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## Sun shines on Show



**Official Opening:** ARC Deputy Mayor Todd Redwood, Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall, Anne Starr, Pip White, Guyra Show President Richard Post, Guyra Young Woman Jasmine Ramage, Life Member Frank White, Max Handebo, Guyra Citizen of the Year Beth White and Billy Ross



## Guyra Show Society

would like to thank all our very generous sponsors and supporters who helped make our 2023 Guyra Show such an outstanding success.

Your ongoing support is very much appreciated.

Without our Stewards and Volunteers the Guyra Show would not be possible.

The President and Committee of the Guyra Show Society appreciates the hard work and many hours our members and friends put in each year to enable the best Show in the district to continue.



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**Above:**  
Costa sponsored cooking demonstrations with Gal Ziv and Gal Winter were popular

**Below:**  
Bald Blair students checking the School Artworks on Friday afternoon



Visiting judge Lane Evans scooped the pool in the Show Man competition. Defeating a dozen local extremely talented men. Lane came from Holbrook to judge and present ribbons and became a first time ribbon winner himself. Thank you to Vu Nguyen and Guyra Pharmacy for sponsorship of this event.

## **NEW ENGLAND LIVESTOCK AGENTS GUYRA LAMB SHOW & SALE**

**Guyra Saleyards - Wednesday 15th March 2023 - 11am Start**

(JUDGING PRIOR TO SALE)

### **PRIZE MONEY OFFERED IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES**

- Export Lambs - Champion Pen \$1,500.00
- Export Lambs - Reserve Champion Pen \$1,000.00
- Trade Weight Lambs - Champion Pen \$1,500.00
- Trade Weight Lambs - Reserve Champion Pen \$1,000.00
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*Export Class 55kg+ • Trade Weight Class 45-54kg*

(Minimum 20 head per pen)

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Producers are encouraged to enter livestock in these categories.

**Entries close Monday 13th March with your preferred local Agent.**



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# Progress Association lands cash for local projects

The Guyra & Community Progress Association has snared a \$157,765 cash-splash to bring more life and activity to the community, with a range of new arts projects and initiatives to be undertaken.

The grant, which was secured under the Stronger Country Communities Fund, will help make Guyra vibrant by installing murals depicting the town's heritage, installing stone wall features in Guyra's four main entrances and lighting trees in the CBD.

Announcing the grant last week, Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall said that it is a wonderful funding win for the small and active Guyra Progress Association and the broader community.

"These new arts murals, features and signage will add to the liveability and community provide at Guyra," Mr Marshall said.

"Congratulations to the Guyra & Community Progress Association for attempting to lift the community's spirit by instilling a sense of connection and belonging through these initiatives."

Guyra & Community Progress

Association President Donna Davidson said she was so proud of what the small group of active community members had been able to achieve for Guyra, a place they loved to live.

"The Guyra & Community Progress Association was started less than a year ago when a group of active community members came together to discuss what we could do to bring life back to Guyra after the past few years of hardship including drought, bushfires, mouse plague and the COVID pandemic," Mrs Davidson said.

"We wanted to make our town vibrant for our community to be proud of especially after witnessing the happiness brought by so many locals when the unveiling of the beautiful murals of Guyra's iconic Mother of Ducks Lagoon by local artists Kay Smith and the late Brian Irving.

"The projects will enhance our town and community and attract tourism, and from this, we hope to build on many more projects.

"I acknowledge Lady Bug Projects, Guyra CWA Evening Branch, Aboriginal Lands Council, Adam Marshall and Armidale Regional Council for their support."



Celebrating a funding win for the proactive Guyra & Community Progress Association, Secretary Sonya Wallbridge, left, Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall and President Donna Davidson.

## Sun shines on Show (cont.)

The official opening of the 115th Guyra Show was a chance to acknowledge people in the community who have made significant contributions to the running of the Show over many years.

Frank White was presented with his Life Membership badge by Show champion Anne Starr, who went on to perform the official opening.

Show Society President Richard Post said that Frank's contribution to the Show is 'nothing short of remarkable'.

Frank is a Past President of the Show Society, served as head steward of the cattle section, ran the bar, the home brewing competition and is a significant,

and ongoing, contributor to the wool section.

Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall introduced the 2023 Guyra Young Woman (Showgirl) Jasmin Ramage.

Jasmin was sashed by Billy Ross with flowers presented by Citizen of the Year Beth White. Jasmin will represent Guyra at the Zone final in Walcha this weekend.

