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Brian Irving Memorial garden opened

Harmony Day at Guyra Central School was marked with the opening of a commemorative garden, the unveiling of new murals in the primary quadrangle and a whole school assembly on Tuesday.

The day began with the opening of a commemorative garden which is dedicated to indigenous artist Brian Irving who had a special relationship with the school and its students.

Principal Michelle Nicholson said that she felt very fortunate to have worked to be able to work alongside Brian over the last five and half years.

“The murals in the garden were commissioned by the school and we feel privileged to be able to have them in our commemorative garden to honour Brian and his family,” Mrs Nicholson said.

“His contribution to our school is evident in every corridor and just about every room in the school that we go into and this garden will be somewhere to remember Brian and the contribution to the school and the community.”



Guyra Central School has installed a new garden in memory of indigenous artist Brian Irving
Front: Jan Day, Savannah Lansley-Irving, Jeannie Irving, Dot Lockyer and Kay Smith

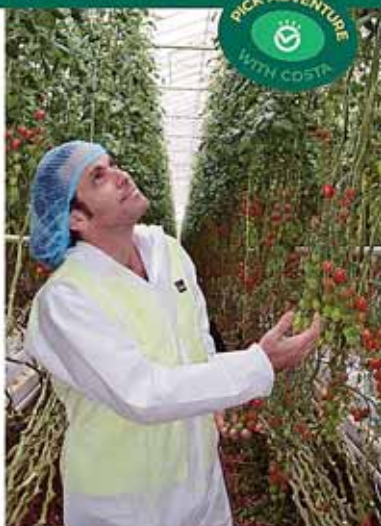
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CHARITY MATCH

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Can Assist

1ST APRIL 2023

Can Assist

LET THE DAY BEGIN AT 12:30PM
GAME 1 WILL KICK OFF 1PM
GAME 2 WILL KICK OFF 2PM
RAFFLE, AUCTION, 100 CLUB ETC WILL ALL BE DRAWN FOLLOWING THE END OF THE SECOND GAME.
CANTEEN AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE AVAILABLE AND FACE PAINTING FOR THE KIDS TO ENJOY
PLENTY OF FUN FOR ALL!
FOLLOWED BY RETRO NIGHT AT THE PUB WITH A DJ. THE THEME FOR THE NIGHT IS ALL THINGS SPORT.

New and improved look for primary quad

A new and improved look for the primary quadrangle at Guyra Central School was officially launched this week. The design for the quad was the work of primary students at the school, supported by teacher, Ms. Meagan Vidler.

The new look includes a series of six murals created by the primary and secondary students in collaboration with resident artist Kay Smith.

The murals, which were completed over the 2022 school year, feature Guyra scenes and the seasons of the year.

As well improving the amenity of the quadrangle, the images will be used to adorn the school's two buses. In future, when students travel away on excursions they will also take their artworks on the road and will be easily recognisable as coming from Guyra Central School.

Artist Kay Smith praised the students and said they have done an amazing job creating the murals.

"There is so much detail in each of the works and each time you look at them you see something new, and the more you look the more you will see."



Above: Artist Kay Smith with Guyra Central School Primary captains Elsa Kliendienst and Lincoln Atkin **Below:** The new look quadrangle



Progress Association talks housing with Costa

Costa Tomato Exchange and Jobs Australia representatives met with the Guyra Progress Association last week to discuss a number of topics including housing. In November last year, Costa and Jobs Australia hosted community drop-in sessions to gauge community sentiment on the housing of seasonal workers. As a follow up to those sessions, Jobs Australia is continuing to explore the long-term possibility of purpose-built housing.

Scot MacDonald, Costa State

Manager, said wherever possible Costa was aiming to utilise larger accommodation venues for direct hire seasonal workers, so as to minimise as much as possible the use of residential housing. This includes utilising former student residences at the University of New England in Armidale.

"We are continuing to look for new options and alternatives as we recognise there is pressure on housing stock in all regional communities, including Guyra," Mr MacDonald said. "We are com-

mitted to providing accommodation that meets all the relevant standards and will continue to work collaboratively with the community where issues arise."

Costa's Tomato glasshouses provide employment for more than 750 people, who come from 40 nationalities. This includes seasonal workers, who are here for periods of six to nine months as part of the Federal Government's Pacific Australia Labour Mobility Program.

Many other staff are employed

permanently and have come into the area with their families to settle permanently.

"We are proud of the very diverse make-up of our workforce and the richness this brings to our operations and our communities," Mr MacDonald said.

"We appreciate the strong support we have from the community and will continue to work closely with stakeholders."

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Marshall returned for fourth term

Adam Marshall has claimed his fourth straight election win in the Northern Tablelands, receiving around 70% of first preference votes and defeating Labor's Yvonne Langenburg by 83% to 17% of the vote on a two party preferred basis.

