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Dancers end year with Disney performance



Aria Vidler & Mackenna

A fun year for all for Guyra dancers, ending with their end of year dance recital held at Lazenby Hall UNE.

This year Australian Dance Enterprises (ADE) recital theme was "100 years of Dis-

ney and Selected Items", a combined production with all our Armidale and Guyra students.

Guyra students performed to well known Disney music including Snow White, The

Little Mermaid, Toy Story, Aladdin and The Incredibles.

For further details about Guyra dance classes visit www.australiande.com



Catie Furphy & Brianna Marshall



Darcie Campbell & Anna Rowbottom



Bambee Roworth, Aria Vidler, Ruby Mayled & Anna Rowbottom



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RFS



Festive community lunch a winner

Beautiful weather, lots of people and a festive feel were the hallmarks of the community lunch at Guyra Neighbourhood Centre last week.

The event was the culmination of the year and also a thank you to the services who utilise the centre and the many people who come through the doors for many and varied reasons.

Centre manager Sarah Hunt said that when they put the call out for donations for the Christmas party, they were overwhelmed by the generosity of business and individual members of the community.

“A number of business houses in Guyra and Armidale willingly donated goods, but what is pleasing is that there was also a lot of private donations,” Sarah said.

“Services got on board, businesses got on board and individuals got on board - we literally had people coming through the doors with hundreds of dollars worth of food and presents.”

“It was just such a nice way to celebrate the festive season and also a nice way to finish the year and thank all those who have made use of the Neighbourhood Centre during the course of the year.

The hampers and toys were distributed to community members at the Christmas party which was held in the community garden on Tuesday December 5th.

Among those attending was Jann Karp from Armidale who shared a table with locals Bernie and Lorna Brazier.

“I sat and chatted with them for a while and found them both lovely interesting people, Jann said.

“We shared stories about mutual friends.

“Thank you to the volunteers who felt the heat, who worked hard, but gave us all an enjoyable lunch.”



Bernie and Lorna Brazier (top) enjoying lunch in the Community Garden last week
Hampers and toys were handed out to community members who attended the lunch



What's HOT

Four days in a row of over 30C - almost unheard of for Guyra!!!

Santa's Lolly run - thanks to the RFS for making the kids day

Last edition of the Gazette next week - then taking a break for 3 weeks

What's NOT

Rubbish left at the Return and Earn blowing all over town

QUOTE of the week

"There are three stages of man: He believes in Santa Claus; he does not believe in Santa Claus; he is Santa Claus."

Bob Phillips

Final preparations for Lamb and Potato Festival underway

Final preparations for the next Guyra Lamb and Potato Festival are currently underway.

The Festival will commence on Wednesday January 17th, 2024 and conclude on Sunday January 28th.

On each day, the Festival will open at 7.30am with the food kiosk closing at 7.30pm.

There will be over thirty market stalls, festival food, live music during lunch and evenings, and train rides available every day of the Festival.

There will also be a number of

special events occurring. On Australia Day, there will be a flag raising ceremony at 9.30am attended by Australia Da Ambassador. Peter and Vicky Denovan will perform at lunch time with Chilli Jam providing an evening show.

On Saturday January 27th there will be a spectacular car Show and Shine in Bradley Street, the Antique Machinery event at the Festival site and Military Vehicles at the Showground.

There will be a range of live music shows, with the Electric

String Orchestra playing from 10 am until 12 noon, followed by The Ducks, travelling from Sydney, and an evening of 60's rock with Vinnie and the Cuban Missiles running from 6pm until 0pm.

We're hoping for a great festival with large numbers of people stopping and spending time in Guyra. We also Hope that locals will join them to enjoy what the Festival has to offer.

