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Time to party in the street

Christmas will come to Guyra this Friday with a huge party being held in Bradley St to welcome the festive season.

Armidale Regional Council is sponsoring the event, which is being organised in conjunction with the Guyra Rotary Club.

Rotary President Hans Hietbrink has issued a special invitation to the whole community, young and old, to participate in what is sure to be a great evening.

Festivities will kick off at around 5pm. The star attraction is sure to be the big red fella (aka Santa Claus) who will arrive on a big red vehicle (aka a fire engine) which is sure to delight the young and young at heart.

Market stalls will be operating and you can try



Try your luck on the ham wheels this Friday
There will be a lot happening from around 5pm

to win a ham for Christmas by buying a ticket and watch the wheel spin.

While in recent years the event has been held on

Sunday, this year marks a return to an earlier tradition of the Rotary Street carnival which was a twilight event. It is hoped peo-

ple will support the idea and take advantage of a cooler evening outing.

A parade of local schoolchildren and preschoolers will take place, forming up outside the council building and proceeding down the street to the huge Christmas tree which will be located near the National Australia Bank.

The culmination of the festivities will be the lighting of the tree and the arrival of Santa at around 6pm.

There will be gifts for children handed out and a jumping castle to keep them entertained.

A number of food stalls will be operating as well as a BBQ and music will be provided by Jacko's Juke-Box.

Santa Claus is coming to town

Join in the fun
this **FRIDAY, 7th December**
from 5.00pm
in the main street

- Lighting of the Christmas Tree
- School parade
- Jumping castle for the kids
- Lots of market stalls



Rotary
Guyra Rotary Club

Time's up for Scot MacDonald

For the last seven and a half years, Scot MacDonald has split his time between his home base here in Guyra and the cities of Sydney and Newcastle. As a member of the NSW Legislative Council he has spent many hours, days and weeks away from his home and family following his chosen path of politics.

His time in parliament will end officially in March next year, after losing a preselection battle to fellow MLC Catherine Cusack. Scot said he is disappointed, but always knew it would be tough this time around.

"To be honest I would have liked another four years to build on some of the work that I have done," he said. "It has been a fairly full on eight years, particularly the last four years as parliamentary secretary. The reality is that I was away from home a lot more than I wanted to be.

When he entered parliament in 2011 it was on a wave of optimism and high hopes that followed an emphatic victory by the coalition and Scot says that he is proud to have served and fortunate to have been in government during his time in politics

Looking back on his time in the Legislative Council, he said it was an exciting time and a unique privilege to be part of a new government.

"Like my fellow country-based members of Parliament, I was highly motivated to put regional communities back in the heart of government. I feel proud to have been part of a reform government under Premiers O'Farrell, Baird and now Berejiklian. Why else did we go into politics, if not to make a difference?"

Scot served on 11 committees his first four years and following the 2015 election was appointed Parliamentary Secretary for the Hunter and Central Coast.

Early on he faced some of his biggest challenges in that role. When a series of super storms hit the Hunter and Central Coast in April 2015, he became



Scot MacDonald, pictured with wife Aileen, will bow out of politics in March

one of the interfaces between the communities and Government as they recovered from the floods and storm damage.

At the end of 2015, he attended a public meeting which alerted the Williamstown community to contamination from firefighting chemicals used on the RAAF base. It became clear to Scot that one of the most direct ways the Government could mitigate risk was to connect impacted homes to reticulated town water. Scot says he will be forever proud that Premier Baird, Treasurer Berejiklian and water Minister Niall Blair rapidly committed \$4 million to get this project underway.

"With the Williamstown PFAS issue, my approach from that first public meeting in 2015 was to park the politics. Advocacy and representation is important and valuable, but I saw no profit in making political mileage out of PFAS," he said. "The losers are inevitably the residents, and there are no winners"

While much of his work was away from his home base of Guyra, closer to home his stance on local government amalgamations attracted crit-

icism within the community. He was almost a lone voice at community meetings advocating for a merger during the Fit for the Future process.

"The process around local government amalgamations was full on, but I don't regret the stance I took," he said. "It was tough for everyone involved, and it was tough for me to come out in support but I believe that we got the council merger policy right. Even the

merged council still has a lot of work to do and I don't think we are out of the woods yet.

Scot has also remained in close contact with the Costa group to ensure they remain on track and interested in future developments in the Guyra area.

"They have gone through a lot of changes since the first development and people shouldn't assume their trajectory was guaranteed," he said.

