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Students share Anzac spirit with Kolora residents



On April 24th, members of Guyra Central School's Student Representative Council (SRC) participated in an ANZAC Day service held at the Kolora/McLean Aged Care facility in

Guyra.

During the service, students delivered citations and prayers while presenting residents with roses and Rosemary posies as tokens of re-

membrance.

The Roses, a gracious donation from June and Neil of "Juneils" Cafe, were warmly received by the residents. Special acknowledgment is due

to Trisha Varley, Annabelle Collons, Treigh Bonser-Karhu, Kate O'Kane, and Archie Jackson for dedicating their holiday time to engage in this meaningful service.

Council to explore private market for Preschool construction and operation

Armidale Regional Council (ARC) will test the private market to ascertain if opportunities exist with private operators to take over operation of the Guyra Preschool and Long Day Care facility.

At their April meeting, Councillors agreed to commission an Expression of Interest (EOI) to determine if any private childcare providers or developers are interested in operating the current facility, and/or constructing a new facility.

A report to the meeting acknowledged that whilst Childcare was not a core function of Council, the Guyra Preschool and Long Day Care Centre was identified as a facility that is re-

quired to support the strategic ambition for future economic growth of the region.

It also disclosed that ARC has received interest from the not-for-profit sector, private operators, as well as building contractors in operating and/or constructing a new childcare centre in Guyra.

However, they have all so far indicated that they could not operate a new service effectively unless Council retired their existing service, understanding that it would not be viable for Guyra to support two Childcare centres at this point in time.

In discussing the recommendation to the meeting, Cr Paul Packham said that he recognised

that childcare is a major driver of participation, especially of women, in the economy.

"For too long we have been restricted by the facility currently operating," he said. "We have to provide the opportunity for the market, or ourselves, to be placed in the best situation to provide those services. It has to be scalable and we have to have a mix, from babes to toddlers and long day care.

"By placing this out on open EOI we are going to come back with a whole bunch of solutions, not necessarily one where this council has to own it or build it, and hopefully it will come with private investment."

Addressing concerns raised on

social media about the proposal and the lack of public consultation, Cr Steve Mephram said it was 'useless going to public without being armed with information about what is possible' and that 'it would be better to undertake that public consultation with a better understanding of what is available and what isn't'.

Council unanimously endorsed a recommendation to commission an Expression of Interest (EOI) and also agreed to delegate authority to the General Manager to advance discussions with any interested parties and present a shortlist of the proponents back to Council, for consideration at a future meeting of Council.



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Nationals preselect Brendan Moylan for Northern Tablelands By-Election

The NSW Nationals have preselected Brendan Moylan as their candidate to contest the Northern Tablelands by-election, following the announcement by Adam Marshall MP that he is resigning from the NSW Parliament.

Mr Moylan is a solicitor with a long record of community service. He has lived in the regions all his life. Together with his wife Catherine, they are raising their three children in Moree.

Mr Moylan said he was honoured to have been preselected and is looking forward to continuing Adam Marshall's legacy as a hard working local member

Mr Marshall said Mr Moylan will be an outstanding candidate. "Brendan knows this region, its people, the issues, and the opportunities. I look forward to joining him on the campaign trail."

NSW Nationals Leader Dugald Saunders was at the preselection

and congratulated Mr Moylan. "Brendan will be a great fit to represent the people of the Northern Tablelands" Mr Saunders said.

"Having lived in the regions his whole life, combined with his strong involvement in the community, Brendan understands what his community needs and will always fight for their fair share."

NSW Nationals Chairman Andrew Fraser said with six candidates contesting the preselection, and over 200 members in attendance, the preselection shows the NSW Nationals are in good shape. "We are the only party that stands up for rural and regional NSW, and I look forward to seeing Brendan continue that fight," Mr Fraser said.

The date for the Northern Tablelands by-election is yet to be announced.



Brendan Moylan (NSW Nationals Candidate for Northern Tablelands) and retiring member the Hon Adam Marshall MP

Telstra services disrupted by upgrade works

Mobile phone services for Telstra customers have been disrupted this week due to upgrade works, which will bring 5G to Guyra for the first time.

Customers were notified via SMS ahead of the works occurring and the worst of the disruption should be over by Wednesday May 8th.

Telstra Regional General Manager Michael Marom told the Gazette that they are upgrading the mobile base station in Guyra by adding additional infrastructure to bring a better 4G user experience and preparation for 5G to the community.

"The works require some temporary outages or reduction in mobile coverage," Mr Marom said.

"The works required are extensive and will temporarily impact Telstra mobile coverage at various times from Saturday, May 4th, until Friday, May 10th."