Ian Russell



Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
5	Tues	9.1	26.5	0
6	Wed	15.0	30.0	0
7	Thurs	13.5	31.0	0
8	Fri	13.6	30.8	2.0
9	Sat	16.2	30.8	0
10	Sun	14.6	26.4	0.4
11	Mon	10.1	27.5	0

Rain this week	2.4mm
December rainfall	3.2mm
Rainfall YTD	723.2mm
Rainfall last YTD	1049.4mm
Ave. rain to Dec.	903.6mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Guyra Lamb and Potato Festival Gazebo Duty Roster

Wednesday January 17th
Tenterden Bushfire Brigade
Guyra Cricket Club
Thursday January 18th
Guyra CWA
Guyra Bowling Club
Friday January 19th
Tenterden Hall Committee
Can Assist
Saturday January 20th
Guyra Show Society
Guyra Lions Club

Sunday January 21st
Seven Day Adventist Church
Guyra Junior League
Monday January 22nd
Veteran's Golf
Bald Blair P & C / Polocrosse
Tuesday January 23rd
Ben Lomond Hall Committee
Women's Catholic League
Wednesday January 24th
Guyra Central School P & C
Guyra Rotary Club

Thursday January 25th
Guyra Bike Riders
St Marys P & F
Friday January 26th
Guyra Rural Bushfire
Guyra Memorial Hall
Saturday January 27th
Guyra Show Society
Guyra Gun Club
Sunday January 28th
Golf Ladies
Guyra Pistol Club

Guyra Lamb and Potato Festival Night Watch Roster

Tuesday January 16th
Pony Club
Wednesday January 17th
Guyra Catholic Church
Thursday January 18th
Guyra Rural Bushfire
Friday January 19th
Guyra SES

Saturday January 20th
Guyra VRA
Sunday January 21st
Guyra Gun Club
Monday January 22nd
Tenterden Bushfire Brigade
Tuesday January 23rd
Guyra VRA

Wednesday January 24th
Seven Day Adventist Church
Thursday January 25th
Guyra Pistol Club
Friday January 26th
Guyra SES
Saturday January 27th
Guyra Soccer Club

Colour Explosion School Run 4 Fun



On Wednesday 6th December, St Mary of the Angels students participated in a Colour Explosion School Run 4 Fun.

After online fundraising for the past few weeks the students raised a spectacular \$8,869 to go towards different sporting and reflective spaces for the school. What an amazing effort!

The parents and friends association thanks the community, the parents and of course the amazing students for their support and generosity.

The day was such a fun and vibrant day, safe to say the smiles of the students and staff shows just how much fun we had!



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Authorised by Adam Marshall, Member for Northern Tablelands. Funded using parliamentary entitlements, December 2023.

2024 SENIORS' DIARIES HOT-OFF-THE-PRESS AND READY TO ORDER

The eagerly anticipated 2024 Legal Topics for Seniors Diary is now available and ready for locals to order. The diary is produced by Legal Aid NSW each year and is hugely popular for seniors across Guyra.

Next year's edition is even bigger and better than the last. It is packed full of useful information about scams, legal help after a disaster, disputes between neighbours, money and Centrelink issues, as well as information on retirement villages and aged care.

It contains handy phone numbers, tips and hints for things you may be entitled to, as well as special event markings such as school holidays, so you remember important events and dates.

It is an informative and easy-to-read diary to help demystify legal issues with new topics and updated content. Almost 80,000 diaries are produced across the State making it an incredibly popular publication.

I'm encouraging seniors in Guyra to get in touch and order a copy as soon as they can.

You can reserve a copy by contacting my electorate office in Armidale on 02 6772 5552. \$4.73 MILLION SHOT-IN-THE-ARM FOR ARMIDALE & GUYRA ROAD REPAIRS

Armidale Regional Council will receive a \$4,728,427 funding boost from the State Government to undertake further road repairs and upgrades across the region.

Council has been playing repair catch up on many roads around the region in recent times and the extra funding will mean they can undertake some major work to rebuild roads and do more gravel resheeting.

This is wonderful news for council and the community, allowing more important local roads to be brought up to scratch and upgraded, enhancing safety for all motorists and road users.

OFFICE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

My Armidale and Moree electorate offices will be closed from Friday 22 December and will re-open early in the New Year.

My staff joins with me in wishing all Guyra residents a joyous and peaceful Christmas and a safe and prosperous 2024.



