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Spring Garden Trail 'truly astounding'

The numbers are still being finalised, but there is no doubt that the New England Garden Festival (NEGF) has been an outstanding success.

Physical ticket sales for the main event held in Armidale over the weekend were around 4500, but organisers expect that number to rise once digital ticket sales are added to the final tally.

While Armidale was the centre of the event, organisers worked hard to make it an event that would benefit the whole region by encouraging visitors to visit a trail of gardens extending from Walcha up to Tenterfield.

NEGF President Lou Forsythe said that they are absolutely thrilled with the result and she is delighted to see the garden trail going gangbusters.

"People are loving the chance to get together and are going from town to town visiting gardens along the way," she said.

"It is not surprising because Armidale has always had beautiful gardens, but so do the surrounding towns like Guyra, Uralla, Walcha, Glen Innes, all the way up to Tenterfield.

"Gardens unite us all, and we hoped people would be supportive of the Garden Trail idea, but to see the number of people who have



Julie Gittoes and Carol Tierney (far right) welcoming visitors to "Binna Burra" on Monday

completed the trail is astounding.

"I've enjoyed meeting people from all over. There are three sisters who have come down from Central Queensland on a week's holiday together and they are going from town to town, staying overnight, eating out and visiting all the gardens.

"The Guyra gardens on Monday were simply stunning and I haven't heard a bad word from anyone. Gardening is truly something that brings people together rather than dividing them and that was so

evident as I wondered through these beautiful gardens."

The NEGF is a not for profit event with profits this year directed towards Can Assist. Guyra members assisted on the weekend and also manned the gardens on Monday.

President Wendy Jackson said that there were around 300 people who visited Julie and Kerry Gittoes' garden and around 200 at the other gardens belonging to John and Barbara Ross and Tony Duke.

"There is no doubt that this is a

great event, and it is in no small way due to the efforts of organisers and the generosity of the gardeners who open their gates to let the visitors in," Wendy said.

Garden enthusiasts won't have to wait another year to visit New England's beautiful gardens with an autumn garden trail being planned for next year.

It is anticipated that 18 cold climate gardens will be open to the public across the region commencing on Thursday, April 28th, 2025.



122 Bradley Street
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Lunch Specials Monday - Friday

Snitty, Chips & Salad	\$17
Beef Burger	\$16
Chicken Curry & Rice	\$16
Rump Steak	\$16
Fish & Chips	\$15

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Day Lunch
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Friday night

Meat
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groups

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Fantastic formal for Year 10 students

On the 25th of October, nineteen Year 10 students from Guyra Central School had a fantastic night at their Year 10 formal, held at the Guyra Bowling Club.

The kids looked amazing as they danced and had a good night. Big thanks to Jacko's JukeBox, Jo Dullaway, Kellie Ward, Anna Heagney and so many more that helped and put time into making this formal a great memory and night.

Also a big thanks to Donna Davidson who took the photos and Tash Saunders who made the beautiful and delicious cake.

Overall it was a remarkable night, I hope the year 10 students enjoyed their night.

Charlie Ward



Back: Eli Wood, Wyatt McGinty, Colin Connors, Angus Dullaway
Middle: Kiearnna Waldey, Piper Kempton, Brodie Murray, Shakira Beechey, Darcey Heagney, Charlie Ward, Kate O'kane, Lachie Munro, Matthew Grady, Bree Wilson, Hayley Clark
Front: Sam Surawski, Archie Jackson, Darcy Grills
 Photos courtesy Donna Davidson/Kellie Ward



Cutting of cake - includes Jocelyn Pollard and Robert Ashman (not pictured above).

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Inspection by appointment
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Mark Atkin 0455 310 657
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 300P165296
*Approx.

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10.45am for the Auctions Plus lots (10 lots)

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 Contact Agent: Wayne Jenkyn 0428 293 556 or Mark Atkin 0455 310 657

ARC Community Grants now open

Applications for two Community Grants from the Armidale Regional Council (ARC) will open on November 1. These grants aim to provide financial support for community projects and initiatives that require modest funding to meet local needs and boost community engagement.

These may include funding for building communities and recreational opportunities, celebrating culture and creativity, ensuring environmental sustainability or supporting economy and business.

