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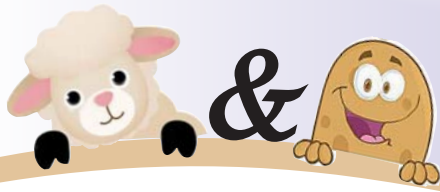


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# Welcome to the 34th Festival

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>  
TO MONDAY JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>

The first Lamb and Potato Festival was held in January 1987 in Rotary Park on the New England Highway.

Event organisers hoped to catch the eye of passing traffic, particularly travellers on their way to and from the Tamworth Country Music Festival.

Over the years this has proved a very successful tactic and Guyra is now a "must stop" for people as they make their way to and from the Country Music Capital.

Rotary Park is an ideal location for such an event with plenty of shade provided by the established trees which stretch for more than a kilometre along the highway. The park also has a purpose built kitchen, an amenities block, children's playground and plenty of available parking.

The Lamb and Potato Festival has continued to promote Guyra for around 12 days each January taking in the Australia Day weekend, including the flag



### LAMB & POTATO FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

**Pictured l to r:** Geoff Reeves, Bertha Reeves, Steve Mepham, Julie Gittoes, Mark Werts, Betty Sheelah, Chris Bell, Vicki Bell, Ian Russell and Jim O'Neill **Absent:** Deborah Little

raising ceremony and other activities.

What started out as a simple idea to promote two of Guyra's most recognized exports has expanded and grown over the years to encompass a much wider range of local products.

While the idea to run it at the

same time as the Tamworth Country Music Festival has helped it along, it is now a destination in its own right rather than just a stop off.

Bus loads arrive for a day out in the mild summer climate that the town enjoys. Families make the journey to give the kids a day out during the long school holi-

day break. People can enjoy live music performances without the heat and the crowds.

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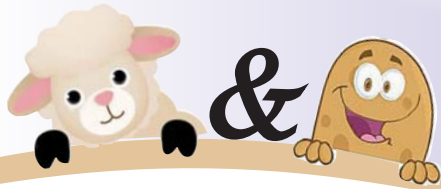


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# Market Stalls

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A traditional feature of the Lamb and Potato Festival is the market stalls which line the New England Highway.

In 2019 there were over 40 stalls operating, including some who attended the Festival for the first time.

There are sure to be some new additions in 2020, and those visiting the stalls will find a range of interesting products including leather goods, jewellery, hats, caravan and camping gear, ladies' fashions and much more.

**Stalls so far confirmed for 2020 are:**

- The Travelling Cappuccinos
- On a Head Hats

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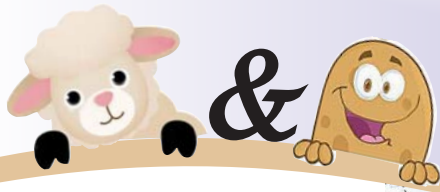


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# Food at the Festival

AVAILABLE FROM 7.30AM DAILY

The Lamb and Potato Festival is famous for its food, with a wide range of lamb and potato meal options available at the food gazebo.

This is a feature of the Festival that is always incredibly popular and involves a coordinated effort that brings together the whole community to assist with food preparation, night time caretaking and maintaining the site.

Guyra is proud of its local produce and the Festival aims to showcase this produce, which is used in the tasty meals that are available each day.

The meals are prepared by an army of volunteers from local groups who commit time each year to man the food gazebo.

To keep up with the orders requires a lot of people and Julie Gittoes heads up a team of 20 volunteers working two



Big Breakfast	\$10.00
Bacon & Egg Roll	\$5.00
Ranch Toast and Tea, Coffee	\$5.00
Sausage & Ham Lamb Dinner	\$14.00
Marinated Lamb Chops	\$14.00
Lamb Pie, chips, veggie & gravy	\$10.00
Lamb Sausages, chips, veggie & gravy	\$10.00
Lamb Roulades, veggie, chive gravy	\$10.00
Sausage Lamb & gravy roll	\$7.00
Lambburgers	\$7.00
Guyra Lamb Pies (fresh daily)	\$4.50
Guyra Lamb & Potato Pie	\$4.50
Cold Family Pies (Main or Potato)	\$7.50
Hot Chips	\$3.50
Potato Bake	small \$3.00 large \$4.00
Fresh Fruit Salad & ice cream	\$7.00
Pastiove & ice cream	\$7.00
Mudcake & ice cream	\$7.00
Tea & Coffee	\$2.50
Cold Drinks	\$2.50

All food prepared each day by a local volunteer group.

