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Fire chief signs off for last time

Guyra's Fire and Rescue NSW Station 315 is looking for a new Captain following the retirement of Graham Williamson. Graham, who joined the team in 1974, has notched up 45 years of service with the Guyra brigade 38 years of which were as Captain

During that time, he has been involved in lots of fires and lots of accidents, spending many hours away from home often at the expense of time with his family. However, it is something that he has done as a service for the community and it has been his way of making a positive contribution to the town.

"Being captain involves quite a bit of responsibility but it is something I have enjoyed," he said. "As captain you are in charge of incidents and also in charge of the station and most importantly in charge of your men."

"You don't do it for the money, you do it because it is something you want to do for the community but it does involve a lot of time," he said. "We have drills twice a month plus being called out to incidents and then all the paper-



FRNSW Superintendent Tom Cooper from Tamworth congratulating Graham Williamson on his retirement

work and reports that follow.

During those 45 years he has often had to sacrifice time with family because of his commitments and he says it has definitely had an impact on them.

"They are often the ones have to make the sacrifices and probably the biggest medal should go to the wives and partners who don't know what is happening when you have been called out in the

middle of the night or how long you will be gone. "

Over his 45 years in charge he has witnessed a lot of changes and while modern communications have made things a lot easier, regulations have made things more complicated and there is more time spent on paper work than he would like.

In the early years, road rescues and accidents were a big part of the job, but thankfully are not as frequent as they were. It is also a job where you don't know what is next or how many hours you will have to put in.

"Sometimes we won't have a call out for a month and then you will get five or six in a week. It can be anything from road rescues, to fire calls but you always have to be ready to go when the call comes through.

"When I started out road rescues were full on and there were a lot of car accidents around the New England, and they can be the worst especially when you might know the people involved," he said.

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Australia Day Awards

Nominate now for 2020

Nominate in the following categories

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year (under 25yrs)
- Senior Citizen of the Year (over 60yrs)
- Community Services Award
- Sportsperson of the Year
- Contribution to Sport and Recreation
- Art and Culture Award
- Community Event of the Year (completed in 2019)
- Environmental Citizen of the Year



Nomination forms available at Armidale Regional Council offices at 135 Rusden Street, Armidale & 158 Bradley Street, Guyra or online at armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au
Completed forms must be returned by 5pm Friday 1 November 2019.

Nominations are open now!

ARMIDALE Regional Council



Catching up over Scones

CWA Awareness week



Above l to r:
 Mathew Milne RAMHP (Rural Adversity Mental Health Program),
 Mary Holligworth (Glen Innes)
 Chris Gellie, Daria Hadley and
 Marni Turner

she said.
 “The CWA is here to support not only our members but also the wider community. You don’t have to join but are more than welcome to just come along, have a chat and see what we do.”

Any woman is welcome to come to the CWA’s meetings. The evening branch meets at the GALA Centre, 136 Bradley Street, the first Wednesday of every month at 6pm and the Guyra branch meets on the last Friday of every month, 10am at the Uniting Church Hall, Ollera St. Local women interested in joining the Guyra branches can contact Leonie on 0408 207 664.

Guyra CWA members marked the organisations Awareness Week with a gathering at ‘Juniels to help raise awareness of mental health issues in the bush.

Members of both the day and evening branches joined forces to shine a spotlight on the issue at an afternoon tea which was held last Wednesday.

Secretary of the Guyra Evening and Guyra branch of the CWA of NSW, Leonie Hawkins said one of the organisation’s main messages this Awareness Week was the importance of a support network and regular catch-ups – or a ‘Sconversation’ with friends.

Leonie said that it was a lovely afternoon an opportunity for a little time out from the current tough conditions.

“Awareness week is all about connecting with the community and simply starting a conversation around issues facing rural women,”

COFFEE, CAKE & CHAT



JOIN US FOR A COFFEE, CAKE AND CHAT
 The Hub at Guyra- 160 Bradley St Guyra NSW 2360