"Guyra has been buffeted by changing demographics and technology and it has been incredibly important to have the Costa Group establish world leading glasshouses here and to continue expanding."

Scot paid tribute to his wife Aileen and their three children Nicola, James and Alex for their support.

"They have been part of the journey and have been on the receiving end of absences. Of course, I owe everything to my wife. She had patience when I lacked it and courage when I hesitated. Aileen has been shoulder to shoulder with me every step of the way."

Having recently welcomed their first grandchild, the MacDonalds plan to spend more time with their family before deciding what the future holds.

Reverse Advent 2018 The Hub at Guyra

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6779 1635

Makeover for Mother of Ducks

Work will start in the new year to upgrade facilities at the Mother of Ducks Lagoon and Nature Reserve. A \$459,182 grant from the State Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund will ensure the lagoon's natural beauty remained undiminished and the community facilities are upgraded for the future.

New electric barbecues, weather-proof picnic tables, a brand new amenities block, signage and expanded walking tracks will be built to enhance the attractiveness of the lagoon reserve to tourists.

Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall visited the area on Monday, to officially announce the allocation for the upgrade which he described 'truly one of our tourism gems'.

"The reserve is rarely empty, with locals and visitors coming here to enjoy the stunning natural vista which even in our current dry season is still a beautiful sight.

"It's also well patronised by visitors, particularly the grey nomad and RV tourism sector and in summer its common to see up to 20 vans parked here each night."

"With even a small two per cent increase in overnight stays at the lagoon reserve, Guyra has the ability to in-



Armidale Regional Council Mayor Simon Murray, Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall and Guyra Citizen of the Year Dot Vickery discussing plans to upgrade Guyra's Mother of Ducks Lagoon.

crease visitor expenditure in the town by almost \$2.75 million each year," Mr Marshall said.

"People will stay, shop, have breakfast, buy local produce and take advantage of other sites around the area."

ARC Mayor said that the planned upgrades at the lagoon were identified as a key priority by the Guyra community and council is pleased to be able to start this work early in the New Year.

Grants awarded for stronger New England

Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce, has announced grants under the latest funding release from the Australian Government's highly successful Stronger Communities Programme.

The grants are among the first to be awarded under the \$22.5 million Round 4 of the Programme, with the Coalition Government funding up

to 50 per cent of costs for successful projects from a pool of \$150,000 in each electorate.

The Guyra Neighbourhood Centre will receive \$6,448 to upgrade its WiFi network for faster, more secure and reliable communication as well as to purchase two new laptops to replace existing systems which are more than 10 years old.

LOOKING AT LEGUMES - INFORMATION EVENT

Monday, 10th December 2018
5.30pm - 8.00pm

Venue: Glen Innes Agricultural and Research Station, 444 Strathbogie Road Glen Innes
Free event with BBQ dinner

Come along and learn more about legumes in pastures on the New England.
Bring along some legume plants, including the plant roots, to learn more about how to score nodulation.

Topics to be covered:

- Legumes & nitrogen - are your legumes working for you?
- Review of legume surveys conducted in Southern NSW
- New legume research for the high rainfall zone

Presenters:
Carol Harris, Research Scientist NSW DPI, Glen Innes
Dr. Suz Orgill, Leader Soils South, NSW DPI, Wagga Wagga

RSVP: 7th December 2018
Phone: 02 6732 3443 or text 0427 325 901








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QUOTE of the week

Knowledge is knowing that tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in your fruit salad.

Weather WATCH

Guyra Hospital

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
27	Tues	7.2	23.7	0
28	Wed	11.4	20.2	0
29	Thurs	9.1	18.1	11
30	Fri	5.3	18.1	0
01	Sat	5.3	24.1	0
02	Sun	8.3	28.2	0
03	Mon	7.9	22.3	0

Rain this week 11 mm
November rainfall 72.8mm
Rainfall YTD 512.6mm
Rainfall last YTD 1036.3mm

Inverell is our home town, not Guyra

In response to the article 'You know what is best for Guyra' published in the Guyra Gazette, Wednesday 21 November, 2018

Please get the facts straight, in 2003 the NSW Bob Carr Labor Government commissioned Mr Chris Vardon to conduct a regional review of the structure of local government.