I am encouraging seniors across Guyra to reserve a copy of the 2024 Legal Topics for Seniors Diary

Contact my office:
Phone: 02 6772 5552 or Email:
northerntablelands@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Community Noticeboard

Meals on Wheels

Dec 14 Jim Betts
 Dec 15 L & R Skinner
 Dec 18 RAB Staff
 Dec 19 H Marchant
 Dec 20 Toni Kirkman

Street Stalls

Dec 14, 15, 16 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

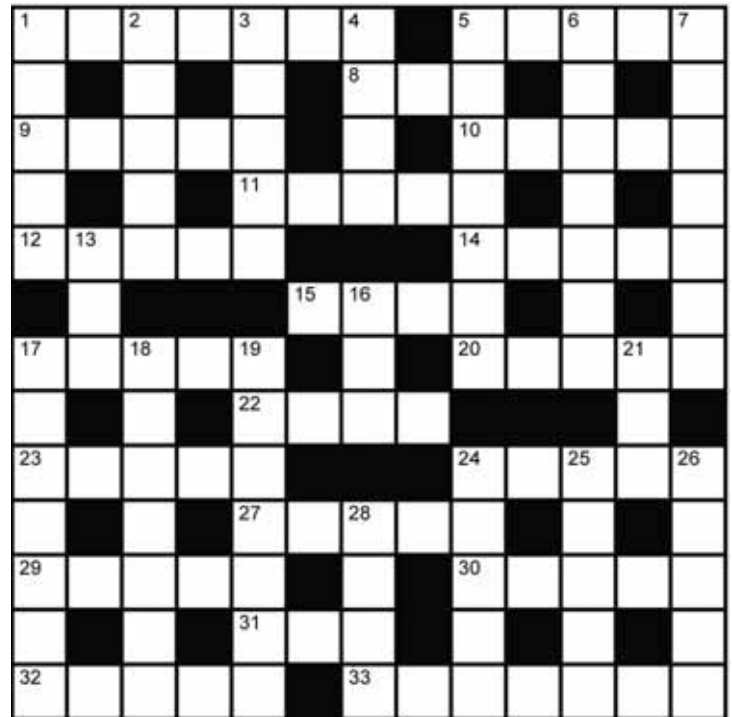
ACROSS

- Tall animal (7)
- Echo-sounding device (5)
- Old French coin (3)
- Stone landmark (5)
- Middle Eastern country (5)
- Indecision (5)
- Charlton Heston film The ___ Man (5)
- Dispossess (5)
- Singer/actress in The Witches of Eastwick (4)
- Roman courtyards (5)
- Sir Edward ____, English composer (5)
- Depression (4)
- Refracting glass (5)
- Expanse of land (5)
- Fireside seat (5)
- Willow twig (5)
- Contempt (5)
- French for "water" (3)
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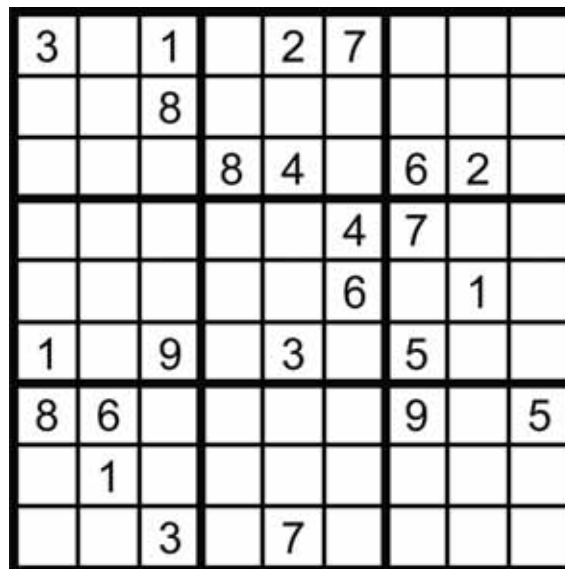
- Tropical lizard (5)
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- Jane __, US actress (5)
- Son of Isaac and Rebecca (4)
- Harsh (7)
- Beloved (7)