Wednesdays at 10.00 AM

Contact Reception for more information

OZANAM LEARNING CENTRE

St Vincent de Paul Society NSW
 Support Services *good works*

1 Crescent St, Armidale, NSW 2350 | 02 6776 8117/ 02 6776 8115 | olc@vinnies.org.au



Tuesday 1 October
 Beardy St Mall, Armidale 10am - 2pm

Free kidz day

- Face painting
- Jumping castle
- SandWizard
- Giant inflatables

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Grandstand gets go ahead

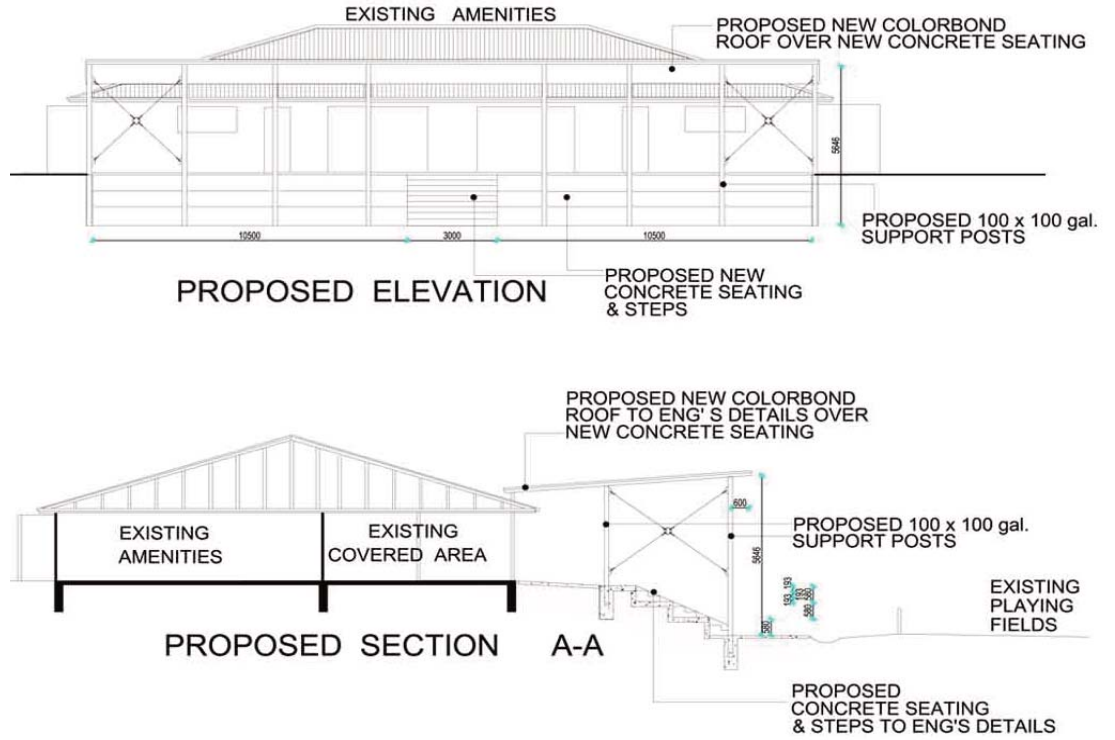
The Guyra Junior Rugby League Club is on a high after receiving news that they are one of two successful applicants from the Northern Tablelands electorate to get the go ahead under the My Community Project campaign.

They will receive \$120,000 in funding to build a covered grandstand at the Sporting Complex. The proposed grandstand will provide seating and shelter for spectators, protecting them from the extremes of our climate including rain, snow, hail, and the hot sun.

The grandstand will be constructed in front of the change rooms and canteen facilities. New concrete seating will be built into the existing embankment and covered with a metal roof.

Guyra Junior Rugby League President Gina Lockyer said that they are ready to begin construction as soon as the plans are approved.

“We were pretty lucky to get this money and I think we were helped because a lot of our members were already registered



The plans are ready and construction is expected to get underway during the off season

with Service NSW and we kept on telling everyone they had to vote,” Gina said. “But I also think people voted because they could see it was a worthy cause and how much it would add to what is already in place.”

“It will mean we can hold bigger carnivals and there are a lot of other events that will benefit by having the shelter in place. It will be a big boost not only for our members but for all groups who use the grounds and there

is a lot of potential for use by the wider community.”

Gina said they hope to begin construction shortly and once work begins it should be completed in around six weeks.

Fire chief signs off for last time *(from page 1)*

“It is not so bad now, but it is still part of the job you have to put up with. Nowadays we also do backup medical calls so if the ambos are out of town and there is an emergency we are called on instead.”

Graham said he wouldn't have been able to do the job without his team behind him. Guyra has maximum of 12 recruits at any one time, and have just got two new recruits.

“We are always chasing new recruits, but they need to live in town or close by, and it costs a heap of money just to train each recruit so you need to make sure they are in it for a reasonable period of time,” he said.

“It is definitely something I would recommend to anyone who wants to give something back to the community.”



Guyra's Fire and Rescue NSW Station 315 Recruits

Back l to r: Tim Ellis, Jamie Williamson, Dean Mitchell, Shane Davidson, Geoff Dowden, Jason Campbell
Front: Barry Simpson, Graham Williamson and Stephen Sole **Absent:** Scott Campbell and Michael Kirk

What's HOT

GOOD NEWS for Junior League getting the go ahead for the Grandstand

BIRDS, blossoms daffodil and wattle providing colour against the drought stricken landscape

RESIDENTS going the extra mile to save water

What's NOT

WITNESSING long established plants starting to die from lack of water

BUSHFIRES so early in Spring

Little athletes off to Sydney



Annie Williamson



Olive McFarlane

On Friday 23rd August, 18 students from St Mary of the Angels School travelled to Tamworth to represent the school at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival. All students put

in 100% effort on the day and are to be commended for their sportsmanship. Congratulations to Annie Williamson and Olive McFarlane who will be representing the Armidale

Diocese at the Polding Athletics to be held in Sydney on the 18th October. Annie will be competing in long jump and Olive will be running in the 100m event.

