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OFFICIAL OPEN OF NEW CATTLE SHEDS (above): Ron Looker .ARC Mayor Simon Murray, Ellen Newberry, Adam Marshall MP, Robert Ryan OAM. Dorothy Vickery and Rita Williams
SHOWGIRL SASHING (Right): 2018 Showgirl Lisa Saunder & Jnr Showgirl Charlotte Wade



SHOW STOPPER

Fine weather and non-stop entertainment brought out the crowds on the weekend for the 110th Guyra Show.

The new Cattle Complex passed its first test comfortably housing 180 cattle with room for more, and there were record entries in the horse sections, as well as 355 fleeces on display in the main pavilion.

However the fiercest competition was reserved for men's only cooking section

with entries up from just three in 2017 to seventeen this year.

This year the Show was officially opened by RAS President Robert Ryan who praised the committee for what he described as the 'Best of the Best' of many such events he had attended.

For Show Society President Ellen Newberry, it was her fourth and last year as President. She said that she was glad to end her term in what had

been a good season for the rural community. Life membership of the Show Society was awarded to Baden Williams by Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall.

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CENTURY for local cricketer Troy Martin on the weekend

MAIN STREET PLANS revised and back on show - check them out

GUYRA SHOW over for another year - more results and pics over the coming weeks

VOLUNTEERS who make the Show happen every year

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Weather WATCH

Guyra Hospital

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
13	Tues	15.8	30.6	0
14	Wed	13.5	30.8	0
15	Thurs	13.4	31.1	0
16	Fri	12.8	29.6	0
17	Sat	13.0	26.5	0
18	Sun	13.0	28.3	0
19	Mon	13.0	26.5	0

Rain this week	0.0mm
February rainfall	16.2mm
Rainfall YTD	91.8mm
Rainfall last YTD	246.8mm

Water treatment plant

Rainfall Registrations to 9am Monday, February 19

Rainfall NIL (83mm YTD)
Top Dam 520mm below spillway
Bott. Dam 170mm below spillway
Daily average town consumption (target 650 kl) 2281kl
Water Restrictions - NIL

Life membership for Baden Williams



Baden Williams has been a member of the Guyra Show Society for 55 years and competed in Horse Events at the Guyra Show for about 50 years.

Baden has been a Patron of the Guyra Show Society for many years and is now the Show Society's Horse Measurer, taking on this role from Ted Mulligan a few years ago.

At last year's Annual General Meeting, the Show Society unanimously and with the greatest pleasure, decided to bestow Life Membership upon Baden Williams for his hard work and dedication to the Show Society and the Guyra Show extending for more than half a century.

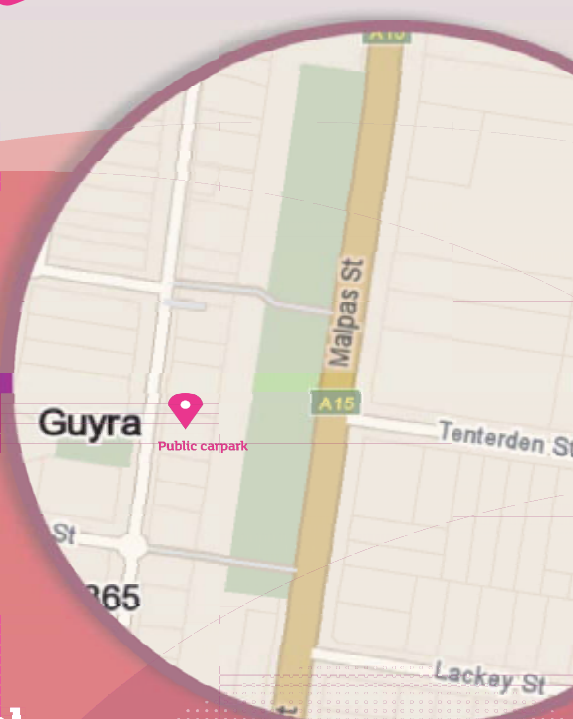
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110th Guyra Show



Pedal Shearing: Julia and Robert Woods



Harry Lockyer novice shearing



Claire Davidson sheep judging



Showgirl Lisa Saunders and Nigel Wieck with Lucrana Major M65(P) - NSW Simmental Feature Show Supreme Exhibit and Interbreed Bull Champion of 2018 Guyra Show



