



Guyra Gazette

Wednesday September 27, 2017

Schools out forever

Guyra Central School farewelled the Year 12 class of 2017 at an emotional valedictory assembly last Friday.

While the end of schooling is often an occasion for mixed emotions, this was especially the case for this year's cohort.

Not only were they saying goodbye to school they were also farewelling a friend and class mate.

Year 12 student Ben Ellis passed away just days before finishing school, but he remained part of the proceedings with his portrait gracing the stage.

Year advisor Miss Clea Townsend remembered Ben as a 'very special little boy who had a huge heart and personality and a beautiful smile.'

In her farewell address Miss Townsend thanked the parents, teachers and previous year advisors for getting the students through to the end of their schooling.



Back l to r: Tristan Jackson, Laiton Hume, Kelsie Youman, Brodie Harman, Taylah Martin, Logan Stanley, Casey Lennon, Sebastian Gee, Sophie Gaukroger, Ebonie Ellis, Tyhla Griffin-Jones

Front: Daniel Smith, Vinnie Abayan (holding portrait of Ben Ellis), Beianka Wadley and Amber Walker

"It is that time of year when we take our oldest and brightest students and release them into the world," Miss Townsend said.

"This year's class has received some of the highest marks the

school has seen, created some of the best projects and achieved some of the most outstanding sporting results."

Addressing the students she said, "I am proud of the adults you have become, whatever

you choose to do next in life I am sure you will excel."

The departing class presented the school with a gift; this was a large urn which will decorate the stage at school assemblies for

many years to come.

They also announced Brayden Cameron as the recipient of the 2017 Positive Recognition Shield which is presented each year to a student in years 7 to 10.

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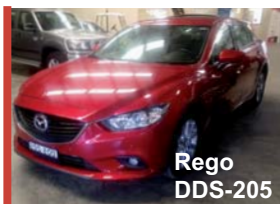
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What's HOT

A MEMBER of the Guyra RSL attending the Australian Ceremony of Remembrance at Polygon Woods where members of the 33rd Battalion fought during WWI

VOLUNTEERS and staff at HACC who do such a great job providing services to the community - thank you for the wonderful job that you do.

SUPER SPUDS meeting next Wednesday October 4th @ Guyra Hotel 6.30pm - support needed to get senior league back in Guyra

What's NOT

PEOPLE who move out and dump their rubbish on the side of the road

NO GLOVES when handling/serving food

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	Rain
19	Tues	7.3	19.8	
20	Wed	-2.4	18.3	
21	Thurs	3.1	19.1	
22	Fri	7.1	21.8	
23	Sat	10.8	25.4	
24	Sun	15.0	25.1	
25	Mon	12.0	22.5	2.0

Rain this week	2.0 mm
September rainfall	13.6 mm
Rainfall YTD	760.2mm
Rainfall last YTD	697.2 mm

Water treatment plant

Rainfall Registrations to 9am Monday, September 25
 Rainfall - 1.0mm (735.5mm YTD)
 Top Dam FULL
 Bott. Dam FULL
 Daily average town consumption (target 650 kl) 2042kl
 Water Restrictions - NIL

Weekend brimming with action at TroutFest 2017

This weekend will see the second Guyra TroutFest takeover the town, with everything set for action, fun and entertainment over three days.

At TroutFest's Saturday Market Day you'll be able to choose from locally produced food, international food, BBQ, fish meals, lunches and coffee in Guyra's coffee shops, or pub meals. There'll be wine tasting and liqueurs and for the kids ice creams and milk shakes.

The TroutFest organizing committee said they have been overwhelmed by the response from stall holders.

"We have everything from fire tongs and Fire Rosa Fire Twirling to hydroponics and stained glass," Lynne Chapman said. "Kids can enjoy train rides, a jumping castle and face painting. The museum and Antique machinery club are open plus classic cars in the main street. Beth Williams has done an amazing job of organization."

"A music program throughout the day will set the mood plus we are hoping lots of buskers will add to the festive atmosphere," she said. "You can vote for your favourite by putting a ticket in the busker's 'hat' (and some money) for a prize at 1pm along with an official opening for the festival."

"Don't forget to visit our amazing art show in the old newsagent's shop where you'll also find photography and sculpture."

If you fancy yourself as an action photographer, enter the festival's action shot competition which closes on Sunday evening at the Bowling Club-entry forms



Above:

Winning photo entry for the Landscapes category from the 2016 photography competition by Sue Jaggard of Armidale.

Below:

Fly casting lesson at TroutFest 2016



at the administration stand. The Art Expo runs all weekend 10am to 4pm as do the open gardens (maps at Rafters).