QUOTE of the week

The greatest ignorance is to reject something you know nothing about

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
03	Tues	0.7	20.2	0
04	Wed	6.4	22.3	0
05	Thurs	3.1	23.8	0
06	Fri	3.4	25.4	0
07	Sat	0.1	14.2	0
08	Sun	0.7	12.4	0
09	Mon	0.2		0

Rain this week	0mm
Sept. rainfall	10.6mm
Rainfall YTD	205.4mm
Rainfall last YTD	347.8mm
Ave. rain to Sep.	624.4mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Have your say.....

First of all, I would like to thank those many people who contacted me regarding my letter to the Gazette about the Rural Waste Management levy so the ARC can supply a non-existent service. The comments from all the people referred to the arrogance and dictatorial attitude of the ARC (I believe inefficient could be added).

Here we are a week later and the same ARC are applying for a Special Rate Variation (SRV). Does this lot know the "reasons" that the Boundaries Commission gave for amalgamation of the Armidale and Guyra Councils? The main point was the savings achieved through the 'economy of scale' due to the supposed non viability of the existing Councils.

A rate moratorium was imposed on the ARC in an effort to reign in spending and the new Council were given \$15million in lieu. Now they want more. Isn't this a case of

fraud whereby something is achieved by deception or false pretenses.

My previous comments in regard to anecdotal evidence suggesting that we will get a rating increase of 30%-50% seems to be well on the way to being achieved by ARC.

Have your say:

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Mail: PO Box 170

Fax: 67792069.

With the increase in the rating schedule, as it is, it seems that the increase in rates and levies is inversely proportionate to the services provided. Tom's Gully Rd, Briarbrook and Brushy Ck. Rd's and a lot of other area roads will bear testament to this.

The ARC are now starting to

exclude Guyra from the amalgamation, with the initial rumblings by some within Council to take all meetings back to Armidale. The situation whereby Guyra will be reduced to a village in the Armidale area is starting to take shape. The statement by Mayor Mr. Simon Murray in his inauguration speech as Mayor when he said "I will support Guyra should they wish to return to a stand-alone Council" is now starting to sound very hollow.

While I could comment considerably more on the failures of the ARC and the amalgamation, I believe it is suffice to say, "People in most cases get what they deserve unless they are prepared to do something about it".

Unless people are satisfied with the status-quo we need to stand up and be counted. Contact me if you believe you can help because everyone can. Over to you.

Ray Mulligan

One stop shop rolling in to town

Drought community outreach activities are coming to Guyra and will provide a one-stop-shop information service to the local community. The event is open to everyone and is designed to help people access federal and state government funding assistance, information from health providers, contact with local charities distributing drought relief, telecommunications support and advice on drought recovery.

The one-stop-shop has been touring across the region and will be at the Guyra Bowling Club on Wednesday September 18th from 10am to 2pm. Residents will be able to get advice on everything from taxation to the nbn.

Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall said that the Drought Communities One Stop Shop initiative was doing an important job taking various State and Federal support services directly into communities.

"This vehicle is touring the state with staff from the RAA and Rural Resilience teams on board to help farmers with

questions about assistance, help with applications on the spot and to talk individually with landholders about what specific support they might need.

"Farmers can speak directly with staff for information about drought transport subsidies as well as Drought Assistance Fund and Farm Innovation Fund loans and other support measures and resilience programs.

"Over the past week we have

seen Rural Financial Counsellors, NBN Co, TAFE and Service NSW all come together to take their expertise directly into communities," Mr Marshall said.

"The feedback so far on this tour has been very positive with 63 people from Bingara and 43 from Warialda calling in and accessing the services, many of whom were not aware what help was available.

Agencies involved include the

Rural Financial Counselling Service Northern Region, Department of Human Services mobile centre, Australian Taxation Office, nbn local, NSW Department of Primary Industries, Rural Resilience Program, Rural Adversity Mental Health Program (RAMHP), Local Land Services, NSW Farmers, The Salvation Army, Rotary, Friendly Faces, SafeWork NSW, TAFE NSW, Landcare and The Hub.



Start date for CBD upgrade

Preliminary works for the Guyra CBD upgrade will commence on Wednesday September 11th in preparation for major road pavement works which are scheduled to commence on Monday September 16th.

