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## Four words that boosted the bush

It is a social media phenomenon that is taking the bush by storm, and Guyra businesses are among those reaping the benefits of the #BuyFromTheBush campaign.

Connecting businesses from regional areas with the city via Instagram and facebook pages, the campaign has grown rapidly. Having just reached over 115k followers, #BuyFromTheBush is helping to boost rural businesses who are struggling during the drought.

A regular at markets across the region, Beth and John Williams from J & B Crafts were already approaching their busiest time of the year when Beth shared the hashtag on Instagram. What followed was an avalanche of enquiries that has made them busier than ever.

"Since our heart was featured on #buyfromthebush it has gone viral," Beth said. "In just five days we had 300 new followers on Facebook, 500 on Instagram, and our Instagram profile was visited 2000 times - I never imagined that one little hash tag could do this."

"John had made three of the hearts earlier in the year and

we had only sold one, but now can't keep up with the demand and we are still getting enquiries from all over Australia.

"We made \$1000 in sales of our products in just one week and will be busy filling orders until at least February," she said. "It has been really hectic, but as well as sales there have been so many messages of support which makes it all worthwhile."

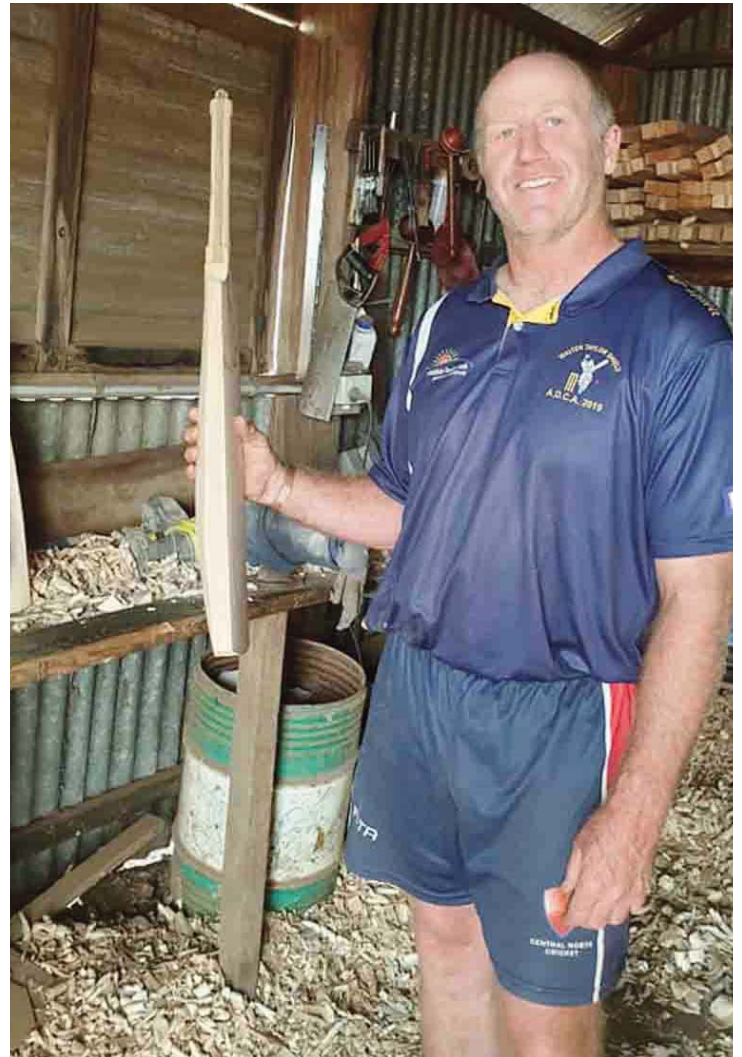
Another local business to reap the benefits is Ram's Head Bats who featured on the #buyfromthebush facebook page three weeks ago.

Mitchell Woods makes handcrafted cricket bats while wife Kylie puts on the finishing touches and handles the marketing. Son Hamish also lends a hand when needed.

Since starting the business four years ago they have averaged around 30 bats a year, but have had to step up production to cope with the increased demand.

"Within a couple of hours we were inundated with messages and had more than 40 enquiries, and have already had 20 orders confirmed," Kylie said.

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Made in Guyra by Mitchell Woods this 'Lamb' has found a new home in Western Australia thanks to the #buyfromthebush campaign



### **MEGA MEAT SALE**

- Economy Rump - \$9.99/kg
- Silverside - \$7.99/kg
- Christmas Hams - \$7.95/kg

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# Outstanding feat of survival

Black Adder pulled off an outstanding feat of survival on Thursday November 14th.

Despite being held up by an evacuation order due to the threat of ember attack on Saturday 9th, he eventually had his day in court when the play ran in Ben Lomond five days later.

The Ben Lomond Entertainment Society (BLES) play has been prepared over recent months. 'Corporal Punishment' was presented on the Thursday evening to a keen audience who were offered a serving of hot soup on arrival at Ben Lomond Hall.