For all those with the fishing bug a competition runs all weekend concluding at the Bowling Club at 5.30pm. Bring your proof of catch to have a chance at fantastic prizes. Talking of which, there's the huge fishing raffle with almost \$2000 worth of prizes thanks to the good work of Anglers Club President

John Wilcox and the generous support of Armidale's BCF. If you want to learn the fine art of fly casting go and see Laurie, Alan and Keith on Saturday and try your hand.

The organizers said "there is truly something for everyone". Action draws to a close Sunday evening with presentations, surprise give-aways and dinner at the Bowling Club from 6.30pm. Inquiries to guyratroutfest@gmail.com or 0488 755 736.

Community garden looks for renewal

Spring is time of renewal and a time to emerge from the winter hibernation period. As the weather warms up many people are starting to get out into the garden.

Guyra Community Garden Inc. is looking for its own period of renewal and is seeking to get more people to make use of the garden and help to take it to the next level. With the AGM coming up they are now seeking to spread the word and encourage more people to get involved and enjoy this great community asset.

Nicole Corry has been involved with the garden from the early stages, and believes that many people don't know it is there or don't know that is for everyone to use.

"The garden was started a few years ago by some local youth and others," Nicole said. "Many of them have moved on now so it is time for more people to become involved."

"Not enough people know about the garden which is a shame," she said. "The whole space is here for everyone, but not everyone knows it is there or what it does."

"And it is not just about



Chris Hietbrink & Nicole Corry in the Community Garden
They are looking for more people to get involved

gardening it's about getting out and being social, it's about living in Guyra and being part of the community."

"Last year we had a group of Taiwanese girls who came along because they were looking for something to do and they enjoyed being part of the garden and the link it provided to the wider community."

The Community Garden is located behind Guyra's neighbourhood centre, The Hub at Guyra, which is next door to the council building.

It is fully fenced, with a variety of plantings including fruit trees, a range of berries and garden beds containing vegetables which can be used by anyone.

While the beds are a little bare at the moment, spring plantings will soon see a range of produce for use by the community. Excess vegetables are often donated to street stalls which support

local groups.

There is also seating and a BBQ, making it an ideal place to enjoy some time out for lunch with friends or for a group outing.

Coordinator of The Hub, Chris Hietbrink, said that what is needed now is people who are willing to become members and to contribute their skills.

"It is already used by regularly by local playgroups and the Men's Shed are building some lower beds which can be used by younger children," she said.

"What it needs now are more people willing to drive it to the next level. It needs new members, people who happy to potter and to share their knowledge and skills."

The Community Garden will hold their AGM on October 26th at Rafters. Anyone who is interested should come along to see what goes on and be part of it. For more Information contact The Hub on 6779 1635 or email info@the-hub.cc.

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•Glen Innes 67323443

•Inverell 67211241

or •Tenterfield 67363500



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Have your say.....

It was interesting to read the "Letters" section of the Gazette 20-09-17 with the diversity of opinion shared. The letters for the stand alone position contained some very valid points while, the letter berating the ANTY group could be summarised in a few words. That is "Roll over fellas, your goose is cooked."

Well, Australia was not built on cooked geese. Australia was built on the actions and hard work of its residents when they saw people being 'Done Over' as in this undemocratic and ill-advised merger.

The process used was somewhere between an Oligarchy and Dictatorship. Had the opposite situation occurred and the merger been implemented by a Labor Government I have no doubt that the screams of 'Blue Murder' coming from every leather elbow patch and pair of riding boots would be echoing around NSW for some years to come.

However, something needs to be done. The words of Premier Berejiklian still are as clear as a bell, "We got it wrong. We stuffed up". This is a great consolation for anyone who has worked hard to build a community and identity, isn't it? When the going got a bit hot MP Adam Marshall jumped the fence and while his 'Riding Boots' were dancing to the tune of Mike Baird's song, "Want a Portfolio" the leader who created this mess disappeared in a cloud of smoke leaving others to clean up the mess. The MP's who voiced their disapproval of the merger process and spoke in favor of their constituents were all demoted and/or pressured into resignation. What a farce. And we are supposed to 'Rollover'. Anyone who thinks that this will happen is a long way short of the target and needs to rethink their position.

Ray Mulligan

Funds to seed community strength

If you have a great idea about an environmental project to grow community resilience,

Northern Tablelands Local Land Services encourages you to apply for a grant through the 2017/18 National Landcare Programme Small Community Grants.

Funding from \$2,000 - \$8,000 is available to the local community, including Landcare groups, Aboriginal groups, agriculture groups, other community groups and individual land managers working across the Northern Tablelands on activities or projects which build capacity and community connections.