These works will see the upgrade to the road pavement and major improvements to road and parking curvature from Nincoola to Ollera Street.

Due to the current water situation, water for the roadworks will not come from the town supply, and council have instead made arrangements to cart water from a nearby bore.

There is expected to be some disruptions to traffic movements and parking along Bradley Street, however Council hope to minimise any disruptions.

The work is expected to take two weeks, weather permitting, with completion expected by Friday September 27th.

The Drought Communities One Stop Shop will be visiting the following location to provide assistance accessing services to support you, your family and friends. Come along for a chat and find out about the support available.

A MORNING TEA WILL BE PROVIDED

Guyra Bowling Club
192 Bradley Street Guyra
18th September 2019
10am to 2pm



Jennifer Jeffrey Farm Liaison Officer Northern and Central Regions 0428 265 024.

Meals on Wheels

Sept. 12th Joyce Betts
Sept. 13th. Golf Ladies
Sept. 16th. Lions Club
Sept. 17th Pamela Carter
Sept. 18th Anne Hulbert

Street Stalls

Sept. 12/13/14 Lions Club
Sept. 19th Hospital Auxiliary
Sept. 19th Hospital Auxiliary
Sept. 20th Wigs for Cancer

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 Stephen 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 - 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday of month 11am-12, 1pm-2pm 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

Superhero Day at Bald Blair

On Friday September 6th staff and students at Bald Blair Public School were encouraged to dress up in their favourite superhero character to raise awareness and funds for Muscular Dystrophy Australia's programs, services and research.

National Superhero Week is an event held all across Australia. It was fantastic to see all children participate. There was a huge variety of Superheros like: Spiderman, Batman, hockey hero, dance hero, Ladybug and Cat Noir, Luke Skywalker and many more.

It is a fantastic cause and hopefully by participating in days like these we can help support men, women and children affected by Muscular Dystrophy.



Katie Campion, Molly Morgan, Harriet Ulrick



NAIDOC celebrations

NAIDOC Week celebrations focus on Guyra this Friday, when Council holds a family day at the recreation ground from 11am to 2pm.

Traditional games, a free barbecue and live music by nationally acclaimed local band Terra Firma will feature at the family day and everyone is invited to get involved.

The Guyra celebration follows a well-attended NAIDOC Week event at the Armidale Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Keeping Place last Friday.

Around 300 people attended A Day in the Dale last week, held by Council in partnership with the cultural centre.

Council's Aboriginal Community Development Officer, Cyril

Green, said that everyone who got involved helped to make it a fun day but also highly informative with some serious messages about the welfare and voice of our community.

"We're now hoping for a positive turn-out at the Guyra celebration to wrap up our NAIDOC Week activities for another year," he said.

Bushfire disaster assistance

Residents, farmers and communities impacted by the horrific fires across the region will be able to immediately access disaster assistance. The natural disaster declaration follows a series of fires that took hold over the weekend within the Armidale Regional, Glen Innes Severn, Inverell, Tenterfield, Uralla and Walcha local government areas.

Assistance is being provided through the jointly funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

Closest to Guyra the Bees Nest fire located north of Ebor and to the north west of Dorrigo, has burnt out 66,500 hectares on multiple fronts and has a perimeter of more than 300 kilometres. The fire began on Friday and was fanned by strong winds with an evacuation centre set up in Dorrigo for those in immediate danger.

As firefighters continued to battle the blaze on Monday there were reports of light snow and sleet on the fire ground. The NSW Rural Fire Service said that it is likely to take several

weeks to fully contain unless there is good rain.

Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall said that the fires have been absolutely devastating. Mr Marshall attended a community meeting at Ebor, where the NSW Rural Fire Service and Local Lands Services updated locals on fire conditions and expected weather patterns over the next few days.

"I'm pleased the NSW and Commonwealth governments are working closely together to provide immediate relief to those impacted in the last few days and support the longer term recovery of our local communities."

"Locals should continue to keep their radios on for emergency broadcasts and regularly check the NSW RFS 'Fires Near Me' app on their devices for updates."

Assistance measures available include:

- * help for eligible people whose homes or belongings have been damaged;

- * support for affected local councils to help with the costs of

cleaning up and restoring damaged essential public assets;

- * concessional interest rate loans for small businesses, primary producers and non-profit organisations;

- * freight subsidies for primary producers;

- * grants to eligible non-profit organisations; and

- * Emergency fodder and/or water for stock.

To access emergency fodder and/or water for stock, contact Local Land Services on 1800 814 647 to arrange pick up.

