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## Tingha devastated by fires

As the fire approached Tingha last week, local photographer Brayden Vickery captured some amazing shots of the town. The photos are for sale with proceeds supporting the recovery of the affected communities. To purchase please visit his website [www.bvickeryphotography.com](http://www.bvickeryphotography.com)



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# Tingha devastated by bushfire

A fire on the Tingha Plateau which started with a lightning strike on Sunday February 10th, has now burnt out 23,419 hectares and destroyed 13 homes and 44 outbuildings. A further six homes and 13 outbuildings were also damaged by the fire.

A spokesperson for the RFS said that the fire has been contained, however will take a long time to fully extinguish.

“While this loss of homes is tragic, hundreds of firefighters have worked extremely hard to contain the fire and protect the 375 houses and 333 outbuildings that were untouched by the fire,” he said. “Most importantly, not a single loss of life has been reported.”

Rural Fire Service crews around Inverell were initially alerted to a grass fire in the



Fire crews arrived too late to save Toppers Mountain wines  
Photo Michael Jackson

Tingha Plateau area at mid-day on Sunday February 10th following dry thunderstorms the previous night. On Tuesday, firefighters and aircraft were working to slow down the fire after unfavourable weather condi-

tions fueled the blaze. By 2pm the fire had reached emergency warning level as it crossed Thunderbolts Way. RFS crews were undertaking property protection around Tingha and the township was urged to prepare for disaster.

The situation escalated on Wednesday with strong winds fanning the flames and the town of Tingha came under direct threat. The nearby town of Gilgai also came under threat, after the wind changed direction.

Evacuation centres were set up in Guyra, Inverell and Bundarra and all roads around Tingha were closed, leaving the town isolated.

Residents were allowed to return on Saturday, however the Guyra Rd remained closed until Monday.

Fire crews are expected to remain in the area to ensure the fire is kept under control.

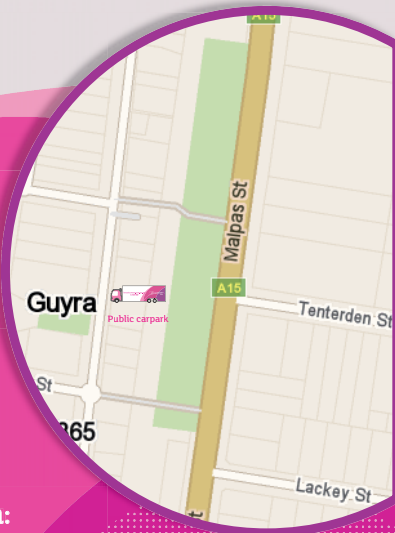
Residents, farmers and communities impacted by the Tingha Plateau fire are able to immediately access disaster assistance, following a natural disaster declaration by the State and Commonwealth Governments.



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# Fuel tank removal underway

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Fuel tank management specialist The Ground Doctor began site preparations in Bradley Street on Monday and started removing the tanks on Tuesday.

"The contractors are expected to take about a month to remove the tanks but the full extent and duration of the project will not be entirely known until excavations occur," Armidale Regional Council Mayor Simon Murray said.

"Council decided not to start the tanks' removal until after Christmas and New Year, and last month's Guyra Lamb and Potato Festival to avoid impacting on local businesses during those busy periods."

Ground penetrating radars late last year revealed there could be as many as 19 disused fuel tanks located below Bradley Street and the footpath. They were not identified in existing records of the main street and were revealed last July during preliminary excavations for the \$2.7 million main street upgrade.

"Once the contractors see the full conditions of the tanks, decisions will be made about which tanks will be removed and which will be stabilised and left in place," he said.



Work has commenced to remove up to 19 underground fuels tanks from Bradley Street

"It's envisaged the contractors' work could take up to six weeks if the condition of the tanks brings unexpected delays."

The tanks are located in four clusters and work will be undertaken in sections to minimise the impact on businesses and shoppers.

Work began on the eastern side of Bradley Street on Tuesday outside Burgess Garage, and will progress north.

The location of the fuel tanks will require the eastern footpath to be closed in sections. However, access to

stores and other premises will be maintained throughout the project.

Traffic controllers will be in place to limit the impact on road users and the excavations methods will enable Council crews to keep the western footpath open to pedestrians.

Council is liaising with business operators along the affected section of Bradley Street and will issue updates to advise of the project's progress.

"Council will take a number of steps to minimise the im-

act on the community, while doing all the necessary site remediation to meet NSW Environmental Protection Authority requirements," Cr Murray said.

"We can then proceed with the CBD upgrade, which will complement the historic architecture of the street, create unity in the street landscape and provide a safer environment for pedestrians."

Visit Council's website for project updates.

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# What's HOT

**GUYRA SHOW** this Friday and Saturday lots of action

**PEOPLE** saying "hi" on their morning walks

**IDENTIFYING** your "first ever" car (Subaru Brumby) in a Toowoomba carpark looking as good as the day you sold it 25 years ago - now with 348 558km on the clock - the proof from the glovebox "Cannon Subaru West Armidale 24/12/1993"

# What's NOT

**VOLUNTEERS** and donations being turned away

**BEING KEPT AWAKE** because some idiot has their music pumped up for the whole neighbourhood at 12:30am on a Monday morning!

