

# Guyra Gazette

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## Tremane joins the Guyra Central team

Guyra Central School is delighted to announce that Mr Tremane Patterson will be working as an Aboriginal Education Officer in both our primary and secondary departments.

Tremane joins the Guyra Central School team with a strong connection to our students, staff and community. Tremane was educated at Guyra Central School and has dedicated his career to conservation land management at Watteridge Indigenous Protected Area, sharing his knowledge about Country in school and community settings.

Tremane is an involved and respected member of several community groups and is the current President of the Guyra Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG). He has been extensively involved in the organisation of cultural school and community events. Tremane will work directly with Miss Eunice Blair and families collaboratively across Guyra Central School, assisting students to build their personal strengths and engage in



school life to improve our students' learning outcomes.

Tremane is passionate about expanding

culturally inclusive learning programs in the school community and will be a valuable member of the team at Guyra Central School.

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# Are you ready to Frock Up?

Frocktober is Australia's most fashionable month-long fundraiser, created by the Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation (OCRF) to raise awareness and funds for vital ovarian cancer research.

All funds raised are donated directly to the OCRF, so they can fund potentially life-saving research ovarian cancer projects.

Guyra CWA Evening Branch are calling on guys and gals to join them this Saturday October 28th in support of this great cause. Jumping on the "Frocktober" bandwagon the event calls for everyone, blokes especially, to "frock" up.

Organise Sarah Gwilym planned the event after attending the CWA Spring Fling and listening to Catherine Stephen, ambassador for Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation.

"I realised that not only were the symptoms for Ovarian cancer so similar to common monthly women problems, also that it was a cancer not often spoke about," Sarah said.

"I decided that a fun night at the local pub where everyone could frock up would be a good way to change that narrative.

"Ladies, why not checkout the op shops, or pull an old number out of the cupboard, get silly with your frocks.

"There will be prizes for best frocked fella (c'mon fellas you can do it!) and best frocked female as well as a lucky door prize and raffles on the night.

"The aim of the night is to get together with your friends, frock up, have a laugh, raise some money for the OCRF and potentially win a prize or 2!"

If you would like to donate a raffle prize or have any queries, please contact Sarah on 0435 114 121.

The night kicks off from 6.30pm onwards with raffles and the main event starts at 7.30pm. If you wish to have dinner at the Royal Hotel booking a table is highly recommended – phone 6779 1005 to book.



## Ladies in Livestock – Seasonal Preparedness

Join Northern Tablelands Local Lands Services and the Rural Fire Service to discuss preparedness and management options with the ongoing hotter and drier than average conditions. Topics include:

**Fire preparedness** – developing your bushfire survival plan/farm fire plan.

**Early weaning** - practical tips and benefits of adding early weaning to this year's management practices. If current conditions continue, early weaning is a management option that needs to be considered. Calves and lambs weaned early need to be managed well.

### Locations -

Walcha – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023  
Walcha Veterinary Supplies, 6 Aberbaldie Rd, Walcha

Guyra – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023  
Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club, 192 Bradley St, Guyra

Inverell – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
Inverell Golf Club, 4076 Bundarra Road, Inverell

Tenterfield – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
Tenterfield Golf Club, 288 Pelham St, Tenterfield

Time – 10am – 2pm

Morning tea and lunch provided.

RSVP

Walcha - <https://tix.yt/XRQ>

Guyra - <https://tix.yt/YRQ>

Inverell - <https://tix.yt/ZRQ>

Tenterfield - <https://tix.yt/1RQ>

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# Petition to restore trains north of Armidale

A crowd gathered at Armidale Railway Station last week to celebrate the successful completion of a petition to the NSW legislative Assembly seeking the restoration of passenger train services from Armidale to Queensland on the Main North railway line.

Representatives of local councils and the Trains North groups in Guyra, Glen Innes and Tenterfield were present.

The petition, commenced by the group Passenger Trains North of Armidale, was subsequently taken up by Trains North and has reached a total of 10,746 signatures. In the afternoon it was delivered to Mr. Adam Marshall, MP for Northern Tablelands, to be presented in parliament, where it is expected to be debated in due course.

President of Trains North, Matthew Tierney, that he thinks this petition will prove to be a key milestone in establishing that public opinion in this region is in favour of protecting the railway line, restoring it north of Armidale, and getting the trains running through to Queensland once more."

"The social and economic future of this region depends to a large degree upon getting freight moving on the Main North Line,



Mathew Tierney and Rob Lenehan from Trains North handing over petition to Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall

but also upon the restoration of proper public transport — and that means trains," Mr Tierney said.

"By co-incidence the minister for Transport, Jo Haylen, has announced discounted fares on Fridays in the Newcastle-Sydney-Wollongong metropolitan area to encourage use of passenger trains. But the need for good public transport in the regions is important too, and

it deserves greater attention. And passenger trains on existing railway lines are the backbone of good public transport."