Regional Landcare Facilitator (Northern Tablelands), Anneka Ferguson, explained the grants aim to assist people to develop the skills and understanding to support the environment and land on

which they live and work, and can share valuable best-practice knowledge.

"It's about education, and building up the knowledge of our local community so that they have the capacity to recognise issues and respond to change," Anneka said.

While Landcare groups are encouraged to apply, non-members may apply directly to New England North West Landcare or could be sponsored by approaching their local Landcare network with their ideas.

Applications must be received by Monday, October 16th. Grant information, guidelines and application forms can be found at www.nenwlandcare.org.au, or through links on the NENW Landcare Facebook page (www.facebook.com/NENWLandcare).

Weekly Wool Market Report

Schute Bell Wool



September 22nd - A stable market environment returned this week with little change registered across all micron categories. Better style and spec Merino types continue to be the leader, with buyer competition from European, Chinese and Indian interest all keen to secure quantities of these types. The continued presence of higher VM lots as well as the growing number of high mid-break lots are coming under price pressure as buyers struggle to place some of these lots in orders to achieve their desired averages.

Last week, the annual Nanjing Wool Market Conference was held which attracts large numbers of the Chinese wool trade. The feeling coming out of the conference was one of confidence, both for the current and future prospects for wool. A number of Chinese processors continue to invest large sums of money into new plant and machinery. These companies have confidence in the Chinese economy and its future growth. The increasing wealth amongst sectors of the Chinese population continues. These consumers are searching for quality in what they wear, what they eat and how they live their lives. The opportunities created for wool in this part of the world alone are substantial.

Greg Andrews

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1B/- SUPAAMBKN	1644 C/KG	16.0 MIC	- 3.8 VM	- 76.7%	- 83 MM	- 42 NKT
3B/S SUPBKN	1478 C/KG	16.0 MIC	- 4.7 VM	- 68.7%	- 76 MM	- 35 NKT
2B/S SUPBLS	1320 C/KG	16.7 MIC	- 4.0 VM	- 65.0%	- 68 MM	- 28 NKT
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3B/S EXSUPAAAA	2000 C/KG	16.5 MIC	- 0.8 VM	- 81.3%	- 82 MM	- 53 NKT
10B/S EXSUPAAA	2047 C/KG	17.2 MIC	- 0.7 VM	- 82.7%	- 84 MM	- 54 NKT
4B/S SUPAAAAM	2000 C/KG	17.4 MIC	- 0.6 VM	- 81.8%	- 86 MM	- 47 NKT
6B/B SUPBKN	1460 C/KG	17.0 MIC	- 3.7 VM	- 72.4%	- 75 MM	- 38 NKT
RW & L MARTIN						
4B/S EXSUPAAA	2060 C/KG	16.7 MIC	- 1.4 VM	- 79.1%	- 83 MM	- 51 NKT
1B/- EXSUPAAA	2170 C/KG	15.1 MIC	- 0.8 VM	- 80.0%	- 75 MM	- 53 NKT
1B/- SUPAAA	2140 C/KG	14.9 MIC	- 1.1 VM	- 79.2%	- 68 MM	- 49 NKT
3B/S SUPBKN	1440 C/KG	16.2 MIC	- 5.3 VM	- 69%	- 74 MM	- 31 NKT
1B/- SUPBKN	1678 C/KG	14.8 MIC	- 4.0 VM	- 72.3%	- 71 MM	- 36 NKT
1B/- MBLS	1411 C/KG	15.9 MIC	- 3.3 VM	- 64.9%		
1B/- BPCS	1239 C/KG	16.7 MIC	- 1.5 VM	- 71.0%		
SB/S LKS	830 C/KG	15.6 MIC	- 3.9 VM	- 63.4%		
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2B/S EXSUPAAA	2010 C/KG	16.0 MIC	- 0.6 VM	- 79.9%	- 80 MM	- 48 NKT
4B/S SUPAAA	1944 C/KG	16.8 MIC	- 0.4 VM	- 80.7%	- 82 MM	- 45 NKT
4B/S MBKN	1550 C/KG	16.6 MIC	- 2.7 VM	- 72.6%	- 83 MM	- 30 NKT
2B/S MBLS	1241 C/KG	17.2 MIC	- 2.8 VM	- 67.9%		
3B/S BPCS	1339 C/KG	16.7 MIC	- 2.0 VM	- 65.8%		

Guyra farmers well represented

Guyra branch of the NSW Farmers was well represented at the Annual Conference in July.