Mr Marshall was up against a record field, with 10 candidates listed on this year's ballot paper. As of Monday afternoon, Mr Marshall had received a total of 17,427 first preference votes across the electorate.

At the Guyra Central School polling booth Mr Marshall re-

ceived 625 first preference votes with Billy Wood next with 110, followed by Labor's Yvonne Langenburg with 78, Michael Hay (SFF) 65, and Liberal Democrat Margo Hammond on 46.

At Black Mountain, Marshall received 104 votes, Wood 19, Langenburg 14 and Green's candidate Elizabeth O'Hara was next on 11.

Overall Guyra's two local candidates Billy Wood (514 votes) and Margo Hammond (405 votes) finished in 6th and 7th spot respectively.



Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall casting his vote in Amidale on Saturday

Polocrosse carnival this weekend

The Guyra Polocrosse Club will host its annual carnival this weekend at the Richard White Memorial Polocrosse Fields at Bald Blair. The club is hoping to draw many teams from NSW and QLD, as the 2023 is kicking off. The carnival kicks off on Sunday April 1st with play commencing at 8am and continuing on Sunday April 2nd.

The Guyra Club has many members, young and old, from beginners to National players and many in between and has already seen success for some of its members this year. Several members were selected in National Squads-Abbott Grills, Ella Elks, Zac Finlayson, Emily Walmsley and Bridget McKemey.

Abbott Grills went on to represent Australia at a recent International Test Series in NZ. At this series, Australia came out convincing winners, winning three out of three games. Abbott has also been selected in an Australian team to play against the 'Rest of the World' in Warwick in early May.

Emily Walmsley and Zac Finlayson were selected to play for NSW, at a recent Intermediate competition at the Muswellbrook Show. NSW came out winners in a nail-biting decider, winning by



Abbott Grills in action in the International Test series in New Zealand

one goal. Emily took home the prizes winning Champion NSW Player and Champion Overall Player.

In our under 12's, Alexander McKemey has been selected to play in the Sub Junior competition at the upcoming Sydney Royal Show

At the upcoming Barastoc competition in Warwick in early May, Zac Finlayson, Abby Finlayson, Carlie Grills and Matt Grills have

all been selected in their respective age divisions to play for NSW. Tim Finlayson was selected in an Under 26 squad and is waiting to hear if he has been selected.

With such a high calibre of players you can be assured of some great polocrosse. Entry is free and we have a canteen and bar running all weekend with a homecooked meal on Saturday night. All are welcome!

Such events cannot run without

sponsors and the club would like to extend its gratitude to these businesses. ANZ Australia, Bombers Polox Gear, Brett AG Contracting, EDF Renewables Australia, Elders Armidale and Guyra, Grazag, Horseland Armidale, JBS Australia, Kirk's Livestock Transport, Kirks IGA + Liquor, Mort & Co, NAB, Nutrien Ag Solutions, Overseer Saddlery and Squadron Energy.

Katrina McKemey

“Boy Found” Memorial Day

Daylight saving ends this Saturday - no more getting up in the dark for a while at least

Grand final win for our cricketers

First outing for the Spuds and hopefully a great season ahead

New murals at GCS - very detailed and colourful - a great effort by all concerned

The Walls family are planning a Memorial Day to commemorate the life of Steven Walls (“boy found”).

The celebration will be held at Rosehill, Tubbamurra on Saturday, 15th April starting at 2.00pm.

The gathering is for friends and family and is being held at the family home, which is where he lived for his whole life.

Steven passed away in 2020, however because of Covid lockdowns the family were unable to come together at the time to give him the sendoff he deserved.

They have issued an invitation for members of the community to join them for a party in the garden and to remember the good times.

Visitors are asked to bring a plate for afternoon ‘smoko’ and your own refreshments. A BBQ



will be provided.

A bus is being organized for those who require transport. Pick up will be from the Royal Hotel at 1.30pm. Contact Mallie for de-

tails on 6779 7576.

If you would like further information please contact Reg on 0409 548 750.

QUOTE of the week

“Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don’t matter and those who matter don’t mind.”

Dr. Seuss

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
21	Tues	13.6	18.6	0
22	Wed	11.9	24.8	0
23	Thurs	11.6	23.4	0
24	Fri	11.8	23.3	12.0
25	Sat	12.8	18.6	24.6
26	Sun	12.2	21.1	3.4
27	Mon	12.7		0

Rain this week 40mm
 March rainfall 124.8mm
 Rainfall YTD 361.6mm
 Rainfall last YTD 362.4mm
 Ave. rain YTD 297.6mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Black Mountain Public School Harmony Day Celebrations 2023

The students at Black Mountain Public School celebrated Harmony Day with a range of cultural activities. The theme for this year was ‘Living in Harmony’.

Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity and inclusion. The students dressed in orange and produced some beautiful artworks which will be on display at school. Students and staff had a great day!

Mrs Justine Eddy
 Relieving Principal



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Water security: what matters to you?

