

# Guyra Gazette

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## Two big wins for junior spuds



**Under 16s Premiershhip team**

**Back l to r:** Jason Campbell (Coach), Ben Rienke, Keith Landsborough, Tom Lockyer, Aidan Purvis,, Archie Dowden, Brodi Campbell, Riley Campbell, Charlie Mitchell, Harrison Brazier, Cooper Wilson, Rave Brazier, Michael Shiner (Assistant Coach)

**Front:** Treigh Bonser-Karhu, Mathew Connors, Blake Phillips, Peter Campbell, Brendan Landsborough, Hayden Wallace, Oscar Atkin, Cooper Collins, Sebastion Brazier, Riley Melmeth

Guyra may not have had a team in the senior rugby league ranks in 2022, but the juniors have given the Super Spuds something to celebrate in their centenary year.

They have brought home two premiership titles from the Group 19 junior finals which were played

on the weekend.

Guyra Junior Rugby League President Gina Lockyer said she was proud of the kids for their efforts, but she was just as proud of the club and the town for the way they got behind the teams.

The day kicked off with a win for

the under 10s and finished with the under 16s getting up over the unbeaten Glen Innes side. There was a huge contingent of supporters who travelled to see the teams play and Gina credits the supporters with getting the teams home.

"I can't thank the supporters

enough for the amount of effort they put into dressing for the occasion and being there to cheer on the kids," Gina said.

"They sat there in the cold and it really made the difference for both our teams.

*Match reports p 11 & 12*

## Have your say - Proposed Special Rate Variation

Council has resolved to seek community input on a proposal to apply for a permanent rate increase over and above the usual amount permitted by the state government each year. As a resident or ratepayer you are invited to have your say.

[yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au](https://yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au)

or visit the display at the Guyra Library

**Public meeting**  
**Wednesday 14 September**  
**@ The Guyra Bowling Club from 6pm - 8.30pm**

Tuesday 13 September  
@ Armidale Town Hall from 6pm-8.30pm

Thursday 15 September  
@ Sauer Memorial Hall, Wollomombi  
from 6pm-8.30pm

**Zoom meetings**  
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Regional Council

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# Lane Pittman family day



**Above:** Local RFS and VRA vans were an attraction for local kids

**Right:** Zoen & Silvia Marino traveled from Sydney staying at Shiralee Motel to see Lane perform here at Guyra.

**Below:** Deputy Mayor Todd Redwood, Frank Smallmen, John Chaffey, Phil Lennard, Lane Pittman & Steve Mephram with car display from the Guyra Car Club.

**Opposite page:** Sonya & Rodney Wallbridge with Dakota Field & Jess Summerhayes Why Knot Occasions



**Above:** Guyra Central School student Piper Kempton performing with Lane.

**Below:** Face painting fun



GET TOGETHER FOR  
**Coffee, Cake & Chat**  
*Anyone Invited!*

THIRD WEDNESDAY IN THE MONTH  
 11. AM TO 1 PM  
 AT 160 BRADLEY ST, GUYRA

Guyra  
 Neighbourhood Centres Inc

*Rural Women's Day*  
 FRIDAY 14 OCTOBER 2022  
 9:00AM FOR 10:00AM START  
 BEN LOMOND HALL  
**SAVE THE Date!**

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# Community gets behind Trivia Night



**Above:** Representatives from the three winning tables, Julie Burey, Stuart Broad and Felicity Williams with Can Assist President Wendy Jackson, all three teams redonated their winnings!  
**Right:** Marnie Turner, Braidie Vidler, Emma Vidler and Teagan Mendes got behind the spirit of the night

Saturday night saw a tremendous response to the Can Assist Trivia night when 22 teams filled the auditorium at the Guyra Bowling & Recreation Club. The night focused on having fun, with in-excess of \$ 5,000 raised for the Guyra Branch. Special mention must be made to Leanne

Burey for co-ordinating the evening's proceedings and our quiz master Lyn Gollan.

The night exceeded our expectations and we wish to acknowledge the wonderful support and donations throughout the evening.

*President Wendy Jackson .*



## Lane Pittman family day

The sun certainly shone and made for a great afternoon of family entertainment with Lane Pittman at the Guyra Showground last Sunday. The event was brought to our town by a small successful grant on behalf of the Guyra Campdraft Club through the Primary Health Network. Followers of Lane's music from Sydney even made the trip to Guyra to be part of this successful family day.

Thank you so much to all our local supporters who helped make this day a good one! Guyra Central P&C, Chris from Bean

Travelin, Jess at Why Not Occasions, Guyra VRA, Guyra Rural Fire Brigade, Guyra Car Club, Guyra local Police, Armidale Regional Libraries Virtual Reality Experiences, Armidale Regional Council and our new Showground Caretaker Mark Werts.