Local not-for-profit groups and organisations that support and provide services to the Armidale regional community are eligible to apply for:

- Community Small Grants - up to \$2000
- Community Support Grants - \$2000 to \$5000

Applicants must:

- Demonstrate that the proposed project will bring tangible benefits to residents of the Armidale Regional Council local government area.
- Adhere to the required Work Health and Safety policies and practices as mandated by legislation.
- Maintain appropriate and up-to-date insurance coverage.
- Hold any necessary certificates when required, such as Police Checks, Working with Children Checks, or Working at Heights certification.

• Have successfully fulfilled all previous grant conditions and have no outstanding debts to the Council.

• Complete and submit an online Grant Application by the specified due date.

This round of grants opens on November 1 and closes on November 20.

“Empowering local organisations with the resources they need through grants like these is essential for building a vibrant, engaged community,” said ARC Mayor Sam Coupland.

“Every project funded through our community grants program is a step towards a stronger Armidale. We encourage all eligible groups to apply and see how an

ARC grant can help make your community project or community group flourish.”

ARC offers community grant rounds every year. Upcoming grant opportunities are promoted on the Grants and Sponsorship page on council’s website.

Successful community grants in the last round went towards projects including the New England Sings Choral Showcase, an Armidale movie day, NAIDOC Week disco and music camp, community gardens, and the Black Gully Festival.

Visit council’s website www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au/community/communitysupport/grants-funding-opportunities

Wonderful experience at New England Sings

Black Mountain Public School students had the wonderful experience to perform at New England Sings. What a fantastic weekend with our KUKRA Yulugi Dancers and New England Singers! Thank you so much to our students who gave their time and energy on the weekend to perform with so many students, artists and musicians at New England Sings! in Armidale.


I’d like to thank our parents who supported their children to make this happen, our parents who were able to attend to see this amazing performance, Rowena Teege – our choir teacher extraordinaire, Mr Batt – for volunteering to drive our

bus, Corinne Arter CEO of the New England Conservatorium of Music, composers and musicians who created such beautiful music - Ian Jefferson and Warwick Dunham and Bob Blair, project manager at the Aboriginal Cultural and Keeping Place in Armidale for his Didgeridoo sounds that were just hauntingly beautiful accompanying our dancers as we opened New England Sings on that weekend. Thank you, Mrs Lord for helping settle our nerves for our first performance.

*One Very Proud Principal
Mrs Justine Eddy
Relieving Principal*



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Friday November 15th, 2024 10.15 am - 3.30 pm
Pre-registration www.trybooking.com/CWAJW or follow the QR Code.

What's HOT

Guyra Gardens opening with thanks to the owners and volunteers who make it happen

Campdraft is just a couple of weeks away with plenty of action and entertainment

Poets on the Mountain Festival and associated events

What's NOT

Lack of communication

JOKE of the week

My pet mouse Elvis died today.

He was caught in a trap (and his momma cried)

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
29	Tues	6.0	22.4	0
30	Wed	7.8	23.1	0
31	Thurs	9.6	23.2	0
1	Fri	8.6	22.4	1.0
2	Sat	10.1	20.9	0
3	Sun	9.6	23.2	0
4	Mon	13.4	26.1	0

Rain this week	1.0mm
Oct. rainfall	63.0mm
Rainfall YTD	664.2mm
Rainfall last YTD	594.4mm
Ave. rain to Nov.	794.5mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

War Memorial Hall -104 years old



The War Memorial Hall lit up for a recent CWA function

The Guyra War Memorial Hall Crown Land Manager sincerely thanks the generosity of the Guyra community for their financial and in kind contributions to our beautiful Soldiers' Memorial Hall.

We are particularly grateful to Guyra Lions for their amazing donation of \$1000 towards the repairs to the roof, which we recently had to undertake.

We are also extremely thankful for the other donations which are given to us by members of the community who use or visit our facilities from time to time. Most of these monies have been used on

maintenance of the Hall.

We are also very grateful to the Department of Communities and Justice Community Corrections Program who mow our lawns on a regular basis. This has taken a huge burden off our aging Veterans who traditionally have kept the Hall grounds in shape. Unfortunately with Summer looming it will be harder to have these mown weekly, but we will try and keep the space looking neat and tidy.