The honour of performing the official opening went to fifth generation Guyra grazier and Show champion Anne Starr. Anne has a long and impressive list of achievements and there has never been a time when Anne and her family have not been involved in the running of

the Guyra Show.

In her speech Anne said it was very humbling to be asked to open the Show.

"The Guyra Show is steeped in so much history that I am proud to be a part of," she said.

"Generations of my family have been involved and it holds a special place in my heart."

"At the beginning, the show was all about fairy floss, fireworks and a new frock. It was running from school to see if my gingerbread man had won a ribbon, it was sitting under the shade of the trees watching horse events with my Nan. It was watching the rodeo with my best friend and planning our adventures."

'These beautiful showgrounds hold some beautiful memories for me and it was the cattle lawns that fostered my love for showing cattle.'

"I have stood on this stage as the Guyra Showgirl, as the NSW Showgirl finalist and as an RAS Rural Achiever. I have rubbed shoulders with sporting stars, media personalities, the NSW Governor and the Governor General."

"The friendships that I have forged on this Showground have lasted a lifetime. The wonderful thing about the Guyra Show is that it doesn't matter if you have been here for five generations or five minutes. I encourage you to be involved."

Costa-sponsored food demonstrations conducted by Gal & Gal. Great fun, very informative and delicious food! Thank you everyone.

Hard work and long hours put in by Show volunteers

Eighty-three year old man doing a great job as a 'council' worker

What's **NOT**

Power, phone and internet outages

**Dear editor**

The Guyra Gazette (15 February) captured many of the exciting things happening in our community.

We shared the wonder of Ingrid on her exchange to Mexico, the action of the upcoming Guyra Show, swimming success, new grant program and learnt more about our native quolls.

Thank you for such a great read, and for keeping us informed on what is going on in our town and beyond.

*Heidi McElnea*

**Dear Editor,**

Thank you to everyone associated with the Pavilion at the

recent Guyra Show. As a 20-year Guyra resident but first-time exhibitor I was very grateful, and impressed, with the kind sharing of knowledge, help and advice by the Stewards especially Rita Williams, Heather Starr, Dianne Burey, Dot Vickery, Jane McCowen, Kris Grills and Anne Starr.

These wonderful women settled my 'novice nerves' at drop off of exhibits and pick up too.

It's a bit nerve-racking to walk into that bustling, busy pavilion at 'show-time' without any knowledge of what to do and where to go.

We all attend and 'ooh' and 'ahh' at the wonderful talent on show but never realise (until we have the excitement of exhibiting) just how much work goes into 'putting on a show' for visitors.

Thank you everyone – it was so much fun; and even more exciting to win a prize or two.

*Chris Hietbrink*

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**QUOTE of the week**

Is it necessary?  
Is it kind?  
How will this affect others?

Bureau of Meteorology

*Weather*

**WATCH**

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
14	Tues	13.5	19.1	0
15	Wed	10.5	20.7	23.2
16	Thurs	7.5	25.2	0
17	Fri	9.9	27.0	0
18	Sat	12.0	27.6	0
19	Sun	13.8	24.7	17.0
20	Mon	11.3	21.6	13.8

Rain this week	54.0mm
February rainfall	102.8mm
Rainfall YTD	233.6mm
Rainfall last YTD	164.4mm
Ave. rain YTD	222.0mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

**Black Mountain Public School After School Activities Program**

Our after-school activities program is once again well supported this term.

The students are enjoying tennis on Mondays, hockey on Tuesdays, and on Wednesdays bootcamp and boxing sessions. All these sessions are being delivered by qualified coaches.

Homework Centre is available for students who like to complete their homework at school. The second bus goes back into Guyra in the afternoon.

*Mrs Justine Eddy  
Relieving Principal*



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# Extended power outage as damaged poles give way

Essential Energy crews responded quickly to an unplanned power outage that affected Guyra and surrounds on Saturday afternoon.

Electricity network protection equipment operated automatically after detecting a fault, switching power off to 1,981 homes and businesses for safety around 12.40pm on Saturday.

The outage affected customers in Guyra, Ben Lomond, Black Mountain, Llangothlin, Balderleigh and surrounding areas.

Crews attended and found a fallen powerline and three high voltage power poles which had significant damage, on the main powerline between Glen Innes and Guyra.

