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Small town puts on a big Show



Above I to r: Adam Marshall MP, Richard Gordon, David Cameron, Rev. Mark Stevens, Rita Williams, Alice Stanley, Chris Sole, Sue Ross and Richard Post

The official opening of the 116th Guyra Show was a chance to acknowledge people in the community who have made significant contributions to the running of the Show over many years.

David Cameron, Richard Gordon and Chris Sole were presented with Life Membership badges by Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall, who went on to perform the official opening.

Mr Marshall congratulated the new life members on their many combined years of service which he said was 'mindblowing'.

"Part of the real success of what

makes this show such a brilliant show is the contribution that you have made as individuals but also as part of a team," Mr Marshall said.

"You are carrying on a legacy that goes back generations and that speaks volumes as to how important this show is to the community."

Show Society President Richard Post said that it is important to officially acknowledge the contribution of the many people who make the Show happen each year.

"There are around 200 to 300 people who have volunteered their

time over the last few weeks to make the show what it is," he said.

"In particular I would like to acknowledge the wool section with a record number of 365 fleeces which has taken days to process and prepare.

"The display is a real credit to that group who have many who have been contributing for several generations.

"The show also wouldn't be possible without what the team at GALA who do an enormous amount of work behind the scenes and also the sponsors who donate generously to make sure the show

is a success.

"We may be a small town but we put on a really big show and it is a great reflection on our community."

The official opening was also a chance to recognise Guyra's entrant in the Royal Ag Shows Young Women competition. Alice Stanley represented Guyra in the Zone 4 finals in Tamworth, and was in attendance at Guyra Show performing her official duties. She received her sash from sponsor Sue Ross and was presented with flowers by competition organiser Rita Williams.



Guyra Show Society

would like to thank all our very generous sponsors and supporters who helped make our 2024 Guyra Show such an outstanding success.

Your ongoing support is very much appreciated.

Without our Stewards and Volunteers the Guyra Show would not be possible.

The President and Committee of the Guyra Show Society appreciates the hard work and many hours our members and friends put in each year to enable the best Show in the district to continue.



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Around the grounds at the Guyra Show



New Ebor Falls upper deck viewing platform now open

Four years after viewing platforms, pathways and pedestrian barriers at Ebor Falls were destroyed in devastating bushfires, the facilities which make Guy Fawkes River National Park one of the region's most popular visitor destinations have returned from the ashes.

Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall was this week joined by Armidale Regional Council Deputy Mayor Todd Redwood to inspect the completed project, which is part of the \$3 million State Government redevelopment of the area.

"Considerable planning has gone into developing an accessible tourist experience which will act as the 'eastern welcome mat' to the region," Mr Marshall said.

"Visitors are already being drawn to the first of the three new viewing platforms over the spectacular Guy Fawkes River gorge.

"These incorporate raised viewing areas with upgraded carrying capacity, giving breathtaking views of the 120-metre drop



Inspecting and opening the new upper deck viewing platform at Ebor Falls Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall, left, NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service's Principal Project Officer Dirk Richards, Acting Area Manager Michael Lieberman, Ranger Nerida Holznel, Acting Director Northern Inland John Whittal and Armidale Regional Council Deputy Mayor Todd Redwood.

twin waterfalls.

"A dedicated seating area has been built, which brings visitors closer to the mist of the falls and builds capacity for cultural and nature tours in future.

"All pathways have been con-

structed to inclusive access standards, enticing visitors of all age and ability to experience the area.

"This universal access approach has been extended to a dedicated water supply for fire-fighting and flushing toilets – it is

good-bye to the old long drop."

Mr Marshall said one of the more exciting aspects of the project was the renewed pedestrian connection to Ebor village.

"Ebor village has been connected to the falls by a pathway running alongside Guy Fawkes River," he said.

"Pathways, partnered with expanded parking infrastructure and promotional signage will encourage a greater portion of the 140,000 visitors to the falls each year to base their day trip out of Ebor.

"This will be of huge benefit to the local hotel, café and petrol station with the potential for hundreds of thousands of dollars in additional income each year.

"These new platforms are guaranteed to cement Ebor Falls as one of the State's seven best waterfalls."

NSW National Parks and Wildlife Services has planned the official opening of the entire redeveloped Ebor Falls visitor precinct on 4 May.

