



# Guyra Gazette

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## Class of 2021 graduates after challenging year

On Friday 3rd December, Guyra Central School welcomed parents of Year 12 students into the school to celebrate the final official assembly for their schooling.

Year Advisor Mrs Linley Ryan described this year's graduating class as a special cohort of students.

"Why special: Firstly - This class will stand in history for ever of being the class that served the longest tenure of their HSC school year. I believe never to be surpassed.

"Secondly - Adversity. There has been plenty of hurdles over the past two years of their schooling. COVID during both years of their senior studies, and then there was drought and bushfires.

"BUT can I just say, adversity does not determine who you are. It is how you react to adversity that determines you and how your life's story will develop.

"You have all demonstrated



**Year 12 Students 2021** Cooper Stanley, Olivia Little, Harrison Dowden, Claire Davidson, Holly Peters, Carter Atkin and Alice Flynn. (**Absent:** Leavi Dalton, Jordan Evans and Cordelia Lloyd)

such resilience and strength over the past two years. You have not let the hurdles keep you down, but rather you all continued to push forward, to be flexible and find ways to step up the challenges presented. Congratulation Year 12, you have finally made it!

"In life we do things. Some

we wish we had never done. Some we wish we could replay a million times in our heads. But they all make us who we are, and in the end, they shape every detail about us.

"If we were to reverse any of them, we wouldn't be the person we are. So just live, make mistakes, have wonderful

memories. But never ever second guess who you are, where you have been and most importantly where it is your going.

"SAY good words. THINK good thoughts. DO good deeds."

**costa**  
well grown



### Employment opportunities

We are looking for enthusiastic people who are interested in working in a variety of roles in our glasshouse operations in Guyra.

Find out more



[costagroup.com.au/pick-adventure](http://costagroup.com.au/pick-adventure)



## Christmas Specials

From Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December

- 1kg Turkey Roast **\$15**
- Lamb Loin Chops **\$20 kg**
- Mars & Nestle Chocolate bars **\$1**
- Mangos **\$2.50 ea**
- Bundy UP & Smirnoff 700mls **2 for \$75**
- Great Nthn Original 24pk stubs **\$49**

**Friday, Saturday, Sunday only ...**

Great Nthn Super Crisp 30pk cans **\$52**



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**6779 1555**  
94 Bradley Street  
Guyra

# Rotary Christmas Carnival



Guyra's joint Citizens of the Year Noreen Williams and Graham Williamson were joined by local kids to flick the switch to light up the Christmas tree at the Rotary Christmas Carnival on Friday December 3rd. Santa also popped in for a visit and proved to be extremely popular. There was a long line waiting for a chance to chat and get a pic. He also handed out gifts with a little assistance from Santa's Rotary helpers.

**Come into Dasha's this week for great savings & a chance to win a Baby Weber!**



## Christmas Competition

### 1st Prize

Step ladder valued @ \$185.00

### 2nd Prize

CAT Vest valued @ \$124.00

## Christmas Trading Times

**Open as normal:** Wednesday - Friday

**Closed**

25th Christmas day  
26th Boxing day  
27th Monday  
28th Tuesday

**Closed**

Saturday 1st January  
Sunday 2nd January  
Monday 3rd January

**HOME**  
TIMBER & HARDWARE  
WHERE THE TRADIES GO

**Dasha's Hardware & Building Supplies**  
61 Ollera Street, Guyra  
Phone: 6779 2444

## Stop the Spread of Chilean Needle Grass #2

**Come along to find out more from industry speakers and farmers sharing their experiences with Chilean Needle Grass in pastures**

Focus on:

- Identification
- Control options
- Management strategies for larger areas on Chilean Needle Grass

**FRIDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**9.30am - 12.00pm**

**Guyra Bowling & Recreation Club**

RSVP: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Phone: 02 6732 3443

Email: [glenrac@glenrac.org.au](mailto:glenrac@glenrac.org.au)



Local Land Services



# Ribbon cut on \$80 million investment

Costa's \$80 million expansion of its tomato glasshouse operation at Guyra was formally opened on Friday by The Honourable Adam Marshall, Member for Northern Tablelands and Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales.

The expansion includes two new five-hectare glasshouses and a 2.5-hectare propagation nursery at the New England Highway site, and brings the total Costa glasshouse footprint to more than 40 hectares in the Guyra region.

