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## Festival celebrates Bush Poetry tradition

The inaugural 'Poets on the Mountain' festival held over the weekend proved to be a resounding success, reawakening the spirit of bush poetry and showcasing the talents of both established and emerging poets.

The highlight of the festival was the crowning of Paddy O'Brien as the overall winner of the NSW Bush Poetry Performance Championship, with Debby Berryman taking second place.

In the written championship, David Judge emerged victorious with his poem "The Dream Team," followed by Catherine Lee with "Convict" and Glenn Palmer with "Billy Backtin." Kevin Pye impressed in the novice section with his winning entry, "Henry's Words."

The festival also marked the debut of the Australian Bush Poetry Film Festival, an innovative addition to the Australian poetry landscape.

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**Above to r:** MC and Bush Poet Tom Mcilveen, Winner of the ABPA NSW Bush Poetry Performance Championship 2023 Paddy O'Brien from Mount Burrell, runner up Debby Berryman from Sydney and Thundercloud Repairian organiser of the festival.

***The Kirk family wish to thank all our valued customers, staff and business colleagues for your ongoing support over the years.***

***The business has been sold and the settlement date is very soon.***

***The new owners plan to run the business as it is now with the amazing team of staff we have.***

***We wish everyone in the community good health and bright futures.***

***The Kirk Family***

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- storms
- floods

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# New yarn in stock at Our Little Gallery

The owners of Our Little Gallery Sarah Hunt and Louise Pearson are passionate about yarn and are always looking for local options. Recently they have begun sourcing a new yarn base from the Fibre Arts Shed, which is milled on the NSW central coast from local fleeces.

Fifty percent of the fibre in this new yarn is reclaimed during the milling process and added to 50% new wool. This is a great way for the mill to reduce waste and the fibre has beautiful tiny flecks of colour incorporated into its light grey natural colour. They have two of these bases, one is a 4ply English Leicester and the other is an 8ply Corriedale.

Sarah and Louise have also been busy dyeing some of each of the bases and so have a lovely range of colours with the depth which comes from dyeing on a grey base.

They have also been busy putting together new Christmas gift boxes and bags. There are fibre gift boxes which have lots of luscious fibers for spinning or felting and fiber boxes with hand dyed fibre. There are also yarn gift boxes and bags.



An array of colourful yarns and Christmas specials are now available at Our Little Gallery

With Christmas approaching, many of the yarn bags are on special and would make a great gift idea for yarn lovers. Louise has ensured that some of the hand dyed yarn bags are in the gradients which are currently popular with YouTube knitalongs and has recently completed the Westknits

Geogradient which is on show in the Gallery.

Our Little Gallery has also become a reseller of Landscaped dyes. These are the dyes they use in their dyeing and their dyeing workshops and so have lots of experience on how different colours work with different yarns.

If you are interested in dyeing wool fibre or yarn, they can help with providing the dyes and the information to get you started. To see the full range and find out what they have to offer call in to the gallery at 140 Bradley St.

## Santa Claus is coming to town

Don't miss out on the fun at this year's  
Guyra Christmas Carnival in Bradley Street

**FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> December from 4.00pm**

- Enjoy Live Entertainment to put you in the holiday spirit
- Satisfy your taste buds with a variety of delicious food options
- Shop for unique gifts, craft items and holiday treats from local vendors
- Santa will be there with presents for the kids



Get ready to experience the magic of Christmas this holiday season by joining Thomas the Tank Engine train at this year's Guyra Christmas Carnival!



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## What's HOT

Bush Poetry making its mark in Guyra - congrats to organisers

NE Garden Festival - two great days of attractions

Christmas Lights in shop windows - have you organised your shops display yet?

## What's NOT

Running your dogs at the cemetery. We do not need dog poo on our relatives' graves. Contemplation – not recreation!