Please let all your friends know that this beautiful 104 year old building, and its lovely grounds,

are available for hire by the general public.

If you wish to know more about availability and fees please email the hall committee at guyrawarmemorialhall@gmail.com and we will get back to you.

The next major activity at the Hall is the Remembrance Day Service on Monday 11 November 2024, commencing around 10.45am. It will be conducted by Guyra RSL sub-Branch.

Thank you to everyone who helps in even the smallest way.

*Chris Hietbrink
Chair.*

Cool Climate Permaculture Workshops

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or at the Guyra Neighbourhood Centre

HIGHLAND PERMACULTURE

Runners up at Diocesan Touch Football Carnival

On Friday November 1st, nine students from St. Mary of the Angels travelled to Inverell to compete against around 400 students from across the Armidale Diocese at the Diocesan Touch Football Carnival.

The St Marys team were astounded to find themselves in the Grand Final opposing the host school, Holy Trinity Inverell.

The team played their hearts out in 30C heat and unfortunately lost 4-0 to a well drilled Inverell team. Congratulations on a fantastic day of sportsmanship, determination and team work.

Pictured l to r:

Scarlett Newberry, Indi Roberts, Charlotte Perrett, Emelia Hodgens, Flynn McFarlane, Hugo Sisson, Peter Grills, Christopher Welsh, Darcy Sisson



Join RSL sub-Branch for Remembrance Day on Monday, November 11th

The Guyra RSL sub-Branch will hold a brief Remembrance Day service at the Soldiers Memorial Hall in Bradley Street, commencing at 10.45am on Monday, 11th November.

Members of the community are invited to attend as a show of respect for all our servicemen and women who served in all conflicts. Each year on this day, Australians observe one minute's silence at 11.00am in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.

The First World War ended more than a century ago. At 5am on 11 November 1918 in a railway carriage in France, representatives of France, Britain and Germany all signed a document that would put an end to four years of conflict. Six hours later – at 11am – those signatures would bring into effect the Armistice that

ended World War I.

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month attained a special significance in the post-war years. The moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war.

Red poppies were among the first plants to spring up in the devastated battlefields of northern France and Belgium after the conflict ended. For this reason, the red poppy is worn on Remembrance Day in memory of those who served and made the ultimate sacrifice.

Everyone is asked to stop what they are doing at 11am on Remembrance Day and observe a moment's silence in memory of those who served and paid the supreme sacrifice in conflicts around the world..

Poetry Workshops for Young and Old

Calling all aspiring poets to Guyra! The Cultivating Poetic Voices workshop series, part of the Poets on the Mountain Festival, is offering free poetry writing and performance workshops to all youth under 18 provided they pre-register. Workshops are available for adults \$70 or concession \$50.

Fuel your creativity and discover your unique voice with these engaging workshops led by experienced facilitators. Learn the power of rhyme, explore the journey of writing and publishing a poetry book, and unlock your creative potential with engaging exercises. The afternoon will focus on developing your performance skills, turning your words into captivating spoken word pieces.

Workshops:

- Get to know your fellow poets.
- Workshop: Writing Rhyme:

Discover the magic of rhyme and how to use it effectively in your poetry.

- Workshop: Write and Publish Your Book of Poetry: Learn the steps involved in crafting and publishing your own collection of

poems.

- Practical Writing: Ideas to Get Your Creative Juices Flowing: Overcome writer's block and unlock a wellspring of inspiration with interactive exercises.

- Humorous Writing: Explore the art of writing lighthearted and funny poems.

- Performance Workshop: Develop your stage presence and learn how to deliver your poems with confidence.

Free Registration for Youth Under 18!

This amazing opportunity is made possible thanks to the support of an Arts North West Microgrant. Spaces are limited, so pre-book your spot today!

Register Here: www.trybooking.com/CWAJW

Don't miss out on this chance to cultivate your poetic voice!

(Note: Workshops are available for adults \$70 or concession \$50.)