# QUOTE of the week

Little by little, day by day, what is meant for you WILL find its way

Bureau of Meteorology

# Weather

## WATCH

### Guyra Hospital

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
12	Tues	13.5	28.0	0
13	Wed	15.4	29.2	0
14	Thurs	12.1	22.1	0
15	Fri	10.8	23.6	0
16	Sat	9.0	25.3	0
17	Sun	9.3	27.8	0
18	Mon	10.0	29.3	0

Rain this week	0mm
February rainfall	6.2mm
Rainfall YTD	106.4mm
Rainfall last YTD	91.8mm

# Trophies for the winners



**LITTLE BO PEEP COMPETITION:** St Marys Kinder Class of 2018

The Guyra Lamb and Potato Festival has thanked the community for getting into the spirit of the festival. Each year they award prizes for the best window display and also the Little Bo Peep Competition.

President Steve Mepham said that the community involvement is important during the festival and helps to present the town in the best light. This week he had the pleasure of presenting the trophies for this year's winners.

"When visitors wander down the street, the decorated windows create interest and are a talking point in the community, while the Little Bo Peep Competition is something that gets the kids involved," Steve said.

"It is always hard to pick a winner but this year Juneils



**WINDOW DISPLAY:** Neil Paine from Juneils with Lamb and Potato Festival President Steve Mepham

Cafe put in a great effort with their window display and the Kinder class at St Marys stood out for the detail that went into their entry in the Bo Peep

competition."

"Congratulations and thank you to everyone who entered and we hope to see even greater involvement next year.

# Swimming Carnival champions

Guyra Central School secondary department held their annual swimming carnival on Wednesday February 6th. Congratulations to all the students who participated in the carnival and for making the carnival a huge success. Guyra Central school would like to thank Mrs Linley Ryan and all the Secondary staff for the organisation for the day.

### Age Champions

12 Year Boys Cooper Wilson  
13 Year Girls Maddison Bull,

13 Year Boys Cooper Brennan

14 Years Girls Stephanie Spradbrow, 14 Years Boys Tahmani Landsborough

15 Years Girls Tayla Mitchell, 15 Year Boys Jake Wilson

16 Years Girls Claire Davidson, 16 Years Boys Matthew Sisson

17+ Girls Bronte Stanley, 17+ Boys Taylor Brennan

It was the Primary Departments turn to attend the Guyra Swimming Pool on

Thursday February 7th. All the students are to congratulate for displaying pride, respect and responsibility for the duration of the day.

### Age Champions

Junior Boys Champion Parker Campbell, Junior Girls Champion - Jemima Atkin

11 Years Age Champion Darcey Heagney, 11 Years Age Champion Lucy Ward

Senior Boys Champion Toby Handebo, Senior Girls Champion Sophie Mitchell

## Mayor's Message

Last Monday was a very proud day for Armidale and the region, as we joined some very prestigious cities exploring autonomous vehicle technology.

The ARDi – Armidale Region Driverless initiative – trial was officially launched at the University of New England, which will host the first of two trial routes in Armidale during 2019. While ARDi follows successful trials throughout the world, the local project is particularly significant because of its complexity and potential to further develop driverless vehicle technology in real-world environments.

ARDi will be a particularly rigorous test of the technology for a number of reasons. Not only will its routes be longer than any previous automated vehicle trial, the vehicle will be among general traffic.

It will provide unparalleled real traffic and passenger service data and feedback to the NSW Government and all the project partners.

Armidale Regional Council saw the fantastic potential of this project when it last year applied to host one of two Transport for NSW trials in regional areas.

Armidale now joins Coffs Harbour, which has been hosting the other regional trial since December. However, the significance of the Armidale trial has become increasingly apparent as planning and preparations for the trial have progressed.

Automated vehicle technology is moving at a very rapid pace. But the challenge to make driverless transportation part of our daily lives is not the technology itself but how it can integrate safely in very different environments, from rural and regional communities like ours to large metropolitan cities. Importantly, it also depends on safely interacting with unpredictable pedestrians, road users and animals.

The technology's ability to deal with all three will be developed significantly during the ARDi trial, ensuring our region plays a pivotal role in the move towards completely driverless vehicles.

The UNE campus loop, which will operate from this Thursday until the end of June, is a technical route with a mixture of road conditions and a wide variety of road users.

The Armidale CBD to NERAM loop, starting in August, will add an even further degree of complexity to the trial.

I have seen firsthand the amount of planning, deployment work and extensive testing that has been completed by all of the project partners to allow this project to proceed and to provide a shuttle bus service that is safe for passengers and all road users.

As part of this emphasis on safety, the vehicle will be restricted in its speed during the trial and I thank road users and other community members for their patience and support during the recent testing and the upcoming operational phase. Each lesson learnt during these trials is a step towards quicker and fully-autonomous vehicles.