Last but not least Betts Transport Walcha and Lane Pittman Music Thank You. Lane, who is in Year 11, will be a special guest for Country Music Singer Luke Combs when he tours Australia next year.

*Donna Davidson*

## Colour Guyra Beautiful



Here is what one little community did around Warwick for their festival.

Shops and local groups are invited to participate in window displays and street decorating for TroutFest.

Local groups can nominate their preferred structure by registering at [guyratroutfest@gmail.com](mailto:guyratroutfest@gmail.com). There are almost 30 structures in the main three blocks of Guyra plus electricity poles for decorating, but please no trees or traffic signs. The theme is loosely fishing or spring (flowers etc) but other ideas are welcome.

Shops get first preference and guidelines will be distributed to retailers this week. Guidelines are also available at GALA for other groups or even individuals.

There is no cost but the committee does ask you to register your structure so that we don't have any overlap. We hope decorating takes place over the long weekend so that Bradley Street will be colourful for the whole week leading up to the festival.

Organizers said "above all we want people to have fun with this idea and show how creative our community is. Last year there were some very funny and clever window displays and we are always blown away by the effort people put into this event".



## What's HOT

Grand finals, Trivia Nights and Family fun days - what a weekend in the old town!!

Free Men's Health Check in the NAB carpark this Friday & Saturday

The beautifully groomed Showground!

## What's NOT

Thumbs down to ARC for not fixing Brockley Rd. What a disgrace

Rubbish falling off the back of vehicles - secure your loads please

## QUOTE of the week

Grief is the price we pay for love

Queen Elizabeth II

## Bureau of Meteorology Weather

### WATCH

#### Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
6	Tues	2.2	12.3	0
7	Wed	3.9	12.3	0
8	Thurs	36.8	12.3	0
9	Fri	6.7	13.8	3.8
10	Sat	4.3	13.0	0
11	Sun	0.8	15.0	0
12	Mon	3.2	14.2	0

Rain this week	3.8mm
September rainfall	33.4mm
Rainfall YTD	758.4mm
Rainfall last YTD	789.0mm
Ave. rain to Sept.	616.4mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

# Demerger!?! – We can do this

With support and action from the ARC ratepayers and communities the separation of the council area to form two new Local Government areas based in Guyra and Armidale is now essential for long term growth and prosperity of both districts.

The Save and Grow Guyra group are extremely thankful of the support in signing the Support Letter required to accompany our Submission to State Government – we still require a small number of letters to be signed and have acquired space at the Cosy Corner in Guyra for collection. Check on site signage, SAGG Facebook site, and local media for opening times. We also have some merchandise for sale and a donation box and would appreciate any help at all. Anyone interested in providing some time manning our shop would be most welcome.

There is absolutely no doubt that the so-called Local Government Reform Package (Fit for The Future) has been a devastating and demoralising failure. The financial collapse of these councils (forcibly amalgamated or otherwise) can be directly related to the amalgamation process i.e. the diseconomies of scale – four year rate freeze – periods of administration where the gift grants (millions of dollars) were squan-



Save and Grow Guyra have set up at the Cosy Corner

dered – biased and unbalanced council elections and much more. If there is any blame to be appropriated it surely can be levelled squarely at the State Government.

Recent comments from ARC administration and councillor leadership stating that Guyra council was in financial difficulties and sustainably unviable prior to amalgamation is simply not correct. Guyra had several million dollars invested with various banks and institutions. It had a viable and active well-staffed plant/machinery depot more than capable of maintaining infrastructure. It had a happy and sound relationship with the ratepayer and

communities to the extent that at a very well attended public meeting prior to amalgamation we committed to a 30% rate increase if we could retain our autonomy. We were ignored at State Government level.

So, let's get together again. We can and will get our council back if we maintain our voice. Now that the Local Government Ministry has committed to de-merge Cootamundra and Gundagai it is time to unite and spread the word so we can obtain the remaining Support Letter signatories and get our separation Submission in front of the powers that be.

Rob Lenehan - SAGG

## Have your say

### Come on out...

Who is this Nameless Thinker perched upon a stone? who presents (his?) information as original and (her?) own.

Thinker asks us if we care and invites us to reply but if nobody answers this might be the reason why...

In a little town like Guyra, indeed, any other place, if we have a conversation, nice to see the person's face...

...or know their name so we can say

when passing on their news 'this info came from so-and-so', then it's up to folks to choose...

...to believe or disregard it. We only want to know if the information's genuine: what a nom-de-plume can't show.

So maybe that's the problem Thinker fears we won't agree with such controversial attitudes displayed for all to see.

In any case the Thinker

tells us nothing new If we watch the news or read the rags It's all there in full view

And if we think or even care about issues Thinker raises here why on earth would we want to share with someone we don't know.

