had a very difficult time selecting a winner.

Congratulations to Ragavi and also to our contestant Kelsie for her sterling effort.

*Lion YOTY Chairman
Jim Betts*

Support group needs more supporters

GUYRA'S Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service support group (pictured) were working away at the pavilion during the annual Guyra Show last weekend.

The support group raise money for the WRHS through various char-

ity events during the year.

They are as small group who work tirelessly to raise funds for such a wonderful service.

They are looking for more volunteers to help out and welcome any assistance they receive.



Guyra Lions Club entrant Kelsie Youman with parents Nadine and Scott



Roy Bennett and Eric Heagney raising money for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter at the Guyra Show

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Council elections set for September

Following the amalgamation of Guyra Shire with Armidale Dumaresq in May 2016, the proclamation provided for the election of 11 councillors to the new Armidale Regional Council and for councillors to elect the Mayor, who will hold office for two years.

The new local government area is undivided and therefore has no wards. The first Armidale Regional Council elections will be held on September 9th this year.

The Electoral Commission NSW will conduct the election and the method of voting is proportional representation (similar to Senate voting) whereby a candidate gains a quota of the formal votes. A quota is the total number of formal votes divided by one more than the number of vacancies (12 plus one).

Administrator Dr Ian Tiley said that becoming a councillor is your opportunity to contribute to the new Armidale Regional Council community.

“It is in the community’s best interest that the local government election, attracts a broad field of candidates reflecting the diversity of our community,” he said.

“It is vital that the new council represents community interests and advocates for their aspirations and key priorities.”

“I encourage potential candidates to make a well informed and considered decision about whether to stand for election as a councillor. Anyone is welcome to contact me to discuss the role of a councillor and attend any of the information sessions Council is holding about becoming a councillor,” said Dr Tiley.

Prospective candidates and groups looking to contest the 2017 NSW Local Council Elections should familiarise themselves with the process for becoming a candidate at www.votensw.info and follow the links to local government elections.

Leadership celebrated



Black Mountain Public School Guyra Show artwork award winners.

Students from Black Mountain Public School celebrated School Leadership last Thursday at the Leadership Assembly. Jaya Egener, Hollie Hoade and Tristan Bull were presented with their leadership badges by the Principal in the presence of their families, who then pinned their badges on them for the first time.

Each of the students have taken on the role proudly, modelling dignity, respect and maturity in their actions. The students are aware of their impact as leaders and of the importance of leading by example.

Jaya Egener, Hollie Hoade, Wahkeem Patterson, Felicity Bailey and Tristan Bull at-

tended the PSSA District Swimming Carnival last Friday. Students swam in individual events and Jaya Hollie, Wahkeem and Felicity swam in the 4x50 relay. Students should be incredibly proud of their achievement and the way in which they supported and encouraged each other to do their best.

Congratulations to all students for their entries in the Guyra Show. Many students received awards for their artwork and the many independent entries they made.

Learning and achieving together is encompassed by our school motto ‘Fellowship in Learning’ and underpins everything that happens at

Real cowboys, real bulls, real action

The countdown is on to the first Bulls in the Bush, and with over \$3000 in buckles and prize money up for grabs this bull riding will be something that the local community can be proud of.

Promoter Dean Mulligan said that he had wanted to do something like this for a long time and the timing was right. With preparations in full swing Dean and his wife Michelle have pulled out all the stops to make the Bulls in the Bush a highlight on Guyra’s entertainment calendar.

“With all our kids playing for the Super Spuds and attending St Mary’s it’s a great way for the locals to support both groups and have a fantastic afternoon of action packed bull riding that is sure to please everyone.”

Frank Biddle of Warwick Q.L.D has confirmed that he will bring ‘Black and Decker’, a black scrub bull that has been to P.B.R short rounds and many pro rodeo’s. If this bull gets ridden to the eight second whistle a big score is expected.