ARDi is the only NSW regional trial coordinated by a local government and has been a fantastic collaborative project involving several project partners: Transport for NSW, the vehicle's developer, French-based company EasyMile, public transport provider Transdev, engineering consultant WSP, QBE Insurance and local bus company Edwards Coaches.

It was terrific seeing their delegates gathered on the grounds of UNE's resplendent Booloominbah Historic House for the launch, just days before Phase 1 of the trial officially gets underway.

I encourage everyone to say G'day to ARDi and make use of the shuttle service at UNE and later in the CBD. Community feedback will be an essential part of gathering data from the trial and everyone can play an important role in bringing driverless vehicle technology to the world.

**Simon Murray**



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## Tender

### Pump station switchboard

Council is seeking tenders from contractors for the design and installation of the Guyra Raw Water Pumping Station (RWPS) electrical switchboard and associated works. The

project also consists of the installation of water quality instrumentation and a SCADA upgrade to address high priority actions in the Guyra Drinking Water Management System - Improvement Plan.

Full details are provided in the RFT documents which will be available free of charge from the tendering portal at the website [www.tenderlink.com/nesac](http://www.tenderlink.com/nesac) or Council's website [www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au](http://www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au) Further information can be obtained by contacting Ty Cook on 0418 409 071. A pre-tender meeting will be held at 135 Rusden Street, Armidale at 9am on Wednesday 27 February 2019, followed by a site inspection. RFTs quoting the reference number ARC18/2765 and addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, will be received until 2.30pm Tuesday 12 March 2019.

**Council Ref: ARC18/2765**

**Armidale Regional Council Chief Executive Officer Susan Law.**

## COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 27 February 2019 at the Guyra Council Chambers, 158 Bradley St, from 4pm. Public welcome to attend.

## PUBLIC NOTICE -

### Wednesday 20 February 2019

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### Meals on Wheels

Feb. 21st Lyn & Richard Skinner  
Feb 22nd Stephen Adams  
Feb 25th NEM Staff  
Feb 26th Lesley Credland  
Feb 27th Guyra CWA

### Street Stalls

Feb 21st Hospital Auxiliary  
March 1st Westpac RHSG  
March 7th Hospital Auxiliary

### 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

#### **St Mary's Catholic**

Saturday Mass 6pm in Guyra,  
Sunday 9am, 1st Sunday of  
month Ben Lomond, 3rd Sunday  
Wards Mistake, otherwise Guyra  
7am Wards Mistake, 9am Guyra  
Father Steven O'Shea

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

# NRL Road to Regions

On Wednesday February 6th the NRL Road to Regions visited Guyra Central School to present a cyber-safety talk. They were promoting mental and physical well-being as part of the State of Mind program which is being delivered throughout remote and regional Australia.

NRL representative Luke Taylor, West Tigers Robbie Rocco and Sydney Roosters Korbin McGregor delivered the cyber-safety talk to the Primary Department which focused on the safe use technology and ways that of students can remain safe whilst using technology. Robbie and Korbin participated in a 'push up' challenge before the NRL visitors attended the Secondary swimming carn-



Korbin McGregor, Aukustino Alefosio, Sophie Mitchell, Robbie Rocco

val to promoting cyber-safety to our older students.

Guyra Central School would like to thank NRL for

visiting the school promoting cyber-safety.

## Have your say.....

### Guyra RSL sub-branch facing closure

The community may think that the RSL just continues on and on. But if there are not enough Service Members in the sub-Branch and attending meetings then the sub-Branch cannot continue to operate and will need to either close or merge with Armidale to form a new sub-Branch of the RSL.

Currently we are lucky to get three Service Members in attendance at our meetings. We are grateful that Affiliate Members attend and support the sub-Branch however no matter how many Affiliates we have lack of Service Members is what will determine closure of this sub-Branch.

There are many ex-service men and women in the communities of Guyra and District who are eligible to be Members of RSL NSW and Guyra RSL sub-Branch. Without their membership

we cannot continue.

If you are an ex-serving person, please contact me on 0402044891 to discuss membership.

**Hans Hietbrink**  
**President Guyra**  
**RSL sub-Branch**

*Have your say*  
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### Special thanks

A very special 'Thank You' to Chris Hietbrink and all the Guyra people who assisted Tingha residents affected by the bushfires.

To everyone who donated food, clothing and offered help it was so much appreciated more than you know.

Some of us have lost our houses and nearly everything we own; others have been badly scorched.

It is very comforting to know that in our small communities there are wonderful people who step up and help in practical ways in times of crisis and tragedy.

**Sue Tickle**  
**Tingha**

### Probus Notes

Our monthly meeting was held on Monday and our next meeting will be on 11th March. Our yearly subs of \$30.00 are now due.

Our guest speaker on Monday was Yvonne Kelly who played the ukulele and sang to us.

Our next outing is to Armidale at ten pin bowling on 4th March (Monday). We will meet at the Guyra Bowling Club at 9.30am on that day.

