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Deadly day at St Marys



Last Thursday the 17th October, St Mary of the Angels Students had a special visit from Marc Dorse from "Deadly Australians". "Deadly Australians" is a public awareness programme, educating Australian children about the dangers of the venomous wildlife that inhabit our suburban backyards, bush, beaches and sea.

Hunt on for new General Manager

Armidale Regional Council (ARC) General Manager James Roncon will not seek a fifth year of his contract. Mr Roncon announced last week that he will resign on January 10th, 2025 to make way for a new General Manager to drive the long-term vision of the newly elected Council.

In a statement, Mr Roncon said he is extremely proud of what Team ARC has achieved during his tenure and the significant progress made on the organisa-

tion's transformational culture journey.

"This has been a difficult and emotional decision to arrive at but one I believe to be in the best interests of ARC and the region.

"With a new Council having been sworn in on October 9th, it is only fair that they have a General Manager (GM) committed to the long-term vision they will seek to drive.

"My decision will provide Council the opportunity to recruit my replacement early in their

term and allow them to progress that vision with a new GM at the helm, for the length of their elected term. It's the right thing for me to do."

"My focus over the next three months will be to support the new council's induction to elected life and assist where I can with the recruitment process."

Mayor Sam Coupland said he would be very sad to see James leave the organisation and wanted to acknowledge the indelible legacy James has left on

the Armidale region.

"James came to ARC with a brief to turn around an ailing organisation and he has certainly achieved that. Through his leadership ARC is now, by almost every objective measure, a high performing council which is a far cry from where we were only four years ago.

"For so many reasons James leaves very big shoes to fill and I sincerely wish him all the best for the next chapter, whatever that may be."



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Oh what a night for rural women



CWA Evening Branch members enjoying the night with guest speaker Annabelle Brayley (far left)

The Rural Women's Day Celebration in Guyra which was held on October 12th was an unforgettable evening of bubbles, canapés, and connection.

Guest speaker Annabelle Brayley delivered an inspiring talk, and the fabulous food by

Emma McLennan made the night even more special.

One participant summed it up perfectly: "An amazing, inspirational night, bringing together a great bunch of rural ladies, building connection and resilience."

Southern New England Landcare (SNEL) are grateful for the support of everyone who attended and helped make this event a huge success.

"A big thank you to the CWA Guyra Evening Branch for your support in organizing and

bringing the event together, you are all amazing and it was a pleasure working with you."

This project was supported by FRRR, through funding from the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund.

Permaculture workshops at Community Garden

Guyra Neighbourhood Centre (GNC) together with local permaculture teacher Heidi McElnea from Highland Permaculture, are putting on four workshops for the community in November and December. The workshops will be held at the GNC's Community Garden on Bradley Street, Guyra.

"Residents from Guyra and surrounding areas are invited to be involved in the workshops where we will investigate permaculture techniques and related practices such as regenerative agriculture and how we can harness the benefits for our local homes, gardens and farms," Heidi said.

"With a focus on relationships between elements (based on ecology) and a low cost and resourceful approach to food production that looks after the earth for the long term, these are great ideas to 'grow' in our region!"

"Campbell Wolfenden from



Guyra Rural Services will also be sharing some of his learnings and case studies from working with local food and fibre

producers."

The workshops will be held on Saturdays (11am - 1.30pm) beginning on the November 16th

for four weeks. People are welcome to come along to one workshop or all four.

Over 75s in the swim with free pool entry

Armidale Regional Council (ARC) has introduced free access to swimming pools in Guyra and Armidale for all community members over the age of 75 in a bid to promote health and wellbeing.

The new initiative recognises the valuable contributions and the significance of maintaining an active and healthy lifestyle for senior citizens, according to Council.

“Our senior citizens are an integral part of our community, and it’s essential to provide them with opportunities to stay active and connected,” said ARC Mayor, Sam Coupland.

“We believe that this initiative will not only enhance the physical health of our seniors but also contribute to their social wellbeing.

“We encourage eligible community members to take advantage of this initiative and make use of the Monckton Aquatic Centre and the Guyra Pool as a hub for health, relaxation, and community interaction.

“Both aquatic centres are an ideal space for residents to connect, share experiences, and enjoy a sense of camaraderie.”