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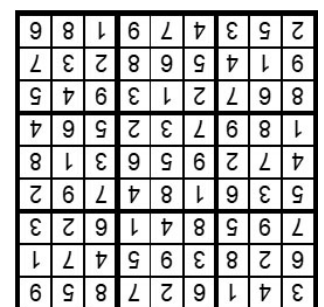


- Book division (7)
- Assembled (3)
- Fowl (3)
- Condone (7)
- Fence (7)
- Venerated (7)
- Curved shape (3)
- Trials (5)
- On high (5)
- Dogma (5)
- Adhesive (4)

SUDOKU - Easy



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Guyra School Holiday ACTIVITIES

DATE	VENUE	ACTIVITY	BOOKING
Tuesday 19 Dec	Guyra Library	Christmas Craft Morning - Make gift tags and Reindeer gift bags 10:30am - 12pm	Adults and Children welcome - booking required
Wednesday 10 Jan	Guyra Library	Mixed Craft Day 10:30am - 11:30am & 2:30pm - 3:30pm	All ages welcome - booking essential
Thursday 11 Jan	Guyra Library	Henna Art tattoos from 2pm with MANAV HENNA ART - Funded by NSW Office of Regional Youth	Ages 10 & up - Booking essential
Friday 12 Jan	Guyra Library	Virtual Reality - 10:15am - 4:30pm	Ages 10 & up - Booking essential
Tuesday 16 Jan	Guyra Library	Sand Art - 10am - 11am & 2pm - 3pm	All Ages - Booking essential
Wednesday 17 Jan	Guyra Library	Virtual Reality - 10:15am - 4:30pm	Ages 10 & up - Booking essential
Thursday 18 Jan	Armidale Library	Photography fundamentals and street photography exercise (will involve walking to Beardy Street Mall and bringing your own camera or device) with Daniel Elliott - 10.00-1.00 Editing photographs with Adobe Lightroom with Daniel Elliott - 2 sessions available 2.00-3.30 and 4.00-5.30 Funded by NSW Office of Regional Youth	Please enquire regarding transport from Guyra to Armidale. Bookings essential - Contact Armidale Library
Thursday 18 Jan	Guyra Library	Tie dye Bags - Decorate your own Bag - 10am and collect the finished bag on Friday	Ages 10 & up - booking essential
Friday 19 Jan	Guyra Pool	Guyra Youth Free pool day	12 - 25 free event, Inflatable set up
Tuesday 23 Jan	Guyra Library	Movie - Adventures of Jurassic Pet (PG 84 min) , children under school age MUST be accompanied by a parent or responsible person , Pop corn and water supplied 10.30am	Bookings essential
Wednesday 24 Jan	Guyra Library	UNE Discovery 10.30 - Forensics activity	Ages 8 & Up or school age and accompanied by an adult
Wednesday 24 Jan	Armidale Library	Introduction to songwriting and recording music in the library's new sound recording pod 10.00am - 3.00pm (lunch provided) Bus transport available for Guyra Youth Funded by NSW Office of Regional Youth	Ages 13 - 21 - booking essential

Bookings are essential. Contact our Library team to reserve your spot!

Armidale Library

6770 3636
2/182 Rusden Street,
Armidale NSW 2350

Guyra Library

6770 7123
158 Bradley Street,
Guyra NSW 2350



COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held in Armidale from 4pm on Wednesday 15 December 2023.



1300 136 833

13 December 2023

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\$4.73 million shot-in-the-arm for road repairs in Guyra and Armidale

Armidale Regional Council (ARC) will receive a \$4,728,427 State Government funding boost to undertake further road repairs and upgrades across the region.

Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall made the announcement last week alongside Armidale Regional Council Deputy Mayor Todd Redwood.

Mr Marshall said the grant will help council bring forward a number of critical projects in its rolling roadworks program.

“This is wonderful news for council and the community, allowing more important local roads to be brought up to scratch and upgraded, enhancing safety

for all motorists and road users,” Mr Marshall said.