It is believed the poles were struck by lightning during storms last Tuesday night. After ensuring it was safe to do so, power was restored to 699 customers by 3.10pm on Saturday.

Additional crews and equipment were brought in from Glen Innes and Armidale, to assist local Guyra crews to replace the damaged poles.

Ground conditions made access difficult, however crews worked to replace the poles as quickly as safety allowed.

Power was progressively restored to all customers between 1.55am and 2.35am on Sunday morning.

Essential Energy sincerely apologises for any inconvenience and thanks customers for their understanding and patience as crews worked to complete repairs and restore power safely customers.

**Right:**

One of three damaged poles which caused power to be cut to Guyra for more than 12 hours on Saturday



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## ELDERS STUD STOCK

ARMIDALE & GUYRA 2023 RAM SALES

**March**

Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Yasloc Poll Dorset & White Suffolk Ram Sale	On Property / Auctions Plus	2PM
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Tablelands Dohne Ram Sale	Guyra Showground	1PM

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# Community Noticeboard

## Meals on Wheels

February 23 Sue Adams  
 February 24 Steve Adams  
 February 27 Lions Club  
 February 28 Debbie Schmidt  
 March 1 Wendy Lockyer

## Street Stalls

February 23 Hospital Auxiliary  
 February 24 Catholic Women

## 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, followed by morning tea. Doors open from 8:30am. 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:** Pastors Linden & Kerrie Pollard 0455 232 073.

**Seventh-day Adventist Church:** Aboomala Street, Sabbath School 10.00am Saturday Divine Service 11.30am Saturday. **Contact:** Minister Luke Reeves 0410 761 320 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

- US comedian and actor (3,4)
- Cringe (5)
- Pretended (5)
- Actor, Blessed (5)
- Mannequin (5)
- Stamps fastener (5)
- Praise (5)
- Snout (4)
- Former Spanish currency (6)
- Up-to-date (6)
- FronDED plant (4)
- City in Nebraska, USA (5)
- Diced (5)
- Snarl (5)
- Yellow-red dye (5)
- Actor/director, \_\_\_ Welles (5)
- Number of wise men (5)
- Wardrobe assistant (7)

## DOWN

- On the \_\_\_\_, Cliff Richard song (5)
- Conductor's stick (5)
- Off-cut (7)
- Mass migration (6)
- Steel rope (5)
- Bosun's pipe (7)
- Curl of hair (7)
- Anger (3)
- Imbecile (3)
- Sin (3)
- Soothsayer (7)

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- Mechanic's wrench (7)
- Surround (7)
- Denotes maiden name (3)
- Worn away (6)
- Plant source of tequila (5)
- Foundation (5)
- Giver (5)

**Across:** 1. Bob Hope; 5. Cowey; 8. Acted; 9. Brian; 10. Model; 11. Hinge; 13. Extol; 14. Nose; 17. Peseta; 19. Recent; 22. Fern; 24. Omaha; 26. Cubed; 29. Crowl; 30. Henna; 31. Orson; 32. Three; 33. Dresser.  
**Down:** 1. Beach; 2. Baton; 3. Oddment; 4. Exo-dus; 5. Cable; 6. Whistle; 7. Ringlet; 12. Ire; 15. Oaf; 16. Err; 17. Prophet; 18. Spanner; 20. En-close; 21. Nee; 23. Eroded; 25. Agave; 27. Basis; 28. Donor.

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## What to Watch

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

### Netflix Movies

- The Black Phone
- Man Of Action
- The Big 4
- I Believe In Santa
- Sniper: Ultimate Kill
- John Wicks: Chapter 2

### Netflix Series

- The Girls In The Back
- The Gulf

### ABC IView

- Savage River
- Starstruck

### SBS On Demand

- The Quiet Girl
- Hot Summer Night

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# Labor announces candidate for March poll

A former registered nurse, and candidate for the federal seat of New England in the 2019 election, has been endorsed as Labor's candidate for the state seat of Northern Tablelands at the upcoming March poll. Yvonne Langenberg currently runs a small business in the Armidale mall.

She says it was her "disappointment" in the decline in health services for those in rural areas, including the Northern Tablelands, which primarily led her to join the Labor Party, and she could see her involvement as a "great way to make an impact on the issue".

"I was a registered nurse for 35 years, specialising in intensive care and understand that it is staff that make a hospital, not a building," Ms Langenberg said.