Winners junior judging with Judge Tyson Will



Robert Sisson in Jnr Paraders



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Michael Crowley speaks at NSW Farmers breakfast

The Guyra branch of NSW Farmers are pleased to have Michael Crowley, General Manager, Producer Consultation and Adoption at Meat & Livestock Australia, as guest speaker to a breakfast for members and non-members on Tuesday 6th March in Guyra

Michael will give an overview of the recently released market projections for beef and sheep. He will also cover the strategic di-

rection of the key program investments across MSA Adoption, Genetics, Objective Measurement and Outline R&D consultation. Michael will be happy to answer questions/concerns

Michael holds a bachelor's degree, Rural Science from the University of New England and a Graduate Certificate in Business Administration from QUT.

The breakfast meeting will be held at Rafters

Restaurant on Tuesday 6th March from 7:30am to 9am. All welcome.

The breakfast is free for NSW farmers members, with a cost of \$15 for Non-members which include a big breakfast and coffee/tea.

For more information or to RSVP by March 3rd contact Jenni Jackson 0403080536 or email jenni.jackson.60@gmail.com



Michael Crowley

Water plight reaches the floor of State Parliament

Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall has taken the plight of Guyra residents and their recent poor quality town water to the floor of State Parliament, describing the water as 'foul' and urging for immediate action to be taken.

Last week Mr Marshall formally gave notice of a motion calling upon the NSW Government to formally acknowledge Guyra's water woes and provide funding urgently for the Guyra to Malpas Dam water pipeline to boost water quality and security for the growing commu-

nity.

"While I have been assured by the council that the water is safe to drink, this is yet another demonstration of the urgent need to permanently upgrade Guyra's water quality and security," Mr Marshall said.

"This water quality and discolouration issue has been occurring infrequently for many years now and residents are fed up with it and urgent works must be done to ensure it does not happen again.

"This problem arises every time the town's storage levels fall and with Guyra using

far more water than is available in storage, this risks becoming a regular occurrence without immediate intervention."

Mr Marshall said the project he wanted funded would solve the issues plaguing residents with not only a new pipeline to be constructed, but also the replacement of the town's ageing water treatment facilities.

"I am calling on the government to urgently fund the \$10.5 million Malpas Dam to Guyra water pipeline, including new water treatment facilities to ensure water is always of a high standard for

residents," he said.

"This will not only benefit every resident who uses town water, but also help provide infinite capacity for Guyra's expanding horticultural industry.

"Armidale Regional Council is ready to start construction of this vital infrastructure and now, all that remains are the funds necessary to break ground.

"With a watertight plan for the pipeline, a clear demand from the community and with the government now on notice, I want to see this project funded without further delay."

Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale Market Report

February 14th - There was an increased penning of lambs featuring the annual show sale. As a result there was an improved penning of well finished trade and heavy weights. Restocker lambs again made up a large percentage of the offering.

The usual processors were in attendance and there were some new restocker orders in place. Trends through the well finished trade weight young lambs were firm to dearer with the better quality accounting for much of the improvement.

The good quality restocker lambs sold to a slightly dearer trend, while the plainer, light weights were a little cheaper,

down by \$4 to \$7/head. Weights increased through the heavy and extra heavy weights. The market also showed dearer trends with the improvement in weights accounting for quite a lot of the price improvement. There was a reduction in numbers of grown sheep with a large percentage of the offering being cross bred ewes. Given the current state of the wool market it was a possibility that Merino breeders have withheld sheep for the purpose of shearing and value adding themselves. Market trends were cheaper throughout of \$4 to \$20/head with the plainer condition sheep most affected.

Weekly Wool Market Report

February 16th - Whilst most micron indicators finished in the negative this week they do not necessarily give us a true snapshot of the performance of all types on offer in the market. With the \$A moving to 1.5% higher throughout the course of the selling week the indicator levels of last week could not be maintained on a highly varied offering. Better spec (low VM, good strength and low midbreak) lots continued to gain strong competition with the 18.5 micron and finer of these types closing dearer for the week. The poorer spec and particularly the poorer prepared lots suffered in comparison and this is where the greatest falls were experienced. Buyer focus is turning to

preparation standards as their customers down the pipeline are demanding highly even parcels of wool to go with these higher price levels. There was some positive momentum seen in the XB sector this week with gains of 5-20 c/kg clean seen.