The Vardon Report recommended the amalgamation of Armidale-Dumaresq Council with Uralla Shire Council and the major parts of Guyra and Walcha shires. This report was referred by the Minister to the NSW Local Government Boundaries Commission to conduct an enquiry in accordance with the Local Government Act. The Boundaries Commission report of March 2004 recommended the forced amalgamation of the four Councils.

In 2010, the Hon Barbara Perry MP, Minister for Local Government, made and referred an amalgamation proposal for the creation of a New England Regional Council to the boundaries commission. This proposal affected the local government areas of Armidale Dumaresq, Guyra Shire, and Uralla Shire.

It would appear the amalgamation was inevitable. Both of these reports recommended that Tingha and Bundarra should belong to Inverell LGA.

I would like to point out that the Tingha Citizens Associa-



tion Inc. (TCAI), in October 2014, put the then Guyra Shire Council on notice that they intended to take up a petition for the Tingha area to be aligned with Inverell. What seems to be overlooked here is that Inverell is the community of interest for Tingha – it is our home town, Guyra means nothing to us, from what I hear, it never did.

TCAI's petition collected 400 signatures – at that time we didn't include the Georges Creek area, when they heard what was happening, they also joined the throng to go to Inverell. TCAI also took up a petition in the Inverell Shire to ask if they would accept us – surprisingly most people we approached thought Tingha already belonged to Inverell LGA. We collected almost 3000 signatures from the Inverell Shire residents.

TCAI initiated the boundary adjustment for Tingha, regardless of which political

party was in power.

TCAI realise that there are some Tingha residents who don't want to belong to Inverell LGA, maybe it was them the Save and Grow Guyra Group spoke to, but believe me the majority want the boundary realignment to happen

Full credit is offered to Armidale Regional Council (ARC), Tingha has had more council work done in the past twelve months than in the ten years we have lived here. Have you also overlooked the fact that (ARC) took a postal vote in the Tingha/Georges Creek areas to confirm that Tingha residents wanted to belong to Inverell – answer overwhelmingly yes.

NSW government has approved the boundary adjustment and it is moving forward.

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Snag a sausage while you shop

In the lead up to Christmas Kirks IGA, in conjunction with Vidler's Butchery, will work with local charities to raise funds by operating a sausage sizzle outside the store.

The first of the BBQs was held on Saturday with money raised going to the Guyra VRA.

The BBQs will continue in the lead up to Christmas with different charities operating the BBQ. You can enjoy a tasty sausage sandwich for the price of a gold coin donation and help out a local charity at the same time.

The next BBQ will take place on December 15th with proceeds going to the Polar Bears Swimming Club and the following week December 22nd will see local Lions doing the cooking.



Right: Sean Jackson and Wayne Mendes cooked a few snags on the weekend for the VRA

Real live Nativity scene comes to town

Did you see a few shepherds in town last Saturday? They may be back this weekend as a local Church is encouraging a return to the origins of Christmas.

The Church of Freedom is hoping to transform Bradley Street to a Scene straight out of Bethlehem over 2000 years ago!

They will be singing some Carols about the birth of Jesus starting at 10am each Saturday morning in December before Christmas!

They are inviting everyone to dress up as Kings, Shepherds, Angels, Sheep, (please no Santa etc) anything that will bring this scene to life and us to experience a "stepping back in time".



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Funding for regional events

Organisers of local events planned to be held between July to December next year, can apply for grants from the State Government of up to \$20,000 to help attract more visitors and boost local economies.

Round two of the 2019 Incubator Event and Regional Flagship Funds offered annual grants to events in rural and regional NSW to assist in areas such as marketing, public relations, venue hire and attendee research.

This is a fantastic opportunity for the event owners in our region who need extra support to help their event get off the ground or help it grow into something bigger.

The funding grant will assist in attracting more overnight visitors to our region, in the hope they stay longer and spend more time exploring everything our communities have to offer.

The government is determined to turbocharge our State's tourism sector so that every part of NSW reaps the benefits of our record \$43 million investment in rural and regional tourism.

The Flagship Event Fund offers an annual grant of \$20,000 or a triennial grant of \$27,500 to support marketing activities. The Incubator Event Fund offers grants of up to \$20,000 to new events

to assist with elements such as temporary infrastructure, marketing and promotions, venue hire or attendee research.

Applications for Round Two of both funds are now open and close on Sunday, 13 January 2019. For more information and to lodge an application, go to www.destinationnsw.com.au/rfep



Adam Marshall joined the local primary school leaders and teachers at their annual luncheon recently.

