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## Rural women's gathering

Women from across regional and rural NSW will convene in Glen Innes for the 29th annual Rural Women's Gathering next month, ahead of the International Day of Rural Women 2022.

The Gathering will be hosted by Glen Innes Natural Resources Advisory Committee (GLENRAC) and Guyra Evening Country Women's Association, with support from the NSW Government and Rural Women's Network.

Minister for Women, Regional Health and Mental Health Bronnie Taylor said the theme for this year's event is 'restoring your colourful self', with a focus on rebuilding connections after COVID lockdowns.

"It's important to remember when COVID-19 reached our shores, many rural communities

were recovering from drought and devastating bushfires. Since then, many of the same communities have sadly also suffered unprecedented floods and even a mouse plague," Mrs Taylor said.

"After all the challenges faced over the past few years, gatherings are even more important for rural women, both personally and professionally. They help women feel connected and supported, inspired and empowered. They provide an opportunity to learn, grow and celebrate the richness of each other's experiences."

Minister for Agriculture and Western NSW Dugald Saunders said the Gathering is a great opportunity for the host region to showcase its talent, produce and environment.

"Events like these are such a

source of pride in regional NSW; they're a chance to bring people together, boost the local economy and shine a light on what makes our communities so special," Mr Saunders said.

"Glen Innes has a proud history of organising engaging events for rural women, from their annual International Rural Women's Day event to hosting previous Gatherings, so it seems fitting for them to host the first one back after COVID postponements."

This year's Gathering includes a Rural Women's Evening on Thursday 13 October and Rural Women's Day on Friday 14 October.

For more information or to register, visit the website: [www.glenrac.org.au/events-all](http://www.glenrac.org.au/events-all)

## Police investigating missing cattle

Inverell Rural Crime Investigators are seeking information about the whereabouts of 40 head of cattle that went missing from a rural property on Ebor Road, Guyra sometime after the 21st of June 2022.

The stock are described as angus steers, 13-14 months old,

and approximately 350kg.

All are fitted with NLIS devices. They are also branded and have earmarks.

Police are requesting local landholders in the area to inspect their paddocks in the event the cattle have strayed onto their property.

Anyone with information about the current location of the cattle is urged to contact the Guyra Police Station on 02 6738-4299 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or email: [crimestoppers.com.au](mailto:crimestoppers.com.au)

**TroutFest Saturday**

- Markets
- Open Gardens
- Art Expo
- Burgess Garage & GALA
- Rotary Book Fair at Soldiers Memorial Hall
- Museum open 10am-2pm
- Tomato Farm Tour \$10 – bookings at Burgess Garage
- Car Display
- Train Rides
- Antique Machinery – Railway Station
- Games – Library 10-1pm
- Art Workshops – Bowling Club
- Two children's fishing raffles worth over \$600 (drawn Sunday)

**THE CHAPEL**

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9th Oct 2022

9th Oct 2022 10am @ 66 Llangothlin st Guyra

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# Black Mountain Public School Final Assembly Term 3

On Friday, 16th September 2022, we held our final assembly for Term 3 at Black Mountain Public School. The students received Principal's Awards and Class Awards. Congratulations to the awardees.

The 3-6 band students made their debut appearance and played a song called "Kitchen Musicians" which was enjoyed

by their fellow students and parents/carers.

It was lovely to see our parents/carers who attended our assembly celebrating students' achievements. Happy holidays everyone and enjoy your break. See you back at school on Monday, 10th October 2022.

*Mrs Justine Eddy  
Relieving Principal*



**Above:** Principals Awards Sienna Williams & Dustin Turnham  
**Top right:** K-2 Class Awards Tremane Patterson & Dustin Turnham  
**Bottom right:** 3-6 Class Awards Freya Bray & Seth Patterson





## TroutFest Sunday



- **Poets' Breakfast – Poetry Hall of Fame**
  - Open Gardens
  - Markets
  - Art Expo
- **Rotary Book Fair at Soldiers Memorial Hall**
  - Museum open 10am-2pm
  - **Tomato Farm Tour**
  - Car Display
  - Train Rides
  - Antique Machinery
  - Games – Library 10am-1pm
  - Art Workshops – Bowling Club
  - Anglers Club Prize presentations, + kid's art prizes & raffle draws, 4pm
  - Country Music Concert – Bowling Club




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# Education week marked at Guyra Central

Education week is an annual celebration of NSW public education and the achievements of our schools, students and education system. This year's theme was 'Creating futures – education changes lives' and celebrates the quality education and opportunities available to everyone in NSW public education.