Each day hundreds of people call into the Festival to enjoy Lamb & Potato meals

shifts each day.

While some of the volunteers will work more than once, by the time the Festival

ends she will have worked with close to 500 people to get the job done.

A large percentage of

money raised is channelled back into community organisations each year, with over \$35,000 disbursed to community groups in 2019.

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# Live Music

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We thank the Regional Australia Bank for once again sponsoring the live music at the Guyra Lamb and Potato Festival. Due to their ongoing support we will be able to provide 13 days of quality live music across the Festival.

The music program is still being finalised and a detailed schedule will be published closer to the commencement of the Festival, but already we have some great acts for you to enjoy.

There will be two live shows each day. On weekdays the lunch show will run from 12 noon until 2pm. Lunchtime performers booked so far include Pete Stanley, Bruce Clark, Errol Gray, Jim and Barbara O'Neill, Ian Russell, Sean Plunkett, Judith Stott-Surawski and Ruby Campbell.

Each evening you can enjoy some Festival food and be entertained between 5pm and 7pm. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights live music will continue until 8pm.

Evening shows will be presented by Peter Denovan, The Carey Bennett Trio, Lily Rose, Little Phoenix, The Pinch, Finger Lickin' Good, Jhana Allan, Ella Thomas, Cat-has-trophy and the Altones.

Peter Denovan will be presenting his highly popular show on Australia Day, Sunday January 26th.

There are more announcements to come but with the great acts already scheduled it will be well worth a visit to the Festival



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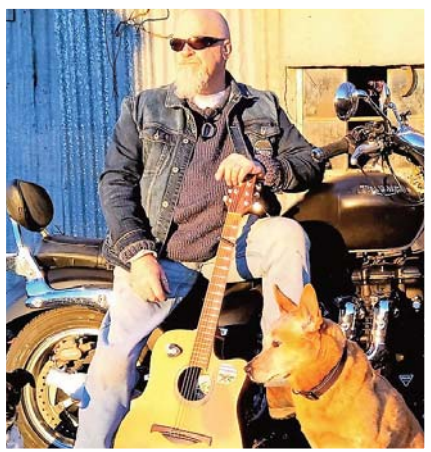
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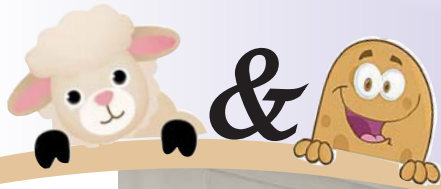
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# Local Arts & Crafts

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**T**he Lamb and Potato Festival will showcase the skills talents of many of our local arts and crafts people.

On each day of the Festival from 9am, local Arts and Crafts will be on display and available for purchase at the

Anglican Church Hall adjacent to the Festival site.

There will be an assortment of handmade and homemade items for sale, such as: Handmade Bags in assorted sizes and colours, Handtowels, Plastic Bag

Holder, Door Snakes, Pin Cushions, Scarves, Heat Packs, Bunny Rugs, Baby Snuggle Rags, Knitting Bags, Makeup Bags, Guyra Tea Towels, Pot Holders, Tea Cosies, Baby & Children's Knitting, Baby Bath Towels, Washers, Dolls Clothes, Crocheted

Tea Towels, Washer & Soap Sets, Woodwork, Recycled China, Homemade Green Tomato Pickles, Homemade Biscuits, Jams and Relishes and Handmade Cards (Birthday, Anniversary, Wedding, Baby, Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day).

## Vintage Caravans

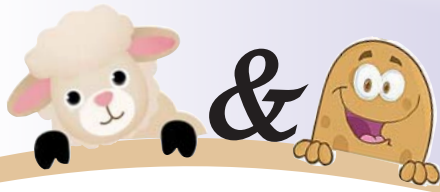
Friday 24th to Sunday 26th January

**A**t last year's Festival, the Vintage Caravan Show was a big hit. Located at the Guyra Showground near the Military Vehicle display, the vintage vans will be on show from Friday 24th until Sunday 26th of January.

Enthusiasts will be coming long distances to show off their immaculately restored vans, in many cases complete with costumes to fit the period.







