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Neighbourhood Centre Information Day a success

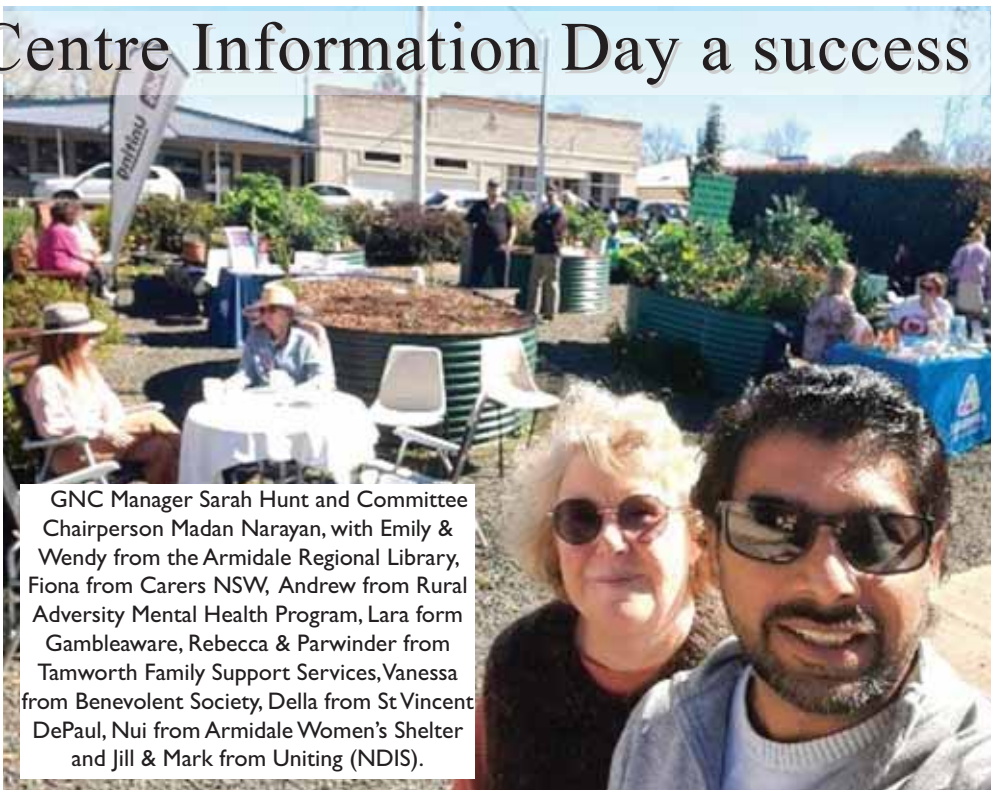
Guyra Neighbourhood Centre (GNC) had a huge day on Tuesday May 14th, beginning the members meeting, and followed by the Guyra Community Information Day and Community Lunch.

The Community Garden was full of services providing information to local people and each other. They welcomed representatives from Armidale Regional Library, Carers NSW, Rural Adversity Mental Health Program, Gambleaware, Tamworth Family Support Services, Benevolent Society, St Vincent DePaul, Armidale Women's Shelter and Uniting (NDIS).

All of these organisations can offer services in Guyra and many already use the GNC as their Guyra location for servicing their clients.

Guyra turned on a glorious autumn day, with the garden looking fabulous. Local community members were able to relax in the garden, mingle with service providers and find out how they may be able to assist them in Guyra.

Lunch was a finger food event with potato wedges, sausage rolls, individual flatbread quiches and sweet individual bread and butter puddings. Being a Tuesday, they catered for their usual Tuesday lunch as well as services providers and guests, with an estimated 40 – 50 people attending lunch.



GNC Manager Sarah Hunt and Committee Chairperson Madan Narayan, with Emily & Wendy from the Armidale Regional Library, Fiona from Carers NSW, Andrew from Rural Adversity Mental Health Program, Lara from Gambleaware, Rebecca & Parwinder from Tamworth Family Support Services, Vanessa from Benevolent Society, Della from St Vincent DePaul, Nui from Armidale Women's Shelter and Jill & Mark from Uniting (NDIS).

This information day is becoming an annual event for GNC, usually in Autumn and any services are welcome to contact Sarah to be involved in 2025.

The GNC team of staff and volunteers worked

tirelessly to ensure that everyone was welcomed, receiving many messages of thanks and positive feedback. GNC welcomes any enquiries from people wanting to be a member of the Centre.