In positive news for wool, Consumer confidence levels and retail sales results are increasing in our major wool consuming countries. Consumer confidence in the US, Asia and European Union are at the highest levels seen since the year 2000.

Greg Andrews



Schute Bell
Wool



Revised plans for main street upgrade

Revised plans for the \$2.7 million Guyra Main Street Upgrade are being displayed on shop fronts in Bradley Street, in the Guyra Administration Building and online for community feedback until Friday 16 March 2018.

Armidale Regional Council design engineers have reviewed the feedback received last year from the Guyra community and adjusted the plans. Nine parking spaces previously allocated to outdoor dining areas have been reinstated, the street stall has been moved in front of Davidson Cameron

Real Estate, the pedestrian crossing and refuge has been put back in front of IGA and four accessibility parking spaces have been added.

Mayor Cr Simon Murray said the plans now included the community's feedback and have addressed previous concerns over the design.

"I am confident the revised plans for the Guyra main street have addressed the community's concerns," said Cr Murray.

"I encourage the community to review the plans and provide further feedback,

we want to hear if people are happy with the revision or if they feel there is further room for improvement."

The youth of Guyra will also be involved in the project. A public art competition will be conducted with students from Guyra Central School in partnership with Council's Art and Culture Committee, with the winning entry incorporated into the main street design.

The revised plans are being displayed in Bradley Street shopfronts, in the Guyra Administration Building and online at yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au

Recycling centre diverting waste

A Community Recycling Centre (CRC) is now open in Guyra, allowing locals to drop off problem wastes such as paints, oils, gas bottles e-waste and batteries for free and keep them out of landfill.

CRCs have been established by Armidale Regional Council after receiving a \$223,240 grant from the NSW

Government's Waste Less, Recycle More initiative.

The new recycling facilities will help council and the community keep problem wastes out of landfill, making it easier than ever before to recycle and complements the community's existing recycling services.

Waste Less, Recycle More is

a NSW Government initiative to keep waste out of landfill, increase food and garden waste collections, boost business recycling and invest in new infrastructure.

The CRC accepts the following problem wastes for free:

- water-based and oil-based paints;
- used motor oils and other

oils;

- lead-acid and hand-held batteries;
- gas cylinders and fire extinguishers;
- conventional tube and compact fluorescent lamps;
- smoke detectors;
- e-waste and mobile phones; and
- needle sharps.

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Thu 8 & 15 • Tue 13 & 20

Mountain Biking Thu 8 & 15

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Hollywood Circuit

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St Marys induct leaders

On Monday 12th February, the St Mary of the Angels School community joined together to witness the commissioning of our school leaders and staff for 2018.

This year the school is delighted to have fourteen Year 6 School Leaders who will strive to model and uphold the school's values and help to support and strengthen the relationships and connections within the school and wider community.

Our shared approach to leadership ensures that all students get to experience leadership opportunities and to represent our school at various events throughout the calendar year. Our Year 6 school leaders for 2018 are:



St Mary's school leaders for 2018

Reegan Jackson, Lucy Campbell, Phoebe Colvin, Trisha Varley, Brooke Newberry, Emily Jackson, Isabella Kennedy, Jack Lockyer, Ben Reinke, Ty Mulligan, Harrison Brazier, Sebastian Bra-

zier, Tinny Nguyen and Rhett Heagney. Congratulations on your new leadership roles Year 6 and we hope that you will achieve great success in 2018.

Ag students excel at Shows



Guyra Central junior sheep judging ribbon winners at the Guyra Show

The Agriculture farm at Guyra Central School has been a hive full of activity to start the 2018 year. Students have been busy preparing cattle and poultry, and refining their sheep judging skills in preparation for the Glen Innes and Guyra Shows. Claire Davidson excelled at the Glen Innes show placing second in the sheep judging, and first in the fruit and vegetable section. Ben Stevens also performed really well making the finals for two of sheep categories while Matthew Sisson, Tayla Mitchell, Jamie Loeb and Billy Youman were all successful in making the finals for one of

their particular events. Stephanie Cameron was also successful in gaining a finals spot in the beef cattle judging competition.