“Council has been playing repair catch up on many roads around the region in recent times and the extra funding will mean they can undertake some major work to rebuild roads and do more gravel resheeting.

“The cash will not only help take some financial pressure off council, but as council has complete discretion where to spend the funds, it’s going to be spent where it’s needed most.”

ARC Deputy Mayor Todd Redwood welcomed the funding and said council appreciated the support from the State Government.

“Our already compromised road network was seriously impacted by the severe weather events over the past few years,” Cr Redwood said.

“The funding, albeit several years of annual future allocation compounded into one, is welcomed and will assist us to urgently repair damage to some of the 1,850 kilometres of our total road network.”

Council received the funding under the Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund with funding allocated based on the size of their local road network.

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Talk to a local

Rural Market Reports

Guyra Sheep and Lamb Sale

December 6th - Total Yarding: 4400 (+1650) | Sheep Yarding: 1600 (+850) | Lamb Yarding: 2800 (+800). Top price \$190 Average \$66.95.

In what was possibly the last sale for the year the lamb numbers increased to 2800 head with the sheep numbers lifting to 1600 head. The quality of the lamb offering was very mixed. There were around 200 new season lambs along with some very good heavy weight old lambs and plenty of plainer condition Merino lambs.

The usual processors were in attendance. There was limited restocker activity on the plainer crossbred lambs with a little more on the Merino's. The plainer condition and light weight merino lambs sold to cheaper trends to both processors and restockers. A few pens of well finished Merino's to processors were a little dearer.

The well finished new season lambs were keenly sought by processors to also sell to a dearer trend. The well finished old lambs also sold to dearer trends

with strong gains through most classes. It was a very mixed quality and conditioned penning of sheep featuring some very well finished heavy weights. The well finished lines and those Merino's carrying a decent skin value were keenly sought by processor and sold to dearer trends. The plainer condition sheep and those with a minimal skin value attracted little competition.

Due to low numbers there will be no Guyra Sheep Sale on 13/12.

Armidale Cattle Sale

December 7th - A total of 1,694 head yarded, Averaging \$927.89 per head and 272.91 c/kg.

Next sale scheduled for Thursday 4th January 2024.

With the upcoming break in sales numbers increased substantially to see the largest sale for quite sometime. The quality of the offering was very mixed with a good supply of yearlings and cows. There were very few larger lines of cattle available.

The condition of the offering showed great variation. There was reduced processor competition in the general run while there was an

extra processor in the bull market. Restockers and feedlots were active.

There were varying trends through the young cattle with light weight yearling steers to restockers selling to cheaper trends with some of the larger falls related to quality variations. Medium and heavy weight feeder steers sold to dearer trends with some well bred pens available. Light weight yearling heifers to restockers sold on a firm to slightly cheaper market trend. That was also the case for the medium weights. There were odd well finished trade heifers that were slightly dearer.

The large increase in numbers had an effect on the average quality in most classes with this also impacting average prices. No heavy grown steers to quote. The well finished grown heifers to process were dearer. The reduced processor competition saw a fall in the cow market of as much as 14c/kg. The extra competition for heavy bulls resulted in a significantly dearer market trend.

Weekly Wool Market

December 8th - The headline market indicators fell less than a handful of cents short of a

seasonal high point, closing at levels not seen since early August.

A cautious start to the selling week led to a 1 cent decline in the Northern region indicator on the first day of sales. Momentum improved on Wednesday especially for the Superfine types pushing the indicator 12 cents higher. The Southern region had 22,000 bales rostered (Half of the national offering) which warranted a three day sale. Selling in isolation on Thursday prices continued to climb with the 18 micron and finer types finishing 50 to 70 cents dearer for the week.

39,992 bales were sold nationally with just 6% of the offering passed in. Major buyers included Techwool, PJ Morris and Tianyu. A 1 cent fall in the Aussie dollar against the US led to a slightly cheaper market when looked at in US dollars.

Next week is the last sale before the annual three week recess. In excess of 50,000 bales are expected to be on offer nationally with the Southern region once again selling over three days. With momentum going in the right direction a solid close to next week's sales hopefully sets the tone for 2024.