Sue de-Nim (name & address supplied)

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& Glen Innes

Cost: \$ 10 per  
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# Home Support Services bus to provide regular access to shopping precinct

A bus to take Guyra residents into the shopping precinct on Bradley Street in Guyra is now available through the Guyra Home Support Services.

The new bus service is replacing the existing taxi service which is no longer available. The shopping bus will run Monday 12-3pm, Tuesday 9am – 4pm and Thursday 9am – 4pm each week.

Guyra Home Support Services Coordinator Toni Kirkman said the bus would be a valuable resource for community members unable to access a vehicle or who can no longer drive.

“The existing taxi service concluded in June and Guyra residents have been without an affordable and regular transport option to complete essential shopping and errands in town,” said Toni

“This will be a very affordable option for the Guyra community and will fill a big whole that the taxi service left. It also provides



A bus service is now operating to transport residents to shopping and appointments

much needed social opportunities for some of our more isolated residents who live alone to access other members of the community and services including the library, the Neighbourhood Centre and other community services being offered.”

To book, clients must ring

Home Support Services on 6770 7127 and ask to receive bus vouchers and a book a time and seat on the bus for their preferred shopping day. The service is subsidised and the most residents will pay from anywhere within the Guyra town boundary is \$7.20 return.

## Vale William ‘Bill’ Wicks

The Guyra community lost one of its most respected citizens earlier this month with the passing of William ‘Bill’ Wicks at the age of 90. He passed away peacefully at the Guyra MPS on September 5 with family in attendance.

Bill will always be remembered for his 18 years as principal at Guyra Central School.

Students and staff alike benefited from his leadership, commitment to the learning of young people and his strong values of equality, empathy and integrity.

The school’s gymnasium is named in his honour.

Bill was a long-serving member of Guyra Rotary Club, filling all major roles for many years, and working tirelessly on club activities. He was also president of the Guyra branch of the Jean Colvin Hospital and CanAssist for many years, assisting local people needing cancer treatment in Sydney.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Judy. They were named



joint Guyra citizens of the year in 2003 for their contribution to the town.

Bill and Judy had six children – Sue (dec), Ron, Sally, Wendy, Kath and Jim, 17 grandchildren and currently 16 great-grandchildren.

A private family funeral was held on Monday for Bill, in-keeping with Judy’s wishes.

She said he was a selfless and modest man who would not have wanted a large public service, despite his many achievements and the great respect in which the Guyra community held him.

While his passing is a great loss to Guyra and his family, Judy said he will always be with her.

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# Community Noticeboard

## Meals on Wheels

Sept. 15 Narelle Leven  
 Sept. 16 L & R Skinner  
 Sept. 19 Steve Norris  
 Sept. 20 Pamela Hart  
 Sept 21 Toni

## Street Stalls

\September 23,24 Guyra Lodge  
 September 29 Hosp. Auxiliary

## Church Notices

**St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church** Mass 6pm Saturday and 9am Sunday. Weekday Mass Monday – Friday 9am  
 Contact: 6779 1036

**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

### The Chapel:

66 Llangothin Street:  
 Sunday Service: 10am  
 Contact: Contact Pastors Linden & Kerrie Pollard 0455 232 073.

**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: Di Burey 0428 791 742

**Church of Freedom** (Cnr. Boorolong & Nincoola Sts.) Sunday worship: 10am Prayer meeting: Tuesday 6.30pm Bible discussion: Wednesday 6.30pm Pastors: Jeff & Sharon Ritchie 0421 847 973 Chaplaincy services: Dave Brown 0419 539 372, Dan McGinty 0409 399 270

## Service Clubs

**LIONS CLUB** dinner meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesday 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 at Guyra Cafe Ph: Aileen MacDonald 0417 079 307

### Across.

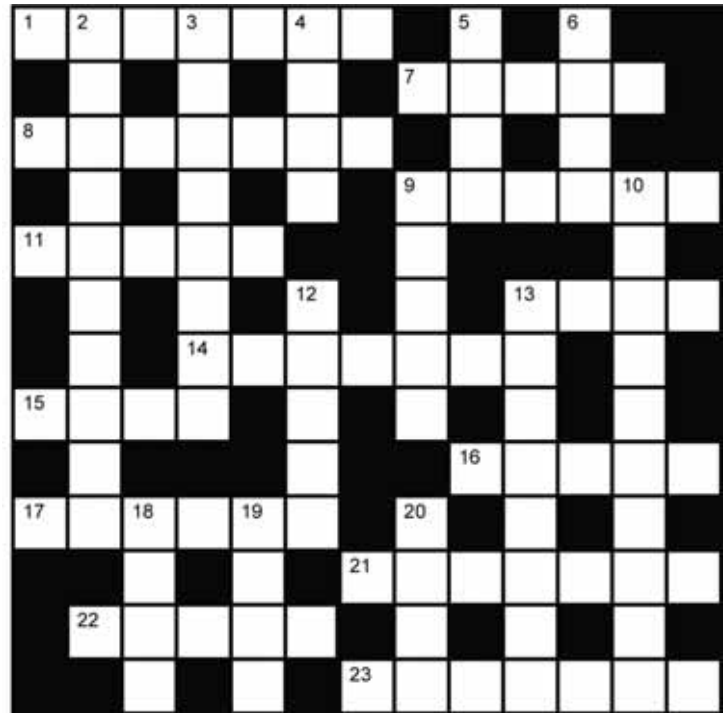
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7. Permanent (5)
8. Road-surfacing material (7)
9. Literary judge (6)
11. Go around (5)
13. People (4)
14. Odd (7)
15. Close friend (4)
16. Force (5)
17. Pictorial symbol (6)
21. Leg protector (4,3)
22. US actress, \_\_\_\_ Givens (5)
23. Month (7)