Making the Journey also will be Champion bull ‘Hustler’ which has not been ridden in long time and has had some of the biggest names in Australian Pro Bull riding on his back. Can the Mighty ‘Hustler’ be conquered at the Bulls in the Bush?

Grand stand seating will be available on the day; however patrons can also bring a chair to watch the thrills and spills of the afternoon. There will be a huge car park at the event, bar facilities and announcer Cody Hodges keeping the crowd entertained.

Bulls in the Bush will take place at the “Waubic Arena”, 318 Briarbrook Rd, Tenterden on March 18th. For more information call Dean or Michelle on 0477 048 310 or 0427 318 335.



Local bull rider Frank Carrigan on -U- Rodeo Co’s mighty bull Power & Glory.

Ensuring Guyra's water security a top priority

HIGH level talks are underway to ensure Guyra has a water supply to secure the growing town's future and improve quality.

With more than 1,500 residents connected to the urban reticulated water supply network, the current system has little capacity for continued population growth or ability to cope during extended dry periods.

Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall said that water security and quality is a necessity for any community that hopes to grow and thrive.

"I have been approached by many locals wanting these issues resolved to provide certainty for the future and give the community more growth potential for business and industry," Mr Marshall said.

"It's very tough to attract new residents to any community that has an unreliable water supply or has quality issues. Guyra has a lot to offer newcomers - but first, we need to ensure we have the capacity for the town to grow.

"I want this project to get started as quickly as possible and I think we may see a breakthrough

soon."

Options such as raising existing water supply dam walls or the construction of a new pipeline from the nearby Malpas Dam have long been raised as a possibility - however with cost estimates in the \$7-10 million range, council has historically lacked the funds for any progress.

Discussions are underway between Mr Marshall and Armidale Regional Council with Mr Marshall requesting council to prepare detailed plans on the options available so he can get started seeking support and funding from the state government.

"I'm looking forward to seeing the detailed plans so that I can go to work securing funding to get the project started and the water flowing for Guyra."

In addition to Guyra's residential population, water security is hugely important for industry. The local Tomato farm employs 500 people, and is dependent upon having a reliable source of potable water.

Mr Marshall says he's already exploring options for funding while council completes its plans.

Fees & charges under review

FEES and charges will change for residents of the former Guyra Shire and Armidale Dumaresq Councils that have continued to pay different rates since the merger.

Following a review of charges, Armidale Regional Council is expected to adopt a single-fee approach that will align costs for the merged councils

The revised fees and charges for the Planning and Environment Department are currently on public exhibition. The deadline for submissions has been extended until Wednesday 22 March 2017.

The fees relate to regulatory services, planning services and corporate administrative services and are most likely to affect businesses.

The changes will mean a number of new charges for residents of the former Guyra Shire area. In some cases the fees haven't changed at all, in some cases the fee has reduced and some have gone up massively.

The draft policy is available at the council chambers in Guyra and also on the ARC website and can be accessed via the 'Your Say' quick link .

Jasmine is off to World Angus Forum

Jasmine Ramage has been selected in the Angus Youth team to represent Angus Australia at the World Angus Forum in Edinburgh, Scotland in June.

The Angus Australia Foundation has provided four Angus Youth members who are passionate about and willing to represent the Australian Beef industry, the opportunity to attend this highly coveted event.

Applicants are required to have a broad skillset and will participate

in events such as cattle judging, agriskills events and general beef industry knowledge activities.

Jasmine is a vet nurse from Guyra and has been involved with Angus Youth since 2010, competing in several Angus Youth National Roundups whilst also showing her own cattle and competing at judging events at local and state competitions.

Having the ability to assist on both her families' property and friends' properties has given Jas-

mine a solid skill set when it comes to general farm maintenance, cattle and sheep husbandry and machine operation and maintenance.

As a previous Angus Youth Ambassador, Jasmine brings a wealth of knowledge and a passion for the Australian Beef Cattle Industry.

Joining Jasmine will be Kait Mc Gregor, Angus McGregor and Chloe Gould who all come from Queensland.