Originally planned for a Saturday performance, catastrophic fire ground conditions caused a 'Watch and Act' in the village with a door knock advising residents to be prepared to evacuate. The food prepared for the show was re purposed at a 'Pop Up Firies Pit Stop' at the hall to feed RFS and NPWS personnel working to save property locally.

As prevailing winds left the village unscathed and the fire threat diminished, a quick re-group led to eventual presentation of Black Adder on Thursday. This was a first for the BLES group who owe many thanks for advice, art work, lighting, props, set up, pack down, technical and operational support.

Thanks to the Glen Innes Arts Council -Armidale's Playhouse Theatre Group -Local Artist Belinda Parkinson, Technicians Don Stride and Cameron Way and The Ben Lomond Hall Committee.



**THE SHOW MUST GO ON:** Belinda Parkinson, Russell Roberts, Mick Shiner, Melody Van Nistlerooy in Black Adder



Food prepared for the postponed performance was repurposed at a 'Pop Up Firies Pit Stop' as Ben Lomond was on alert to evacuate

## Armidale Regional Plan 2040

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# Lions Youth of the Year

The Lions Club of Guyra hosted their club's final of the Youth of the Year Quest at the Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club on Thursday evening November 21st.

The quest is sponsored by the National Australia Bank at all levels of the Quest.

Guyra Central School student Melissa Hawthorne was the only candidate this year. Melissa is a year eleven student who went through all stages of the clubs judging, interview and public speaking process.

Youth of the Year Chairman Jim Betts said that Melissa spoke well on her selected topic and the two, two minute impromptu questions prepared by the panel of judges.

The judging panel included NAB representative Mrs Kristie Wilson, Mayor of the Armidale Regional Council Simon Murray and Guyra Show Society representative Mrs Rita Williams.

Melissa will now go on to represent the Lions Club of Guyra and her school at the Regional final which will be held in the New Year.



**Youth of the Year Chairman Jim Betts, NAB Representative Kristie Wilson, Show Society representative Rita Williams, Melissa Hawthorne and ARC Mayor Simon Murray**

**HOT SPOT:** A local farming family moving cattle along the road recently were surprised when a blue Toyota Hilux dual-cab pulled up beside them. They were even more surprised when a little girl passed an envelope out the window and said 'I hope this helps in some way'. They want to say 'Thank you' to the anonymous family for their thoughtfulness and care which lifted their spirits and made their week! A very humbling experience.

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"We are still getting loads of enquiries and this whole thing has been amazing in getting our brand out there.

"Last week Mitch delivered a bat to Western Australia while he was over there playing in an over 50s carnival and we are getting enquiries coming in from Queensland, Victoria and Tasmania as well."

To cap off a busy couple of weeks they also received an email from Damien Tudehope MLC who is the NSW Minister for Finance and Small Business, and have now featured on the NSW Government website encouraging people to Buy Regional this Christmas.

"Mitch is going to be busy in the bat cave for quite a while and his apprentice Hamish will be put to work to help getting the orders done before Christmas," Kylie said.

"We could never have imagined this a couple of weeks ago, but are so grateful for the support we received."

The final word goes to Bronwyn Grills who opened Brisk Trading in Bradley St twelve months ago.

She has been inundated with enquiries since she was featured in late October.

This led to her inclusion among a list of '19 of the best products you can buy to help rural businesses battling the drought' on mamamia.com.au.

Preparing to launch a new website and also open a Pop-up shop in Armidale her message this week was 'No time to talk - so busy with #buyfromthebush.'

Those four words have changed the way the bush does business.

## Transition Information Day

**Wednesday 4th December @ 9:30am**

Bring your child and experience the St Mary of the Angels difference, talk to our teachers, talk to our parents, and enjoy morning tea. There will be fun activities and morning tea for the children too. All welcome

### Consider Transition at St Mary of the Angels

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Email [guyadmin@arm.catholic.edu.au](mailto:guyadmin@arm.catholic.edu.au)

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Watching the rain

Walking in the rain

Playing in the rain

Listening to the rain

**FORD.** Wins drivers championship, teams championship, Bathurst and voted by fans most popular driver.

**DID we mention rain?**

## What's **NOT**

**RUMOURS** and speculation that can't be confirmed yet

## QUOTE of the week

Without rain nothing grows, learn to embrace the storms of your life

Bureau of Meteorology

## Weather

### WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
19	Tues	10.1	26.8	0
20	Wed	13.1	31.4	0
21	Thurs	12.0	29.0	0
22	Fri	14.1	30.1	0
23	Sat	15.7	29.1	0
24	Sun	13.4	23.7	5.4
25	Mon	11.1	22.4	18.2

Rain this week	23.6mm
Nov rainfall	34.0mm
Rainfall YTD	269.4mm
Rainfall last YTD	501.6mm
Ave. rain to Nov.	804mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

The Black Mountain P & C Association held our Free Big Dry BBQ recently. This was to support our farmers and community who are currently affected by this prolonged drought.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day with the Lolly Cannon in action and past students and current students and families having a chance to catch up. A great day was had by all.