# Entertaining day for seniors

Guyra Home Support Services hosted an entertainment day at Guyra Bowling last Wednesday in celebration of Seniors Week. The day brought together 65 community members who enjoyed entertainment by children from Guyra Preschool and Long Day Care Centre and St Mary of the Angels students.

The day was not without drama with the Peter Donovan, who was scheduled to perform, unavailable due to the Tingha bushfires. A few phone calls saw Ian Russell step in at the last minute to entertain the seniors. The highlight of the day was a duet with St Marys Principal Sharon Wittig.

The day was opened by Cr Libby Martin who paid tribute to the contribution our seniors have made to our local community and the impact their mentoring has on younger generations. Tremaine Patterson of the Banbai nation presented the



St Marys and the Guyra Preschool provided entertainment for seniors at the Bowling Club

Acknowledgement to Country.

Toni Kirkman from Guyra Home Support Services (HSS) said that the day brought together seniors from three local services – Kolora Aged Care, Guyra MPS and Nicholli House.

“It is good to bring these groups together to enjoy each other’s company and connect

in a relaxed environment,” Toni said.

“There were a few hiccups due to the fires with Peter unable to get here and also the bus was called away so we had to make other arrangements to get everyone home.”

As part of Seniors week, the Art of Ageing exhibition is on display at the LT Starr

Memorial Library Guyra until February 24th.

A NSW Government initiative, the display celebrates the experiences of older people in regional areas across the State, to create more positive perceptions about ageing and older people in our communities.

## Tingha says thanks to Guyra

Following the devastating fires in Tingha over the last week and the evacuation of some 83 Tingha residents to Guyra Showgrounds The Hub at Guyra has been asked to extend to the Guyra Community the sincerest of thanks from the people of Tingha.

Thankfully most residents were able to return home on the weekend. Sadly, some lost their homes or suffered damage to their properties. Of those in Guyra most were with children or older family relatives with up to four generations of some families housed in Guyra.

Staff of the Disaster Team from The Department of Family and Community Services set up the registration process for receiving evacuees. The generosity of the Guyra Community knows no limits with the immediate support given by Anne Thrift and her wonderful team of helpers who provided refreshments and were organised to cater for as many people as necessary for as long as needed.

It was absolutely terrible that their generous offers were rejected outright

by the first Salvation Army responders. However, we were grateful that the Salvation Army sent senior disaster relief personnel to Guyra who explained that in many communities there are no volunteers to help out. They were heartened by the local volunteers and then supported them to care for the evacuees.

While we all appreciate that during a disaster there are certain protocols which must be adhered to these do not extend to dismissing local community members in such a cavalier and unkind fashion. This appalling treatment of those generous volunteers resulted in none of those people being available for the whole evacuation period. Official complaints have been made to a number of authorities on the management of the whole disaster process in this community; we will advise the outcome of our input to the authorities.

It was indeed fortunate that other local people, including some younger community members and teenagers, offered their time; they cooked, cleaned,

supported, served and organised all refreshments including three generous portions of meals per day until Saturday when they sent the evacuees home with enough food to serve everyone for dinner Saturday and lunch on Sunday.

The community of the New England, Northern Tablelands and beyond has been extremely generous with donations of food, clothing, toiletries, blankets, toys and other items which, day after day, poured into the Guyra Showgrounds Hall and are continuing to fill any available space at The Hub at Guyra. We are waiting to see the need of the Tingha Community before we know what is required but offers of furniture and larger items need to be held onto until there is a drop-off point in Tingha. If you need any further information, please contact The Hub at Guyra Tuesday – Friday 10-2. 0267791635 or [info@the-hub.cc](mailto:info@the-hub.cc) We thank everyone for their generosity and care.

*Chris Heitbrink*

# See the yard dog trials at the Show

Running in-conjunction with the annual 2019 Guyra Show will be yard dog trials. Commencing at 8am on Saturday morning with the open yard dog trial will commence, if you will be able to see some of the best dogs from the New England compete.

Organiser Margo Hogan said they are expecting around 12 handlers and 20 to 30 dogs to complete in this trial.

The open trial is being officiated by John Rosten of Armidale who is a respected dog trialler in the north of the state and the finals of this trial will be held around lunch time.

There will also be a novice trial run on Saturday and a maiden trial run on Sunday from 8am. Following the success for last years' show trial,



Eric Tighe puts his dog to the test

an extra trial has been added to the program for the locals/beginner competitors and again this will be held on Sunday. If any locals wish to enter, please contact Margo Hogan at Ray White on

67792033. Entry for this trial will be \$5.

Margo said they are expecting some of the ladies who worked at the yard dog school on the weekend to return to compete at in the trials.

Many thanks must go to all of the supporters of the yard dog trials. Joel Youman Transport for trucking the sheep to and from the showground, Rita and Harry Williams for the loan of the sheep, Regional Australia Bank for their generous sponsorship, Ramage Engineering and Kerry and Linda Kistenmaker for the use of their yards and setup.