Guyra Central School held a formal Education Week Assembly, the running of the traditional Guyra Gift and The Snowball on Thursday 8th September 2022.

Director of Educational Leadership, Northern Tablelands, Mr Chris Bice and Member for Northern Tablelands, Mr Adam Marshall joined us for our Education Week celebrations.

This year our 2022 Certificates of Recognition were presented to:

Anthony and Mara Grills - For continued support & generosity to Guyra Central School

Anja McIlwain - For being a positive role model and always trying her best

Bronwyn Paull - For commitment to student learning

Nioka Levy - For being an excellent leader, role model and commitment to learning

Guyra Central Schools 2023 Secondary School Captains were inducted and presented with their badges. Congratulations to Nioka Levy (Captain), Harris Dullaway (Captain) and Dante Lloyd (Vice Captain) and Ellie Mitchell who will be the student leaders for 2023.

Nioka, Harris, Dante and Ellie are excellent role models for our students and we are certain they

will fulfill their duties and represent Guyra Central School with Pride, Respect & Responsibility.

Following the assembly action moved to the oval for the running of the 'Guyra Gift' which has been an annual tradition in 1996.

The Year 11 (1996) Sport and Recreation class created the 'Guyra Gift' handicapped 100 metre sprint race which includes students from K-12 and Teachers participating and it has been an ongoing Education Week tradition.

The 2022 'Guyra Gift' winners were 1st place – Eli McGinty, 2nd place – Mr Riley Carroll, 3rd place – Thomas Brazier

The final activity for the day was the 'Snowball' which gives students the opportunity to perform and showcase their talents. Congratulations to all of the 'Snowball' winners:

Primary winners:

1st place – Kindergarten performing Tooty Ta, 2nd place – Cleo Beechey - self-choreographed dance to Shallow, 3rd place – Elsie Post – playing Beetle Boots on her violin

Secondary winners:

1st place – Big Picture 1&2 Band – 7 Nation Army, 2nd place – Kiarni Green, Georgina Griffiths and Lexis Missen – Rapping 'River' by Eminem ft. Ed Sheeran, 3rd place – Big Picture Band – Down on the corner, Creedence Clearwater Revival

The 1st place winners will enjoy a catered lunch with Principal, Mrs Michelle Nicholson.



**2023 student leaders, (above l to r):**  
Nioka Levy, Harris Dullaway, Dante Lloyd and Ellie Mitchell  
**Education Week Awards (below l to r):**  
Nioka Levy, Anthony & Mara Grills, Bronwyn Paull



## TroutFest Friday

### TroutFest Tasting Soiree & Art Prize Awards

**Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> October, 5.30pm - Tickets @ GALA \$25**

- Art Expo opens 10am - GALA & Burgess Garage
- Rotary Book Fair at Soldiers Memorial Hall
- Bush Dance with *Big Hairy Bush Band* - 6pm at Poetry Hall of Fame

## Remember the Guyra Book?

**We are doing an updated edition.**  
Contact the Gazette team with your suggestions.

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# What's HOT

# CreativiTEA returns to small communities

Excellent new toilets and disability access ramps at the Guyra Community Hall

Thumbs up to all Guyra emergency services – Fire & Rescue, VRA, RFS, Ambo's & Police for what they do in the community

# What's NOT

Vandalising decorations put up for TroutFest

Kids disobeying the 'no cart' rules on the golf course

200mm rise from road  
Height to foot path so no access for disabled people?

## QUOTE of the week

"Your present circumstances don't determine where you can go; they merely determine where you start."