Seniors' diaries on offer - get in quick

Seniors living in the Northern Tablelands electorate can claim a free diary that alerts them of scams, elder abuse, funerals, pensions and more, but they'll have to be quick.

Demand was always high for the Legal Topics for Older People diary, which will be distributed from next week.

The diary provides information about seniors' rights, consumer law, aged care, community phone numbers and a list of agencies and services for older people.

Legal Aid NSW produces this informative and easy-to-read diary each year to help demystify legal issues that are of special interest to older people.

Since demand is always high, the print run has almost doubled this year to 80,000, but I am still expecting copies to go fast.

To order your free copy of the 2019 Legal Topics for Older People Diary, please visit: <http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/publications/order-a-publication> and search for 'Diary'.

You can also contact my Moree electorate office on 02 6752 5002 to reserve your copy.

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Meals on Wheels

Dec 6th Heather Marchant
Dec 7th Lyn & Richard Skinner
Dec 10th Darrel Taylr
Dec 11th Joyce Betts
Dec 12th Jan Jordan/St Marys

Street Stalls

Dec. 6th & 7th Hospital Aux.
Dec. 8th Masonic Lodge
Dec 13th, 14th, 15th
Rotary Club

Church Notices

St James Anglican

Sunday 9am Morning 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,
Ph. 0447 724 536

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, Thursday 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: Geoff Reeves
6779 1257

ROTARY CLUB dinner meetings
2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month
at Rafter's Restaurant, 6pm for
6.30pm. Ph: Aileen MacDonald
0417 079 307

Xmas comes early for old friends

On Monday, Year 6 student from St Mary's of the Angels visited Kolora for a Christmas morning tea. It was also a final farewell to Kolora following the completion of their primary school education.

The students entertained the residents and handed out cards and in return the residents and staff held a morning tea for the students and gave out presents.

The visit is part of a community program and which has been in place between St Marys and Kolora for 21 years. During that time the students have been regular visitors and formed meaningful relationships with the residents.



Phoebe Colvin with Gwen Nielsen.



Margaret Beesley, Harrison Brazier and Eugenie Powell



George Watson, Jack Lockyer and Tinny Nguyen



Brooke Newberry, Reagan Jackson, Trisha Varley and Jessie Landsborough

Certificate II in Skills for Work & Vocational Pathways

Enrolments on: **Tuesday, 11th December 2018**
Training commences: **Tuesday, 15th January 2019**

Enrolments are now being taken for:

FSK20113 Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways with Business focused electives.

This qualification offers the opportunity to work on electives from the Business Services training package through practical and hands-on activities whilst building on your current language, literacy and numeracy skills.

This qualification provides pathways to further vocational training or to work in various entry level administration, reception and clerical positions.

Core Units:

- FSKDIG03 Use digital technology for routine workplace tasks
- FSKLRG09 Use strategies to respond to routine workplace problems
- FSKLRG11 Use routine strategies for work-related learning
- FSKNUM14 Calculate with whole numbers and familiar fractions, decimals and percentages for work
- FSKNUM15 Estimate, measure and calculate routine metric measurements for work
- FSKOCM07 Interact effectively with others at work

- FSKRDG10 Read and respond to routine workplace information
- FSKWTG09 Write routine workplace texts

Elective Units:

- BSBWHS201 Contribute to health and safety of self and others
- BSBIND201 Work effectively in a business environment
- BSBCMM201 Communicate in the workplace
- BSBITU211 Produce digital text documents
- BSBWOR202 Organise and complete daily work activities
- BSBWOR204 Use business technology

Delivery Overview (expected)

**2 days per week face to face training
+ self-directed learning**

Time: 9.00am – 3.30pm

Tuesday, 11th December enrolment day

**At New England Community College,
GALA Centre, 136 Bradley Street, Guyra**

Training will commence Tuesday 15th January 2019

NEW ENGLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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Draft TSR plan on exhibition

Chair of Local Land Services, Richard Bull has announced a single statewide plan to allow consistent management of more than half a million hectares of travelling stock reserves (TSRs) across NSW.

The Draft TSR Plan of Management is on public exhibition at the Local Land Services website until Friday December 21st.

“A key component of this plan of management is the consistent classification of TSRs, regardless of which part of the state they are in,” Mr Bull said.

“We have worked closely with Crown Lands staff and held extensive consultations with communities and stakeholders to develop a draft plan that is based on solid evidence about what TSRs are used and valued for today.