At the Guyra Show there were also many stand out performances from students in the junior judging competitions including Robert Sisson and Ellie Mitchell placing 1st and 2nd respectively in the Year 7 division while Jamie Loeb gained 2nd place in the Year 8 section. Myles Williams placed 2nd in the Year 9-10 category with BJ Cameron finishing 4th in the open section. Jack Lockyer was also a finalist in the cattle parading com-

petition which saw some very fierce competition.

The Murray Grey females also performed exceptionally well in the stud cattle competition with the outstanding result of 'Bonny' being awarded Champion Murray Grey exhibit at Guyra.

A huge thank you to Gwyn and Ian Pearson for all the help and support provided over the two shows and for transporting the cattle to and from Glen Innes. Outstanding effort and achievement from all students, and we now look forward to Armidale Show early in March.

Community Noticeboard

Meals on Wheels

- 21st February Michael Austin
- 22nd February Sue Adams
- 23rd February Steve Adams
- 26th February NEM Staff
- 27th February Jeanette Jarvis
- 28th February Noreen Williams

Street Stalls

- 22nd February - Can Assist
- 23rd February Hospital Aux
- 1st March Presbyterian Church
- 8th March Senior Citizens

Church Notices

St James Anglican

Sunday 9am Combined Service, 1st Sunday of the month Backwater 2pm, 3rd Sunday of the month Ben Lomond 11.30am
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

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Enq. Nancy Davidson 6779 1366

Seventh-day Adventist

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Enquiries: 6779 1587

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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, 6pm for 6.30pm. Ph: Aileen MacDonald 0417 079 307

We won't lose the corridor

Cr Margaret O'Connor, in a recent letter to the Armidale Express, makes a number of assertions that show her ignorance of the Rail Trail proposal and reinforce her inability to analyse the available information in a logical manner. Let me respond.

She states that if the corridor is closed to rail traffic, then it "could be a simple act of Parliament to sell off the land forever." Here Cr O'Connor shows her ignorance of the legislative process and is blatantly scare-mongering. For example, the Bill for the closure of the rail line between Rosewood and Tumarumba clearly states that the authorisation of the rail infrastructure owner in relation to the disposal of land concerned is limited to the land being dedicated under Crown Lands legislation as a rail trail for recreational use. There is every expectation that the legislation for the closure of the corridor between Armidale and Wallangarra will follow this same template. There is no reason for it not to.

Cr O'Connor suggests that a "track side" option is the solution. Anyone with any understanding of rail trails would realise that a side track on a single-track corridor in rugged country such as the Northern Tablelands simply will not work. The construction of a trail beside the rail in this corridor would require the widening of cuttings, tunnels and bridges at a huge cost. To bypass those cuttings, tunnels and bridges etc. the side track would need to follow the contours of surrounding country, thereby negating the primary value of a rail trail - that being its relatively level gradient. Mountain bike riding and bush walking are totally different things from riding or walking a rail trail.

Cr O'Connor suggests that "driverless truck convoys, rising diesel prices and massive road subsidies" will "challenge the sustainability of 100 per

cent road-based freight in the regions" implying that there may need to be a return to rail freight. No-one has yet developed a business case that shows any value in putting freight, let alone passengers, back on the Great Northern Rail. I have yet to see freight arriving by rail to Armidale.

Rail trails are more than a bike track. They are a proven and safe off-road multi-shared pathway for passive recreation for cyclists, walkers and riders. They encourage fitness, they stimulate economies through tourism and most importantly, they do not destroy rail corridors.

The Great Northern Rail Corridor is sitting idle. It needs to be closed and converted into a useable rail trail. Cr O'Connor and her fellow councillors need to be decisive on this issue and unleash the opportunities that a rail trail will bring to the region.

Hans Hietbrink

Call for decision on Rail Trail

I note that the Armidale Regional Council's mission is to "Unleash the Opportunities" and Guyra certainly needs these opportunities unleashed!

The locality urgently requires continued development and both the prior Guyra Shire Council and the merged Armidale Regional Council (ARC) have had the matter before them over some years for the closure of the rail corridor from Black Mountain to Ben Lomond. The line has been abandoned for 30 years and has fallen into disrepair. Additionally, there is no credible business organisation that is putting forward a business case to reopen the line as a major freight or passenger route. Plenty of "wouldn't it be nice if" but nothing otherwise.