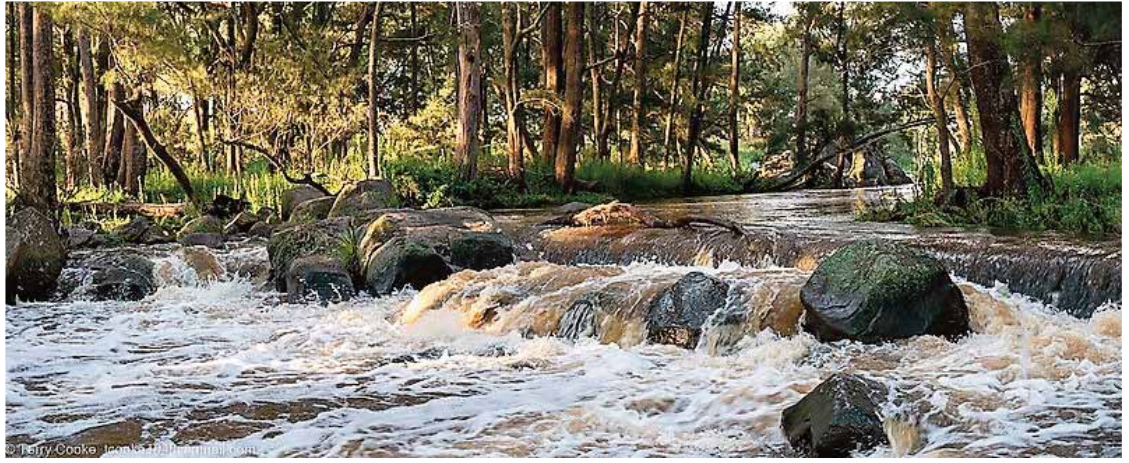
A survey seeking views from all residents in the Armidale local government area has been launched by Sustainable Water Futures Armidale Region, a community group within Sustainable Living Armidale.

Kate Boyd, Convenor of Sustainable Water Futures Armidale Region said that they want to open a conversation with the community on water futures.

“We’ve started by setting up a survey asking about Water Security: What matters to you? We want to hear from many different people about what is important to them, whether the last drought changed their water use, and what they want considered in planning for future water security,” Kate said.

“March 22nd is World Water Day and this is a good time to reflect on how water is used and managed locally, including in droughts with climate change, and on the rivers from which we take water.”

The survey is for all the residents



Gara River at Blue Hole Photo courtesy of Terry Cook Photos

in Guyra, Armidale and the surrounding rural areas. They are invited to use this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PTZKVHT> to do the 10 minute survey on the internet, and to share it with a wide range of residents.

Guyra and Armidale get water from the Gara River which flows through Blue Hole into the Macleay River then towards Bell-

brook and Kempsey.

One option that Armidale Regional Council is considering is to also take water from the Oaky River via a dam, pumps and pipeline. Both Gara and Oaky Rivers provide flows to the Macleay through Oxley Wild Rivers National Park.

“We will use the survey responses to inform our community

about the range of views on the region’s water future. A summary of results will be given to Armidale Regional Council,” Kate said.

“We aim to collaborate with our Council and community in seeking water security for people and nature. Let’s learn from each other’s perspectives then creatively explore solutions to enable us all to live sustainably with water.”

Keys to the City awarded to architect Tony Deakin

Mr Antony ‘Tony’ Deakin OAM, former Armidale mayor and architect, has been granted the Keys to the City by Armidale Regional Council, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the community.

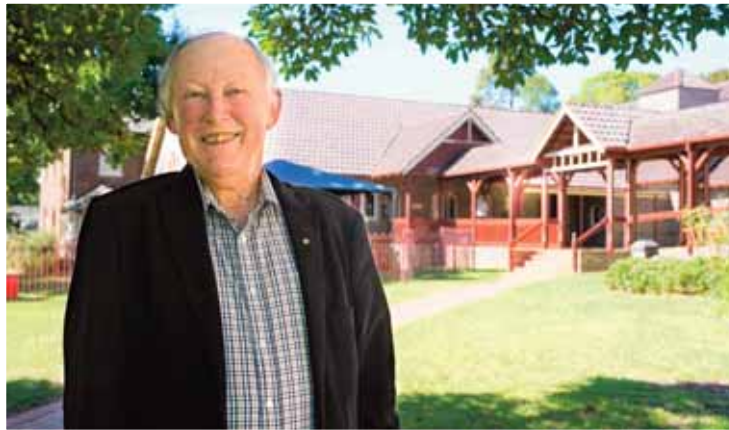
Armidale Regional Council Mayor, Sam Coupland, congratulated Mr Deakin on this special award, which acknowledges his leading part in creating many of the civic buildings in the city.

“I am delighted that Council has recognised Tony with the highest honour a city can give,” said the mayor.

