



Armidale Regional Council Mayor Simon Murray goes under

Rains fails to dampen Christmas Spirit

Guyra kicked off the Christmas fun on Saturday with a party in Bradley Street. The event was a joint effort between Armidale Regional Council, the Chamber of Commerce, Guyra Preschool and Long Day Care Centre and local service clubs.

They joined forces to stage the event after the Rotary Club decided to abandon their annual Christmas Carnival after last year's event, citing safety concerns and compliance issues.

Rain threatened to spoil the party, but the event went ahead with a few alterations and received good support from the community.

The Cat in the Hat live show was a hit with kids who danced in the street. However it was the celebrity dunking that attracted the most interest.

There was no shortage of people willing to pay money

to 'dump' on local politicians Simon Murray, Adam Marshall Scot MacDonald and other local identities.

They were not the only ones to get wet with intermittent rain forcing the stalls to shelter under shop awnings and causing some stallholders to cancel.

However, organisers say that the most pleasing aspect of the night was the community support, in particular the number of people who stayed on, or returned, to the end.

The highlight of the night was the arrival of Santa and his elves on board the Fire Truck and the lighting of the tree.

Community feedback is welcome and sought after. If you have any suggestions or input on how to make next years Christmas Party even better, please email Amanda on acampbell@armidale.nsw.gov.au

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Inside you will discover the polished floor boards and ornate cornice in the entrance area which adds to the overall character. There are two very spacious bedrooms at the front of the house, one with a lovely bay window and the main is located at the rear of the house and has a large built in.

There are two lounge areas, the living is combined with the dining and has a new wood heater. Both rooms have lovely polished timber flooring. The new kitchen has lots of storage and bench space with electric stove. The bathroom has been renovated and features subway tiles, walk in shower and separate bath. There is storage under the vanity and behind the mirrors.

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END OF YEAR functions and school events are happening

GUYRA CHRISTMAS

PARTY - a great success despite the rain

SHOP LOCAL this Christmas if you can

Celebrate Christmas with Carols

Christmas is a time of Celebration, as we come together as friends and family to remember what God has done for us in Jesus. A great way to celebrate together is to sing, and this is why Christmas carols are so popular. The best carols tap into the great themes of Christmas and express the Joy to the World that comes with the Offspring of the Virgin's womb.

The second verse of my favourite carol - Hark the Herald Angels Sing - is a great review of just what it is that makes Christmas such a time of excitement and joy.

Christ by highest heaven

adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord!

Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity,

Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel

The great truth of Christmas, is that God himself has come to earth, as one of us. The first verse of that same carol explains that Jesus was born that very first Christmas for us. To bring us back to God.

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;

Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."

This Christmas please come and join us as we sing carols to celebrate that momentous birth all those years ago. We will be singing carols at the MPS on 12th December - BBQ from 6pm followed by Carols 7pm. St James Anglican Church are hosting the combined carols service on Sunday 17th December at 7pm. There will also be carols services at Tenterden Church (10th December at 4pm), and Brockley Church (16th December 2pm).

Rev. Mark Evers

What's **NOT**

ONLY 19 DAYS until Christmas

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
28	Tues	11.4	24.0	0
29	Wed	13.5	23.0	0
30	Thurs	13.2	20.0	0
01	Fri	13.4	23.0	0
02	Sat	13.2	19.5	0
03	Sun	10.7	20.2	8.6
04	Mon	7.4	19.4	0

Rain this week 8.6mm
November rainfall 106.5mm
Rainfall YTD 1033.1mm
Rainfall last YTD 855.1mm

Water treatment plant

Rainfall Registrations to 9am Monday, December 4th

Rainfall - 17mm(1020.5mm YTD)
Top Dam 20mm above spillway
Bott. Dam 20 mm above spillway
Daily average town consumption (target 650 kl) 1654kl
Water Restrictions - NIL

Chamber Christmas Celebrations

Join the Chamber for their 2017 Christmas celebration ...

When: 21 December at 5:30 pm
Where: Rafters Restaurant
Finger food will be provided

For catering purposes, please RSVP by 18 December to email: chamber@guyra.org.au

Promoting Guyra Business and Tourism

Guyra & District Chamber of Commerce Inc.

I wish the Guyra community a wonderful Christmas and safe 2018

Scot MacDonald MLC
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New Abattoir plans unveiled



On the campaign trial last week Rob Taber (left) took the opportunity to talk up his abattoir project. Also pictured Geoffrey Bell, Paul Wood, Barnaby Joyce, Shane Voigt and Michael Jackson

Armidale businessmen Rob Taber and Shane Voigt have announced plans to build a new sheep and goat abattoir in Guyra.

The proposal is for a \$45m state of the art, solar powered facility capable of processing 2000 animals a day. If the project goes ahead 150 jobs will be created in the short term, expanding to 300 in the long term.

Mr Taber has been working on the idea for a few years and had originally planned for the facility to be built in Armidale.

Speaking at last week's sheep sale in Guyra Mr Taber said the Armidale project

was 'getting all too hard'.

They have now set their sights on Guyra and last Monday they signed an offer on land adjacent to the saleyards owned by Geoffrey Bell. Taber and Voigt have taken a two year option on the land.

"We want to get this abattoir to happen and we want the community of Guyra to get behind this," Mr Taber said. "As of today we are moving forward."