## QUOTE of the week

*Some people are never gonna clap for you. Win Anyway..*

### Bureau of Meteorology

## Weather

### WATCH

#### Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
14	Tues	8.6	26.1	0
15	Wed	14.3	25.2	0
16	Thurs	11.1	25.0	0.6
17	Fri	11.3	21.5	1.0
18	Sat	3.7	23.5	0
19	Sun	5.8	23.6	0
20	Mon	11.9	14.9	10.6

Rain this week	12.2mm
November rainfall	71.0mm
Rainfall YTD	663.2mm
Rainfall last YTD	1036.0mm
Ave. rain to Nov.	795.2mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

## Festival celebrates Bush Poetry tradition (cont.)



All the winners from the Poets on the Mountain Festival

**Pictured l to r:** MC Tom Mcilveen, Paddy O'Brien, Debby Berryman, Peter Frazer, David Stanley, Caroline Tuohey, Andrew Pulsford, Jenny Markwell, Skye Campen and Thundercloud aka James Warren

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Demetrius Yiiannis of the Griffith University Film School took home the top prize for his interpretation of Charles Harper's poem "A Basket of Summer Fruit." Skye Campen received an honourable mention for her film and original poem, "Barefoot."

The Guyra poets and musicians variety show entertained audiences with Gladys Wilson's heartfelt rendition of "Gum Tree's Lament" and Thundercloud's spirited performance of the classic "Rawhide Theme Song." The Rhymers Variety Show provided a side-splitting dose of comedy, leaving the crowd in stitches.

A crowning moment of the festival was the induction of

three Living Legends of Australian Poetry into the Hall of Fame: Ray Essery, Robyn Sykes, and Bill Kearns. These esteemed poets were recognized for their significant contributions to the Australian bush poetry tradition.

Festival organiser James Warren expressed his delight with the festival's outcome.

"This first 'Poets on the Mountain' festival has been a great success," James said.


"It restarted the NSW Bush Poetry Championship, brought many visitors to Guyra, and kicked off a new poetry genre with the Australian Bush Poetry Film Festival.

"The Australian Poetry Hall of Fame is also well on its way to being a centre of Australian poetry excellence."


"The festival has undoubtedly established itself as a significant event in the Australian poetry calendar, fostering a vibrant and diverse community of poets, performers, and enthusiasts.

"It promises to continue its mission to preserve and celebrate the rich heritage of bush poetry while embracing new forms of expression and inspiring future generations of poets."

Acknowledgment needs to go to the assistant organizer and master of ceremonies, Tom Mcilveen, the Poet of Oz, and to the Collators Susan Ashton and Mary Gray. Mr Mcilveen extended his appreciation to James Warren who did so much behind the scenes to ensure the competition run smoothly.



## Renewable Energy Forum for Farmers



Do you have questions as a host? ... As a neighbour?  
As a citizen? ... Are there more questions that need answers?

Guyra Branch of NSW Farmers invites Members and Guests to attend this forum

**TIME: 7pm DATE: Wednesday, 22nd November**

**PLACE: Guyra Bowling Club**

# Demerger hopes rest with Greens MLC

With less than a year to go before the next NSW Local Government Election, communities across the state, including Guyra, are continuing to push for a reversal of council mergers that took place in 2016.

There were high hopes with the change of State government in March, however so far it hasn't delivered any of the promised solutions.

Groups such as Save and Grow Guyra (SAGG), with support from the Demerge NSW Alliance (DNA), are now pinning their hopes on a Bill which is being introduced by Greens MLC, Dr Amanda Cohn.

The proposed Deamalgamation Plebiscites Bill would amend the NSW Local Government Act to enable residents wishing to demerge their councils to hold a plebiscite. The bill, which will be presented in parliament at the end of November, allows for communities to move forward with a de-



Greens MLC Amanda Cohn is planning to introduce the bill to parliament this month

merger if the majority vote that way.

Dr Cohn was the keynote speaker at a state-wide Webinar which was held last week. Her Bill is intended to hold the Minister accountable when residents support demergers.

According to Cohn, communities across NSW have been

“sounding alarm bells” about the catastrophic outcomes of the 2016 mergers but to no avail.

Save and Grow Guyra (SAGG) spokesperson Rob Lenehan said the group fully supports this Bill.

“We have been in contact with Amanda Cohn during the

preparation of this Bill,” Mr Lenehan said.

“SAGG is still persevering with its advocacy in convincing the State Government, via the Local Government Minister, that the majority of the Guyra communities within ARC are in favour of a demerger.”

## Black Mountain Public School Inspired Readers Festival

The students at Black Mountain Public School had the privilege to attend the Inspired Readers Festival at the University of New England on Tuesday, 14th November 2023. This was hosted by Dymocks Children's Charities who sponsored the day and provided the bus for our students to attend. This Australia-

wide charity aims to help to encourage students to read regularly so that they have better educational outcomes and lead healthier, happier lives. Each student received a free book from the author of their choice and had them signed.