“He has designed so many of our buildings and public spaces, including the Armidale Lookout, Hanna’s Arcade, NERAM, The Armidale Mall and The Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Keeping Place.”

“These amazing buildings are part of our city’s architectural identity and heritage, and loved by the people who live here.

“He has also had a wider influence on the features of the City,



Mr Tony Deakin, former mayor and architect is pictured in front of the Parish Centre at St Peter’s Cathedral in Armidale. His Guyra projects included the Bowling Club, Showground pavilion and Kolora Hostel & Units

designing over 100 houses and renovating schools, churches, the hospital, the police station, and many other projects, including the Guyra Bowling Club in 1966.”

“The award by Council at this time pays tribute to Tony for his contributions to the community life of Armidale as well as to its architectural form and appearance,” the mayor said.

Mr Deakin’s major architectural projects include;

- The Armidale Mall – an Armidale Council initiative to enhance pedestrian access in the centre of the city by closing part of Beardy Street to traffic. The firm subsequently won a design competition for Stage 2 of the Mall, as it is now.

- New England Regional Art

Museum (Stage 1), designed in association with NSW Government Architect, which won an RIAA Commendation Award in 1984.

- The Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Keeping Place, Kentucky Street, a 1988 Bicentennial Project, on which Mr Deakin worked with Thelma McCarthy and Steve Widders, and other members of the Aboriginal community, to develop the design.

- In Guyra he was also responsible for the design of the Pavilion at the Guyra Showground and the Kolora Hostel and Units.

The granting of the Keys to the City is a symbolic presentation that represents the highest honour that a city can confer on an individual or an organisation. The Award is decided by Councillors by way of majority vote in an open session of Council meeting. Mr Deakin will receive his Keys to the City from the mayor at a special ceremony.

Community Noticeboard

Meals on Wheels

March 30 H. Marchant
 March 31 L & R Skinner
 April 3 Judy Broad
 April 4 Stuart Broad
 April 5 Wendy Lockyer

Street Stalls

March 30 Hosp. Auxiliary
 March 31 Antique Mach.

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

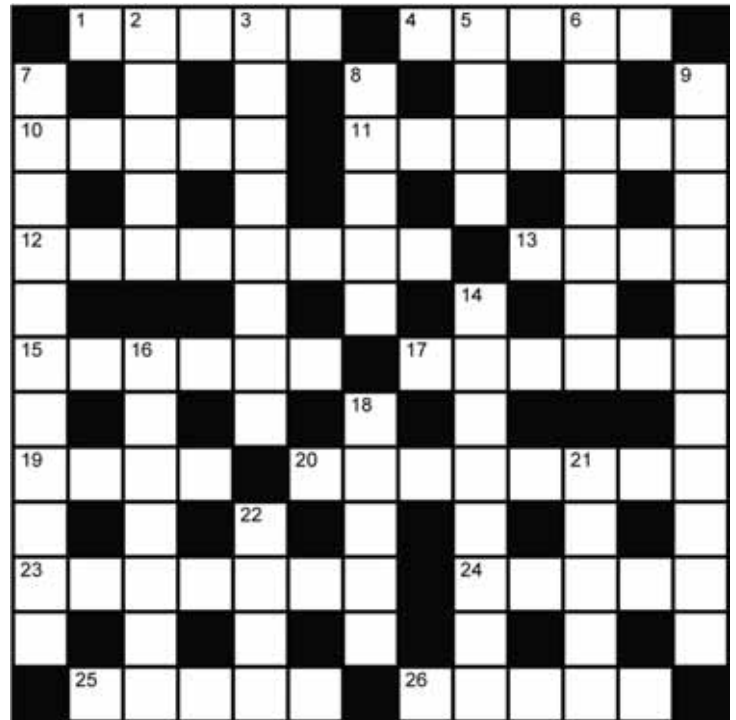
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1. Claptrap (5)
4. Tempest (5)
10. Get up (5)
11. Keepsake (7)
12. Medicated tablet (8)
13. Charlie -- Chinese detective (4)
15. Interpose, put in (6)
17. More costly (6)
19. Mound (4)
20. Creased (8)
23. Understand (7)
24. Upper wall-end (5)
25. Country singer, Rogers (5)
26. Auger (5)

DOWN

2. Part of bridie (5)
3. First performance (8)
5. Occasion (4)
6. Cattle farmer (7)
7. Keyboard instrument (11)
8. Grin (5)
9. Oppressed (11)
14. Adolescent (8)