The yard dog trials are located in the north east corner of the showground behind the stud sheep pavilion, next to the poultry pavilion. Come along and have a look, if you are not sure what is going on, we will have a commentator to explain how the trial is to be worked along with the general rules of trialling.

## Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

**February 13th** - Lamb numbers remained steady at 3500, while there was a reduction in sheep penned with 4500 yarded. There was a limited supply of well finished lambs suitable to domestic and export markets. Light weight trade and restocker lambs were well represented and there was a fair supply of Merino lambs. Overall, the quality was fairly mixed through all classes. The

usual buyers were in attendance. Market trends saw light weight restocker lambs sell to cheaper trends, with breed a factor. The better quality second cross lambs to restockers remained close to firm. Strong demand for light weight lambs from processors saw that market firm to slightly dearer. Well finished lambs to both domestic and export markets sold to a slightly dearer

trend. Restockers were active on some of the Merino lambs, with the market remaining firm. There were large numbers of light and medium weight Merino ewes penned, alongside some well finished lines of both Merino and crossbred ewes. Wethers were in limited supply. There was reduced restocker activity for the light and very light weight Merino ewes, however it increased on

the better medium weight lines. The market for light weight ewes was cheaper, while the medium weights to restockers were dearer for quality. Well finished Merino and crossbred ewes attracted keen demand from processors to record a dearer market trend, with odd sales showing strong gains.

## Weekly Wool Sales

**February 15th** - The Northern region indicator closed above 2000 cents for the first time since October last year. It has risen every week since sales resumed in January putting on 105 cents during this period. Every micron indicator gained ground with the broad Crossbred indicators closing at new all time highs. 38,030 bales were sold nationally for the week with a passed in rate of 5.3%. Major buyers included Seatech, Techwool and PJ Morris. Next week's sale has once again seen an increase in the expected national offering above what was forecast a week prior. The big picture

however is pointing to a continuation of the decline in the national offering. AWEX data for the season to date is showing a 16.5% or 190,000 bale drop in the volume of first hand wool offered compared to the previous season. Processors are no doubt keeping a keen eye on the magnitude of the drop in production with current market prices well and truly reflecting this. Forward market prices also lifted this week especially for shorter dated contracts with interest also appearing for longer dated contracts but at a substantial discount to today's level.

## Armidale Cattle Sale

**February 14th** - There was a further increase in numbers, with cows and vealers making up the bulk of the offering. There was a fair supply of yearlings, mostly in the lighter weight classes. The quality of the offering was very mixed, with some very well bred lines of vealers, but conversely quite a few secondary and plain quality lots. Condition throughout varied greatly, from very plain through to some cows showing no effect from the conditions of the season. The usual buyers attended. Demand from restockers was weaker, while feed lotters struggled to find sufficient numbers of cattle within specifications. Market trends through the vealers to both restock and the trade were cheaper. Secondary quality cattle in both the steers and heifers were most affected. The good quality steers to restockers were up to 8c/kg cheaper, however an isolated sale of

very good quality steers achieved a dearer price. A very mixed quality penning of yearling steers saw light weights sell to a much cheaper trend. The medium and heavy feeders sold firm, with the odd quality related dearer sale. Light weight yearling heifers saw odd sales slightly dearer, however the plainer quality heifers sold to cheaper trends. The cheaper trend was also evident in medium weight feeders. Too few well finished grown steers and heifers for a market quote. The large volume of cows met subdued competition from processors. The better conditioned cows experienced the greatest decreases. There was more competition for the plainer condition cows from processors, with the better end of those cows only slightly cheaper. The plainest of the cows were much cheaper.



## Junior cricket

Saturday morning saw a flurry of fours when Guyra under 12's met CSC Green on the Central School Oval. Match captain Brendon Landsborough quickly took to the crease with Emory Levy.

The boys set the tone for the morning and spectators were in for some big hitting action. Brendon made an outstanding 45 not out including an impressive nine fours. Jared Frost also shone with the bat at 38 not out which included six fours and a six. Not wanting to be left out of the action Cameron Frost, Jack Soraghan and Angus Dullaway also scored fours, Angus was also able to clobber a six over the boundary.

George Bradford has improved in both technique and confidence when batting, George defends well and shows patience at the crease. By the close of innings Guyra was

7/161.

Not to be out done CSC Green were determined to quickly build their run rate which in turn saw them also score a number of fours. Successful bowlers were Jack Soraghan, Emory Levy and Brendon Landsborough. Fielders were pivotal in getting wickets with Aidan Brown hitting the stumps twice and Angus Dullaway taking a catch.

The tail end of the match was exciting with players and the crowd knowing the result would be close. CSC Green held out for their full 25 overs with a result of 7/140. The win has seen Guyra move to equal first on the ladder, second in percentage. With four games remaining before the Grand Final the boys are keen to keep their winning streak going.

This Saturday Guyra will play CSC Gold at Harris Park in Armidale. Could a family who has not scored yet please

volunteer to do so.