### Down.

2. England's Rugby Union ground (10)
3. Fish-tank (8)
4. They had a hit with Get it on (1,3)
5. Prevaricator (4)
6. Pond creature (4)
9. Obscure (5)
10. Unable to read or write (10)

12. Misgiving (5)
13. Large wading bird (8)
18. Tome (4)
19. Comedy star, \_\_\_\_ Sykes (4)
20. Stylish (4)

## QUICK CROSSWORD



Across: 1. Stealth, 7. Fixed, 8. Bitumen, 9. Critic, 11. Skirt, 13. Folk, 14. Unusual, 15. Chum, 16. Impel, 17. Emblem, 21. Shin pad, 22. Robin, 23. October.  
 Down: 2. Twickenham, 3. Aquarium, 4. T-Rex, 5. Liar, 6. Newt, 9. Cloud, 10. Iterate, 12. Qualm, 13. Flamingo, 18. Book, 19. Eric, 20. Chic.

## SUDOKU - Medium

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## JUST FOR FUN - Short jokes

- How do trees get online? They just log on!
- Some people think prison is one word...but to robbers it's the whole sentence.
- My girlfriend treats me like a god. She ignores my existence and only talks to me when she needs something.
- Where does the sheep get his hair cut? The baa baa shop!
- Why did the orange stop? It ran out of juice!
- I never make mistakes. ...I thought I did once, but I was wrong.
- What does the man in the moon do when his hair gets too long? Eclipse it!
- What did 0 say to 8? Nice belt

## What to Watch

Our armchair critic has new recommendations every week. All movies have ratings of M and over - happy viewing!!!

### Netflix Movies

- I Came By
- Look both Ways
- The war with Grandpa
- The Commuter
- Kidnapping Stella
- Burn Out, Dunkirk
- In the line of Fire

### Ones I didn't like

- Photocopier, Blind Detective, The American, The Nugget, Mad Max: Fury Road

### Netflix Series

- Signs, The Society
- Ones I didn't like
- Merli, True Story

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7	2	5	8	3	9	1	6	4



# Guyra Anglers Club Inc

## John Wilcox Trout Classic

### 7-9 October - Guyra Troutfest

#### Age Categories:

Seniors - 16yrs+  
Juniors - up to 16yrs  
Everyone Welcome

#### Prize Categories:

Largest Impounded Trout  
Largest Creek Trout  
Mystery Length Trout

Interested: Details can be found at  
Guyra Anglers Club Facebook

Email: [guyraanglers@gmail.com](mailto:guyraanglers@gmail.com) for entry link

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Gold Coin donation entry for Seniors

Donations go to OzFish Unlimited - Better Habitat/Better Fishing

# Free health checks for men this week

“Saving men’s lives” is the catch cry of the Rotary Men’s Health Education Rural Van (MHERV) which will be in our local area Friday September 16th and Saturday September 17th from 9.30 to 3.30pm in the NAB car park..

MHERV is an initiative of the Rotary Club of Warners Bay in collaboration with local Rotary clubs or other community groups. The Rotary Club of Guyra will be hosting MHERV in our area.

With the support of the Royal Freemasons Benevolent Institution (RFBI) a Registered Nurse undertakes free basic check-ups for “blokes”. Ladies are also welcome to come in and have a free health check.

The purpose-built MHERV van is staffed by a male Nurse, Bill Power. It offers free of charge health screening services for Blood Pressure, Cholesterol, and Diabetes. The consultation takes about 10 minutes and provides immediate results, helping to improve health outcomes for men.

Bill has the knack of being able to

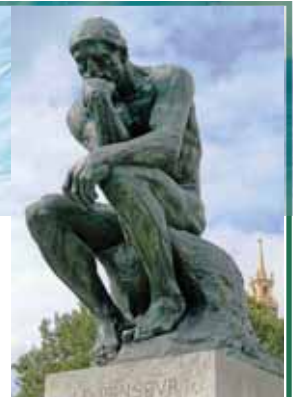
relax even the most stressed clients. During the confidential consultation, Bill takes the opportunity to also chat about other health related concerns, including state of mind. This service is offered in a relaxed, confidential and informal setting under Covid safe Guidelines.