"I am running as the Labor Candidate, because I believe that the Northern Tablelands' communi-



Labor's candidate for the upcoming State Election  
Yvonne Langenberg

ties deserve the same opportunities as those in metropolitan areas - whether it be accessing health services, quality primary and secondary public education, or good roads."

Ms Langenberg has lived Armi-

dale for 11 years and says she understands the distances people have to travel to do everyday things such as sending your children to school, or accessing health services.

"I care about the social and

economic growth in our communities - the need to encourage small and medium sized businesses, especially manufacturing, to set up here to widen and deepen our local economy, the importance of social services, an active Arts community, and a place where everyone is welcomed," she said.

With husband Stephen, Ms Langenberg has three children, one of whom is doing post-graduate studies at the University of New England (UNE), and grandchildren that attend local public schools.

She has been involved locally with the Biodiversity Trust, and says the preservation of koalas in the local area is of "particular concern".

Ms Langenberg says she looks forward to traversing the electorate over the coming month. NSW goes to the polls on March 25.

## GP single employer model approved for region

JUST days after a large community crisis meeting in Armidale about the deleterious state of the primary health care (GP) workforce in the region, Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall has announced a major shot-in-the-arm to help turnaround the decades-long GP exodus trend.

Mr Marshall said the region has been approved by both the Commonwealth and State Governments as the next trial site for the successful GP Single Employer Model, an initiative which has been endorsed by the New England Division of general Practice and called for at this week's public meeting.

"While this is no silver bullet, it will go a long way to addressing the sharp decline in GP numbers in the bush and our region and bolster the existing clinics and every hospital in the Northern Tablelands," Mr Marshall said.

"I acknowledge Federal Health Minister Mark Butler and Regional Health Minister Bronnie Taylor for listening to our region's legitimate concerns and our desire to implement this model, which we believe will help reverse the trend and see more GPs attracted to and remain in the region.

"The Single Employer Model requires the agreement and commitment to funding of both levels of



A huge win for the future for the GP workforce with news today that the region will be the next to roll out the successful GP Single Employer Model later this year.

Above: New England Division of General Practice Secretary and Treasurer Dr Michelle Guppy, Chair Dr Vicki Howell and Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall

government and I'm delighted that together partisanship has been put aside to deliver the solution we've wanted and quickly."

Under the Model, junior doctors are directly employed at local public hospitals, while still enjoying the flexibility to practice as a private GP in a local practice, under supervision, accessing the Medicare Benefits Schedule.

"This is really the best of both worlds for GPs starting out their ca-

reers in medicine and makes being a rural GP so much more attractive and on par with specialists for graduating medical students.

"They are remunerated at high levels, enjoy all the leave and insurance entitlements of salaried NSW Health staff, while still being a private GP accessing the Medicare Scheme and all the benefits which comes with that.

"In essence, it's a hybrid model of public and private GP to prove

extra incentive to come and stay in our region while still training.

"It's a real win-win scenario and has been hugely successful in the Murrumbidgee Health District, which pioneered the Model some years ago.

Mr Marshall said the next steps would see NSW Health engage with the Commonwealth's Primary Health Network to sign up GP practices across the Northern Tablelands to take junior doctors, then recruit for multiple positions across the region.

Mr Marshall paid tribute to the hard-working GPs right across the region who were doing more for less and seeing more patients than ever.

"They are the backbone of our country health services but are not often recognised as such," he said.

"I want to especially single out Dr Vicki Howell and Dr Michelle Guppy from the Division of General Practice, who have spearheaded the push for the rollout of the single employer model here.

"A big thank you also to New England Visions 2030, for keeping the focus on this issue and working on practical solutions."

Mr Marshall said he would keep the community informed about progress on the rollout of the Single Employer Model across the region.

## Vets Golf

Last Tuesday the 14th, we managed to get our golf in despite the storms. The last group in got a little wet but, all-in-all, we were very lucky. John Prisk had a blinder paring the front nine to score 26 points. He fell away out the back a little but still had a magnificent 40 points to be the days winner.

Ray Sweeney is starting to put his game together and scored a great 37 points to be runner up. Col Walls was the best putter with 27 and Nearest the Pins went to Col Walls on the 18th, Ray Sweeney on the 10th and John Prisk on the 7th. Our golf course is in great condition and for that we thank Shane Brennan, our green keeper.

On the Thursday Glen Innes had their vets open day. Only the two Guyra players attended that I'm aware of. Ian Taylor and

Paul Redden travelled north, both scoring in the high twenties but on this occasion no cigar.