Our senior students are busy this term learning about space exploration. Students were tasked with creating the surface

of Mars.

The image (above) shows our teams in the middle of the construction phase: learning how to make papier mache glue and constructing the surface, ready for painting and completing their designs.

Our final stage will be where our Spheros will need to navigate the surface using code, much like the Mars rover. We'd like to thank Mrs Sally MacDougall for her expertise in paper mache construction

*Mrs Justine Eddy*



## Have your say.....

### Bushfire thank you

Recently we were impacted by the Wandsworth/Llangothlin bushfires.

It has been perfect conditions on the ground for these fires to be fast, persistent and frightening.

Without the ready assistance of all kinds of people these fires would have been more extensive and destructive.

We would like to thank all for your help and assistance including RFS teams, National Parks and Helicopter crews, neighbours, bull dozer and

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tractor drivers, LLS and all others involved including the family in Ben Lomond who cared for our treasured memories.

*Michael, Tom & Bar Mulligan*

### Thanks to all

Thank you to the wonderful people (friends, neighbours, strangers) who came to assist or phoned/messaged to check on us when we had a fire on our property in mid-October.

We are most appreciative of your assistance, care and concern. Thank you also to the RFS, NPWS and especially the helicopter teams (you are AMAZING!). With many thanks.

*The Croaker family (Backwater)*





## Mayor's Message

The Armidale region witnessed community good will and humanitarianism by the truckload last weekend.

Sydney's Irish community

assembled more than 90 trucks for a convoy to Armidale on Saturday, delivering tanker loads of water, many pallets of bottled water and packages for people in the wider region, from Walcha north.

It was a truly remarkable gesture by a southern NSW community to lend a hand to their regional northern counterparts and the response from local people speaks volumes for just how grateful we are. People stood by the roadside to welcome them in, some decorated with the colours of the Irish flag, and social media was abuzz with messages of gratitude.

Around 750,000 litres of water were delivered to a Council dam near Armidale Regional Airport that has been supplying water for firefighting throughout the region, while local community organisations and agricultural supply businesses assisted in distributing the many bottles of water to rural residents in need.

I was honoured to be there to welcome the

convoy, and Council was quick to assist with the contributions only Council could provide, such as providing access to the dam and grading the road to access it. However, this was a fantastic example of a time when it's best for Council to play a minor role and allow the broader community to take the initiative.

Local Rotary clubs worked with convoy organisers to arrange its arrival at the showgrounds, while Rotary members, the Country Women's Association and Armidale Business Chamber did a wonderful job getting the water and packages where they are most needed.

In the meantime, Council resources can be focused on steps we need to take to further protect and prolong our town water supplies – as well as measures to assist our rural residents.

The Irish truck drivers, all their supporters (who also provided a significant economic boost to the local economy during their stay) and the locals who managed the project at this end are true heroes, glowing examples of how communities rally during a crisis.

In fact, everyone who has done their bit to reduce water consumption during our ongoing water restrictions is a hero.

While the Sydney convoy brought around three quarters of a million litres of very valuable water, our community's achievement in reducing consumption from an average of 220 litres per day to around 160 litres equates to several million litres saved each week.

And we can now report that residential town water users in Guyra and Armidale have consistently brought their consumption down below our target of 160 litres per person per day. It's an achievement that really deserves celebrating.

Reduced water consumption remains our most effective measure to ensure we continue to have water available for essential needs, while we wait for this drought to break.

Saturday's convoy coincided with widespread rain in the region, with some areas recording about 50mm of rain. It seems we really were blessed with the luck of the Irish on the weekend.

However, that rain did not bring any increase in water levels at the Malpas and Guyra dams, as the rain soaked into the extremely dry land rather than flowing into the dams.

It further emphasises the fact we need to remain vigilant and work together to keep our consumption down, while Council forges ahead with measures to supplement our supplies.

The Irish convoy was a fantastic signal that our situation has struck a positive chord with people outside the region and our community has come a long way in proactively dealing with the crisis.

Let's continue to build on those positives, as our resourcefulness and resilience carry us to a favourable outcome to this challenge.

Simon Murray



  
**CHRISTMAS**  
The Rotary Club of Guyra presents  
**Guyra Christmas Party**  
Friday 6 December  
Bradley Street,  
From 5.30pm

## Armidale Regional Plan 2040

### Share your ideas at a café catch-up

Now is the time for community members to share their views and opinions on the future plans for our city, towns and villages to shape our vision for growth and prosperity and give certainty and direction for the next 20 years.

Get involved in shaping the region's future by participating in one of our café catch ups. We want to hear from as many of you as possible including those we do not

normally hear from - so join us for a coffee at some time between the hours below and tell us what you think.