Mr Tierney said that the Main North railway line, north of Armidale, has been neglected for over three decades by successive governments, despite the growing popularity of the restored service north of Tamworth to Armidale.

Next month will be the thirtieth

anniversary of the very welcome partial return of passenger trains to the Northern Tablelands when the Xplorer train commenced operating to Armidale on November 22nd, 1993.

"Sadly, Guyra, Glen Innes and Tenterfield did not share in that wonderful achievement. Now is the time to deal with unfinished business and work towards getting the line operating again all the way," Mr Tierney said.

Siri Gamage, vice-president of Trains North said that many residents in New England have close family or work connections with Queensland and students come from there to the schools and university at Armidale.

"Over the border, in South-East Queensland, the population is expected to grow to 4.3 million by 2030," Mr Gamage said. "

"It's time for our regions to be connected by effective public transport and to reduce carbon emissions by moving goods by rail."

Trains North Guyra vice President Rob Lenehan has encouraged all Guyra residents supporting the reinstatement of passenger train services for Guyra to contact their State MP Adam Marshall and ask that their voice be heard on the floor of parliament.

## Don't miss this great opportunity

Scott Johnston completed at the top level of American professional cowboy association circuit, in bareback, and saddle bronc. Gaining recognition and dominating as an Elite cowboy alongside the best in the world from 1994 to 2003.

Along the way there were challenges, including breaking his back in a plane crash in 1998. He returned to rodeo after only 3 months and didn't look back, achieving his goals in a successful career from rodeo and into the cutting horse arena.

In 2010 Scott returned to his land of birth, Australia, making national cutting horse association finals over numerous years. The fame of

winning many prestigious awards led him into a worldly lifestyle, and his relationship with God faltered.

Scott realised the need for change and made a decision to follow Jesus. He now conducts faith based horsemanship demonstrations passing on his skills to, and installing in others, the relationship between the trainer and his horse. Comparing the love and the similarities that God desires with each of us.

Scott is an inspiration to young and old and will be in Guyra on Saturday November 4th. The demonstration will take place at 110 Oban Street, Guyra starting at 8.30am. Admission is free.



**Scott Johnston  
in Guyra  
8.30am, Saturday  
4th November**

**Don't miss this great opportunity to meet  
Scott Johnston in Guyra**

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demonstrations, passing on his skills and  
instilling in others the relationship between  
the trainer and his horse.**

**An inspiration to young and old.  
Be encouraged by the true Australian legend  
of Horsemanship of Scott Johnston.**

**Free Admission - 110 Oban Street, Guyra**

## What's HOT

Community Hall being used for voting - much easier to access for everyone - thank you

Dusting off your 'glad rags' and heading to the Froctober event this weekend

Do you like to sing? Why not join the combined churches choir (see below)

## What's NOT

Runaway purple scooters finding their way up the hill to Guyra

## QUOTE of the week

Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen

Anonymous

## Bureau of Meteorology

# Weather

## WATCH

### Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
17	Tues	2.5	17.3	0
18	Wed	3.1	15.9	0
19	Thurs	6.0	19.2	0
20	Fri	3.0	23.6	0
21	Sat	5.8	26.3	0
22	Sun	11.3	27.4	0
23	Mon	5.6		0

Rain this week	0.0mm
October rainfall	19.0mm
Rainfall YTD	570.8mm
Rainfall last YTD	968.8mm
Ave. rain to Oct.	694.0mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

# Have Your Say .....

## The Off-Grid Alternative to Towers and Turbines

If what comes through the letterbox at the moment is anything to go by, there seems to be growing community concern about the impacts of renewable energy developments in New England. We have the Nationals calling for a moratorium on these developments, and "lily livered dreamboats" getting the blame.

The nub of the problem is the fundamental principle of electricity distribution: the greater the mismatch between where electricity is generated and where it is consumed, the greater the need for transmission infrastructure. And the greater the mismatch, the greater the inequality in where the costs and benefits of the electricity grid fall.

For much of the 20th century, the people of the Hunter and other coalfields have borne the air pollution, respiratory deaths and coal mine fatalities associated with coal-fired electricity generation, while the rest of us enjoy the convenience of elec-

tricity at the flick of a switch.

Now, with renewables replacing coal, the shoe is on the other foot. Those living in the Renewable Energy Zones, like New England, will have to bear the impacts of wind and solar farms and associated transmission infrastructure, while those elsewhere enjoy the benefits of electricity supplied from afar.