Next Tuesday is our regular 4BBB and don't forget the week following that is our two day open event with our 4 ball open on Monday the 6th March followed on Tuesday the 7th the Vets Guyra Open.

*Drake*

## Cricket

**Under 13** - Guyra 6/117 defeated Easts 5/115.

Batting: Hugo Brazier 58 not out, Tommy Mitchell 16, Peyton Heagney 12, Tomas Brazier 10 not out.

Bowling: Tommy Mitchell 1/4, Peyton Heagney 1/7, Hugo 2/10.

**First Grade** - Guyra 10/72 defeated by City UNE 9/159.

Batting: Billy Youman 18, Kyle Mongta 25.

Bowling: Jake Ellis 3/25, Aidan Purvis 4/23.

**Second Grade** - Guyra 10/150 defeated by TAS 8/153.

**Third Grade** - Guyra 10/203 defeated by Hillgrove Colts 5/207.

Batting: Simon Brown 84, Craig Lockyer 27 not out, Graham Cameron 23, Tim Foster 28.

Bowling: Tim Foster 2/33, Simon Brown 1/37, Lincoln Brown 2/27.

## Men's Bowls

With both Pennant teams playing this Saturday there will be no club games.

The Grade 7 side will play South Tamworth at Guyra on Saturday, starting with a 12:45 roll-up.

The Teams are:

(1) Paul Johnson, Barry Campbell, Mathew Simpson and Tim Ellis.

(2) Barry Walls, Barry Presnell, Geoff Reeves and Evan Sole.

(3) Dan Kennedy, Scott Campbell, Rex Brennan and Noah Brennan.

The Grade 4 Pennant side will travel to Barraba on Saturday for an 11:00am start. All players to meet at the club and leave at 8:00am.

The teams are:

(1) John Mcilwain, John Jackson, Randy Mulligan and Murray Bourke.

(2) David Wilcox, Mallie Walls, Robert Moore and Ian Jacobs.

(3) Steven Sole, Robert Walls, Anthony Bull and Roger Cox.

Also the following week the 4s will travel to Manilla. Three cars will be needed to get there and we are seeking volunteers.

*Jack*

## Rural Market Reports

### Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

**February 15th** - Total Yarding: 8270 (+4970). Lamb numbers increased to 4450 with a large increase in sheep to 3820 head. Restocker lambs were well supplied as were plainer condition lambs for processors.

Well finished trade and heavy weight young lambs in good numbers while there were limited supplies of well finished older lambs. Light weight Merino lambs well supplied. The usual buyers were in attendance.

Quality and condition varied greatly. There was little change in the market for the new season restocker lambs however there was a great range in price. The plainest very lightweights attracting little competition. Plainer condition lambs to process remained firm. Weight and condition varied greatly in the Merino lambs with both processors and restockers active.

Well finished young lambs 18 to 22kg sold on a firm to slightly dearer trend with the heavier weights to 26kg following a similar trend. The heaviest weight classes including the older lambs were

keenly sought by processors with trends dearer. There was a large supply of 1 and 2 score ewes penned with well finished sheep also well represented.

The increased supply brought with it and increase in processor competition, noticeable on the plainer condition light weights. The extra competition saw market trends for plain condition sheep dearer with some strong gains. The well finished medium and heavy weight sheep also saw a slightly dearer market trend.

### Armidale Cattle Sale

**February 16th** - There was a small increase in numbers with 870 head penned. Young cattle well supplied along with greater numbers of well finished heavy grown cattle. Cows and bulls also well represented.

Quality and condition was fair to good through all categories. The regular buyers were in attendance some armed with extra orders. Quality variations accounted for the cheaper prices obtained for vealer steers to restockers.

Demand for the better quality steers remained keen. The heifer portion followed a similar trend.

Increased competition saw the medium weight yearling steers sell to a slightly dearer trend.

Heavy feeders sold to a slightly cheaper trend with breed weight and quality contributing. There were cheaper trends through most classes of yearling heifers and significantly so in places through the light and medium weights. There was an odd dearer sale in the heavy weights. Heavy grown steers to feed in excess of 500kg sold to dearer trends.

An increased supply of well finished steers to processors also saw some improvement. There was strong demand for grown heifers with increased feedlot competition also. This resulted in dearer trends throughout with both restockers and feedlots competing strongly with processors. The cow market saw a slightly cheaper trend with some price reduction related to quality. Bulls were significantly cheaper.