"The first phase of disruptions occurred between 8am and 4pm on the weekend, with network coverage being restored each day.

"A full site outage which began Monday, May 6th will continue until 5pm, Wednesday, May 8th There will be no mobile network coverage during this period.

"This will be followed by smaller temporary disruptions for integration and call testing until Friday May 10th.

"If all goes to plan and weather permitting, residents should notice improvements in Telstra mobile services from Friday."

Mr Marom said that Telstra mobile customers were sent text messages advising of the planned work.

Landline services, NBN internet services and mobile coverage from any other providers in the area will not be impacted.

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Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Every dollar raised helps support those impacted by cancer.

When: ADRA Op Shop
Where: Wednesday, May 15th
Time: 10am
Details: Sarah Harding and her team invite residents of Guyra to join them on the day for cakes, slices, sandwiches and chatter.

Please donate to my morning tea

Scan the QR code for details
This will be directed to my fundraising program where you can donate directly to my morning tea.

Cancer Council

biggestmorningtea.com.au

What's HOT

Mother's Day this Sunday - don't forget!!

CWA Mother's Matter Most' morning tea at the Library on Saturday

ADRA Biggest Morning tea happening next Wednesday

Big Chill Festival coming up - grab your tickets while you can.

What's NOT

Interruptions to phone services causing havoc

QUOTE of the week

If you want something said, ask a man; if you want something done, ask a woman.

Margaret Thatcher

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

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Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
30	Tues	5.6	16.6	0
1	Wed	8.3	14.4	0
2	Thurs	8.1	13.1	0
3	Fri	7.3	14.2	0
4	Sat	7.6	13.7	0
5	Sun	7.8	13.7	12.4
6	Mon	5.5	14.5	7.0

Rain this week	19.4mm
May. rainfall	12.4mm
Rainfall YTD	350.6mm
Rainfall last YTD	451.0mm
Ave. rain to May.	397.2mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

War of words (and a rescission motion) after vote to delay decision on rail trail

At Armidale Regional Council's on Wednesday, April 24th councillors voted 6-5 to delay construction on the proposed New England Rail Trail pending a further report.

However, there have been calls to overturn this decision and the matter will be back up for debate at an extraordinary meeting of council on Monday May 13th, with a rescission motion on the agenda.

Emotions were high prior to the April 24th meeting, with speakers for and against the proposal putting their views to the have your say section of the meeting.

Councillors were being asked to give the green light for commencement of the project with a \$5.4 million federal government grant.

Armidale Regional and Glen Innes Severn councils propose a 103 kilometre rail trail between

Armidale and Glen Innes. The rail line has not seen trains operating for 35 years.

The Armidale section of the trail is 68.8 kilometres between Armidale and Ben Lomond at an estimated cost of \$21 million. Glen Innes Council is committed to delivering the balance of the project with funding already in place for the Ben Lomond to Glen Innes section.

Councillors were asked to support initial construction of a 9.8 kilometre section of the trail between Armidale and Dumaresq railway station, using the \$5.4 million grant.

The trail head would have been completed by March next year. Work would have included widening the rail corridor to about 3 metres, removing the sleepers, compacting the ground with bitumen or gravel and fencing off the trail to make it safe.

Instead, Cr Margaret O'Connor moved an amendment, calling for another report on the costs involved in maintaining the trail, as well as clarifying whether the \$5.4 million could be used for other community projects.

The amendment to delay the project won the day with support from Crs Paul Packham, Dorothy Robinson, Brad Widders, Susan McMichael and Debra O'Brien.

In the wake of the decision, social media went into meltdown with arguments for and against the decision and the wider rail trail debate.

This included the launch of an online petition by rail trail supporters, calling for council to give the rail trail the go ahead. The petition, instigated by Maria Hitchcock OAM, has been widely shared by supporters and has so far attracted close to five thousand signatures.

Marathon - Kate thanks supporters

A massive heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported my marathon fundraising in any way.

I am delighted that donations for the run in memory of Peta, Sam and Aahliyah have to date reached a total of \$5040.

Running the marathon was a wonderful and emotional experience, so special to be running with the three children in my thoughts and their photos on my singlet!

I was also very happy to finish in 4 hours 25mins, respectable for my age I think as I came in 5th female in my age group.

In case anyone that hasn't donated already would still like to the link to Peta's fundraising page on the Children's Cancer Institute website is below.



Kate with husband Geoff following the marathon. You can still donate at www.ccia.org.au/fundraisers/katekane

Still a glimmer of hope for a Guyra based council!