If we want to reduce these inequalities, then we have to better match where electricity is generated and where it is consumed. The residential electricity sector has great potential for this. Think of an off-grid house with roof-top solar. Electricity is generated on the roof, stored in a battery in the shed, and consumed in the house a few

metres away. No substations, no transmission towers, no poles and wires, no meter box and no power bills. This is not lily livered dreamboat fantasy. I bought my first solar panels, a small wind generator and battery in 1980. For 37 of the last 43 years we have lived off-grid, easily and conveniently powering all the requirements of a modern household. It has been cheaper than the grid in the long run and, with good quality German and Australian made components, has a 100 per cent reliability that Essential Energy would die for.

The more off-grid households, the less the need for the generation and transmission infrastructure that is causing so much concern. Simple as that. And don't be fooled into thinking that grid connected roof-top solar is the solution. On the contrary, it overloads the grid in the middle of the day, creating the need for more transmission infrastructure, the cost of which is passed through to power bills.

Ian Reeve  
Black Mountain

## Have your say

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67792069.

## Come sing with us



Christmas is fast approaching and it is time for the Combined Churches' Choir to warm up their vocal chords for their two annual performances.

This year the Presbyterian Church will be hosting the Carol Service in Guyra on De-

cember 10th at 7.30pm. We will also sing at the Ben Lomond Hall on Monday, December 11th at 7.30pm.

We would love to welcome some new members, so if you enjoy singing, please come along, join us and have some

fun. The rehearsals will be held in the Presbyterian Church at 7.30 pm every Monday evening from November 6th.

For more information contact Nancy on 0438 791 057 Look forward to seeing you.

Nancy Prisk



# Community Recovery Event

**When:** Saturday 4  
November 6pm - 9pm

**Where:** Guyra Central  
School Gym

**Free dinner provided**

Join us for our community recovery event in Guyra, as we showcase 'Rachel's Farm' - A film directed by Rachel Ward, as she explains her journey recovering from bushfires and floods.

After the screening we will be having a Q&A session with some guest speakers!



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Scan the QR code to book your **FREE** ticket  
or visit the link: <https://events.humanitix.com/rachel-s-farm-film-night-in-guyra>

# Community Noticeboard

## Meals on Wheels

Oct 26 Sue Adama  
 Oct 27 Steve Adams  
 Oct 30 Toni Kirkman  
 Oct 31 Debbie Schmidt  
 Nov 1 Wendy Lockyer

## Street Stalls

Oct. 26 Hospital Aux.  
 Oct. 27, 28 Guyra Lodge  
 Nov. 2,3,4 Rotary

## 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

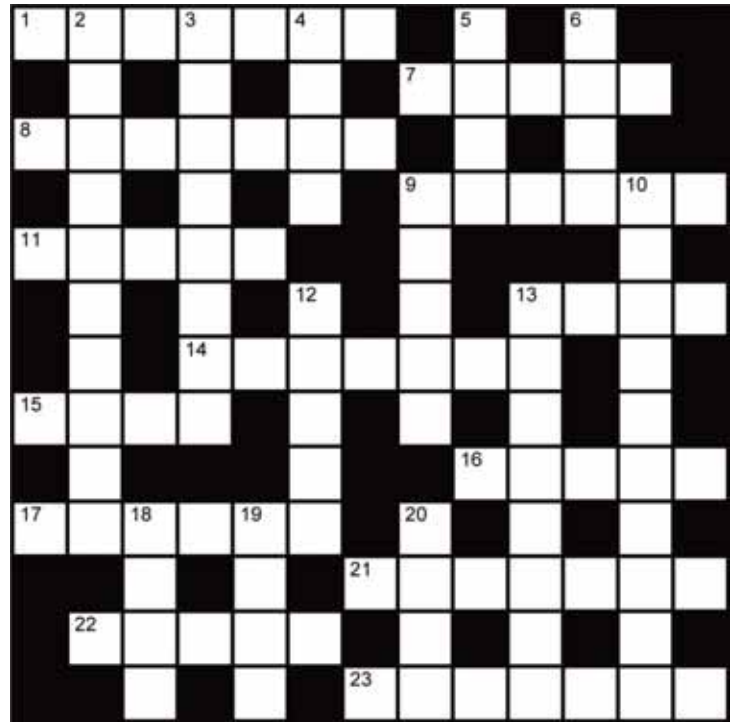
## ACROSS

1. Round flattish loaf (7)
7. Journal (5)
8. Agony, suffering (7)
9. Join forces (4,2)
11. Fire (5)
13. Pant (4)
14. Improve (7)
15. Tip off (4)
16. Attach (5)
17. Technique (6)
21. Pandemonium (7)
22. Wed (5)
23. Green, lush vegetation (7)