The next step will be to carry out a feasibility study and they are hoping the Federal Government will provide the money for this..

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Have your say.....

Having looked at the concept plans for the re-construction of Bradley Street, Guyra, I can only conclude this to be the proposed greatest waste of public money that I have ever seen. I did work in Local Government for over 40 years and this proposal must qualify as the all-time greatest money waster that I have encountered in my working career.

I do agree that Bradley Street needs to be resealed and I would suggest a good heavy hot-mix would do the job very well. The footpaths are quite adequate in width and only lack a little TLC. I cannot see any justification in placing what would be unused tables, chairs and umbrellas in the way of pedestrian traffic. Obviously the designers of the concept plan are not familiar with the Guyra climate otherwise they would have noted the need for heating devices in shops

along the street.

There is an urgent need for handicapped parking spaces to be allocated ON Bradley Street (not around the corner in a side street) and I would suggest at least one in front of the pharmacy, one and maybe two at IGA and one in the area of Spar/GALA. It is important to retain as many parking spaces as possible and without changing to nose-in or reverse parking.

Mayor Murray has asked for 'positive suggestions' and I submit that he should read the letters published in the Guyra Gazette, and no doubt many other letters forwarded direct to Council, call a public meeting and really listen to what the vast majority of the Guyra community are saying. Such a meeting should be called for a time that allows business owners and their staff to attend and have their say.

Ian Bibb

Weekly Wool Market Report

December 1 - After last week's dip in the market it came as somewhat of a surprise to see things consolidate and continue to strengthen as the week progressed. Most Merino types finished the week dearer whilst the Crossbreds continued to lose ground resulting in no change to the Northern region indicator for the week.

46,912 bales were sold nationally for the week out of the 49,058 offering with a passed in rate of 4.4%. The top four buyers have remained relatively similar over the past few months and between them they purchased over 45% of the national

Merino fleece offering this week. AWTA test data released this morning is showing a 4.6% increase in the volume of wool tested for the season to date. AWEX auction data is showing an 8% increase in bales offered. This certainly indicates a sell down of previous seasons grower held stocks in stores across the country. Volumes traded in the forward market lifted considerably this week with some historically high prices achieved for the first quarter of next year, indicating just how solid the current level of demand is.

Greg Andrews

Schute Bell Wool



Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale Market Report

November 29th - Around 25% of the lamb offering were early new season lambs, with Merino lambs showing varying degrees of finish, well supplied. There were limited supplies of old crossbred lambs penned. The quality of the young lambs was excellent and showed very good weight for age. The Merino lambs were a combination of grain assisted, young well finished lots suitable to restockers. The usual buyers were in attendance and there were quite a few restockers active.

Comparing market trends to the sale 2 weeks ago, the young lambs in all weight classes sold to dearer trends of \$6/head and more in places with increased weights accounting for greater price movements. Restockers were active on the lighter weights.

The well finished old lambs followed the dearer trend with price



improvements similar to those of the young lambs. Once again weight increases accounted for some of the larger price gains. Merino lambs attracted competition from trade, export processors and local restockers. Market trends showed improvements of as much as \$16/head on the heavy weights, but less on the trade and restocker lambs.

The majority of the sheep showed the benefit of what is a very good season. Heavy weights were well supplied. Market trends were dearer throughout with some prices improving considerably due to weight increases.



What's on your Christmas menu?
Your seafood orders must be in by
Saturday, 9 December



Turkeys

Buff
Quast
Whole

Hams

Half & full
boned or bone in

Seafood

Salmon
Mussels
Prawns
Oysters
Flathead

Chicken

Whole
Boned & Seasoned

Pork Rolls

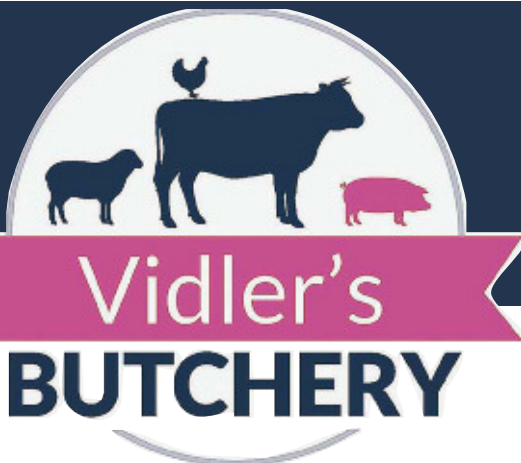
Seasoned
Plain

*Ask us about
any
special
orders*

Lamb Legs

Whole
Boned
Boned & Seasoned

Pickle Pork



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Local shopping a worthwhile investment

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, and New England North West Residents are encouraged to shop local this festive season, spreading the Christmas cheer to our local economy. And if you're anything like me, you probably still have all your family, relatives, friends, colleagues, and pets to shop for before December 25th!

The Chamber Movement spreads across the World, and into each community within the State through your local chambers alliance with NSW Business Chamber, the states peak business organisation who actively supports small business who are the backbone of the NSW economy employing over 60% of the workforce.

As the Regional Manager for the entire New England North West, I am encourag-

ing everyone throughout our region to shop local this Christmas period. I often overhear people asking each other "why is it important to shop local when I can get what I need online or in Sydney at potentially a cheaper price?"