For further information, contact: James at the Australian Poetry Hall of Fame: 1english1@gmail.com or phone 0423 478 656

Community Noticeboard

Meals on Wheels

Nov 7 Heather Marchant
 Nov 8 Golf Ladies (Jenny)
 Nov 11 Lions Club (Bob)
 Nov 12 Regional Bank
 Nov 13 Wendy Laidlaw

Street Stalls

Nov 7,8,9 Lions
 Nov 14 Hospital Aux.
 Nov. 15,16 & 21 Rotary

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

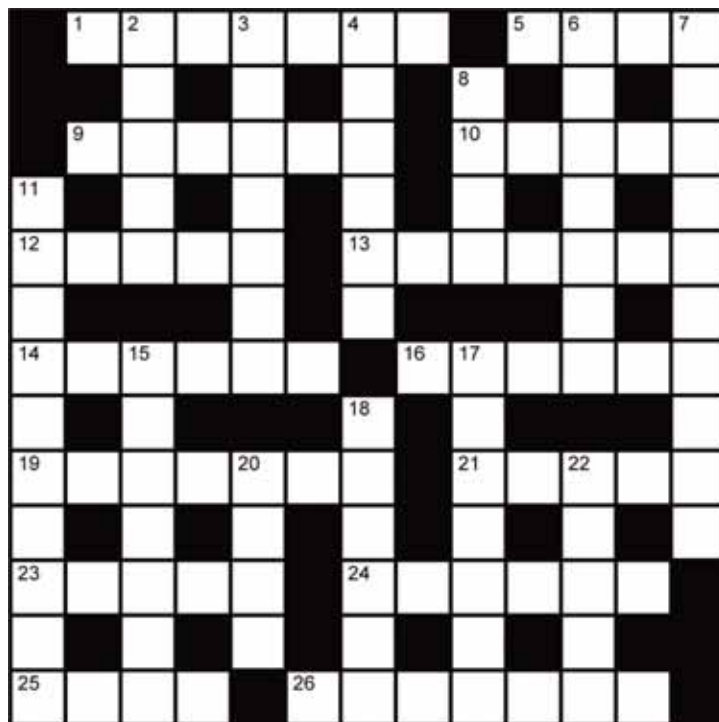
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- Culinary herb (7)
- Flog (4)
- Ice-cream cone (6)
- Social outcast (5)
- Imply (5)
- Directive (7)
- Lary___, star of Dallas (6)
- Brigand (6)
- Summarise (7)
- Highland games event (5)
- Mediterranean island (5)
- Pact (6)
- Very early sailor! (4)
- Persevere (7)

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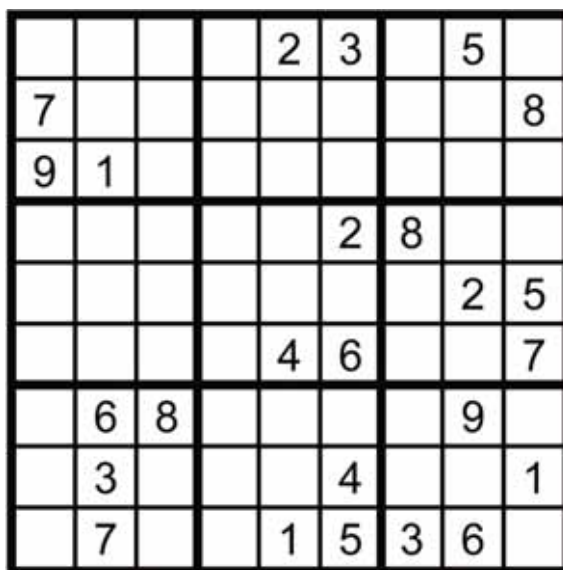
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- Spanish drink (7)
- Tempt (6)
- Express approval (7)
- Genetically transmitted (10)

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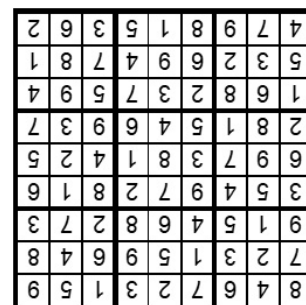


- Sad (4)
- 18th-century bandit (10)
- Large ape (7)
- The__ radio serial (7)
- Core (6)
- Dismal (4)
- Jeremy___, British tennis player (5)

SUDOKU - Hard



18. Centre, 20. Drab, 22. Bates.
 Highwayman, 15. Gorilla, 17. Archers,
 6. Applaud, 7. Hereditary, 8. Glum, 11.
Down: 2. Afoot, 3. Sangria, 4. Entice,
 26. Persist.
 Caber, 23. Malta, 24. Treaty, 25. Noah,
 Hagman, 16. Bandit, 19. Abridge, 21.
 10. Leper, 12. Infer, 13. Command, 14.