- Guyra - Tuesday 3 December 12-2pm at Juneils Cafe - 120A Bradley St
- Armidale - Tuesday 3 December 4-7pm at Bistro on Cinders - 14 Cinders Lane

Further information and ways to participate including through online input are offered at Your Say Armidale - [yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au](http://yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au)



## ENROL NOW FOR 2020

Early Childhood & Education places available for children aged 6 weeks - 6 years old

For more information or to enrol your child please call Amanda on 6779 1715



## COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 December 2019 at the Guyra Council Chambers, 158 Bradley St, from 3pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings.

## PUBLIC NOTICE - Wednesday 27 November 2019

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# ARMIDALE

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## Meals on Wheels

Nov. 28th Sue Adams/St Marys  
Nov. 29th Lyn & Richard Skinner  
Dec. 2nd Kath Varley  
Dec 3rd Don & Betty Mayled  
Dec. 4th Wendy Lockyer

## Street Stalls

Nov. 28th Hospital Auxiliary  
Nov. 29th Guyra CWA  
Nov. 30th Rotary  
Dec. 5th, 6th 7th Lions 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

### 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

In previous years, The Hub at Guyra has conducted a Reverse Advent Giving event where they supported community members by providing donated gifts to be chosen and given to others. Last year was the very successful Children's Gift Selection event.

This year The Hub at Guyra and Tarsha Baker from Unique Lollies Balloons and Gifts have partnered with some of our regional neighbourhood centres, the Guyra CWA Evening Branch, Guyra CWA, Drought Aid - Feed A Farmer, BOLD Trailer & Caravan Repair Centre Caringbah, Curves Panania, Northwest Church Guyra, Guyra Lions Club, Working With Nature, Garden Village Port Macquarie and the generosity of the local community to ensure that every person is included in this year's Christmas care.

Along with St Vincent de Paul Society, The Rotary Clubs of Guyra and the Mid North Coast, Guyra Milling, Sarah Taylor from Australian Wool Network and Catherine Spora from RAMHP we are all working to support and care for our drought and fire-rav-



aged region.

Along with the drought it has been tough going since the Tingha fires in February followed by the more recent devastating fires surrounding the region of Guyra and its villages. Our local farms and everyone who works and lives on them have been tested beyond any endurance in living memory. Christmas is a time to know that everyone cares. You may have already contacted Tarsha but if not and you wish to donate you can also leave donations at 160 Bradley Street. You can nominate a person, a family, a farm by emailing [info@the-hub.cc](mailto:info@the-hub.cc) to register your nominated people. Make sure you note names, ages, address and a

contact phone number so that everything gets delivered to the correct home. The Santa Run will occur on 22nd, 23rd and 24th December. We hope that EVERYONE is nominated. Please make sure that you only give new or almost new items and in-date non-perishable goods. Let's be the kindest, most generous, and loving to each other that it's possible to be!

The Hub at Guyra is your local one-stop-shop for the information you need to navigate the myriad of services, subsidies and supports available to you all. They are open to everyone Tuesday - Friday 10-2 and can be contacted on 0267791635 or [info@the-hub.cc](mailto:info@the-hub.cc)

## In My Day

Ramblings by the Guyra Ghost.

You know you're getting on when you sound like your Mother. I have to stop myself from saying, "In My Day..." Younger people don't want to know/don't care and really, was everything better in "our" day?

We keep insisting that simpler times were better but when you think of outside toilets, often either with a pan or a long drop, washing in a copper and un-air-conditioned cars, perhaps some of today's amenities are worth it. For instance, digital photography must be the best thing since sliced bread. No longer do you have to wait a week for your photos to be developed, only to find that none of them are worth keeping. I look at cur-

rent fashions and think they look a bit ridiculous but my parents used to think the same thing about long hair on boys, mini-skirts and sharpies. Anyway, everything old is new again, hair grows and fashions change constantly so why do we worry about such transient things.

World events are no worse than they ever were; it's just that media coverage brings them to our attention in a very graphic way. Perhaps the fear of an apocalyptic future makes the seemingly selfish attitude of youth understandable. Those who were young adults during the Cold War faced similar fears as did those during any other Wars, or the depression.

Of course, not all oldies are so behind the times. The majority do handle technology and the changes in work and social environments every bit as easily as their children and grandchildren. We can only hope that added years, gives added common sense.

I think what really happens is that technology always develops so quickly that it's sometimes difficult to keep up with the changes, and this is true for every generation. It makes life uncomfortable for some as it seems that we have no control over what is happening. However, today's teenagers will grow older and be in the same situation be moaning about how things were better in their day!



# Christmas party in the street

Christmas will come to Guyra on Friday, 6th December with a huge party being held in Bradley Street to welcome the festive season. Armidale Regional Council is sponsoring the event, which is being organised by 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, with festivities kicking off around 5pm. The big red fella (aka Santa Claus) will arrive in very fine style, which is sure to delight the young and young at heart.