James and Jenni Jackson, and Callan Schaefer attended the conference as delegates, while Guyra based MLC Scot MacDonald was also in attendance.

Guyra farmers are also well represented at a state level of the organisation, with Callan Schaefer elected to the Wool Committee, whilst Brent McLeod and Bill O'Halloran were both elected to the Sheepmeat Committee. This is a great achievement from the Guyra Branch.

James Jackson continues his position as NSW Farmers Board member as well as Chair of the Animal Welfare committee.

The next meeting of the Guyra Branch NSW Framers is scheduled for Wednesday 4th October, starting at 7:00pm sharp



Callan Schaefer, James Jackson, Jenni Jackson and Scot MacDonald at the NSW Farmers Annual conference in July

with a meeting at Rafters. Members on committees will be able to give an update on their commodity.

Q Fever and this branches

effort to run a Q fever vaccination program will be on the agenda. There will also be a discussion on the Labor and Green's proposal to cre-

ate a national independent office of animal welfare.

All members/potential new members welcome.

Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale Market Report



September 20th - There was a reduced penning of lambs, while the sheep numbers doubled. The quality of the lambs was very mixed, signalling the tail end of last season's production. There were a few well finished heavy and extra heavy weight crossbreds and a small number of very well finished heavy weight Merino lambs. Merino lambs also made up a fair percentage of the light and medium weights. Not all the regular buyers were in attendance.

Market trends varied with quality a contributing factor in the light and trade weights. Those lambs sold to a cheaper trend. The well finished heavy weight lambs experienced little change.

The quality of the grown sheep was also quality mixed with light weights making up the bulk of the offering. Demand was weaker resulting in cheaper trends through the light and medium weights. Weight increases accounted for the lift in prices for heavy weight crossbreds. Restockers were active on a couple of lines of young Merino ewes.

National Landcare Programme Community Grants NOW OPEN

Grants available for amounts from \$ 2,000 to \$ 8,000 for projects that build community resilience

Applications close Monday, 16th October 2017 at 5:00pm

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Guyra's Great Cycle Challenge

Community Noticeboard

Guyra bike riders have formed a team to motivate all bike riders to set a challenge for themselves and help raise funds for research into children's cancer and to give these kids the brighter futures they deserve

They are calling on all Guyra bike riders to get on their bikes this October and join our movement to kick cancer's butt!

The group currently has nine dedicated riders signed up to the team so far and have a goal of 3600km set. They would love to have more riders involved so the town target can be closer to 5000km.

Cancer is the largest killer of children from disease in Australia. Over 600 Australian children are diagnosed with cancer every year and sadly, three children die every week.

People of all ages, abilities and from every state across the country set themselves a personal riding goal and challenge themselves to pedal throughout October to fight kids' cancer.

The Guyra team has just hit \$1,000 to fight kids' cancer thanks to all their wonderful supporters especially Sue Ross Real Estate for being the major sponsor.

You don't have to be a rider to donate to this worthy cause.

Donations and rider registration can be made at www.greatcyclechallenge.com.au

Great Cycle Challenge is a national Children's Medical Research Institute (CMRI) fundraising initiative held throughout the month of October.

Meals on Wheels

27th Sept. Noreen Williams

28th Sept. Pamela Carter

29th Sept. Lesley Credland

2nd Oct Kath Varley

3rd Oct JDon & Betty Mayled

Street Stalls

28th September

Hospital Auxiliary

29th September

Guyra CWA'

5th October

Westpac Helicopter Group

Church Notices

St James Anglican

Sunday 9am Traditional Service, 10.30am Family Service; 1st Sunday of the month Backwater 2pm, 3rd Sunday of the month Ben Lomond 12.00noon

Rev Mark Evers 6779 1111

St Mary's Catholic

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

St Columba's Presbyterian

Guyra Sunday 9.00am 'Ben Lomond Service, first Sunday of even-numbered months, 2.00pm Rev Andrew Campbell, Acting Session Clerk: Jim Coleman 6733 2021

Uniting Church

Regular Sunday Service 9.30am Enq. Nancy Davidson 6779 1366

Seventh-day Adventist

Saturday from 10am Bible Study, 11am Divine Service.

Enquiries: 6779 1587

Northwest Church

66 Llangothlin St, Sunday meeting 10am, Wed 7pm Food Pantry - Fridays 1-3pm.

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

Community Celebrations



90th Birthday

Local resident Iris Mulligan, celebrated her 90th birthday on Wednesday the 20th of September. Iris is a life-long resident of Guyra and is photographed here at Caffiends where she enjoyed a special birthday lunch with family.