The first of the new glasshouses is now in full production, and the second will come online in the new year. It will bring the total production across the 40 hectares to more than 18 million kilos of tomatoes per annum.

Mr Marshall congratulated Costa Group on the completion of the project despite challenging conditions.

"I thank Costa Group for its commitment to seeing the project through and I look forward to seeing the economic benefits of the Guyra Tomato Exchange continue to flow into the households of our region."

"This level of private business investment is not often



Costa Group's Vertical Farming General Manager Jose Cambon with Minister for Agriculture and Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall inspecting the first crop of tomatoes in one of the two new five-hectare glasshouses, as part an \$80 million expansion.

seen anywhere in rural and regional NSW, let alone the creation of another 160 jobs in one single project.

"I am proud the State Government has been able to offer various assistance over the past decade to facilitate different stages of the site's growth.

"Through financial assistance for preliminary road infrastructure, grant application support and payroll tax relief the State Government has facilitated this major employer's long term presence at Guyra."

Costa employs more than 650 workers across the two glasshouse sites, spending approximately \$31 million annually on wages and salaries. Once both new glasshouses are fully operational an additional 160 jobs will be created.

Jose Cambon, Costa's Vertical Farming General Manager, said the New England Highway site was fully water self-sufficient. It includes an innovative microturbine power generation system, one of the first of its kind in the world to

be used in a glasshouse environment, which will result in significantly reduced CO2 emissions.

"Our people have showed outstanding character and skill in planning, designing and building this facility, which also includes a state-of-the-art nursery to develop and propagate new varieties and will create 160 new jobs for the local region," Mr Cambon said.

"At times it was not an easy process, with the project having been paused due to the drought and then once recommenced having to navigate through the significant challenges of COVID. To this end, everyone can feel rightly proud of the role they've played in the completion of the project and the operation of the site.

"I also want to recognise the contribution of the many local businesses who worked on the construction of the glasshouse. Their involvement was crucial to the project's successful completion."

Mr Cambon said Costa was proud of its connection with the Guyra and surrounding community and the opportunities this project provided, ensuring people could pursue jobs and careers while remain-

## Counting continues following council election

The count for new councillors to lead the region is underway following the local government elections which took place on Saturday. Of the 19,214 residential and non-residential electors who were enrolled to vote 13,628 votes had been counted by midday on Tuesday.

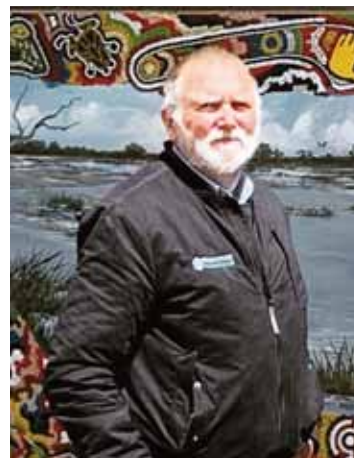
First preference vote counting is still being finalised, however there are currently four candidates who look certain to make the cut.

Ahead in the counting so far is the Labour Party group led by current Deputy Mayor Debra O'Brien who have received 1828 votes. The Independent group led by Margaret O'Connor and Gordon Cope also polled well receiving 1593 votes. Currently

sitting at number three is independent candidate Sam Coupland on 1574 first preference votes, with the Greens group sitting next on 1272 votes.

Other candidates vying for a spot are Jon Galletly (966 votes), Steve Mephram (791), Todd Redwood (735), Paul Packham (667), Paul Gaddes (536), Rob Richardson (528), Brad Widders (516), Callan Schaefer (392), Kathleen Clare (347), Peter Bailey (215), Margaret Sims (201), Phillip Blackmore (126), and Craig Pevitt (97).

The level of informal voting was around 9%, meaning 1244 votes will not count towards the make up of the new council. Guyra voters showed a preference for early voting



Steve Mephram polled well in Guyra

with around two thirds choosing to vote prior to December 4th. Predictably local support was strongest for the two local candidates. Steve Mephram polled well receiving a total of

564 votes at the Guyra booth and pre poll, while Callan Schaefer received 270 of the Guyra votes.

Votes are also being tallied on the referendum question: Do you support a reduction in the number of councillors for Armidale Regional Council from eleven to nine? A majority of voters were in favour of the reduction with 71.32% voting yes.