Nido Qubein

### Bureau of Meteorology

## Weather

### WATCH

#### Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
27	Tues	5.4	18.5	0
28	Wed	4.9	16.2	1.8
29	Thurs	-0.5	14.1	0
30	Fri	6.4	14.4	0
1	Sat	6.1	12.3	2.2
2	Sun	3.1	11.0	9.2
3	Mon	-1.1	14.6	4.4

Rain this week	17.6mm
September rainfall	114.2mm
Rainfall YTD	841.4mm
Rainfall last YTD	826.2mm
Ave. rain to Oct.	691.4mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Creating, talking, learning, and listening with others can be healing. The Arts North West CreativiTEA project is returning for a third round to small New England communities, offering regional women chance all these elements through free workshops.

This project's third round will return to Torrington and Drake, and launch in Bundarra and Ben Lomond over 17-20 October.

The workshops provide women a day of beginning-level drypoint printmaking with Armidale artist Lizzie Horne, and time spent with familiar faces from the HNEH Rural Adversity Mental Health program (RAMHP). Local HealthWISE nurses have volunteered to be available for routine health checks as an added benefit.

CreativiTEA's project officer Michèle Jedlicka has been on-board for all the workshops. She said the results have been delightful and inspiring.

"The drypoint process is so accessible, and provides women who have never tried a printmaking process a really beautiful entry-point. Plus, having the mental and physical health support not only on site, but taking part in the workshop alongside



Drake participant Jacqui Cee admiring her print with Lizzie Horne. Photo: Michèle Jedlicka for Arts North West

the participants has been special," Michèle said.

Workshop facilitator Lizzie Horne said the buzz of excitement in the room as people's ideas became images was like magic, and appreciated the energy among the women in the room.

"I just love the gasps of delight when someone pulls that first print off the press and sees the amazing art they have created!" Lizzie said.

"The camaraderie that is shared in the process of creation is like gold...the low ripple of laughter and chatter and satisfaction of making something beautiful."

Lizzie stressed the printmaking project was more about expression than mastering the process.

"We aren't looking for perfection, we're looking at something that belongs uniquely to each person. And for that day, they are all artists!" she said.

All CreativiTEA workshops, materials, and catering are provided free, and RAMHP team members will be available for support beyond the workshop sessions for more support.

For workshop and booking information, go to [www.artsnw.com.au/creativitea-2022](http://www.artsnw.com.au/creativitea-2022) or phone Arts North West on 6732 4988.

The CreativiTEA project is supported by funding from the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal through The Yulgilbar Foundation Fund.

## Have your say.....

### Cars of the Future?

As a thinker, the first subject that comes to mind is E.V. cars – the cars of the future some say. First is the price - \$70,000. I for one, being a pensioner, can't afford one. I would guess that approximately 75% of Aussies would be in the same boat.

But the government will provide \$3,000 incentive to assist us, bringing the price to \$67,000 – a very generous offer. These cars have lithium batteries to store power, but these have the ability to catch on fire. No doubt the insurance will get around that one.

E.V.s don't like cold. E.V.s don't have the power to pull a caravan. E.V users would naturally plug in to charge their vehicles at night. In some countries, they have been told not to do this as it will cause

blackouts.

The prototype car which was in Armidale a couple of years ago, on trial, moved so slowly that I could walk faster (I'm in my 80's).

If all goes ahead as planned it would seem that the \$3,000 subsidy would go to rich people, who can afford such vehicles. If everyone bought an E.V., what would happen to all the thousands of cars we drive now. Then there are the caravans we couldn't use. Also the transport industry with all the trucks?

There would not be any revenue coming from the petrol and diesel sales. So what would happen to the roads – potholes would not be filled and new roads not being built etc.

Another thought comes to mind – how can there be enough power

generated from wind and solar to power these vehicles when there isn't enough power being produced for general use now?

If you owned one, imagine driving to a power point/station, only to find two cars ahead of you. You would have to wait for them, plus almost an hour to recharge your vehicle.

Even with the advent of solar power, we will need backup. Maybe nuclear, or am I dreaming?

R.R. Croft

## Have your say

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# Cookery committee busy planning for NSW conference

The 2023 NSW Land Cookery Committee is very busy planning for the 2023 Cookery Competition at the NSW Conference at Bathurst in May 2023.

The elected 10 member Committee comprises CWA volunteers from throughout NSW including two from Guyra Evening Branch.