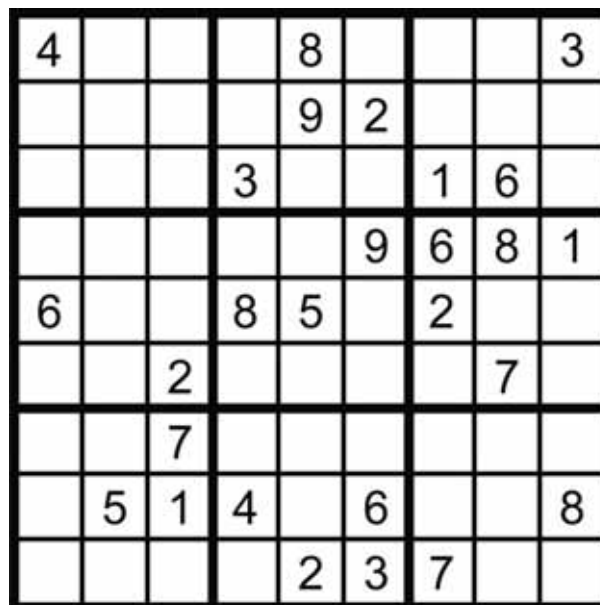
QUICK CROSSWORD



16. Recover or save (7)
18. Small stream (5)
21. Address tag (5)
22. MGM's animal! (4)

Across: 1. Tripe, 4. Storm, 10. Arise, 11. Memento, 12. Pastille, 13. Chan, 15. Insert, 17. Dear, 19. Hill, 20. Wrinkled, 23. Realise, 24. Gable, 25. Kenny, 26. Drill.
Down: 2. Reins, 3. Premiere, 5. Time, 6. Rancher, 7. Harpsichord, 8. Smile, 9. Down-trodden, 14. Teenager, 16. Salvage, 18. Creek, 21. Label, 22. Lion.

SUDOKU - Medium



What to Watch

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

Netflix Movies

- Under Suspicion
- The Departed
- Noise
- The Chalk Line
- Sky High
- Infesto

Netflix Series

- Special
- The Recruit

IVIEW

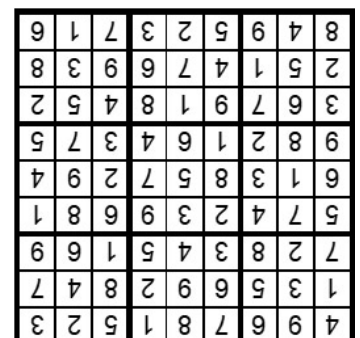
- Under The Vines

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- Generous leave entitlements
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COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Ordinary Meeting will be held in Armidale from 4pm on Wednesday 26 April 2023.

The public are welcome to attend a live streaming of the meeting at the Guyra Civic Administration Building for any residents wishing to watch.

Armidale

Autumn Festival

Saturday 1 April

STAGE PROGRAM

- 1:15pm - Welcome to Country**
1:30pm - Welcome Mayor Sam Coupland
1:35pm - Welcome member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall
1:40pm - TAS Big Band
2:05pm - John Cannon Presentation
2:20pm - New England Wind Ensemble (NECOM)
2:45pm - The Mask Family
3:10pm - Autumn Hat Parade finalists - Sponsored by Readers Companion
3:25pm - Armidale Drama & Musical Society
3:40pm - NEGS
4:00pm - Mass Pipes & Highland Dancers
4:20pm - TAS - Legally Blonde
4:40pm - Pasifika
Renew Armidale & Sustainable Living Armidale
4:55pm - Koala Gathering
5:05pm - Tandav School of Dance
5:25pm - Nepalese Group
1pm - 4pm - Heritage Car display: Classic & Specialist Car Club of Northern NSW

Civic Park from 1.30pm



FLOATS

Allingham Removals
 Armidale & New England Show Society
 Armidale Community of Schools
 Armidale Drama and Musical Society
 Armidale Pipe Band
 Armidale Rams RLFC
 Armidale Regional Council
 Armidale State Emergency Service
 Australian Defence Force -
 Army 12th/16th Hunter River Lancers
 Bangladesh Cultural Society of New England
 Challenge Community Services
 Graham Betts Motors
 Great Hops Pty Ltd
 Headspace Armidale
 Kindly Animal Sanctuary Inc
 NEGS
 New England Antique Machinery Club
 New England Burns Club
 New England Car Club
 New England Family Support Service
 New England Martial Arts Centre
 Oak Tree Retirement Village
 O'Connor Catholic College
 Pasifika
 PLC
 Regional Gay Pride
 Renew Armidale
 St Mary's Catholic Primary School
 Tamworth & District Highland Society
 Pipe Band
 TG Pre-school
 The Armidale School (TAS)
 The Armidale Waldorf School
 UNE Colleges
 Uniting Autumn Lodge Armidale Age Care
 University of New England
 University of New England - International

Street parade starts 12.30pm

New route down Dangar Street, starting at the cathedrals

FOOD VENDORS

Aghdad Falafel
 Armidale-Dumaresq Lions Club Inc
 Frank & Pete, The BBQ Boys
 Freshly Berried
 Harmony on Wheels Thai Satay
 Herd Bar
 Juan's cafe
 Kerbside coffee
 Pasta+
 PHO PLUS TAKEAWAY
 Poffertjes (Mini Dutch Pancakes)
 Spanish Fiesta
 Spiral Sista
 Taste of Nepal
 The Cupcake Lady
 The Float Coffee
 The Orange Duck Kitchen
 UpTime Amusements