Counting is continuing with I-Votes yet to be included. The return of completed postal vote certificates closes on December 17, and the distribution of preferences takes place on December 21.

The final makeup of council is expected to be declared on December 23rd.

**LAST SOUP KITCHEN** for 2021!! Bring the family, kids activities, bring the camera - have your photo with Santa and enjoy a meal on us

**MATE vs MATE** Reconciliation Cricket game being played this Friday Dec. 10 from 4.30pm - spectators welcome

**END** of school year functions and events

**WONDERFUL** birthday cake at the Bowlo. Thank you to Donna & Danny for a special day.

## Challenge for new councillors

Seems it doesn't matter if it is the 1873 site selection of the route for the railway line north from Tamworth via Inverell or Armidale? A local decision to grade, tar or patch your local road? A state decision to sell the poles and wires, to a company who will site, build, charge and pay for electricity for their profit? Or a Federal decision to endorse commitments in response to Glasgow?

The decisions are all political. It never seems to be about "You, Me, We, Us & Co". It is never anything other than actions for political manipulation and manoeuvring to put a stamp on the physical, political, environmental and financial landscape.

The challenge for newly elected councillors is to step out remembering the plight of the mere mortals who did (or didn't) cast a vote their way. The greatest objective is to find a pathway around 'other government' regulatory impositions' i.e. to challenge the NSW government regulations that cast 'regulatory nets' including but confined to, cost shifting, regulation of council finances and federal government grant schemes.

Their challenge is to be visionary beyond their immediate term, to be representative, independent of political will, to become the organisation that directs 'The Management Team' to work with the 'on ground workforce' to achieve objectives and outcomes supportive service delivery that allows investment to grow appropriately rather than being the "corporation" that grows the LGA.

Katrina Humphries had it worked out; that her profile, her voice and her effort would be for the Moree the community wanted. She found the level ground of 'community will' to succeed. I congratulate her and challenge incoming councillors. In thanking those that put their hand up, I congratulate the elected that they achieved voter support. It is their turn to develop "grass roots" communication with ears that hear, so they "kick their goals" at the end of the field that scores for the team (no own goals this time please.)

*Beth White*

Toby Handebo was presented with the Positive Recognition Award at the Year 12 Valedictory Assembly. This award is given by Year 12 to a junior student who has demonstrated excellent commitment to Guyra Central School values and made a positive contribution to the school community.



## Rotary Street Stall

It was lovely to see so many friendly people come and visit our promotional stall at the Rotary Street Markets on Friday afternoon. Our teachers and P&C gave out bubble wands and sold pot plants that the students had designed.

Thank you to our P&C members who made gift cards and other craft to be sold at our stall.

*Mrs Justine Eddy  
Relieving Principal*

## QUOTE of the week

“May you never be too grown up to search the skies on Christmas Eve.”

## Bureau of Meteorology Weather

### WATCH

#### Gyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
30	Tues	12.1	16.5	0
1	Wed	11.5	18.5	35.6
2	Thurs	10.5	22.2	21.0
3	Fri	10.1	25.9	0
4	Sat	14.5	23.7	0
5	Sun	9.2	16.9	5.6
6	Mon	9.4	17.0	0

Rain this week	62.2 mm
Dec. rainfall	62.2mm
Rainfall YTD	1120.0mm
Rainfall last YTD	818.4mm
Ave. rain to Dec.	898.8mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin,  
Observer for Bureau of Meteorology





# **A BIG THANK YOU!**

**The Rotary Club of Guyra  
thanks all who participated in the  
Guyra Community Christmas Carnival  
in Bradley Street last Friday evening**

*Thank You* to the Guyra Community for being there.

*Thank You* to all the Children for coming to meet Santa.

*Thank You* to the Stall Holders who supported the event.

*Big Special thanks* to the Council staff who set up and cleaned up.

*Thank You* to Councillor Peter Bailey for his presence and presents.

*Thank You* to all the Guyra Businesses who have donated presents to  
Rotary's Christmas Barrow Raffle

*Thank you* to Tania at Cross Country Taxation for powering the music.

*Thank You* to Steve Mepham (High Country Productions) for providing the music.

*Thank You* to the SES for traffic management.

*A Big Thank You* to Armidale Regional Council  
for sponsoring the event.

*And a Huge Thank You* to Santa  
for travelling from the North Pole  
to be in Guyra for the children.