With the State Government attempting to hack to pieces legislation in regard to de-mergers and formation of new council areas the Save & Grow Guyra Ratepayers Incorporation is still confident that there is a glimmer of light on the horizon favouring a new council based in Guyra. Labor have backflipped abandoning their own Local Government Policy and pre-election promises.

S&GGRI have been in regular contact with Local Government Minister Ron Hoenig for some months now with mixed and confusing results. To that end we have invited him to our next public meeting set down for Tuesday 21 May 2024 at 6.00pm at the Guyra Bowling & Recreation Club. We feel his attendance is vital so he can explain the Office of Local Governments policy and intent on council de-mergers and/or formation of new

council areas to a disenfranchised and confused Guyra community.

The recent resignation of local MP Adam Marshall and with ministerial amendments to the Local Government Act being debated is yet another kick in the guts for a devastated Guyra region. One hundred and ten years of successful Guyra Shire Council appears to count for nothing.

The Local meeting on 21.5.24 will feature a presentation from David Peters owner/manager of On Track International Holdings Corporation who is proposing to build a large food and natural medication processing factory at Llangothlin being connected to rail for containerised freight to the new Westdale hub for distribution nationally and for export.

Rob Lenehan
Chairman S&GGRI Inc.

CWA members head to Coffs Harbour for annual conference

Guyra CWA members are in Coffs Harbour this week for the annual Conference.

Evening Branch member Daria Hadley is a delegate, and Mary Hollingworth and Christine Gellie are with The Land Cookery Committee.

Heather Starr (CWA Day Branch) along with Mary Hollingworth will be judging while 10 members will be attending the Gala Dinner.

This Saturday the Guyra Evening Branch are hosting a "Mother's Matter most" morning tea at the library from 10am-11.30pm.

Guest speaker will be Tahlia from Amaroo Booms. Heathwise and Carers NSW will also be in attendance. Everyone is welcome morning tea supplied along with a gift bag.

Guyra Evening CWA was represented at the 2024 NSW AgriFu-

tures Awards on Thursday evening at Parliament House.

It was an amazing event celebrating the achievements of the three finalists Rebecca Keeley (Yarn), Rae Knopik (GREN) and Ruby Riethmuller (Womn-Kind) with Rebecca announced the winner.

The gala event was attended by the NSW Minister for Women Jodie Harrison MP and the NSW Minister for Agriculture Tara Moriarty along with representatives of the sponsors Agrifutures, Westpac, NSW Farmers and CWA supported by the NSW Government Premiers Department Office of Women Rural Womens Network team.

While many Award alumni and key industry stakeholders attended, celebrating the ongoing achievements of women throughout NSW with many networking opportunities throughout the gala evening.



1080 Aerial and Ground Baiting For Wild Dog & Fox Control 2024

Northern Tablelands Local Land Services, NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) and Forestry Corporation of NSW wish to advise they will be carrying out 1080 poison aerial and ground baiting for wild dog and fox control, commencing **13 May and to be completed by the 30 June 2024.**

This baiting program will be carried out in conjunction with the following Wild Dog Control Associations: Ashford, Atholwood, Bald Knob - Skeleton Creek, Balderleigh, Boonoo Boonoo, Bundarra, Cataract River, Chandler River, Cooney Creek, Deepwater - 10 Mile, Donnybrook - Leeches Gully, Dundee - Glen Elgin, Elsmore, Emmaville, Enmore - Blue Knobby, Jeogla, Kooreelah, Liston, McLeods Creek - Lower Rocky River, Mingoola - Mole River, Moona - Winterbourne, Mt MacKenzie, New Koreelah, Niangala - Nowendoc, Nullamanna - Wellingrove, Pyes Creek, Red Range - Pinkett, Rocky Creek, Rocky Dam, Rummeries Hill, Sandy Flat, South Valley, Steinbrook, Tenterden, Torrington, Upper Severn River, Wards Mistake, Wongwibinda, Yarrowitch - Tia and Yarrowyck.

Baiting will be undertaken on the following NPWS managed lands: Avondale SCA, Back River NR, Bald Rock NP, Barool NP, Basket Swamp NP, Bluff River NR, Booroolong NR, Bolivia Hill NR, Butterleaf NP & SCA, Capoompeta NP, Captains Creek NR, Cataract NP & SCA, Cathedral Rock NP, Cottan-Bimbang NP & SCA, Crooked Creek NP, Cunnawarra NP, Curracabundi NP & SCA, Donnybrook NR, Dhinna Dhinawan NP & NR, Gibraltar NR, Gibraltar Range NP, Guy Fawkes River NP & NR, Jobs Mountain NR, Kings Plains NP, Koreelah NP, Kwiambal NP & Kwiambal CCAZ1 (Arthurs Seat), Mann River NR, Maryland NP, Mount Clunie NP, Mt Yarrowyck Bulagaranda AA, Mummel Gulf NP, New England NP, Nowendoc NP, Nullamanna NP, Nymboida NP, Severn River NR, Serpentine NR, Single NP, The Basin NR, Tomalla NR, Tooloom NP, Torrington SCA, Tuggolo Creek NR, Warra NP, Warrabah NP, Washpool NP & SCA, Werrikimbe NP, Yabba NP and Maroomba SCA.