About 30 Christmas market stalls will be operating and you can try to win a ham for Christmas by buying a ticket and watch the wheel spin. Guyra's Christmas tree will be located near the National Australia Bank. The high point of the festivities will be the lighting of the tree and the ar-



Santa will be one of the attractions at the Christmas Party being held in Bradley Street on December 6th

rival of Santa. 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. There will be music and lots of fun so come

along and enjoy an evening in our newly renovated main street.

## Share a coffee and your ideas at a Cafe catch-up

Now is the time for the Armidale region community to share their views and opinions on the future plans for our city, towns and villages to shape our vision for growth and prosperity and give certainty and direction for the next 20 years.

Students, business owners, home owners, representatives of groups, temporary or permanent residents, all perspectives to the Plan will be vital to create the overarching strategy and vision that will reflect our shared priorities.

Armidale Regional Council Mayor Cr Simon Murray said the development of the Armidale Regional Plan 2040 is an important step in aligning our region's planning priori-

ties.

"The Armidale region is projected to grow in population by over 26 percent or more than 8,000 people by 2040," said Cr Murray.

"With the addition of these people comes the need for the current and future community to have certainty around the direction of the region's plans to accommodate that growth."

The finalised Armidale Regional Plan 2040 is scheduled to be adopted by Council in the second half of 2020 and community input will be sought from now through to mid 2020.

To commence this planning all are welcome to share a coffee and their ideas in 'Café Catch ups' with the team.

These will be held Tuesday December 3rd from 12 to 2pm at 'Juniels café' in Guyra or 4 to 7pm at 'Bistro on Cinders' in Armidale.

Further information and ways to participate including through online input are offered at Your Say Armidale <https://yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au/armidale-regional-plan-2040>

A Citizen Panel will come together in March 2020 for a day long facilitated session to help further shape the Plan. Registration of interest to participate in this Panel is welcome, see 'Your Say Armidale' for details.

Armidale Regional Council has completed a number of important planning processes in recent years in-

cluding strategies, precinct and master plans. This plan will bring together the outcomes of these plans to better inform the decisions we make for our future.

"It is important that the final plan provides a direction for the community to join with Council to realise our shared vision," said Cr Murray.

"The Plan will also give direction for Council to work with industry and government partners. Together we can create an exciting future for the region."

Input to the Plan is being currently sought. Formal public exhibition with invitations for submissions will occur in the middle of 2020.



Do you recognise yourself or family members in this photo from Guyra Central School.

The sign board identifies the year group as Guyra IB 1966.

**Back l to r:** Unknown, Larry Jones, Unknown, Geoff Walls, Terry Bryant, Kevin Lansley, unknown, Alan Barker, Phillip Ramage,

**Middle:** Ray Dawson, ? Martin, Des Copeland, David Martin, Wayne McKenzie, ? Handebo, Miss Haynes.

**Front:** Unknown, unknown, Dulcie Haniford, Sandra Kliendienst, Charlotte Irving (?), Elizabeth King, Valda McElroy, Toni Duke



## Poor quality feed puts stock at risk

Northern Tablelands Local Land Services District Vet, Dr Nigel Brown, has warned producers to be wary when purchasing stock feed. During the current drought conditions producers are having to look further and further afield to purchase supplementary feed for their stock and may not be aware of the origin of the feed they source. Unfortunately, this feed is often lower in quality. Although some serious problems can occur in fodder that looks normal, e.g. nitrate/nitrite and prussic acid poisoning, it is important to visually inspect the feed on delivery.

Some factors producers should consider when visually assessing feed include:

- \* Evidence of gross contamination/foreign materials (e.g. soil, stubble, wood, metal)

- \* Inappropriate moisture content

- \* Unusual smell

- \* Presence of weeds

Contaminants and foreign materials can cause digestibility problems and reduce overall nutritional value of the feed. Inappropriate moisture content and/or unusual smells may indicate poor harvesting/processing of

the feed which can increase the risk of diseases such as mycotoxicity (mould) and botulism.

The presence of weeds in feed can increase the risk of certain toxicities but can also pose a biosecurity threat as these weeds may become established on-farm. There have been reports from farmers that hay they have purchased contained large quantities of soil and some recent livestock deaths in the area have even been attributed to feed contaminated with excessive levels of nitrate/nitrites.

"We are seeing a lot of these cases around Glen Innes at present and there have been large numbers of stock deaths linked to feed that is not fit for purpose," Nigel said. "It's not worth taking the risk with poor quality feed and producers need to know the quality of what they're buying and make sure that is what is delivered to the farm gate."

To ensure good return on investment and for the safety of stock, it is essential that producers take time to research the quality of the feed they are buying prior to purchase. Nowadays, producers should expect a Com-

modity Vendor Declaration (CVD) with all stock feed and should request this if it is not available when purchasing feed.

"Commodity Vendor Declarations provide guarantee that feed is free from chemical contamination," Nigel said. "Feed analysis is critical to knowing the nutritional value of feeds and reputable sellers will provide this information."