*All the members of the  
Rotary Club of Guyra  
wish everyone a very  
Happy & Safe Christmas  
and a Prosperous New Year*

**Rotary** 

# Community Noticeboard

## Meals on Wheels

Dec 9 Jim & Joyce Betts  
 Dec 10 Golf Ladies  
 Dec 13 Guyra Lions  
 Dec 1 Pamela Hart  
 Dec 15 Michelle Zbudowski

## Street Stalls

Dec. 9, 10, 11 Lions Club  
 Dec. 16 Masonic Lodge  
 Dec. 17, 18, 23 Rotary

## Church Notices

### St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church

Mass 6pm Saturday and 9am Sunday. Weekday Mass Monday – Friday 9am  
 Contact: 6779 1667

### St. James' Anglican Church

9am Sunday. Doors open from 8:30am. We have plenty of space, all welcome!  
 Contact: Rev. Tim Stevens 6779 1111

### St. Columba's Presbyterian Church

9am Sunday followed by morning tea.  
 Contact: Rev. Andrew Campbell 0447 724 536

### Brockley Church Community Christmas Service 19th DECEMBER, 2021 at 2pm

Rev. Andrew Campbell will conduct our annual service this year. All denominations welcome. Afternoon tea will be served after the service.

### The Chapel, 66 Llangothin Street: Sunday Service: 10am Contact: 0460 448 864

### Seventh-day Adventist Church: Sabbath School 10.00am Saturday Divine Service 11.30am Saturday Contact: Church Clerk 6779 1587

### Uniting Church, 57 Ollera Street: Regular Sunday Service: 9.30am Contact: Nancy Davidson 6779 1366

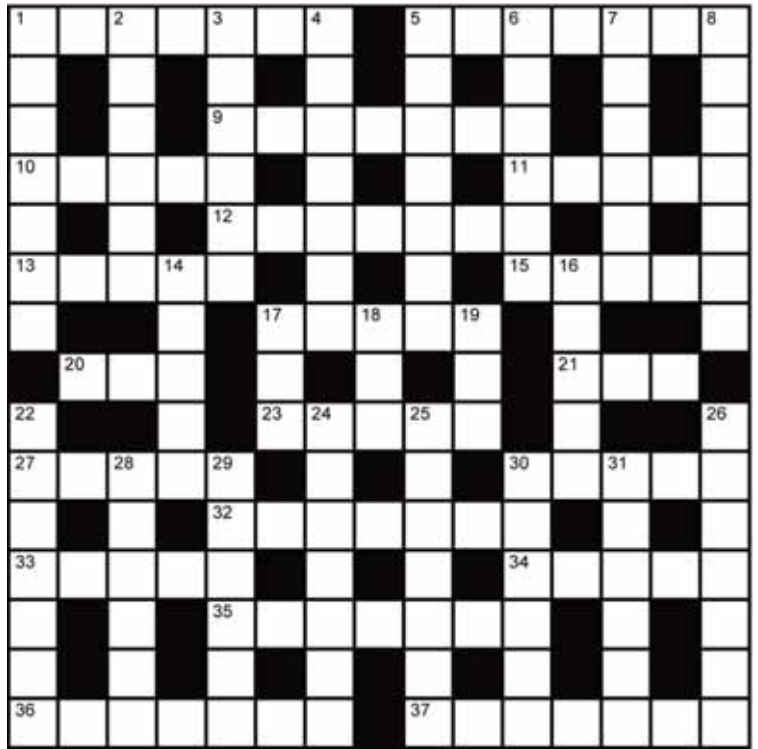
# CROSSWORD

### Across:

1. Signifying or intending
5. Childhood disease
9. Religious traveller
10. Savage person
11. Circle (globe)
12. Increases in depth
13. Mountain chain or assortment
15. Jam pies
17. Itinerant caravan dweller
20. Took (exam)
21. Trouser part
23. Hurlled
27. Nonchalant
30. Council regulation
32. Burial
33. Unapproachable
34. Happen
35. High spirits or great joy
36. Tranquillises
37. Lubricates