Over recent months the Committee have travelled widely throughout NSW hosting "Cookery Information and Judges Techniques" days with great support and interest. The Committee recently travelled to Bathurst for the September meeting to investigate Conference venues and logistics.

One thing is a definite menu must for this very dedicated community of baking enthusiasts- a great future of the NSW Land Cookery Competition at Branch, Group and State level ! Anyone wanting more information about the Land Cookery Competition,



Techniques days or Judges should contact the secretary Mary Hollingworth (Guyra Evening CWA) 0429345255.

**Above:**

Guyra CWA members Chris Gellie and Mary Hollingworth with th 2023 NSW Land Cookery Community in Bathurst



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Authorised by Adam Marshall, Member for Northern Tablelands. Funded using parliamentary entitlements. October 2022.

## Ministerial intervention requested to restore obstetric services

I recently requested the urgent intervention of Regional Health Minister Bronnie Taylor to restore obstetrics cover at Armidale Hospital and across the region to ensure expecting mothers can safely give birth in their local communities.

I was alarmed and disturbed to learn that Armidale and the region has had little to no obstetrics cover since mid-September, forcing expecting mothers to trek all the way to Tamworth to give birth.

Not having the coverage is bad enough, but given there has been no warning by the health district and no advice provided to the community that this was going to be the case, it's even more disgraceful.

We all know our health workforce is stretched to its limits at the

moment, but this situation has to be a new low and something that should have been foreseen and measures put in place to ensure at least one location in the region has obstetrics cover.

The birth of a child is one of the most exciting and proud moments for parents and it's a reasonable expectation for mums to be able to give birth at their local hospital as their mothers have before them.

It's extraordinary to think that with around 600 babies born, on average, each year across the Northern Tablelands, that we could see a time where there is no obstetrics cover.

I brought this unacceptable situation to the attention of Minister Taylor and on behalf of the community have sought her urgent intervention to give expecting



mums in our region the comfort and assurance they can bring their newborns into this world safely and close to home.

I'll be sure to keep the community informed as to any updates.

**Contact my office:**  
**Phone: 02 6772 5552**  
**Email:**  
[northerntablelands@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:northerntablelands@parliament.nsw.gov.au)

# Community Noticeboard

## Meals on Wheels

October 6 H Marchant  
 October 7 L & R Skinner  
 October 10 RAB Staff  
 October 11 Lions Club  
 October 12 N Leven

## Street Stalls

October 6,7,8 Lions Club  
 October 14,15 Guyra Lodge

## 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: Hans Hietbrink 0402 044 891

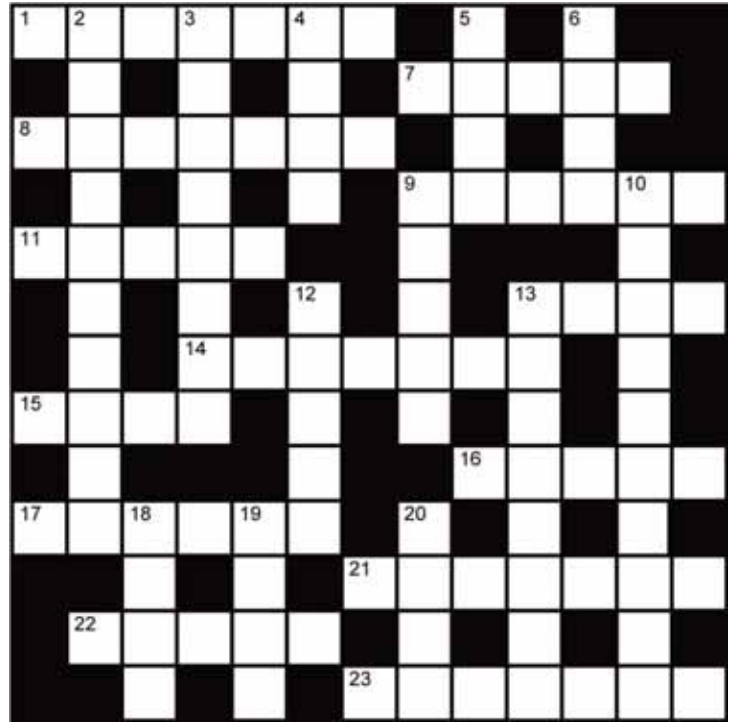
## ACROSS

1. Study of rocks (7)
7. Follow That \_\_\_\_, 'Carry On' film (5)
8. Face cloth (7)
9. Place of worship (6)
11. Bone in the ear (5)
13. Citrus fruit (4)
14. The raising of sunken ships (7)
15. Garment (4)
16. Sluggish (5)
17. Idolise (6)
21. American whiskey (7)
22. Schemes (5)
23. Ardent (7)