The Nurse submits a daily report to the Program Management team at Rotary Club of Warners Bay from which statistics are gathered. Over the last 4 years the results have averaged approximately 4% who have required urgent attention, around 40% are advised to follow up on something with their GP in the next week and 56% are encouraged to keep up the good work.

Over the past four years the van has seen nearly 11,000 people so it has potentially saved over four hundred people from a severe health event. So don’t walk past, come in and meet our Registered nurse, Bill for your free health check at:

You can check our website, [www.mherv.com.au](http://www.mherv.com.au) for the nearest location near you...

# What do you think?



The Federal Climate Change and Energy Minister would like to see more people driving electric vehicles (EVs). NSW has a goal to have 50% of all new cars being EVs by 2030.

The Committee for Sydney proposes that the sale of petrol and diesel cars be banned in five years’ time and that all new cars need to be electric by 2027. That’s great – for wealthy city people who drive relatively short distances. But for most people in rural areas who are on average incomes and who travel longer distances, EVs leave a lot to be desired.

Most low cost EVs (small four seaters) are at least \$20,000 dearer than petrol engine cars, and the added cost of a bigger battery (for extended range) and the cost of a wall box charger for the home (typically more than \$950) means that most people in rural areas on average income cannot afford to buy an EV.

One of the biggest concerns for rural people has to do with the EV’s range and the problem of recharging the battery while on a trip. Some of the more expensive EVs claim ranges in excess of 400km – with only one person in the car. The lower priced EVs generally have a range between 200km and 330km. What if the family is going on a holiday or you are pulling a small trailer. What would the range be then?

Currently the recharging infrastructure is not adequate in rural and regional Australia. If you are on a long trip and you’re lucky enough to find a vacant charging station in a town, it may take you up to an hour to reach 80% capacity.

The NSW Government is establishing a road user system in which all drivers pay for their “fair share” for road use. A road user charge of 2.5 cents per km (indexed to CPI) will apply to eligible EVs from 1 July 2027 or when EVs make up 30 per cent of all new vehicle sales, whichever comes first.

Until then EV owners do not contribute. So, who pays for the roads over the next five years? Those who cannot afford an expensive EV – the average income earner who drives a petrol or diesel car.

Currently, the average petrol and diesel passenger vehicle owner pays approximately \$622 a year in fuel excise. Under NSW’s new road user system, EV drivers will pay on average only \$315 annually.

Who benefits? Those who can afford an EV.

Who pays more? People in rural areas who are on average incomes and who travel longer distances in petrol or diesel cars.

The whole EV agenda is skewed against rural and regional people who drive petrol or diesel vehicles.

THIS IS WHAT I THINK.

WHAT DO YOU THINK ... OR DON'T YOU CARE?

If you wish to comment about this issue, please reply through the Guyra Gazette.

**The Thinker**

# Feral animals and exotic diseases Forum

A massive pest animal forum is coming to the Glen Innes Showgrounds this September featuring an impressive line-up of industry speakers.

The event will focus on the latest research into pest animal control in the New England, the threat of exotic diseases to Australia and how to prevent their spread on farms.

Headlining the event Dr Andrew Bengsen from NSW Department of Primary Industries who will discuss the latest findings around predator research and control in the region present including an update on the fallow deer collaring results from the Grahams Valley collaring site in Glen Innes.

Darren Marshall from Southern Queensland Landscapes will present his latest research into feral pig collaring and Perry Newman from Northern Tablelands Local Land Services will provide a feral pig trapping demonstration.

Dan Matthews will talk about training working dogs for feral animal detection and trap setting for wild dogs.

Dr Jonathan Lee from the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries QLD and Dr Andrew Biddle from Northern Tablelands Local Land Services will discuss the current exotic disease threats to farmers in the New England and what landholders can do to minimise the risks associated with their spread, including Foot and Mouth Disease.



Perry Newman from Northern Tableland Local Land Services demonstrates how to set a feral pig trap.jpg

Event organiser Stuart Boyd-Law emphasised the importance of local landholders attending the Pest Animal Forum and the critically important information that will be shared on the day.

‘People in the region need to attend this event to keep abreast of the current pest animal issues and the latest research,’ said Mr Boyd-Law.

‘The exotic disease update is probably one of the most important

topics given the high numbers of feral pigs landholders are currently experiencing. It’s also important landholders are aware of the exotic disease risks Australia is facing, and are educated about how to prevent the risks of their spread.’

This project is supported by the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment through funding from the Australian Government’s National Landcare Program, Smart Farm Small

Grants.

The event is free to attend, with morning tea and lunch provided.