“This approach will allow us to work with local communities to determine how they should be used in the future and to look for other sources of funding to manage the reserves in the future.”

It follows a comprehensive review of the state’s TSR network, which found TSRs have a range of economic, cultural, recreational and environmental uses and values.

The draft TSR Plan of Management was a key outcome of the review and would guide management of the



534,000 hectares of TSRs managed by Local Land Services in the Central and Eastern Division, of which 46,500 ha of TSRs are managed by Northern Tablelands Local Land Services. In the past year, the NSW Government has invested an additional \$2 million to improve infrastructure on these TSRs, including better watering points.

Local Land Services is responsible for approximately 534,000 hectares of TSRs, which represents almost 30 per cent of the TSR network across the state.

While the government is committed to maintaining a viable, well maintained and connected TSR network for

the future, until now it has relied on revenue from those people who lease TSRs or use them for grazing stock.

“There have been several reviews associated with TSRs in recent years and we highly value the input we have received to this process from stakeholders across local communities,” Mr Bull said.

“Now that we have an understanding of TSR usage across NSW, we will be better placed to make sure that indigenous, conservation, livestock, production, recreation and community values are managed across the network.”

The draft plan of management demonstrates a re-

newed commitment to working with the community and a focus on a quality assurance and control process that recognises the statewide significance of the TSR network.

Each regional Local Land Services local board will adopt a local annual operational plan to drive activities and spending on TSRs in their region. These operational plans will see the state plan implemented at the local level.

The plan can be downloaded from their website www.lls.nsw.gov.au



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Make the switch for cheaper energy

In what will be a major shakeup for the electricity market, NSW households can now quickly change electricity deals with Service NSW’s free Energy Switch service, potentially saving them up to \$1,000 a year on their bills.

Residents across the region can test out the new

quick and easy price comparison and switching tool, which would help reduce cost of living pressures.

Energy Switch uses a customer’s latest e-bill to scan the entire retail electricity market, giving them a list of the cheapest three electricity plans available based on their individual

usage profile. If a switch is requested, Service NSW will inform the energy provider, taking the leg work out of the process for the customer.

Energy Switch will allow people to regularly review their plan as electricity usage and prices fluctuate over time. Research carried

out by Service NSW found 70 per cent of NSW households pay too much for electricity, particularly customers who haven’t switched for more than 12 months

To access Energy Switch visit www.energyswitch.service.nsw.gov.au/



Aidan and Harry Purvis show off their silverware following a successful outing at the NSW Closed Championships

Tennis aces serve it up in the city

Harry and Aidan Purvis have continued to excel at tennis, achieving excellent results at the NSW Junior-Closed Championships held in Sydney on the weekend.

The pair have participated with great success during the junior development series throughout the North West and were among the top eight in each age group selected to play against the North Coast in Inverell in August.

From that event they were selected to play in Sydney against the best junior players from around NSW.

Coach Brandon Burey said that it is a massive achieve-

ment for the boys.

“The kids at this event are the best in the state basically,” Brandon said.

“Earlier in the year Harry actually won the NSW country championships so he’s gone one better here and taken down the city kids. Considering how many kids play tennis in this state alone it’s quite a big achievement from both boys.”

Harry was the winner in the under 10s singles and runner up in the doubles. Aidan was runner up in under 12s singles consolation and runner up in the doubles.

Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

November 28th – 2805 lambs 3600 sheep. There were increased supplies of lambs and sheep. Young lambs were in greater numbers, although the percentage of well finished lots was low. The old lambs showed a great variation in quality and condition, while there was a fair supply of Merino lambs. The majority of the sheep were plainer condition light weights, with both ewes and wethers well represented. The usual buyers attended and there was extra restocker competition, attracted by

the lines of both sheep and lambs available. The limited supply of well finished young lambs sold to cheaper trends, with a reduction in weight also a factor in price change. The extra competition from restockers resulted in the plainer condition young lambs selling to dearer trends, with an improvement in quality. Merino lambs attracted both restocker and processor competition, with the plainer condition lots primarily being purchased by restockers, while processors secured those

deemed to carry enough condition. Market trends were firm to slightly dearer. Heavy old lambs to processors sold to dearer trends, however supplies were limited. There were limited supplies of well finished sheep penned. Those sold on a firm to dearer market trend. The plainer condition Merino sheep that were mainly purchased by restocking interests sold on a firm to dearer market trend, with this carrying through to those purchased by processors.