FREE MICROCHIPPING DAY



Guyra
25 May 2024

158 Bradley
Street (Council
Building)
10am - 1pm

ARMIDALE
Regional Council

Successful Biggest Morning Tea Fundraiser



Last week, the ADRA Op Shop welcomed nearly 100 attendees to a highly successful morning tea event in support of the Cancer Council.

On a sunny autumn day, participants gathered in the grounds of ADRA to indulge in delightful treats and steaming cups of tea and coffee, all in the spirit of Aus-

tralia's Biggest Morning Tea (BMT).

This nationwide initiative sees communities across Australia coming together throughout the month of May to raise funds for cancer research and support services.

For a first-time endeavor, the response was overwhelming, with

individuals from the local community rallying behind the cause.

In addition to enjoying a beautiful morning outdoors, participants contributed towards the Cancer Council, raising a commendable sum of \$1000.

These funds will be channelled towards vital cancer research, aiding in the ongoing fight against

this prevalent disease.

The success of this year's event has laid a strong foundation for future editions of the Biggest Morning Tea in Guyra.

Helen Turnham, ADRA coordinator, expressed her optimism about making the BMT an annual tradition, stating, "We will go again next year."



I've had my
COVID-19
vaccination

COVID-19 vaccination is your best protection against serious illness

If you are an adult at higher risk of severe illness or are 65 years and over, a [free COVID-19 vaccine](#) is recommended for you every 6 to 12 months.

Speak to your doctor or pharmacist about what is best for you.



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Council's draft budget on public exhibition

A budget that focuses on 'a solid foundation of regional activation and supporting an ambitious target of 4000 new jobs by 2040 underpinned by fiscal responsibility and long-term financial stability' has been endorsed for public exhibition by Armidale Regional Council.

General Manager James Roncon said the current budget strategy that commenced in the 22/23 budget, to dip into reserves to fund the budget and kick-start the infrastructure renewal program is now paying dividends.

"This approach was predicated around applying for and receiving approval for an SRV and being able to do much of the preparatory work required in the 2022-2023 financial year to take full advantage of an approved SRV so

as to hit the ground running," Mr Roncon said.

"That is because any meaningful rate increase would not come into effect until the 2024-2025 financial year, and it is at this point the financial improvement would start to be realised and ARC would be able to continue the process of building a stronger and more resilient region."

Key initiatives of the proposed 24/25 budget are concentrated on big ticket programs that will drive growth and achieve the Council's aspirations as a NSW regional city of significance. Council's Water Security package is continuing in momentum with the purchase of the Oakey River Dam and ongoing advocacy to State and Federal Governments for funding.

The Planning and Activation team is continuing to deliver on Council's desire to grow jobs and improve the regions liveability with the development of a new housing strategy, master plans for residential and employment land in Armidale, as well as master plans for the villages.

Council has allocated \$300,000 each for open space and community infrastructure for Armidale and Guyra, as well as \$80,000 for each of the villages. Mall revitalisation, an Aquatic Precinct Strategic Plan, stage 2 of the Armidale Creeklands playground will be a focus in Armidale, while a Destination Management Plan is developed for the entire region. A Master Plan for Guyra Recreation Ground and surrounds and \$70,000 worth of upgrades to

Guyra Skate Park will be the focus for Guyra.

Funding allocated to rehabilitation and maintenance of rural and urban roads has also significantly increased with an additional focus on improvements to stormwater infrastructure across the Armidale and Guyra urban areas.

The Draft Operational Plan and Budget 2024-2025 will go on public exhibition for 28 days from today, Wednesday 15 May to Wednesday 12 June 2024. To view the draft documents that include: The Draft Operational Plan and Budget 2024-2025; Draft Revenue Policy 2024-2025 and the Draft Fees and Charges Schedule 2024-2025 visit council's online engagement hub yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au

Meet the candidates for Local Land Services board member election

Northern Tablelands Local Land Services is encouraging ratepayers to register now so they can vote in the local board member election, starting next week.

Voting opens on 21 May and closes 14 June. Voting packs can be requested until 12 June.

In the Northern Tablelands, 5 candidates will stand for election to the local board, with 3 positions available.