Baiting will occur in the following State Forests: Bald Knob, Beary, Billilimbra, Boonoo, Boorook, Brassey, Brother, Butterleaf, Donnybrook, Doyles River, Enfield, Ewingar, Forest Land, Gibraltar Range, Gilgurry, Girard, Giro, Malara, Mount Mitchell, Nowendoc, Nundle, Oakwood, Paddys Land, Riamukka, Severn, Spirabo, Styx River, Terrible Billy, Torrington, Tuggolo and Woodenbong State Forests.

Baiting will occur on the following Traveling Stock Reserves: TSR R54103 and TSR R55274.

1080 baits pose a high risk to domestic dogs. All domestic dogs should be kept under control and away from baiting areas at all times. Advisory signage will be erected prior to baits being deployed.

For further information please contact Northern Tablelands Local Land Services on (02) 6732 8800 (Glen Innes), (02) 6770 2000 (Armidale), (02) 6739 1400 (Tenterfield), (02) 6720 8300 (Inverell), NPWS New England Area (02) 6777 4700 (Walcha), NPWS Northern Tablelands Area (02) 6739 0700 (Glen Innes), NPWS North Coast (02) 6652 0900 (Coffs Harbour) or Forestry Corporation of NSW on (02) 6585 3744 (Wauchope) or (02) 6652 0111 (Coffs Harbour).

Telstra tips for improving connectivity

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For mobile coverage in the interim, if residents have access to a wi-fi signal at home or at work, Telstra encourages residents to activate wi-fi calling. This is a free setting on most popular mobile phones and allows your mobile to use a Wi-Fi network to make and receive mobile calls. To find out more they can google Telstra Wi-Fi calling or just search in your settings icon on your phone.

We know many businesses use the Telstra network for their EFTPOS terminals. However, Telstra does not operate the EFTPOS network; it is operated by financial institutions. Many EFTPOS terminals can also be connected using fixed line or Wi-Fi/nbn internet connections. Retailers should contact their bank for more information and details on how to switch between these methods to ensure continuous service.

Community Noticeboard

Meals on Wheels

May 9 Jim Betts
 May 10 Golf Ladies
 May 13 Lions Club
 May 14 Russell
 May 15 Steve Norris

Street Stalls

May 9 Can Assist
 May 16 Hospital Aux.
 May 17, 18 Masonic Lodge

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

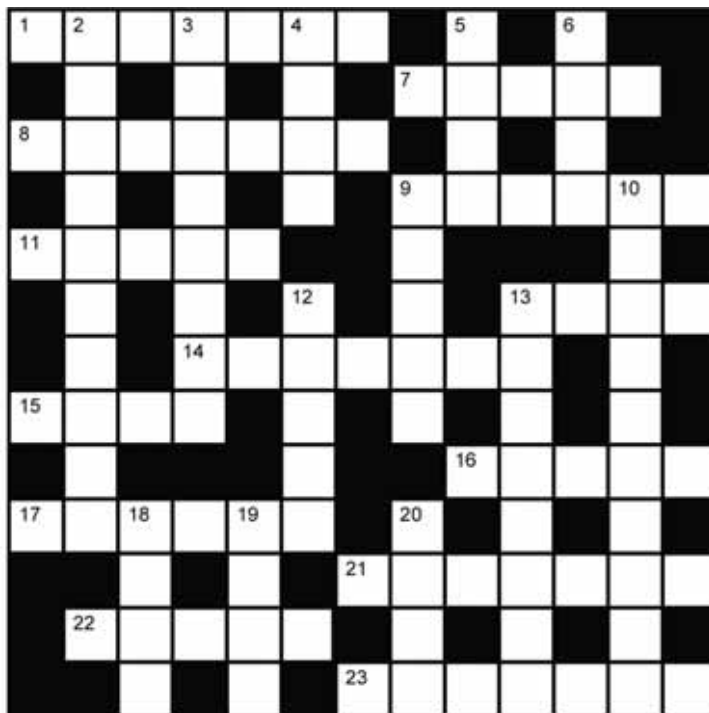
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- Road-surfacing material (7)
- Literary judge (6)
- Go around (5)
- People (4)
- Odd (7)
- Close friend (4)
- Force (5)
- Pictorial symbol (6)
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- Month (7)