50th Wedding anniversary



Sam and Barb Astle, relative new comers to Guyra, will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this Saturday September 30th. We congratulate them and would like to honour them for keeping their word "till death us do part." Ferdie and Hazel Foetschl celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary this weekend as well.

Notice of Exhibition

To Armidale Dumaresq Local Environmental Plan 2012

Council gives notice of the exhibition of a Planning Proposal for Draft Amendment No 10 to Armidale Dumaresq Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2012.

The intended outcome of the Planning Proposal is to rezone Lots 661 and 662 DP 755808, Lot 2 DP 1213220 and part Lot 1 DP 1129031 at 48-72 Kurrawatha Avenue, Armidale, from R5 Large Lot Residential to part R2 Low Density Residential and reduce the lot size standard to enable future low density residential subdivision of this part of the property. It is also proposed to protect the environmental values of a section of Martins Gully that traverses Lot 1 DP 112031 by rezoning part of this lot from R5 Large Lot Residential to E4 Environmental Living. The proposed E4 zoning will also include flood prone land along this section of Martins Gully.

The Planning Proposal and supporting documentation will be on public exhibition from Thursday 28 September 2017 until Friday, 27 October 2017, at:

- Council's Armidale office, 135 Rusden Street, Armidale,
- Council's Guyra office, 158 Bradley Street, Guyra, and
- Council's website at www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au

Submissions are invited and must be addressed to the CEO, Armidale Regional Council, PO Box 75A, Armidale, NSW 2350, or sent by email to council@armidale.nsw.gov.au. Submissions must be received by Council no later than **5.00 pm on Friday, 27 October 2017**.

In relation to making the Draft LEP Amendment, the Minister for Planning has authorised Council to use its delegations and exercise the plan making functions of the Minister under section 59 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Please be aware that if you make a submission, other people may have access to your comments. This may be as a result of a report to a Council meeting or as part of an application under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009. Also, under State legislation, any person making a submission on a Draft LEP amendment must also disclose whether they or an 'associate' have made a 'reportable political donation' or gift to a local Councillor or Council employee within the period commencing two years before any submission is made and ending when the Draft LEP is determined. Further details including disclosure forms are available on request from Council.

Enquiries may be directed to Acting Program Leader Environment and Sustainability, Kathy Martin, via ph: 6770 3632 or email kmartin@armidale.nsw.gov.au



The Guyra Preschool and Long Daycare Centre is currently taking enrolments for 2018

Early Childhood and Education places available for children aged 6 weeks - 6 years old.

For more information or to enrol your child please call Amanda on 67791715

Guyra Preschool & Long Daycare Centre



The Guyra Swimming Pool to open 2 October

The Guyra Swimming Pool is almost ready for the 2017/18 season

The pool will open on Monday 2 October – just in time for the second week of the school holidays. With the sun starting to warm up the water should be great, so find your goggles and swimmers!

The pool will again be holding private and sport and recreation lessons throughout the year. Numbers are limited so if you are interested please contact the pool.

Swimming club will also be running after the school holidays so keep your eyes on this spot for a confirmed date. Other activities that will be on offer this season will be early lap swimming, pool inflatable, birthday parties and a free BBQ facility - perfect if you want to bring the family down for a nice picnic lunch!

If you have any inquires please call 6779 1335.

Opening times:
Mon, Wed, Fri: 6:30am to 8:00am & 10:00am to 6:00pm
Tues & Thurs: 10:00am to 6:00pm
Weekend and Public Holidays: 10:30am to 5:30pm



Save the date!

Christmas in the Mall: Armidale
23 November

Guyra Christmas Party
2 December

COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary Council Meeting date will be resolved by the new Council on Wednesday 27 September 2017. Details will be published on our website www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au

PUBLIC NOTICE - Wednesday 27 September 2017

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A day of learning for CWA

A beautiful spring day greeted CWA members from across the Northern Tablelands on Tuesday September 12th.

They came together for their annual International Cultural and Agricultural /Environment Day.

Ben Lomond branch members catered for the highly successful day which was held at the Ben Lomond Hall.

Each year the CWA selects an item of flora, fauna, a primary product and a country to study. The day at Ben Lomond was the culmination of a year-long study with speakers, displays and many related activities. Six CWA branches from across the area were represented on the day.

This year CWA areas of study were Quandong (Flora), Quoll (Fauna), Native Finger Limes (Primary Product), Fireweed and Foxes (Foe) and Nepal (Country).

A series of displays from each branch highlighted a diversity of learning depicted



Ben Lomond CWA President Nancy Davidson, Group International Officer Trish Fields (Ben Lomond) guest speaker Sylvia Hobbs and Lorraine Sewell (Kelly's Plains/Dangersleigh)

through craft, well researched projects and items of interest.