Community members over the age of 75 can gain free entry to the Guyra Swimming Pool

The Monckton Aquatic Centre boasts a variety of facilities, including a lap pool, leisure pool, splash park, canteen facilities and a comprehensive range of options for seniors to stay active. Facilities at Guyra Pool include a canteen, a fantastic splash pool as well as a 25metre undercover

pool.

To gain free access community members need to provide a proof of age card or document at the entry and staff will issue a usage pass to be used for future visits.

The Guyra pool will also be open from 12pm – 6pm weekdays and 10am – 6pm on

Weekends & Public Holidays. The Guyra Pool will also be open from 6am – 8am on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays for early morning swimming.

Monckton Aquatic Centre will be open from 6am-7pm weekdays and 10am-7pm on weekends and public holidays.

Free mulch for residents

With spring well and truly in the air, local garden gurus have the opportunity to bring their gardens into full bloom and save water by accessing free mulch.

As part of Armidale Regional Council’s (ARC) water conservation campaign, the free mulch pick-up will be available to all residents on the weekend of October 26 and 27 at the Council’s Waste Management Facilities in Guyra and Armidale.

The free mulch initiative has been running for several years and was introduced by ARC to encourage water savings in the garden as the warmer months arrive.

“Together, we can make a significant difference to our envi-

ronment with initiatives like these,” said Mayor Sam Coupland.

“The Armidale region is renowned for its beautiful gardens and the free mulch offering from Council will help residents use water more wisely but still have vibrant, lovely looking gardens.

“Mulch can reduce evaporation from the soil by up to 70 percent and is like a blanket on the soil. Not only do mulches conserve water which means there’s less need to irrigate, they also keep the soil a consistent temperature, reduce weed growth and, over time, improve the soil structure and the health of plants.

“Mulch is an essential com-

ponent of maintaining a water efficient garden. By shading the soil, mulches help to conserve soil moisture, reducing the amount you have to water by as much as two-thirds.

“These types of simple changes can make a huge difference to the amount of water a household uses. In the warmer months, it is important that water usage and conserving water is top of our agenda.”

The mulch giveaway will be limited to residential users and one ute or trailer load per customer. The ARC Waste Management Facilities are open Saturday and Sunday 12 noon – 5pm (no entry after 4.45pm).

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What's **HOT**

Spring workshops being held outdoors at the Community Garden

Christmas is getting closer - 63 days to go

NE garden festival and garden trail getting closer

What's **NOT**

Thieves stealing Christmas Presents

Snake season - take care when you are out and about

JOKE of the week

What's the difference between a snowman and a snow women?
Snowballs

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
15	Tues	8.9	16.8	3.0
16	Wed	7.8	13.1	9.0
17	Thurs	8.8	19.9	6.0
18	Fri	10.3	22.1	0
19	Sat	13.0	19.1	17.2
20	Sun	8.6	20.6	0
21	Mon	4.5		0

Rain this week	35.2mm
Oct. rainfall	57.0mm
Rainfall YTD	657.2mm
Rainfall last YTD	570.8mm
Ave. rain to Oct.	691.6mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Black Mountain Music Program

The students at Black Mountain Public School have the excellent opportunity to work with music teachers from the New England Conservatorium of Music every Thursday and Friday.

The K-2 students enjoy learning music and dance with Mrs Rowena Teege and the 3-6 Class are currently rehearsing for a performance with New England Sings at Lazenby Hall on Sunday, 27th October 2024.

*Mrs Justine Eddy
Relieving Principal*



Letters to the Editor.....

Little Thieves around Town

Again, some juvenile thieves have broken into a building and ransacked the Rotary Club's Christmas presents that were stored for the Christmas carnival to be held on Friday 6 December.

I suspect there are some adults out there who know who these thieves are. I suspect there are kids coming home with children's toys that they were not given. I suspect that there are parents who know that their kids are out and about at night and up to no good.

It would indeed be unfortunate if the Rotary Club of Guyra was unable to have Santa distribute presents to Guyra's children at the Christmas Carnival, simply because some younger members of the community believe they

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have the right to break into places and steal and vandalise other people's property.

This is not good enough. We do not need thieves in Guyra. If you know who these culprits are, then report them to the Police.

*Hans Hietbrink
President
Rotary Club of Guyra*

Rural Women's Day

The Guyra Evening CWA extend grateful and sincerely thanks for the overwhelming support of the recent Rural Women's Day cocktail party at the Memorial Hall.