The State Government has the means to close this corridor which would transfer it to Crown Land and should the circumstances in the future change then the corridor will still be there and can be reacti-

vated and reopened for rail travel. An act of parliament is required for this to happen. The State Government is seeking some indication of support from the ARC for this action.

With this corridor closed then the proposal to establish a rail trail between Black Mountain and Ben Lomond can be set in motion with funding being provided for development from the State Government. This proposal fits the bill required for growth.

A rail trail will provide the opportunity to substantially grow tourism in the area and this will lead to a flow on to accommodation providers, small businesses etc and grow employment opportunities.

The alternative is for nothing to occur other than for the continued deterioration of the infrastructure and the continued near free use of the corridor by some adjacent landholders for their livestock.

Those seeking to reopen the corridor to a freight line should be careful what they ask for. Initially, all the landholders will have their grazing rights cancelled (these arrangements continue under a rail trail), the whole line infrastructure will need to be rebuilt with a new rail bed, sleepers, rails, new

bridges and most likely realignment of many of the tight corners on the current track; let alone signalling, road crossings and the story goes on.

For the line to be profitable, these freight carriers would need to have the ability to facilitate trains of at least 800 to 1500 metres in length, crossing loops (passing sidings) would need to be built to accommodate this minimal length, the weight of these trains would be estimated to be in the vicinity of 9,000 tonnes up to say 25,000 tonnes, double decker containers may need to be utilised. I haven't mentioned the noise issues through towns etc; that's another story.

This freight line will not occur in our lifetime, but should circumstances alter then the corridor is there and anything is possible.

What can occur right now is for the rail trail to be commenced with immediate tourism gains and benefits for the whole region.

So come on Armidale Regional Council get on board with this and show some strong leadership instead of hiding behind further reports. Make a positive decision for the community as a whole.

Alan St Clair



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Simon Says

Q&A with the Mayor

Q: I have been concerned about the lack of shade over Armidale's playgrounds. Other than some of the playgrounds being too hot to use during warm weather, it is well known that living on the tablelands poses extra risk for skin cancer. Do you have any plans to prioritise sun safety for children in our community?

A: Council does not have any current plans to put more shade structures over playgrounds. There are two existing covered playgrounds targeted at young children, in the mall and at Curtis Park. If Council develops additional playgrounds designed for young children, shade structures will be incorporated into the layout. Shade structures are not installed over every playground because these structures are regularly burnt or torn by vandals. They are expensive to replace and that cost is not covered by Council's insurance.

Council does what it can to assist with sun safety, within cost constraints, to complement parents' role in supervision and education about this issue. Where possible, we try to ensure there are trees located around playgrounds to help provide shade. However, trees too close to equipment can damage equipment.

Visit yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au to see all the Simon Says Q&As or to post a question

Mayor's Message

There once was a city so high
Its seasons were the apple of its eye
When the leaves start to brown
There's a buzz around town
Come join us in March, find out why

It's not often you have a good excuse to start a column with a limerick. However, the 2018 Autumn Festival in Armidale is nearly upon us and this year's event coincides with St Patrick's Day.

That seems as good a reason as any to break out some traditionally Irish poetry.

To tip our lid to Ireland's biggest day of national celebration, St Patrick's Day will be the theme for this year's Autumn Festival, being held from 15-18 March. We can look forward to having the Civic & Curtis Parks ringing with the sounds of traditional Irish bands and the street parade on the Saturday will be a celebration of all things green.

The 2018 festival has been expanded from three days to four, to allow an extra evening of family fun in the parklands.

Activities this year will begin on Thursday 15 March from 5pm to 10pm, with amusements rides and live bands.

The following three days include arts and culture performances by the New England Conservatorium of Music, twilight markets, pipe bands, rock bands, dancers, cycle racing, a fun run and fireworks. Car enthusiasts will enjoy two days of motoring beauty, with a classic car show on the Saturday and Motor Extravaganza the next day.

For all the attractions, dates and times, visit Council's website, the Armidale Autumn Festival Facebook page or drop into the Community Connect shopfront in the Beardsy Street Mall.

The shopfront will continue to be a hub of information about Council-related issues during coming weeks.