Agriculture and Environment Officer for the Northern Tablelands group Evalyn Calthorpe from Glen Innes branch said that the day was great success. As well as the areas of study she

said that Quad Bike safety remains a big issue for the CWA, who are concerned at the high number of accidents on farms.

"These days are always enjoyable and very informative," Evalyn said. "All of our members learn so much during the year and today we

can share the information with other branches."

Group International Officer, Trish Fields from Ben Lomond branch, introduced guest speaker Sylvia Hobbs from New England Travel who enlightened the group with stories of her travels to Nepal.

Q fever - know the risks

Gyura is one of the hotspots for Q fever in Hunter New England Region, with as much as 22 per cent of the population showing exposure to the disease.

The Gyura Branch of the NSW Farmers Association is looking to raise awareness of the disease. There is a proposal to be discussed at their next meeting to consider subsidised screening and bulk vaccinations for its members, families and employees.

Q fever is an illness caused by the bacterium *Coxiella burnetii* and is spread to humans from infected animals. The bacteria survive for long periods in the environment as they are resistant to heat, drying and many disinfectants.

Q fever is usually an acute infection but it can sometimes lead to a chronic illness. It is considerably under-diagnosed and under-reported. 20 to 25 per cent of cases do not fully recover, with sufferers going on to develop long-term chronic fatigue. In chronic cases, Q fever can also be fatal.

People at the highest risk of Q fever include abattoir and

meat workers, farmers and shearers, and vets and vet nurses. Birthing animals or shearing can put you at an increased risk, but Q fever is not just confined to people working with livestock. It can be contracted by people living near abattoirs, saleyards, and working with cats, dogs, and wildlife.

A vaccine is available to protect against Q fever. Vaccination is recommended by NSW Health for all people who are working in, or intend to work in, a high-risk occupation. Vaccination requires blood and skin tests before receiving the vaccine to ensure you haven't previously been exposed to Q fever. You can go to www.qfever.org to find out if there are any qualified GPs near you. Some elements of the test and vaccine cannot be bulk-billed.

You can also take measures on-farm to reduce the spread of Q fever, including thoroughly washing your hands after handling animals, reducing dust around animal housing, and wearing protective gear when helping to birth animals.

Braziers win at Youth Awards

Young people and their supporters were celebrated at the Armidale Regional Youth Awards announced at a special event on Tuesday September 19th.

Among the winners for Community Involvement were Guyra's fantastic four, Angus, Harrison, Hugo and Thomas Brazier.

The boys launched a grass-roots campaign to raise money for melanoma research after losing their father to the disease.

The awards are an initiative of the Armidale Regional Youth Advisory Committee (ARYAC) and intended to inspire, promote and recognize young peoples' efforts and achievements.

Council's Youth Services



Hugo, Thomas, Harrison and Angus Brazier

Coordinator Cara Barnes said that by celebrating and encouraging young people in our community, the awards combat negative perceptions.

"At the same time, young

people have a chance to recognise and publically thank the youth workers, coaches, teachers or others who have supported them," Ms Barnes said.

"Each of the many nominees is to be congratulated for their impressive achievements and contributions."

"The selection of award winners was a great challenge for the committee as there are so many young people doing great things in our community!"

Young people, their families and supporters attended the event which included a showcase of performances by talented local young people.

Special thanks to award sponsors including The Ascent Group, Foundations Care, One of a Kind, the Australian Decorative Fine Arts Society (ADFAS), BEST Employment and the Armidale Ex-Services Club.

Kids enjoy weekly tennis sessions

Students from Ben Lomond Public School have been participating in tennis each week this term. They are being taught by local coach Brandon Burey from Burey's Elite Tennis Academy.

Principal Denise Smoother said that Sporting Schools provides the funding to cover the cost of a coach and to transport the students into Guyra.

"Brandon uses a variety of games to teach the students the fundamentals," she said. "The students really enjoy the sessions and look forward to them each week."

Sporting Schools is a \$160 million Australian Government initiative designed to help schools to increase children's participation in sport, and to connect them with community



Brandon Burey with Ben Lomond Public School students Eli Jolly, Elle Bavea, Ruben Jolly, Cody McLeod

sporting opportunities.

Research shows that an early connection to sport

can positively influence participation and encourage a lifelong love of sport.