*Mrs Justine Eddy  
Relieving Principal*



## Australia Day Awards

Nominations are now open and **CLOSE on Wednesday, 6th December**

- **Forms** are available at the GALA Centre, 136 Bradley Street, Guyra  
**or by emailing:** [dorothy@gala.org.au](mailto:dorothy@gala.org.au)
- **Enquiries** should be directed to Rita Williams 6779 1182 or Dorothy Lockyer on 6779 2132.
- **Completed forms** can be posted to: PO Box 170, Guyra, or emailed to: [dorothy@gala.org.au](mailto:dorothy@gala.org.au) or delivered in person to GALA.
  - **Please mark** completed forms: “ATTENTION: Australia Day Nomination”.

### Award Categories are:

- Guyra Citizen of the Year (over 25 years)
- Guyra Young Citizen of the Year
- Guyra Community Service Award
- Guyra Sportsperson of the Year
- Guyra Sports Team of the Year
- Guyra Contribution to Sport & Recreation
- Guyra Art, Drama, or Music Award
- Guyra Environmental Citizen of the Year
- Guyra Community Group/Event of the Year

# Community Noticeboard

## Meals on Wheels

Nov. 23 Debbie Schmidt  
 Nov. 24. Steve Adams  
 Nov. 27 Steve Norris  
 Nov. 28 Wendy Laidlaw  
 Nov. 29 Toni Kirkman

## Street Stalls

Nov. 23 Hospital Aux.  
 Nov. 24, 25 Guyra Lodge  
 Nov. 30 Catholic Women

## Church Notices

**St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church** Mass 6pm Saturday and 9am Sunday. Weekday Mass Monday – Friday 9am  
**Contact:** 6779 1036

**St. James' Anglican Church** 9am Sunday, followed by morning tea. Doors open from 8:30am. All welcome! Contact Rev. Tim Stevens 6779 1111

**St. Columba's Presbyterian Church** 9am Sunday followed by morning tea. **Contact:** Rev. Andrew Campbell 0447 724 536

### The Chapel:

66 Llangothin Street:  
 Sunday Service: 10am  
**Contact:** Pastors Linden & Kerrie Pollard 0455 232 073.

**Seventh-day Adventist Church:** Aboomala Street. Sabbath School 10.00am Saturday Divine Service 11.30am Saturday. **Contact:** Minister Luke Reeves 0410 761 320 Church Clerk 6779 1587

**Uniting Church:** 57 Ollera Street: Regular Sunday Service: 9.30am **Contact:** Di Burey 0428 791 742

**Church of Freedom** (Cnr. Boorolong & Nincoola Sts.) Sunday worship: 10am Prayer meeting: Tuesday 6.30pm Bible discussion: Wednesday 6.30pm Pastors: Jeff & Sharon Ritchie 0421 847 973 Chaplaincy services: 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

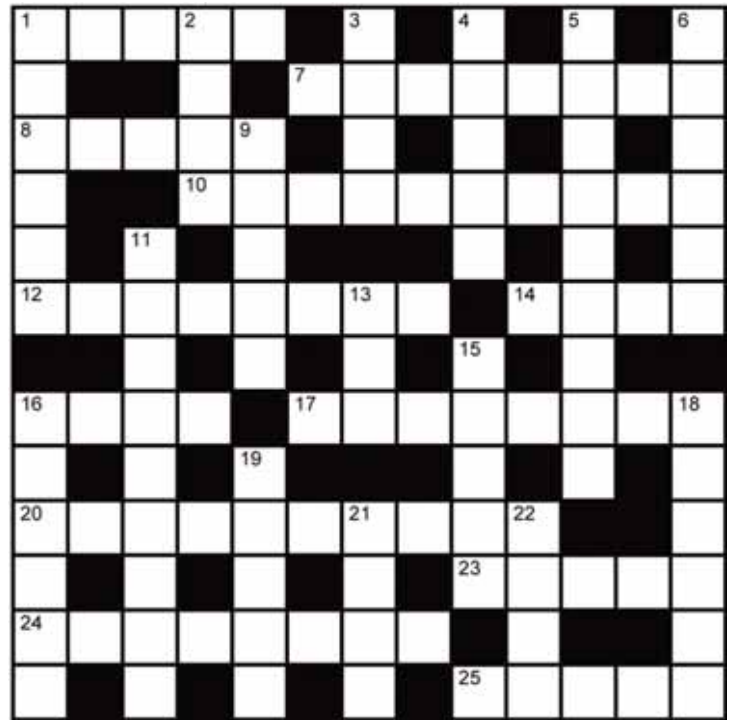
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- Cheryl\_\_\_\_, British actress (8)
- Performing (5)
- Destroyed (10)
- Fault-finding (8)
- Madcap (4)
- Wait (4)
- Region of central England (8)
- Relevance (10)
- Simple musical instrument (5)
- Lacking growth (8)
- Insipid (5)