Northern Tablelands candidates are James Jackson (Brushy Creek), Alana Marcus (Sapphire), Stephen Bowler (Tenterfield, Angelica Morse (Kingstown) and Peter Parnell (Yarrowyck).

Northern Tablelands General Manager Paul Hutchings said voting in the upcoming election is an opportunity for ratepayers to ensure the local board reflects their needs.

"Our local board members are a key asset, using their connections with the community to provide valuable feedback that helps make sure our services are meet-

ing the needs of ratepayers," Mr Hutchings said.

"In the Northern Tablelands, we have 5 strong candidates vying for election to our local board.

"Voting is the best way to make sure our local board reflects your needs and priorities, so we're asking you to request your voting pack today and have your say."

To vote, you must first request a voting pack, which can be sent to you electronically. You can request a voting pack by either:

* Submitting your request online or

* Calling Local Land Services on 1300 795 299 or

* Visiting your closest Local Land Services office.

To be eligible, you must be an individual who is 18 or more years old and an occupier of a rateable holding under the Local Land Services Act 2013. The holding may consist of wholly or partly rateable land.

As part of our International Service, the Rotary Club of Guyra is putting together Baby Kits to encourage women living in remote villages in our neighbouring Oceanic countries to have their babies in hospitals or rural dispensaries for their own, and their new-born babies' safety.

The Baby Kits are comprised of:

2 singlets, size 000

1 bib

1 pair booties

1 face cloth

1 bar soap (wrapped in glad wrap)

1 soft toy

1 flannelette wrap

and:

for girls: 1 dress and 1 jumpsuit

for boys: 2 jumpsuits

Donations of either complete Baby Kits or a number of individual items will be very much appreciated.

Your donations may be dropped in to GALA, 136 Bradley Street during business hours.



What's HOT

Thank you to Poppy & Dorrie at the MPS for their donations to Rotary's Baby Kits.

Great care and attention received at Guyra MPS (Hospital) emergency following minor mishap

Getting our first real taste of winter on the weekend with hail and a shower of snow - here's hoping for a decent fall of snow this year

QUOTE of the week

"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: If we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome."

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
14	Tues	3.4	17.1	0
15	Wed	4.3	18.6	0
16	Thurs	7.4	16.2	0
17	Fri	7.4	15.0	0
18	Sat	3.4	12.3	0
19	Sun	3.1	11.6	8.0
20	Mon	-0.6	13.8	0

Rain this week	8.0mm
May. rainfall	46.8mm
Rainfall YTD	378.0mm
Rainfall last YTD	472.6mm
Ave. rain to May.	397.2mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Mother's Day Pamper afternoon



Black Mountain Public School Mother's Day Pamper Afternoon
On Thursday May 9th, Black Mountain Public School welcomed Mums for a Mother's Day Pamper afternoon, to show them how much they are appreciated.

The mothers enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea and a pamper session with the children painting fingernails, applying face masks, and giving hand massages.

Mrs Justine Eddy
Relieving Principal

Eisteddfod celebrating 40th year

The Armidale Eisteddfod is celebrating its 40th year. The committee has been working hard on preparations and solid entry numbers indicate that this year's Eisteddfod will be a great showcase of talent in Armidale and surrounds.

The Eisteddfod officially commenced last week with the Music Composition Presentation and Workshop, a prelude to the main program.

The main competition program runs from May 15th through to June 5th with the Gala concert being presented on June 16th. Co-ordinated by a committee of volunteers, the Eisteddfod continues to be supported by sponsors, volunteers and competitors.

Choir Night and Band Night are always popular events and this year will be held on Wednesday, May 22nd (Lazenby Hall) and Tuesday, June 4th (Old Teachers' College



Armidale Eisteddfod committee members with banner

Auditorium), respectively.

The majority of the Eisteddfod events are held in the Old Teachers' College Auditorium. Session ticket prices are \$3 concession and \$5 adult with an adult's season ticket

being \$40. Family passes for the duration of the Eisteddfod are \$80. A full pricelist and program can be found on the Armidale Eisteddfod website.

‘Modified’ Rail Trail looks set to go ahead after decision overturned

Armidale Regional Council (ARC) and Glen Innes Severn Council (GISC) will move ahead with modified plans for the New England Rail Trail (NERT) following separate meetings held last week.

Following a lengthy debate at last week’s extraordinary meeting ARC were given the go ahead to begin preparatory works on their section of the trail.