MARKET STALLS

Alinta Candles
 Back to Nature Co.
 Buddy & Missy
 Credens Hall Home Apothecary
 Creekland Flowers
 Epic Architecture
 Handmade by Elsie
 Jodie Ostefeld Art
 Kindly Animal Sanctuary
 MadeByLibz
 My Black Dog Candles
 NEGS
 Nunawanna Aboriginal Corporation
 Renew Armidale
 Scents for Scences By Doreen
 Sophie Blue Dog Treats
 Sustainable Living Armidale
 TAFE NSW
 Thai Home Armidale
 The Clinque Curation
 Us Mob
 Weed & Wendy

CIVIC Park 11am

CIVIC Park 11am

Guyra Community Meeting

Armidale Regional Council will be holding the first community meeting of 2023 to engage with the Guyra community and find out what is important to you.

If you are open-minded, have some great ideas to share please send through your thoughts or topics of interest to council@armidale.nsw.gov.au so we can set the agenda.

Mayor Sam Coupland will chair the meeting and be accompanied by councillors and senior executive.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Thursday 27 April @

The Guyra Bowling Club from 6pm to 7.30pm

Rural Market Reports

Weekly Wool Market

March 24th - With 9.4% or around 4,000 bales withdrawn prior to sale it was the smallest national offering since the end of January. Prices still fell in the Northern region but not to the extent seen last week. Losses were largely confined to the Merino sector with the 19.5 micron and finer indicators all giving up ground.

A 7 cent decline in the Northern region indicator on the first day of sales was followed up with a further 3 cent drop on the final day. The Southern and Western regions both closed the week strongly, particular for the mid micron Merino types. This strength in the Southern region was enough to offset the Norths losses and led to the Eastern market indicator rising 1 cent for the week.

36,949 bales were sold nationally with a passed in rate of 8.1%. Major buyers included Techwool, PJ Morris & Tianyu with the top 4 buyers accounting for almost 50% of the national Merino offering.

Next weeks offering has grown considerably with 49,501 bales now expected. The same can be said for the following week with 51,000 bales currently rostered. It's difficult to see the market getting dearer with these offerings however the strong finish from the Southern region and a few trades on the forward market at a premium to this week's auction prices give hope.



"Wildlife Tails"



SERIOUS HERON ADDCTION!?!?

At the beginning of this year there was a storm that hit Armidale and in that storm, a giant eucalypt was blown down. Unfortunately, in that tree was a nest containing six White-faced Heron chicks. Three died in the fall and through our partners in WIRES, the surviving three chicks came to me.

The three babies varied in weight from 92 to 230 grams in weight. As Herons lay an egg every two days, a clutch of six will mean the first hatched will be twelve days older than the last hatched and so the oldest may eat the smallest. In fact, I discovered the middle bird with the youngest sibling, halfway down its throat and I had to separate them!

Inland dwelling Herons eat a variety of terrestrial animals, from worms, crickets and grasshoppers to small fish and even mice. Fed on a nutritious diet, the Herons grew rapidly and before long were fully fledged. They were placed into an aviary where they could flap, learn to perch and wade in the pool that I supplied.

I would place small Gambusia affinis or Mosquito fish, an introduced fish that commonly infests our creeks and dams.



The baby herons were rescued after a storm and are being prepared to be released into the wild



Gambusia are an environmental nuisance due to their predation of frog eggs and tadpoles, further exacerbating

the decline of our native frog species. The fish were introduced into the wading pool where the Heron babies could learn to feed themselves. The three siblings were soon joined by a fourth Heron from Tamworth. This new bird was more advanced than the others and it was soon catching up the fish and in the process, teaching the younger birds how to catch their prey.

When they could fly, I started to take them to my dam for "adventures" and on the second visit, two flew up into trees and remained there until near dark when they returned to the aviary to be fed. Now, each morning, they are let out to explore the area, wade and feed in the five nearby dams and each evening they return to be fed, winging in from across the paddocks and waiting for me to feed and secure them for the night.

This process, known as a "SOFT release" will continue until, one day, they will return to their natural environment, the dams, streams and fields around us.

Chris Baker

If you find a sick or injured native animal please contact Northern Tablelands Wildlife Carers on 1800 008 290.

NRL Gazette Footy Tipping

Angel	42	Farmer Joe	32
The Iggman	42	3PPP	30
The Panther	42	The Red V	30
Red Devil	40	The 3 Bunnies	30
Dip Stick	40	The Raider	28
Johnny Bravo	38	Hazel	28
DW	38	Shiba Inu Phantom	28
Smooch	36	Thorpie	26
Bulldog	34	Elva	26
Birdie	34	Garden Gurus	24
The Champ	32	Braydon W.	24

Locals Entry Form - Round 6

Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on **Wednesday 5th April**

Name:

Phone:

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

Bye:
Sharks



Gazette's Celebrity Footy Tipping

Round 4 of NRL footy kicked off with the Grand final rematch and it didn't disappoint, with the Eels taking down the Panthers by one point in Extra time 17-16.