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Guyra Show 2025

Lamb Show & Sale

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Picnic at Llangothlin Nature Reserve



It was a fantastic day on Sunday the 20th of October at Little Llangothlin Nature Reserve

The skies reflected on the oh so still, mirror surface of the water, the weather and the water birds were resplendent

for the Picnic in Nature!

Visitors enjoyed beautiful walks, a delicious BBQ, and perfect weather. Thank you to everyone who came out, and to the Ben Lomond Landcare Group and Guyra Landcare

Network for organising the day. Also thanks to the Armidale Regional Council for putting on the BBQ.

Organisers are looking forward to more community gatherings celebrating our natural

landscapes!

.The picnic with Nature presented a perfect day for families to get out and about. An opportunity for connecting, a walk and a barbecue prepared and cooked by team Rosser.

Rural Market Reports

Weekly Wool Market

November 1st - What was hoped for was a dearer market. Unfortunately, the message was not received. The Aussie dollar falling considerably against the US was not a large enough signal on its own to drive the market into positive territory.

17.5 to 18.5 micron types registered the largest falls with selected Crossbred types and the Merino carding indicator showing some small gains. Whilst not all the gains that were made in early October have been given back, they certainly have been eroded, leaving the headline market indicators trading at levels just above the average for the

season to date.

The Northern region indicator lost 6 cents on Tuesday and a further 7 cents on Wednesday. The decline in the Eastern market indicator when looked at in US dollars was 19 cents (more than triple the decline in local dollars).

34,104 bales were sold nationally for the week with a passed in rate of 7.6%. Major buyers included PJ Morris, Techwool & Tianyu, all purchasing a significant proportion of the Merino fleece offering.

Upcoming weekly offerings are still tracking below the corresponding period last season with 118,000 fewer bales offered for the season to date.



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 Sportsperson 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

Guyra Can Assist President's Report 2024

As a service group in a small rural community we are indeed privileged to receive the outstanding support of our local community. While very few families escape the dread of a cancer diagnosis to someone close to them, we are extremely fortunate to have their support.

Over the last 12 months, there has been an increase in requests for assistance. This, I believe, is a direct result of the effort we have made to increase our profile and getting information out about the services we can offer. Our membership has also grown over the last 12 months.

We have continued to raise funds by catering, conducting monthly meat raffles, holding street stalls and other raffles throughout the year. We were again very fortunate to receive substantial donations from the



Can Assist
Cancer Assistance for Country NSW
GUYRA BRANCH

New meeting time 6pm
Meetings held at Guyra Bowling & Recreation Club. Next meeting **Tuesday, November 12th at 6pm.**
New members welcome

Guyra Soccer Club, Tour de Rocks, the Regional Australia Bank Partnerships Program and the New England Garden Festival.

The garden festival is on again

at the beginning of November and we will again be assisting as volunteers for this huge event, and I encourage everyone to take time to get involved.

This branch could not function

without the support of a wonderful group of members, who are always willing to help where they can. In saying that, we need to encourage new members to step up and continue the work our executives have done so well over many years. Like all businesses, change and fresh blood can bring new life and direction.

In closing, I thank Sue for her support and the work she does behind the scenes to assist with the requests and paperwork that is required and Lyn who has kept a track of our finances.

We enter the coming year in a great position financially and look forward to being able to assist anyone, who asks, for assistance through their cancer journey.

Wendy Jackson
President

Big Chill Festival wins at Sate Business Awards

Armidale Regional Council's flagship event, the Big Chill Festival, has won the prestigious Outstanding Visitor Economy Collaboration Award at the NSW State Business Awards, hosted by Business NSW.