The tennis lessons will continue weekly next term.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

BUS TOUR showcasing Guyra district. Friday September 29 10am to 2pm. Lunch incl. Ring 0488 755 736 to book.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION FOR TROUTFEST Entry forms available at NRMA office opposite Kirks IGA

BRADLEY STREET CLOSURE

Bradley Street between Moore Street and the Post Office will be closed to traffic Saturday September 30

between 6.30am and 3.00pm for the **TROUTFEST MARKET DAY**

The NAB car park is included in the closure.

MEETING NOTICES

GUYRA COMMUNITY GARDEN INC. AGM will be held at Rafter's Thursday October 26th starting at 3pm. All welcome for coffee, followed by meeting. Enq. 67791635 or info@the-hub.cc



Meeting Notice

Guyra Branch Invites all members to attend a General Meeting

Date: Wednesday 4th October
Venue: Rafter's Restaurant Guyra
Time: 7:00pm

BUSINESS TO DISCUSS:

- Updates from the branch representatives on the Wool, Sheepmeat and animal Welfare Committees
- Q fever and planned vaccination program for members by the Guyra branch/Guyra Medical centre
- Need to lobby new council re the importance of rural roads upkeep.
- Response to Labor/Greens proposal to create a national independent office of animal welfare
- Update on biosecurity rules as from 1st Oct 2017

RSVP: Jenni Jackson: 6779 4557
jenni.jackson.60@gmail.com or
Jason Siddell(Chairman):0459 162
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FUNERAL NOTICE

ELLIS, Ben
September 20th, 2017
Aged 19 years

Late of Government Lane, Ben Lomond. Dearly loved brother of Emma, loved foster son of Tony & Jeanette Bush, and brother & brother-in-law of Chris & Richelle, Heather & David, Dominik & Bronte, Leigh, Izaak and Sherry.

Relatives and friends are respectfully informed that Ben's funeral service will be held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Ben Lomond, commencing at 11.00 am, this Tuesday, 3rd October, followed by interment at the Catholic Cemetery, Ben Lomond. Members of Camp Quality are especially invited to attend. In lieu of flowers, friends may wish to make a donation to Westmead Children's Hospital, a donation stand will be at the service.

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at St James Anglican Church, Guyra

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For more information contact
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Council is seeking a motivated person to join its Building and Development Team. The position holder will be expected to contribute actively to the work of the team providing skills and technical expertise in the Environmental Health and Building field.

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Council is seeking a motivated person to join its Building and Development Team. The position holder will be expected to contribute actively to the work of the team providing skills and technical expertise in the Engineering field.

Applications for these positions close 5.00pm on Thursday, 5 October 2017.

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Swimming Pool opens Monday

The weather is warming up and the Guyra Swimming Pool is getting ready for the 2017/18 season!

The pool will open on Monday 2 October. Pool Supervisor Randy Mulligan said that this is just in time for the second week of the school holidays.

Guyra Swimming Pool will again be holding private and sport and recreation lessons throughout the year. Numbers are limited so those interested are advised to contact the pool.

Swimming club will also be running after the school holidays.

Other activities that will be on offer this season include early lap swimming, pool inflatable, birthday parties and a free BBQ facility - perfect if you want to bring the family down for a nice picnic lunch.

Opening times are: Mon, Wed, Fri: 6:30am to 8:00am and 10:00am to 6:00pm, Tues & Thurs: 10:00am to 6:00pm, Weekend and Public Holidays 10:30am to 5:30pm

For more, please visit Armidale Regional Council's website www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au or contact the pool on 6779 1335.

Men's bowls

The weekend saw two Club Championship games contested, in the Club Fours Boyd Stanley, David Lyes, Geoff Reeves and Robert Moore played Steven Sole, Mallie Walls, Evan Sole and Andrew Sparke. Boyd and his team wasted no time showing no mercy to Steven and his team. After 6 ends Boyd and his boys had skipped away to an 11 shots to 1 shot this trend continued and eventually Boyd and his team ran out winners 22 shots to 10 over 21 ends.

The other game was in the Open Singles where John Jackson did battle with Roger Cox, even though Roger thought that he was out classed it did not show on the score board. John started off well but this did not continue as Roger found form and really put it to John who did not have an answer to the consistency shown by Roger. At one stage Roger had opened a lead 20 shots to 11 shots only to have John come back and closed the gap to only 1 shot. Roger kept his cool, the same calmness he had displayed all game and by end 33 had John's measure taking victory 31 shots to 22 shots.

This weekend there will be a Club

Championship Semi Final of the 2017 season Triples. Commencing at 12.00pm on Sunday, October 1st. Starter: Cameron Peardon. Umpire: Barry Presnell.

Dan Kennedy, Greg Mitchell and Graham Starr, to play: Chris Kliendienst, Barry Presnell and Cameron Peardon.