Two motions were passed at the meeting – a rescission motion that countered an earlier decision to delay works pending further information and a subsequent notice of motion that effectively cleared the way for work to proceed.

GISC council also decided to move forward after debating the issue later in the week.

Both councils are seeking to repurpose funding already allocated for the NERT to modified sections of the trail within their own council areas.

ARC is now focussing on a section of track between Armidale and Dumaresq instead of Black Mountain to Ben Lomond, while GISC will begin planning for a shortened section of the trail from Glen Innes to Glencoe instead of Ben Lomond.

ARC will seek to use a \$5.4

million Federal Government Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund grant previously allocated to their original plan and GISC will make application to amend the scope of the \$8.7 million NSW Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund grant that they received for the modified proposal.

Trains North, a group hoping to bring trains back to the closed section of track between Armidale and the Queensland border, expressed disappointment at the decisions.

They have recommitted themselves to advocating for the strategic importance of the Main North Line.

Trains North President Matthew Tierney said that ‘Vandalising a tiny part of it for a bicycle path is not a good move and with the community largely on our side we will continue to push the case for the New England Connection railway at both State and Federal levels.’

Trains North say they have received written advice from the Minister for Regional Transport confirming that neither Armidale nor Glen Innes council is in a position to proceed with their rail trail at present.



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 NP, 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, Beaury, 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).

SB1541

New England Weeds Authority board suspended

The Minister for Local Government last week suspended the board of the New England Weeds Authority (NEWA) and appointed an interim administrator due to serious concerns about the financial position and governance of the organisation.

NEWA is the registered trading name of the New England County Council and has a governing body

made up of elected representatives from four constituent councils: Armidale Regional Council, Walcha Council, Uralla Shire Council and Glen Innes Severn Shire Council.

The organisation is a single-purpose county council that operates as a Local Control Authority for the management of priority and invasive weeds in the New England area.

This intervention comes after the Office of Local Government was made aware of financial irregularities at NEWA, including the inability of the Audit Office to issue an audit due to gaps in the organisation’s financial records.

Further enquiries identified significant issues that could have implications for its partner councils. The

board will therefore be suspended for an initial period of three months.

Independent local government expert and former general manager Mr John Rayner has been appointed as interim administrator.

Mr Rayner will be responsible for looking into the county council’s financial and operational concerns and report back to the Minister.

Community Noticeboard

Meals on Wheels

May 23 Sue Adams
 May 24 Steve Adams
 May 27 Narelle Leven
 May 28 ARC Staff
 May 29 Debbie Schmidt

Street Stalls

May 23, 24, 25 Rotary
 May 30, 31 & June 1 Rotary
 June 7 & 8 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

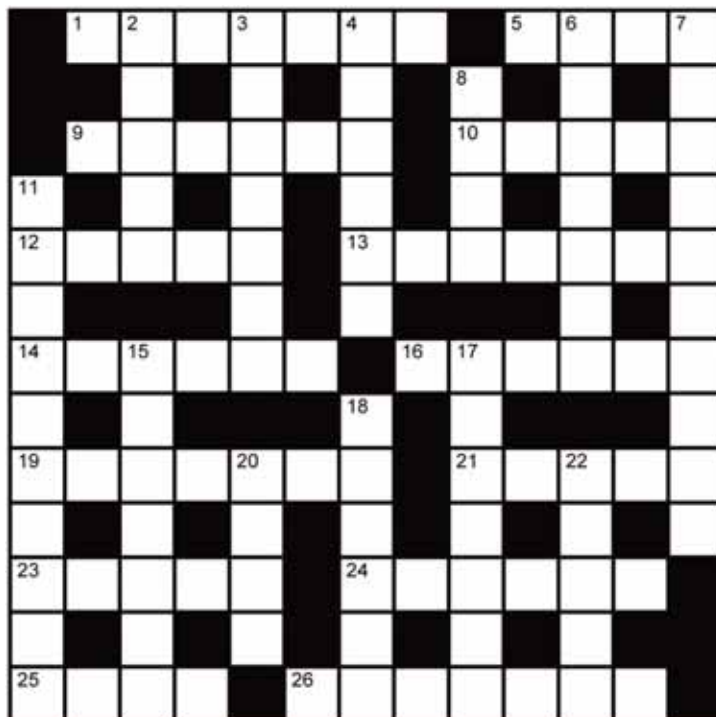
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- Kit-pouch (7)
- Booty (4)
- Hot spring (6)
- Capital of Vietnam (5)
- Central (5)
- Fine wool yarn (7)
- Swore (6)
- Form of harpsichord (6)
- Fifth Greek letter (7)
- Heathen (5)
- ___the Otter, novel (5)
- Vinegary (6)
- The Eternal City (4)
- Classify (7)