By choosing local and independent businesses for your services, shopping, dining and other needs, you not only enjoy a more distinctive and person experience, you're helping:

1. Build community: The casual encounters you enjoy at local businesses and public spaces build relationship and community cohesiveness. Volunteer at the charity gift wrapping table - it the ultimate social networking site!

2. Strengthen the economy: Each dollar you spend at a local independent business returns 3 times more

money to your local economy, (almost 50 times more than buying from an online mega-retailer).

3. Get real value: Consumer feedback repeatedly show independent businesses are beating their chain competitors in overall customer satisfaction. You can't beat personalised service.

4. Ensuring choice and diversity: If we don't support our local businesses, then they will cease to exist and we will no longer have access to those products or services.

Of course we usually choose to do business where we perceive the best value for our time and money. But in an age where we are bombarded with thousands of corporate advertisements daily, perceptions may differ widely from reality.

Across the region, many local business chamber and local councils run a Shop Local program in the lead up to Christmas, including fun street fairs and markets. These local programs often offer gift cards that can be used at local participating stores. These are perfect for family, friend or even staff Christmas gifts!

Imagine the difference it would make to our communities if we all made the conscious effort to support our local businesses, producers and suppliers.

Joe Townsend
Regional Manager - New England North West, NSW Business Chamber

Community Noticeboard

Meals on Wheels

6th December Wendy Lockyer
7th December H Marchant
8th December Golf Ladies
11th December Darrel Taylor
12th December Joyce Betts

Street Stalls

December 7th
Masonic Lodge
December 8th, 9th, 14th,
15th and 16th
Rotary Club

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 Rafter's Restaurant, 6pm for 6.30pm. Ph: Aileen MacDonald 0417 079 307



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Volunteers honoured

Guyra Home Support Services hosted a special event on Tuesday to recognize its generous and dedicated volunteers as part of International Volunteers Day.

There were 23 volunteers recognized at this event for the work they do in the Guyra and Tingha Communities.

In total there are 62 volunteers with the service who have put in around 3000 hours of voluntary work over the last 12 months. Home Support Services coordinator Sally Burey said that the volunteer hours represent a huge saving to the community.

“You can imagine how much that saves the service so it is much appreciated,” Ms Burey said. “The hours that our volunteers put in equates to around \$80,000 of unpaid work.”

The hours are spread across a number of areas including Meals on Wheels (130 hours in Tingha and Guyra), volunteer bus driving on Friday (294 hours), Friday carer hours (294) day centre (882 hours), bus trips (96 hours) and medical trips (1200 hours).

Councillor Libby Martin represented Armidale Regional Council at the morning tea, presenting certificates of appreciation to



Guyra volunteers

Standing l to r: Elizabeth McMahon, Wendy Warner (HSS), Cr Libby Martin (ARC), Sally Burey (HSS), Irene Bultitude, Rick Emmerton, Paul Kliendienst, Jenny Rogers, Jopyce Betts
Seated: Susan Gerard, Evelyn Ramage, Lyn Skinner, Richard Skinner, Don Mayled, Betty Mayled

Tingha Volunteers

Gai Pyane, Audrey McArdle, Lyn Cook, Jenny Hayden, Jo-Anne McIlwain and Herb McArdle (seated)



the volunteers.

“Thank you all very much for everything you do,” Cr

Martin said. “Volunteers are at the centre of small communities and without people volunteering we wouldn’t

have the time and resources to get done what gets done - you do an amazing job.”



Build it and they will come

Give a farmer a bright idea, bit of spare time and a challenge and you never know what you will get.

Renowned for his Christmas light displays on the outskirts of town Barry Lockyer has taken a step up this year, recreating a Christmas tractor he saw on a road trip.

All it took was a few bales of silage, some paint, pipes, a coffee cup lid, a pot plant saucer and the result can be viewed just outside his home in Worra Street. His artwork is lit up at night, including Santa in the cab.

It is still a work in progress, but well worth a look especially at night when the lights are turned on.

GALLERY: Christmas party fun



Santa and his Elves



Scot MacDonald dunked by wife Aileen



Lions Peter King and Jim Betts



The Cat in the Hat Shows were a hit with the kids



Rotarians Jenny Cumming and Hans Hietbrink



Chay Walker dunked Adam Marshall



Bob Astle and Tony Stace



Ben Jackson high fives fans after his Air DJ performance



We backed Barnaby

Barnaby Joyce will return as Member for New England, claiming a decisive win in the by-election held on December 2.

Mr Joyce was well ahead in the poll claiming 65% of first preference votes, well ahead of his main rivals Labor's David Ewings and Independent Rob Taber. Mr Ewings received around 11% of first preferences votes and Mr Taber around 7%.

Visiting Guyra last week, where he met with local farmers, it was clear that he was amongst friends. This support was evident at local polling booths where Mr Joyce was the clear favourite. He claimed 810 out of 1080 votes cast at Guyra Central School which equates to 75% support. Tingha voted 267 out of 407 votes to Mr Joyce, at Ben Lomond he collected 88 of the 101 votes and at Black Mountain he received 133 out of 162 votes.



Barry Lockyer



Todd Clark, Jim Brown with Barnaby Joyce



Barnaby in amongst the crowd with Bryan Jackson



Sue Ross

Ambos learn 4wd skills in Guyra

You may have noticed recently the influx of NSW Ambulance 4WD vehicles in Guyra. NSW Ambulance conducts 4WD training courses for their Paramedics here in Guyra and at Barraba with a number of courses delivered each year to Ambulance Paramedics from all over the New England & North-West.