## DOWN

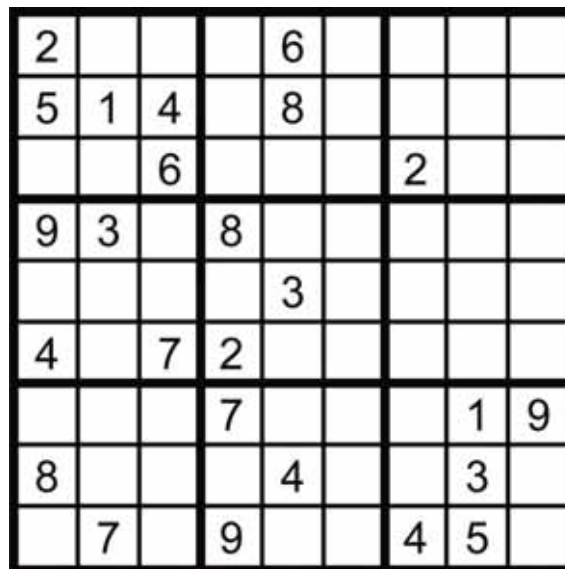
2. Early pharmacist (10)
3. Gas, symbol N (8)
4. Irish county (4)
5. Currency unit (Lit) (4)
6. Narcotic (4)
9. Colossus (5)

## QUICK CROSSWORD

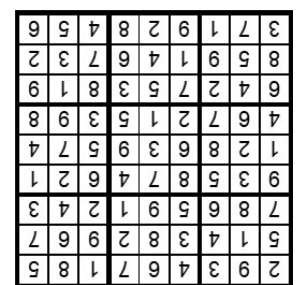


10. Strange (10)
12. Unit of heat (5)
13. Scented (8)
18. Saturate (4)
19. Irish Republic (4)
20. Loose slipper (4)

## SUDOKU - Medium



ACROSS: 1. Bannock 7. Diary 8. Torture 9. Gang Up 11. Shoot 13. Puff 14. En-hance 15. Warn 16. Affix 17. System 21. Turmoil 22. Marry 23. Verdure  
 DOWN: 2. Apothecary 3. Nitrogen 4. Cork 5. Lira 6. Drug 9. Giant 10. Unfa-miliar 12. Therm 13. Perfumed 18. Soak 19. Ere 20. Mule



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# Picnic in Nature



Saturday 21st October was a good opportunity to take a short walk, observe the recent project accessibility improvement. The low Cor Ten steel bridge structure helps with access across normally boggy ground. Alternatively there was an opportunity to find a shady spot to observe a variety of birds in their lagoon environment.

# Bringing mental health awareness to the community

Two presentations are being held in Guyra this week, focussing on mental health awareness.

The first workshop is for men and will be held at the Soldiers Memorial Hall on Thursday October 26th starting at 5.30pm. Refreshments will be available. The second workshop is for ladies and will be held on Friday October 27th, 9am at Rafters, followed by a morning High Tea.

Mind Your Mates is a 45 minute presentation about recognising the signs of depression, anxiety and thoughts of suicide. The presentation is delivered by Lifeline skills-for-life suicide prevention trainers.

Mental illness can affect anyone at any time, but how many of us would know what to do, or what to say, if someone is distressed or in a crisis situation? Most of us have heard of or undertaken training in physical first

aid, but when it comes to mental health or emotional first aid we are not so well trained or equipped.

Takeaways from the presentation:

Recognise the warning signs of mental health problems

Provide skills needed to speak openly about mental health

Gain knowledge about how to offer support and what services to refer someone to if they require professional support.

Bookings can be made by following links:

Men's event: <https://lifeline-hunter.arlo.co/register?sgid=72c9cad4d52a43c7bc9733709df1be8c>

Women's event: <https://lifeline-hunter.arlo.co/register?sgid=b3c1805e33ad4cc78ff384b88ba02302>

For more information contact Mareia Stannard [mariea.stannard@lifeline.org.au](mailto:mariea.stannard@lifeline.org.au) or phone 0427 456 848

## What's Happening at the Neighbourhood Centre

Our theme this month is **WE NEED YOU!**

**AGM's!! they are on again!**

GNC's AGM is the 6th November, 2023 @ 6pm at 160 Bradley Street Guyra. As with other services in Guyra we are always on the lookout for genuine community minded people to join as members and to be on our Board. We need you to help us keep the doors open and to deliver the very best services our community require.

If you are interested, please call into the centre and or give me a call on 6779 1635.

### COMMUNITY COOKED LUNCH nutrition & budgeting FREE!

(funding through Healthwise) Nutrition and Budgeting chat is the last Tuesday of each month. 31/10/2023 - 9.30am - 11.30am

Topics to be discussed:

- an introduction to, and the objectives of our community garden program

- healthy eating on a budget Lunch is Every Tuesday 12 noon - 1.30pm.