DOWN

- Primp (5)
- Modesty (7)
- Red ___, RAF aerobatics team (6)
- British statesman, _____ Churchill (7)
- Tool sharpener (10)
- Scorch (4)

QUICK CROSSWORD



- Western repeating rifle (10)
- One-sided (6)
- Speaker's platform (7)
- Gaunt (4)
- Hungarian red pepper (7)
- Crosby film, ___ My Way (5)

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Older people urged to be prepared for the winter season

With the winter respiratory virus season rapidly approaching, NSW Health is reminding people aged 65 years and older – to remain up to date with their COVID-19 vaccination, and book in with their GP or pharmacist for their yearly flu vaccination ahead of winter.

ATAGI recommends people aged 65 and over receive their free COVID vaccine every 6 – 12 months. NSW Health recommends people speak to their doctor or pharmacist to understand what is best for them. Older people should also speak to their doctor now to make a plan about what to do if they start feeling unwell to help them get access to the right tests and treatments quickly.

“The wider community also

play an important role in protecting people who are at a higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and flu. This includes our family and friends aged over 65. We want to remind the community if they are experiencing cold or flu symptoms, they should stay at home to protect others. If someone has cold or flu symptoms and they need to go out, they should wear a mask,” says Dr Kerry Chant, NSW Chief Health Officer.

People experiencing cold or flu-like symptoms should also avoid visiting high risk settings like hospitals, aged and disability care facilities or people who are at higher risk of severe illness.

Other things people can do to help protect themselves and their

loved ones include:

- * Stay at home if you’re unwell. If you have symptoms but have to leave home, wear a mask.

- * Speak to your doctor now if you are at higher risk of severe illness from respiratory illnesses and make a plan about what to do if you start feeling unwell so you can get access to the right tests and treatments early

- * Gather outdoors or in well-ventilated indoor spaces.

- * Consider taking a rapid antigen test, even if you don’t have symptoms, before visiting vulnerable loved ones when COVID-19 transmission is moderate or high in the community. To see the latest NSW respiratory surveillance summary report, please visit [health.nsw.gov.au/respiratoryre-](http://health.nsw.gov.au/respiratoryre-ports)

ports

People may be required to wear a mask in NSW when visiting high-risk settings such as aged and disability care. Masks may also be required in hospitals, general practices, medical centres and pharmacies.

NSW Health continues to closely monitor and assess the way we respond to acute respiratory infections, including COVID-19, to keep patients, staff and visitors to our health facilities safe.

For more information on getting your flu or COVID-19 vaccination and how to protect yourself and your loved ones this winter, visit the website health.nsw.gov.au/respiratory

Good results for St Marys at Diocesan Cross Country

On Friday May 17th, 27 students from St Mary of the Angels travelled to Barraba to compete in the Diocesan Cross Country Carnival.

All students gave it their absolute best and did a phenomenal job!

A big congratulations to Scarlett (2nd in Year 12/13 Girls), Flynn (2nd in Year 11 Boys), Hugo (1st in 10 Year Boys) and Matthew (6th in 10 Year Boys) who qualified for Polding next month.



Above:

Matthew Sauer and Hugo Sisson

Left:

Scarlett Newberry, Hugo Sisson, Flynn McFarlane

Rural Market Reports

Armidale Cattle Sale

May 16th - Total Yarding: 2000 (+955). The numbers almost doubled with an influx of cows. All categories were well represented in a mixed quality penning.

There was a good supply of young cattle. The condition of the offering was fair to good with quite a lot of plainer condition cows alongside the well finished lines. The young cattle also showed a deal of variation.

There were a few new faces in the buying gallery that also had some absentees. Despite the increase in supply the young cattle market was strong under high demand.

Weaner steers to restock in all weight categories sold to dearer trends with some quality related price change. There was little change in the heifer weaners to restock.

Medium and heavy weight yearling steers to feed sold on a firm to dearer trend with the strongest gains in the well finished heavy weights where quality was a factor.