For information on personal hardship and distress assistance, contact the Disaster Welfare Assistance Line on 1800 018 444. To apply for a concessional loan, grant or freight subsidy, contact the NSW Rural Assistance Authority on 1800 678 593 or visit www.raa.nsw.gov.au

Further information on disaster assistance is available on the Australian Government's Disaster Assist website at www.disasterassist.gov.au and the NSW emergency information and response website at www.emergency.nsw.gov.au

Writes of passage for guest authors



The Drover's Daughter author Patsy Kemp.

Two authors with very different life stories will share their experiences at Armidale Regional Libraries this month.

Get an insight to life of a drover and his family in the 1950s and 1960s when author Patsy Kemp speaks at the Guyra library from 11am to noon on Wednesday September 18th. She will also speak at the Armidale library starting at 3pm.

Her new novel *The Drover's Daughter* describes the highs and lows of growing up on the stock routes of NSW and Queensland, living out of a small truck with a family of nine, six horses, four dogs and 3000 sheep.

Ms Kemp says drovers hold an iconic place in the Australian national identity. The courage and perseverance needed to transport cattle and sheep hundreds of kilometres through rural and outback areas has long captured the imaginations of Australians and people around the world.

Her exploration of the drover's life turns the spotlight on the women and children who travelled with them.

A screenwriter for some of Australia's favourite television dramas, Kaneana May, will provide her author talk at the Armidale library on Friday September 20th.

Bookings are requested for each of the talks. Phone 6770 3636 for the Armidale library sessions or 6770 7123 for Patsy Kemp's talk at the Guyra library.

Ladies' Golf

Last Wednesday there was no golf played at Guyra as 12 ladies ventured out to play in the VW Scramble out at Inverell.

It was a fun warm and dusty day on a very dry course which contributed to some very low scores with the locals winning the day. Thanks girls.

No trophies made their way back to Guyra but with Donna White winning the raffle we didn't come home empty handed.

This week we are playing a Stableford Event with Julie Walker as starter also some ladies are travelling out to Warialda to play in the 4BBB Open Day. Good luck ladies.

Wednesday 18th September is a Stroke and Putting Competition playing for Joyce Betts' Trophy.

Positions are filling fast for the inaugural Guyra Sixes to be run over the 19th and 20th October the field is restricted to 32 players only.

Due to the dry conditions golfers are now permitted to tee up when taking your preferred lie.

Birdie

Men's Golf

Too windy for golf last weekend so the regional Australia bank ambrose will be rescheduled. Next Sunday will be a stableford for the Grazag trophy. Now is the time to nominate for the Guyra Sixes this can be done by contacting Richard Burey.

The Albatross.

Men's Bowls

In the final of the Handicap Singles Dan Kennedy defeated Roger Cox 31-12. Well done to Danny. Matches for Saturday 14th 12 pm start.

Major/Minor pairs

S Sole, R Walls vs I Jacobs, M Walls. D Kennedy, G Starr vs C Peardon, R Moore

On Sunday 15th September there will be a Bowls meeting and presentation at 11am followed by Box Draw Pairs 12.30pm. All welcome to play - bowls shirt if you are a bowler. \$300 prize money sponsored by Murray & Betty Bourke and David Wilcox

Vets Golf

It was very windy, but sunny and warm on Tuesday when 16 Vets played for the Reg Taylor Shield. The stroke winner was Ian Taylor with 83 off the stick and the best stableford score was won by David Bearup with a great score of 42.

Nearest the pins were awarded to Chris Newberry on the 7th, Nancy Prisk on the 9th, Terry Varley on the 10th and Jake Ellis was closest to the pin on the 18th. Ian Taylor had an eagle on the first and Jake Ellis on the 9th. Congratulations!!

Next week the Vets will be holding their Annual General meeting after Tuesday golf at 2pm. Please come along - it's a chance for you to make suggestions that could improve our club.

The Annual General Meeting for the club will be held on Sunday, 15th September.

The Vet

Junior Soccer comes to a close

Unfortunately Saturday saw the end of the 2019 soccer season for all of our junior teams with the 12B Spirits and the 14A Ghosts being defeated in their semi-finals in Armidale. Our other Junior teams, Under 6s – Under 10s, also played their final round of games on Saturday morning completing a great season of soccer. Despite the strong, cold winds there were many happy soccer players enjoying their final run.

A big thank you from the Guyra United Soccer Club to all 126 junior players and their families for a fantastic season. An even bigger thank you must go to our wonderful junior coaches Steve Ahern, Mitchell Hope, Trudi Brown, Kristy Campion, Cordy Lloyd, Briana Merritt, Jess Brennan (with assistance from Scott McFarlane), Michael Colvin, the Dullaway family, Craig Lockyer, Hayden Raper and Adam Brennan. Without these volunteer coaches we would not be able to field the number of teams we have this year.

Under 6 Spooks had a great end to the season with 3 more goals being added to their season tally,

all off the boot of their leading goal scorer Corey Banfield. This team has been a joy to watch and they have enjoyed every game. Thank you to Steve Ahern for coaching this new team and encouraging them every week.