# Military Vehicles

Friday 24th January until  
Sunday 26th January



The Northern Tablelands Military Vehicle Display is a fascinating collection of jeeps, trucks, bikes, tanks and all things military.

Most of the vehicles are of World War II Vintage. Exhibitors are travelling from a wide range of areas, with some coming from South of Sydney, Newcastle and as far north as Rockhamptom.

From their base at the Showground, they will be an integral part of Festival activities.

On the **Saturday morning**

**January 25th** they will be part of a static display in the car park in Bradley St, in tandem with the Automobile Show and Shine.

The vehicles will be participating in a few runs through the district on the afternoons of **January 25th and 26th**. Watch out for them on the local roads.

You can also see them at the Showground on **Friday January 24th** and **Sunday morning January 26th**.

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# Drought Relief Concert

Saturday January 18th, Bradley Street

**A** Drought Relief Concert, funded by Armidale Regional Council, will run as part of the Festival on Saturday January 18th. The Concert will run adjacent to the Festival site in Bradley Street which is the main shopping centre.

The concert will provide entertainment for people who have been affected by drought and fire, as well as encouraging Festival goers to visit our main street and support local businesses which are suffering significantly under the present harsh conditions.

The concert will commence at 9.30am and will feature performances by the Glen Innes Pipe Band, Lily Rose, The Armidale City Brass Band, The Pinch, Belly Dance Earth and Sky,



Belly Dance Earth & Sky will be part of the Drought Relief Concert

and Vinnie and the Cuban Missiles.

The high quality enter-

tainment will run until 1.30pm. We hope you will come along, enjoy all that the Festival has to offer

and experience the entertainment and hospitality available in Guyra's main street.



## Model Trains

Presbyterian Church Hall

Sat. January 25<sup>th</sup> & Sun. January 26<sup>th</sup>

**T**he whole family will be fascinated by the perfection of this miniature railway display. The display will be set up in the Presbyterian Church Hall, just across the road from the main Festival site.

Model train enthusiasts will be manning the tracks and

the trains will be running over the course of the weekend. You can view the working display from 9am to 4pm each day.

This is extremely popular with the kids in the family and parents enjoy the chance to play trains as well.



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# Automobile Show & Shine

Bradley St (Main Street)

Saturday January 25th



If you enjoy cars, particularly those from yesteryear, then don't miss this exciting event at the 2020 Lamb and Potato Festival.

The "Show and Shine" will run in the Guyra CBD on the morning of Saturday January 25th. Registration for the event

will occur at 7.30am with the show itself starting at about 10am. Trophy presentations will take place at 1.30pm.

In 2019, the street was filled with a colourful display of classic and vintage cars, utes and hot rods.

With widespread interest, a significant number of new vehicles are expected to be entered.

You can also see some impressive vintage caravans and spectacular motorbikes which will be included in the display.

This year in an exciting initiative, trucks will also be entered competing for the Phil Tibbs Trophy.

Be sure not to miss this spectacular part of the Festival. While you are there be sure to call in to local businesses and show your support.

## Anglican Church Open

The Historic St James Anglican Church will throw open its doors to the general public on both Saturdays during the Festival.

The building occupies a corner position with frontage to the New England Highway, directly opposite the Festival site. Set in shady grounds the Church features beautiful stained glass windows.

Devonshire teas will be served and there will also be a sale of second hand books to tempt you.



# New England High Country

As the capital of New England High Country, Armidale has for a long time been something of a hidden gem. When you visit you'll discover the art galleries, a rich agricultural history and enjoy fabulous local produce which together make the region a must-see destination.

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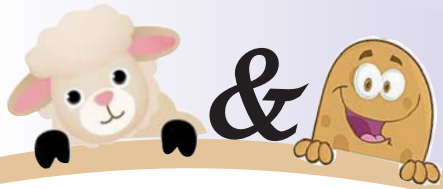
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# Art Exhibition

GALA Centre, Bradley St  
January 17th to 27th

CWA Guyra Evening Branch will be hosting the Guyra Art Exhibition during the Lamb and Potato Festival in January 2020.

The exhibition will be held at the GALA Centre, 136 Bradley Street from 17<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> January and will be open daily between 10am and 3pm.

There will be local and visiting artists exhibiting artworks, sculptures and garden art so there will be some-

thing on offer for everyone.