There was increased demand for yearling heifers with those to restock and feed selling to a dearer trend. Grown steers with 2 or more teeth going to feed saw considerable price improvement with breed and quality contributing.

The plainer condition and lightly muscled grown heifers to feed sold strongly on a cents per kilogram basis in comparison to the more forward heavier

weight. The well finished heifers to process sold to a dearer trend. Strong competition for all classes of cows resulted in dearer trends throughout with some quality related price gains.

A fortnight of a rising market has been followed up with a fortnight of a falling market to basically close the week at the same levels of a month ago.

Weekly Wool Sales

May 10th - The Northern region indicator lost 5 cents on the first day of sales, but individual micron indicators varied from minus 46 cents on the 17 micron indicator to minus 2 cents on the 20 micron indicator. Further falls were recorded on the final day with the Northern region indicator closing down 12 cents for the week. Currency movements are playing a part with the Aussie dollar over 1 cent dearer against the US resulting in a 1 cent rise in the market when looked at in US dollars. 34,854 bales were sold nationally for the week with a passed in rate of 9.4%. Major buyers included Endeavour Wool, Tianyu and PJ Morris. The national weekly offerings are struggling to rise above 40,000 bales over the next fortnight which is common for this time of year. Even though this week's closing market level is the same as the 1st of July's opening level it is a positive that more wool has been sold through the system for the season to date that at any other time in the past 5 years.

Reading from the same page at storytime event



Young bookworms from around the region will be able to join in the fun of National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) on May 22 at the Guyra library.

This national event is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) and every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, preschools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.

Now in its 23rd successful year, this colourful and vibrant event aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to Year 6.

The NSS book for 2024 is *Bowerbird Blues*, by Aura Parker, that stars a beautiful bowerbird on the search for blue. It's a moving

story of longing and connection, that unfolds as the bowerbird's search sends him soaring across the sea, sky and city. He swoops and snatches vibrant treasures for his collection, and soon his bower – a mix of natural and unnatural objects – attracts something greater and more fulfilling than he could ever have imagined.

More than 2.18 million participants at over 59,000 locations participated in the storytelling event in 2023, making it the biggest and most successful NSS to date.

The NSS will take place at on Wednesday May 22 in Guyra Library. Arrival from 11:45am and book reading by a special guest reader at 12noon and the event will be held in the council chambers.

Guyra children aged 4 to Year 2 can enter a colouring competition, entry forms will be available from the library and entries are due by May 17. All ages are welcome and bookings are essential.

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 11 was the Magic Round and it did not disappoint with several close matches and some high quality footy being produced.

Friday footy saw the Raiders take on the underperforming Bulldogs, where the Raiders proved too strong late in game with a 24-20 come from behind victory. The Broncos then took out a 13-12 win over a valiant Manly outfit, who did not give up all game.

Super Saturday kicked off with the Titans and Knights which looked to be a cracker on paper. The Knight proved too strong late in the game scoring a 28-24 win over the luckless Titans.

The Sharks then cemented their spot on top of the table with a

strong 38-30 win over the Roosters. The Cowboys then kept the lacklustre Bunnies on the bottom of the ladder with a 28-22 win.

Sunday footy saw the upset of the round, with the Warriors getting the chocolates over the highly favoured Panthers 22-20.

The Storm then did a 48-16 number on the lacklustre, injury ravaged Eels. Last game of the round had the Dolphins with a huge home team backing over the Tigers and the result figured with the Dolphins running away 24-12 victors.

Round 12 looks to be one of the trickiest rounds of the year with several in-form teams facing off.

So good luck tipsters, you may need it.

Sue's Tips

- Dragons
- Cowboys
- Storm
- Raiders
- Sharks
- Eels
- Broncos
- Dolphins



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- Cowboys
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- Panthers
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- Cowboys
- Storm
- Roosters
- Sharks
- Rabbitohs
- Broncos
- Warriors



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



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Vu's Tips

- Bulldogs
- Cowboys
- Sea Eagles
- Roosters
- Panthers
- Eels
- Broncos
- Dolphins



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Michelle's Tips

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- Cowboys
- Sea Eagles
- Roosters
- Sharks
- Eels
- Broncos
- Dolphins



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- Cowboys
- Sea Eagles
- Roosters
- Sharks
- Eels
- Broncos
- Dolphins



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RAFFLE RESULTS

CAN ASSIST 1st S. Shiels, 2nd Bradie Vidler. 50 Club 1st E. Mendes, 2nd B. Mitchell, 3rd C. Palmer. Thank you for supporting Guyra Can Assist.

