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Conversations and a cuppa for RUOK? Day



Guyra VRA members supporting each other on RUOK? day **Back I to r:** Tristan Jackson, Chris Gaddes, Dean Field, Jacob Jackson, Steve Mepham, Dylan Moore **Front:** Vernon Claassen, Sean Jackson, Hanneke Claassen, Edward Ryan

Free cuppas sparked conversations on mental health in Guyra café Juneils and Ebor's Fusspots on Thursday, September 14.

Local non-profit HealthWISE donated more than \$6500 to 29 cafes throughout the New Eng-

land North West and southern Queensland to shout the morning rush for R U OK? Day.

A national initiative which reminds Australians to check in on friends and family, customers were also offered R U OK? Day resources on starting

conversations about mental health.

HealthWISE also supported emergency workers with coffee vouchers and targeted mental health resources, as part of 'Are They Triple OK?'. The companion campaign was developed by

R U OK? in response to research by Beyond Blue which found that police and emergency service workers report suicidal thoughts more than twice as often as the general population.

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OCTOBER LONG WEEKEND
GUYRA TROUT FESTIVAL
PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION
ANYTHING CARS & ANYTHING FISHING

PEOPLE'S CHOICE

- : must be your own photo
- : must be mounted on white cardboard with name & phone number on the back & category
- : Entries to be dropped @ Burgess garage car museum 23 & 24 th sept 10am - 2 pm
- : No bigger than 8x10 inches
- : Limit 2 entries in total & 1 per section
- : \$2 entry fee
- : section 1- Adult \$100 & \$50
- : section 2- 12yrs-17yrs \$50 & \$25
- : section 3- upto 12 yrs \$20 & \$10

Photo by Step Stewart



After years of wet weather, the risk of bush fires is returning.



LIVE BUSH FIRE READY

RFS NSW

Council News GUYRA

School Holiday Programs

Library School Holiday Program September 2023

Armidale Library

1/182 Rusden Street, Armidale

Ph: 6770 3636

Date	Activity	Booking
Monday 25th Sept	Take home craft available from 25th September	No Bookings
Monday 25th Sept	10 - 11am - UNE Discovery -The Magic of Physics. Primary school age	Booking Required
Tuesday 26h Sept	9:30 - 1:30pm - Comic workshop with Daniel Elliott – this is designed to be two part series run on consecutive days where kids attend both – day one will be spent on creating characters and writing a story Funded by NSW Government Regional Youth Spring break funding	Booking Required
Tuesday 26h Sept	10:30am - Story-time holiday special. Preschool age and under	No Bookings
Wednesday 27th Sept	9:30 - 1:30pm - Comic workshop Day 2. Ages 10+ Funded by NSW Government Regional Youth Spring break funding	Booking Required
Thursday 28th Sept	10:30am -“Faunaverse” Visiting animal show/performance. All ages.	No Bookings
Friday 29th Sept	9:30-12:30pm - Virtual Reality Age 13+	Booking Required
Wednesday 4th Oct	10 -11am - UNE Discovery -The Magic of Physics. High school age.	Booking Required
Thursday 5th Oct	9:30 – 11:30 - Craft DIY. All ages.	Booking Required

Guyra Library

158 Bradley Street, Guyra

Ph: 6770 7123

Date	Activity	Booking
Monday 25th Sept	Take home craft available from 25th September	No Bookings
Monday 25th Sept	10:30 -11:30am & 2:30 - 3:30pm - Sand Art	Booking Required
Tuesday 26h Sept	10:30 - 4pm - Virtual Reality	Booking Required
Wednesday 27th Sept	10 - 11am - UNE Discovery -The Magic of Physics. Primary school age.	Booking Required
Friday 29th Sept	10:30 - 12:30pm - Lego build a fishing themed Lego for trout fest	Booking Required
Saturday 30th Sept	10 -11am - Paint and sip	Booking Required
Tuesday 3rd Oct	1:30pm - Movie: Timescape - Back to the Dinosaurs - PG 78mins	Booking Required
Wednesday 4th Oct	9:30 - 1:30pm - Comic workshop with Daniel Elliott – this is designed to be two part series run on consecutive days where kids attend both – day one will be spent on creating characters and writing a story. Funded by NSW Government Regional Youth Spring break funding	Booking Required
Thursday 5th Oct	9:30 - 1:30pm - Comic workshop Day 2. Ages 10+. Funded by NSW Government Regional Youth Spring break funding	Booking Required

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Reeling in the tourists at new Visitor Centre

A new Visitor Information Centre kiosk has opened at Guyra to help tourists discover the delights of the local area from fabulous fishing locations to exploring the abundance of natural beauty spots.