It was a capacity crowd of beautiful "froked up" girls from across the region who were lured by an amazing author (Annabelle Brailey), fabulous company, Fabulous lighting (Mr CWA perfect husband Justin) and delectable catering (Em McLennan).

The event didn't disappoint rather exceeded all expectations and declared a stellar success. Our Branch remain so appreciative of the ongoing generosity and support in all we do for this incredible community.

*Mary "Poppins" "
Guyra Evening CWA*

Region chiselling out a place as top tourism hotspot

The Armidale region was the place to be on the October long weekend as the city and surrounds buzzed with energy, attracting thousands of visitors for a lineup of sensational events.

From the rousing Cold Chisel concert to the Australian Orienteering championships and annual Guyra Trout Festival – more than 11,000 people visited the area over the long weekend bringing more than \$3 million in economic benefit to the Armidale region.

From sold out accommodation to busy clubs, pubs, shops and cafes - the influx of people visiting Armidale for the Cold Chisel concert saw an economic boom for the region.

Not to be outdone, the Australian Orienteering Championships – which was held in the region from September 28 to Oc-

tober 6 – brought more than 1,000 competitors and organisers to the region.

The 2024 Guyra Trout Fest – a three-day event that celebrates the opening of the trout fishing season and showcases local Guyra attractions including Costa Tomato Farm tours, open gardens, vintage cars, markets and fishing clinics – was also deemed a success.

In recognition of their first gig in 1974, the Cold Chisel 50th Anniversary Tour kicked off in Armidale on the October long weekend and attendees – from as far away as the US and New Zealand – came together at Petersons winery for a truly memorable concert.

“Our region had an incredible October long weekend, with three major events drawing in visitors

from across the region and beyond,” said Armidale Regional Council Mayor Sam Coupland.

“The region’s growing reputation for live music events, contributed to our ability to attract such a major event. There was such a buzz around the Cold Chisel concert and the connection with Armidale gave the event so much more meaning.

“Council was also instrumental in attracting the 2024 Australian Orienteering

Championships to the area and it brought with it significant visitor activity. And once again, the annual Guyra Trout Festival also proved to be a big tourist drawcard for the region.

“I’m proud of how Council, local businesses and the broader community came together to make these events happen, and

it’s a fantastic demonstration of what we can achieve when we host events that put Armidale on the map.”

The University of New England (UNE) opened up its residential colleges to help provide extra accommodation services over the October Long Weekend with many patrons sharing how they fulfilled childhood dreams and relived past student experiences.

Guyra also saw significant economic benefits over the long weekend with the influx of visitors and locals attending the annual Trout Festival.

“We had 30 vans camped at our place and were flat out the whole weekend,” said Dean, owner Deano’s Springwater Smoked Trout Farm.

What's Happening at the Neighbourhood Centre

We continue to focus on activities to bring our community together and provide a safe and welcoming environment where support is user driven.

The numbers continue to grow for our **Cooked Lunch Program** on Tuesdays. Come and join us for a delicious main meal and desert in our beautiful Community Garden.

GNC Produce Swap Program was a big success this October long weekend. The produce swap aims to give people the opportunity to come together and buy or swap fresh local veggies, plants and other produce.

Our next swap is November 2nd, from 9am to 12 noon.

Christmas Giving donations: The Guyra Neighbourhood Centre is once again reaching out to our local businesses and community members asking them to donate, toys and gifts, festive food and or gift cards for our Christmas Giving.

We were overwhelmed with people's generosity last year as GNC was able to fill tubs with lots of festive cheer and have a room packed full of toys and gifts for people to choose from.

Annual Christmas Lunch: GNC would like to invite the Guyra Community to our annual Christmas Lunch come and enjoy a yummy Christmas themed cooked lunch and dessert, great company in our beautiful community garden.

Everyone is welcome to help us celebrate Christmas at Our Annual Christmas Lunch Tuesday December 3rd 12pm - 1.30pm

Community Garden workshops:

- Summer-Tee Yarn Dying Workshop Sunday 27th October, 10am - 3pm

- Cool Climate Permaculture Workshops 16th, 23rd, 30th November and 7th December 11.00am - 1.30pm. Highland Permaculture in partnership with GNC Community Garden will be running 4 workshops.