Under 12 Spirits took on the DK Warriors at the later time of 11.30am on Saturday morning. On a different field and with strong, swirling winds both teams battled to find their usual form resulting in a low scoring game. A confusing penalty gave Guyra the chance to score in the first half but unfortunately it didn't find the net. The Warriors went to half time with a 1-0 lead giving the Spirits hope for a comeback. Sadly, this was not to be and DK added another goal early in the second half to secure a 2-0 win. We wish them luck for the Grand Final.

A massive congratulations to the Spirits for a fantastic season. Every player has improved throughout the season and their teamwork has been outstanding. We have been very proud to Coach this team and we hope to see them back bigger and better next season. The Dullaway Family.

Presentation Day

Guyra United Soccer Club's Presentation Day will take place on Saturday 21st of September from 11.00am at the Guyra Recreation Fields (weather permitting). Junior and Senior players will come together to celebrate the end of season with a family fun day. Junior presentations will be held first followed by a BBQ lunch and cake. The Senior presentations will then take place. There will be fun games all day for the kids (and adults), face painting and music so something for everyone. We request that all players wear their new jerseys, club hoodies or club shirts on the day for photos. The jerseys can then be returned at the end of the day. We look forward to seeing you to celebrate the achievements of our great club.

Editor's note: A raffle is being organised to raise money to help Sarah Rosten with expenses for her upcoming overseas trip. Tickets will be for sale at the presentation day with the first prize being a load of wood and other prizes to be confirmed. A 100 club will also be run on the day so if you want to support Sarah please get along and buy some tickets.

Thursday Night Mixed Social Tennis

Last Thursday evening it was fantastic to see so many keen tennis players turn up for the Guyra Tennis Clubs first social tennis night. On Thursday 12th September 2019 we will be holding our second social tennis night at 6pm. If you are interested in playing the cost is \$5.00 per player. A sausage sizzle will also be available for \$2.00 per sandwich.

Sally Purvis

Junior cricket

There was a good roll up of junior cricketers last week and Guyra Cricket Club will be looking to field three teams in the 10s, 12s and 14s age group this year.

Another information session and practice will be held at the Recreation Ground nets this Thursday from 4pm. You can also register your interest by phoning Jason Campbell 0428 763 688, Simon Brown 0427 665 131 or Graham Cameron 0415 872 685.

Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

September 4th - There was little change in numbers with 1200 lambs and 3000 sheep on offer. The quality of the lamb offering was quite plain with limited supplies of well finished crossbreds.

There was a single pen of new season lambs. Lightweight Merino lambs were well supplied and there were some well finished longer wool

Merino lambs. The usual buyers were in attendance.

Comparing trends to the previous sale 2 weeks ago there were varying trends through the lamb market. The single pen of new season lambs sold to a slightly dearer trend taking weight difference into account.

Lightweight Merino and crossbred lambs sold to cheaper trends. The

well finished crossbred lambs up to 24kg estimated dressed remained firm with some cheaper sales. The few heavy weight lambs sold to cheaper trends. There was a large supply of lightweight sheep, that included a number of pens of young Merino ewes.

Well finished sheep were limited in supply. Restockers purchased

some of the young ewes. The market trend for plainer condition sheep to process was cheaper. There was strong demand for well finished lines with the medium and heavyweight 3 scores selling to dearer trends. There was quite a price variation between shorn Merino sheep and those carrying decent skin length.

Armidale Cattle Sale

September 5th - Numbers showed a further increase with yearlings well represented. There was also a good supply of cows. The quality of the offering was very mixed with some very well bred cattle just lacking condition. That condition was at a premium with very few well finished cattle available. The standout were a couple of pens of supplementary fed heavy grown steers. There was reduced processor competition with a couple of major processors not operating. There were no live export orders in the bull market. Restockers were particularly active however there were minimal numbers of cattle suitable to feed. Market trends through the young cattle were generally cheaper with quality a major factor. The well bred light weight yearling steers saw an odd firm to slightly dearer sale. Breed and quality contributed greatly to the significant price change on the heav-

ier yearling steers to feed. Trends were similar for the yearling heifers, selling up to 20c/kg cheaper. The well bred, out of condition lots attracted stronger competition than the plainer quality pens. Those heavy grown steers that had been treated with a HGP, with nothing to compare to from the previous sale, there is no market comment possible. Well finished grown heifers to processors sold to a cheaper trend with reduced processor competition. The plainer quality and condition grown heifers sold to much cheaper trends. With restockers active, the plainer condition light and medium weight cows sold to a dearer trend. The plainer cows struggled to attract demand. 3 and 4 score cows sold to a slightly cheaper trend, despite two buyers being out of the market. Heavy bulls sold to a much cheaper trend, up to 40c/kg, with the reduced competition the driving factor.