2024 Dance Classes



Enrolment Day: Thursday, 22nd February
Guyra Central School Gymnasium
 3.30pm-4.30pm

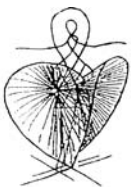
Classes Commence: Thursday, 29th February

Dance Styles: Classical ballet, Jazz dance, Tap, Creative, Modern, Contemporary, Hip Hop

Other specialty classes include:
 Performance classes, Private lessons,
 Eisteddford & Exam classes

Providers for "Active Kids & Creative Kids"

Australian Dance Enterprises of New England



Principal, Mrs Colette Brazier
 0402 616 984
 kcbrazier@gmail.com

OPEN for TUITION:
MONDAY - FRIDAY: 4PM - 7PM

\$20 for 30mins. lesson

- **Drums**
- **Guitar**
- **Ukelele**
- **Keyboards**
- **Bass Guitar**



Bookings: 0459 09 46 43

THE GUYRA MUSIC SHOP
 116B BRADLEY STREET

What's HOT

Guyra Show - a great weekend. Results coming over the next few weeks.

A big thank you to the Men's Shed for the professional work carried out in the Chook Shed at the Showground

Gazette footy tipping starting up again soon. Get your names in ASAP.

What's NOT

Finding your husband asleep under the pool table instead of cleaning up the yard

QUOTE of the week

"If you're not positive energy, you're negative energy."

Bureau of Meteorology Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
12	Tues	12.1	25.1	0
13	Wed	11.1	25.7	0
14	Thurs	14.2	25.6	1.2
15	Fri	13.4	23.0	0
16	Sat	12.5	24.6	10.6
17	Sun	12.2	25.5	0
18	Mon	13.4	20.9	10.0

Rain this week	20.8mm
February rainfall	27.4mm
Rainfall YTD	112.4mm
Rainfall last YTD	219.6mm
Ave. rain to Feb.	222.3 mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Dance classes set to start



Australian Dance Enterprises (ADE) is offering dance classes at Guyra Central School gymnasium each Thursday afternoon starting back on Thursday February 29th. The full 2024 timetable of classes is available on their website www.australiande.com.

ADE offers a variety of dance classes for children 2 years to 16 years including; specialised preschool dance class "READY SET DANCE", ballet, jazz, tap and teenage dance classes.

ADE have been operating in the Guyra area for over 30 years and hope to continue our classes

for 2024 with an increase in enrolments.

Dance is a great after school activity for both boys and girls, increasing fitness and confidence in a fun and creative environment. Email Colette Brazier for further details colette@australiande.com

Have Your Say



Stellar Show Success.

We would like to congratulate the Guyra Show Committee capably led by President Richard, on a sensational 2024 Show. From chooks to cakes, postie bikes to ponies and a packed pavilion, there was something for everyone to experience and enjoy with family and friends. Yet again this community gave willingly and generously to showcase the very best Guyra has to offer.

Guyra Evening CWA

Have your say

Email:

news@gala.org.au

Mail:

PO Box 170

Fax:

67792069.

Rex Airlines extends suspension until October

Rex Airlines has extended suspension of its flights from Armidale to Sydney until October 27.

The airline announced the extension on Friday, February 2, blaming "continuing dislocated supply chains post COVID that are heavily impacting the provision of aircraft spare parts, especially aircraft engine parts".

Flights to and from Armidale Regional Airport were initially suspended in October last year.

Then, the regional carrier blamed the suspension of services on other carriers pillaging its pilots, as well as a shortage of engines, forcing the carrier to park 340 aircraft.

Rex has now said it will need to prolong the regional network reductions implemented throughout last year.

"Rex prefers to reduce services if it does not have the resources to fly them rather than continue to sell tickets for phantom flights and then cancelling them at the last minute," Rex's general manager of network strategy, Warrick Lodge, said.

"Rex is committed to the rebuilding of its regional network and intends to return to the standard flight schedules from October 27, subject to the situation improving."

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Inspired to run for cancer research

Guyra mother Kate Kane is in training to run a marathon in memory of her inspirational daughter Peta, forever 11, who loved to run and who she lost to brain cancer. She has already completed a half marathon as preparation for a full marathon which will take place in Newcastle on April 21st this year.