Not all incidents that require a response from NSW Ambulance occur in areas that are easily accessible by conventional road Ambulance vehicles. With this in mind NSW Ambulance has a number of built for purpose 4WD vehicles in the New England/North-West. These vehicles are designed to give Paramedics the best possible chance of accessing, treating and egressing with patient's in our Paramedics care.

Paramedics who attend the two day NSW Ambulance 4WD course are trained in a



NSW Ambulances and drivers are put to the test around Guyra

number of facets of safe 4WD techniques including but not limited to Dynamic Risk Assessment, Terrain Selection, Difficult Terrain driving and a large number of Recovery

techniques using a range of recovery equipment carried on their 4WD Ambulance vehicles.

Course numbers are set to increase next year, with up to

10 participants attending the two day 4WD training course it provides some financial support for local businesses.

Building a billy cart

Ben Lomond students participated in an exciting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Camp recently at Thalgarrah Environmental Field Studies Centre, near Armidale.

Students from Years 3 to 6 attended for two days, whilst those students in Kinder to Year 2 attended for Day 1. Across the two days students were involved in making wind turbines, using Spheros, BeeBots and Scratch Junior, to code, Astronomy and designing and building billy carts.

The students worked in groups with students from Bald Blair, Black Mountain, Chandler, Ebor and Nian-gala Public Schools on their projects.

On Day 2 the students had to design a billycart, make a model and then assist the boys from STROUD homes

make the billy cart. The students quickly discovered that you need to be clear about what it is you want your builder to do and how models may need to be modified to work with the materials you have.

The billycarts will be used in a Billy cart derby to be held at Ben Lomond Public School on Thursday December 14th.

I would like to extend a big thank you to Peter from STROUD Homes for donating the services of Micheal, Ethan and Reece for the day, and to Peter Fletcher, Mitch Parkes and Jo Bird from the University New of England, Matt McKenzie from Thalgarrah and the staff from the Snow Gums Learning Alliance for making the camp so successful.

Denise Smoother,
Principal



Above l to r: Micheal, Ethan and Reece from STROUD Homes with Eli Jolly, Cody McLeod and Ruben Jolly in the billycart

Far out science

The past few weeks have been very busy at Black Mountain Public School. Stage Three students from Black Mountain Public School attended Far Out Science at the University of New England. Students learnt about Meat Sciences, investigating different types of research conducted on animals.

Environmental Science was the next step, where students investigated pollutants that destroy our waterways and different ways to clean up pollutants. Students took the cost of different resources into consideration when making choices about methods for 'mopping' up mistakes and engaged in high quality discussions about why their choices either worked or didn't.

Students watched a physics show, learning about



different types of energy. The day ended with a visit to the Human Science building, where students investigated muscles and the energy levels exerted when muscles are used. Students also had a lot of fun learning about the parts of the body and where

organs fit into human beings. It was a fantastic day, where all had the opportunity to explore the University Campus and the many career opportunities available. Students were encouraged to project themselves into their futures and to con-

sider science as a career.

Students participated in Netball clinics at school to improve their ball skills and understanding of the game. Students engaged in many activities to build their movement skills and many of these challenged students, making them think carefully about their footwork, balance, position of body weight and execution of different locomotor moves. All students enthusiastically engaged in the sessions modelling a commitment to learn and improve.

Learning, growing and achieving successes to become productive members of society and responsible citizens is the goal for each and every student at Black Mountain Public School.

Belinda Baker
Principal

Public Exhibition

Draft Media Policy ARC17/2331

At the Ordinary Council Meeting of 22 November 2017 Armidale Regional Council approved the Draft Media Policy for public exhibition from Friday 1 December to the close of business Monday 22 January 2018. The draft Media Policy has been developed to ensure that comment made to the public through the media:

- Is consistent, well informed, timely and appropriate.
- Provides a coordinated, professional and consistent approach to media liaison.
- Clearly indicates Council's authorised spokespersons and defines the roles and responsibilities within the Council for working with the media.

Draft Councillor and Staff Interaction Policy ARC17/2330

At the Ordinary Council Meeting of 22 November 2017 Armidale Regional Council approved the Draft Councillor and Staff Interaction Policy for public exhibition from Friday 1 December to the close of business Monday 22 January 2018. The Draft Policy provides a framework for Councillors in exercising their civic duties by specifically addressing their ability to interact and receive advice from authorised staff. This Policy supports the provisions of the Code of Conduct and will form a central part of Council's Code of Conduct Framework.

The community is invited to make submissions in regard to these policies which are now on public exhibition and can be viewed at Council's Service Centres at Armidale, Guyra and online at yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au

Submissions should be addressed to **Chief Executive Officer, Armidale Regional Council, PO Box 75A, ARMIDALE 2350**, and can be made via email to council@armidale.nsw.gov.au or mailed to PO Box 75A, Armidale NSW 2350, or delivered to one of our Customer Service Centres at 135 Rusden Street, Armidale or 158 Bradley Street, Guyra.