## DOWN

2. Leeds United F.C.'s ground (6,4)
3. Languages expert (8)
4. Golfer, \_\_\_ Norman (4)
5. Track (4)
6. Time period (4)
9. Panatella (5)
10. Unwieldy (10)
12. Thrall (5)
13. Artist, \_\_\_\_\_ da Vinci (8)

## QUICK CROSSWORD



18. Meek (4)
19. South Africa's currency (4)
20. Sector (4)

**Across:** 1. Geology, 7. Camel, 8. Flannel, 9. Plans, 23. Devoted.  
**Down:** 2. Eiland Road, 3. Linguist, 4. Greg, 5. Path, 6. Year, 9. Cigar, 10. Cumberstone, 12. Slave, 13. Leonardo, 18. Mild, 19. Rand, 20. Zone.

## SUDOKU - Hard

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## Just for fun - fish jokes

**Why did batman stop taking Robin fishing?**

He kept eating all the worms.

**What do you call a fish with no eyes?**

Fsh.

**Where do fish keep their money?**

In the riverbank.

**How do religious fish always start off their prayers?**

Dear cod

**What did the fish say when he hit the wall?**

Damn.

**Why did the fish get bad grades?**

Because it was below sea level.

## What to Watch

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

### Netflix Movies

- Lou
- Girl
- Outcast
- Wild Card
- Angel has Fallen
- Locked Down

### Netflix Series

- Summertime
- The Stranded
- Ones I didn't like**
- Doing Hard Time
- Disappearance of Clifton Hill

### Netflix Doco

- Travellin Man: Credence
- Clearwater Revival

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2	9	7	3	1	8	4	6	5
4	2	6	8	9	1	7	5	3
7	1	3	5	2	4	6	9	8
9	5	8	6	3	7	1	2	4

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SITHGAM001 Provide responsible gambling services

SITXCCS003 Interact with customer

## Summer Skills Package C

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SITXFSA001 Use hygienic practices for food safety

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**7-9 October - Guyra Troutfest**

**Age Categories:**  
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 Everyone Welcome

**Prize Categories:**  
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 Largest Creek Trout  
 Mystery Length Trout

Interested: Details can be found at  
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 Email: [guyraanglers@gmail.com](mailto:guyraanglers@gmail.com) for entry link  
 Email [guyraanglers@gmail.com](mailto:guyraanglers@gmail.com) for entry link

Gold Coin donation entry for Seniors  
 Donations go to OzFish Unlimited - Better Habitat/Better Fishing

# Costa Group CEO stands down

The Costa Group is looking for a new CEO after Sean Hallahan steps down. Hallahan, who relinquished the position in late September, has only occupied the chief executive seat since March last year, when Harry Debney retired and became a non-executive director. Meanwhile, Debney will step in as interim CEO and managing director, another role held by Hallahan, as a search begins for a replacement.

Chairman Neil Chatfield described the last two years as “challenging” for Costa amid the pandemic and “extreme” weather conditions. However, the business swung back to profit in the 2020 fiscal year.

Costa’s shares closed more than 14% lower in Sydney on the back of Hallahan’s departure from the supplier of berries, mushrooms, glasshouse tomatoes and avoca-

dos.

Chatfield said: “We understand that the last two years, particularly in Victoria, have taken a large toll on the business and personal lives of individuals. Under Sean’s leadership, Costa has performed extremely well during a challenging period with global Covid-19 disruptions and extreme weather conditions being successfully navigated and is in a strong financial position.”