SOCCER CLUB 1st (load of wood) Anne Lane, 2nd (soccer ball) Tania Lennon, 3rd (\$20 Sportspower voucher) Melissa Court, 4th (camp chair) Sandra Gordon. 100 Club: 1st Melody, 2nd Adam Brennan, 3rd Blake Handebo.

THANK YOU

To Poppy Stanley and Dorrie Walls at Guyra MPS thank you for your donations to the Rotary Club's Baby Kits. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated by all our members.

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Food Pantry at The Chapel
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CLAIM THE DATE

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/ben-lomond-entertainment-society/favourite-shorts-2024>.

SUNDAY 26th MAY, 2024

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

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.

DEATH & FUNERAL NOTICES

CAROL ANN ELYARD (nee Newcombe)

of Cessnock, and formerly Guyra.
17th April 1952 - 4th April, 2024
A private service was held at St. Patrick's Chapel, Nulkaba.

SIDDELL; JASON PETER 13th May 2024

Peacefully at the
Armidade Private Hospital.
Of Strabanne, Wandsworth.

Dearly loved husband of Laura.
Adored father of Jake and Grace.

Much loved son of Stuart & Jennifer and a cherished brother and brother-in-law of Scott & Pippa.

Loved Grandson of Kevin & Elaine Bryant and Ralph & Edna Siddell. A treasured uncle and son-in-law of their families and a friend to many.

Aged 42 years

The Funeral service to be held at Piddington's Crematorium chapel on Thursday, 23rd May 2024 at 10:30am followed by interment at the Guyra Cemetery.



PATRICK ABBOTT GRILLS

Fondly known as "Pat"

Passed to Eternal Life at St Vincent's Private Hospital Toowoomba on Tuesday, 14th May 2024

Aged 75 years

Dearly loved Husband of Marie.
Cherished Father & Father-in-law of Dean & Suzi and Brenton & Melanie.
Treasured Pop of Justin (Dec), Chloe, James, Danny and Zeke.

A FUNERAL MASS to celebrate Pat's life will be held at St Mary of the Angels Catholic Church, Guyra on Wednesday, 22nd May 2024 commencing at 2.30pm followed by interment in the Guyra Lawn Cemetery.

*"To the world you were but one,
to us you were our world."*



MEETING NOTICES

NSW FARMERS MEETING Wednesday **22nd May** at 7pm at Guyra Bowling Club.

GUYRA PROGRESS ASSOC. meeting Thursday, **23rd May**, 5.30pm at the Bowling Club. All welcome.

BALDERSLEIGH BUSH FIRE BRIGADE AGM Sunday, **26th May**, 1.30pm at Baldersleigh Fire Shed. The meeting is open to all existing members, community members and those interested in joining. Tea and coffee will be provided. Please BYO chair and any other drink preferences.

GUYRA CENTRAL SCHOOL P & C meeting Tuesday, **28th May** 6pm front room of the Royal Hotel.

GUYRA ANGLERS CLUB next meeting at the Guyra Bowling Club at 6pm on Saturday **1st June**.

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Soccer clubs unite in fundraiser for Tyson Hutton

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A minute's silence was held before both grades for former player and current sponsor Jason Siddell from Top of the Range Meat Co. Our thoughts are with his family and friends.

The 4th Grade game was a very even one with both teams defending their goals tightly, finishing with a fitting 1 all draw. We congratulate Aidan Brown, a local junior, for stepping up as the 4th Grade referee after also refereeing the Under 12s game.

With very dark skies behind them the 3rd Grade teams took to the field. Unfortunately the game was called off as the hailstorm hit shortly after, and the fundraiser was forced to end early.

We would like to thank everyone for supporting the fundraiser and we wish the Hutton Family all the best for the future. Please support their major fundraiser, the Armidale Motor Show, on the 15th of June.

Jo Dullaway

The winners of the Raffle are:

1st Prize (Load of Wood) Anne Lane, 2nd Prize (Soccer Ball) Tania Lennon, 3rd Prize (\$20 Sportspower Voucher) Melissa Court, 4th Prize (Camp Chair) Sandra Gordon

The winners of the 100 Club are:

1st (\$50.00) Melody, 2nd (\$30.00) Adam Brennan, 3rd (\$20.00) Blake Handebo

Men's Bowls

One game of bowls was completed on Sunday with Chris Kliendienst and Barry Walls defeating Shane and Noah Brennan 30-10.