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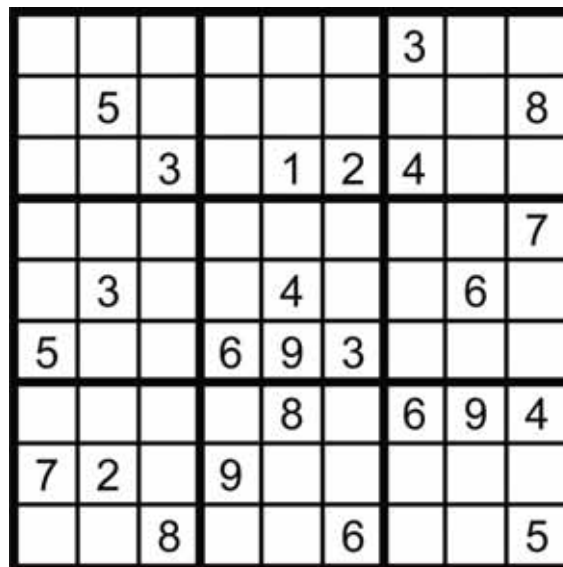
- One of TV's Gladiators (6)
- Character from TV'S Allo, Allo! (A)
- Beach covering (4)
- Benjamin\_\_\_\_, US pediatrician (5)
- Self-control (9)
- Willingly (6)
- Part of the body (5)

## QUICK CROSSWORD

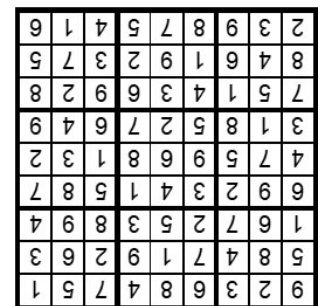


- A shelter from a breeze (9)
- French friend (3)
- Dick Turpin's horse, \_\_\_\_ Bess (5)
- Go around (6)
- Part of a minute (6)
- Titan (5)
- The sea eagle (4)
- Nobleman (4)

## SUDOKU - Hard



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# Sky's the limit for new aviation school

A new flying school - that is equipped with cutting-edge technology and a team of experienced instructors – has taken off in Armidale.

White Star Aviation, a flight training academy, has been operating the new school from the Armidale Regional Airport and will provide top-quality flight training to aspiring local pilots.

“The school’s mission is to empower individuals with the practical skills and knowledge required to embark on successful careers in the aviation industry,” said Jack Boss, White Star Aviation.

“Whether students aspire to become professional airline pilots, charter operators, or pursue other exciting aviation opportunities, White Star Aviation aims to equip them with the necessary skills and confidence to excel in their chosen fields.

“The flight school’s location in Armidale, NSW, offers an ideal training environment. With its diverse terrain, weather and surrounding airspace, students will have the opportunity to develop their skills in a variety of challenging



Grace Kiehne, Jack Boss, Cr Paul Gaddes

flight conditions, preparing them for real-world scenarios they may encounter in their future careers.

“White Star Aviation prides itself on maintaining the highest standards of safety,

professionalism, and innovation. The instructors at WSA possess extensive flight experience and are eager to train aspiring pilots by passing on their experiences along the way.”

Courses offered at White Star Aviation include private pilot training, commercial pilot training, instrument rating, and multi-engine rating. White Star Aviation, alongside Aviation Australia, also offers an immediate career pathway with the Torres Strait Air - pilot cadet program.

White Star offers a Diploma of Aviation program, and students can access VET student loans through Aviation Australia’s study now, pay later options. No other flight school in our region offers this funded specialised training.

“In addition to flight training, White Star Aviation aims to foster a vibrant aviation community in Armidale,” said Mr Boss. The school will actively collaborate with local organisations, aviation enthusiasts, and industry professionals to promote knowledge sharing and networking opportunities.