Weekly Wool Sales

September 6th - Disappointingly losses continued this week and accelerated at a sharper rate than last week's decline. Once again a large withdrawal rate prior to sale left a very small three centre national offering of only 26,500 bales. Compared to last season to date the national offering is down almost 18%. The actual volume of bales sold is down almost 30% or 65,000 bales fewer. Even allowing for an expected fall in production these figures indicate a build up in grower stocks held in store or on farm. 17,221 bales were sold nationally for the week with more than one

third of the offering passed in. Major buyers included Techwool, Tianyu and Fox & Lillie. The heavier falls in the broader Merino types has moved them more into alignment with the finer types leaving all the Merino types roughly 35-40% below levels of 12 months ago. The Crossbred types by comparison remain well supported in the current environment. The Eastern Market Indicator has now fallen 35% from its high point in August last year. This is practically the same magnitude of fall that we witnessed after the 2011 peak, giving rise to the theory the bottom may be close by.



Gazette Footy Tipping



A tight and exciting finish to our 2019 Celebrity footy tipping with Pharmacist Vu triumphing over Publican Mick by just 2 points: 257-255.

First place on our Locals Leaderboard was won by Jy, 257 points, who maintained his lead over GG, 251. These two doggedly achieved the same scores for the past 3 weeks!

Coming in equal 3rd with bronze medallions were Neil of Juneil's fame and IGA Ben, both achieving 243 points. In 4th place we have Soley who is presented with a very fetching blue ribbon.

3rd place goes to the PIA who picked up his game over the past month and The 3 Bunnies edged out the Red Devils and Bookworm to take 4th place.

In the middle ranks, 5th and 6th spots go to the Gazette and B&L at Fourways. This year Sue gets the Wooden Spoon (suitably shaded pink).

Eel-be-Right did manage to be top of a column, unfortunately it was the wrong column!

Thanks to all for participating and we look forward to seeing you again in 2020.

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Junior League presentations 2019

Guyra Junior Rugby League (GJRL) held their annual presentations on August 31st wrapping up another successful year.

GJRL President Gina Lockyer said that it had been a year of growth for the club with 130 players registered, up more than 50 on last year.

Major awards went to Alysha Clark who was named Club Person of the Year, with Cody Ford winning the Homegrown Spud award and Oakley Brazier the Homegrown Spudette.

The Brazier family trophy was presented by Harrison, Angus, Thomas and Hugo alongside grandmother Elva. The award this year went to Mavric Foster with Sam Surawski winning the Andrew James Bull award.

Under-12s

Coaches' award - Rave Brazier and Tommy Ryan, Most improved - Riley Melmoth, Best forward, Players' player -and Best and fairest - Cooper Wilson ,Best back - Ryan Williams

Senior league tag

Most improved - Claire Davidson, Highest point scorer - Rhylee Adams, Coaches award - Phoebe Kennedy, Commitment award - Selina Surawski, Best and fairest - Tayla Mitchell

Under 10s

'Tough as Nails' award - Gwenisha Landsborough, Most improved - James Grills, Coaches' award - Jamerikai Patterson, Best newcomer - Tyler Cameron, Players' player - Nayte Foster

Junior league tag

Most improved - Sophie Bezzant and Kayden Mulligan, Coaches' award - Peyton Heagney, Best and fairest - Bree Wilson

Under-14s

Bill Williams Players' player - Tahmani Landsborough, Best and fairest - Tahmani Landsborough

Intermediate league tag

Encouragement award - Myah Wilson, Most improved - Kate Ward, Coaches' award - Lai-Lei Levy, Most consistent - Sophie Mitchell, Best and fairest - Akashia Brazier



Under 12s Tommy Ryan, Rave Brazier, Cooper Wilson, Ryan Williams, and Riley Melmoth



Andrew Bull award winner Sam Surawski



Harrison, Elva, Thomas & Hugo Brazier with Mavric Foster



Home grown Spudette Oakley Brazier & Norm Williams



Bill Williams Players' Player Tahmani Landsborough



Club Person of the Year Alysha Clark with Gina Lockyer

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Mid-fielders Jemima Atkin, Ashlee Morgan and Ursula Geere built great strength with tackles and scoring goals. They played a great game of passing and setting up play for strikers Ella Turner in centre and Camilla Grills and Stevie McElroy on the wings. They all had great runs and everyone had a shot at goals. Jemima Atkin really stood out in this game with her ability to hit the ball into the goal. Corners were played well with Ashlee pushing out and Ursula and Ella receiving the ball and getting the pass

and shots away.