Friday night's games started with the Storm winning over the terrible Tigers 24-12 and the Broncos showed the Dolphins who the Kings of Suncorp are, winning 18-12.

Saturday saw the Cowboys come from behind to beat the Titans 24-12 and The Bunnies got the win over Manly in Golden point 13-12.

Sunday's games were hard to pick with the Warriors beating the Bulldogs 16-14, the Knights winning at home over the lacklustre Raiders 24-14 and the Sharks handing the Dragons a huge defeat at home 40-8.

Round 5 looks to have a few tricky matches coming our way, so good luck Tipsters and Fans.

Angel has been joined at the top of the Locals Leaderboard by The Iggman and The Panther, all now on 42 points.

Dip Stick's new tipping system is working extremely well so far, putting him in 2nd place on 40 points along with our Red Devil. Next in 3rd position are Johnny Bravo and DW on 38 points. The highest score achieved in the Locals was 10 points.

Celebrity Sue was the top scorer this week with 14 points which puts her in the clear lead on 42 points. Cody achieved 12 points to put him in 2nd on 38 points with the rest of the field trailing behind.

The Green Blooded Reporter

Sue's Tips

- Eels
- Panthers
- Rabbits
- Sea Eagles
- Dolphins
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- Cowboys



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Cody's Tips

- Roosters
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- Broncos
- Sharks
- Bulldogs



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Vu's Tips

- Eels
- Panthers
- Storm
- Sea Eagles
- Dragons
- Broncos
- Sharks
- Bulldogs



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Gazette's Tips

- Roosters
- Panthers
- Rabbits
- Sea Eagles
- Dolphins
- Broncos
- Warriors
- Cowboys



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Sarah's Tips

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- Sea Eagles
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2023 SOCCER REGISTRATIONS

The 2023 season is just around the corner for the Guyra soccer club with registrations now open. You can head to the Guyra soccer club Facebook page to register or type in the link below.

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DEATH & FUNERAL NOTICES

LOCKYER; LAURENCE KEITH "LAURIE"
24th March 2023

Beloved husband of Margaret "Joyce". Loving father and father-in-law of Keith & Margaret, Dellia (dec'd) and Rhonda Lockyer & Greg Writer.

Loving Pop to Emma, Matthew & Monique and Luke.

Dearly loved brother, brother-in-law and uncle to their families.

Aged 79 years

Funeral service to be held at Guyra Uniting Church, Thursday, 30th March 2023 commencing at 11am followed by burial at the Guyra Cemetery.



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Ladies' Golf

Last week several of our ladies played in the NEDGA Tournament at Inverell. We had some success with Debbie Heffernan winning runner up gross in Division 2 as well as day 1 Nett winner.

Shona Mulligan won the Division 3 Overall 36-hole Nett along with Day 1 Nett and Nett runner up on Day 2. Julie Walker was the runner up overall Nett Division 3. Wendy George and Jenni Jackson also won some nearest the pin shots.

It was a very successful tournament and a big congratulations to all of the Guyra ladies for participating in some very warm and trying conditions.

This week is a Par Medal. Next week is the 3rd Graham Betts Round sponsored by Black Mountain Nursery. Karen Oehlert is the starter.

Birdie



Debbie Heffernan was runner up gross in Division 2 as well as day 1 Nett winner at Inverell

Men's Bowls

Round 5 of Pennants was completed on Saturday with the 4s taking on Manilla and winning 66 - 58 for a 9-1 win. The 7s played Armidale City and were beaten 70-46 for a 9-1 loss.

A game of pairs was played on Sunday with John McIlwain and Anthony Bull defeating Roger Cox and Evan sole 34-7.

The final round of Pennants will be played on Saturday with the number 4s travelling to Inverell, leaving from the club at 9:00 am. The teams are

1. Steven Sole , Colin Stanley, Robert Walls and Anthony Bull
2. John Mcilwain, Boyd Stanley, Randy Mulligan and Murray Bourke

3. David Wilcox, Mallie Walls, Robert Moore and Ian Jacobs

The 7s will play Bendemeer in Guyra at 11am. The teams are

1. Roger Cox, Barry Presnell, Rex Brennan and Jason Varcoe
2. Barry Walls , Tim Ellis, Geoff Reeves and Evan Sole
3. Phil Kliendienst, Scott Campbell, Graham Starr and Noah Brennan.

Good luck to both teams

Jack.

Men's Golf

No men's golf was played on the weekend due to the weather. Seeing there was no golf we will carry over the GRAZAG prizes to this weekend, which is an individual event for "THE MONTHLY MUG".