“White Star Aviation will endeavour to contribute to the growth and development of the aviation sector in the region and to become a member of Armidale’s welcoming wider community.”

## Christmas at the Neighbourhood Centre ...

**Christmas Party**  
 Guyra Neighbourhood Centre  
**Tuesday 5th DEC 2023**  
**12 noon lunch in the garden.**  
 Turkey, Ham, Pudding, the works  
 we will have  
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# Country Women's Association backs CMA call for inquiry

The Country Mayors Association of NSW (CMA) is extremely disappointed in moves by the NSW Premier and Police Minister to rule out an inquiry into crime, law and order in regional New South Wales.

CMA Chairman, Mayor Jamie Chaffey, said the NSW Government was refusing to listen to the united front of the CMA (representing more than three million residents across the state), the Police Association of NSW (PANSW), NSW Farmers, and most recently the Country Women's Association

(CWA) of NSW in their call for action.

"Statistics show that residents of rural, regional and remote New South Wales are facing higher crime rates than metropolitan residents, with fewer policing resources to deal with the problems," Mayor Chaffey said.

"The situation has escalated, and our communities are worried about their safety.

"It is insulting for our NSW leaders to try to shutdown this call that has come on behalf of millions of NSW residents for a

Parliamentary Inquiry into crime, law and order in regional NSW. You cannot really 'know' the depth of the issues unless you live in regional NSW.

"We will continue to advocate for a Parliamentary Inquiry to show the full extent of the problem, and to get a commitment to finding solutions. Not only are our residents worried, but our police are stretched beyond their limits and change is absolutely crucial."

The State Executive of the Country Women's Association

NSW today voted unanimously to support the call for an inquiry.

Mayor Chaffey welcomed the support of the CWA NSW, the largest women's organisation in the state and the country.

"The fact that four major organisations that represent so many of our regional residents have publicly joined this call shows just how critical it is," he said. "We thank the CWA of NSW and their members for standing up for their communities in their time of need."

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## NSW Farmers welcomes \$250 million Drought Fund

The NSW Farmers Association has welcomed the NSW Government's new \$250 million Drought Ready and Resilient Fund, designed to assist farmers prepare and respond to drought conditions.

NSW Farmers' President, Xavier Martin, said the clarity the government has provided early in the drying cycle will help farmers with making their business decisions.

"These loans, announced before drought hits hard, help farmers to make proactive decisions.

"Farmers are always subject to climate variability, and having faced significant drought and disaster impacts in recent years, know that having a plan and some certainty as to how best to prepare for adverse conditions is critical," Mr Martin said.

The new Drought Ready and Resilient fund will provide low interest, fixed term loans of up to \$250,000 to establish critical infrastructure, while also aiding in cash flow management for critical on-farm drought management tasks, particularly for livestock producers.

"For the first time, farmers will be able to access the loans for operational activities, including purchasing fodder and stock transportation costs."

NSW Farmers is also pleased to see an invigorated focus on the Farm Innovation Fund with the

\$120 million balance being reallocated as the Drought Infrastructure Fund.

"This will aid the grain sector to increase on farm storage, and also potentially support the horticulture sector to expand their critical water infrastructure and storage needs.

"NSW Farmers congratulates the Minns Government for its proactive and forward-thinking approach to drought management.

"There are communities in NSW who fortunately are not as yet drought-affected, but the DRRF is incentivising farmers in these communities to participate in planning and preparedness measures to improve response and recovery times," Mr Martin said.

However, for those that have seen drying conditions for some months and have already expended considerable funds for fodder and transport, this loan opportunity may be beyond them. We encourage the Government to recognise that drought has a slow creep and request the Minns Government to be vigilant and open to additional support if conditions deteriorate further.

"We encourage the Government to also keep a strong focus on the support and extension services provided through LLS and DPI as these are equally critical to the resilience of farmers, farming families, and their communities," Mr Martin concluded

## Rural Market Reports

### Weekly Wool Market

**November 17th** - The strong close to last week's Fremantle market flowed onto this week's opening of the Eastern seaboard. Tuesday's opening in the Northern region saw immediate upward pressure placed on prices with the indicator recording a 21 cent lift for the day.

Most of the gains were held onto during the course of Wednesday's sales with a further 2 cents added to the indicator. 5,000 fewer bales were offered for the week than what were originally rostered.

The rise also came at a time when the Aussie dollar continued to strengthen against the US. The market

remains in the narrow trading channel where it has been all season however this week's rise places it closer to the top of that channel and at its highest weekly closing level since mid-August.