Kate is running not only in memory of her daughter, she is also running the marathon in memory of, and to honour, two other beautiful brave children who were being treated while Peta was in hospital.

Aahliyah Cutrupi and Sam Hope (also from Guyra) passed away the year after Peta. Kate will be running the marathon in a shirt with photos of Peta, Sam and Aahliyah on it, plus the Children's Cancer Institute (CCI) logo. She has been in training since August last year and remains focussed on her goal of raising funds for research into childhood cancer.

Kate has already published a book based on Peta's writings and has also launched a range of athletics shirt inspired by her daughter (Positive Energy Through Athletics) with proceeds going to children's cancer charities.

"I will be thinking of those inspirational little people all the way," Kate said. "I always had it in my head that I would do a marathon one day in memory of Peta, so when I started to promote inspirational athletics shirts, I decided that I should 'walk the walk' as well as 'talk the talk' and that now was the time to start training!

"Peta gives me inspiration and motivation in all my running and helps me push through - I remember her running bravely around Guyra oval between her rounds of chemo to regain her strength and maintain fitness so she could get back to her running as soon as possible, and when she was paraplegic after her relapse all she wanted to do was get back to her running training and to school.

"Peta can't run any more, so I'm running for her. And when I think of all she went through and endured as an 11yr old with such bravery and determination, always with a smile on her face, it gives me strength to keep going."

Kate is currently running up to 32.64km on my weekly long run, and it is not always easy. Her joints, particularly her knees leave her feeling crippled straight after the long run. She has now added strength training into her weekly routine to hopefully prevent injury.

She has chosen to run in is Newcastle Marathon in April, the city where Peta travelled to regularly for treatment at John Hunter Hospital. It will be the first time she has been back to Newcastle since losing Peta in February 2019. I

"I feel ready now to return to Newcastle and run in memory of Peta, Sam and Aahliyah," Kate said. "It will all obviously be very emotional, but I hope that with Peta, Sam and Aahliyah and their bravery in my thoughts it will be enough to keep me running for 42km!

"As part of my training I ran in the Port Stephens half marathon at the beginning of December in 2hrs 1min 47 sec (despite a few minutes lost with confusion over course route) and was 2nd female in my age group. But a marathon is a different 'beast' and much more than twice the challenge!

"Supporting the Children's Cancer Institute is so important as it is the only independent medical research institute in Australia solely dedicated to curing childhood cancer.

"On average three Australian children every week die from cancer and the incidence rate of childhood cancer in Australia between 1983 and 2015 has increased by 34%.

"No child should have to go through what Peta, Aahliyah and Sam went through. Beautiful brave souls whose lives are cut short when they have only just begun, hopes and dreams snuffed out."

You can support Kate in her efforts to raise funds for CCI www.ccia.org.au/fundraisers/katekane or scan the QR code in the picture below. If you want to learn more about Peta's story or purchase athletic shirts and her book she has a facebook page 'The Short Stories of Tildy' and website www.tildystories.com.



Kate Kane running in the Port Stephens half marathon (above) and scan the QR code (below) to support Kate as she prepares to run a maraton



I'm running a Marathon to help find a cure for childhood cancer

I'm running the Port Stephens Half Marathon and the Newcastle Full Marathon in honour of my beautiful daughter Peta, who we sadly lost to brain cancer.

On average, 20 children are diagnosed with cancer every week in Australia and 3 will lose their battle to this horrible disease.

We need to do better. The only way we can find safer, more effective treatments and ultimately a cure is through medical research.

That's why I'm raising funds for Children's Cancer Institute, the only independent medical research institute in Australia wholly dedicated to curing childhood.



Please scan to donate and help me reach my goal



Community Noticeboard

Meals on Wheels

Feb 22 Sue Adams
 Feb 23 Steve Adams
 Feb 26 Debbie Schmidt
 Feb 27 ARC staff
 Feb 28 Toni Kirkman

Street Stalls

Mar 14 Hospital Aux.