As this is a long weekend this game is optional, however the match committee would appreciate if both teams could make the effort and play.

As I have been reporting over the last couple of weeks Wednesday bowls starts Wednesday October 4th. Starts: 1.00pm. Names by: 12.30pm. All bowlers welcome Ladies and Men and any person wishing to take up Lawn Bowls. Mufti Dress.

The Bowls Bandit.

Men's golf

Sunday saw a good field contest the New England Autos ambrose. The ladies winners were V Reeves, S Towells and K Oehlers and the runners up were M Simpson, B Lenehan and J Rogers. Nearest to the pin on the 9th was B Lenehan with the long drive going to K Oehlers.

The men's division was won by D Hill, T Ellis and J Ellis with runners up being A Brennan, T Brennan and M Shiner. Nearest to the pin on the 7th was G Dowdell 10th T Ellis and on the 18th was D Hill who also claimed the long drive.

Next Sunday will be an 18 hole stableford for a club trophy and the Monthly Mug. On the holiday Monday if we get enough starters a 2 person ambrose will be on. Sunday the 8th will be the Dougie Waters memorial 4BBB stableford, while the 9th will see the start of the midweek competition so get your teams in.

The Albatross

Ladies' Golf

The team of Wendy George, Belinda Lenehan, Karen Oehlers and Meg Simpson finished a thrilling third in the Holden Scramble knockout at Inverell Golf Course last Wednesday. The competition was brisk with only one point separating the three winners. In first place was the Glen Innes team, who will cruise to the final event in the Hunter Valley during February 2018, while an Inverell team won second place.

No competition was played at Guyra. The 6th Golf NSW Medal Round (Stroke) is set down on our golfing calendar for Wednesday 27th September.

The Phantom

Fantastic turn-out for trout release

Saturday September 16 once again saw a fantastic number of volunteers and Guyra Hotel Angler's Club members turn-out to collect boxes of trout fry for distribution to trout streams around Guyra. It was great to see so many club members and lots of children.

As always, Robert "Tappa" Walls gave his time, supported by Ducats through the free use of their truck, to bring the trout fry from the Dutton Trout Hatchery to Guyra. Everyone pitches in to quickly unload the truck, collect their allocation and head out.

Following on from last

year's good rain, this year's release should be the just as successful as the last release. There was a great survival rate from last year and the 2017 trout season should be spectacular.

Volunteers are reminded to return the folded boxes to the little back shed in the hotel car park for return to the hatchery.

The club's Stocking Officer thanks everyone who helped out, especially "Tappa" and Ducats who make it all possible.

The Club's next event is its GO FISH day at Malpas Dam on October 15.

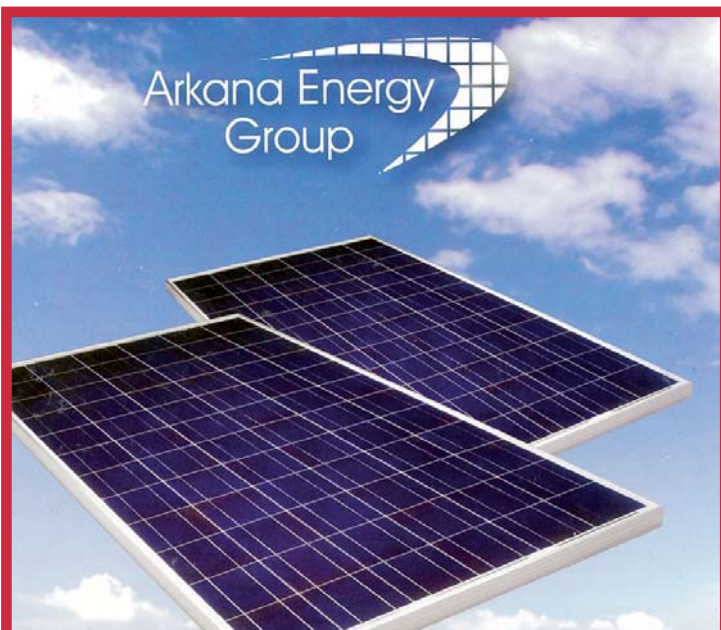


Members of the Guyra Hotel Anglers Club unloading trout fry which will restock local waterways

Junior cricket

Guyra has only entered one junior team in the 16s division in this year's Armidale competition. If any players are still looking for a team, Ex Services Cricket Club still have some vacancies in their junior teams for the 2017-18 season.

Any Guyra boys and girls wanting to play cricket this year and who would like to play can contact Pete Collins 0408 427 917. They particularly need players in the 10 and 12s age group.



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