The current round of community consultation for the Armidale CBD Revitalisation closed on Friday and thank you to everyone who took the time to offer your thoughts and ideas. More than

900 people visited the shopfront during the CBD revitalisation consultation period, between mid-December and 16 February, and around 500 have completed the survey. There is also a healthy pile of submissions and many comments in the shopfront guestbook and comments board.

All this feedback will help guide a review of the revitalisation designs. The updated plans will then go back to the community for further input.

In the meantime, the focus in the shopfront will turn to information on projects such as the new business park next to Armidale Regional Airport, the New England Highway roundabout to be constructed nearby and the Malpas Dam to Guyra pipeline.

Visitors to the shopfront are also invited to submit questions for our new Q&A with the Mayor, dubbed Simon Says. We've already had a great response and received numerous questions. See this page for some of my answers and visit the Your Say Armidale website for all the Q&As.

Questions can be posted at Your Say Armidale or on Council's Facebook page. Simon Says boxes will soon be available for printed questions at Council's offices and libraries in Armidale and Guyra.



Volunteer drivers wanted

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Guyra Home Support Services is a community service providing transport for frail-aged elderly, disadvantaged and isolated people, as well as social support to groups and individuals and a daily meals service. The service helps to keep people active, at home and independent. We need volunteer drivers for our bus (minimum LR Licence) and car, and deliverers for our meals on wheels service.

Full training and support is offered to all volunteers. Volunteers are required to undertake a mandatory criminal record check and working with children check.

If this is something that interests you, please give the friendly staff a call on (02) 6770 7127

COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 28 February 2018, at the Armidale Chambers, 135 Rusden St, from 1pm. The public are welcome to attend.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Wednesday 7 February 2018

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Lambs shine at Show sale

New England Livestock Agents held their annual Lamb Show and Sale last Wednesday February 14th.

An outstanding line up of lambs were divided into export, trade and other categories and judged by a panel of buyers on the day.

Judge representative Andrew Jackson said that the lambs were a credit to the producers given the tough conditions.

“It’s a big effort to get lambs as good as they are and the lambs here are a credit to the vendors,” he said. “The winning pen are big, long beautiful export lambs and you wouldn’t get any better.”

“Conditions are starting to get tough and so don’t be afraid to put a bit of grain in your lambs – mutton will be hard to get and the price will stay strong.”

Winners:



Above: Chris Sole (Guyra Show Society), Stafford Youman and Angus Lawrie (Landmark) **Top right:** Shane & Claire Davidson

Export lambs
1st Stafford Youman (sold by DCCO \$210) **2nd** Westbrook Pastoral (Robert Jackson)
Trade lambs
1st Carrawatha Pastoral (Brian Fitzroy) **2nd** David and Ainslie Green
Other breeds
1st and 2nd Shane Davidson

Redfin rounded up

Guyra Anglers’ Club were more than happy with the turn out for the “World of Hire” Redfin Roundup event on Sunday 11th February at Malpas Dam. There were around 150 people of which 120 registered to enter the competition for some fantastic prizes supplied by Mick Blenman from Armidale World of Hire.

The major prizes in the open categories went to Jamie Jones who caught the longest redfin at 45cm and the heaviest at 1.306kg. Second in these two categories was David Sisson at 35cm and 642kg.

Junior winner in the length and weight categories was Billy Youman with Toby Handebo second. Other prizes in the junior sections were Jake Campbell and Jake Wesley, and the group of redfin weight went to David Sisson. The raffle prizes were out-



Jamie Jones winner of the two major categories at the Redfin Roundup, accepts his prizes from Sharon Blenman of Armidale World of Hire and Dean Williams of the Anglers Club.

standing and Shane Surawski won the rod and reel combo, Rod Burn took second prize and Troy Wesley took home third prize. The Club thanks Mike and Sharon Blenman, and Dean Williams for the donation of

prizes. Club members are reminded that there will be a meeting on Wednesday 21st February to organize the Annual Presentation Day on Sunday 4th March which will also be the AGM.



CRICKET SCOREBOARD Saturday, February 17th

2nd Grade
Guyra def. by TAS Hillgrove Innings
 6 for 280 off 45 overs
Guyra Bowling:
 Jake McKay 3 for 63, Jake Ellis 1 for 64, Peter Presnell 1 for 34, Tom Smith 0 for 26, Keiran Wicks 1 for 36, Nick Page 0 for 35, BJ Cameron 0 for 20.