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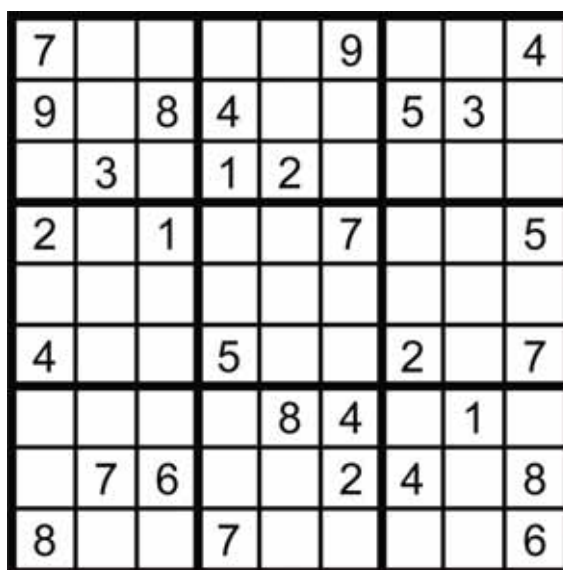
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- Fish-tank (8)
- They had a hit with Get it on (1,3)
- Prevaricator (4)
- Pond creature (4)
- Obscure (5)

QUICK CROSSWORD



- Unable to read or write (10)
- Misgiving (5)
- Large wading bird (8)
- Tome (4)
- Comedy star, ____ Sykes (4)
- Stylish (4)

SUDOKU - Medium



Across: 1. Stealth, 7. Fixed, 8. Bitumen, 9. Critic, 11. Skirt, 13. Folk, 14. Unusual, 15. Chum, 16. Impel, 17. Emblen, 21. Shin pad, 22. Robin, 23. October.
Down: 2. Twickenham, 3. Aquarium, 4. T Rex, 5. Lar, 6. Newt, 9. Cloud, 10. Illiterate, 12. Quail, 13. Flamingo, 18. Book, 19. Eric, 20. Chic.



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Costa thanks Community Reference Group

Members of the Costa Tomato Exchange Community Reference Group met recently for their quarterly meeting.

The Community Reference Group, which has been in place since the start of 2022, was set up to facilitate an active and open means of communication between the Guyra and surrounding community, and Costa, which operates 40 hectares of glasshouses across two sites.

The Group has an independent Chair, Susan Sims, and also includes Costa representatives.

Costa State Manager Mr Brett Ryan thanked the volunteer members Dot Vickery, David Bearup and Reverend Andrew Campbell for their ongoing contribution.

“We are grateful for the contribution of our community representatives. This Group has helped us to enhance our connections with the community and gain a deeper understanding of issues



Costa Vertical Farming State Manager NSW Brett Ryan, Senior HR Business Partner Kylie Taylor, Chair Susan Sims, and community representatives Dot Vickery and David Bearup.

and opportunities.”

Costa is now seeking Expressions of Interest for an additional community representative to join

the current members.

If you are passionate about your local community and would like to be part of the ongoing dialogue

with Costa please register your interest with Susan Sims via email to susan.sims@wixim.com.au by no later than 5pm Friday, May 24.

Take the plunge at Big Chill event

Big Chill Festival goers will get a chance to chill right out with a cold-water plunge at Dumaresq Dam as part of the festival’s extended program of events.

The thrilling cold-water experience at Dumaresq Dam Reserve, a 15 minute drive from Armidale CBD, will be held on Sunday May 19 from 7:45am to 10am.

“The Big Chilly Dip is the perfect way for festival goers to refresh and revitalise on Sunday morning before the second day of the Big Chill Festival,” said Armidale Regional Council Mayor Sam Coupland.

“Participants can take part in the cold-water plunge, a quick swim or the Big Chilly Mile. It will be a really fun event that will bring our community together.

“This is just one of the many exciting events happening around the Big Chill Festival so make sure you get online and book your tickets to one of our region’s biggest music and social events.”

Participants must be aged 16+ years for the Big Chilly Dip and

tickets include a free Big Chilly Dip beanie and bacon and egg roll to kick off your Sunday, provided by the Armidale Rams Rugby League Football Club.

Other events happening around the Big Chill Festival are the Great Hops Brewery BBQ Battalion Event with Live Music (4pm-late) and the Drag Show Event at the Town Hall (6pm-11pm) on Friday May 16.