Help with all things digital:

Wednesday's between 9am and 1.45pm, Linda will be able to help you with anything digital, such as: online forms, emails, and accessing MyGov, My Aged Care, EAPA vouchers (Electricity and bottled gas) and IPTAS (financial assistance towards health related travel and accommodation costs)

Meeting Notice:

Guyra Neighbourhood Centre Annual General meeting Tuesday, November 12th, 6pm. All welcome

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 12pm to 1.30pm.
- OCTEC Disability Employment Services Fortnightly 9am to 12pm.

Wednesday

- Knitting & Craft Group 10am-2pm
- Digital Support Program 9am to 2pm.
- Joblink Plus (by appointment)
- Armidale Womens Shelter

Thursday

- Corrections by appointment
- St Vincent de Paul (Alcohol and other drug service)

Friday - Closed

Saturday

- First Saturday of month Produce Swap
- 2nd & 4th Saturday of every month Spin Different Group 10am to 4pm.

Sunday

AA -outreach service weekly



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Community Noticeboard

Meals on Wheels

Oct 24 Sue Adams
 Oct 25 Steve Adams
 Oct 28 Steve Norris
 Oct 29 Warwick Leven
 Oct 30 ARC Staff

Street Stalls

Oct.24, 25 Freemasons
 Nov. 1 Guyra CWA
 Nov 7,8,9 Lions

Church Notices

St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church Mass 6pm Saturday from September 7th, 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

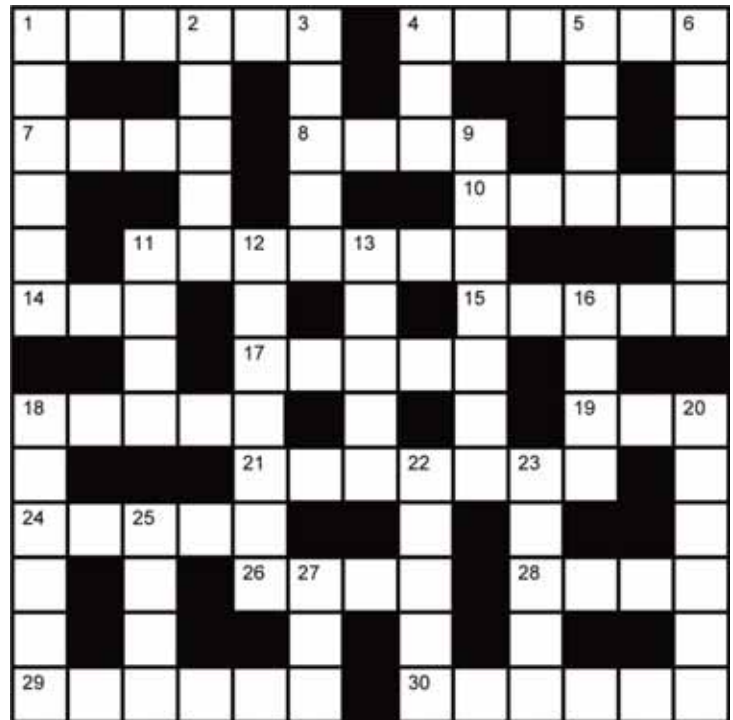
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- Foul (5)
- Barter (5)
- Dutch seat of government (5)
- Butt (3)
- Robert ____, Citizen Smith actor (7)
- Sumo competition (5)
- Take ____, UK pop group (4)
- Journey (4)
- Sift grain (6)
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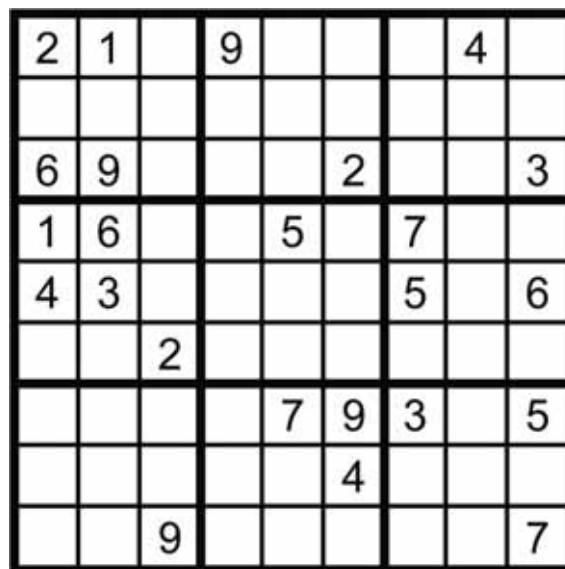
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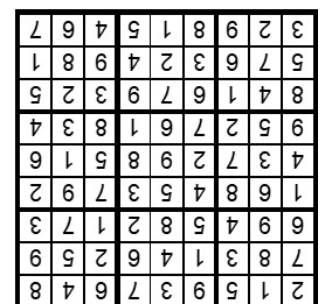