### Down:

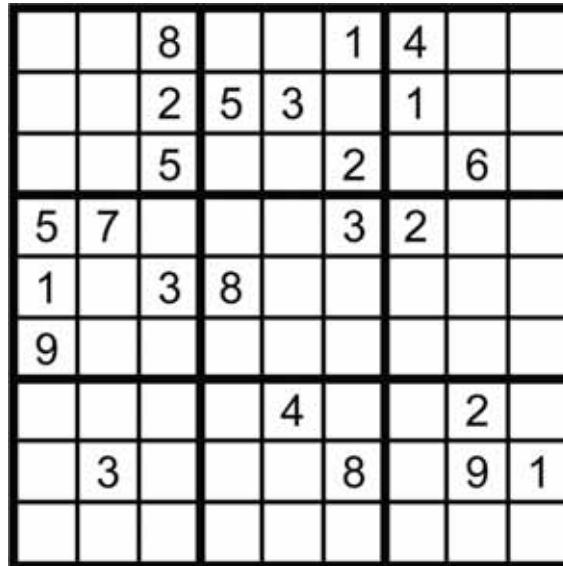
1. Club participants
2. Reddish-brown (hair)
3. Obstruct or hinder
4. Art showroom
5. Bazaars
6. Not quite
7. Walk heavily or US timber
8. Gentlest
14. Fence openings
16. Sports venue, bowling .....
17. Greenwich Mean Time (1,1,1)



18. Golfing standard
19. Coniferous tree
22. Scrapes or wears by friction
24. Aircraft sheds
25. Deserving of
26. Veers
28. Made reparation
29. Outcome or consequence
30. Fair-haired women
31. Neighbours or inhabitants

Across: 1. Meaning; 5. Measles; 9. Pilgrim; 10. Brute; 11. Orbit; 12. Deepens; 13. Range; 15. Tarts; 17. Gypsy; 20. Sat; 21. Leg; 23. Threw; 27. Blase; 30. Bypass; 32. Funeral; 33. Aloof; 34. Occur; 35. Elation; 36. Se- dates; 37. Greases  
 Down: 1. Members; 2. Auburn; 3. Impede; 4. Gallery; 5. Markets; 6. Almost; 7. Lumber; 8. Softest; 14. Gates; 16. Alley; 17. GMT; 18. Par; 19. Yew; 22. Abrades; 24. Hangars; 25. Earning; 26. Swerves; 28. Atoned; 29. Effect; 30. Blonde; 31. Locals

## Sudoku - Hard



### DID YOU KNOW?



- Stork reports
- Weddings
- Anniversaries
- Celebrations

are published **free of charge** in the Guyra Gazette  
 Just send your photos and details to us and we will share your news

## What to Watch

Our armchair critic has new recommendations every week. Happy viewing!

### Netflix - Movies

Operation Finale, Red 2, Black Beach, A United Kingdom, Edge of Tomorrow, The Decline, Adu

### Netflix - Series

L.A.'s Finest

### ABC Iview

Fires

### Tubi

Obsession



## Councils Keeping of Animals Policy (Schedule 2 Local Government Regulations 2005)

Conditions apply for the keeping of poultry in a residential area, subject to the following conditions:

1. The area is kept free of offensive odour/flies and rodents.
2. The poultry yard is fenced to ensure the poultry do not escape.
3. Cages/Hen houses must have a concrete floor and comply with the Building Code of Australia.
4. The following Distances for the location of the poultry house from a dwelling are considered adequate.

Housing of chickens 4.5 Metres

Other Housing (Duck/Geese) 30 Metres

5. Allowable amount of hens/chickens - 20 Fowls
6. Roosters are not permitted

## Register your business

Armidale Regional Council has transitioned to using a procurement platform called VendorPanel, to source and evaluate quotes and award work.

Council wants to remind local businesses to register to VendorPanel Marketplace to assist Council staff to request quotes directly from registered businesses.

VendorPanel makes it easier for Council officers to connect with registered suppliers on purchasing opportunities. It is part of Council's strategy to support business in the region and generate efficiencies within council's procurement processes.

Visit [www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au](http://www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au) to register.



## Christmas school holiday activities

### Launch of mini artwork project

Friday 17 December  
Further details to come

### Make and take kits

Available from Monday 20 December  
Collect an activity bag to make some crafts, or bake puffy paint - keep an eye out for the launch of our how to video on our website and Facebook page in early January

### Lego free play

Armidale & Guyra  
Monday 4 January - Saturday 8 January  
All ages. All day.