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

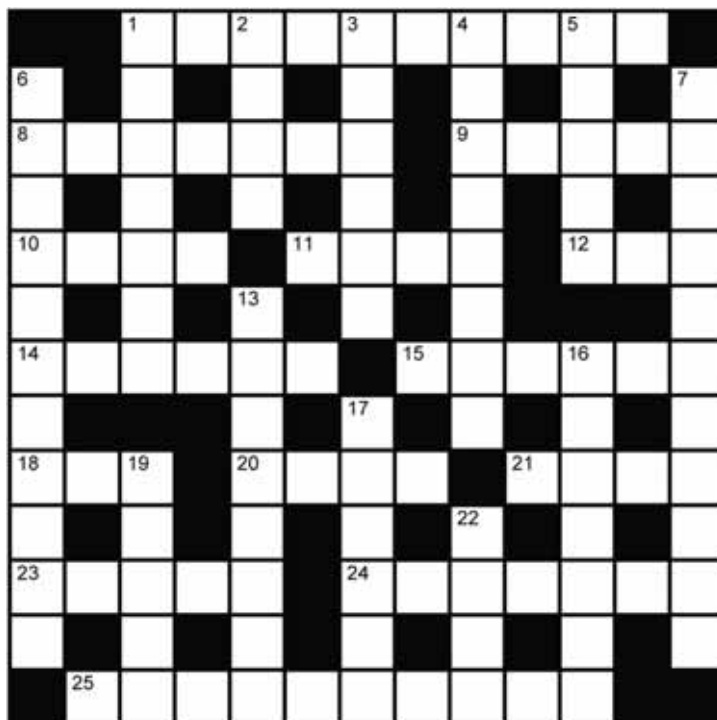
ACROSS

- Task (10)
- Art of paper-folding (7)
- Nurture (5)
- Ambush (4)
- Cat o'-nine-tails (4)
- Pelvic bone (3)
- Breakfast dish (6)
- Formal promise (6)
- Youngster (3)
- Arduous journey (4)
- Ranked player (4)
- Path (5)
- Brazilian driver, _____ Fittipaldi (7)
- Small, tailed amphibian (10)

DOWN

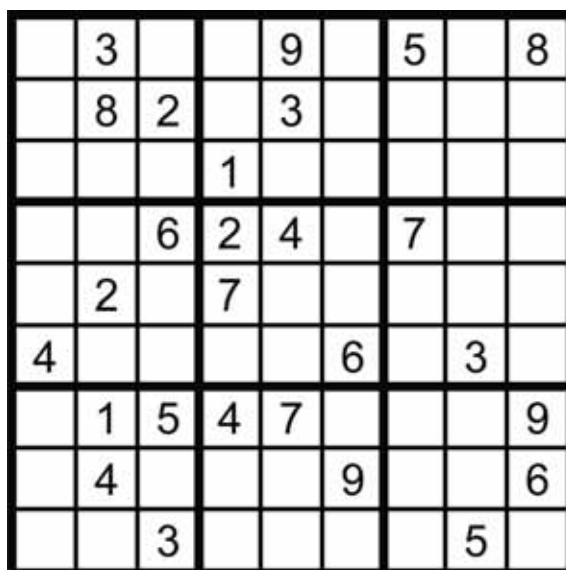
- Make cartoons? (7)
- Persian monarch (4)
- Japanese hostess (6)
- Popular board game (8)
- John Wayne film, _____ to Alaska (5)

QUICK CROSSWORD

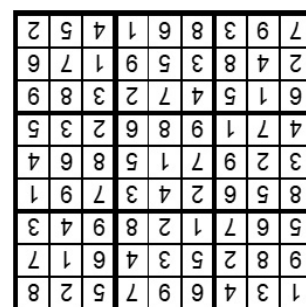


- Reflect upon (11)
- Dazzling (11)
- Small fleet (8)
- Wardrobe assistant (7)
- Swiss city (6)
- Actress, _____ Dors (5)
- Loan (4)

SUDOKU - Medium



ACROSS: 1. Assignment 8. Origami 9. Nurse 10. Trap 11. Whip 12. Hip 14. Muesli 15. Pledge 18. Lad 20. Trek 21. Seed 23. Trail 24. Emerson 25. Salaman-der
DOWN: 1. Animate 2. Shah 3. Geisha 4. Monopoly 5. North 6. Contemplate 7. Re-spendent 13. Florilla 16. Dresser 17. Geneva 19. Diana 22. Lend



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Guyra Show hosts Zone Junior Judging



Ten junior judges were selected to compete at the Sydney Royal Easter show

The organisers of the Zone junior judging would like to thank everyone that gave their time to run such a successful event in conjunction with the Guyra Show.