- Sailor's song (6)
- Lunacy (7)
- Card game (4)
- Seaman (7)
- Killed (5)
- Supple (4)
- Jewish language (6)
- Building for relics (6)
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Council News

Public Exhibitions

'Advancing Our Region' Your Community Plan 2022 - 2032
- Closes 4 November, 2024

Search **'Your Say Armidale'** to submit your feedback!

Council Meetings

Our next scheduled council meeting is 23 October 2024, commencing at 4pm.

All meetings will be held at 4pm in the Armidale Council Chambers unless stated otherwise. The public are welcome to watch live streaming over YouTube, via the link included below, or attend in person.

Current Vacancies

General Hand - Parks

Closes 27 October

Joining our Parks team gives you the opportunity to work in the beautiful New England outdoors offering a wide range of tasks, meaning no 2 days are the same.

General Hand Water Wastewater

Closes 3 November

This position works with a great crew, making sure we have essential water and waste water services across the region.

Drainage Operator

Closes 3 November

We're seeking a skilled and motivated individual to help deliver quality drainage services to both internal and external clients in a safe, cost-effective and environmentally sustainable way.

For more jobs and to apply | Search: Careers at Armidale Regional Council

Over 75s in the swim with free pool entry

The Guyra pool has now introduced free access to the Guyra pool for all community

Guyra Christmas Carnival

Bradley St, Guyra
Friday 6 December
4.30pm - 8pm



Guyra Christmas Carnival returns to Bradley Street

Guyra is set to embrace the holiday spirit with the Guyra Christmas Carnival returning to Bradley street on Friday 6 December from 4:30pm - 8pm. The popular event promises to be an evening filled with festive

cheer, family-friendly entertainment, and of course, Santa Claus!

Rotary Guyra are excited to bring you this event, proudly supported by Armidale Regional Council. Stay tuned for more details.

members over the age of 75 in a bid to promote health and wellbeing. The new initiative recognises the valuable contributions and the significance of maintaining an active and healthy lifestyle for senior citizens. To gain free access community members need to provide a proof of age card or document at the entry and staff will issue a usage pass to be used for future visits. The Guyra pool will be open from 12pm - 6pm weekdays and 10am - 7pm weekends and public holidays. The Guyra pool will also be open from 6am-8am on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays for early morning swimming.



Give a Sheet linen gives preowned linen a new life

Our recent Give a Sheet linen drive was a huge success with over 1000kg of linen collected and more than 100kg of linen donated to the Armidale Women's Shelter. A huge thank you to all those who

donated to a great local initiative. It was estimated that approximately 30,000 kg of CO2 equivalents were prevented from polluting the atmosphere.



'Advancing Our Region' Community pop up stalls

We are hosting a series of pop-up stalls across the region providing an opportunity for the community to revisit the Community Plan and share thoughts, ideas and feedback.

Guyra: Tuesday 29 October from 12:30pm - 3pm in Bradley street, Guyra.

Ben Lomond: Tuesday 29 October from 4pm - 6pm at Ben Lomond Hall.

Whether you have specific questions, or just want to chat about the plan we encourage you to stop by. To view the Community Plan, visit **Your Say Armidale**.



Building the Tingha community spirit

TINGHA's art gallery will be given a much-needed \$11,498 boost for mobile display stands, wall hangers, a coffee machine and table and chairs.

Member for Northern Tablelands Brendan Moylan said the project came about after the devastating 2019 fires that ripped through Tingha, and the organisation was formed to decide what could be done to help the community through this sad and hard time.

"The Building the Tingha Community Spirit Aboriginal Corporation has 45 financial members undertaking different roles to keep the organisation viable and the community active," Mr Moylan said.

"Their art gallery is a little gem, attracting artists from near and far to Tingha and allowing locals to share the town's creative spirit.

"The funding was announced in the latest round of the Community Building Partnership, and will help cater for workshops, events, and special occasions.

"Well done to Secretary Deb and the hardworking team on this grant."

Secretary of the Building the



Northern Tablelands MP Brendan Moylan, Amelia Kellner, Deb Ross, and Alex Munro of the Building the Tingha Community Spirit Aboriginal Corporation celebrating news of a \$11,498 grant for their art gallery.