Opening Night will be Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm, tickets will be \$10 and are available at the door but please RSVP for catering to Anne 0413 595 353, Leonie 0408 207 664 or Marni 0401 320 580

Entries are being accepted up until Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January so please contact one of our committee members on the numbers above to enter your artworks



## Guyra Art Exhibition

17th to 27th January 2020

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Local and Visiting Artists

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Opening Night Friday 17th @ 6pm

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## Bus trips

Depart 2pm Saturday &

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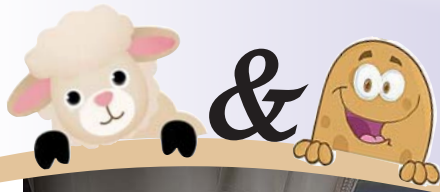
Both weekends of the Festival

A valuable feature of the Guyra area is the broad range of quality food produced.

The Guyra and District Chamber of Commerce will run bus tours on the two weekends of the Festival, allowing visitors and local residents to visit and gain a real insight into the operations of fine food production in the area.

Tours will depart at 2pm on Saturday and 11am on Sunday, with pick up from the Anglican Church, Ollera St. Each tour will last around 2 1/2 hours.

Bus trips will cost \$10 and can be pre-booked through the Guyra Adult Learning Association on 6779 2132.



# Vale Frank Presnell OAM



The Lamb and Potato Festival Committee were saddened by the passing of Frank Presnell earlier this year at the age of 99.

Frank was one of the original founders of the Festival in 1987 and remained a long term supporter and Patron of the event. His level of commitment to the Festival has been incredible and highly valued.

Frank built special friendships with many of the

committee members and stall holders over the years. He was held in high regard by the entire Guyra community and was highly respected and admired by everyone associated with the Festival. We will miss him greatly.

A ceremony to unveil a special plaque acknowledging Frank's contribution and commitment to our community will occur during the Festival. Further details will be communicated closer to the event.

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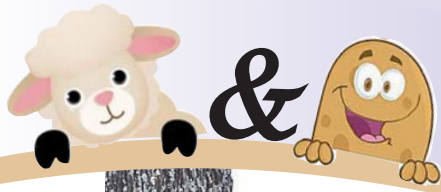
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# Antique Machinery

Southern end of Festival site  
Saturday January 25th  
& Sunday January 26th



The Antique Machinery Rally is an extremely popular traditional feature of the Lamb and Potato Festival.

Located on the Southern

end of the Festival site the rally will run on Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup>.

You will get to see many antique engines in opera-

tion, with exhibitors coming from across a wide area. Swap sites will be operating during this time for antique machinery enthusiasts.

It provides a fascinating experience for the whole family and is located in close proximity to the many other features which can be enjoyed at the Lamb and Potato Festival.

## Train rides daily

Train rides operate each day of the Festival, on a section of disused rail line that separates the Festival site from the main street.

Rides will run from 9.30am in the morning until 4.30pm each afternoon.

Sit back and relax as members of the local Historical Society take you on a short journey along the tracks with expert commentary.

You will pass through the centre of town for a unique view of the main street and the Mother of Ducks Lagoon.



Learn some of the history of the town and its buildings as you pass, before returning to the Festival site to enjoy more of what is on offer.

A lot of behind the scenes work has been needed to make this ride go ahead this year, so make sure you get on board.





# Explore the area

Natural Beauty on our doorstep



Thunderbolt's Cave, near Black Mountain

The New England area is renowned for its natural beauty and Guyra provides visitors with an ideal base from which to explore the many National Parks and nature reserves.

Despite drought conditions that have persisted over the last two years you will still find plenty to see, and businesses and farmers will appreciate your support

Opportunities abound for those who enjoy trout fishing, bushwalking, bird-watching, self-drive tours and fossicking for sapphires.

If you are looking for something to do while visiting for the Festival, why not do a driving or cycling tour of the Guyra region.

January is the perfect time for a leisurely cycle or drive along the country roads running parallel to the historic rail line.

Starting at Black Mountain travel north along the Black Mountain Road to Guyra, stop in and visit the Lamb and Potato Festival, then travel along the Llangothlin Road to Llangothlin and cross over to the Ben Lomond Road until you reach Ben Lomond.

Enjoy the historic railway stations at Black Mountain and Ben Lomond, soak up the summer sun, and experience the spectacular rural scenery along the way.

Further west you will find the historic tin mining town of Tingha and to the east the village of Ebor, both of which offer wonderful scenery and points of interest along the way.