### PRODUCE SWAP is on again!

First Saturday of the month 4th November 9am – 12 noon. We have a lot of seedlings and Guyra weather hardened plants for your garden and a good number of stall holders with goodies for you to swap or sell.

Come see the services we provide and our support to all of community, or just visit to

experience a cold climate, produce driven community garden.

### We continue to have strong client and service engagement.

- Insufficient and overcrowded housing as well as cost of living stress is still the number one reason for seeking financial assistance.

- Our social inclusion programs such as our community cooked lunch, produce swap and community activities are playing an important part of our social support to our community.

- We continue to have a huge uptake in laundry and bathroom facilities.

Please consider supporting the Guyra Neighbourhood Centre and in turn our community, in any way you can!

**Centre Manager Sarah Hunt**

## CALENDAR

### Monday

- Joblink Plus Disability Employment Services - fortnightly by appt.
- 2nd Monday of month Carers NSW 9am to 2pm
- North & North West Community Legal Service by appointment

### Tuesday

- Community Lunch 12 noon to 1.30pm.
- OCTEC Disability Employment Services Fortnightly 9am to 12pm.
- TFSS Staying Home Leaving Violence Every second Tuesday

### Wednesday

- Knitting & Craft Group 10am-2pm

### Thursday

- Corrections by appointment
- Womens Shelter 10am to 2pm

### Friday - Closed

### Saturday

- First Saturday of every month Community Produce Swap
- Second Saturday of every month Spin New and Unusual Fibres Group 1pm to 4pm.

160 Bradley St Guyra NSW 2365 Ph: 02 67791635 Mob: 0477 441 457  
Monday -Thursday 9am - 2pm (Closed Friday)



# Call for Parliamentary Inquiry to address crime in regional NSW

The Country Mayors Association (CMA) of NSW has joined forces with the Police Association of NSW (PANSW) and NSW Farmers to call for a Parliamentary Inquiry into crime, law and order in rural and regional New South Wales.

CMA Chairman, Mayor Jamie Chaffey said statistics showed residents of rural, regional and remote New South Wales were more likely to be sexually assaulted, more likely to have their cars stolen, more likely to have their homes broken into and more likely to be impacted by domestic violence. And when these crimes did occur, the police response was delayed due to the resources available.

“It is estimated one-third of New South Wales’ population live outside metropolitan areas,” Mayor Chaffey said. “But we are still second-class citizens when it comes to the safety of our communities.

“For the first time, our CMA annual survey has revealed that

crime, law and order is now in the top five emerging issues for New South Wales local governments.

“We knew crime was increasing, but we looked to the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) data to clarify the situation. We were shocked to learn that as well as the alarming incident counts in regional New South Wales, the rate of incidents per 100,000 people was, in some cases, horrifying when compared to metropolitan figures. Up to 90% of crimes including vehicle theft, breaking and entering, sexual assault and domestic assault are happening here, in our regional communities.

“We also have significantly fewer police than our city cousins, and as a whole, New South Wales has less police per head of population than Queensland, Victoria and South Australia. Our police officers are already facing an incredible workload, with only one police officer per 467 NSW residents.

“We have not been heard by our state leaders, and our people - particularly the elderly and the vulnerable - are scared. They need to feel safe. They deserve to feel safe.

PANSW President Kevin Morton said the report showed that additional police resources were needed to manage crime rates and ensure that communities could be effectively serviced.

“Our regional police officers are expected to be the 24/7 problem solvers. Police in these regional and remote locations are required to attend emergency situations that cover huge geographical areas with limited staff and resources with little to no back up. When they do call for assistance, it can be an hour away or more.”

Mr. Morton said that staffing levels and resources needed to be re-evaluated to reflect contemporary requirements for policing in regional and remote areas.

NSW Farmers CEO Annabel

Johnson said while their primary concern was crimes against farming businesses, this report revealed an opportunity to do more to protect everyone in the rural landscape.

“This report is concerning and we would absolutely support a proper review of where police resources are allocated to protect every community and business regardless of where they are in the state,” Ms Johnson said.

“A 2020 survey of farmers found that 81 per cent reported being a victim of farm crime – theft of livestock and equipment, trespass, break and enter, and illegal hunting, and this is a significant risk to safety.

“More concerning is that 64 per cent were worried about crime in general due to repeated victimisation – and while the establishment of the Rural Crime Prevention Team by NSW Police is positive, there needs to be more resources available.”

## Black Mountain Public School Transition News

Our five Transition students at Black Mountain Public School are enjoying another great term of learning with their transition leader Mrs Sapphire Roller. Last week, students enjoyed water play and an obstacle course, as they were exploring the letters of the week, O and W.

At Black Mountain Public School, transition students learn through creative play and hands on learning activities, using the Early Years Learning Framework, to prepare them for kindergarten, the following year.