We had 40 participants in paraders on Friday with 10 of them qualifying for F002 paraders at Sydney. On Sunday we had the other six events.

A big thank you to Wayne Carter and wife Lyn who brought Grain samples and

travelled from Gunnedah to be over judge with Bob Williamson as steward. Ben & Leanne Rumbel (Supple Herefords) and Tim & Briony Light (Lagoona Red Polls) for supplying the cattle and Anne Starr as overjudge.

Angus Dawson (Arakoon Merinos) and Sharpe family (Amelie Poll Dorsets) for supplying the sheep and Angus being overjudge. Cameron Peardon and Charlie White for

supplying Merino fleeces, Jim Brown as overjudge with help of Todd Clark. Kelso Looker as our fruit and Veg overjudge.

Craig Chapman and Chad Williamson did an excellent job of coordinating this event with time and patience from Dorothy and Leonie at GALA and their extra employee for the week leading up to the Show weekend.

A special mention to our scoring ladies Jen Chapman and

Marg Jones (Armitage & Buckley) who did a fantastic job. Also the cattle committee who made sure no one went hungry. We had many other helpers and appreciate the time they gave us to make this event happen. This is the first time Guyra Show Society has hosted the Zone for many years. A big thanks to Briony, Tim and Kelso for your never ending support.

*Zone Judging Committee,
Guyra Show Society.*

What's Happening at the Neighbourhood Centre

Our theme this month: WELCOME BACK! We have certainly hit the ground running:

Since opening our doors on the 15th of January, we have had quite a few families come in for support with complex needs such as rental stress, homelessness and struggling with the cost of living. Because of our partnerships with quite a few service providers we were able to refer clients to them for support.

Community Cooked Lunch

We regularly have 15+ people each Tuesday for lunch and a chat. The lunch has now grown to include a monthly meeting which will discuss topics such as our garden and produce, nutrition,

budgeting, and how to make the most of the seasonal produce we have.

Our next workshop will be on the 27th of February at 9.30am followed by our usual yummy, cooked lunch and dessert. See you there. People are encouraged to come in and see us here at GNC.

GNC Community Garden

Our Beehives have increased again in the back garden. The bees are very busy making honey so hopefully, we should have honey very soon.

New team member

GNC would like to welcome our newest team member.

Leela will be administering the Small Schools Outreach Program (SSOP), developing and providing local information for our school communities... So, watch this space.

Produce Swap 2024

More fabulous days were had by many at the Produce Swap in January and February. The Produce Swap is held on the first

Saturday of every month.

The produce swap aims to give people the opportunity to come together and buy or swap fresh local veggies, plants and other produce.

The swap also aims to support local enterprise, local people who make or gather produce, have an opportunity to show their wears and build possibilities for a small income.

Next Swap is on the 2nd of March, and we look forward to an ever-increasing number of people with things to swap, sell, buy or visit.

There is no cost to those wanting to set up a swap table or bring items to swap so come and join the fun in March.

REMINDER:

Thursday 22 February

10am-12pm
Staying Well back to basics
Healthwise

Monday 26 February

10am-12pm Staying Calm
Workshop HealthWise

Monthly Planner

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
Joblink Plus (by appointment)

Thursday

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

Friday

Closed

Saturday

- First Saturday of every month Community Produce Swap
- 2nd & 4th Saturday of every month Spin New and Unusual Fibres Group 10am to 4pm.



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

FREE 'AG.Biz Ready' Program open to all Northern Tablelands Farmers

'AG.Biz Ready Northern Tablelands' is a FREE micro-learning program available to all young farmers operating across the Northern Tablelands in New South Wales. Registrations are now open with the first round of modules to be released on 2nd April 2024.

Funded by the Young Farmer Business Program, an initiative of the NSW Department of Primary Industries, 'AG.Biz Ready Northern Tablelands' is a Resilient Ready Business Community Resilience (BCR) Toolkit solution.

Emma Clifton, Young Farmer

Business Program Project Officer said that they recognised the benefits of inter-generational learning and welcome all farmers from the Northern Tablelands.