Progress for Guyra & Community Progress Association

June 2022 saw the beginnings of the Guyra & Community Progress Association by a small group of people with the vision to bring our community together and build a vibrant Guyra. So far I am proud to say we have kicked quite a few goals for our community:

July 2022 - Lane Pittman Family Day at the Guyra Showground

Dec 2022 - Christmas Pop Up Display for family Photos, Initiation of Guyra Christmas Light Competition, Notification of Success of Stronger Country Communities Fund of \$157,765

2023

- Billboard on Highway
- Anzac Day Poppies for Guyra ANZAC Display
- Easter Skating Workshop for Children
- Open Garden Fundraiser
- Stone Wall Entrances & Solar Lights
- Painting of Bikes in Bradley Street
- Installation of Murals
- Two Defibrillators for the Community



Kim Burraston Senior Customer Manager and Kayla Hutton Customer Advisor for Regional Australia Bank presenting a \$2000 donation to the Guyra & Community Progress Association.

- Guyra Snow Ball
- Showground Hall Dishwasher, crockery and cutlery.
- Welcome BBQ & VRA First Aid Day
- Gardens in Bradley St and around Council Building
- Lighting in Bradley Street trees and more across street soon
- Progress Christmas Window Display Event
- Initiate Guyra Shop Window Christmas Display and Competition
- Guyra Christmas Light Competition
- New Years Eve Family Event Planned at Guyra Sports and

Recreation Ground (ie Guyra Junior Soccer Fields)

I would like to acknowledge the invaluable support of Fiona and Christy of Ladybug Projects, James Roncon and his team at the Armidale Regional Council, Adam Marshall MP and all our local people who have supported the Guyra & Community Progress Association in any way. Together we have achieved great things for our community.

Last but not least to the very special anonymous person in our Guyra Community, THANK YOU! The heart warming joy witnessed firsthand from your generous donation towards the purchase of the beautiful Christmas decorations for both our Kolora and Guyra Hospital aged care residents was absolutely beautiful.

Wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas and looking forward to bringing in the 2024 New Year at the Guyra Junior Soccerfields!

*Donna Davidson
On behalf of the Guyra & Community Progress Association*



Wildlife Tails



Kangaroos Can't Jump Backwards

There will be loads of animals on the move as it's hot and dry this holiday season.

Keep these few interesting fun facts in mind as you enjoy your travels....

Turtles are on the move when it rains. They are either looking for a new water spot or food, or females might be looking for the perfect spot to lay their eggs. If you see a 'rock' on the road, please try and avoid it as it's likely to be a turtle! If you do see a one on the road and it's safe to stop to move it on. Firstly ALWAYS hold it away from you, their wee is extremely smelly!! Always keep them moving in the

same direction as they are headed and place them well off the road. Don't try to make them change course or they'll be back on the road again. Turtles live for 40 – 50 years but can live up to 100 years, keep this in mind when you see one.

Birds will often be on the road 'cleaning up' road kill so slow down and give them time to move off the road as they'll have a full tummy and be slower to move.

Kangaroos and wallabies at dawn are looking for a cool spot to spend the day, and at dusk they are likely grazing. This is why you see them so often at these times. If you are able to avoid travelling at these times please do. Keep in mind that these animals can't jump backwards! So if

you see kangaroos or wallabies by the side of the road slow down, especially if they are facing the road because they'll take fright and just jump forwards, which ever direction that is. In times of drought kangaroos and wallabies are often by the road as there is no food further inland and the roadside is green as what little rain does fall runs off to the side off the road.

Blue tongues and lizards in general often lie on the road to absorb heat. They just look like a stick so please don't run over them, they won't necessarily move out of your way.

Wombats can run up to 40 kms / hour despite their often slow reputation. Look out for them, they can be speedy and do loads of damage to your car and of

course to themselves.

Echidnas on the other hand, are much slower so slow down yourselves and allow them to cross the road. Of note, if you run over them the quills will go right through your tyre.