### Weekly Wool Sales

**February 17th** - A strong start to the New Year from the market helped entice 57,000 bales into this week's national offering. This was the largest offering in nearly three years.

Prices came under pressure as a result of this with most of the fall recorded on the first day of sales. The market managed to consolidate for the remainder of the week with only small changes reported.

The Merino fleece sector gave back on average two thirds of last week's gains with the 18-micron indicators 72 fall eradicating last weeks 72 rise. Better style Cross-breds were dearer again this week as was the Merino carding indicator.

47,689 bales were sold nationally for the week. Resistance to the fall in prices pushed the passed in rate to 16.6%, which is well above the season average. Major buyers included Techwool, PJ Morris and Tianyu. Next week's sale is currently rostered for over 57,000 bales.

AWEX records indicate that the combined fortnightly national offering of 114,000 bales will be the largest in twelve years. An increase in production, wool coming into store from areas that have dried out and a solid market since returning from the Christmas recess have all contributed to the jump in weekly offerings.

# St Mary's swimming champions

St Mary of the Angels held their annual swimming carnival on Thursday February 9th.

The participation from the students was fabulous, all students were willing to have a go and enjoyed the day immensely. Thank you to all of the staff and parent volunteers who helped make this event a great success.

Congratulations to our Age Champions and Runners Up.

**Senior Girl** Champion Ellie Bavea, Runner up Brianna Marshall

**Senior Boy** Champion Fergus Rosser, Runner up Charles Drew

**11 Year Girl** Champion Isabella Hayes, Runner up Catherine Furphy & Callie Cameron

**11 Year Boy** Champion Christopher Welsh, Runner up Darcy Sisson

**Junior Girl** Champion Charlotte Bavea, Runner up Darcie Campbell

**Junior Boy** Champion Flynn McFarlane, Runner Up Hugo Sisson

**Minor Girl** Champion Grayson Brettle, & Lulu Cruickshank

**Minor Boy** Champion Jack Newberry



Back row: Darcie Campbell, CHarlie Bavea, Ellie Bavea, Briann Marshall, Callie Cameron and Catie Furphy

Middle row: Fergus Rosser, Charles Drew, Flynn McFarlane, Hugo Sisson, Darcy Sisson, Christopher Welsh

Front row: Jack Newberry, Lulu Cruickshank, Grayson Brettle (Absent Bella Hayes)

## Lions Youth of the Year



Above: Dante Lloyd, Guyra Central School and Fred Kearney, The Armidale School

On Saturday afternoon of the 18th February, the Lions Club of Armidale Dumaresq hosted the combined Zone final of the Lions Clubs Youth of the Year contest at the Armidale Bowling Club.

The Lions Club of Guyra's contestant, Dante Lloyd of the Guyra Central School (GCS) and Armidale Dumaresq's contestant, Fred Kearney of The Armidale School (TAS) were the only two contestants from the combined Zone (known in the past as the regional final).

They were interviewed by three

judges and then the public speaking section was in front of an audience of family and members of Lions.

After much deliberation, the judges came up with the winner of both sections and that went to Fred Kearney. Our contestant Dante gave a very impressive speech and the scoring was extremely close.

Members of the Guyra Lions Club wish Fred all the best at the next level.

*Jim Betts  
Guyra Lions Club.*

## NRL Gazette Footy Tipping

Welcome to the Gazette's 2023 Footy Tipping competition. We welcome our locals who would like to participate and for you the prizes this year will be: First \$100.00, Second \$50.00 and the Wooden Spoon \$20.00.

Our Celebrity Footy Tipsters will be announced next week. Good luck and have some fun!

**Name:** .....

**OR:** (Not for publication - if you wish)

**Nom de Plume:** .....

(For publication in the Locals Leaderboard)

**Phone:** .....

### Locals Entry Form - Round 1

Tips must be submitted to the Gazette office by 4.00pm on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

Bye:	Eels	vs	Storm
Dragons	Warriors	vs	Knights
	Panthers	vs	Broncos
	Sea Eagles	vs	Bulldogs
	Cowboys	vs	Raiders
	Sharks	vs	Rabbits
	Dolphins	vs	Roosters
	West Tigers	vs	Titans



# Classifieds Trades & Services

## MEETINGS

**GUYRA & COMMUNITY PROGRESS Association** 'Get together' 23rd February 5.30pm at Guyra Bowling Club. New members welcome.