### Terrarium making - make a small sand terrarium

Armidale & Guyra  
Wednesday 6 January - 11am

Bookings essential. Children 8 and under will need adult assistance.  
All ages.

### Cultural Infusion - Hip Hop

Armidale & Guyra  
Tuesday 11 January - 10.30am  
Bookings essential.  
All ages.

### Sphero activities

Guyra  
Wednesday 12 January - 10am - 11am & 2pm - 3pm  
Come and learn how to use our spheros  
Bookings essential. Ages 8+

### Mixed crafts

Armidale  
Thursday 13 January & Friday 14 January  
10am - 11am

Bookings essential. All ages.

### Movie morning - Ainbo - Amazon Princess

Guyra  
Monday 17 January - 10.30am  
Bookings essential. All ages.

### Virtual Reality

Guyra  
Thursday 20 January - 11am & 2pm  
Come along and experience our virtual reality headsets. All participants will require a waiver to be signed. Bookings essential. 8+

### Entries close for mini art exhibition

Friday 21 January  
Further details to come

For more information visit [www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au/libraries](http://www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au/libraries)

## Stay connected

Armidale Regional Council is on Facebook - the page is named 'Armidale Regional Council'.



on Twitter  
'ArmidaleRegional LGA' or  
'@ARC2350'.



and on Instagram  
'armidaleregionalcouncil'



## PUBLIC NOTICE - Wednesday 8 December 2021

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# Thalgarrah visits with some special friends



Jack Watters (above) and Ruby Soraghan (right) with the bearded dragon



On Tuesday the 30th of November Thalgarrah workers, Matt and Nettie came to visit us and gave us a variety of activities to do. My favourite activity was searching for insects and bugs inside of the water. My group and I found lots of bugs and insects such as Baby Dragonflies, Mayfly nymphs, Water

mites and so much more. We got given trays with little sections to put the bugs and insects in. After we finished this activity, we formed a circle and were given Larvae and Pupas to hold and let move around in our hands. When they were crawling around my hand their legs tingled and sent a weird feeling

around my hand but I soon got used to it. Shortly after this Matt took a Bearded Dragon (a type of lizard) out of a cage and put it in the middle of the circle. He then fed the Bearded Dragon Mealworms and Darkling beetles. We then lined up so we could stroke the lizards back and feel the texture of it. We then

finished up by playing a game with long half pipes and a ball. The aim of the game was to use the pipes to make a track for the ball and land it in the bucket to win. We went in teams which were boys vs girls sadly nobody won but personally I think the girls made the most progress.

*Ruby Soraghan*

## Council transitions to simpler procurement process

Armidale Regional Council has transitioned to using a procurement platform called VendorPanel, to source and evaluate quotes and award work.

VendorPanel makes it easier for Council officers to connect with registered suppliers on purchasing opportunities. It is part of Council's strategy to support business in the region and generate efficiencies within council's procurement processes.

Registering your business on VendorPanel is another way Council is achieving better outcomes for local suppliers through professionally managed procurement solutions.

The benefits to businesses include: being notified by email of all projects where you are being invited to submit a quote; submitting proposals is easy using a structured template that requires you to align your relevant experience, ideas,

capability and availability; you are kept up-to-date of progress and immediately notified if you are selected and it saves you time and effort by giving you direct access to sales leads and a smart and simple way to win more work.

Council is in a procurement transition phase and will continue to use Tenderlink on large public tenders until transitioning in full to the VendorPanel platform.

To register on Council's VendorPanel Marketplace and receive assistance via online tools and videos, search 'VendorPanel Armidale Regional Council' in google or visit council's website and search for the Tenders, Quotations & EOIs page.

If you require further information contact Tony McCarthy, Procurement and Contracts Coordinator at [tmccarthy@armidale.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tmccarthy@armidale.nsw.gov.au)

## Wet weather poses challenges for maintenance schedules

Staff at Armidale Regional Council have been busy trying to keep up with regular maintenance schedules and delivering on capital works projects, but with La Nina fuelled rains impacting roads, drainage and open spaces the community may experience some delays to our normal service delivery as they endeavour to keep up.

Chief Officer Assets and Services Alex Manners says staff are working extremely hard to keep up with the high levels of additional maintenance work required at the moment.

"Wet weather speeds up the deterioration to council's road network and potholes grow overnight," Alex said. "Wet weather also brings to light drainage issues that aren't evident during dry weather and our mowing schedule is impacted heavily."