Guyra Innings

Troy Martin.....	102
Zac Atkin.....	0
Nick Page.....	6
BJ Cameron.....	10
Jake Brazier.....	1
Ryan Walker.....	4
Jake Ellis.....	34
Keiran Wicks.....	19
Tom Smith.....	not out.....8
Peter Presnell.....	13
Justin McKay.....	11
Extras.....	18
Total.....	226

Overs.....36.4

3rd Grade Guyra defeated Easts

Guyra Innings

Cody Patterson.....	64
Craig Lockyer.....	12
Graham Cameron.....	27
DJ Patterson.....	47
Maurice Blair.....	15
Simon Brown.....	23
Andrew Page.....	20
Peter Ahoy.....	0
Steve McElroy.....	49
Dan Stace.....	0
Wayne Smith.....	not out.....0
Extras.....	24
Total.....	276

Overs.....39

Easts Innings
 9/187 off 34 overs
Guyra Bowling:
 Dan Stace 0 for 26, DJ Patterson 1 for 36, Cody Patterson 2 for 31, Wayne Smith 1 for 38, Andrew Page 4 for 52, Simon Brown 1 for 4



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Ladies' Golf

On Wednesday 9th February we competed in a Stableford event for the Black Mountain Nursery Trophy Day donated kindly by Pam Youman. Wendy Jackson scooped the pool to win the day with a fabulous round returning a score of 49 points. Runner up was Julie Walker on a count back from Meg Simpson with 41 points. Karen Oehlers shot nearest the pin on the 9th hole.

Set down in the golf program for Wednesday 28th February is our 4BBB Open Day when we will welcome many players from golf clubs in the New England district.

The Phantom

Men's Golf

In last week's midweek competition the Sultans of Swing came out on top with 68 points with 8 players scoring 18 points. The Guy Warskitt Memorial was held on Sunday with Richard Burey and Steven Sole winning on a count back from Mal Gaukroger and Pat Grills. Nearest to the pins went to Steve Kliendienst on the 7th, Pat Grills on the 10th and Barry Simpson on the 18th. Boyd Stanley took out the longest drive.

Next Sunday will be the annual East versus West day. This is a day sponsored by Joel and Magooley where the teams are

based on which side of the railway line you live on. There will be great prizes for the individual stableford event. The major prize on offer will be for 12 months full golfing membership in the form of a random card draw, so even if you have a bad day on the course you can still win this great prize. There will also be nearest to the pins and long drive prizes and a \$400 hole in one jackpot on the 18th. All members are welcome so make next Sunday Joel and Magooley day.

Guyra will be hosting a sure-to-be-popular golf tournament in March. The two day event, held on the 24th and 25th March, comprises 18-hole 4BBB events, preceded by a 9-hole individual event on the 23rd from 2pm.

These events are open to both men and women, and feature numerous trophies for each day's winners, with overall winners of the 36 holes receiving two nights' accommodation at Opal Cove, Coffs Harbour.

The Albatross

Men's Bowls

The weekend bought some of the best Bowlers from throughout The New England District Bowling Association to Guyra for the State Triples. Representing Guyra in this Association event were two teams - Steven Sole, Scott Swain and Robert Walls and John McIllwain, David Wilcox and Roger Cox. In

the Quarter Finals Steven Sole and his team advanced to the Semi Final with a 43 shot to 12 shot win, but went down to the eventual winners 19 shots to 24 shots. John McIllwain and his team faired a little better with a win in their Quarter Final 22 shots to 21 shots. They were also successful in their Semi Final with a 29 shot to 12 shot win. They advanced to the Final but were unable to continue their run and went down 26 shots to 11 shots to the Armidale City team of Tod Fuller, Steve Fuller and Thomas Inman.

While on District events this weekend February 24th and 25th will see two Guyra teams travel to Armidale Ex Services to contest the State Pairs. The two teams are: John McIllwain and David Wilcox who play at 9.00am. Steven Sole and Robert Walls who play at 1.00pm, Saturday February 24th.

Also playing in the District Association event is John Jackson and Ian Jacobs who will represent Guyra in the Senior Pairs to be played at Armidale City in round two at 1.00pm Saturday afternoon. Best of luck to all the above teams representing Guyra.