The “chilly vibe” continues with the Beardy Street Bazaar-Buskers and Street Art Festival from 8:30-11am on Saturday morning. Local cafes will be offering delicious breakfasts and coffee in the mall.

And while the Big Chill finishes at 8:30-9pm there will be plenty to experience “after dark” at the Welder’s Dog, Great Hops, Royal Hotel, New England Hotel, Tattersalls Hotel, White Bull Hotel and St Kilda Hotel.

For more information on the Big Chill Festival and other events or to buy tickets to the event please visit www.bigchill.com.au -

Cold water plunge for mental health

The Big Chilly Dip
@ Dumaresq Dam

Sunday 19 May, 7.45-10.00am

Refresh and revitalise before the second day of the BIG CHILL Festival!

Short swim, mile swim and cold water plunge.

Ticket includes beanie, bacon and egg roll.

Come get chilly with us!

Sign up and ticket purchase

bigchill.com.au



Schools' Prime Lamb Competition

During the final week of term 1, Agriculture Show Team from Guyra Central School participated in the annual Prime Lamb Competition hosted by McIntyre High School at the Inverell Showgrounds.

This prominent event was attended by over 200 students and featured 100+ competing lambs this year. Throughout the term, students diligently trained the lambs for presentation and diligently monitored their growth rates.

Guyra Central School entered 10 lambs across the heavy weight, medium weight, and led lamb categories. Furthermore, students engaged in the junior judging competition, where Lincoln Brown notably secured first place in the senior judging category.

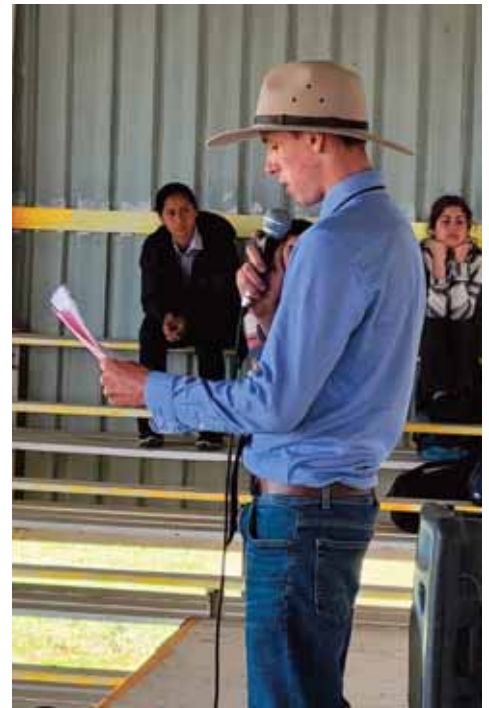
Lincoln's articulate performance in the final round, accurately placing the lambs, deserves commendation. Congratulations to Lincoln for

his notable success in the judging arena!

The heavyweight lamb pen, contributed by Gina and Warren Lockyer, attained third place in the live judging. Subsequently, they excelled in the carcass evaluation, clinching the champion pen of lambs' title and the overall heavyweight class championship. This achievement stands as a testament to their hard work and dedication.

Gratitude is extended to the Lockyer family for their unwavering support and generosity towards the school. Special appreciation goes to Mrs Gwyn Pearson for her exceptional guidance and support of the students during the event and its preparation, as well as to Mrs Linley Ryan for her assistance and transportation on the day of the competition at Inverell.

Right: Lincoln Brown secured first place in the senior judging category.



Rural Market Reports

Armidale Cattle Sale

May 2nd - There was a total yarding of 2090. The numbers were steady with cows well supplied including a herd dispersal of mixed age cows in plainer condition.

There was a good supply of young cattle while well finished grown cattle apart from cows and bulls to suit processors were in limited supply. There was extra feedlot competition while the full compliment of processors were in attendance.

Restocker and feedlot demand was strong through the young cattle with weaners returning to the paddock selling to significantly dearer trends.

Availability reduced following

a run of big weaner sales. The increased competition impacted medium and heavy weight yearlings positively with the market trend for steers substantially dearer.

The heifer portion also sold to dearer trends however the improvement was not as great. Strong demand from both restockers and processors was strong for cows. The dispersal cows having run continuously with bulls. They sold to a slightly dearer trend.

With the number of cows in the system reducing competition from processors was strong on the well finished lots. They sold to a dearer trend of as much as 13c/kg. Heavy bulls were also keenly sort after to show a

significantly dearer trend.