**GUYRA SHAMROCK HOCKEY CLUB** invites all members, or anyone interested in playing hockey for the 2023 season, to our AGM & planning meeting. This will be held on Wednesday, 1st March at 6pm, Royal Hotel, Guyra. Any queries please contact Prue 0424 623 836.

**GUYRA ANGLERS CLUB INC** will hold an AGM, BBQ lunch, and Presentation Day on Sunday, 5th March, 11am sharp at the Guyra Bowling Club. All office positions will be declared vacant and we welcome new faces to the committee of our fantastic Club. Raffles will be held on the day with the Bowlo selling tickets now. Memberships will be due on the day. We look forward to seeing you there.

**GUYRA CENTRAL SCHOOL P&C** - Tuesday, March 14, 6pm at the school. Understanding NAPLAN tests and results are the key focus of this meeting so all parents and carers are strongly encouraged to attend. For more information call Richard Post 0404 454 143.

## COURSES

### First Aid

Monday, 6th March

**Combined Food Safety Supervisors Levels 1 & 2**  
Wednesday, 8th March

**Prepare & Serve Espresso Coffee**  
Thursday, 9th March

**Combined Traffic Controller & Implement Traffic Control**  
22nd & 24th March

*Bookings essential at*

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136 Bradley Street, Guyra

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## IN MEMORIAM

**BARRY JAMES MCELROY**  
23.5.1946 - 25.2.2020

Three years have passed  
since you went away  
We think of you and miss you every day  
Forever in our hearts.  
*June & Greg*

## RETURN THANKS

**RONALD KEITH LOOKER**  
10.2.1948 - 14.1.2023

The family of the late Ron Looker would like to thank relatives and friends for their cards, flowers, food and expressions of sympathy at this sad time.

A special thank you to Tony & Mary Walls, Rita Williams and June Walker for their help no matter day or night during Ron's illness.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.

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**Employment Type:** Permanent Part-Time (8 hours per week)  
**Remuneration:** \$26.30 per hour, plus shift loadings and 10.5% superannuation  
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## BLUEBERRIES

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## FOOD PANTRY

**Food Pantry at The Chapel**  
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Contact: 0455 232 073

## CLAIM THE DATE

**TUESDAY, 14th MARCH:**  
Guyra Central School P&C meeting. Call Richard Post 0404 454 143.  
**SATURDAY, 18th MARCH, 10.00am:**  
Formation of **Guyra Poultry Club** at Mother of Ducks Lagoon. All welcome.  
**SATURDAY, 15th APRIL:**  
Steven Walls (boyfound) Memorial Day at "Rosehill" Tubbamurra, 2pm, BYO.

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## Supreme horse Guyra Show

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Jasmin Ramage  
Bronte Dagg  
(riding EBL LUST)  
Judges Penny Kelly  
and Shae Partridge  
Life Member Baden Williams



### Below: The 'Great Lolly Throw'

was very popular with  
the children at the Show





## Ladies' Golf

Last week was the final round of the Ladies' Championships. The Ladies' Club Champion is Kerry Bull.

B Grade Champion is Jenny Rogers. C Grade Champion is Barb Denning. The daily Nett winners were Pip White and Belinda Lenehan.

Thank you to McClean Care for their generous sponsorship of the Nett prizes.

Nearest the pin winners were, Vicki Reeves on the 7th hole, Vicki Reeves and Wendy George on the 9th hole and Kerry Bull on the 18th hole.

This week is a Stableford sponsored by Kerry Bull. Next week is the Keno 2 Person Ambrose Qualifier. Vicki Reeves is the starter.

*Birdie*

### Ladies Golf Champions

Barb Denning (C grade)  
Kerry Bull (A Grade)  
Jenny Rogers (B Grade)

## Midweek Golf

Another great week of golf. Top scorer this week went to Levi Vanderwolf with 26 points. Well done. Zac Atkin scored 24 points, Wal Chapman 23 points and David Brown, Deb Heffernan, Matt Simpson and Peter Archibald all came in with 22 points. Congratulations.

Top scoring team this week went to Bean Golf and one point behind them were Sultans of Swing. Next in line were Baldersleigh Bashers. Some tight scores.

Getting between 10 and 15 birdies registered most weeks. Someone had an eagle this week. Definitely put the challenge out to everyone.

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