The under 14s bounced back after last week's low scoring game and while they didn't get the win they had a much improved performance.

Andrew Pearson was a stand-out hitting his way to 71. His innings included twelve 4s and three 6s. Cooper Brennan and Harrison Brazier both scored 19.

Guyra finished their innings with a respectable total of 130. In reply Hillgrove proved the better team on the day, passing Guyra in the 17th over for the loss of just four wickets.

Wicket takers were Ben Rienke 1 for 19, Josh Bell 1 for 8 and Ty Mulligan 1 for 19.

This weekend they will take on Ex Services at Newling Oval

## Women's Golf

Golf on Wednesday was interesting, with gusty head winds a disadvantage and strong tail winds an advantage. Wendy

George won the Stableford event on a count back from Jenny Rogers and Karen Oehlers who all finished with 35 Stableford points. Our thanks go to Pam at the Black Mountain Nursery who sponsored the trophy. Nearest the pins were won by Donna White (7th), Julie Walker (9th), Meg Simpson (10th) and Wendy George (18th).

Next Wednesday we will welcome golfers from the New England and North West to compete in the 4BBB Open Day.

*The Phantom*

## Football Clinic

Students from around the district are invited to Guyra Central School oval on Friday 22nd February, 2018 between 3.30pm – 5.00pm to attend a Rugby League Clinic with Wendell Sailor prior to opening the Guyra Show at 7pm.

## CRICKET SCOREBOARD February 9th, 2019

1st Grade	2nd Grade
<b>Guyra tied Easts</b>	<b>City defeated Guyra</b>
<b>Easts innings</b>	<b>Guyra Innings</b>
217 off 38.2overs	Pete Presnell.....3
<b>Guyra Bowling:</b>	Jake Brazier.....18
Mitch Woods 1 for 27, Tyson Burey 1 for 56, Charlie White 1 for 38, Jake Ellis 0 for 34, Ben Jackson 1 for 31, Matt Finlay 5 for 25	Craig Lockyer.....1
<b>Guyra Innings</b>	Matt Simpson.....1
Troy Martin.....37	Charlie Keen.....5
Shane Wolfenden.....8	Heath Dowsett.....3
BJ Cameron.....3	Corey Torrens.....39
Matt Finlay.....35	Craig Connors.....1
D Landsborough.....52	Keiran Wicks.....6
Charlie White.....41	Dan Stace.....0
Ben Jackson.....2	Justin McKay.....not out.....1
Jason Campbell.....6	Extras.....25
Mitch Woods.....6	<b>Total.....104</b>
Tyson Burey.....DNB	Overs.....25
Jake Ellis.....0	<b>City Innings</b>
Extras.....20	5/106 off 25.5 overs
<b>Total.....217</b>	<b>Guyra Bowling:</b>
Overs.....35.4	Justin McKay 0 for 24, Heath Dowsett 3 for 13, Dan Stace 1 for 21, Corey Torrens 1 for 7, Craig Connors 0 for 30, Keiran Wicks 0 for 7

## CRICKET SCOREBOARD February 16th, 2019

1st Grade	2nd Grade
<b>Guyra def. by Hillgrove</b>	<b>Guyra def. Ex Services</b>
<b>Hillgrove Innings</b>	<b>Guyra Innings</b>
6 for 215 (cc)	Pete Presnell.....28
<b>Guyra Bowling:</b>	Jake Brazier.....47
Mitch Woods 3 for 37, Charlie White 2 for 44, Justin McKay 1 for 25, Jake Ellis 0 for 38, Matt Finlay 0 for 42, Matt Jackson 0 for 24	Matt Simpson.....11
<b>Guyra Innings</b>	Charlie Keen.....25
Troy Martin.....16	Corey Torrens.....1
Shane Wolfenden.....0	Heath Dowsett.....62
BJ Cameron.....0	Keiran Wicks.....0
Matt Finlay.....5	Billy Youman.....50
D Landsborough.....7	Taylor Brennan.....22
Charlie White.....54	Craig Connors.....not out.....2
Ben Jackson.....2	Dan Stace.....not out.....1
Matt Jackson.....0	Extras.....41
Mitch Woods.....9	<b>Total.....9/247cc</b>
Jake Ellis.....0	Overs.....45
Justin McKay.....not out.....0	<b>Ex Services Innings</b>
Extras.....7	107 off 30.1 overs
<b>Total.....100</b>	<b>Guyra Bowling:</b>
Overs.....25.5	Dan Stace 2 for 18, Keiran Wicks 2 for 15, Jake Brazier 0 for 24, Billy Youman 4 for 7, Corey Torrens 0 for 13, Heath Dowsett 1 for 18, Peter Presnell 2 for 7