Hallahan said: “I am proud to leave Costa in a strong position financially and operationally. Reaching my decision has been a process and there are several things that have gone into my decision. It has been an intense couple of years in agriculture made even more challenging with the overlay of the Covid-19 pandemic.”

## Rural Market Reports

### Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

**September 28th** - There was a small reduction in lamb supply to 2,450 with sheep numbers falling to just 500. The quality of the lambs on offer was very mixed with heavy and extra heavy-weights well supplied. There was also fair supply of medium weight trade lambs while there were minimal supplies to suit restockers. The usual processors were in attendance.

There were varying trends in the lamb market. The plainer condition lightweights to processors sold to dearer trends. The medium weight trade lambs up to 22kg sold to cheaper trends. Heavier weights to 26 kg also sold to cheaper trends with quality related price variations in those categories. The quality and weight of the heavy and extra heavyweight classes helped to lift averages on a firm to slightly cheaper market trend.

Plain condition sheep made up the largest percentage of the pen-

ning. Competition lifted with the market trend firm to slightly dearer for the most part. Restockers operated on the plain condition lightweight ewes.

### Armidale Cattle Sale

**September 29th** - Numbers remained steady at 333 head. The overall quality of the offering was fair to good with some very good vealers and yearlings. There was a fair supply of grown cattle however bull numbers were well down. There was restricted processor competition on grown cattle, particularly in the bull market. Restocker and feedlot activity was high with a number of extra participants.

There were varying trends through the young cattle where the better quality lightweight vealer and steer yearlings sold to dearer trends. Some of the plainer quality steers struggled to maintain recent levels. The medium and heavy weight yearling steers sold to dearer trends with increased competition, posting

strong gains. All the better quality vealer and yearling heifers to restock and feed met strong demand to follow similar trends to those of the steers. Breed did play a part in some price change. A small number of well finished vealer heifers attracted keen trade demand.

There were a couple of pens of heavyweight grown steers suitable to processors, no market comparison available. Well finished grown heifers were keenly sought by both processors and feedlots to sell to dearer trends. The export market was weaker with cows selling to cheaper trends of as much as 10c/kg on the better heavy-weights. Reduced competition resulted in the heavy bulls showing a substantially cheaper trend.

### Weekly Wool Sale

**September 30th** - The downturn continued for all categories except for the Merino Carding indicator. In the Northern region the indicator fell 9 cents on Wednesday followed by a further 4 cent

decline on Thursday.

19 micron and finer types again came under the most pressure however the Northern region offering significantly outperformed when compared to quotes from the Southern region, where losses of between 90 and 100 cents on the finer types were reported. The Eastern market indicator has not managed to report a weekly gain since the 24th of June.

The Aussie dollar was down almost a full 2 cents against the US hitting a 2½ year low. The Eastern market indicator in US dollars fell 4.7% for the week. This week’s national offering was the smallest of the season to date and the first weekly offering (size wise) to fall below the corresponding week last season. 23,636 bales were sold nationally with the passed in rate at 16%.

Major buyers included Tianyu, Techwool & Sequoia. In a hopeful sign that a base in prices may be near the Western region recorded gains for some micron categories on the final day of sales.



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# Lessons from Optus data breach

By now, most of us will have heard something about the huge data breach at Optus. Many people will be thinking, 'oh I'm not with Optus, this doesn't affect me'. Unfortunately that isn't true.

A major data breach like this is as close to Christmas as it gets for spammers and criminals. While they may not be in the running to pay the millions the criminals are asking for the stolen data, you can be guaranteed that all the spam call centres, both overseas and here in Australia, are scrambling to get on the phones and into your ear.

We should all use this as a wake up call and keep the following in mind.

- No legitimate bank, telco, energy provider or Government department is going to send you a random SMS or email, out of the blue, with a link to click to "get money back from Optus", "secure your account" or any number of other things that are designed to

frighten and confuse you into doing something against your better judgement. If you are not actively speaking with a service that you contacted, do not click on these random links.

- If you receive a call, usually from overseas, which will show on your mobile phone as a + symbol followed by a long phone number, but also from PRIVATE NUMBER / WITHHELD NUMBER, and telling you they are a company like Telstra, a Government department, etc, ask for the callers name, then hang up! Find the listed call centre number and call back so you know who you are speaking to. Many large organisations are putting on extra call centre staff to cope with these call backs.