Pest Animal Forum – Friday 23rd September 2022, 9:00am-3:00pm at Glen Innes Showgrounds Tea Rooms, Torrington St Glen Innes NSW 2370. Please RSVP for catering purposes by emailing [jennie@glenrac.org.au](mailto:jennie@glenrac.org.au) or calling the GLENRAC office on 02 6732 3443.

## Rural Market Reports

### Weekly Wool Market

**September 9th** - Coming off the back of last week’s designated Superfine sale in Sydney the less stylish offering came under pressure when the market opened.

The fall was largely confined to the 18.5 micron and finer types with the bulk of the losses occurring on the first day of sales. Focus appeared to shift towards the mid micron Merino fleece types with prices closing equivalent to and in some cases better than last week’s market close.

34,925 bales were sold nationally for the week with a passed in rate of 10%. Major buyers included Tianyu, Tech-

wool and Endeavour Wool. This week’s closing market level is nearing the bottom of a fairly narrow channel that it has traded in over the past two years with little change compared to the corresponding week last season.

Currency movements when looked at in US dollars left the Eastern Market Indicator at its lowest weekly closing level since December 2020.

The 19 micron indicator was traded on the forward market this week for October delivery at 10 cents under the auction close. Forecast national weekly auction offerings look set to remain at around 40,000 bales for the rest of the month.

**Supporting the local community**  
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## Vets Golf

Still no vets golf in Guyra last Tuesday (6th). I think we would all like to see the rain go away for a little while. Hang in there vets, it will happen one day. As soon as you hear word that the course is open to carts golf will be on. When this happens we will all have to show respect to the course and drive carts appropriately, as most golfers do.

Col Walls and Phil Devlin got a game in last Thursday at the Dorrigo open. What a beautiful picturesque course this is. I've been there twice now and it's very unique in that it serves up to all players a beautiful T-Bone steak lunch, all included in golf fees.

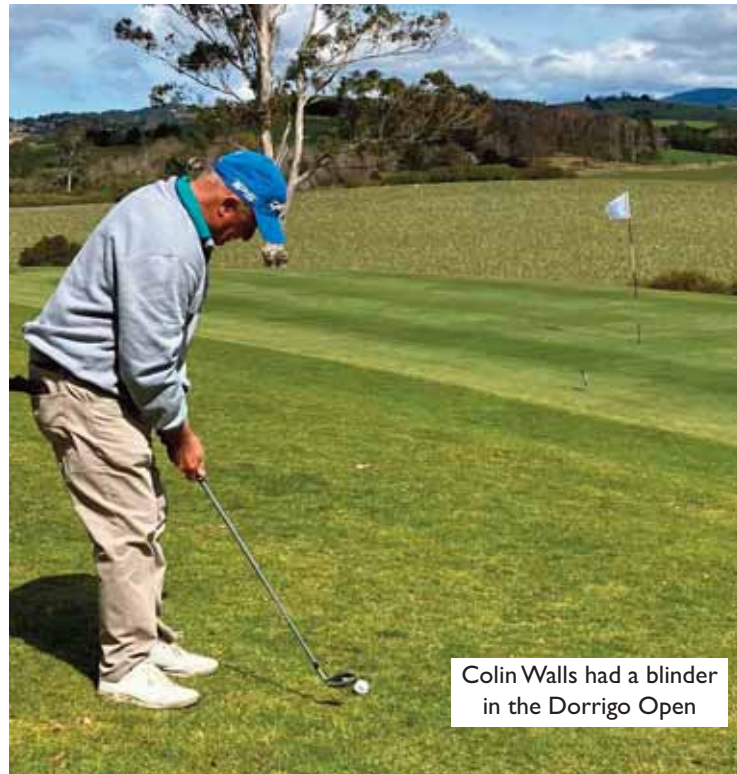
Colin had a blinder, lost his ball on the first hole for a miss, but then fired up to score 38 points winning the B grade and second best score of the day.

Hopefully see you all on the course soon.

*Drake.*

## Ladies' Golf

Last week there was no golf played on our course as it is still too wet for carts. Four of our ladies played in the NEDGA 4BBB Tour-



Colin Walls had a blinder in the Dorrigo Open

namment up at Tenterfield. The winners had 42 points they were from Tenterfield.

Leonie Taylor and Julie Walker had 37 points. Debbie Heffernan and Nancy Prisk had 32 points. Julie Walker won the most accurate drive in Division 2.

This week is the Foursomes Championships sponsored by the Gittoes Family. Weather permitting.

Next week is the Keno Ambrose. Kerry Bull is the starter. Several ladies are playing in the Warialda Ladies Open. Good luck to all!

*Birdie*

## Men's Bowls

There was a full weekend of pennant bowls last weekend, with both teams at home last Saturday. The 3s took on Armidale city and had a resounding win 87 - 34 for a 10 - 0 victory. The 4s played Uralla and had a win 62 - 53 for a 9 - 1 win.