Our Transition students regularly participate in activities with our K-2 Echidna’s class as well as other school activities such as assemblies and cultural events. The wellbeing and care of all our students is our highest priority. A smooth transition to kindergarten ensures a great



start to school.

If you have a child who is four years of age or turning four and you would like to know more about this great program, please do not hesitate to contact

the school. Our school’s transition program runs every week on Fridays, throughout the school year.

*Mrs Justine Eddy  
Relieving Principal*

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# Regional seniors travel card petition tabled in State parliament

Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall has tabled a 10,000-plus signature petition in State Parliament, calling for the government reverse its recent decision and reinstate the popular \$250 NSW Regional Seniors Travel Card.

The petition will now trigger a debate on the floor of the Legislative Assembly next month when Parliament resumes.

Mr Marshall thanked the community for putting pen to paper to call on the government, which effectively axed the program in its first Budget last month, to continue the vital card.

“In last month’s State Budget the government took the axe to the seniors travel card – a heartless decision which will negatively impact more than 12,000 seniors in the Northern Tablelands and more than \$1 million across country NSW,” Mr Marshall said.

“We cannot afford to sit idle and allow this card to be taken so coldly off some of our community’s most vulnerable people, especially in the midst of a cost-of-living crisis.

“We must take the fight up to the government and with the tabling of this petition, we’ll get the chance to

do this on the floor of parliament next month.”

Mr Marshall said since 2020, the Regional Seniors Travel Card had helped more than one million eligible seniors living in rural and regional NSW with cost-of-living expenses by providing \$250 to spend on petrol, taxis or public transport to help get them to appointments, do the weekly grocery shop or take that special trip to visit family and friends.

“Cardholders have written to me about how the card has become an essential part of their budgets, allowing them to see grandchildren and family and paying for necessary travel to appointments when not many options for public transport are available,” Mr Marshall said.

“The positive response to the petition, not just in our region but right across our state has been overwhelming.

“People of all ages have taken the time to show their support for our seniors and this program.

“This petition, backed with the signatures of more than 10,000 locals, send a powerful message to the government and I hope they listen and act next month.”

# Draft policy incentivises sustainable development

A policy that financially incentivises the construction of energy efficient and sustainable buildings is now on public exhibition for community review.

Armidale Regional Council in partnership with the community is committed to achieving its Zero30 carbon neutral standards and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 2030. To do this council must develop policies that encourages and increases the uptake of sustainable development across the local government area.

The Draft Ecological Sustainable Development (ESD) Policy seeks to provide incentives to people who build energy efficient and sustainable buildings.

Armidale mayor Sam Coupland said council was leading the way in the region for affordable green housing and at the same time contributing to reducing the cost-of-living pressures long term.

“If we want to realise a more sustainable neighbourhood, one that makes our buildings more comfortable for our climate and reduces our carbon footprint, as a council we need to provide policies that help to achieve this,” said mayor Coupland

“Sustainable building design and the long-term financial benefits of reducing household energy consumption is not a new concept, but there is a perceived or real higher

cost to achieving these standards. If we can reduce some of these costs in the short term and there is an increase in sustainable design, hopefully in the long term this will normalise sustainable building.”

To meet the objectives of the policy the development must clearly demonstrate that it meets a number of sustainable building practices including:

- Improvements to liveability through climate orientation and compact living
- Thoughtful site selection and avoidance of excavation and vegetation removal
- Low embodied energy building materials and small building footprint
- Ensuring the development meets international energy efficiency and thermal comfort standards
- Water conservation through exceeding mandatory Government efficiency scheme requirements
- Careful consideration of prevailing climate considerations
- Retention of native and exotic trees, protection of ecological communities

To review the draft ESD policy current on public exhibition until Monday 6 November 2023, visit council’s online engagement hub at [yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au](https://yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au)

## Rural Market Reports

### Weekly Wool Market

**October 20th** - It was a better week for the wool market with prices bouncing back up off what appears to be a firm resistance level.

On multiple occasions over the past three months the market has moved higher after falling to levels near last weeks close.

A 12 cent rise in the Northern region indicator on the first day of sales was followed up by a further 8 cent increase on the final day.

The increases were confined to the Merino sector with the Crossbred and Carding sectors struggling. They prevented a higher increase being reported

in the headline market indicators.

37,328 bales were sold nationally for the week with a good clearance rate resulting in just 4.7% passed in. This passed in wool was dominated by the Crossbred and Carding types.

Major buyers included Endeavour Wool, PJ Morris and Techwool. The past 9 selling weeks has produced just 20 cents difference in the Eastern market indicator between the high and low points.

Since returning from the July recess this figure is just 52 cents. It has been a period of unusually high stability for the wool market with supply and demand playing a delicate balancing act.