- if you suddenly find yourself unable to log into your online banking, or into websites you regularly use, contact your bank or the company involved immediately.

If you think you have been scammed, **DON'T BE ASHAMED!** The scammers rely on people being too embarrassed to contact their institutions or the police. Your bank, energy provider, telco, etc all have specialists at their call centres that are trained to help you as quickly as possible.

And most importantly, if you have friends or relatives who are less technically capable, elderly, disabled, etc and who you feel might be vulnerable to being scammed, sit down and talk with them. In extreme cases, it may even be worth setting up a third party contact with their bank or services to allow you or a trusted friend to speak with their banks, etc on their behalf.

Even the most technically competent of us is liable to be scammed. Live by the old saying "if it sounds too good to be true, it's is" and don't be afraid to say no thank you.

## What do you think?

An Acknowledgement of Country is usually delivered as part of the opening at meetings and public events. The practice is the same as acknowledging visitors and VIPs at official functions. (As distinct from a Welcome to Country - only Traditional Custodians of the land on which the event takes place can deliver a Welcome to Country.)

Unfortunately, the Acknowledgement of Country has become a fad. It is unnecessary. It is becoming condescending and counterproductive. The push to include some form of Aboriginal acknowledgement into public meetings and events renders these messages routine and meaningless.

At public events and ceremonies, it is now usual for the host to offer an acknowledgement of country. Thinker has no issue with that if that is their desire. But to have every other speaker do the same is just meaningless, paternalistic tokenism. It is not necessary. It becomes repetitive and loses all significance.

These speakers are offering an acknowledgement of country, not because it is heartfelt, but apparently to give themselves a "feel good" sensation - to provide a public show of their own "wokeness". Most of these speakers would not even know whose "country" they are acknowledging. There being some 250 different Aboriginal languages. Therefore, it means nothing. It is just a platitude.

The more woke practice of acknowledging "emerging leaders" or "Elders past, present and emerging", has been added in recent years. It is generally not accepted practice in the Indigenous community and reeks of tokenism and gratuitous condescension. It is not necessary.

Now this woke nonsense has invaded our everyday lives.

It has invaded everyday shopping, with a supermarket giant now adding an acknowledgment of country to the bottom of the shopping receipt as it comes out of the register.

Coles is now adding an inane message to its dockets, paying its respects to the "Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Australia". This is the peak of virtue signalling. They can't even be bothered to localise the message.

Reality TV shows, The Block on Channel 9 and The Masked Singer on Network Ten, recently began with Acknowledgements of Country. Indigenous leaders have criticised these reality TV shows for this "condescending" move, claiming it is being over-used and thereby devalued.

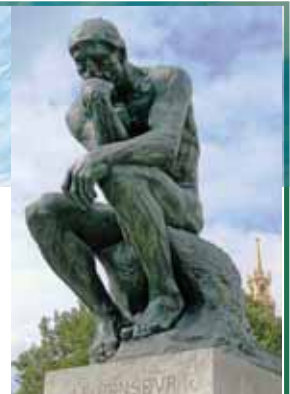
When you take a flight with Virgin or Qantas, you are subjected to an Acknowledgment of Country on arrival.

Big corporations are becoming more and more woke - trying to outdo each other to stay ahead of the corporate virtue game - to the point where their "acknowledgement" has lost all meaning. Even our "beloved" ABC has got in on the act mentioning tribal names for different localities.

Who is listening or frankly cares?

If people are really concerned about Aboriginal people in genuine need they wouldn't require token gestures, empty rhetoric and virtue signalling through meaningless acknowledgments of country.

My country is Australia.



**The Thinker**



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**RECYCLING BIN** at Bowling Club will have **NO ACCESS** 6.30am-4pm Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October and 8am-4pm Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

## MEETINGS

**CORRECTION: GUYRA WAR MEMORIAL Hall Crown Land Manager GENERAL MEETING** & information session 3pm Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at the Soldiers' Memorial Hall.

**GUYRA CWA Day Branch AGM** will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 10am at the Uniting Church Hall. All welcome.