On Sunday the 3s played Ex services for a 61 - 55 victory giving them an 8 - 2 win. The 4s travelled to Glen Innes on Sunday and were beaten 91 - 41 for a 10 - 0 loss.

The last round of pennants will be played this Saturday with the 3s travelling to Glen Innes, leaving from the club at 11:15 the teams are (1) Steven Sole, Colin Stanley, Robert Walls and Roger Cox. (2) David Wilcox, John Jackson, Cameron Peardon and Murray Bourke (3) Michael Shiner, Boyd Stanley, Robert Moore and Ian Jacobs. The 4s will play Walcha at home with a 12:45

Roll up, the teams are (1) Scott Campbell, Paul Johnson, Wayne Reeves and Tim Ellis (2) Anthony Bull, Barry Presnell, Randy Mulligan and Graham Starr (3) Mallie Walls, Barry Campbell, Geoff Reeves and Evan Sole.

*Jack.*

## 350 rainbow & brown trout dive into Malpas Dam restocking

MALPAS Dam has just 'landed' a number of new tenants the release of 350 mature Rainbow Trout in the water supply as part of the State Government's annual fish restocking program.

The release, and another one shortly in nearby Dumaresq Dam, will provide greater recreational fishing opportunities for the region's anglers.

Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall said that now is the perfect time to introduce these fish, which were broodstock from the Dutton Trout Hatchery at Ebor, into their new home.

"The State's fisheries experts have chosen to stock Malpas Dam because it offers the best environment for these fish to grow; they are already too big for predators like Redfin to prey on, so this is an ideal location, right in our own backyard.

"For keen anglers this release offers a golden opportunity to make a trophy catch, with a number of the fish around 70 centime-



Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall last week helped release 350 three-year-old Rainbow and Brown Trout into Malpas Dam.

tres in length.

"Throughout the year fishing groups like the Guyra Angler's Club hold competitions on the banks of Malpas Dam, drawing visitors to the area and providing a financial boost to the Black

Mountain and Guyra economies.

"This release will hopefully encourage more of those events and is a huge boost to the region's anglers.

"This program is all about ensuring local fish populations not

only regenerate but flourish."

The Dutton Trout Hatchery produces more than 1.6 million trout each year – around 1.3 million Rainbow Trout and 300,000 Brown Trout fry and fingerlings.



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**Combined Food Safety Supervisors Level 1 & 2**  
Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> September

**Responsible Service of Alcohol**  
Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> September

**Responsible Conduct of Gambling (RCG)**  
Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> September

**Enter & Work in Confined Spaces**  
Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> October

**Work Safely at Heights**  
Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> October

**Cheese Making**  
Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> October

**First Aid**  
Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> October

**Chemical Course Full & Refresher**  
Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October

**Bookings essential at**

**New England Community College**  
(RTO#90145)

136 Bradley Street, Guyra  
Phone: 6779 2132  
or enrol online:  
[www.gala.org.au](http://www.gala.org.au)

## RETURN THANKS



### TERRY RAYMOND 'TED' JONES

The Jones family would like to thank everyone for their cards, flowers, phone calls, messages, food and support following the loss of Terry Raymond 'Ted' Jones,

Special thanks to Lisa Kennedy at Horder & Thorley Funerals and Pastor Jeff Ritchie and members of the Church of Freedom for the care and support they provided following Ted's sudden passing.

Also thanks to emergency services and medical staff who attended.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**NEW OPENING HOURS at Guyra Neighbourhood Centre**  
Monday - Thursday: 9am - 2pm  
Friday: CLOSED  
160 Bradley Street, Guyra  
Ph: 6779 1635 Mob: 0477 441 457  
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## RAFFLE RESULT

**LEGACY** raffle winners: 1st Hamper Meg Simpson, 2nd Plant Jenny Cumming, 3rd Pot Sue Reeve. Thanks to all who supported us.

## FOOD PANTRY

**Food Pantry at The Chapel**  
66 Llangothlin Street, Guyra  
**OPEN**  
10am - 12pm and 1.00pm - 2.30pm.  
**1st, 3rd & 5th Friday of the month.**  
Contact: 0455 232 073

## CLAIM THE DATE

**SUNDAY, 6th NOVEMBER:**  
Guyra Cup at Armidale Racecourse.  
**TUESDAY, 13th DECEMBER:**  
Guyra Hospital Auxiliary Carols by Candlelight.

**CLAIM THE DATE**  
For your event  
or function  
Phone: 6779 2132

## TROUTFEST

**REGISTRATION FORMS** for markets, art competition and children's art are available from [guyratroutfest@gmail.com](mailto:guyratroutfest@gmail.com) or 0488 755 736

## MEN'S SHED

**GUYRA MEN'S SHED is looking for new members**



We have lots of new projects ready for willing workers.