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Minnie Vinnies ready to help out

Last Tuesday the St Mary of the Angels Mini Vinnies group held their first meeting for the year.

During the meeting a new Executive Committee was elected. Congratulations to the following students who were elected: President - Charlie Wark, Vice President - Ryan Jones, Secretary - Stephanie Spradbrow, Treasurer - Ruby Mills, Spiritual Advisor - Ty Mulligan, Publisher - Abbie Field.

On Tuesday the Mini Vinnies team held their first fundraising event for the year, selling pancakes for Shrove Tuesday. Money



Minnies Vinnies committee

raised will go toward the school's annual Project Compassion fundraising.

Last Wednesday, St Mary

of the Angels hosted the amazingly talented Musica Viva Group called 'The World According to James.'

The students were entertained by the Jazz Band Group who played a selection of musical instru-

ments including the saxophone, double bass, pocket trumpet and drums. The band performed a repertoire of jazz musical pieces including the tango. It was a lot of fun for the students to get out of their seats and have a dance and have a go at playing some of the musical instruments the band brought with them. It was a wonderful performance and it is nice for musical groups to share their talents and love of music with the students in our school.

Principal Sharon Wittig

Show success for students



Guyra Central School participated in many events at the Guyra Show including the sheep and cattle judging, heifer competition and entered many art, craft and cooking items that were on display in the pavilion.

Secondary students assisted with setting up the pavilion last week, in the pavilion and in the livestock sections.

Congratulations to Colleen Pearson who was named the Most Successful Exhibitor in the Pavilion,

Taylah Martin who entered the 2017 Junior Showgirl competition, BJ Cameron and Gemma Williams finishing second and third respectively in the Senior Sheep Judging. Matthew Sisson finished second in the Junior Sheep Judging and Colleen Pearson received an encouragement award. Felicity Campbell made the finals of the Junior Judging in what was a tough competition.

The school's Murray Grey Stud Heifers placed third and fourth in

their individual classes and were placed 2nd in the Pair of heifers. Congratulations to all our students and staff that entered in events, well done. It is tremendous to see such support from the school community for this important event for Guyra.

Well done also to past students Hope McClure who received 1st Prize/ Overall Champion for Year 12 Major Works and Gerard Brazier, 1st Prize Year 12 Major Works Life Skills.

Principal Jo Burgess

Armidale Zone Swimming Carnival

The Armidale Zone Swimming Carnival was held at the Monckton Aquatic Centre on Friday 24th February.

Congratulations to Madison Bull, Myah Wilson, Cooper Wilson, William Knox, Cooper Brennan, Ellie Mitchell, Sophie Mitchell, Bree Wilson, Toby Handebo, Shanae Bull, Brodi Campbell, Ashley Donnelly, Robert Sisson, Sam Atkin, Lucy & Kate Ward, Leigha McElroy, Jemima Atkin, Tom Lockyer, Tynan Bull, Elizabeth Evers, Darcey Heagney, Lachlan Hunter and Kyiesha Landsborough on swimming so well.

Thank you to Mrs Sjaan Mitchell for attending on behalf of the school and for the parents, family and friends who transported the students to Armidale and supported them from the side of the pool.

Information should come through soon on who is going to North West. The North West Swimming Carnival will be held on Monday 6th March 2017 at the Monckton Aquatic Centre, Armidale.

Lamb and Potatoes in Parliament

GUYRA'S famous potatoes have gone straight from the underground to the NSW Parliament after a speech put the Guyra Lamb and Potato Festival on the public record forever.

Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall delivered an address in Parliament last week to recognise the efforts of volunteers in every aspect of the event.

Mr Marshall said after their countless hours of work, it was the least he could do.

"Dozens of volunteers work hundreds of hours to make the Guyra Lamb and Potato Festival a huge success," Mr Marshall said.

"The community of Guyra will continue to thrive and when it is running, what a festival it is. You can have your fill of locally sourced lamb and potatoes in the form of rolls, pies, chips, bakes and more roasts than you can poke a chop at.