"In cases where prior analysis has not been performed and/or if a CVD is not available, producers can contact us at Local Land Services for a free feed test and comprehensive analyses."

Producers are encouraged to contact their supplier directly if they have any concerns regarding the quality of feeds purchased. In some instances, it may be possible to negotiate refund or resupply.

For more information about the nutritional requirements of your livestock or for a free feed test, please contact Northern Tablelands Local Land Services in Inverell on 02 6720 8300, Glen Innes on 02 6732 8800, Armidale on 02 6770 2000 or Tenterfield on 02 6739 1400.

## Weekly Wool Sales

**November 24th** - Losses on the final day of last week's sales carried over to this week. The end result leading to almost all of last week's gains being eroded. The falls were almost exclusively consigned to the first day of sales with the Northern Region Indicator dropping 18 cents with a further 1 cent reduction on the final day.

The national offering was considerably larger than the corresponding sale the previous season with last week's rise in prices drawing the additional volume onto the market. 30,222 bales were sold nationally for the week with a passed in rate of 15.3%.

Reoffered wool once again made up over 10% of this week's offering. Major buyers included Techwool, Fox & Lillie and Kathaytex. The market has now traded in a fairly tight 100 cent band for the past 3 months with this week's close being just above the mid-point of that band.

The Australian Wool Production Forecasting Committee this week revised down its expected shorn wool production for the current season. The August prediction of a 5% fall in production was almost doubled to 9.2%. This would place Australia's shorn wool production at its lowest level in 95 years.



# Grants help bushfire recovery

NSW Farmers has welcomed joint federal and state government bushfire recovery grants of up to \$15,000 for farmers and small businesses.

NSW Farmers President James Jackson says the grants will provide some relief in the recovery effort, but the economic and mental health impact is much broader.

“These bushfires have dealt a devastating blow to around 4500 farm enterprises in the north of the state, who are already doing their best to sustain their businesses through one of the worst droughts on record. It’s been a real double hit that will test farmers and communities alike.” Mr Jackson said.

“The full extent of the impact to our farming and business sectors have not been fully realised yet as these bushfires continue to burn. Already it is estimated over 26,000 kilometres of perimeter fencing has been destroyed, which will cost around \$300 million alone to replace.”

NSW Farmers will continue to work with the NSW Government to assess the full extent of the damage from these devastating fires and to make a further case to the Federal Government for additional assistance under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements.

Mr Jackson said the Federal Government has already delivered hardship payments and the NSW Government has stepped up to ensure fodder



Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall with farmers Gary and Judy Elks, whose property was burnt out by the Bees Nest fire recently

and water was made available as quickly as possible.

“Every little bit of support helps in some way. This latest announcement from the State and Federal Government does also include funding for mental health counselling services for victims and volunteers, which will be important.”

“Farmers and community members affected by fires have been selfless – volunteering to fight fires, helping out at evacuation centres, and supporting those who have lost homes and infrastructure. They will need support once the crisis is over.”

“Stories of rural communities banding together to support each other have been inspiring, but like the drought recovery process, there will be challenges ahead and ongoing support from all levels of government will be needed.

Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall said that

these grants will be important in helping people start on the road to recovery

“This will put cash in farmer’s pockets to purchase new equipment and procure feed and fodder,” Mr Marshall said.

“For those landholders, particularly in the Ebor area, who have to rebuild boundary fences with NSW National Parks this grant will be welcome news as it will provide funds to cover the cost of hiring contractors to help erect kilometres of fences in extremely rough terrain.”

The \$48.5 million recovery package also includes \$18.2 million in funding for targeted community projects as well as mental health support.

To apply for a recovery grant contact the NSW Rural Assistance Authority on 1800 678 593 or visit [www.raa.nsw.gov.au](http://www.raa.nsw.gov.au)

## Super Spuds preparing for 2020

The Super Spuds are not waiting until next year to begin preparations for the 2020 rugby league season.

They will hold a special get-together for players and coaches at the Sports Complex tomorrow (Thursday) night from 6.30pm.

The evening is an opportunity for players to meet the coaching staff – Anthony Dittman (men’s), Beau Orchard (U18s), Britt Youman (leaguetag) and Peter Presnell (coaching director) and play a game of touch.

All potential players from all grades are invited to attend.

Businesses wishing to become a major sponsor of the club need to provide a written proposal by close of business today via email to [guyrarugbyleague@gmail.com](mailto:guyrarugbyleague@gmail.com) or through the committee.

Any other businesses or individuals who would like to support the club in any other way are also invited to get in contact.

Committee members are reminded of tonight’s meeting, also at the Sports Complex from 5.15pm.

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## Ladies Bowls

The Come and Try Day held last Sunday was a very successful day. Thank you to all who attended, everybody enjoyed the day. A special thanks to Laurel Betts our President and her helpers for the great effort they put in organizing the day.