Games set down for Saturday 25th May at 12 o'clock are:

In open pairs Chris Kliendienst and Barry Walls will play John Jackson and Barry Campbell. In handicap singles Jason Varcoe will play Colin Stanley with Robert Moore to mark.

On Sunday 26th May:

In handicap singles Mathew Simpson will play Shane Brennan with Noah Brennan to mark.

Jack

Anglers Club

Guyra Anglers Club are holding their next meeting at the Guyra Bowling Club at 6pm on Saturday June 1st.

Our monthly raffles will be of vouchers from our great local sponsors: Campbell's Butchery, Khammo, Fourways Service Centre, Deano's Smoked Trout, and Dasha's Hardware.

Got an enquiry about our club - email guyraanglers@gmail.com to find out more. We look forward to seeing you there.

Ladies' Golf

Last week the ladies played a Graham Betts Stableford round sponsored by Donna White.

The winner was Leonie Taylor. Debbie Burey was the runner up. Nearest the pin winners were Debbie Burey on the 9th hole. Suzanne Towells on the 18th hole.

This week is a Golf NSW Medal Round. Also, the Mabel McKenzie Brooch.



Play was suspended on Saturday due to hail and snow

Next week is a Stableford in Guyra Several girls will also be travelling to play in the Inverell Ladies Open. Good luck all!

Birdie

Vets Golf

Last Tuesday the 14th we played a stableford event plus putts. The heavy course made it tough going, and the scores indicated this except for Ian Taylor's and Neil Paines.

Ian won with 35 points and Neil was runner up with 34. Ian was also the best putter with 28 and just the one NTP on the 18th to Wal Chapman. Next Tuesday will

be our 4BBB trophy day.

A very sad time for Vets golf, and golf in general in Guyra this week, with the passing of our wonderful member and great mate Pat Grills. Our condolences go out to Marie and her family.

Pat will be talked about and remembered for ever in our club for so many reasons, his sense of humour with so many stories to tell. His dedication to golf, and his willingness to jump on a mower, just scratches the surface of what Pat was about.

Rest in peace Pat. You will be sadly missed by so many.

Drake.

NRL Gazette Footy Tipping

The Panther	121	Timmy the Tiger	111
DJ	121	Blackie Chan	111
The King	119	Crazy Cat Lady	109
Birdie	117	Mountain Mist	109
The Iggman	115	Lounge Lizard	105
Moie	115	Puss Puss	105
Happy Gilmore	115	R.W.	99
3PPP	115	BMX Bandit	99
Garden Gurus	115	Dip Stick	97
Bulldog	115	Farmer Joe	77
Queen KGP	113	Rabbits2010	77

Locals Entry Form - Round 12

Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on **Wednesday 29th May**

Name:

Phone:

Eels	vs	Sharks
Knights	vs	Bulldogs
Panthers	vs	Dragons
Dolphins	vs	Raiders
Roosters	vs	Cowboys

Byes: Broncos, Rabbitohs, Sea Eagles, Storm, Tigers, Titans, Warriors

Soccer clubs unite in fundraiser for Tyson Hutton

On Saturday May 18th, the Guyra United Soccer Club hosted the first full home round for the season, starting with our junior teams. The Under 7s were the only team to travel, playing Walcha in Armidale.

The six remaining junior teams took to the Guyra fields from 9.00am. There were many cheers coming from the junior fields and the kids thoroughly enjoyed the warmer conditions after their first wet round the week before. The Under 12s side are showing great potential this season with a definitive 7 nil win over Armidale City Westside.

The Club then started the "United for Tyson" fundraiser in conjunction with East Armidale

Soccer Club. Tyson is the 9 year old son of Damien and Heidi Hutton. Damien played soccer as a junior in Guyra before heading to East Armidale.

Tyson has a rare disease, MNGIE (Mitochondrial neurogastrointestinal encephalopathy), and he needs a bone marrow transplant later this year with the family needing to relocate to Sydney for treatment. To help with the costs GUSC hosted the senior games with a BBQ, bar, raffle and 100 Club.

It was an emotional day at the Guyra Recreation Grounds with Tyson leading the teams onto the field and doing the coin toss.

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