36,267 bales were sold nationally for the week with a passed in rate of 6%. Major buyers included Techwool, Meliwa and PJ Morris with the top 4 buyers dominating the Merino fleece offering. In a hopeful sign that this week's gains can be held onto the Fremantle market once again closed out the week on a relatively strong note.

The stronger market has lifted next weeks expected national offering to almost 46,000 bales.



# Guyra winners at New England Sports Awards

The New England Sports Awards were handed out last Thursday. Three Guyra teams and one individual were among the winners.

The 2023 Armidale Regional Sports Council New England Trophies best Senior local squad is Guyra one day first grade cricket squad (premiers)

The 2023 Armidale Regional Sports Council New England Trophies best Senior State squad is the Guyra Polocrosse club, named State champion club

The 2023 Armidale Regional Sports Council New England Trophies best Senior team of the year is The Guyra number 3 Lawn Bowls Pennants team, who won the number three state title.

The 2023 FM100.3 Heresville Connetic best Junior Regional sports star Eli McGinty for Football.

The Newcastle Permanent Contribution to sport awards - Jason Wall for 24 years service to Rugby Union, Criag Smith for 20 year's service to the Armidale Junior and Senior Rams rugby league and to the Group 19 Referee's and Candita Collins for 10 year's service to the Narwan Rugby League

The 2023 Armidale Regional Sports Council New England Trophies best Junior local team - Joint winners South Armidale under 16 Sonics football squad and Armidale Servies under 13 Cricket squad

The 2023 Armidale Regional Sports Council New England Trophies best Junior Regional team - The PLC Junior IGSSA Hockey Squad

The 2023 Armidale Regional Sports Council New England Trophies best Junior State team - The Uralla under 16 boys Touch Football squad (Small Schools state champions)

The 2023 Armidale Regional Sports Council New England Trophies Junior Team of the year - Joint winners Hockey New England under 13 boys Indoor Hockey squad Division one state champions and Hockey New England under 15 boys Indoor



Best Senior State squad Guyra Polocrosse club, who were named State champion club in June

Hockey squad, division one state champions.

The 2023 Armidale Regional Sports Council New England Trophies best Senior Regional squad the South Armidale first grade men's Football squad Northern Inland Premiers

The 2023 FM100.3 Heresville Connetic best Junior Local sports star Tilly Patterson for Hockey

The 2023 FM100.3 Heresville Connetic best Junior State sports star Isaac Riches for Golf

The 2023 FM 100.3 Heresville Connetic Junior sports star of the year - Cameron Frost , World Junior Champion Rimfire Benchrest

The 2023 2AD Heresville Connetic best Senior local sports star Amanda Carr for Golf

The 2023 2AD Heresville Connetic best Senior Regional sports star Iona Stanton for Gymnastics

The 2023 2AD Heresville Connetic best Senior State sports star Paul Slade for Motor Bikes

The 2023 2AD Heresville Connetic Senior sports star of the year Peta Bradley for Swimming



Best Junior Regional sports star Eli McGinty for Football.



# Classifieds Trades & Services

## MEETINGS

**GUYRA GARDEN CLUB** Annual General Meeting Monday, 27th November. For details contact 6779 7528.

**GUYRA SHOW SOCIETY** meeting Wednesday 29th November, 7pm at the Secretary's office, Guyra Showground. New Members welcome.

## MUSEUM OPEN

**GUYRA HISTORICAL MUSEUM** is open by appointment. Enquiries to 6779 2132 during business hours.

## FOOD PANTRY

**Food Pantry at The Chapel**  
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136 Bradley Street, Guyra  
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E: admin@gala.org.au

## COURSES

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• Certificate I in General Education for Adults  
• Certificate II in Workplace Skills  
• Certificate III in Business  
**First Aid**  
**Monday 11th December**  
**Bookings essential at New England Community College**  
(RTO#90145)  
136 Bradley Street, Guyra  
**Phone: 6779 2132**  
**or enrol online:**  
**www.gala.org.au**

## IN MEMORIAM

**SHEILA SEWELL**  
24.11.2015

*Mother,  
May Angels hold you closely  
And sing you a happy song  
Hope you are doing fine  
In Heaven up above.  
Miss you always.*



## RETURN THANKS

**PAUL EVAN "DUSTY" SAUNDERS**  
9th November 2023

Jules, Stuart & Tracy, Bradley and the Saunders family would like to thank all their family and friends for the flowers, food, messages, visits and phone calls following the loss of Paul "Dusty" Saunders.