The visitor centre kiosk is located within the Guyra Library and as well as providing information to tourists on where to go and what to see, it will also be stocking an exciting range of merchandise to help promote the region.

Guyra is renowned for its trout fishing hotspots and what's bound to be the next big fashion item promoting the town are the new colourful fishing shirts that are on sale at the library. From the smallest fisherman to the biggest, the new shirts featuring some very handsome trout and are available just in time for the upcoming Guyra Troutfest.

Armidale Councillor Jon Galletly said the new Visitor Information Centre kiosk would give Guyra its own tourism identity and provide visitors with up-to-date information on Guyra and all its attractions.

"It is great to see this new visitor centre open in the library so visitors can pick up all the information they need on spending time in this great region locally," said Mr Galletly.



Visitor information and Guyra merchandise is now available at the Guyra Library

"Guyra has so much to offer visitors from clambering up the giant boulders in the Cathedral Rock National Park for breathtaking 360-degree views to discovering the diverse wildlife on the Mother of Ducks Lagoon.

"Now visitors have the convenience of getting all the information they need on the area from one local spot and they can also take home some great Guyra-themed

merchandise that showcases what a fabulous fishing spot Guyra is as well as being a great place to visit."

Fishing shirts in all sizes are stocked at the new visitor hub and are available for sale now just in time to wear to the region's largest fishing event – Troutfest, which will be held on the October long weekend in 2023.

As well as fishing shirts, which cost \$55, the Guyra Visitor Infor-

mation kiosk is selling pens (\$3.50), mugs (\$12.95), stubby holders (\$10), tea towels \$17.50 and Guyra Hessian Tote Bags (\$20).

The Guyra LT Starr Memorial Library is open Monday to Friday 10am - 5pm and Saturday 10am - 1pm. To find out more about the Guyra Troutfest go to www.facebook.com/guyratroutfest/

R.U.O.K? Day (cont.)

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HealthWISE Mental Health team leader Tanya Hague recognised that it can be daunting to ask a loved one if they're ok, especially if the answer is no. She said you don't need to be a health professional to help someone who's struggling, and it can be as simple as lending an ear.

"You can absolutely save someone's life just by listening. Just being there with them, showing them that you care, maybe offering to sit down and have a cup of tea with them," she said.

"It is really important to genuinely listen to the person and give them your full attention. Be prepared, because it may be a long conversation," she said.

Tanya recommended visiting the R U OK? Day website to learn more about how to respond when someone tells you they are not ok. HealthWISE also runs free Touchpoints workshops, which educate community members on recognising and responding to people at risk of suicide.

HealthWISE is licenced to run Touchpoints workshops through Roses in the Ocean.

To learn more or request a local workshop, call HealthWISE on 6766 1394. Presentations for emergency services workers can be requested by emailing RAC@healthwise.org.au.

Call Lifeline on 13 11 14 for 24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services. Always call 000 if a life is in danger.



June Paine, Jaya Egener and Neil Paine from Juneils Café were excited to surprise customers with free coffees. Juneils Café owner June Paine was proud to take part. "I love the R U OK? campaign and often ask my customers, 'Are you ok?'" June said.

What's HOT

- School holidays are almost here - if the kids are looking for something to do check out what's on at the Guyra Library
- Summer arriving in Spring - very unusual
- Grand final wins for Guyra in soccer and hockey

What's NOT

- Emptying your car ashtray in the gutter

QUOTE of the week

When anger rises, think of the consequences.

Confucius

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
12	Tues	-0.4	17.0	0
13	Wed	3.3	17.8	0
14	Thurs	2.9	18.5	0
15	Fri	2.8	21.1	0
16	Sat	6.6	23.2	0
17	Sun	9.0	25.0	0
18	Mon	9.8	25.0	0

Rain this week	0mm
Sept. rainfall	2.0mm
Rainfall YTD	551.8mm
Rainfall last YTD	780.4mm
Ave. rain to Sep.	618.9mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin,
Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

TroutFest Karaoke Party

The Guyra Trout Festival is excited to announce the upcoming Karaoke Party, to be held on Friday, September 29 at the Australian Poetry Hall of Fame.