Saumarez Homestead Sustainable Tourism Project

At its ordinary Council meeting of 25 October, Council approved a proposed co-contribution of \$730,000 towards the Saumarez Homestead

Sustainable Tourism Project – a project which has the potential to significantly increase visitor numbers to the Armidale Region. This contribution will be made towards the total project cost of \$2.7 million should a joint application with National Trust of Australia (NSW) to the Regional Growth – Environment and Tourism Fund be successful. A summary of the Saumarez Homestead Sustainable Tourism Project application information is now on public exhibition from 6 December 2017 to 3 January 2018 and can be

viewed Council's Service Centres at Armidale, Guyra and online at yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au Submissions should be addressed to **Chief Executive Officer, Armidale Regional Council, PO Box 75A, ARMIDALE 2350**, and can be made via email to council@armidale.nsw.gov.au or mailed to PO Box 75A, Armidale NSW 2350, or delivered to one of our Customer Service Centres at 135 Rusden Street, Armidale or 158 Bradley Street, Guyra.

Merry Christmas Christmas close down

Council offices in Guyra and Armidale will be open until 22 December 2017 and closed throughout the holiday period - reopening on Tuesday 2 January 2018. Works crews will be rostered to work through the holiday period to deal with emergencies and other critical and unforeseen break downs that may arise during the period. **PH: 1300 136 833**

The Visitor's Information Centre and Monckton Aquatic Centre, Armidale will be closed on Christmas Day only. The Visitor Information Centre will be open from 10am-3pm Boxing Day. The Monckton Aquatic Centre will open at 10am on Boxing Day and New Years Day. The Guyra Swimming Pool will be closed on Christmas and Boxing Day. The Kolora Hostel will be operating as usual. The Guyra Pre School Long Day Care Centre will close on 22 December 2017 at 3pm and reopen on 8 January 2018. The Guyra Home Support Services office will close at 12pm on 21 December 2017 and reopen at 8:30am on 2 January 2018.

Garbage collection and Waste Transfer Stations

Waste Transfer Stations in Armidale and Guyra will be closed on Christmas Day only and operate as normal on all other days. Domestic garbage and recycling collection for both Armidale and Guyra will continue as normal. Armidale Waste Management Facility will operate from 12pm-5pm on public holidays.

Armidale War Memorial Library

Armidale War Memorial Library will close 1pm Saturday 23 December 2017 and reopen 10am on Tuesday 2 January 2018.

Guyra Library

Guyra Library will close 5pm Friday 22 December 2017 and reopen 10am on Tuesday 2 January 2018.

Online payments

Council's on-line payment facilities are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on council's website at www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au

Kids Day in the Mall

Saturday 16 December
From 10am



Minions
Dance Party
Character Meet
and Greet



COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 13 December 2017 in the Tingha Sports & Recreation Club, New Valley Rd Tingha, from 1pm. The public are welcome to attend.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Wednesday 6 December 2017

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Northern Schools Steer Competition

Guyra Central School Agriculture students attended the annual Northern Schools Steer Competition last week which was held at Manilla.

With 17 other schools in attendance, it meant for a long day with students competing in parading and judging competitions. Stephanie Cameron was successful in gaining 2nd place in the junior judging competition which was an extraordinary achievement. Fletcher Richardson also performed really well and made it through to the final 8. Jack Lockyer also performed very well in the junior parading competition where he made it through to the final and was unfortunate not to receive a ribbon.

The animals were also prepared to an exceptional standard on the day and achieved some very pleasing results. In the middleweight class our school bred heifer achieved 4th place which was led by Stephanie Cameron. Our other school bred steer (led by Nick Morse) came in 5th place for the heavy weight division, while our third steer which was led by Jack Lockyer and supplied by the Lockyer family was unlucky to miss out on a place.

Congratulations to all students on their contribution and conduct during the entire competition. I would like to thank Mr John Presnell for his assistance in carting the cattle down to Manilla, it is very much appreciated.



Stephanie Cameron

Giving in reverse this Christmas

The Hub at Guyra is encouraging residents to take part in a new initiative, aimed at giving something back this festive season.

They have started a Reverse Advent Box which will operate for the next two weeks. The idea is to give rather than receive to help out those who are less fortunate.

They are seeking donations of food, toys, toiletries and gift items. Food should be in date and not perishable. They will accept donations of toys in new or clean used condition.

Items can be left at The Hub at 160 Bradley Street, Guyra during opening hours on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for the next two weeks.

Donations will be distributed to local families via Guyra Family Support Services and St Vincent de Paul.

If you would like to find out more you can contact The Hub on 6779 1635.

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Free degrees for students to take up teaching

FREE university degrees are up for grabs for budding young teachers, as part of a NSW Government initiative to attract the best teachers to country NSW, Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall announced today.

Mr Marshall said scholarships would be on offer in 2018 to fully fund the university degrees of 60 new teachers, paying their HECS debt if they accept a posting at one of more than 150 eligible rural and remote public schools, including 19 across the Northern Tablelands.

“Students awarded the scholarship

must maintain a credit average throughout their university studies,” Mr Marshall said.

“Scholarships will be available to new and enrolled students and include a stipend of \$7,500 per year to assist students with their studies.

“A \$6,000 ‘sign on’ bonus is also provided when they start their new job to help with the cost of relocation.”

Mr Marshall is encouraging local students to apply for the scholarship and go into a teaching career in country NSW.

“Great teachers are an integral part of

our local schools, and encouraging the best and brightest to join our local community is important to ensure we continue to have outstanding teachers in our schools,” he said.