The iFAW Wildlife Rescue app developed by International Fund for Animal Welfare and NSW Wildlife Council. Only applicable for NSW though if you're travelling it will give you the name and contact details for the local wildlife rescue group. Please load this onto your device before you travel.

If you find a sick or injured native animal in this area, please call us at Northern Tablelands Wildlife Carers.... 1800 008 290.



Classifieds Trades & Services

CHURCH SERVICES

St. Bartholomew's, Ollera
Christmas Eve Service, 5.30pm
Conducted by Max Handebo.
Everyone welcome to attend.



Your invitation to Christmas services ...

GUYRA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRISTMAS Eve
Sunday, 24th December
9.00am
with morning tea to follow

Rev. Andrew (& Anne) Campbell
0447 724 536



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

MEN'S SHED

GUYRA MEN'S SHED
is looking for
new members



We have lots of new projects ready for willing workers.

Visit our new shed
Open Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
8.30am - 12.30pm. \$30 joining fee.

Call John on 0448 992 547
or The GALA Centre 6779 2132

IN MEMORIAM

MALCOLM "CHINNY" REEVES
10.1.1962 - 8.12.2017

Those you love don't go away
They walk beside you every day.
Remembering keeps you near.
Still loved and sadly missed.
Mum & family

CLIVE WILLIAM BRAZIER
27.7.1949 - 15.12.2021
"Poppy Clive"

Time slips by and life goes on,
but from our hearts you're never gone.
We think about you always,
we talk about you too.
We have so many memories,
but we wish we still had you.
Love and miss you always
Snook, Tara, Akashia, Rave & Oakley

FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry at The Chapel
66 Llangothlin Street, Guyra
OPEN on FRIDAY 9am-12pm
Contact: 0455 232 073

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available for hire

- ✓ Reasonable rates
- ✓ Smart Board or Data Projector
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- ✓ Great for Functions and Meetings
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- ✓ Computer/IT Room also available

Contact:
The GALA Centre
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LAST EDITION FOR 2022



Our last edition of the Guyra Gazette for 2023 is next week.

Our advertising deadline for next week's edition is 11.00am on Monday, 18th December.

WORKING PUPS FOR SALE

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Vets Golf

Last week 17 players contested the Reg Taylor stroke event in perfect conditions. Neil Paine followed up his good form from the weekend winning the gross with a very good 87 hits. The nett winner with 72 went to Phil Devlin. The best putter with just 27 was Pat Grills and the only NTP went to Wal Chapman on the 18th. Next week is the last game before Christmas and is a stableford event.

Drake

Ladies' Golf

Last week the Ladies' played a Bisque Par game of golf. The winner was Christine Gellie. Runner up on a countback was Julie Walker. Wendy George won both nearest the pins on the 9th and 18th holes.

This week is a Stableford. Next week is a Stroke with Vicki Reeves as the starter.

Last week Jenni Jackson played at the Stonecutters Ridge Golf Course in Sydney in the Golf NSW Medal Final. Jenni had a very enjoyable day representing our club at such a big event. Well done, Jenni!

Birdie

Midweek Golf

This is the last week of play before the Christmas break. We finish this Sunday, 17th and recommence on Monday 8th January. Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and a safe New Year.

Last week's results: Best team score went to Baldersleigh Bashers with 84 points, close second with 83 was Shire Sharks and Hillbillies coming in 3rd on 81 points.

Individual score with 24 went to Richard Ward. Roger Grills, Wal Chapman and Beau Wilson all had 23. Heaps of people on 20 points this week.

This week's results: Best team score on 85 shared by No Shankers, Sultans of Swing and Pitch Purrfects.

Individual score with a great 26 went to Archie Dowden. Tying for second on 24 points were Linley Ryan and Barry

Wilson. Sharing third on 23 went to Trent Mendes, Peter Jackson, Sheree Clark, Belinda Williamson and Pip White.

There will be a couple of vouchers and some balls near the mid-week box for some lucky winners to collect.

Don't forget back on Monday 8th January.