Special thankyou to the nurses for your support, care and kindness.

Thankyou to Dr Jey, Max Handebo, Piddingtons and the ambulance, and all who attended his funeral.

*Please accept this as our personal thanks.*

## TRAIN DRIVERS WANTED

**Would you like to drive a train?**

Our Guyra Heritage Train needs more drivers. No licence required.

Full training provided.

**Call GALA on 6779 2132**

## CLAIM THE DATE

**WEDNESDAY, 22nd NOVEMBER 7pm**  
NSW Farmers: **WIND TURBINE FORUM** at Guyra Bowling & Recreation Club. 15 things you should know before you sign.

**SATURDAY, 25th NOVEMBER**  
**CLEARING SALE: Antiques & Household Items:** 2000 Olympic ed. super charged V6 Statesman 113,000km, lawn mowers, mobility scooter, Royal Doulton, grandfather clocks. 10% buyer's premium. Catalogue available. Contact Mark 0455 310 657 or Craig 0448 389 025.

**FRIDAY, 1st DECEMBER:**  
**ROTARY CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL** from 4pm in Bradley Street. Market stalls, fun and presents for the kids, music, BBQ, Santa will be here, Christmas tree lighting.

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

## TRADES & SERVICES



**Tree Pruning & Removal**  
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# Cricketers named best senior local squad

Congratulation to the 1st Grade T20 team, last year's premiers, who were named as the Armidale Regional Sports Council/New England Trophies best Senior local squad at the New England Sports Awards last week.

Guyra Cricket Club welcomes the support of the Royal Hotel as their major sponsor for the 2023/24 season. Thanks to Paul and Garry for their continued support of sport in our town.

The club recently purchased a new roller to assist in the preparation of the wicket at Ted Mulligan Oval and their support helps to ensure we are able to provide the best experience for local players and visiting teams.

**Under 11s** Guyra 73 defeated by Hillgrove Colts 117. Batting Flynn McFarlane 112, Matthew Sauer 8\*. Bowling Chaise Martin 1/12, Peter Grills 1/18, Edward Newberry 1/4 Matthew Sauer 1/11.

**Under 13s** – Bye

**1st Grade** Guyra 10/102 defeated by Ex Services 8/148. Batting Grant Ryan 48\*, Mitchell Woods 15, Ben



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**Back 1 to r:** Tyson Burey, Ben Jackson, Mick Purvis, Heath Dowsett, Jake Ellis, Billy Youman, Grant Ryan, Matt Simpson **Front:** Charlie White, Demielle Landsborough, Billy Ryan, Kyle Mongta and Mitch Woods

Jackson 8. Bowling Aidan Purvis 2/19, Michael Purvis 2/23. Charlie White 3/20. Fielding Charlie White run out.

**3rd Grade** Guyra 10/105 defeated by Easts Gold 9/136.

Oehlers on the 9th hole' Jenny Rogers on the 10th hole and Debbie Heffernan on the 18th hole.

Jenni Jackson and Pip White played in the Deepwater Open and came away with the 1-9 scratch winner's trophy. Well one ladies!

This week is the Guyra Ladies Par Medal Playoff. Next week is a Stableford. Belinda Lenehan is the starter,

*Birdie*

## Midweek Golf

Rain and more rain. Will have to see at the end of this week how many people have had a chance to play golf.

Top scoring this week was Noah Brennan with 27 points. Then Beau Wilson with 26 points. Well done to both these juniors. Next we had Linley Ryan, Nicki Mendes, Heidi Wilson and Harrison Brazier.

Once again the best team score goes to Tee Em Up with 96 points. Great scores. Following on 86 were Full House then Pitch Purrfects on 82.

Don't forget Presentation night this Friday 24th November. We have some prizes to present from the midweek competition earlier this year. Team winners were Full

Batting Tim Foster 50, Hugo Brazier 13, Mavric Foster 14, Dan Mitchell 9. Bowling Taylor Brennan 2/25. Derris Torrens 4/15, Lincoln Brown 1/15, Cooper Brennan 1/20. Feilding Cooper Brennan run out.