The free degree is one of several changes in the NSW Government’s \$140 million Rural and Remote package to boost education standards in country schools.

For more information and advice on application dates, visit:

www.teach.nsw.edu.au/find-teaching-jobs/choose-rural

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Craig O'Toole and his team played Ken Trow and team and after 7 ends of bowls Ken Trow, Laurie Assef and G Hall from South Tamworth emerged the winners, 8 points to Craig O'Toole, G Hemmings and Les Goodwin from Kootin-gal 6 points.

This has bought to a close the 28th Guyra Annual Bowls Carnival.

In conclusion The Carnival Committee would like to thank all the sponsors that supported the Carnival. Minor Sponsors are: BCIB Bowling Club Insurance Brokers, Aristocrat, Hotel Liquor Wholesalers, Tooheys, Guyra Hotel, ASAHI, Country Fresh Bakery, Murray and Betty Bourke.

Sponsors of the Mixed Triples: Barry and Helen Presnell and family, Geoff and Bertha Reeves and David Wilcox.

Our Major sponsors were: Schweppes sponsor of the Open Pairs. To Regional Australia Bank sponsors of the Open Triples.

Thank you to Steven Sole for supplying the trophies for the Pairs. Thank you also must go

Men's golf

The Elders 4 Ball was played on Sunday with the winners being Mal Gaukroger and Jake Ellis, with Peter and Mick Jackson runners up. The December mug went to Pat Grills, nearest to the pins went to M Gaukroger on the 7th, C Newberry on the 10th and M Jackson on the 18th.

Next Sunday will be the 2017 Pennants in Armidale with the following players being selected. Team 1 - S Sole, B Vidler, B Reeves, D Towells, R Starr, C Newberry, S Kliendienst and A Brennan. Team 2 - T Ellis, J Ellis, Mick and Matt Jackson, R Burey, M Kirk, N Paine, T Brennan. Team 3 - W McCowen, P Grills, I Taylor, D Hill, R Moore, D Lyes, S Mendes and T Burey with B Constance on standby.

If players could be there in plenty of time for a 10:30 shotgun start. On Saturday 16th of December the Westpac Helicopter support group will be running a two person ambrose.

The Albatross

Donna for the excellent meals, to the bar staff, to all those that helped to clean and preen the surrounds, to the Umpires and Bertha and Dot for manning the raffle table. To the Lady Bowlers for morning tea each day, to those that maned the Barbeque, to any others that I have failed mention.

Now to Club Competitions for Saturday December 9th: Start: 1.00pm. Starter Robert Walls. Umpire: David Wilcox. Minor Singles: Evan Sole to play Mallie Walls marker Robert Walls. Geoff Reeves to play Roger Cox marker David Wilcox. Open Pairs: Andrew Sparke and Barry Presnell to play Dan Kennedy and Barry Walls. Open Singles: Col Stanley to play Scott Campbell marker John Jackson.

A sheet is on the notice board for those that would like to participate in the Brian Vickery Ham Day to be played Sunday 17.12.17. Names by 12.00pm for a 12.30pm start. Bowls shirt to be worn. Cost \$10.00 per player. Box Draw Pairs. So get your entry now.

The Bowls Bandit



Ladies' Golf

The Par Medal Final was played last Wednesday and the winner with +1 was Karen Oehlers on a count back from Pip White. Nearest the Pin winner, on the 10th hole, was Wendy George.

On the program for Wednesday 13th December is a 4BBB Aggregate Stableford. The starter is Wendy Jackson.

The Phantom

Top left:

Pairs winners Russell Berghofer and S Davidson (Inverell East)

Bottom left:

Pairs runners up Dan Kennedy and Chris Kliendienst (Guyra)

CRICKET SCOREBOARD Round 8 - Saturday, December 2nd, 2017

2nd Grade	3rd Grade	Under 16s
Guyra defeated Easts	Guyra defeated by Easts (Anytime)	Guyra defeated TAS Blue
Guyra Innings	Easts (Anytime) Innings 6 for 231 (declared) 40 overs	TAS Blue Innings 8 for 103 off 16 overs
Zac Atkin.....6	Guyra Bowling: Taylor Brennan 1 for 17, Matt Smith 1 for 38, Liam Northam 1 for 31, Les Perrett 0 for 7, Daniel Stace 1 for 34, Wayne Smith 0 for 14, Simon Brown 0 for 36, Cody Patterson 1 for 45	Guyra Bowling: Matt Smith 3 for 8, Tim Brazier 1 for 21, Garth Walls 2 for 31, Keiran Wicks 0 for 7, Billy Youman 0 for 10, Corey Wilson 1 for 19
Nick Page.....12	Craig Lockyer.....0	Guyra Innings
BJ Cameron.....50	Steve McElroy.....28	Tim Brazier.....not out.....28
Keiran Wicks.....5	Cody Patterson.....16	Taylor Brennan.....not out.....59
Jake Brazier.....4	Les Perrett.....not out.....20	Liam Northam.....DNB
Tom Smith.....0	Peter Ahoy.....0	Nick Page.....DNB
Jake Ellis.....7	Simon Brown.....0	Matt Smith.....DNB
Jamie Vidler.....17	Daniel Stace.....6	Garth Walls.....DNB
Peter Presnell.....3	Matt Smith.....12	Steph Cameron.....DNB
Andrew Page.....not out.....1	Wayne Smith.....4	Billy Youman.....DNB
Justin Mckay.....5	Liam Northam.....10	Kieran Wicks.....DNB
Extras.....35	Taylor Brennan.....10	Corey Wilson.....DNB
Total.....146	Extras.....10	Kareena Dawson.....DNB
Overs.....44.4	Total.....116	Extras.....15
Easts Innings	Overs.....25.2	Total.....0 for 104
10 for 105 off 33.2 overs		Overs.....14.0
Guyra Bowling:		
Justin Mckay 3 for 27,		
Tom Smith 1 for 13, Zac Atkin 0 for 9, BJ Cameron 4 for 13, Jake Ellis 1 for 41		