Tingha Community Spirit Aboriginal Corporation (BTTC-SAC) Deb Ross said they were excited for the funding boost.

"Tingha is an awesome small community that has had to deal with more than their share of hardships," Ms Ross said.

"BTTC-SAC strive to showcase the talents and culture of

the community.

"We promote Aboriginal culture, for example, through Droonoodoo Cultural Immersion Tours; Art and Ecology imparts information and tours to groups and individuals.

"We aim to help improve opportunities for the youth of the community."

It will take one year to get the building prepared and eighteen months to get the art gallery fully functional. All contractors are volunteers or are associated with Tingha Buffalo Lodge, JoblinkPlus, Local Land Service, and Gymac Landcare.

Rural Market Reports

Weekly Wool Market

October 18th - The rise in the market over the previous fortnight led to a 9,000 bale increase in the weekly offering. In a positive sign this was largely absorbed by the trade however it did pause the upturn.

The Northern region indicator lost 1 cent on both selling days with the 19 micron indicator outperforming the rest of the market. AWEX report that it was the lower style, strength and higher vegetable matter types that dragged the market slightly down.

The better style sound types

sold to levels similar to that of last week's close. 39,098 bales were sold nationally for the week with the passed in rate climbing back to the seasonal average of 8%.

Major buyers included Techwool, Endeavour Wool and PJ Morris with a fairly even spread in the buying pattern. Next weeks expected national offering falls back around 4,500 bales to 36,553.

This week's sale was only the second time this season that the national offering exceeded the corresponding sale last season. This has led to almost 110,000 fewer bales offered for the season to date. Equating to a drop of 20.9%.



Australia Day Awards



Nominations are now open and CLOSE on Wednesday, 19th December

- **Forms** are available at the GALA Centre, 136 Bradley St or by emailing: dorothy@gala.org.au or online at: www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au
- **Enquiries** should be directed to Rita Williams 6779 1182 or Dorothy Lockyer on 6779 2132.
- **Completed forms** can be posted to: PO Box 170, Guyra, or emailed to: dorothy@gala.org.au or delivered in person to GALA.
 - **Please mark** completed forms: "ATTENTION: Australia Day Nomination"

Award Categories are:

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

President's report - CWA Evening Branch

As an ex history teacher (and due to the sheer abundance of activities that our branch has participated in) I'd like to present a chronological representation of the events of the CWA Guyra Evening Branch for 2023/2024. We keep extending this branch and its capabilities beyond what we thought was possible.

Our October Meeting & AGM saw us all frocked up in support of Ovarian Cancer. Sarah organised a frocktober evening at the pub for late October and dresses of all colours adorned the pub. Fabulous night fundraising for an extremely worthy cause.

November we hosted a screening of Rachel's Farms at the Guyra School and our awesome Agricultural Officer Bec hosted an informative panel on regenerative agriculture in the region.

December we were bowled over at our Christmas celebrations and we were joined by our family & friends as we spread Christmas cheer and swapped our favourite recipes.

Our Christmas stall at the Guyra Street Carnival was well stocked with cookbooks and baked goods, and our gift wrapping service was again well received.

Our January meeting was held in the library - what a fabulous space. Huge thank you to our member Wendy (and resident librarian) for hosting us and showing us the fabulous resource.

The annual lamb & potato festival saw our members serving lamb rolls & potato bake with the Guyra Day Branch in the canteen on the highway.

The annual art show continues to GROW and our curator Lynda took on this huge task and with her trusty helpers. Our member - the Hon Aileen MacDonald OAM MLC opened the art show and an excellent opening night and subsequent showing for the period of the L & P festival showcased the work of our talented artists & supporters.

In the February sunshine we cooked, crafted, grew veggies & flowers, preened chooks and volunteered for our community at the annual Guyra Show. The catering for the cattle section Calcutta on the Friday night is still being praised



and saw us being gifted \$2500 from the Cattle Section of the show society.

As we marched on, autumn had begun and for our March meeting we decided to turn back time and hold our meeting in the Guyra Museum. Huge thank you to our member (and local historian & general fountain of knowledge) Aunty Dot. Members brought their favourite old things and shared their stories. We even spotted a couple of our members in the local history documented on the walls.