House and runners up Hole Diggers Finger Flippers. Individual winner Michael Jackson and runner up Zac Atkin. Junior winner Harry Purvis and joint runners up were Levi Vanderwolf and Archie Dowden. Hope to see you all there.

*Middy*

## Sunday Golf

The monthly mug winners gathered on Sunday to contest the Yearly Mug. With only one monthly winner unavailable it was a hotly contested competition.

The course was looking pristine on a brilliant Sunday afternoon. The golf scores were low and competitive, but it was Mick Jackson who took the day with 39 points with Scott Mendes Runner Up on 37.

Nearest the pins were Mick Jackson on the 7th and Scott Mendes on the 10th. Also Beau Orchard took out the Men's Matchplay for the year defeating Peter Jackson on the 18th hole.

Congratulations to all the winners.

We will be hosting the Yearly Pennants tournament on the 3rd of December and any male golf members who are available please put your name in. This tournament

Next week Guyra 1sts play Hillgrove at Lambert Park, 3rds play Walcha/Uralla at Jack Vallance Oval, Under 11s play Hillgrove Brumbies at Lions Park, Under 13s play TAS at Newling 1.

has teams from all around the region competing for town pride and great prizes.

The Golf Presentation night will be held this Friday night at the Guyra Bowling Club if you would like to attend please contact Mick Jackson -0427 009 409 or Scott Mendes -0418 983 157.

Happy Golfing.

*S.K.*

## Pool Comp

The 1st Round of the pool comp was completed on Sunday and some big results came through.

The Roosters were too strong for the Bulldogs, while the Tigers upset the Dragons.

Manly scraped home over the Sharks while Canberra demolished the Eels and finally the Queenslanders asserted their dominance over the Knights.

Points Table Raiders, Queenslanders, Tigers, Roosters, Manly all on 3 points while Sharks, Bulldogs, Dragons, Knights and Eels all on 0.

This week's games Wednesday at 6pm Roosters v Tigers, Saturday at 2pm Bulldogs v Knights, Saturday at 4pm Eels v Queenslanders, Sunday at 2pm Manly v Raiders and Sunday at 4pm Dragons v Sharks.

## Vets Golf

Last week's golf was the Reg Taylor stroke event played on a great course in perfect conditions. The nett winner on the day was Ray Sweeney. Ray has certainly been making his mark on Vet's golf lately playing superbly. The ever consistent Ian Taylor was the gross winner 79 off the stick. Ian, along with Scott Mendes were the best putters with just 27 each. Ian also got a NTP with Wal Chapman getting the other.

Next Tuesday is our Pennants Appreciation Day and we invite all financial members of Guyra Vets, Men and Ladies to join us for a fun day's golf including lunch. All free of charge. We would love to see you all, but if you could please let Tex know that would be great so he can let Donna know numbers for lunch.

*Drake*

## Ladies' Golf

Last week the Ladies played a Stroke and Putting Round. The winner with 72 Nett was Kerry Bull. The runner up with 75 Nett on a countback was Jenny Rogers. Julie Walker won the putting competition with 28 putts. Nearest the pin winners were Karen

# Bowlers win senior team of the year

One game of pairs were played last weekend with Barry Campbell and John Jackson too good for Barry Presnell and Jason Varcoe, winning 30-10.

Bowls set down for this Sunday the 26th November at 12 o'clock: In major/minor pairs Mathew Simpson and Tim Ellis will play Graham Starr and Dan Kennedy, and in club pairs Geoff and Wayne Reeves will play Noah and Shane Brennan.

In the final of the minor singles John Jackson will play Robert walls with Roger Cox to mark. In the semi-final of the major singles Anthony Bull is playing Robert Moore with Colin Stanley marking.

On Sunday the 10th December the Brian Vickery ham day will be held, all members are welcome. To play, names and \$5 need to be in by 11:30 for a 12:30 start. Bowls shirt to be worn.

In other news the Guyra number 3 pennant team was awarded the trophy for the best senior team of the year by the Armidale regional sports council, a great achievement for our little club.



The 2023 Armidale Regional Sports Council New England Trophies best Senior team of the year is the Guyra number 3 Lawn Bowls Pennants team, who won the number three state title.

**Pictured l to r:** Robert Moore, Ian Jacobs, Murray Bourke, Geoff Reeves, John McIlwain, Colin Stanley, Anthony Bull, Michael Shiner, Robert Walls, John Jackson, Randy Mulligan, Steven Sole David Wilcox and Cameron Peardon.



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