"If you are a current or future farm owner, manager and operator or farm hand this program is just for you," Emma said. "Focused on 5-minute intervals, this program is for every young farmer who thinks getting 'future ready' in business is too complex, expensive or time consuming."

Resilient Ready Program Coordinator Bekah Baynard-Smith said that we are now living and

working in a new era of compound disasters, and that taking time to work 'on' your farm business has never been more important - particularly for our young farming communities.

Delivered over 10-weeks, young farmers will benefit from: 10 micro-learning modules relevant to regional business needs 2-minute video case studies in each module filmed with a local business peer

Workshops in Inverell, Walcha and online to build connections and support shared success

Module topics include: lynch-

pin, getting the right insurance, cybersecurity, financial viability, happy at work, business networks, financial hardship, the right team, transforming what you know and disasters can bring opportunities.

All participants build a tailored online Toolkit across the 10-weeks which includes simple worksheets and blogs to help young farmers take small steps towards thriving in the good times, and surviving the hard times.

Bridging tradition and tech for rural business growth

Join Northern Tablelands Local Land Services and THE Rural Woman in a digital marketing session for rural businesses in March 2024. Learn about the fundamentals of digital marketing and how to use this to help your business grow. The workshops will include some theory and also hands on

practical activities.

Take this great opportunity to gain knowledge and create some great digital practicals with guidance to get you started! All levels of digital experience are welcome and encouraged to join.

Julie Humphris' (THE Rural Women digital guide) unique

blend of agricultural experience and digital know-how positions her as a guiding force for those navigating the dynamic world of rural businesses. To find out more and to register, please visit

Ladies in Livestock events

4th March - Walcha - <https://tix.yt/vPR>

5th March - Inverell - <https://tix.yt/wPR>

6th March - Tenterfield - <https://tix.yt/yPR>

7th March - Guyra - <https://tix.yt/xPR>

Armidale Digital Solutions

8th March - <https://tix.yt/NQR>

Rural Market Reports

Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

February 13th - 6326 head were yarded last week. Top price \$193, average per head \$85.

	Average	Top
Ewes	\$44	\$80
Hoggets	\$42.54	\$80
Lambs	\$104.08	\$193
Rams	\$31.48	\$50
Ram Lambs	\$50.33	\$52
Sheep	\$38.77	\$70
Wethers	\$54.74	\$141

Armidale Cattle Sale

February 15th - There was a lot less competition in front of a slightly reduced penning. Both young cattle and grown cattle were evenly represented with a great variation in quality and condition.

Differing from the previous sale was the lack of good quality straight lines. The regular processors were in attendance with the reduced attendance coming from the large field of feedlot and restockers present at the previous sale.

Trends were cheaper through all classes of young cattle with a fortnight of falling

markets contributing to some large price changes. There was also quality related change. Crossbred yearling steers heading to Northern paddocks and feed yards held up reasonably well.

In a falling market the secondary quality yearling heifers attracted some of the larger price corrections. Despite all being in attendance processor demand was weaker through all classes of grown cattle with the well finished heavy steers down by 16c to 20c/kg. The well finished grown heifers were less affected.

Cows and bulls felt the brunt of the cheaper market with the well finished heavy weights as much as 35c/kg cheaper while the plainer conditioned cows experienced greater falls. Heavy bulls were also significantly cheaper with falls in excess of those of the cows.

Weekly Wool Market

February 16th - The market once again opened the week softer. The largest declines were confined to the finer Merino types with the Northern region indicator falling 14 cents on the first day of sales. The second day of sales

witnessed a slight change in sentiment particular around the 20 micron types that closed 20 cents dearer for the day. This resulted in a 4 cent rise in the overall indicator, its first daily increase in a month.

In a positive sign for next week the Southern region sold in isolation on Thursday with the market continuing to show signs of improving. 36,617 bales were sold nationally for the week with a passed in rate of 9.5%.

Major buyers included Techwool, PJ Morris and Endeavour Wool with the top two dominating the national Merino fleece offering. The headline market indicators both closed the week spot on their average level for the 2023/24 season to date.