The event attracted an esteemed audience, including Premier Chris Minns, Small Business Minister Steve Kamper, and over 600 attendees representing more than 130 standout businesses across the state.

Regional Director of Business NSW for New England North West Diane Gray, celebrated the win saying that this achievement is a remarkable milestone for Armidale Regional Council and the community, who have tirelessly crafted the Big Chill Festival into the celebrated success it is today.

Now in its fourth year, the festival has grown from a grassroots gathering celebrating

local food, music, and craft beers to a major cultural event that attracted 3,800 attendees in 2024

"It's a testament to the resilience and creativity of our local community, especially in the wake of the challenges posed by COVID," Ms Gray said.

"Armidale Regional Council has set a benchmark in innovation, creativity, and leadership for regional tourism.

"Their collaborative approach with community stakeholders has created an experience that continues to thrive, offering both the local community and visitors a festival they eagerly return to year after year."

Ms. Gray extended her congratulations not only to the team behind the Big Chill Festival but also to all finalists from the New England North West who showcased remarkable dedication and made the region proud.

Organisations encouraged to tap into grant opportunity

Local not-for-profits, community groups and organisations are being encouraged to apply for the NSW Government's Infrastructure Grants program (Clubgrants Category 3).

The Hon Aileen Macdonald OAM MLC said the Clubgrants program had been delivering significant funds for important community projects across the electorate.

"Clubgrants invests in the projects that matter to our community and I'm encouraging local organisations to take advantage of this program which is delivering grants of between \$50,000 and \$250,000," Ms MacDonald said.

"I know there are some outstanding community infrastructure projects on the radar right across the electorate and this is an opportunity to get them funded and underway.

"Funding can be used for a range of projects from upgrad-

ing local halls, to lighting for sporting grounds, art exhibits, community transport, or infrastructure that supports youth.

"This program is about investing in our community, connecting us and fostering growth in sport, recreation and the arts, while boosting social inclusion and disaster resilience."

These grants are made possible by the Clubgrants Category 3 Fund which re-invests profits from registered clubs' gaming machines into community projects. Funding is available for infrastructure projects in four areas:

- Arts & Culture
- Community Infrastructure
- Disaster Readiness
- Sport & Recreation

Applications open from Monday 4 November and close on 25 November. For more information, please visit <https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/responsible-gambling-grants>

Vets Golf

Last Tuesday the 29th we played our monthly 4BBB stableford. There were some great scores recorded indicating the great condition of the course.

None better though than the pairing of Robert Moore and Dave Bearup scoring a brilliant 48 points. I believe Robert had 2 under par on the back nine and, with Dave dropping in the odd 4 pointer, they proved a lethal combination. Runners up also with a great 43 points were Ian Taylor and Paul Redden. Ian got two NTPs with Robert getting the other.

The Armidale Vets Open was also and we had four ladies and four men representing our club and although some great scores were recorded we came away empty handed.

Golf next week is the Reg Taylor stroke.

Drake.

Ladies' Golf

Last week three of our Ladies played in the Golf NSW State Medal Regional Final in Walcha.

Wendy George and Vicki Reeves both won their division. They will now play down at Stonecutters Ridge in Sydney in the State Final in December.

Jenni Jackson just missed out in her division by one shot but should also be very proud of herself to get to the qualifying round. Well done girls!

In Guyra last week a Flag Event was played. The winner was Suzanne Towells with 66 Nett. Runner up was Pip White with 69 Nett. Nearest the Pin winners were, Suzanne Towells on the 7th hole. Pip White on the 10th hole. Kerry Bull on the 18th hole. Kerry also won the putting competition with 25 putts.

This week the Ladies are on their annual golf trip away. Next week is the Par Medal Play Off Donna White is the starter.

Birdie



Vicki Reeves and Wendy George (middle and right) will play in the State final in December

Cricket

Guyra's under 11 cricket team has started the season with a win. In their opening game they bowled first after East Gold won the toss and elected to bat.

All players took their turn with the ball gaining valuable experience. Ricky-Jay Foster was the best taking 3/12, while Oskar Laing and Charles Laing fielded well getting run outs. Easts finished their innings on 91.

In reply, Guyra made 118 off their 20 overs to get the win.