Weekly Wool Market

May 3rd - Last week's slightly softer close indicated the potential for a cheaper market this week. The extent of the falls however is somewhat surprising indicating just how delicately balanced the current supply chain is. Most of the falls were consigned to the first day of sales with the Northern region indicator closing down 22 cents. This eradicated the previous fortnights hard won gains. The second day of sales saw a further 5 cent decline, but losses were limited to the 18 micron and finer types whilst 19 micron and broader types were slightly

dearer. 35,811 bales were sold nationally for the week with a passed in rate of 8.7%. Major buyers included Techwool, Tianyu and PJ Morris. The Aussie dollar fell almost ½ a cent against the US compared to last sale resulting in a 2.5% fall in the broad based Eastern market indicator for the week. The EMI in US dollars closed the week only a handful of cents lower than its average for the season to date. In a positive for next week the Western region's market closing level has become a reliable pointer to the Eastern seaboard's opening. The West closed dearer by around 10 cents on average.

Favourite Shorts

Ben Lomond Hall

Tickets: \$20

Bookings at:

<https://www.ticketbo.com.au/ben-lomond-entertainment-society/favourite-shorts-2024>



An evening of acting and script reading performances by local actors.

The scripts are written by local playwrights.

Soups and a savoury scone or damper will be served at interval.

Where: Ben Lomond Hall
When: Saturday, 25th May
Time: 7.00pm



Gazette's Celebrity Footy Tipping

NRL round 9 kicked off with the Rabbits and Panthers where the result went according to plan with the Panthers running away with a huge 42-12 win.

Friday night footy kicked off with the Sea Eagles at home to the Raiders where the Mighty Green machine proved far, far too strong in an almighty 26-24 comeback, which silenced the Manly chanting Brookvale faithful. The Broncos then hosted the Roosters where things did not go to plan for the Broncos with numerous key players injured, not to mention a hefty 40-18 defeat.

Super Saturday saw the Bulldogs take on the Tigers which looked to be a good tussle on paper. It did not disappoint with the game being in the balance for most of the duration, however the Dogs got the upper hand late to win by 22-14.

The Storm then got out of jail again as they do with a lucky 22-20 win over the luckless Titans, who have been around the money all year. The Cowboys then hosted the Dolphins in the all Queensland Derby. The game was in the balance all the way to the 80th minute where Bennett's Dolphins took a slender 28-26 victory.

Sunday footy kicked off with the Knights at home to the Warriors where the field soon turned into a slushy marshland. The Knights relished the soggy conditions to take a 14-8 win over the Warriors.

The final match for the round between the Sharks and Dragons was also a soggy affair, where the Sharky's put the Dragons to the sword and went on to record a 20-10 victory.

A special mention to our Celebrity Fourways tipsters: we are loving the celebrity photos, keep them coming!

Sue's Tips

- Dolphins
- Panthers
- Broncos
- Knights
- Dragons
- Sharks
- Roosters
- Cowboys



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- Panthers
- Eels
- Knights
- Dragons
- Storm
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- Dolphins
- Panthers
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- Knights
- Dragons
- Storm
- Roosters
- Cowboys



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Vu's Tips

- Sea Eagles
- Panthers
- Eels
- Tigers
- Dragons
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- Roosters
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Michelle's Tips

- Dolphins
- Panthers
- Eels
- Knights
- Dragons
- Storm
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Mal's Tips

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- Panthers
- Eels
- Knights
- Dragons
- Sharks
- Roosters
- Titans



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Schools march with pride on Anzac Day

Welcome back to another busy and exciting term. I hope everyone had a restful and relaxing holiday.

It was an honour to participate in the Anzac March last week. Congratulations to Tyleek Jerrard our Year 6 Leader for delivering the Prayer of Remembrance and Mikyla Patterson for laying the wreath for Black Mountain Public School. Thank you to the students and parents who were able to commemorate this important event with the community.

For Australians, Anzac Day is a time for solemn reflection, to express gratitude to the people who have served, and continue to serve our nation, in war, conflict and peacekeeping operations.

Our new transition student Jamiek Patterson had a great start to learning last week with transi-



Black Mountain School participating in the march

tion leader Mrs Sapphire Roller. Last week, students enjoyed making rainbow colours with rollers and shapes and also made sun

catchers with the big, beautiful autumn leaves that are now falling.

At Black Mountain Public School, transition students learn

through creative play and hands on learning activities, following the Early Years Learning Framework, to prepare them for Kindergarten, the following year.

Each Friday transition students participate in activities with our K-2 Echidna's class as well as other school activities such as assemblies and cultural events. The well-being and care of all our students is our highest priority. Ensuring a smooth transition to Kindergarten ensures a great start to school.

If you have a child who is four years of age or turning four and would like to know more about our transition program, please contact the school on 02 6775 0192 to speak to our experienced teaching team.