Thanks to the following people, Betty Anne and David and their helpers for lunch and Can Assist Guyra for morning tea.

Thanks also to IGA Guyra, the Flower Farm and members who donated prizes for the raffle.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will be given to Can Assist. We look forward to doing this again. Anybody interested in playing more bowls please contact club by phoning 67791499.

*Jenny O'Neill*

## Men's Bowls

The weekend saw two games of Club Championships played. In Open Singles Dan Kennedy played Barry Walls. Dan took control of this game early and was never headed



**COME & TRY BOWLS DAY** : Heidi Wilson and Jill McEwen (left) and Dean and Norm Williams (right)

and went on to take the win 31 shots to 14 shots over 21 ends.

In the other game a game of Club Pairs Steven Sole and Robert Walls played Michael Shiner and Ken Jones. Steven and Robert proved too consistent for Michael and Ken and went on to record a victory 23 shots to 12 over 21 ends.

Also played was a Come and Try day with the proceeds going to Can Assist. From all reports the day was a huge success with 30 participants

taking part.

This weekend Sunday December 1st: Start: 12.00pm. Starter and Umpire: David Wilcox.

### Open Singles:

Cameron Peardon to play Anthony Bull marker Wayne Reeves

Dan Kennedy to play Robert Moore marker David Wilcox

Scott Campbell to play Robert Walls marker Ken Jones

John Hamel to play Ian Ja-

cobs marker Steven Sole

Barry Presnell to play Barry Campbell marker Mollie Walls

Just a gentle reminder to all Bowlers, December 15th will see the Brian Vickery Ham Day take place. If you would like to participate in this day then place your name on the sheet provided on the notice board Names must be in by 12.00pm on the day for a 12.30pm start. Bowlers are asked to wear their Club Shirt if they one.

*The Bowls Bandit.*

## CRICKET SCOREBOARD Saturday, November 23rd, 2019

### 1st Grade Guyra defeated Hillgrove

Guyra Innings	
Troy Martin.....	4
Shane Wolfenden.....	6
Ben Jackson.....	4
BJ Cameron.....	4
Matt Finlay.....	4
Matt Simpson.....	16
B Landsborough.....	46
Charlie White...not out.....	50
Heath Dowsett.....	2
Tyson Burey.....	14
Jake Ellis.....	0
Extras.....	13
Total.....	161

Overs.....39.2  
Hillgrove Innings  
140 off 32 overs

### Guyra Bowling:

Tyson Burey 5 for 21, BJ Cameron 3 for 40, Charlie White 0 for 11, Brandon Landsborough 1 for 20, Jake Ellis 1 for 38, Matt Finlay 0 for 2

### 2nd Grade Guyra def. Easts

Guyra Innings	
Joey Ryan.....	34
Grant Ryan.....	88
Matt Jackson.....	54
Mal Gaukroger.....	47
Jake Brazier.....	10
Ian Pearson.....	0
Billy Youman.....	9
Andrew Pearson.....not out.....	0
Justin McKay.....	DNB
Maurie Blair.....	DNB
Dan Stace.....	DNB
Extras.....	22
Total.....	6/264(cc)

Overs.....42

### Easts Innings

156 off 30.1 overs

### Guyra Bowling:

Dan Stace 1 for 24, Justin McKay 3 for 22, Maurie Blair 0 for 30, Billy Youman 2 for 24, Joey Ryan 2 for 35, Andrew Pearson 2 for 19

### 3rd Grade Guyra defeated by TAS

Guyra Innings	
Cody Patterson.....	0
Taylor Brennan.....	2
Graham Cameron.....	0
Jim Lenehan.....	28
Allan Boney.....	7
Simon Brown.....	18
Peter Ahoy.....	0
Brock Laybutt.....	0
Orron Surwaski.....	0
Tim Foster.....not out.....	11
T Landsborough.....	5
Extras.....	15
Total.....	86

Overs.....18.1

### TAS Innings

5/88 off 19.3 overs

### Guyra Bowling:

Cody Patterson 5 for 10, Brock Laybutt 0 for 27, Allan Boney 0 for 33, Tahmani Landsborough 0 for 0, Tim Foster 0 for 12

## Junior Cricket

The under 14s defeated TAS in their game played on the weekend. Batting first TAS were dismissed by Guyra for 79 runs.

Wicket takers were Jack Lockyer 1 for 7, Ben Reinke 1 for 16, Cooper Collins 1 for 9, Brendan Landsborough 3 for 6 and Tahmani Landsborough 1 for 3.

Guyra made easy work of the run chase, to finish the day on 83 for the loss of just four wickets.

Best with the bat were Jack Lockyer (20 no) and Brendan Landsborough (25).

The under 12s were defeated by CSC. Batting first CSC made 111 runs, with Angus Dullaway, Tynan Bull and Sam Surawski each taking 2 wickets.

In reply Guyra were dismissed for 80 runs. Angus Dullaway (27 ret.) and Harrison Brazier (11 no) were the best with the bat.