The party will feature a wide variety of music to choose from, including pop, rock, country, and more. Whether you're a seasoned karaoke star or a first-timer, this is the perfect opportunity to let loose and have some fun.

This family friendly event will also feature food and drinks and is BYO alcohol, so you can enjoy a night of music and good times. Tickets are \$5 per person and can be purchased online or at the door.

The Guyra Trout Festival Karaoke Party is the perfect way to kick off the weekend and celebrate the start of trout season. So mark your calendars and don't miss out on this fun-



filled event!

The Guyra Trout Festival is a celebration of all things trout. The festival features fishing competitions, food stalls, live

music, and more. The festival is held annually in Guyra, NSW, and is a great way to enjoy the outdoors and celebrate the local community.

Have Your Say

How to make your vote count at the 2023 Referendum

There has been much confusion about what you can do in the ballot box and on the voting slip to make sure that your vote is counted as valid.

To clarify, the information on the AEC website should be followed, you must write NO or Yes. Do not use a tick or cross, do not write letters Y or N. You must write the word, yes or No. I urge everyone that if you are unsure write NO, and if you know, its NO!

For information on the upcoming referendum please visit my website barnabyjoyce.com.au and click of Referendum 2023. Here I have made accessible:

- the reasons why it's a NO from me,
- the full Uluru Statement

From the Heart Dialogue papers that outline what has informed the Statement of the select group of people.

- Applications for postal votes, (that can be accessed through my website and by visiting the AEC website directly <https://www.aec.gov.au/referendums/vote/postal-voting.html>)

Let's not let our country continue on this trajectory of division, lets unite!

Barnaby Joyce MP
Member for New England

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News stories, letters, community news, what's hot or not, etc.

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Talk to a local

It only takes one spark to start a fire

Local RFS volunteers were called out to attend a grass fire at Wandsworth which burnt out 16ha on Tuesday afternoon. The fire began when sparks from fencing hot works (welding) ignited nearby grass.

The fire was quickly brought under control thanks to a great response from nearby brigades and with the help of plant supplied by neighbours.

Superintendent from the New England RFS Paul Metcalfe said that is was just one of a number of similar fires that have been reported across the New England in recent weeks. He is calling on the community to be extremely careful when operating pumps, grinders and other hot work equipment.

“Local brigades are concerned about how dry the grass is at the moment and it only needs one spark and a puff of wind for a fire to take hold,” he

said. “There have been a number of similar fires recently and accidental ignitions have seen over 600 hectares burnt out in the last fortnight.

“Our dedicated volunteers are giving up their personal family time and in some case paid work time to respond to these incidents.

“It is critical during these dry conditions to take some extra precautions if you are working outdoors or using equipment that can spark. PLEASE take a look around and PLAN AHEAD for the task. PLANNING for fire or ignition at this early stage can go a long way to saving yourself and many others in these dry conditions. “

For further information on bush fire safety, please visit www.rfs.nsw.gov.au and don't forget to download the Hazards Near Me app.

There are few simple steps to prepare for a task to assist in the prevention of fires:

1. Check condition of equipment to be used. Is it clean and free from debris?
2. Clear around the work area: a good rule of thumb is 3 metres of clear area.
3. What is the weather doing or going to do in the next few hours or in the days ahead?
4. Remove material that is likely to burn in the event a spark should occur.
5. Ensure you have a phone or communication system so someone can call for help as early as possible should a fire start.
6. Have readily available water on hand to commence an initial attack after calling 000 for assistance.

Stay Safe and protect yourself and your community



Adam Marshall MP
MEMBER FOR NORTHERN TABLELANDS

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STATE PARLIAMENT IS BACK

It is great to be back in State Parliament for the start of a two-week sitting period, including the handing down of the new Government's first Budget on Tuesday, 19th September.

Over the coming weeks in Parliament, I will be having a series of meetings and taking up a number of issues on behalf of our community, including:

- Protecting regional NSW airline slots and access at Sydney Airport;
- Progressing my Bill to split the Hunter New England Health District and return control and decision-making to our region;
- Pressuring the Government to maintain the \$250 Regional Seniors Travel Card;
- Resolving the Rural Fire Service 'Red Fleet' issue for our local councils; and
- Meeting with various Ministers to ensure funding for local projects will be included in the Budget.