Club Championships set down for Saturday February 24th. Start: 1.00pm. Starter and Umpire: Cameron Peardon.

Open Singles: Barry Campbell to play Colin Stanley marker Dan Kennedy.

Major Singles: Robert Moore to play David Lyes marker Chris Kliendienst.

Minor Singles: Michael Jackson to play Cameron Peardon marker Scott Swain. Peter Brodbeck to play Wayne Reeves marker Mallie Walls.

By arrangement Boyd Stanley is to play Chris Kliendienst Friday February 23rd.

The Pennant teams have been selected and are as follows:

Team 1: Colin Stanley, Robert Moore, Ian Jacobs (sub for Scott Campbell), Andrew Sparke.

Team 2: John Jackson, Cameron Peardon, Barry Presnell, Robert Walls.

Team 3: John McIllwain, David Wilcox, Murray Bourke, Roger Cox.

Reserves: Phil Kliendienst, Wayne Reeves, Mallie Walls, Peter Brodbeck, Steven Sole, David Lyes, Boyd Stanley, Scott Swain, Chris Kliendienst, Ian Jacobs.

There will be a Pennant Trial Friday evening February 23rd commencing at 5.30pm. All players selected in the three teams and most important all other registered Bowlers are asked to attend so that a proper trial can be conducted.

A reminder to all Bowlers, a sheet is on the notice board calling for entries in The Guyra Bowling Club Major/ Minor Three Bowl Pairs to be played over the weekend of Saturday May 5th and Sunday May 6th 2018. Entries close 6.00pm Sunday April 29th 2018. For further inquiries and entries to Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club, Phone: 6779 1499. Email: admin@guyrabowlingclub.com

The Bowls Bandit

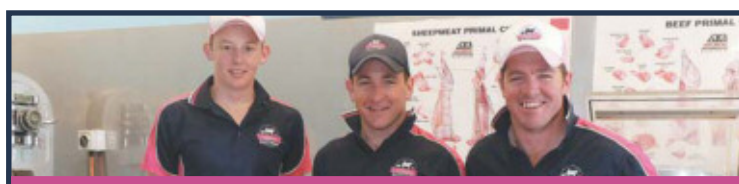
Vets golf

Only 7 players played this week as a number of players were playing in the Glen Innes Open. The weather was cool for a change but with a bit of a breeze.

Winner on the day was Meg Simpson with a great 38 points. The best putter was Ken Fuller with only 28 putts. Pat Grills was nearest the pin on the 18th.

Thursday next week March 1st we will be playing in the next Pennants at Glen Innes. This will be a new course for many.

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Gazette Sport

Pennants Day for Veteran Golfers

On Tuesday, 13th February the Guyra Vets hosted their Pennants Day. 92 Veteran Golfers from Walcha, Uralla, Armidale, Glen Innes and Guyra played an Individual Stableford event.

A pleasant breeze kept us cool for most of the game. It was quite a spectacle to see so many golfers on our course and several visitors commented what a lovely course it is. Thanks must go to Len Archer and his team for preparing the course so well in these dry conditions

Congratulations to the Guyra team who played exceptionally well and took most of the major prizes home. Pip White had a very successful day, winning the Ladies event with 42 points, the longest drive and also the



There were more carts than cars last Tuesday when Veterans golfers descended on Guyra for Pennants Day

raffle! Joyce Betts was very close to the pin the 9th.

Dick Burey was the runner-up in Men's A Grade with 40 points, Jon Cumming won the Men's B Grade with a score of 41, with Warren McCowen the runner-up with 40. Warren also won nearest the pin on the 18th. Doug Archibald won the Men's C Grade with a great score of

43 points (the highest score of the day) followed by Len Stanley with 38. Reg Walls was closest to the hole on the 7th.

It takes a good team of helpers to make these days successful. Thank you to Betty Anne and her staff, Donna for our lunches, the "buggy boys", the card checkers, the morning tea lady, the

money taker, the raffle ticket seller, and anyone else who helped in some way.

Many thanks to our generous sponsor, Costa Blush Tomatoes. Everyone took home a punnet of their delicious tomatoes.

The next Pennants game will be held in Glen Innes on March 1st.

The Vet

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