LAMBS: Young x bred lambs \$70

to \$128, 3 score trade \$135 to \$145, Merino lambs \$39 to \$63, Trade lambs \$55 to \$156, Hvy lambs \$172 to \$200

SHEEP: Lgt ewes \$45 to \$90, Wthrs \$41 to \$84, Med xbred \$90 to \$144, Mer wthrs \$84 to \$90

Sheep Sales remaining for 2018 - Wednesday 12th December & Wednesday 19th December

First Sheep sale for 2019 - Wednesday 9th January, weekly sales from this date.

Weekly Wool Sales

November 30th - The Northern region market was the only one that managed to gain a hand full of cents this week. It was a designated Superfine sale in Sydney and the advent of some more stylish types being offered pushed the 18.5 micron and finer types into positive territory. Crossbreds and Cardings were also dearer this week resulting in a 2 cent rise in the Eastern Market Indicator. The limited selection of mid micron Merino Fleece lots could not hold onto last week’s substantial increases dropping between 20-30 cents during the week. 31,883 bales were sold nationally with a passed in rate of 7.6%. Major buyers included Techwool, Lempriere and Tianyu. Quantities on offer over the next two weeks increase but remain well behind the corresponding period last season. With only two selling weeks to go before the annual three week Christmas recess AWEX figures are showing an 18% or 150,000 bale decrease in the volume of wool offered at auction for the season to date.

Armidale Cattle Sale

November 29th - There was a reduced penning despite there only being one sale left before the Christmas break. It was a very mixed quality penning that saw quite a few very plain quality cattle penned. Yearlings and cows made up the bulk of the offering, along with a few in each of the other categories. Condition was on the plainer end, with limited numbers of well finished cattle available to processors. There was reduced processor competition, although restockers and feed lotters were active. Market trends varied through the young cattle, with quality a factor in price changes. Light weight yearling steers were significantly cheaper. The better quality medium weights to restock and feed were least affected, easing 8c to 10c/kg. Heavy weight feeder steers were as

much as 13c/kg cheaper. Yearling heifers sold to dearer trends, with some well-bred, but out of condition light weights, available to restockers. The better quality heifers carrying sufficient weight to attract feedlot competition sold to a dearer trend of up to 6c/kg. Well finished grown heifers to processors sold to a slightly dearer trend. There were cheaper trends through all classes of cows, with a great variation in quality. The well finished 3 and 4 score cows were as much as 24c/kg cheaper than a fortnight ago. The heavy bull market experienced little change.

Next and last cattle sale for 2018 - Thursday 13th December. First Cattle Sale for 2019 - Thursday 3rd January, weekly sales from this date



POSITION VACANT

Head of Department Kirk's IGA

We are currently seeking a fulltime employee to head up the Fruit and Vegetable Department.

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- Excellent IT and computer skills
- Experience with fresh produce preferred
- Understanding of stock control
- RSA and forklift ticket preferred
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If this sounds like your next career opportunity, please submit your resume and cover letter to:
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GARAGE SALE

14 TOMS GULLY ROAD, Black Mountain. 9am - 4pm, Sunday, 9th December. Household items, garden plants and new Christmas decorations. Pot plants \$5.

MEETINGS

GUYRA SHOW SOCIETY meeting Wednesday 5th December, 6.30pm at the Guyra Showground. New members welcome.

POSITIONS VACANT



Education
Public Schools

Expression of Interest School Learning Support Officer - Temporary Guyra Central School

Some vacancies exist for temporary School Learning Support Officers (SLSO) at Guyra Central School for 2019.

The positions will be located at:

Guyra Central School
27 Marne Street, Guyra NSW 2365

The successful applicants will be required to work as part of a dynamic learning team across K-12. They will be required to provide assistance with school routines, classroom activities and the care and management of students with disability and additional learning and support needs.

Selection criteria:

- Ability to work closely with classroom teachers to support students' literacy, numeracy and social skills.
 - Awareness of and ability to work with students with a wide range of learning difficulties and additional needs.
 - Ability to build a professional rapport with students with additional needs.
 - Demonstrated computer literacy and administration skills.
- An expression of interest addressing the selection criteria, of no more than 2 A4 pages should be submitted to michelle.nicholson1@det.nsw.edu.au by Wednesday, 12th December 2018.
- A current Working with Children Check is required for this position.
 - Please include proof of current First Aid Certificate (non mandatory).