There has been some changes to the program leading into the Championships so keep your eye out in the paper, on your emails and also the Guyra Golfer's facebook page so you don't miss out on upcoming events.

Happy golfing

S.B.

Anglers turn out for presentations

On Sunday the 5th of March, the Guyra Anglers Club held their AGM and Presentation Day. The club had a great turnout of fishermen and women, young and old. From freshwater to saltwater, there were some big fish on the board.

Our overall champions were Seniors - Lea Woodward, Juniors - Ethan Piper, and Sub Juniors Tyler - Britten.

Our next meeting will be held along with our raffles this Saturday 1st April at 6pm at the Guyra Bowling Club. We still need some new faces to join our committee and keep our great club going. So if you know anyone or you would be interested in jumping on board as Treasurer, Corresponding Officer, Membership Officer, DPI Grants Officer or Dollar for Dollar Grants Officer come along on Saturday night.

We would like to thank all of our Sponsors and the Community for their continued support of our great little club.

Kirra Lennon



Presentations made by Toby Handebo, Jarrid Ross, Dean Williams
Sub Junior Champion Tyler Britten (above)
Junior Champion Ethan Piper (top right)
Senior Champion Lea Woodward (bottom right)



Grand final win for cricketers

The final games of the 2023 cricket season were played on the weekend under threatening skies.

Guyra's Under 13 side were lucky to get their game played early, and it was a worthy grand final with a nailbiting finish.

Guyra won the toss and decided to bowl. Their bowlers struck early and had Ex Services 2-4, finishing the innings on 6/81 off 20 overs.

Wicket takers were Peyton Heagney 2/11, Thomas Brazier 1/8, Nayte Foster 1/4 and Jack Campbell 1/5. Peyton Heagney and Hugo Brazier combined for a runout.

In reply, Guyra fell just short to finish the day at 7/80. Best with the bat were Mavric Foster 12, Hugo Brazier 9, Nayte Foster 10 and Tommy Mitchell 13 (ret.)

Run outs probably cost Guyra the game with three dismissals for failing to make the crease.

In the senior ranks, Guyra's first grade side were up against City/UNE in what was a replay of the 2022 decider.

Guyra won the toss and elected to bat, dodging the rain to finish on 7/115.

Top scoring for Guyra were



Guyra Cricket Club - First Grade 2023 Major Premiers

Back l to r: Grant Ryan, Joey Ryan, Mitch Woods, Ben Jackson, Steve McElroy, Heath Dowsett, Tyson Burey, Lucas Tait **Front:** Jake Ellis, Demielle Landsborough, Mick Purvis & Charlie White

Grant Ryan 16, Joey Ryan 25, Michael Purvis 23 (n.o.)

The game came down to the wire with City/UNE all out for 112, with Guyra getting the final wicket in the 39th over.

This was sweet revenge for Guyra, reversing the result from

last year to take the premiership title.

Wicket takers were Jake Ellis 2/24, Tyson Burey 1/5, Heath Dowsett 1/17, Joey Ryan 4/16 and Charlie White 1/14, and a runout by Tyson Burey.

In the third grade decider, the

weather proved to be the winner on the day. The match was abandoned due to rain after 15 overs with Guyra on 3/43.

Guyra and their opponents Walcha/Uralla will share the honours for 2023.

Big season ahead for Spuds

Guyra made its rugby league return on Saturday with trials against Werris Creek used as a springboard to what is shaping as a big season.

The day began with a close leaguetag fixture, Werris Creek scoring twice late in the game to win 22-16.

Kyiesha Landsborough scored a double for the Spudettes and Kiarna Landsborough ran in Guyra's other try.

Those two were Guyra's best while Ellie Mitchell, Taylor Waters and Kayla Kim-Moran were also impressive.

In the first Guyra under 18s fixture in well over a decade the young Super Spuds showed their class in a 28-12 win.

Rave Brazier finished with two tries on the left wing, Ryan



Billy Youman was Guyra's best and fairest in A grade.

Jones, Oscar Atkin and Ben Reinke adding the others.

Robert Sisson and Angus Brazier were strong in their first games for many years, while Atkin, Harrison Brazier and a

number of other Spuds also performed well.

The A grade game did not go as planned when penalties cruelled Guyra's chances.

Werris Creek ran out to a 16-

nil halftime lead and added another try after the break to lead 20-nil.

Busta Gee scored Guyra's first try and the comeback was on when Mark Walker caught a high ball for another.

At 20-10 the Spuds needed an even share of the ball, but it didn't come and the Magpies scored twice more in the dying stages to win it 30-10 with the final penalty count reaching 14-5 in their favour.

Billy Youman, James Deaves, Garth Walls, Corey Torrens, Bailey Wilson and Taylor Brennan were among Guyra's best.

It was a successful day for the club, which now turns its attention to the April 15 season opener against Tingha at the New Red Hill.