Camilla Grills showed that she owned her position on the wing and her aggression on getting the ball in the goal was amazing to watch. Stevie as always proved that she has found her spot. She has great team support and look for all her team players and works her play well with her team mates. Ella and Ashlee also proved how well they are at passing and using game play to beat the other team.

With this fantastic win we are now in the Grand Final!!

We are so excited to have

come this far and our U11 team have proved themselves as players to watch for the future. Well done girls and best of luck for Saturday. We play at 10.30 if anyone would love to come and support our Under 11's Guyra Shamrocks.

We held our Junior Hockey presentation on Saturday afternoon after our mighty win in the morning. It was held at the Bowling Club. Our players all took away fantastic awards that reflected on how much they have learnt and developed skills over the season. They each re-

ceived a hockey ball to practice with until next season. Thank you to the Hockey committee for your support over the season. Our fantastic sponsors thankyou to you as well. Our teams had new shirts and new goalie gear. This made a world of difference for us as we were able to have four teams in the competition two under 9s, under 11s and under 13s. Our coaches who all donated time for training and games as well thank you. If anyone is interested in playing next year we would love to have you.



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FOOD PANTRY continues to operate out of the NorthWest Church, (66 Llanglothlin Street) on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Friday of each month from 11am-12noon, & then from 1pm-3pm.

MEETINGS

GUYRA BOWLING CLUB bowls meeting and presentation 11.00am Sunday September 15th, followed by Box Draw Pairs 12.30pm. All welcome

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Raiders	32	Broncos	25

The Local Tipsters Final Leaderboard

Congratulations Jy!

Jy Starr	257	Eel-be-Right	225
GG	251	3 PS	225
The PIA	249	Elva Brazier	221
The 3 Bunnies	247	Chris Morley	221
Red Devils	245	Fire Breather	219
Bulldog	243	Nightwatchman	217
Bookworm	239	Old Chook	215
Hazel	237	My Name Jeff	201
Phantom	227		

Caspers season over

The Caspers were at home against TAS in the qualifying final on a very wild windy day. The boys gathered early at the ground to prepare themselves for what they knew would be a very challenging game against a young and enthusiastic team in very tough conditions.

The start of the game was frantic and it seemed to take the Caspers a while to get into the game with the TAS side dominating early possession. This was rewarded 25 minutes into the game when a TAS attacker found his way through the Caspers defence and calmly slotting the ball past the outstretched arms of Des Walls.

This seemed to wake the boys from their slumber and the remainder of the half was played end to end as the Caspers tried everything at the end of the first half to try and find the equalizer but went in a goal down at half time.

The boys were upbeat at half time, believing they were gaining the upper hand but knew they had to start the second half well

to get back into the game. This is exactly what the Caspers did as they began the second half dominating the TAS side and pushing hard for a goal, which came through some magic build up and a flying header by Corby levelling the score.

The best was yet to come when five minutes later a ball found its way to Harrison Dowden outside the box and he unleashed a powerful shot leaving the TAS keeper no chance and the Caspers were suddenly a goal up.

The boys continued dominating and looked as though they would kick away with the game when some good build up on counter attack once again found a TAS striker in the clear and levelling the score at 2-2. This is how it remained until full time and the game was going to extra time.

For the majority of extra time the Caspers dominated and had at least five shots thwarted by the TAS keeper. They kept pushing but could not break the deadlock and the game went to a penalty shootout.

This is a tough way to decide a game and the Caspers went down 8-7 leaving them devastated but the Casper supporters letting the boys know they were proud of their efforts. The boys should be proud of themselves and I believe with the youth of the team these boys will benefit from the experience and could dominate this competition for years to come.

Hold your heads high boys all of you should be proud. The Casper's would like to thank their loyal followers for their support over the whole season, we truly do have the best fans in the game.

Also, presentation day for both Junior and Senior players will be held at the Guyra Recreational grounds on Saturday 21st September 2019, with the Junior presentation commencing at 11am. There will be a BBQ lunch and we ask that everyone wear their Guyra United Jersey, shirts or hoodies to the day. All playing jerseys must be handed back on the day. Thank you. See you all there.

Amazing win for U11s

The Under 11 junior hockey team have made it to the Grand Final defeating PLC in the final played on Saturday 7-3. PLC have been one of the top teams to beat this year so this was an amazing win for Guyra.

All the players really stepped up their game with the defence playing a strong game, clearing the ball through to the mid field and up to the strikers. Freya Bray played brilliantly clearing the ball and remained strong on all her tackles and passes through to the mid field. Tessa Jackson also played a great game in back coming out strong on all corners and not letting PLC get a hit away at goal. Abby Grills and Matilda Coddington also played brilliantly interchanging with Tessa and Freya. Matilda was a great support to goalie Annie Williamson who cleared the balls well out of the goal. Abby Grills showed great strength clearing the balls out wide to the mid field and the wings.

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