Essential items for your *adult* bag

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# Classifieds Trades & Services

## MISSING DOG

**"Cookie," a 5 y/o female Chihuahua** has been missing from Armidale since 4th October. A very much loved family pet. **REWARD offered** for her safe return.  
**Contact: 0413 103 969**

## MEETINGS

**WARDS MISTAKE PROGRESS ASSOC. AGM** Sunday, 29th October at 5pm at the tennis courts. Ph: 6779 7616.

## RAFFLE RESULTS

**NEW ENGLAND WIGS & HEADWEAR** raffle won by 1st: Leonie Taylor, 2nd Kas Ellis, 3rd Shane McGinty. Thank you to all who supported us.

## THANK YOU

I live in a small country town built on the side of the hill. I have great neighbours and always will. They take me to the hospital to cure a pain. After 5 days I am home again. Doctors and nurses, domestic staff, great to see a smile with a laugh. To the Chemist and Ambos too, may I say these little words:  
*Thank You from Cecil Wilson*

## COURSES

**Tech Savvy Seniors Program & Certificate courses**  
*Enrolments now open for:*

- Certificate I in General Education for Adults
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**Chemical Course Full & Refresher**

Wednesday 8th November

**Bookings essential at**

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(RTO#90145)

136 Bradley Street, Guyra

**Phone: 6779 2132**

**or enrol online:**

**www.gala.org.au**

## CLAIM THE DATE

**SATURDAY, 28<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER:**  
**CHALLENGE TO THE FELLAS** - Are you man enough to frock up? Support ovarian cancer research. Frock-Tober at the Royal Hotel from 6.30pm.

**SATURDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER:**  
**Official Opening of GUYRA MEMORIAL PARK.** BBQ, memorial avenue, memorial plaques, mandala garden and rotunda following the RSL Remembrance Day service.

**SUNDAY, 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER:**  
**GUYRA CUP** at Armidale Racecourse.

**TUESDAY, 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER:**  
**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT** hosted by the Hospital Auxiliary in the Guyra MPS grounds.

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

### CONTRACT CATERERS

**Guyra Bowling Club**  
150 seat function room  
Separate dining room

#### CONTACT:

David Wilcox on 0429 017 169

#### APPLICATIONS CLOSE:

19th November

## CLAIM THE DATE

**SATURDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**  
**Antiques & Household Items CLEARING SALE.** Noted items include: 2000 Olympic edition super charged V6 Statesman 113,000km, lawn mowers, near new mobility scooter, Royal Doulton one off pieces, grandfather clocks, fridge, freezer. 10% buyer's premium. Catalogue available online soon! Contact Mark 0455 310 657 or Craig 0448 389 025.

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# Guyra Junior Hockey 2023 season wrap



The Under 8s had many new faces to the game of hockey. Their skills and confidence improved significantly throughout the season. Thanks to Sarah Cox for coaching and guiding this team and making it such fun for all.

Under 8s (pictured above) – Evie Cox, Margeaux Geere, Isla Lenehan, Millie Neal, William Neal, Freddie Post, Clancy Robinson, Arlie Rosser

The Under 11s showed that playing as a team and practicing our passing created opportunities. As we continued to learn about the game, hold positions, and improve our skills in attack and defence the team became a stronger team.

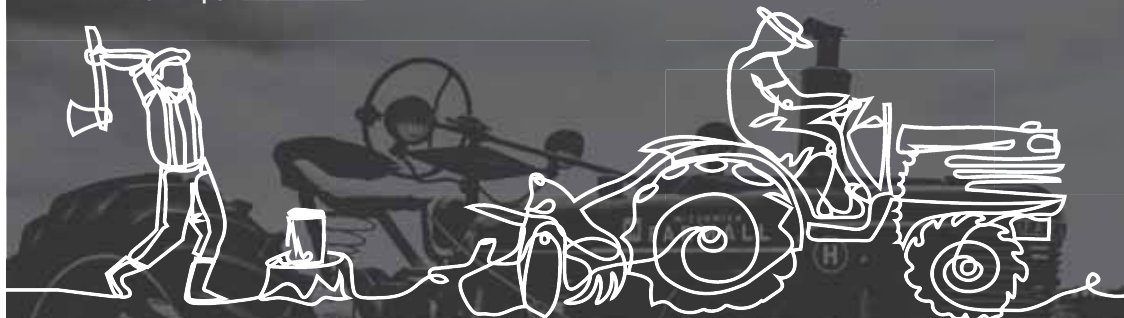
The once-feared position of goalie was soon the favourite of all as the season progressed and everyone put their hand up each week to give it a go!! The smile on the team's faces when they scored a goal makes all the hard work worth it. Well done on a great season all the junior members.