The annual Anzac Day dawn service saw attendees services toasted sandwiches and small packets of Anzac biscuits, made by our members.

May we continued to have some fun in between all the formalities. The state conference in Coffs Harbour was attended by our delegate Daria and observers Jenni, Bec & Lynda. They were also joined by 6 other members who attended the gala dinner. The mountains to the sea was the theme and the Guyra ladies travelled to the sea and had a ball!!! Jessira's biscotti made it to State Judging (and after it seemed like 57 batches, she's vowed never to make it ever again!).

We hosted a mother's day morning tea at the Guyra library for our members and mothers in the community, and were treated to a talk from Tahlia, a local florist, and were able to take home our own arranged bouquets.

As the winter months rolled on, our willingness to help out wasn't waned. We supported a local charity event for a family doing it tough and once again baked and supplied

morning & afternoon tea. Through out fundraising efforts we were able to gift the family some vouchers to help with daily living, as they have had to relocate to Sydney for a lengthy period of time.

Is it August already - how the time flies, we took ourselves on a French Adventure, and hosted the Guyra Combined Services Dinner at the Bowling Club. Red, white & blue adorned the room, with lights by Justin, Jessira's bulk temu decoration purchases and everyone's on point themed outfits. Bec & Fiona ran highly entertaining activities - with trivia rounds and scone baking! Yes it was all about tea & scones for a moment and the local community groups saw what the CWA was all about.

In the words of the Village People - Go West and boy we did! 13 ladies made the trek to Armatree in Central West NSW one Saturday morning in August for a weekend full of friendship and fun! We were hosted by the CWA Armatree Branch, and shared ideas, formed new friendships, drank a lot of wine, checked out a local garden on a farming operation and of course - have plans to return (or even go further afield)!

The Working Dog Auction catering gig at the showground was a big day - and a huge thank you to all of those who supported with baking before the event and making sure the day ran smoothly on the day. Beth's scones were the treat of the day!

Spring has sprung and we're still embracing winter crafts. A come and try crochet morning was held at the Guyra library, in conjunction

with the Armidale Regional Council and well attended by a whole range of skill sets. Our handicrafts officer Jenna on hand to help teach new comers and a range of others helping out as well. With plans for this to be a monthly activity the Guyra Show crochet section may just have a few more entrants next year.

If it's not been mentioned - we can and do offer catering! So much so, we've unofficially becoming the catering queens. Supporting new mothers & their families, grieving families, and community groups. I'd like to think there aren't too many people in our community that haven't tasted some of our cooking in the last 12 months. We've gifted 5 local non for profit community groups \$500 each - a great way to give back directly to our local community.

We've sold strips of tickets at the pub for the meat raffles and cooked many & varied baked goods for good spirited competition. In the winter months we enjoyed soup after our meetings. Jenna's handicrafts have surprised and amazed us. Kylie got our brain gymnastics working with clapping and clicking our fingers in rhythms. We've learnt lots of things about France, fungi, fire ants & micro bats.

Looking to the future we're extremely excited to see our cookbook which is currently being compiled and we're launching at the Christmas stall in November. Also our Rural Women Cocktail evening with special guest Annabelle Brayley is shaping up to be a year highlight, so if you haven't already, make sure you secure your tickets!

Finally, a huge thank you to my fellow executive to your help & support in many ways over the last 12 months. Our marvellous Mary Poppins for being the eyes & ears of our group and knowing & acknowledging all the special events & people in a far & wide arc from Guyra! And lastly all of our members for your friendship & dedication and ensuring that many hands make light work and making this branch the best evening branch in the district.

*Kate Mathews
President*



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MEETING NOTICES

GUYRA CWA AGM will be held Friday, 25th October 2024 at 10:00am at the Uniting Church Hall.

GUYRA SHOW SOCIETY meeting Wednesday 30th October 7pm at Guyra Show Ground.

GUYRA UNITED SOCCER CLUB AGM Tuesday 29th October 6.15pm at the Royal Hotel. Enquiries 0427 857 272

WARDS MISTAKE PROGRESS ASSOC. AGM Sunday, 3rd November, 4pm at the tennis courts. All Welcome.

GUYRA NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE AGM Tuesday, 12th November, 6pm at 160 Bradley Street. All members welcome.

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Rural Fire Service fun Bowls and BBQ Fundraiser

On Saturday, Jess - the Bowlo barmaid and our newest member of the Guyra Womens' Bowls Club - organised a fun bowls and BBQ day to raise funds for the rural fire service, and also to promote our Womens' Bowls Club.