"The weather is impacting the delivery of projects, and roads across the region have been heavily impacted, particularly on the unsealed road network.

"Council crews have been addressing roads washed away around causeways and grids and the unsealed roads grading schedule and re-sheeting program has been impacted. Heavy patching is occurring across the network due to damage from the heavy rainfall."

Council is asking residents to report any dangerous pot holes, washed away roads or damage to infrastructure that needs to be addressed. The community can log a service request through the self-service section on the council website or contact our customer service team on 1300 136 833.



## Vets Golf

Last week saw no play again due to the rain and wet course. This week we will be playing the next round in the Reg Taylor shield as well as a few members are travelling to Armidale to play in their Christmas Day Ambrose.

Our Christmas special 4 Ball Stableford with prizes of Christmas hams will be held on Tuesday 14th December. So choose your partners and cross your fingers for a sunny day.

Congratulations to all the prizewinners from last year, especially Chris Newberry who had a fantastic year of golf and nearly scooped the pool.

*A Vet*

## Mate versus Mate

The Guyra Aboriginal Lands Council, in conjunction with the Guyra Cricket Club, will be hosting a reconciliation Twenty/20 cricket match at the Guyra Turf (Ted Mulligan Oval) on Friday December 10th. The game will kick off at 4.30pm and will feature all local players.

It is hoped there will be good support for this event and the community is invited to come along to witness the action. A sausage sizzle will operate with proceeds going to a nominated charity.

The Mate versus Mate Trophy will be up for grabs with some entertaining cricket assured.

*Cody Patterson*



**Pairs winners(above):** Dennis Williams, Terry Lee  
**Pairs runners up (below):** Steve Matheson and John McIlwain



**Triples runners up (left) :**  
Terry Lee , Dennis Williams & Scott Hamilton.

Guyra's Church of Freedom  
**Soup Kitchen**  
**Free Meal for Everyone**

**Christmas BBQ**  
This Friday  
Everyone  
Welcome.  
We will also be  
having a visit from  
our awesome  
Guyra Santa

**Open Every Second  
Friday from 5pm**

**10 Nincoola Street, Guyra**

Thank you to everyone for your love and Support.  
See you all next year.  
For more Information Contact Sheree 0488189807

## Rural Market Reports

### Weekly Wool Market

**December 3rd** - The market consolidated and managed to make further small gains to finish in positive territory for the third consecutive week. It also registered the longest up trend since June.

In US dollars the market has moved a mere 10 cents over the past month creating an extended period of stability in prices. 35,616 bales were sold nationally for the week with the passed in rate of 10% being heavily dominated by the Crossbred and Oddment sectors.

Major buyers included PJ Morris, Techwool & Tianyu with the top four accounting for almost 50% of the Merino fleece

offering. AWTA test data for the first five months of the season is showing a 20.4% increase in the number of bales tested.

All mainland states are registering between a 15% and 39% increase whilst Tasmania is showing a decrease of 21%. This has led to 142,000 additional bales being offered for the season to date, an increase of 24.5%.

The most recent AWI production forecast for the 2021/22 season was for a 5.2% increase. This will be revisited over the next fortnight as the various state and national committees meet. Two selling weeks remain until the three week recess with in excess of 40,000 bales expected to be on offer each week.



# Classifieds Trades & Services

## POSITIONS VACANT

### Senior staff positions available at Kirk's IGA

Potential for Head of Liquor department for the right candidate. RSA and forklift preferred.

**Closing date: 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

Apply by visiting the store or emailing your resume to: [harry@kirksiga.com.au](mailto:harry@kirksiga.com.au)

### Coffee Shop All Rounder

#### Duties:

- Beverage making
- Waitressing
- Customer service
- Order taking
- Kitchen duties
- Cleaning
- EFTPOS/TIL operations

#### Desirable:

Previous hospitality experience preferred

- Reliable
- Friendly, polite
- Self-motivated
- Tidy

**Minimum hours: 10**

**Applications open until**

**14<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

Please send resume and cover letter detailing any previous experience to:  
126 Bradley Street  
Guyra NSW 2365

## PROBUS NOTES

Our Christmas dinner is next Monday, 13th December at 11.30am at the Bowling Club.

New member, Cheryl Law was inducted at our last meeting.

Due to our Christmas dinner being on our meeting day this month, our next meeting will be on Monday, 10th January 2022.