Middy

Pool Comp

Last week's results were Queenslanders snuck home against Manly, Eels dismantled the Knights, Bulldogs edging the Tigers, Sharks upsetting the Roosters and Canberra continued winning against the Dragons.

Points Table:

Raiders	9	+39
Qlder's	9	+19
Roosters	6	+18
Sharks	6	+11
Tigers	3	-6
Eels	3	-8
Bulldogs	3	-11
Manly	3	-13
Knights	3	-21
Dragons	0	-28

Cricket

1st grade

T20 Round 2 – Guyra 10/87 defeated by Ex Services 6/88. Batting Grant Ryan 16, Brandon Landsborough 15, Lucas Tait 15, Hugo Brazier 17. Bowling Joey Ryan 2/33, Heath Dowsett 1/13, Brandon Landsborough 1/18, Derris Torrens 2/2.

T20 Round 3 - Guyra 10/100 defeated by Hillgrove 4/171. Batting Joey Ryan 12, Grant Ryan 31, Brandon Landsborough 14, Derris Torrens 11. Bowling Joey Ryan 1/15, Lucas Tait 1/44, Derris Torrens 1/27, Brandon Landsborough 1/18.

This week 1sts will play City UNE at Guyra and 3rds will play City UNE at Lions Park.



Last week the North West Schools Sports Association 54th Annual Presentation was held. Fifteen athletes across eight sports picked up blue awards, including Bald Blair Public School student Isabella Purvis for tennis.

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Golf course record broken

On Sunday December 3rd, Guyra hosted the annual N.E.D.G.A Pennants tournament. Guyra were well represented with one Scratch team and three nett teams in a strong field of 110 golfers from all over the region. The wind was a big challenge, but the scoring was impressive.

Two Guyra nett sides were equal on points with the number 3 team consisting of Scott Mendes, Steven Wilson, Neil Paine, Dave Bearup, Brett Little, Peter Jackson, Len Stanley and Jim Betts winning on countback.

Our Scratch team were chasing a win in a level they had not won before. They finished the day level with the highly credentialed Armidale team, but unluckily lost on countback. They were defeated but far from disgraced and can hold their heads high.

Individual winners were:

C Grade Winner- P Hall Runner Up M Groth

B Grade Winner Neil Paine (Guyra) Runner Up Bruce Coppock

A Grade Winner- Scott Youman (Guyra) Runner Up P Ince (Guyra)

The individual winner of the day with a new course record was



Mick Purvis shot an exceptional score of 68 or 5 under par, one shot better than the former golf course record

Mick Purvis (Guyra).

Mick shot an exceptional score of 68 or 5 under par, one shot better than the former record held by Mick and John (Hockey) Kennedy.

Congratulations to Mick on a well-deserved record. He has dominated the Championships for years and no one deserves this accolade more than Mick. I'm sure all golfers would agree.

Overall this day was a huge success and all the visitors were rapt in the condition of the course and the overall running of the competition. The recording of scores and winners was carried out by an awesome group of ladies who donated their time to ensure that our Pennants day was a day to remember. The ladies were Wendy Jackson, Wendy George, Jenny Rogers, Kerry

Bull, Leonie Taylor, Nancy Prisk, Marie Grills, Helen Bearup, and Karen Oehlers - thank you so much for all your help.

Another big wrap to our Vet Golfers and Green Keeper Shane Brennan who held a working bee on Thursday and made sure that our course was pristine, enabling great scores like Mick's to be possible. Thank you so much to all the Vets for their ongoing commitment to the bettering of the course.

Also a big thanks to Donna and her helpers in the kitchen for supplying all the golfers with a great meal especially while there was a huge Bowls Carnival on. A huge effort - thank you Donna.

And last but not least Hammond's supplied a discount on our major prizes which enabled us to present great awards to our winners and runners up. If you have not looked at Raymy and Kristy's shop check it out. Thank you Raymy and Kristy.

It was good to see so many Guyra Golfers enjoying our course congrats to everyone who participated. Happy Golfing.

S.K.



A Grade Winner- Scott Youman



C Grade Winner- P Hall



B Grade Winner Neil Paine