For further information contact Michelle Nicholson, Principal (02) 6779 0844 or michelle.nicholson1@det.nsw.edu.au

DEATH NOTICE

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You will also possess exemplary time management skills and assist the Executive Officer with the day to day management of our organisation, including confidential, finance and HR matters.

Other key skills and attributes include:

- excellent written and verbal communication skills;
- being flexible and adaptive to changing circumstances;
- exceptional team work skills.

**In the first instance, for details regarding this position,
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CLAIM THE DATE

FRIDAY 7th DECEMBER: Guyra Christmas Party in Bradley Street from 5.30pm. Market stalls, entertainment, lighting of the Christmas tree.

SATURDAY 8th DECEMBER Ben Lomond Christmas Party at the Ben Lomond War Memorial Hall from 6pm. Special Guest Santa Claus, BYO meat. Salad or a dessert to share, BBQ provided. Ph 6733 2037

TUESDAY 11th DECEMBER: Hospital Auxiliary CAROLS BY CANDLE-LIGHT in the grounds of Guyra MPS

SUNDAY 16th DECEMBER Combined Churches Choir St Mary's Church. **MONDAY 17th DECEMBER,** Ben Lomond Memorial Hall.

Men's Bowls

Now to Club games Boarded: Sunday December 9th will see a Social Ham Day. With a 1.00pm Start. Bowlers please wear a Club Shirt if possible. The day will be a Box Draw Pairs names by 11.30am. Cost of play \$10.00.

Sunday December 16th will see the Brian Vickery Ham Day. Names must be in by 11.00am Play to commence 12.00pm. Cost \$10.00. Club Shirts to be worn if possible.

Remember Bowlers The top Of The Range Fours is open and teams entering are requested to please put the whole team names on the sheet provided, still time to enter but time is running out and besides the sheet is filling fast, so if you would like to enter a team contact Betty at the Club on 67791499.

The Bowls Bandit.

Ladies' golf

The morning storm, last Wednesday, sent us off the golf course and into the club house for a general meeting.

On the programme for 5th December is a bisque Par competition, the 8th December is Bruce's Bash and the 12th December is a Stroke competition sponsored by Anita Murray.

We extend an invitation to all Guyra golfing ladies to the annual Presentation evening in the Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club on 12th December at 6:30 pm. Please come along to applaud the winners for 2018 and enjoy some Christmas cheer.

The Phantom

Men's golf

Last Sunday the monthly mug was won by Tim Ellis with Len Stanley runner up. Barry Simpson took all three Nearest to the pins. Next Sunday will be an 18-hole par for a club trophy and Saturday's event will be Bruce's Bash which is a 14-hole event of all par 3s as a two person ambrose.

The midweek winners this week were the Drought Breakers with 71 points, the individual winner was John Cummins with 19 points. Keep in mind the Ladies versus Men matchplay on Saturday the 15th.

The Albatross

Senior cricket

Only one of Guyra's senior teams took to the field on the weekend, with first grade having a scheduled bye and third grade missing out due to a forfeit from Easts. Second grade make it onto the turf, but probably wished they had stayed at home.

After dismissing TAS for 162, they capitulated in less than 16 overs for just 80 runs. Peter Presnell (3 for 30), Justin McKay (2 for 26) and Corey Torrens (2 for 26) were the best with the ball, while Corey Torrens (30) was the only batsman to reach double figures, with extras (15) the next highest.

Next week will see a full round of games with first taking on Easts at home on the Guyra turf, seconds up against City at Lambert and thirds set to match it with TAS at Newling.

Junior cricket

Saturday morning's match was captained by Jared Frost. The combined team of TAS/CSC won the toss and elected to send Guyra into bat. Jared and Tom Lockyer partnered up to open the batting and started putting some handy runs on the board.

This week's top scoring batsman was Angus Dullaway (35), followed by Brendon Landsborough (19) and Tynan Bull (16). Jason Mowbray has shown great improvement in his batting, showing patience and defending his crease better with each match played. The extras total of 38 played a large part in Guyra's total for the innings of 5 for 129.

There has been noticeable progress in the bowling ability of players thanks to their hard work at training. Guyra was able to collect three wickets, Angus Dullaway (1 for 4), Lincoln Brown (1 for 6) and Brendon Landsborough (1 for 19).

Thanks to some quick and alert fielding Guyra was able to keep TAS/CSC's total for the innings to 3 for 77. Guyra welcomed a new player in Emory Levy. Congratulations to the boys on the win.