## RAFFLE RESULT

**GUYRA CWA Day Branch** raffle won by Jenny Cumming. Thank you to all who supported us.

**GUYRA HOSPITAL AUXILIARY** raffle won by Jess Gooley. Thanks to everyone who supported us.

## PROBUS NOTES

Our next meeting is on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> October at the Bowling Club at 10am.

Any new members are welcome to attend.

*Judy Jackson*

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Guyra Cup at Armidale Racecourse.  
**TUESDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER:**  
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100 Years Celebration Cake  
Darrin Towells, Noreen Williams and Suzanne Towells

## *Guyra Junior Rugby League Presentations & 100 Years Celebration*



Club Person of the Year (joint winners)  
awarded to Todd Clark, Wendy Lockyer and Bob Furze



Beryl Copeland Memorial Shield (Best & Fairest)  
Ella Vidler (centre) presented by Peter & Joanne Presnell



Life Membership presented by Gina Lockyer to Darrin & Suzanne Towells, Jason Campbell and Grant & Peta Waters (not present)



Spud and Spudette of the Year  
Tom Lockyer and Sophie Mitchell presented by Todd Clark

## Cricket

Guyra Cricket Club are calling on any Juniors interested in playing cricket this year to come along next Thursday October 13th to the cricket nets at Ted Mulligan Oval from 4pm.

The club are looking to enter teams in the 11s, 13s and 15s age groups this year. Cricket is suitable for both boys and girls and anyone interested in participating should come along to find out more. For further information phone Simon Brown 0427 665 131

Registrations are also being taken online for both juniors and senior teams. Cricket Australia are using a new platform called Playhq for the first time this season. To register you will need to create a playhq account. From here you will be able to search for Guyra Cricket Club. Click on the link then go to register and follow the prompts.

If you have any issue when trying to register please contact Craig Lockyer on 0427 013 312

## Ladies Bowls

The annual general meeting was held, and last year's office bearers were all re-elected

President; Laurel Betts, Secretary/Treasurer; Bertha Reeves, Publicity Officer Jenny O'Neill; Committee Members Dot Jackson; Leis Gordon.

Our President Laurel read her report.

Thanked all Ladies who attended Carnival Day last November, Presidents Day in February, and all other days throughout the year, these days are very important to all Clubs especially with covid and weather taking its toll. Hoping for a bright bowling future, good bowling and friendship.

Laurel thanked the Lady Bowlers for their wonderful support and help, also thanks to the Bar Staff, David, Donna in the Bistro and her Staff.

Laurel wished Ladies playing District Games an enjoyable time.

The District Games have been played Guyra was well represented,

Triples Team Dot Jackson,

Jenny O'Neill, Bertha Reeves brought home the Runner Up Prize in Triples, well done ladies

Keep enjoying Bowling, and do more of what makes you happy

*Jenny O'Neill*

## Vets Golf

Golf on Tuesday the 27th was again a non event. The rain won again. Four players did get a game in Inverell though in a 4BBB event. Jon Cumming teamed up with Wal Chapman whilst Col Walls and Phil Devlin made up the second team with both of them scoring 36 points. We were never in the hunt though, as first and second place getters scored a very impressive 45.

Golf in Guyra next week (maybe) is an individual stableford. Let's hope the rain stays away.

*Drake*

## Ladies' Golf

No competition golf was played last week as the course is still too wet for carts. The course is drying

and now open to walkers who want to play.

This week is a Par Medal. Next week is the Guyra Welding Works 4BBB Championship.

Karen Oehlers is the starter for a 27-hole competition. Start time is 9am.

*Birdie*

## Men's Bowls

No games were played over the long weekend. Matches set down for this Saturday with a 1pm start. In major singles Barry Walls will play John Mcilwain with Michael Shiner to mark, Colin Stanley will take on Robert Moore with David Wilcox to mark, Mallie Walls will play Scott Campbell with Barry Presnell to mark. In handicap singles Barry Campbell will take on Geoff Reeves with John Jackson to mark.

On Friday at 4:30 pm there will be a pennant meeting and roll up to discuss the team make up and agenda for the state playoffs in November.

*Jack.*



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