Next week's national offering increases to 44,000 bales but remains well below the 50,000 bale offerings that were occurring this time last season. 30,000 additional bales have been offered so far this season compared to last season, but that gap is narrowing and will continue to narrow over the coming few weeks.

Bald Blair students artworks on Show



Bald Blair School students artwork from the Guyra Show. The primary class (bottom left) received the Senior primary art exhibition champion for their mural. The infants class (bottom right) came first in the infants class mural section.



Small Schools Swimming Carnival

On Monday, 12th February 2024 students from Black Mountain Public School travelled to the Guyra Pool to compete in the Small Schools Swimming Carnival.

They enjoyed the day supporting their fellow students as they participated in their various age races. Congratulations to all the students for representing our school with pride and showing respect.

A special congratulations to Corey Banfield – 11 Year Boy Champion, Latai 'Ale – Senior Girl Runner Up and Jaearla Landsborough – Junior Girl Runner Up. Well done everyone!

*Mrs Justine Eddy
Relieving Principal*



Black Mountain students at the Guyra Pool



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 - \$3 ea.
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SOCCER TRAINING

SENIOR SOCCER TRAINING is held every Thursday night on the bottom soccer fields at 6pm. Start of the season is on 5th April. If you are interested come along to training or call 0427 857 272.

MEETING NOTICES

GUYRA LANDCARE NETWORK Meeting 6pm, Wednesday 28th February at the Royal Hotel, Guyra. New members welcome.

HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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

FOOD PANTRY

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

CLAIM THE DATE

WEDNESDAY 27th March 7pm

World class Blues guitarist **Gwyn Ashton** on his "mojosoul" album launch tour plays the **Australian Poetry Hall of Fame**. Tickets from \$20 at the box office or on-line <https://www.trybooking.com/CPHMA>

SUNDAY 26th May, 2024

Combined Services Lunch hosted by Guyra Evening CWA branch at the Ben Lomond Hall.

CLAIM THE DATE

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 or function**
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FOOTY TIPPING



Gazette Footy Tipping

**It's time for the Gazette's
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 competition - Enter NOW!**
 The footy season starts on **SUNDAY, 3rd** March, and the first round will be published **next week** for the first week of tipping.

We welcome locals who would like to participate and for you the prizes this year will be: First \$100.00, Second \$50.00 and the Wooden Spoon \$20.00.

Some of our **Celebrities** are returning, but we would heartily welcome more of our fabulous Guyra business owners/managers to join the fun. The prizes for our Celebrity winners are a half page ad for first place and quarter page ads for second and third.

Good luck and have some fun!

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Vets Golf

Last Tuesday the 13th we played a stableford event plus putts. Jon Cumming and Wal Chapman both scored 36 points, with Jon getting the win on a count back leaving Wal as runner up. The best putter was Neil Paine with just 25. Phil Devlin, Ray Sweeney and Jon Cumming all picked up a NTP.

On the Thursday we had 21 players travel to Uralla to contest the 2nd round of the district pennants. When the scores came in from the five clubs just 3 points separated 1st from 5th. Guyra were very fortunate to get 1st with 247 points. Len's contribution of 42 points certainly helped our cause. Armidale, Glen Innes and Walcha all had 245 with Uralla on 244. After two rounds Armidale and Guyra are equal leaders.

Guyra had some individual success with Len Stanley overall winner with that great score of 42 points. Jenny Rogers and Deb Heffernan both had 35 with Jenny getting a second place on a count back.

Mick Jackson, Ian Taylor and Wendy George all got a NTP. I do apologise if this is not accurate, I did leave before presentations. Next round of the pennants is in Glen Innes on 28th March.

Golf next week will be our monthly 4BBB trophy day.

Drake

Cricket

All senior games were washed out on the weekend.

This weekend 1st will play Ex Services at the Armidale Sportsground and 3rds are set to play Easts with the venue TBC.

Under 11s Guyra 92 defeated Hillgrove Colts.

Batting Rylan Wilson 16 ret., Ricky Jay Foster 8*, Peter Grills 4*.

Bowling Chaise Martin 1/4, Edward Newberry 2/9, Ricky-Jay Foster 1/4, Ockar Laing 1/7.