"In many ways, the Hansard is a history book that records all the big events and ideas that define NSW. It's an incredible achievement for the town to attract thousands of visitors from across the country, and now it will be on the public record forever.

"The 31st festival was better than ever. Whether it was the perfect potato bake by Bertha Reeves, or Ian Russell's wrangling of big city musos, the event was put together with a sense of professionalism and civic pride that really helps it stand out"

After Guyra was hit by a sudden storm, the community rallied to get the event back on track. RFS and SES crews from Guyra, Black Mountain and Armidale collaborated to reconstruct tents, sweep up debris and help those injured by the storm.

Mr Marshall retold the story of their actions to the speaker of the house.

"The RFS' Steve Mephram and SES' David Godlonton worked and tirelessly with their crews. It was an honour to share their dedication and perseverance in the face of struggle with my colleagues, and it will be recorded in the parliamentary Hansard in perpetuity.

"Being elected to parliament is about so much more than politics and legislation. It's also my honour and duty to celebrate the thousands of people that keep the Northern Tablelands moving forward."

Gazette Footy Tipping

Eel-be-Right	0	Men's Shed	0
Ron McEwen	0	The Ref	0
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Bulldog	0	John Credland	0
PHJ	0	The Saint	0
Darcey Heagney	0	Hazel	0

Locals Entry Form - Round 2

Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on Tuesday, 7 March

Name:

Phone:

Roosters	vs	Bulldogs	
Warriors	vs	Storm	
Broncos	vs	Cowboys	
Knights	vs	Titans	
Sea Eagles	vs	Rabbitohs	
Raiders	vs	Sharks	
Tigers	vs	Panthers	
Dragons	vs	Eels	

Gazette Footy Tipping

A big welcome to our local Business Celebrities for this year's footy tipping competition.

It's a whole new ball game for the Gazette and we hope that our Celebrities will put up a tough fight for the prizes at the end of the season.

There's a good roll-up for the local competition, some with interesting *noms de plume*.

The deadline for tips is no later than 12.00noon on Tuesdays so that we can meet our print deadline.

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Out and about - 109th Guyra Show



Ron Looker, Head Steward of the Cattle Section, presented Dorothy Every with a cheque to be donated to assist farmers affected by the Sir Ivan bushfires. The proceeds were raised by the Bull Calcutta.



Fiona Smith and Charlie Heagney at the judging of the fruit and vegetables



Head Pavillion Steward Rita Williams and Steward Gwyneth Pearson with the large display of school art



There was plenty of shearing action

Out and about - ANTY protest



Left: Bob Ramage and friend **Above:** Spreading the word at the Guyra Show - Jan Harman, Gordon Youman, Wayne Mendes and Kevin Harman **Right:** Rob Lenehan addressing the rally on Sunday



2017 Guyra Cup

Nominations

Blood red Moon (Geoff O'Brien), Bob's Warrior (Tracy Bell) 44, Carry Me Gee Gee (Paddy Cunningham) 66, Carry On Jake (Paddy Cunningham) 60, Explosive Scene (Marc Quinn) 65, Free Billy (Peter Sinclair), Kyogle Town (Peter Blanch) 63, Love To Bend (Phillip Curry) 45, Lucky Nic (Greg Bennett) 62, Maybegrey (Leon Davies), Mind Freak (Grant Prosser) 58, Monday's Expert (Terry Vidler) 52, New Divide (Tas Morton) 66, Onslow (Brad Munro) 61, Our Blevic (Ian Cook) 66, Our Masquerade (Craig Martin) 61, Power Receiver (Andrew Parramore) 63, Pradnya (John Sprague) 66, Racecraft (Luke Berger), Righteous Miss (Keith King) 61, Rockatorio (Sue Grills) 53, Sandy Waters (George Woodward) 54, Shadow Show (Ronald Morris), Single Spirit (Ross Stitt) 79, Slippery Eel (Michelle Fleming), St Luke (Michelle Fleming) 60, Taste Of Money (Greg Bennett) 61.