*Judy Jackson*

## RAFFLE RESULT

**CAN ASSIST** prizes: 1st Leonie Cox, 2nd Kristy Davis, 3rd Sam Ulrick, 4th Rosemary Thomas, 5th Lisa Ellis. Thanks to all who supported us.

## FOOD PANTRY

### Food Pantry at The Chapel

**OPEN FRIDAY**

**17<sup>th</sup> December**

10am - 12pm & 1.00pm - 2.30pm

Contact: 0460 448 864

## DEATH NOTICES

### KENNETH ERIC BARKER 27 January 1949 - 19 November 2021

Known as 'Shorty' to many, passed away peacefully on Friday, 19th November 2021 in Sydney, NSW.

Loved and respected by his family and friends, he was proud of his distinguished Army service.

Ken had an extensive use of the Australian vernacular that was reflective of his values and the way he wanted to live life.

Keep your powder dry.

### LESLIE EDWARD SOLE

28.02.1940 - 26.11.21

of South West Rocks and formerly of Avoncliffe, Guyra.

Always remembered by his loving wife, Judy (nee Atkin).

Son of the late Thomas and Gladys Sole, brother of Ian, Guyra and sister of Julie Vallis, Brisbane.

Father of son, Thomas Leslie, daughter Denise Mobbs and grandfather to Lachlan, David, Michayla and her partner James.



## MEETINGS

**BEN LOMOND LANDCARE GROUP** Inc AGM will be held at Ben Lomond Memorial Hall, 7:30pm, Wednesday 15th December 2021. There will be a catch up, general meeting Wednesday 1st December for general business, same time & place. If need for a second general meeting Wednesday 8th December same time & place.

## CLAIM THE DATE

**SUNDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2021 at 2pm: BROCKLEY CHURCH COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS SERVICE.** Rev Andrew Campbell will conduct our annual service this year. All denominations welcome. Afternoon tea will be served.

**SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL, 2022** Bald Blair Public School Centenary Celebrations

## LAST EDITION NEXT WEEK



**Our last edition of the Guyra Gazette for 2021 will be next week.**

**First edition 2022 is on 12th January**

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS

**Community Carol Service**  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm  
Ben Lomond War Memorial Hall  
All welcome

## CHRISTMAS RAFFLES

**GUYRA CRICKET CLUB** Xmas Raffle, Saturday 18th December. Over \$400 in prizes. Tickets at Royal Hotel.

**GUYRA ANGLERS CLUB** December Raffle. Tickets available from Dasha's, Khammo, Campbell's Butchery and Guyra Hotel. Prizes sponsored by Khammo, BCF, Dasha's and Campbell's Butchery. Drawn 8pm Friday 10th December at the Guyra Hotel.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**GUYRA HISTORICAL MUSEUM** is open this Saturday 10am-2pm. Call 6779 2132 during business hours.

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# Big week of bowls for 32nd Carnival

A big week of bowls last week, starting on Tuesday with the Ladies Triples. After a rain shortened game, the winners were D Montague, L Kachel and J Mepham from Inverell, with S Hutton, S Orvad and N Lehman from Glen Innes runners up.

Wednesday was a washout, and on Thursday and Friday the Prestige Pairs were played in perfect conditions. The winners were Dennis Williams and Terry Lee from Glen Innes, and the runners up were John Mcillwain and

Steve Matheson.

The weekend saw the Open Triples played, and the winners were M Brennan, G Martin, and P Butler from Port Macquarie. Runners up were Scott Hamilton, Dennis Williams and Terry Lee.

Only one game is set down this Saturday the 11th December at 1pm. In handicap singles Robert Walls will play Dan Kennedy with Col Stanley to mark. Umpire and starter will be Robert Walls.

*Jack*

### Triples winners (above right):

G Martin, P Butler M Brennan from Port Macquaries

### Ladies winners (right):

D Montague, L Kachel and J Mepham from Inverell

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## 2021 Christmas Party

**Thursday 16th December  
from 5:00pm  
At Elders Guyra,  
173 Malpas Street Guyra**

**We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our clients for their support throughout the year**

**Please RSVP to Elders Guyra by 14<sup>th</sup> December  
02 6770 7000 or [sarah.gwilym@elders.com.au](mailto:sarah.gwilym@elders.com.au)**