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PUBLIC NOTICES

GUYRA MUSEUM is opening every Sunday 11am-3pm

RAFFLES RESULTS

ST MARY'S PARISH raffle results: 1st \$ 200 IGA open order Terry Avery, 2nd Stereo Narella McFarlane, 3rd \$100 Dasha's open order Robyn Jackson, 4th \$50 Dasha's open order Paul Dullaway, 5th \$50 IGA open order Aloma Tibbs, 6th \$50 Jayde's Beauty Shop Voucher Wendy Newton. Thanks to all who supported us.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

New England Livestock Agents, operators of the Armidale and Guyra Saleyards, are calling for Expressions Of Interest from interested parties to perform the extensive maintenance program at both Armidale and Guyra Saleyards.

Maintenance program consists of cleaning, repairs, maintenance of buildings and pen and rail structures, and lawn care.

Please call:

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for further information and a description package.

Expressions Of Interest close on 31st December 2017.

POSITION VACANT

Jobs @ Council

Team Leader - Waste Management Facility

The position holder will be responsible for the control, monitoring and recording of public vehicle movements at the Armidale Waste Management Facility using Council's Waste Management Software.

Waste transfer attendant

Council is seeking two motivated applicants to join their Waste Management Team. The position holders will be required to carry out general waste management operations including but not limited to grounds maintenance, litter pick up, customer assistance and batching of the green waste/organic waste stream for composting operations.

Applications for these positions close 5.00pm on Monday, 18 December 2017.

See the full position descriptions on our website at www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au

For more information contact Megan Cone on 6770 3807.



DEATH & FUNERAL NOTICES

GERARD, Peter Kenneth John

Retired General Surgeon from Coffs Harbour.

Passed away at home in Guyra on 2nd December, 2017, surrounded by his loving family.

At Peter's request, a private cremation is being held, attended by close family.

McELROY; Ian Garry "Parrot"

3rd December 2017

Of Llangothlin Street, Guyra.

Loved father & father-in-law of Jodie & Ian Lownds & Brett and grandfather of Alexis & Jordan. Son of Edna & Harold (both dec'd). Loving brother & brother-in-law of Kevin (dec'd), Noel & Judy, Owen (dec'd), Valda, Wayne (dec'd) and loved uncle of their families.

Aged 66 years.

Funeral Service to be held at St James Anglican Church, Guyra tomorrow, Thursday, 7th December 2017 commencing at 1:00pm, followed by private cremation.



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RETURN THANKS

Neville Arthur STONE

1st November, 2017

The family of the late Neville Stone wish to extend our sincere thanks for your many kindnesses and for the condolences and support we have received.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.

Lorraine, Nathan, Stephanie & families

IN MEMORIAM

Sean Clough

Another sad year has gone without you.

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Guyra wins at New England Sports Awards

The 2017 New England Sports Awards recognized great sporting achievements, athletes, teams and also the contributions to local sport. Armidale Regional Sports Council hosted the Awards at the Armidale City Bowling Club on Tuesday November 28th.

Awards were presented to winners of the 2017 Newcastle Permanent Contribution to Sport Awards, Individual Junior and Senior Sports Star Awards, as well as Junior and Senior Team Awards.

Guyra junior rugby league President Gina Lockyer was recognised for her service to the club with the Newcastle Permanent Contribution to Sports Award. In a double win for the club, the victorious Under 10 team were joint winners of the Best Regional Junior Team Achievement 2017.

Council's Sports Coordinator, Dee Dell said that they were overwhelmed by the number of truly impressive nominations which were received.

"They were all deserving of an award," Dee said. "The final selection process was incredibly hard and I would like to congratulate everyone who was nominated."