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# Under 10s get the win in Grand Final

After solid wins for the boys in the semi-final against Glen Innes to run away with a win 24 - 6 and a very impressive win against Inverell 24 - 6 in the final the boys were ready for the Grand Final against a team they hadn't yet defeated - Warialda

On Grand Final day the boys turned up to play and didn't disappoint and, with a fantastic and enthusiastic supporter crowd, provided some entertaining football.

Warialda were first to score, this then put the Super Spuds into action with a try to Ryan Vidler after a linebreaking hard run. This was then backed up with the most impressive display of defence from a gutsy little team.

Hugo Sisson, the little terrier, scored a great try along with a fantastic dummy half scoot try from Myles Cox. A worthy mention goes to Samuel Ashman with his individual effort in running 40 metres to score in the corner to put us in front. This proved to be the winning try, in a game that was anyone's right down to the final 20 seconds with Wilson McElroy shutting down play as the teams fullback. The final score was Guyra 22 - Warialda 16.

Hugo Sisson (8 years old) received player of the Grand Final.



**Under 10s Premiership team - Back:** Coach Todd Clark, Trainer Dan Sisson  
**Middle:** Samuel Ashman, Cadel James, Wilson McElroy, Darcy Sisson, Ryan Vidler  
 Baxter Clark, Zac Jones, Braxton Hutton, Lenny McKellar,  
**Front:** Jake Artz, Myles Cox, Hugo Sisson, Peter Grills, Cory Banfield,  
 Ricky Jay Foster, Flynn Mcfarlane, Seth Patterson

## 'mherv' ... is coming to Guyra MEN'S FREE HEALTH CHECKS

At:  
 NAB Carpark  
 (Opposite the PO)  
 Bradley Street, Guyra

Fri 16 Sept  
 9.30am - 3.30pm

Sat 17 Sept  
 9.30am - 3.30pm

Hosted by  
 Rotary Club of Guyra



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The "Men's health education Rural Van" ... working to save lives



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## PEST ANIMAL FORUM

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2022  
 GLEN INNES SHOWGROUNDS

- Current predator research and outcomes for better control *Dr. Guy Ballard (UNE)*
- Feral pig collaring & ideas for better pig control *Darren Marshall (Southern QLD Landscapes)*
- Fallow deer collaring results *Dr. Andrew Bengsen (NSW DPI)*
- Trapping demonstration & using working dogs for feral detection *Dan Matthews (Woolbrook)*
- Current exotic disease risks that threaten Australia *Dr. Jonathan Lee (DAF QLD)*
- Feral pig trapping demonstration *Perry Newman (NT LLS)*
- Foot and mouth disease - what to expect if we get it *Dr Andrew Biddle (NT LLS)*

RSVP by the 22nd September to: [jennie@glenrac.org.au](mailto:jennie@glenrac.org.au) or (02) 6732 3443

This project is supported by the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, through funding from Australian Government's National Landcare Program.



# Under 16s are toast of the town

The Guyra U/16 Junior Spuds are the toast of the town after toppling the previously undefeated Glen Innes Magpies 22-14 in a tough, high quality grand final held in Glen Innes in front of a large contingent of Guyra supporters.

Guyra started with real intent and on the back of some strong forward runs were rewarded with a well deserved try, racing out to a 6-0 lead.

However, the momentum swung quickly to Glen Innes on the back of some mistakes and penalties, allowing them to dominate field position and their big forwards created havoc to race out to a 14-6 lead at half time.

The second half was close to the best football that Guyra played all season. Dominating defence and strong forward runs allowed Guyra to completely dictate the second half, running in 3 unanswered tries along with 2 conversions to run out victors 22-14 much to the delight of the Guyra



Club President Gina Lockyer accepting trophy for Group 19 Club of the Year

supporters. The result capped off a sensational year for the team with many of the squad enjoying representative honours and winning state competitions in representing

Guyra Central School.

It also marks the end of the junior careers for many of the squad who move on to senior football next year. We wish them well and

expect big things from the likes of Oscar Atkin, Brodi Campbell, Archie Dowden; all Northern Division reps this year, along with Riley Campbell, Cooper Wilson, Riley Melmeth and Rave Brazier all have big futures in front of them.

Congratulations also to Coach Jason Campbell who has been with the team for their entire junior career and has been instrumental in moulding a group of well-mannered and mature young men in which Guyra can be proud.

To cap off a memorable day, Guyra Junior Spuds were named Group 19 Junior Club of the Year - the award accepted by our very excited President, Gina Lockyer.

Congratulations to Oscar Atkin for being awarded "Man of the Match" and to Brodi Campbell for being awarded Group 19 "Best and Fairest" for the 2022 season.

**Final Result:** Guyra 22 (O.Atkins (2); R.Brazier; H.Brazier Tries. O.Atkins (3) Goals) defeated Glen Innes 14.



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