Past winners

1980	Hot and Hazy	1999	Enterprising
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1982	Marquee Star	2001	Garza Mate
1983	Akwitana	2002	Race not run
1984	Neared	2003	Hope Burns Eternal
1985	Surprise Choice	2004	McSporty
1986	Handy Card	2005	Bridle Star
1987	Strong Devotion	2006	Man in the Moon
1988	Peaceful Joe	2007	Man in the Moon
1989	Foes of the Ghost	2008	Man in the Moon
1990	Foes of the Ghost	2009	Glenbarra Boy
1991	Lakefield	2010	Prussian Secret
1992	Thwarted	2011	One Lickety Split
1993	Margin	2012	Pesci
1994	Kimbertin	2013	Brave Ali
1995	Akwazoff	2014	Single Spirit
1996	Aluke Court	2015	Monashee Woods
1997	Reaffirmed	2016	Shazza's Bubble
1998	Wild Fan		

Register now to play Junior league

As cricket season draws to a close, the Guyra Junior Rugby League committee is calling for all prospective players to register now so that teams can be formed. The season kicks off on Saturday March 11 and the first games will be played in Uralla.

Training has already commenced and will be held on Tuesday afternoons at the Sporting Complex until cricket season is finished and then will revert to Thursday afternoons.

President Gina Lockyer said that there are still vacancies across all grades, however the under 14s and senior girls league tag team are extremely short at the moment.

"Players need to register and pay

before the first game or we will not be able to enter these teams," Gina said. "We have some really eager kids who may miss out if we don't get the numbers, which would be a real shame."

The Gordon Creighton Cup/Gala Day which was to be held in Glen Innes this weekend has been cancelled due to lack of nominations. This means the first hit out will be the games at Uralla the following weekend.

Gina said that with time running out, they need committed players to register online at www.playnrl.com. If you have any question contact her on 0427 332 037.

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Men's golf

There were only eight players on Sunday the 26th of February to play for a Club Trophy. Scott Mendes and Pat Grills were the winners with a 66 nett. Roger Grills and Cameron Peardon were runners up on a count back, with 69 nett. Next Sunday the 5th of March, we have Dick Burey Country Kitchens sponsoring an individual Par. It also will be the March Monthly Mug.

Cameron Peardon

Mid Week Golf

The best performed team this week was the Shire Sharks with 68 points. The Baldersleigh Bashers had 67 points. Guyra Greys and Full House scored 66 points. The best individual score was 21 points by Dick Burey. L Spooner and S Youman had 20 points each. J Waters, N Youman and D Wilcox all scored 19 points. Only a few games left, before the finish line.

Cameron Peardon

Vets golf

On Tuesday 10 Vets travelled to Glen Innes to play in their annual Open Day. They all really enjoyed the day and some Guyra Vets caught up with some old acquaintances.

Five Vets played an Individual Stableford Event in Guyra. It was good to have Ray Sweeney and Len Stanley play with us. Doug Archibald won the day with 36 points and Nancy Prisk was the runner-up with 35. Meg Simpson and Ray Sweeney won the putting. Len Stanley was nearest the pin on the 7th and Meg Simpson the 9th. Ray Sweeney scored 5 points on the 18th for a birdie when he sank his drive!!

On Thursday 20th Guyra Vets played in Walcha for the second Pennants game for this year. Wendy Jackson played very well and won the Ladies Event with 34 points. Doug Archibald was the runner-up in Men's C Grade with 31 points. Most of us found the sand greens rather challenging, but we enjoyed the day.

The point score for the Pennants is Walcha with 480, Armidale Blue, 453, Guyra, 452, Armidale Green, 447 and Uralla, 427. The next game will be played in Guyra on March 21st.