I will keep the community informed of progress on these matters as well as a raft of other issues in the coming weeks.

RFS 'RED FLEET' BILL TO EASE RATEPAYER BURDEN

The 'red fleet dispute' has been an ongoing debacle over the last 18 months between the State Government and local councils over who owns and pays for RFS assets.

This Bill remedies the situation, by making it clear that RFS assets belong to, and will be accounted for by, the State Government.

The Bill will vest all firefighting equipment, including apparatus, buildings, water storage towers and lookout towers with the State Government.

As it currently stands, local councils are legally and financially responsible for firefighting equipment even though they don't have any control over the procurement of those assets, how they are operated, stored, maintained or disposed of.

This legislative amendment will bring the treatment of all these items in line with how the vehicle and building assets of all other emergency services in NSW are accounted for and remove an enormous and ridiculous cost burden from our local councils and their ratepayers.



Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall is back in State Parliament for a two week sitting period, including the handing down of the new Government's first Budget

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Community Noticeboard

Meals on Wheels

Sept 21 Debbie Schmidt
 Sept 22 L & R Skinner
 Sept 25 Steve Norris
 Sept 26 Narelle Leven
 Sept 27 Toni Kirkman

Street Stalls

Sept. 21 Antique Mach. Group
 Sept 28 Hospital Auliary
 Sept 29 Wig Library

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: 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

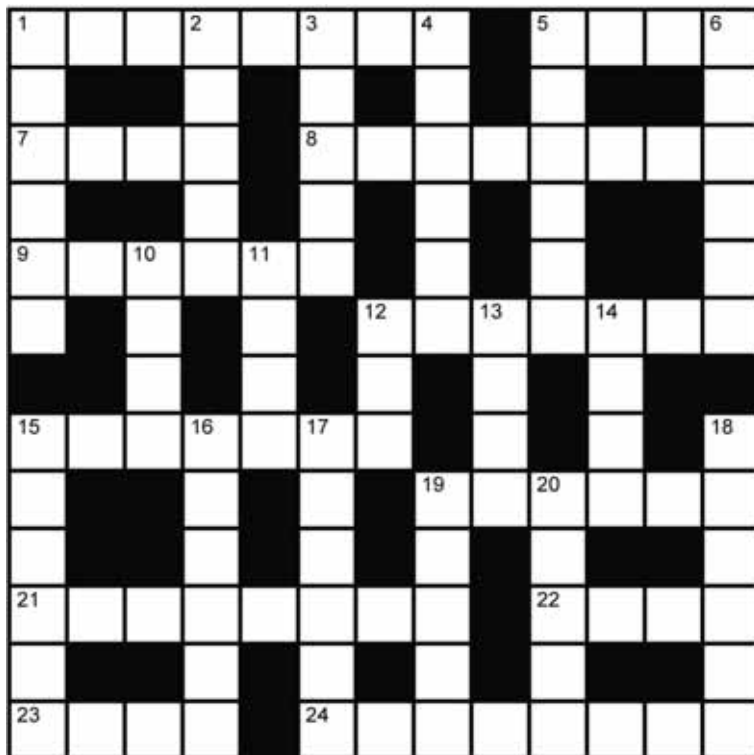
ACROSS

1. Revulsion (8)
5. Mutilate (4)
7. Spare tyre? (4)
8. Dickens tale The _____ Papers (8)
9. Awning (6)
12. 17th century hairpiece (7)
15. Wedge-shaped (7)
19. Prawn (USA) (6)
21. Minor planet (8)
22. City on the Rhine (4)
23. Irish songstress (4)
24. Lookout (8)