This Saturday's match is scheduled for Harris Park in Armidale, it will be the last match for 2018 before breaking for the school holidays.

The under 14s went down to TAS White in their game which was played at the Sporting Complex in Guyra. After winning the toss, Guyra elected to bat hoping to get the runs on the board for TAS to chase. Their innings did not get off to the best start, losing the first three wickets for just 6 runs. The second half of the batting line-up lifted the performance setting TAS a total of 117 runs for victory. Coming in late in the innings, Tahmani Landsborough (29) and Ty Mulligan (24) were the best with the bat.

TAS White also struggled in the first half of their innings and gave Guyra a chance of snatching victory. However, some wayward bowling and a couple of good scores down the order saw TAS finish the day at 6 for 122 for the win. Malekai Landsborough (3 for 4) topped the bowling honours with Brodi Campbell (2 for 5) and Brendan Williams (1 for 13) also taking wickets. Guyra will sit out the last round before the Christmas break with the bye.

Soccer Shirts

Do you have any Junior Soccer shirts at home? Would you please drop them off to Tania at Dasha's Hardware so they are ready for next season.

Bowls Carnival a great success

The Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club celebrated the 29th Annual Bowls Carnival over the last week.

The Carnival kicked off with the Open Women's Triples which was played Tuesday November 27th with 18 teams taking part. After two rounds of Bowls the Winners were: N South, E Dougherty and K Vanniewkirk (Armidale City) with 2 wins plus 36 points.

Runners Up were: N Jamerison, M Coggen and M King (Armidale City) with 2 wins plus 31 points. The mystery prize was won by P Laurie and team from (Walcha).

Wednesday November 28th saw the Open Mixed Triples played with 16 teams taking part. After 2 rounds of Bowls played in less than ideal conditions the Winners were: D Williams, I Jacobs and K Arandale a Composite team with two wins plus 32 points.

Runners Up were: J Mepham, A Mepham and D Montague (Inverell) with two wins plus 33 points. The mystery prize went to J Mallise and team (Tingha).

Thursday November 29th saw the Schweppes Pairs get underway with 32 teams stepping onto the greens.

The competition was keenly contested over the next two days of play and after five rounds the four best teams were determined. They were: Steve Clarke and Scott Thorning a Composite team with five wins plus 61 points. Gary Martin and Mark Hammond (Kew) with five wins plus 59 points. John McIllwain and Steve Matherson (Composite Team) with five wins plus 57 points. Dan Kennedy and Chris Kliendienst (Guyra) with four wins plus 51 points. The Semi Final was a play off over seven ends. After which the finalists were determined. They were: Steve Clarke and Scott Thorning up against Garry Martin and Mark Hammond. The eventual winners were Steve Clark



Triples Winners Craig OToole, Les Goodchild and George Hemming with Club President Cameron Peardon and Kayla Hutton from Regional Australai Bank

and Scott Thorning with a 7 shot to 6 shot victory over Gary Martin and Mark Hammond.

Saturday December 1st saw the Regional Bank Open Triples played.

There were 32 teams that took part in this event and after two days of play the 8 sectional winners were determined.

Section 1: Ken Trow and team (South Tamworth). Section 2: Steven Sole and Team (Guyra). Section 3: Dan Kennedy and team: (Guyra). Section 4: D Holland and team. Section 5: Craig O'Toole and team (Kootingal). Section 6: Chris Kliendienst and team (Guyra). Section 7: Chris Brodbeck and team (Composite). Section 8: Scott Hamilton and team (Inverell). The 8 teams played off over 7 ends to determine the Semi Finalists. The four teams left played the Semi Finals they were: Steven Sole and Team, Craig O'Toole and team, Chris Brodbeck and team, Chris Kliendienst and team. After 7 ends the finalists were determined and they were: Craig O'Toole, Les Goodchild and George Hemmings. Chris Brodbeck, Peter Doyle



Pairs Winners Steve Clarke and Scott Thorning

and Doug Newton and after a 7 end play off Craig O'Toole and team were the victors 12 shots to 5 shots.

In closing on behalf of the Carnival Committee I would like to thank our Sponsors.

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Any sponsors that I have not mentioned thank you all for your support. Also thankyou to all those that contributed to the Carnival's success, I would be hear all night listing those that helped. A special thankyou must go to Betty Ann Bourke for the hours she has put into making the Carnival what it is and of its smooth running.