Ram Sale Dates 2024

Palana Poll Dorset Ram Sale
 Sale | 28th February 1.30pm

Yasloc Poll Dorset Ram Sale
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Tablelands Dohne Ram Sale
 Sale | 5th March 1pm



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Calling all under 18s footy players

The Super Spuds would like to enter a team in the Group 19 competition this year, but need players to show their interest.

The club is holding a meeting for under 18s players tomorrow night (Thursday) at 6pm at the ground to discuss the 2024 competition.

Guyra has a chance to maintain a team in the Group 19 U18s premiership, beginning in April, if player numbers are sufficient.

If enough U18s players come on board this week, training can commence immediately.

Under 16 players who are eligible and would like to also play U18s can attend the meeting.

Parents are also welcome.

Anyone who cannot make the meeting but would like to play can contact the club via email at guyrarugbyleague@gmail.com or via Facebook.

Keno Ambrose

There was no golf on Sunday but this weekend promises to be big with the 2 person Keno Ambrose taking centre stage.

This competition is open to

men's and mixed so anyone with golf membership and a handicap is able to compete so grab a partner and come along. The winners will progress onto the nexts tage which will be held away at another venue.

Also our Men's Championships are just around the corner, beginning on the weekend of the 9th and 10th of March and continuing the following weekend so be sure to keep these dates free.

Happy Golfing.

Ladies' Golf

Last week the ladies played a Par Medal. Wendy George was the winner. Shona Mulligan was the runner up. Nearest the pin winners were Vicki Reeves on the 9th hole. Wendy George on the 10th hole. Wendy Jackson on the 18th hole.

This week is the Guyra Ladies Open. Next week is the 2nd Graham Betts Round. Julie Walker is the starter.

Birdie

Men's Bowls

The final of the major singles was played on Saturday with Dan Kennedy coming out victorious

over Robert Moore.

The 4s pennant team will travel to Moree on the 2nd of March to play at 11am and on the 9th March they will travel to Barraba. The 7s will travel to Bendemeer on the 2nd March for a 1pm start and on the 9th March will travel to Kootingal.

The 4s team is:

(1) Steven sole, Colin Stanley, Robert walls and Anthony Bull.

(2) John Mcilwain, John Jackson, Randy Mulligan and Ian Jacobs.

(3) David Wilcox, Robert Moore, Boyd Stanley and Murray Bourke.

The 7s team is:

(1) Chris Kliendienst, Scott Campbell, Tim Ellis and Mathew Simpson.

(2) Barry Walls, Mallie Walls, Wayne Reeves and Jason Varcoe.

(3) Cameron Peardon, Roger Cox, Shane Brennan and Barry Presnell.

On Saturday 24th March at 3pm there will be a trial between the two sides to be followed by a barbecue and a meeting to organise travel arrangements.

Jack.

Midweek Golf

One month left for the midweek competition. The last Sunday will be 24th March. Highest Individual score for the week was 27 points for Kerrie McFarlane. Well done. Next on 25 points was Beau Wilson then a close third place we have Neil Paine on 24 and 23 points was scored by Julie Walker.

Team score this week with 79 went to Pitch Purrfects and on 77 were Big Nuts. Also in the seventies were No shankers, Full House and Baldersleigh Bashers. Good Golfing everyone.

Middy

Pool Comp.

Round 8 games are completed with the Bulldogs almost causing a massive upset, but falling short against the Raiders. The Sharks pounded the Queenslanders, Knights defeated the Tigers, Manly were once again a no Show (which is very disappointing) against Dragons and the Rooster snuck home against the Eels.

Points Table

Raiders	21	+56
Roosters	15.5	+54
Eels	12.5	+10
Sharks	12	+17
Knights	12	-13
Manly	11.5	-91
Dragons	10	+20
Tigers	9	+5
Qlder's	8.5	-42
Bulldogs	6	-16

The final round is this week and spots are up for grabs.

Wednesday 6pm Manly v Tigers, Thursday 6pm Roosters v Dragons, Saturday 5pm Qld v Bulldogs, Sunday 2pm Knights v Raiders and Sunday 4pm Eels v Sharks.

Be sure to keep Saturday 2nd of March fee for a big finals day beginning at 2pm.

Soccer training

Senior soccer training is held every Thursday night on the bottom soccer fields at 6pm. Start of the season is on the 5th April.

If you are interested, come along to training or call 0427 857 272..

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