DOWN

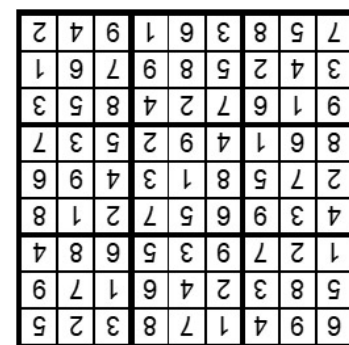
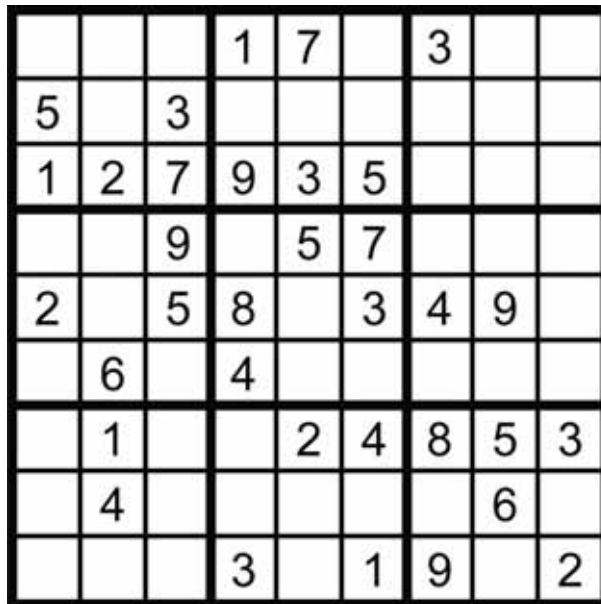
1. Fault (6)
2. Strictly forbidden (5)
3. Soaking wet (5)
4. Titillate (6)
5. Character from The Jungle Books (6)
6. Constructing (6)
10. Lowest tide (4)
11. Couple (4)
12. Cushion (3)
13. Babe _____ baseball leg-

QUICK CROSSWORD



- end (4)
14. Desert river-valley (4)
15. Medieval tunic (6)
16. Archimedes' cry! (6)
17. Carve in relief (6)
18. Of the backbone (6)
19. Largest country in Africa (5)
20. Jewish spiritual leader (5)

SUDOKU - Easy



ACROSS: 1. Distaste 5. Maim 7. Flab 8. Pickwick 9. Canopy 12. Periwig 15. Tapered 19. Shrimp 21. Asteroid 22. Bonn
 DOWN: 1. Defect 2. Taboo 3. Sippy 4. Excite 5. Mowgli 6. Making 10. Neap 11. Pair 12. Pad 13. Ruth 14. Wadi 15. Tabard 16. Eureka 17. Emboss 18. Spinal 19. Sudan 20. Rabbi!



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Work at Council

Airport Reporting Officer

Council is currently seeking an experienced ARO to join our dynamic, forward thinking team on a full-time, ongoing basis.

Closing date 24 Sept, 2023

Aquatic Centre Manager

Council is on the hunt for an effective and efficient Manager for Council's Aquatic Centre.

Closing date 17 Sept, 2023

Engagement Officer - Communications

We are searching for a creative and driven communications champion to join the Engagement & External Relations team, driving meaningful engagement into everything we do at Armidale Regional Council (ARC).

Closing date 24 Sept, 2023

Manager Development & Certification

You will be responsible for the effective day-to-day management of the Development Assessment and Certification functions with customer experience at the heart of every interaction.

Closing date 24 Sept, 2023

Mechanics - Armidale & Guyra Roles Available

Council is looking for qualified Mechanics to join our Plant, Fleet and Workshop team in Armidale and Guyra.

Closing date 29 Oct, 2023

To apply for one of these positions visit Council's website.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Ordinary Meeting will be held in Armidale from 4pm on Wednesday 27 September 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.

Through these simple tips, you can help save water everyday!



1. Use the half flush on your toilet.

If you don't have a dual flush system, you can reduce the amount of litres per flush by placing a brick in the cistern.



2. Check for leaks.

Check around your home regularly, including outdoor taps and pipes.

Saving a little, saves a lot!



3. Use water saving appliances.

Look out for the WELS (Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards) and make sure you only run them when you have full load.



4. Time your daily showers.

The shower is where the majority of your daily water consumption happens. Timing your daily showers, using water saving shower heads and turning off the taps while you wash your hair can save bucket loads!

Guyra Meals on Wheels needs volunteers!

Home Support Services in Guyra are looking for volunteers to deliver hot meals to clients Monday to Friday between 12-13:30pm.

To get involved, contact the HSS team on 6770 7127 or visit Nicholii House, 162 Bradley st, Guyra for more information.