*Mrs Justine Eddy
(Relieving Principal)*



A large contingent of students from St Marys of the Angels participated



Gazette Footy Tipping

DJ	101	Bulldog	87
The Panther	99	Mountain Mist	87
Birdie	95	Blackie Chan	87
Timmy the Tiger	93	Crazy Cat Lady	85
The King	93	Dip Stick	83
Happy Gilmore	91	R.W.	81
The Iggman	91	Lounge Lizard	81
Moie	91	Puss Puss	79
3PPP	89	BMX Bandit	77
Queen KGP	89	Farmer Joe	65
Garden Gurus	89	Rabbits2010	61

Locals Entry Form - Round 11

Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on **Wednesday 15th May**

Name:

Phone:

Raiders	vs	Bulldogs
Sea Eagles	vs	Broncos
Titans	vs	Knights
Sharks	vs	Roosters
Rabbits	vs	Cowboys
Warriors	vs	Panthers
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CLAIM THE DATE

WEDNESDAY 15th MAY, 2024

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea will be held at the ADRA Op Shop at 10am. All welcome.

SATURDAY 25th MAY, 2024

FAVOURITE SHORTS 7pm at Ben Lomond Hall hosted by Ben Lomond Landcare Group. Soups and savoury scones or damper served at interval. Tickets \$20 and bookings can be made via: <https://www.ticketebo.com.au/benlomond-entertainment-society/favourite-shorts-2024>.

SUNDAY 26th MAY, 2024

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

WEDNESDAY 5th JUNE, 2024

Careers Day at Guyra Central School. Presented by New England Community College and Guyra Central School. Highlighting job opportunities and career pathways available within the New England area.

FRIDAY 4th - MONDAY 7th OCTOBER Rotary Club of Guyra will hold a **BOOK FAIR** at the War Memorial Hall.

TROUTFEST will be held over the October long weekend. Markets in the main street, photography competition, kids' fishing clinic and more.

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PROBUS NOTES

Our next meeting is on Monday, 13th May at 10am at the Bowling Club. Subs of \$30 are due.

We will have a movie afterwards: "80 for Brady" which is a comedy.

All welcome as well as any new members.

Judy Jackson

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New England District Pennants a huge success

What a huge success the 4th round of the district pennants were. Just under 100 players enjoyed a beautiful day on the glorious Mother of Ducks golf course that is in great condition, (thanks green keepers).

Costa tomatoes were once again on board as our major sponsor and we thank them heaps for their ongoing support of Vets Golf. Thanks also to the Bowling Club who go over and above with their support.

The good news is the Guyra ladies and men Vets got a great win putting us two points in the lead heading into the final round in Walcha on the 23rd of this month.

Our cause was certainly helped by a brilliant score of 39 points by Kerry Bull who took out first place for the ladies. Runner up was another local with Jenny Rogers scoring a great 36 points.

In the men the A grade went to

a Craig Hulls also with 39 points to runner up Darryl Carson on 36. In the B grade Jon Cumming was the winner with 36 points to runner up Paul Redden on 34. The C grade went to Craig Zirkler, another 39 pointer to runner up Roger Grills with 36.

Straightest drives went to Belinda Lenehan for the ladies and Phil Green for the men. NTPs went to Deb Heffernan on the 7th, Marj Chappell on the 9th, Rob Brown on the 10th and Mick Kirk on the 18th.

The scores leading into the last round are: Guyra – 32, Glen Innes – 30, Armidale – 26, Uralla - 22 and Walcha 10.

A final thank you to Wal, Nancy and their team of organisers. A big job carried out to perfection. Next week is a stableford event and please get your name into Wal for the last round in Walcha on the 23rd.

Drake



Wal Chapman congratulates Ladies winner Kerry Bull (left) and C grade runner up Roger Grills (right)



B Grade runner up Paul Redden and Ladies runner up Jenny Rogers

Ladies' Golf

Last week the ladies played a Par Medal sponsored by Wendy Jackson.

The winner was Wendy Jackson. Jenni Jackson was the runner up.

Nearest the pin winners were Debbie Heffernan on the 7th hole. Jenni Jackson on the 18th hole.

This week is the Associate's Cup sponsored by Juneils' Café.

Next week is a Stableford along with the 4th Graham Betts Round.

Donna White is the starter as well as the sponsor.

Birdie

Men's Bowls

One game was completed on Saturday with Jason Varcoe proving too strong for John Jackson winning 31-25 in handicap singles.

This Saturday the 11th May at 12 o'clock Mathew Simpson and Tim Ellis will play Scott Campbell and Barry Campbell in major/ minor pairs.

Jack

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