Under 11s (photo not available) Charlie Beaver, Annabelle Brazier, Claudia Evans, Henry Evans, Elka Geere, Rose Gordon, Jimmie Neal, Elsie Post, Lachie Rosser, Gracie Schaefer, Charlotte Perrett

*Prue Post*

## 10 - 11 NOVEMBER 2023 ARMIDALE SHOWGROUND

FRI 2 - 5PM | SAT 9AM - LATE



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# TICKETS

**ADULT \$10  
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### Stallholder and event participation information

Would you like to participate in this year's event with a display of antique machinery, lost trade or as a stallholder or food truck vendor?

Please contact club secretary Bronwyn on 0408 658 594 or president Rob Taber on 0428 751 275 or email [neamcarmidale@gmail.com](mailto:neamcarmidale@gmail.com)

**Brought to you by the New England Antique Machinery Club**

## Cricket

The junior cricket competition commenced on Saturday. In the under 11s game Guyra (110) were defeated by Hillgrove (189). Peter Grills (9 ret.no), Reiland Wilson (19 ret. no), and Chaise Martin (13 ret. n.o.) all made good contributions.

In the under 13s Guyra (3/101) were defeated by Hillgrove (2/119). Billy Ryan (23), Tyler Cameron (22) and Tyler Bourke (10) all batted well. Tyler Cameron and Charles Drew took a wicket each and Billy Ryan got a stumping.

In the senior third grade competition, Guyra (10/125) were defeated by City/UNE (6/174). (scorecard incomplete)

In first grade Guyra (10/156) defeated City/UNE 10/129). Grant Ryan 26, Mitch Woods 41, Ben Jackson 23 and Lucas Tait 23 were best with the bat. Wicket takers were Heath Dowsett 2/25, Charlie White 5/29 and Mitch Woods 2/12, with a run out to Brodi Campbell.

## Rugby League

The future of senior football is in the hands of the community when Guyra Rugby League Football Club hold its annual general meeting this Sunday.

After such a successful 2023, which included winning the A grade minor premiership, the leaguetag plate grand final and the Group 19 club championship,

the club will aim to field three teams again next season.

First, the club needs a president, vice-presidents, secretary, treasurer and committee members, with all positions declared vacant at the beginning of the meeting.

Once a committee is in place, coaching nominations will be sought for A grade, leaguetag and under 18s in order to begin preparations for the 2024 season.

The AGM will be held at the Guyra Bowling Club at 4pm on Sunday.

All players, sponsors and supporters are encouraged to attend.

Anyone interested in being involved in the club but cannot make the meeting can email [guyrarugbyleague@gmail.com](mailto:guyrarugbyleague@gmail.com) to express their interest before the AGM.

## Ladies' Golf

Last week the Ladies hosted the NEDGA District Medal Playoff. Jenni Jackson won the Division 3 and will now play in the Final in Sydney at Stonecutters Ridge later in the year. Congratulations Jenni!

Other results were Kerry Bull and Leonie Taylor runners up in their divisions. Shona Mulligan won a Nearest the Pin on the 10th hole.

This week is our Annual Tee off for Breast Cancer round. Next week the ladies will be away on the annual golf trip. We are heading to warmer weather!

*Birdie*



Jenni Jackson (left) will play in the NSW Medal final in Sydney later in the year

## Midweek Golf

Great week for golf. Record numbers again on the course and some great scores.

Top scorers for the week were Richard Ward and Nicki Mendes with 27 points. Congratulations to these new players. Next we had Billy Youman with 26 points.

Then we had a big group with 25 points – Zac Atkin, Christine Gellie, Scott Youman, Scott Wake, Kerrie McFarlane. On 24 points were Leanne Burey,

Jodie Stewart and Cooper Brennan.

Lucky golf ball winners this week went to Mitch Goodwin and Sharon Vickery.

Team top score for the week with a massive 98 points went to Tee Em Up and then Big Nuts with 90 points. Shire Sharks had 88 points and Lubed Up 86.

Thanks to everyone for putting their team name, handicap and their names on the cards. Makes it a lot easier for the recorders.

Don't forget that you hit off the yellow markers. All cards to be in by 5pm Sunday.

Happy golfing

## Men's Bowls

Results for last weekend: In minor singles Robert Walls defeated Shane Brennan and in handicap singles Colin Stanley defeated Randy Mulligan.

Bowls set down for this weekend are:

Saturday 28th October at 12 o'clock Phil Kliendienst and Mathew Simpson will play Anthony Bull and Ian Jacobs. On Sunday at 12 o'clock in major singles Dan Kennedy will play Colin Stanley with Robert Walls to mark, Barry Walls will play Robert Moore with David Wilcox to mark and Tim Ellis will play Barry Presnell with John Jackson to mark.

*Jack*

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