3rd Grade	Steve McElroy.....not out.....1
<b>Guyra defeated City</b>	Extras.....23
<b>Guyra Innings</b>	<b>Total.....9/223(cc)</b>
Graham Cameron.....14	Overs.....40
Adrian Cameron.....22	<b>City Innings</b>
Cody Patterson.....12	76 off 34.3 overs
Ryan Walker.....0	<b>Guyra Bowling:</b>
Simon Brown.....7	Tim Stace 0 for 11, Tom Smith 0 for 3, Adrian Cameron 1 for 11, Simon Brown 0 for 6, Cody Patterson 2 for 18, Ryan Walker 3 for 12, Peter Ahoy 1 for 5, Grub Cameron 0 for 3, Allan Boney 2 for 6.
Peter Ahoy.....12	
Allan Boney.....1	
Tim Brazier.....7	
Tim Stace.....21	
Tom Smith.....not out.....103	

### Bus to Armidale Cup

**Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March** a bus will run from Guyra to Armidale for the Armidale Cup. It will leave at 12noon from the Bowling Club, Guyra Hotel & the Royal Hotel.

**There MUST be at least 20 people for the bus to run.**

**Names by 12noon next Wednesday to:**  
Bowling Club: 6779 1499  
Guyra Hotel 6779 1018 or Royal Hotel 6779 1005

# Spuds back in training

The Super Spuds are back in training for the 2019 season and have a big Guyra Shire derby with Tingha in their sights.

The Group 19 season will kick off on April 6 and Guyra will begin its men's premiership defence at home against Tingha - the first meeting between the two clubs in seven years.

Training for both Guyra teams will continue today (Wednesday) from 6pm at the Sports Complex.

Last week there was a very good roll-up of women's players but the men have been slow to dust off the boots.

The Guyra under 14s were welcome visitors at training last week and helped keep the senior players on their toes ahead of the junior league sign-on day tomorrow (Thursday)?

Keep up to date with the club's activities on Facebook and Instagram.



Spudettes captain-coach Britt Youman leads the way in a game of touch with (from left to right) Kia Blair, Jack Mooney and Taylor Waters.

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## Men's bowls

Results from the weekend's play: In Open Pairs Robert Moore and Paul Johnson played Mallie Walls and Ian Jacobs, this game from all reports was a game of missed opportunity and unfortunate luck. As a result Robert Moore and Paul Johnson took out the game 28 shots to 7 shots over 21 ends.

In the Major Singles played between David Wilcox and Barry Presnell the game was one of two halves. David went out to a considerable lead by end 17 and could have forgiven when Barry went on a winning streak winning 6 out of the next 7 ends closing the gap considerably but David again opened the lead and wanting only 1 shot for the win saw Barry stage a comeback but to avail David went on to take victory 31 shots to 25 shots over 32 ends.

In the first of the Minor Singles played Robert Walls played Wayne Reeves. This game was level on no less than 4 times but Robert stuck to his game plan and slowly wore Wayne down and went on to take the win 31 shots to 23 shots over 26 ends. In the second of the Minor Singles Geoff Reeves played John Hamel. John took control of this game early and never took his foot of Geoff's throat and went on to take a victory 31 shots to 9 shots over 24 ends.

Now to boarded games for this weekend:

Saturday February 23rd: Start: 1.00pm. Starter and Umpire: John Jack-

son.

Club Pairs: John Jackson and Barry Campbell to play Roger Cox and John McIlwain.

Sunday February 24th: Start: 1.00pm. Starter and Umpire: Andrew Sparke.

Major Singles: Robert Moore to play Andrew Sparke marker Dan Kennedy

Minor Singles: Mallie Walls to play Barry Walls marker Robert Walls.

**The Bowls Bandit.**

## Vets golf

It was very warm on Tuesday when 12 Vets played an Individual Stableford event.

The winner with a good score of 38 points was Wal Chapman followed by Roger Grills with 35 points. Nearest the pins were awarded to Wal Chapman on the 10th and 18th and guess who the best putter was? Wal Chapman with 29 putts!! What a great day he had.

Next Tuesday a team of Vets from Yamba will be visiting us. Please come along and enjoy their company on the course and for dinner at the club at 6.30.

Next Thursday the 28th February we will be playing a Pennants game at Uralla it will be a 9.30 shotgun start. If you have not yet nominated please let Nancy know 0438 791 057 Don't forget our Open Days on Monday 4th March with a 4BBB and on Tuesday 5th March we will play an Individual Stableford event.

**The Vet**



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winner Liz Starr. 50 Club 1st Robyn  
Mills (redonated), 2nd Julie Gittoes, 3rd  
Nelda McLeod.

## FOOTY TIPPING



## Gazette Footy Tipping

**Welcome to the Gazette's  
2019 Footy Tipping  
competition - Enter NOW!**

The footy season starts on 14th March, and  
the first round will be published on 6th March  
for the first week of tipping.

**We welcome locals** who would like to  
participate and for you the prizes this year will  
be: First \$100.00, Second \$50.00 and the  
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Some of our **Celebrities** are returning, but  
we would heartily welcome more of our  
fabulous Guyra business owners/managers to  
join the fun. The prizes for our Celebrity  
winners are a half page ad for first place and  
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Good luck and have some fun!