The Vet

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Open Day for golfers

Congratulations to Kath Varley and Pam Youman who scored 45 Stableford points to win the Guyra Women's Golf Open Day 4BBB tournament on Wednesday 22nd February. Our President, Wendy George, welcomed 50 golfers from Deepwater, Inverell, Walcha, Glen Innes, Armidale, Warialda, Delungra, Guyra and Uralla Golf Clubs and thanked the Regional Australia Bank for their ongoing, generous support of this fabulous event.

The 18 holes 4BBB Gross winners, with 29 points, were Donna Martin and Cheryl MacDonald (Walcha), while runners-up for the 18 holes 4BBB Stableford were Meg Simpson and Belinda Lenehan who scored 44 Stableford points. The 18 holes Stableford Gross Runners-up were Kay Nash and Judy McDonald (Armidale) who scored 28 points.

Other results for the day were: Holes 1-9 Stableford winners Marie Moule (Deepwater) and Wendy Hollis (Glen Innes); Holes 10-18 Stableford winners Marlene Ballinger (Delungra) and Jan Frater (Inverell). Nearest the Pins were won by Jenny Lisle (Walcha), Heather Thomas (Glen Innes), Elaine Wilson (Glen Innes), Kay Nash (Armidale). Team event winners were Kath Varley, Pam Youman, Jenny Shiels and Wendy George with second place going to Donna Martin, Cheryl McDonald, Jan Frater and Marlene Ballinger.



Above: I to r: Cheryl MacDonald, Donna Martin (Walcha) with Karen Oehlers and Shona Mulligan (Guyra) at the Guyra Women's Golf Open Day.

Below: Presentations to the winners of the Guyra Women's Golf Open Day 4BBB Stableford Event Pam Youman, Kath Varley, and Shona Mulligan (Regional Australia Bank).



Big weekend of cricket coming up

With just one game to go in the Armidale District cricket competition, Guyra third grade are assured of a place in the finals. They had a win over Barbarians on Saturday which cemented their place on the number two spot on the ladder.

Opener Troy Martin was the form batsman of the game, blasting his way to 75. His knock included eight boundaries and he helped the team to a good total of 9 for 168 at the close of innings. He received support from BJ Kliendienst (16), Nick Page (17) and Maurice Blair (22).

Guyra then turned the tables on the Barbarians and it was Jake Ellis (5 for 38) who did the damage with the ball. He was well supported by Nick Page (2 for 5), with Taylor Brennan, Maurice Blair and BJ Kliendienst all taking one wicket



Troy Martin

each. This weekend sees the last round of games with thirds due to take

on TAS and the second grade up against Barbarians at home on the Guyra turf. The seconds are sitting in fourth place on the ladder and will need a win to guarantee a finals berth.

The Guyra Cricket Club have a big day of cricket planned for Sunday with the inaugural Super 6s competition. Twelve teams have entered from afar afield as Dorrigo and there is some great prize money on offer.

The action will take place over three grounds in Guyra starting at 9am and conclude with presentations at the Royal Hotel. A BBQ and canteen will be in operation at the Recreation Ground and spectators are welcome. This will be a great day of cricket for Guyra so come along and support the local boys.

Men's bowls

Saturday February 25 saw the New England District Bowling Association State Pairs played at Guyra. In the first round Guyra had two teams. Steven Sole and Col Stanley (Guyra) played Dean Farrell and Grahame Porter (Armidale Ex Services) and were unsuccessful going down 26 shots to 17 shots after 21 ends. The other game was David Wilcox and John McIllwain (Guyra) who played Justin Bullen and Nick Ellem (Armidale City). David and John were successful in this game 27 shots to 12 shots after 21 ends.

Sunday February 26 saw David and John play Dean Farrell and Grahame Porter in the Semi Final, David and John went down to Dean and Grahame in a tight game 20 shots to 19 shots after 21 ends.

The State Pairs was eventually won by the pair of Arron McMillan and Paul Bullen (Armidale City) when they defeated Dean Farrell and Grahame Porter (Armidale Ex Services) 22 shots to 19 shots over 21 ends.

Also Geoff Reeves and John Jackson travelled to Walcha where they played in the NEDBA Senior Pairs.