The day was a fun and tasty success! Jess, Jilly, Dottie and Leis, representing the women bowlers, were on hand to show the RFS 'newbies' how it's done. Fun bowls only, so rules were non-existent, as the little white ball mysteriously made its way to the our visitors bowls, ensuring many wins for RFS members Amanda and Paul.

We had a wee visitor, Finn, who took a break from mini-golf to show us how it's done on the green – take as many goes as required to get up the other end! More wee visitors, Maddison and Casey, had a good try at bowls, and also were a great help in sorting out the bowls at the end. Thank you, girls!

Dingo and Pat were excellent behind the BBQ, and lunch was enjoyed by all. Music from the boom box entertained us while on the green.

Many thanks to all who joined in on the day. RFS members and



Rural Fire Service members joined the women bowlers for a day of fun

family Amanda, Jenny, Paul, Jeni, Valmai, Barry, Pat, John, Dingo, Jacob, Anne-Marie, Maddison, and Casey; Women Bowlers Jilly, Dottie and Leis, and the biggest thank-you to Jess, who thought of and organized the day.

Guyra turned on lovely

weather, tasty BBQ snags for lunch, funds were raised for a worthy cause, and the day was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A success all round!

COMMUNITY GROUPS!

Please note: we hope to hold these fun bowls and BBQ fundraising days every two

months (or monthly if there is sufficient interest) so please contact Leis (piggy12@gmail.com) for information and more details. A fun way to raise money and interest for your group, and no bowls experience required!

Leis Gordon




Cricket

The start of the 2024/25 cricket season has been marred by rain with all but a few matches cancelled due to wet weather. For the first time in many years Guyra will not field a first grade side due to the loss of key players. Hoping to rebuild for next year, they will field sides in the second and third grade competitions.

Only one team got a hit out on the weekend with the second grade game abandoned due to the wet weather. Only one game went ahead in second grade with

Hillgrove 10/113 defeating Walcha/Uralla 10/104 in a close game.

Guyra's third grade side played their first game against City UNE and it was not the start they hoped for. After winning the toss and electing to bat, the side were all out for 43 runs, with just one batsmen making it to double figures. Opener Graham Cameron opened and made 13 runs, including one boundary, before being caught. The only other batsmen to make an impact were Jack Lockyer on 9 runs and Tommy Mitchell who was 9 not

out at the close of the innings.

In reply City UNE lost just two wickets, overtaking Guyra in the 18th over. Tom Lockyer and Lincoln Brown were the wicket takers, with Graham Cameron and Cooper Brennan each taking a catch.

In the other 3rd grade game TAS 10/122 defeated Hillgrove 3/129. Walcha/Uralla had the bye.

Vets Golf

Last Tuesday Wal Chapman maintained his brilliant form from the previous week to again come in a comfortable winner

with 39 points. The ever consistent Ian Taylor was the runner up with 34 points.

Ian and Wally shared the putting honours with 30 each and Ian also picked up 2 NTPs with Col Walls getting the other.

Golf next week is our 4BBB event.

Drake

Ladies' Golf

Last week the Ladies only managed to play 9 holes before the wet weather came in.

After 9 holes, 3 players had 16 points.

Suzanne Towells was the winner on a countback from Leonie Taylor.

Wendy George won the 9th hole Nearest the pin.

Also, last week Debbie Heffernan and Leonie Taylor played in the Tamworth Ladies Open.

Our girls won the day! They played so well with a fantastic score.

Well done girls!

This week is The Guyra Vets 3-day tournament.

Next week is a Stroke and Putting Competition.

Birdie

Anglers Club

Guyra Anglers Club have their final meeting for the year on Saturday November 2nd at the Bowling Club, starting at 6pm. We have our huge raffle for the year (tickets available now) and a BBQ for members. Come and enjoy our last get together and celebrate for our highly successful year.

Anglers Club

Sunday Golf

On Sunday a field of young and old took to the course for a 4bbb Stableford sponsored by the Club.

On a beautiful Sunday the scores were competitive but the eventual winners were Braith Kliendienst and Levi Vanderwolf with the Runners Up being Scott Mendes and Steve Kliendienst just 2 points behind.

A great day was had by all.

This Sunday is an individual Stableford and Monthly Mug.

Some great events are coming up so come along, new players are welcome.

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