In the under 10s Guyra Black 4 for 147 defeated Hillgrove Colts 7 for 100.





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## MEETINGS

**GUYRA SHOW SOCIETY** meeting Wednesday 4th December, 7pm at Guyra Showground to finalise plans for the 2020 Guyra Show. New Members welcome.

## RAFFLE RESULTS

**WESTPAC RESCUE HELICOPTER Service** 1st Lorna Sweeney, 2nd Richard Navin, 3rd Kim. Thanks to everyone for your support.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU** to the Guyra businesses who had donation boxes and to all who donated. We raised \$567.85 for the McGrath Foundation for Breastcare Nurses during this time of drought and fires.

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**TUESDAY 10th DECEMBER** Hospital Auxiliary Carols by Candlelight at Guyra MPS. Sausage sizzle from 6.00pm, Carols start at 7.00pm. Bring your own chair and rug. All welcome.

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For everybody else, a concession card from Centrelink is required.

# Golfers hold presentations

Last week after the smoke cleared the day turned out quite pleasant for Veteran Golfers who played an Individual Stableford counting Putts.

The winner from the 13 players was Dave Bearup with 43 points and the runner up Terry Varley on 41. The best putting of 27 was shared between Terry Varley, Ian Taylor and Col Walls. Nearest the pins were Terry Varley on the 10th and Ian Taylor the 18th. On Friday we had four players travel down to Uralla for their Open Day.

On Saturday the combined Golf Presentation Evening and Bar-B-Q was held, with Col Walls receiving the Vets Club Person of the year.

Ian Taylor won the Reg Taylor stroke Trophy with 77, while Don Campbell was the net winner with 65 net. Ian was also awarded overall Player of the Year.

Individual Stableford win went to Herb Wilson 45 and runner-ups Kim Shaw and Greg Burgess 44.

Best Putters for the year with 24 putts were Graham White, Mick Kirk and Paul Redden.

Nearest the Pins on the 7th were John Prisk, Neil Paine and Ian Taylor all four times, on the 9th Nancy Prisk six times, on the 10th Paul Redden five times, on the 18th John Prisk, Terry Varley and Wal Chapman all four times. Well played everyone.

*A Vet*

## Men's Golf

With Sunday's golf a washout we look forward to this Sunday when two pennant teams will travel to Glen Innes. Teams are still being finalised, but hit off will be a 10am with a shotgun start.

In other news a decision has been made to close the course until Friday the 29th November when a further decision will be made on whether to extend the closure. The closure was a result of the recent rain and the bare patches around the course. To allow the course to recover it



**VETERANS:** Reg Taylor Memorial trophy for the Net Winner presented to Ian Taylor by his mother Kath and sister Kerry.



**MEN'S CHAMPIONS:** C Grade Braith Kliendienst, B Grade Steve Wilson and A Grade Ian Taylor

needs a break from golfers and carts.

*The Albatross*

## Ladies' Golf

Last week seven ladies played a Stableford in hot and windy conditions. Meg Simpson was the winner with 39 points and

Karen Oehlers was the Runner Up with 38 points.

Nearest the Pin Winners were Vicki Reeves on the 7th, Barb Denning on the 9th, Belinda Lenehan on the 10th and Karen Oehlers on the 18th hole.

Welcome to Barb Denning who visited and also had a game with us last week.

Also last week some of our ladies travelled to play in the Deepwater Open 4BBB.

Wendy George and Pip White won the Scratch Runner Up trophy with 42 points. Well done ladies!

The ladies annual golf trip was another success with the ladies taking advantage of some challenging and scenic golf courses down in the Coffs Harbour area.

The results over the week were:

Day 1 Urunga Winner Barb and Donna both with 72 Nett. Runners Up were Karen and Meg Simpson with 73 Nett.

Day 2 Sawtell Winner was Jenny Tierney and the Runner up was Jenni Jackson.

Day 3 Coffs Harbour Winner was Tracey Norberg. Runner up was Jenny Rogers on a count-back from Shona Mulligan.

Nearest the Pin Winners were Karen Oehlers, Wendy George and Debbie Burey.

Thank you to the ladies who organised the trip and to Joseph once again for providing the transport.

This week we are playing the Guyra Par Medal Playoff for Karen Oehlers Trophy.

Next week is a Stroke and Putting Competition with Julie Walker as the starter. On the 1st December some ladies will be travelling to Walcha to play in the Walcha Ladies Open 4BBB. Good luck ladies.

*Birdie*

## Midweek Golf

We had a lot more players on the course last week. Extra points went to Baldersleigh Bashers, No Shankers and Plus Fours for all team members playing. Highest point score was Graham Williamson on 27, next in line were Joyce Betts, Belinda Williamson, Wal Chapman and Barry /Wilson all on 23 points.

The Golf course is closed this week due to the rain. A decision will be made on Friday regarding the following week. Double points round will be transferred to next week.

*Middy*



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