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Joe Crane and family would like to thank  
relatives and friends for your cards, visits,  
phone calls and messages of sympathy  
following the death of our beloved Joy.

We would also like to thank Dr Jey,  
Dr Sen and the wonderful nursing staff at  
Guyra MPS for your care of Joy during her  
illness. Also our thanks to Piddingtons for  
your caring attention to us.

*Please accept this as our  
personal thanks - Joe Crane*

## COURSES

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## MEETINGS

**GUYRA RSL sub-BRANCH** meeting  
next Monday, 25th February at 3.00pm  
at the Soldiers Memorial Hall.

**GUYRA UNITED SOCCER AGM**  
Thursday, 21st February at the Guyra  
Hotel, 6.30pm. All executive positions  
are open. Enquiries Brooke Burgess  
0417 060 677.

**GUYRA PONY CLUB AGM** will be held  
on Thursday, 21st February 2019 at the  
Guyra Bowling Club at 6.30pm. All po-  
sitions vacant.

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AGM March 2nd, 11am at Deano's  
Springwater Smoked Trout Farm 7km  
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**FEBRUARY 22nd & 23rd:** Annual  
**Guyra Show.** Special family attrac-  
tions and entertainment.

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outing on Sunday, 24th March 2019  
and invite senior citizens of Guyra and  
District who would like to participate on  
this day to RSVP to Jim Betts on 6779  
1460 by 14th March 2019 or to Eric  
Heagney at the senior citizens hall by  
this day. We will be leaving the RSL  
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# Big weekend of golf



**CLUB CHAMPIONS:** Steve Wilson (B grade)  
Ian Taylor (A grade) and Braith Kliendienst (C grade)

A big weekend of golf saw the championships finalised. The champions for 2019 are Ian Taylor in A grade, Steve Wilson in B grade and Braith Kliendienst in B grade. The Nett champions are Darrin Towells A grade, Anthony Dittman B grade and Taylor Brennan C grade.

Saturday's third round sponsored by Guyra Smash Repairs was won by Braith Kleindeinst with Beau Orchard runner up. Nearest to the pins were Mick Shiner on the 7th Steve Kliendienst on the 10th and Ian Taylor on the 18th.

The final round sponsored



**NETT WINNERS:** Anthony Dittman (B grade)  
Darrin Towells (A grade) and Taylor Brennan (C grade)

by Kirk's IGA saw Robert Moore take the prize with Anthony Dittman runner up. Nearest to the pins were Steve Wilson on the 7th, Mick Jackson on the 10th and Barry Simpson on the 18th.

The overall champions will be presented with their awards at presentation after-

noon later in the year by the major sponsors of the championships. Sponsors are Guyra Fuels for the champions and Regional Australia Bank for the nett winners.

Next Sunday will be an individual stableford for a club trophy.

*The Albatross*

## 111<sup>th</sup> Guyra Show

### Program & Entertainment

#### Friday

- 7.30am Pavilion open to accept entries
- 9.00am Horse Events start
- 10.00am Junior Sheep Judging
- 2.00pm Junior Cattle Judging
- 3.00pm Junior Cattle Paraders
- 3.30pm Rugby League Clinic with Wendell Sailor
- 5.00pm All Breeds Heifer Show
- 5.00pm Pavilion: Ukulele Trio
- 5.30pm Lolly Cannon for the kids
- 6-7pm Mechanical Bull - free rides for 1hour for children under 12 years
- 7.00pm OFFICIAL OPENING BY WENDELL SAILOR
- 8.00pm Men's Cake Champion presentation at the bar by Wendell Sailor
- 8.00pm Pavilion closes
- 8.30pm Ladies Trailer Reversing Competition
- 9.00pm Shearing with Bike Power
- 9.00pm Music by Crooked Tree until late

#### Show Schedules

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Guyra Show Society



## Friday & Saturday 22 & 23 February, 2019

#### Saturday

- 8.00am Yard Dog Trials start (continuing on Sunday)
- 8.30am Horse Events start; Grand Prix Jumping; Beef Cattle Show
- 9.00am Pavilion opens (until 5.00pm);
- 9.00am Shearing events commence
- 9.30am Bull Calcutta (proceeds to Brazier Boys 5c Friday)
- 10.00am Poultry Show & Judging; Wood Chopping
- 12.00noon Guyra on a Plate long lunch
- 1.00pm Lolly Cannon
- 3-4pm Pavilion: SNELC Forum on Needle Grass
- 3.00pm Supreme Hack of Guyra Show 2018
- 4.00pm Grand Parade & Sashing of Supreme Exhibit
- 4.30pm Junior Farmers Challenge 6-12 yrs & 12-18
- 4.30pm Pavilion: Ukulele Trio
- 5.00pm Children's poddy lamb cash grab
- 5.30pm VRA v. Rural Fire Service Challenge
- 6-7pm Mechanical Bull - free rides for 1hour for children under 12 years
- 7.00pm ROOFTOP EXPRESS WILD WEST SPECTACULAR
- 8.30pm Fireworks
- 9.00pm Demolition Derby

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