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St Marys attend soccer Gala Day



On Friday September 15th, 31 keen soccer players from St Mary of the Angels travelled to Tamworth to participate in the annual Soccer Gala Day. It was wonderful to see so many students attending and to have three teams representing the school community.

All teams played amazingly

well and had some great outcomes. A special mention to a Junior Guyra Green team for winning all of their games and making it to the finals. They unfortunately didn't progress past this game but they played fantastically and should be so proud of their efforts for making it to that point.

A massive thank you to all parents who braved the early start to travel and take their children and help transport others to the event. It is great to have such supportive families to provide the children with these opportunities. A special thank you to Mitchell Hope and Casey Lennon for coaching teams on the day and giving up

their time to train the children, it is greatly appreciated.

All children who participated should be extremely proud of their efforts on the day. They all played their best, worked as a team, supported each other, and showed amazing sportsmanship.

Communities call on all MPs to support binding plebiscites on deamalgamation

Representatives of the Demerge NSW Alliance (DNA), made up of community advocacy groups from local government areas across the state, are calling on all NSW MPs to support amendments for binding plebiscites on council deamalgamations in the Local Government Act.

DNA spokesperson Grantley Ingram, from Save Bombala Group, said DNA is suggesting amendments which have the support of cross-bench members.

The proposed changes would bind the Local Government Minister to proceed with deamalgamations in former council areas which have returned majority vote in a plebiscite.

Dr Amanda Cohn, Greens spokesperson for Local Government, gave notice of the bill to amend the Local Government Act to enable communities to have their say through binding plebiscites.

"Councils provide essential local services like libraries, sports facilities, and community centres, and make decisions that shape the future of our built and natural environments. To function effectively, communities must be empowered to participate in the decisions that impact them through local democracy," Dr Cohn said.

"Communities from right across the state have made their

voices heard loud and clear that some forced council amalgamations have been a real disservice. Those communities must have their views respected by the government."

Ingram is calling on Labor to support these amendments, which are in line with its policy presented to the election in March.

"Communities in Bombala, Canterbury Bankstown, Central Coast, Guyra, Inner West, Pittwater, Hilltops and Tumbarumba are campaigning for the return of their former councils and to 'Put the Local back into Council'.

"It is urgent to start the process now, so that local government elections in September 2024 can

include polls for councillors for the newly deamalgamated councils, should their communities vote for deamalgamations in plebiscites," Mr Ingram said.

Save and Grow Guyra spokesperson Rob Lenahan said that the Guyra region has made a well-informed and considered decision to pursue separation reflecting the substantial discontent and disillusionment that has arisen as a result of the current amalgamation. Having made a proposal, they are now looking to understand the response from the Minister by having a meaningful dialogue and move forward.

Vets Golf

Tuesday the 12th of September was a glorious day for golf with the sun shining down on our beautiful Mother of Ducks golf course. The course is immaculate, thanks to Shane and indeed all those volunteers that helped with the coring and other stuff.

The lowest score out of 13 golfers was 31 points, a great indication of just how well our golf course is playing. The winner with an exceptional score of 42 points was Wal Chapman.

It was a great duel between Wal and Don Campbell with Don getting the runner up with another exceptional score of 41 points. There were a couple of players come in on 40 points and on a normal day would have picked up a trophy. Warren McGowen was the best putter with just 26 fine putts. Wal picked up 2 NTPs with Neil Paine getting the third.

Next week we have another stableford event. Weekend golfers, time to dust off your sticks and come and enjoy this magnificent

facility that we have in the heart of town. We are very lucky. Happy golfing.

Drake

Ladies' Golf

Last week eight ladies travelled to Warialda to play in their Lady's 4BBB Open. Jenni Jackson won a nearest the pin prize and Leonie Taylor and Jenni Jackson had a great score of 42 points. The winners and runners up however came in with 44 points.

A big thank you to the Club for allowing us to use the minibus for our trip and a massive thanks to Wendy Jackson for being our driver.

Last week five ladies travelled to Walcha for the second round of the Pennants. We had a successful day with Guyra in the lead coming into the final round which will be held here at our home course.

This week is a Stroke and Putting Competition – for Julie Walker's Trophy.

Next week is the NEDGA 4BBB/Vets Championship in Armidale. Please let Pip know if you want to enter.