John and Geoff played Jim Williams and John Elliott (Armidale City) in a Semi Final and were successful after being down on the second last end. John and Geoff needed two shots to win on the last end and this they managed to achieve, they won 22 shots to 21 shots over 21 ends. In the final game John and Geoff played Claud McFayden and Frank Lipscombe (Armidale City) and were beaten 27 shots to 17 shots over 21 ends. These games were played in very hot conditions.

This weekend the NEDBA State Singles will be played at Armidale City with David Wilcox and John McIllwain representing Guyra. Also The NEDBA Senior Singles will be played at Glen Innes with John Jackson flying the flag for Guyra. Best of luck to all those bowlers representing Guyra this weekend.

At the Guyra, Club Championships will be played: Saturday March 4. Start: 1.00pm. Starter and Umpire: Geoff Reeves.

In Handicap Singles: Cameron Peardon to play Barry Presnell marker: Geoff Reeves, Steven Sole to play Robert Moore marker: Roger Cox.

A reminder to all Bowlers to check the notice board for set down games and upcoming events.

The bowls bandit

High hopes for locals in Guyra Cup

IF Our Blevic wins Saturday's \$30,000 Guyra Cup at Armidale the Guyra Hotel might just be the place to be that evening.

Ian Cook (Cookie), licensee of the Guyra Hotel, also trains six-year-old gelding Our Blevic in his free time away from the bottom pub's taps and bar.

Has trained for a while, and had a few wins too with a few horses.

Our Blevic is a good horse, Ian said recently. The winner of five of his 38 starts he has accumulated just over \$81,000 in prizemoney for Ian.

Unfortunately co-owner, Jenny Turnbull, passed away about five months ago and didn't have the chance to see Our Blevic return from a long spell.

"It is sad," Ian said. "She passed away before Christmas after suffering an aneurism."

"He'll go alright in the Cup. Just needs to get a good draw."

Geoff Snowden will ride with the barrier draw crucial to Our Ble-

vic's chances in what is going to be a very strong Guyra Cup.

Armidale Jockey Club secretary Jim Dedes was delighted with the nominations on Monday when the club received 141 for the seven-race TAB meeting.

Highlight is the \$30,000 Guyra Cup (1400m) while there is a \$20,000 Armidale Cup Prelude (1900m) and five other races worth \$20,000 making it a \$150,000 day.

"The winner of the Armidale Cup Prelude also gains direct entry into the Armidale Cup on Monday, March 20," Jim Dedes said.

Nominations for Saturday's Guyra Cup closed 11am Monday with 27 entered in the Guyra Cup.

"The noms are huge, unbelievable really with Scone racing on Sunday as well," Jim Dedes said.

Heading the Guyra Cup list is 2014 winner Single Spirit. Ross Stitt and Robert Thompson then returned to win last year's Cup with Shazza's Bubbles as well.

Single Spirit has now won 12 of



Local trainer Ian Cook will be hoping that Our Blevic (right) can bring the trophy back to Guyra

his 53 starts for \$256,625 in prizemoney and boasts wins in country cups such as Sawtell, Casino, Kempsey and Wellington but hasn't started since December 9 when 13th to Bodegra Negra in the Coffs Harbour Cup.

Also in the entry list is Moree gelding Free Billy and the Peter Blanch-trained Kyogle Town, while Scone trainer Greg Bennett has nominated two, Lucky Nic and Taste Of Money.

Meanwhile, Ian Cook, has had some good fun with six-year-old

Our Blevic, who has won five of 38 starts with 13 placings and comes off two fourths at Grafton after a good spell.

"Be nice for a Guyra horse to win a Guyra Cup," Cookie said.

Fellow Guyra trainer Terry Vidler has nominated Monday's Expert for the Guyra Cup, and Paul Grills has Kingston Time nominated in the Armidale Cup Prelude.

Geoff Newling

[More Guyra Cup page 9 >>](#)

Guyra Cup Saturday March 4

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