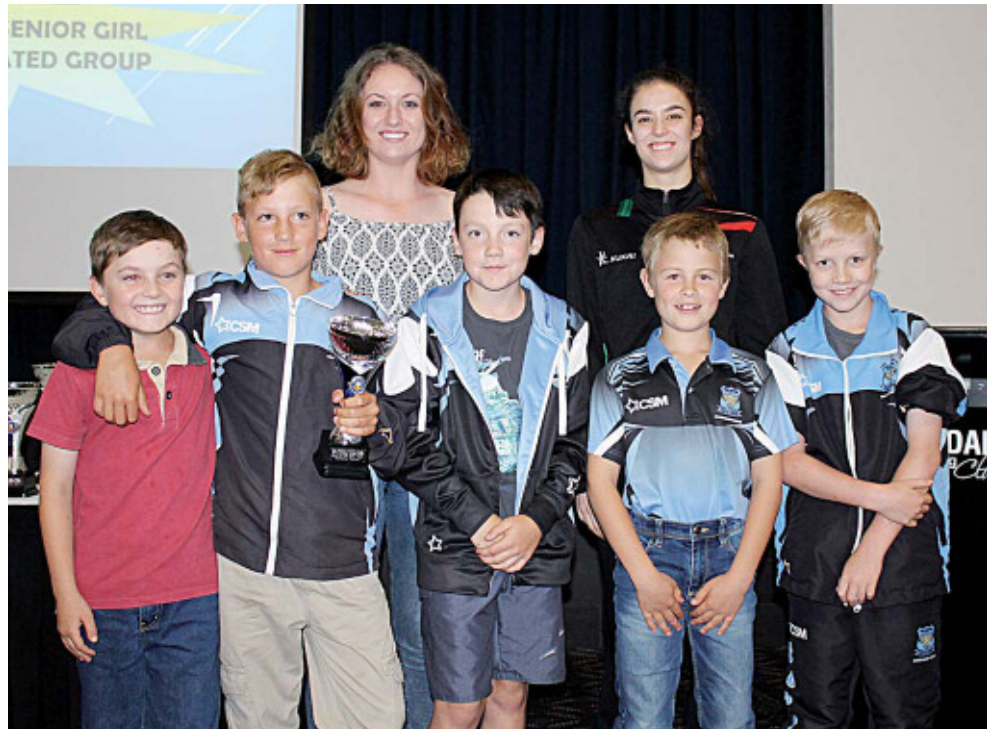
Guest of honour at the Awards was former Armidale local Gillian Backhouse, recently announced member of the 2018 Australian Commonwealth Games team. She was joined by members of the Welsh Commonwealth Games Gymnastic Squad who also attended as special guests.

"The visit by these elite athletes provided inspiration to local athletes young and old," said Ms Dell.

Other local nominations were the Guyra Under 16s Cricket team (Junior team) and the Guyra Bowling Club No 3 Penants team (Senior team). Kelsie Youman and Sara Brazier were finalists in the 2017 Junior Sports Star of the Year. Melanie Frost (a member of the Guyra SSAA) was the winner of the Junior Sports Star.

Junior Sports Star of the Year

Winner Melanie Frost (right) and finalist Kelsie Youman (far right) - pictured with Brian Barnden (NE Trophies) and the Coach of the Welsh Rhythmic Gymnastics Team



Above: Armidale Sports Council Junior Team Regional Achievements 2017 - Joint winners - Guyra Under 10 Premiers Group 19 Rugby League Tommy Ryan, Rave Brazier, Max Blyton, Darcy Heagney and Ryan Williams with Sophie Sincock (Armidale Sports Council) & Nikara Jenkins (Welsh Rhythmic Gymnastics Team)



Right: Newcastle Permanent Contribution to Sport Winner 2017 - Gina Lockyer with Judi Hansen from Newcastle Permanent



Bowls carnival a great success

Well the 28th Guyra Annual bowls carnival is over for another year, from all reports this year's Carnival was a success again.

To kick off the week's competition Tuesday November 28th was the Women's Open Triples. There were 20 teams of Women that walked onto the greens and after two rounds the winners were M. Hawke, K. Moxey, L. Robinson from Delungra with two wins plus 38 points.

Runners Up were A. Carter, I. Dawson, P. Wilson from Glen Innes with two wins plus 32 points. The consolation was won by M. Lockyer, B. Wilson, W. Lockyer (Guyra).

Wednesday November 29th saw the Mixed Triples. 12 teams walked out onto the green and after two rounds were played the winners were M. Kennedy, B. Wemyess, R. Hutton from Inverell East with 2 wins plus 27 points. Runners up were L. Betts, C. Peardon, D. Jackson from Guyra with two wins plus 25 points.

The Schweppes Pairs were played on Thursday November 30th and Friday Decem-



Triples winners Ken Trow, Laurie Assef and G Hall from South Tamworth with Dane O'conner representing Regional Australia Bank

ber 1st. After five rounds of bowls were played the Final four teams emerged and they were: C. Donaldson (Park Beach, also he is Bowls Australia representative) B. Smith (Kempsey), with five wins plus 59 points, Nathan Wise and Scott Thorning (Composite team), with five wins plus 55 points, Dan Kennedy and Chris

Kliendienst (Guyra), with five wins plus 54 points and R. Berghofer and S. Davidson (Inverell East), with five wins plus 53.

After the playoffs were complete the winners were: R. Berghofer and S. Davidson. (Inverell East). Runners Up were: Dan Kennedy and Chris Kliendienst, (Guyra)

There were 32 teams that

stepped out onto the greens Saturday 2nd December in the Regional Australia Bank Open Triples. Two rounds were played and completed just before the rain started. Sunday 3rd December saw the conclusion of the Open Triples.

After three rounds of play it came down to the winners of the eight sections.

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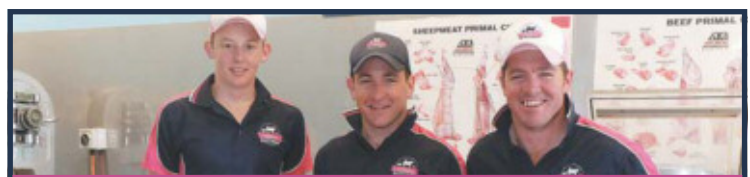


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