Birdie

Men's Bowls

The results of last week's matches are: In open singles David Wilcox defeated Anthony Bull 31-19, and Robert Moore defeated Dan Kennedy 31-26. In major/minor pairs Steven Sole and Robert Walls defeated Murray Bourke and Randy Mulligan 30-14.

Matches set down for this Saturday September 23rd at 12 o'clock are: In handicap singles Dan Kennedy will play Robert Walls with Tim Ellis to mark, and Randy Mulligan will play Barry Walls with Anthony Bull to mark. In Major/Minor pairs David Wilcox and Paul Johnson will play John Jackson and Geoff Reeves, also Colin Stanley and Greg Mitchell will play Shane and Noah Brennan.

Jack

Midweek golf

Midweek golf will start again on Monday 9th October 2023.

Start getting your teams of 6 players organised.

They can be golfers/non golfers/juniors/men/women but must be a social member of the Bowling Club to play—does not have to be a golfing member.

Nine hole, stableford event.

Play any time from Monday morning to 5pm Sunday night.

Nomination form and guidelines will be available at the Bowling Club. Also available by emailing—leonie@gala.org.au

Nominate your team by completing the form off the Guyra Golf page or collecting a form from the club. You may also nominate your team by emailing it to—leonie@gala.org.au

We already have a team who needs a couple of more players, so if you would like to play just send in your name and we will add you to a team.

Middy

Rural Market Reports

Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

September 13th - Total Yarding: 6335 (+1950). In the face of a falling market and heading into the new lambing season numbers increased with 3845 lambs penned. The sheep also increased to 2490.

The quality of the lambs was mixed with both restockers and processors well catered for. Heavy weight lambs were well represented. The usual processors were in attendance and there was some restocker activity. Processor demand was weak with market trends cheaper throughout.

There were only a couple of pens of new season lambs penned suitable to the trade. These lambs sold comparatively well in comparison to the old lambs. The restocker competition came mainly from Southern areas with little in the way of local competition.

The cheaper trends through the well finished lines to process were considerable in places given

the fortnight between sales. The majority of the sheep were shorn Merino ewes and wethers.

With the weakened processor demand continuing market trends were also significantly cheaper. The lower price levels attracted restockers with several local orders operating on large lines of wethers.

Armidale Cattle Sale

September 14th - Total Yarding: 1060 (+160) There was a small increase in supply with lightweight yearlings in large numbers. There was a fair supply of cows and bulls however not many other grown cattle.

The quality of the offering was fair to good with some large lines of lightweight yearling heifers. Apart from cows the majority of the young cattle were on the plainer end of the condition scores. There was reduced buyer attendance both restockers and processors.

Demand for young cattle was down resulting in cheaper trends throughout. Restockers were ac-

tive through the lightweight young cattle attracted by the lower prices while there was not a great selection of yearlings suitable to feed.

The fortnight between sales contributed to some significant price change on a falling market. A large run of lightweight yearling heifers in store condition sold well in comparison to the heavier weights. There were insufficient heavy grown steers to quote. Well finished grown heifers to process sold to cheaper trends.

Plain condition cows were least affected in a cheaper cow market that saw the well finished cows lose all of the last sales improvement with trends cheaper by 10c/kg. Heavy bulls also sold to cheaper trends with limited processor competition.

Weekly Wool Sale

September 15th - After last week's solid market further welcome relief from a prolonged downtrend was given this week. The signals given from the Western regions strong close to last

week flowed over to this week's Eastern seaboard opening.

The Northern region indicator climbed 16 cents on Tuesday's sale with the 17 micron indicator being the only reported negative. The positives continued on Wednesday to a lesser extent with a further 5 cent lift in the indicator to conclude a 21 cent rise for the week. All categories closed in positive territory even the seemingly unloved crossbred types with the 28 micron indicator posting the largest percentage increase for the week.

37,546 bales were sold nationally with a low passed in rate of just 4.5%. Major buyers included Endeavour Wool, PJ Morris & Techwool with widespread support evident. This week's 21 cent rise in the Eastern market indicator has left the market sitting at roughly its average level for the 2023/24 season to date. The market continues to trade in a very tight band but importantly this week's bounce was the second time its managed to recover from the same low point.



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RAFFLE RESULTS

ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS Guyra Parish raffle won by Rebecca Elliott. 50 Club: 1st Rosemary Thomas, 2nd John Mitchell (redonated), 3rd Maryanne Hill (redonated).