Visitors can also make use of the town's sporting facilities including an 18 hole golf course, synthetic bowling greens, 25m undercover heated swimming pool and all weather tennis courts.

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# Competitions & displays



**Guyra Historical Museum** is currently undergoing renovations involving painting the whole building, new flooring, hanging tracks, displays ... and more!

The Museum **WILL BE OPEN** during the Lamb & Potato Festival on Wednesdays, Saturdays & Sundays 10.00am to 3.00pm



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Community involvement is encouraged during the Festival. For the young (and young at heart) put on your thinking cap and help make the town come alive.

Make a Little Bo Peep or make some sheep. Put them on display during the Festival and you could win the Trophy for a year. This competition is open to Schools, Groups, Individuals or any-one at all.

Your entry will be on Face Book. To enter contact the committee when the Festival has started.

The winner will be announced, with a trophy presentation to take place during the Festival.

Also each year during the Festival local shops and businesses are encouraged to dress up their windows, reflecting the Lamb and Potato theme.

Take the time to wander down Bradley Street to view the window displays and admire the creativity behind the entries.

There is a friendly rivalry amongst businesses to see who will be judged 'best dressed' each year.

## The GALA Centre

incorporating  
New England Community College

We offer ...

- Courses (for income or leisure) including RSA, RCG, First Aid
  - Printing
  - Photocopying
  - Faxing documents
- Offices in Guyra, Armidale and Glen Innes



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# Museum

Bradley St - Open Wednesday,  
Saturday & Sunday 10am to 3pm



**W**hile visiting the Festival take the time to travel just down the street to see what's on display at the Guyra Museum. Entry to the museum is by gold coin donation.

The display, housed in the original Guyra Shire Council Chambers, will allow you to journey back in time as you wander around the magnificent dis-

play of the Guyra township and district.

The museum opened in 1988 and now contains over 3000 items. You will see many domestic and rural items as well as a large photographic collection of Guyra in days gone by.

Each room display is presented in mini themes with notices explaining each room's collection.

## Duty Rosters

### Food gazebo

<b>Wednesday</b> <b>Jan 15th</b> Tenterden RFS Bowling Club	<b>Tuesday</b> <b>Jan 21st</b> Ben Lomond Hall Catholic Women's League
<b>Thursday</b> <b>Jan 16th</b> Guyra CWA Bald Blair P & C	<b>Wednesday</b> <b>Jan 22nd</b> Central School P & C Can Assist
<b>Friday</b> <b>Jan 17th</b> Tenterden Hall Committee Guyra Memorial Hall	<b>Thursday</b> <b>Jan 23rd</b> Guyra Comm. Bikers Kolora
<b>Saturday</b> <b>Jan 18th</b> Guyra Show Society Lion's Club	<b>Friday</b> <b>Jan 24th</b> Rotary Club Cricket Club
<b>Sunday</b> <b>Jan 19th</b> Black Mountain P & C Junior League	<b>Saturday</b> <b>Jan 25th</b> Golf Ladies Gun Club
<b>Monday</b> <b>Jan 20th</b> Veteran Golfers Bald Blair P & C /Polocrosse (commence at 5pm)	<b>Sunday</b> <b>Jan 26th</b> SDA Church Scouts <b>Monday</b> <b>Jan 27th</b> St Mary's School Bald Blair PS
	<b>Morning shift</b> 7.30am to 2-15pm <b>Afternoon</b> 1.45pm to 8.30pm

## Night Watch Roster

<b>Tuesday</b> <b>Jan 14th</b> Bald Blair P & C	<b>Saturday</b> <b>Jan 18th</b> VRA	<b>Thursday</b> <b>Jan 23rd</b> Guyra RFS
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>Jan 15th</b> Catholic Church	<b>Sunday</b> <b>Jan 19th</b> Gun Club	<b>Friday</b> <b>Jan 24th</b> SES
<b>Thursday</b> <b>Jan 16th</b> Black Mountain P & C	<b>Monday</b> <b>Jan 20th</b> Tenterden RFS	<b>Saturday</b> <b>Jan 25th</b> Soccer Club
<b>Friday</b> <b>Jan 17th</b> Guyra SES	<b>Tuesday</b> <b>Jan 21st</b> VRA	<b>Sunday</b> <b>Jan 26th</b> Cricket Club
	<b>Wednesday</b> <b>Jan 22nd</b> SDA Church	