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OCTOBER LONG WEEKEND:

Rotary Club of Guyra will hold a **BOOK FAIR** at the War Memorial Hall from 29th September to 2nd October.

TROUTFEST will be held 29th September to 2nd October. Markets in the main street, photography competition, kids' fishing clinic and more.

GUYRA ANGLERS CLUB will be holding their annual **John Wilcox Classic event 30th Sept - 1st Oct**. See Facebook Pages of Guyra Anglers Club Inc or Guyra TroutFest for further details.

SATURDAY, 11th NOVEMBER:

Official Opening of the GUYRA MEMORIAL PARK including BBQ, memorial avenue of trees, memorial plaques, mandala garden and rotunda will take place following the RSL Remembrance Day service. Everyone welcome.

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Guyra United Soccer Junior & Senior Presentation Day
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Cricket registrations open for 2023/24 season

Cricket season is set to kick off soon and Guyra Cricket Club registrations are now open for anyone interested in being part of the 2023/24 season. The competition is set to kick off on October 14th. Guyra is hoping to once again enter first, second and third grade teams in the Armidale District competition. To register visit the PlayHQ portal and search for Guyra Cricket Club.

If you have any issues with the registration contact Craig Lockyer on 0427 013312.

Senior fees are \$180 for the season. Players will still have the option of a \$10 per game, but this is now limited to five games. Everyone has to pay \$22.50 for registration to Cricket Australia which is included in the \$180 season price. School based players playing in the senior competi-

tion will have the option of using their active kids voucher.

Registrations are also open for the 2023/24 junior season. Under 11s are \$116 including Cricket Australia's fee. Under 13s to 15s are \$131 including Cricket Australia's fee. Active Registration is via the PlayHQ portal (as above) and active kids' vouchers can be used. If you have any queries about junior cricket contact Simon

Brown on 0427 665 131.

Armidale District Cricket Association is also running a Cricket Blast program for 5-10 year old children (age as at 21/10/23). The Program will start on October 21st and runs until December 2nd and then again during February and March. Registration is via PlayHQ (search for Armidale District


Guyra Anglers Club Inc
John Wilcox Trout Classic
30th September – 1st October 2023
Guyra TroutFest

Age Categories

Juniors - up to 16yrs

Seniors - 16yrs +

Everyone Welcome



Prize Categories

Largest Impounded Trout

Largest Creek Trout

Mystery Length

Interested - Details can be found at
[Guyra Anglers Facebook Page](#)
[Troutfest Facebook Page](#)

Gold coin donation entry for seniors - Donations go to OzFish Unlimited

A Presentation with nibbles will start at 4pm on Sunday the 1st of October at the Guyra Bowling Club



Guyra Rugby League Football Club would like to thank its 2023 sponsors:

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We appreciate your support in keeping senior rugby league alive in Guyra.

Caspers grand final win at 'fortress' Inverell



Guyra Caspers 1st Grade winning team (Photo courtesy of Guyra Sport)

In what was the hottest game of the season Guyra United's first grade side headed back to Inverell to take on the team who have been the season's toughest opponent.

The afternoon was hot in temperature as well at kick-off at 27 degrees and the Guyra team felt it for the next 95 minutes. In what was the traditional 'slow' Guyra start, the first goal came from Inverell off a corner only six minutes in.

Guyra was resilient and pushed forward in an attempt to bring the trophy home, and it was just 10 minutes later that John Kudu levelled the score. Then it was Braith Kliendienst's turn with a terrific goal just on the Inverell side of halfway that took the score to 2 to 1 in favour of Guyra at half time.

There were no points, just a lot of pressure from both sides until 30 minutes into the second half when a soft call went against Guyra leading to a penalty in the box. Inverell converted and tied the game up with 15 minutes to go.

Ten minutes later, a cross from Corby Kliendienst went to John Kudu again. With two

players to beat, he scored what would prove to be the match winning goal. The last five minutes seemed to take forever and it wasn't helped by the addition of a five-minute injury time.

Guyra held strong together

with some stoic defence to wrap up the game and take home the trophy on what was, until Saturday, a fortress for Inverell.

The team wants to thank the supporters who made the jour-

ney over to Inverell - we couldn't have done it without them. The word from the supporters that made the trip was said to be one of the best combined efforts from a team in Guyra playing history.

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