Opener Rylan Wilson (20 ret), Charles Drew (11 ret.), and Oskar Laing (15 ret.) were the standouts.

In other under 11s games TAS Thunder 84 defeated Hillgrove Colts 65 and Easts Green 93 defeated Hillgrove Brumbies 72.

In the third round of the senior competition, Guyra second grade (10/147) went down to Walcha/Uralla (9/214). Guyra won the toss and sent Walcha out first. Heath Dowsett (4/31) and Tahmani Landsborough (2/44) topped the

bowling effort, with Tommy Mitchell, David Torrens and Allan Boney getting one each.

Despite the loss it was a much improved batting performance with Graham Cameron (45) and Corey Torrens (42) the best.

In other second grade games Easts Yellow (7/114) defeated Hillgrove (10/112) and City/UNE (10/114) defeated Easts Green (10/59).

In third grade Guyra had the bye this week, with TAS (5/160) defeating City/UNE (10/130) and Walcha/Uralla (6/136) defeating Hillgrove (9/134).

Stumpy

Midweek Golf

Great weather for golf. Great to see everyone out on the course. Foreplay scored 87 points this week. Well done to this lot of young blokes.

Next we had some of the regulars Baldersleigh Bashers with 84 and the other junior team Busted Balls on 84.

Highest individual score for the week went to Ryan Vidler with 26 points. Then on a countdown there was Deb Heffernan and Levi Vanderwolf with 24 points and Nat Mendes and Leanne Burey with 23 points. Great scores.

Don't forget to put your name, team name and handicap on your card and then sign it before you hand it in.

I have some golf balls from Darren and Suzanne Towells at New England Autos from last year and will do a few lucky draws next week. Check where you put the cards in to see if you have won a ball. Happy golfing.

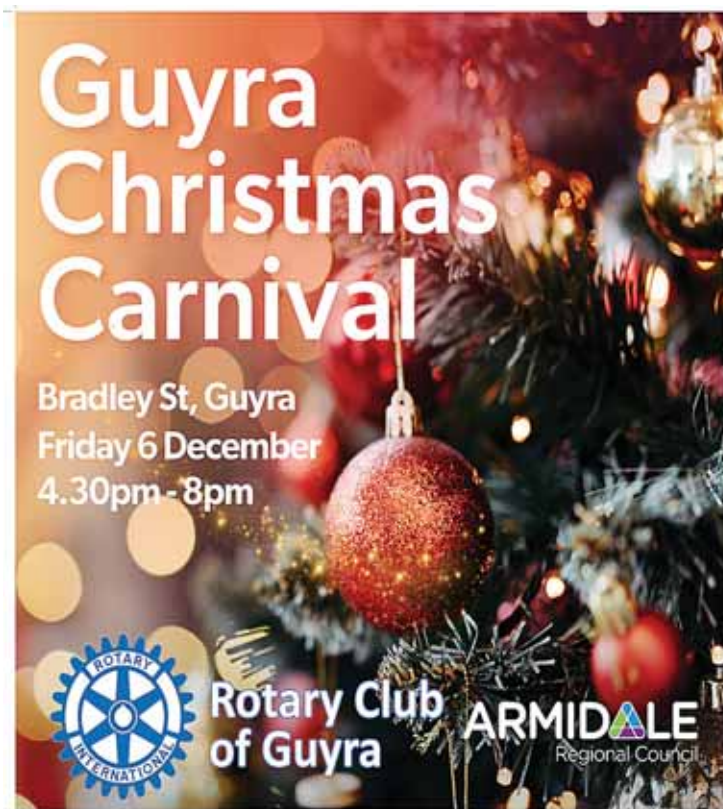
Middy

Sunday Golf

This Sunday is the Paul (MUDDY) Waters day. This is a 4BBB Stableford event with great prizes to be won sponsored proudly by Paul's family.

Muddy was a committed golfer so it would be great to see some competitors come along and support the day.

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New meeting time 6pm

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PROBUS NOTES

OUR MEETING is next Monday November 11th at 10 o'clock at the Bowling Club. Anyone wishing to attend would be most welcome. After our meeting, and no later than 12 o'clock, we will travel (car pooling) to Glencoe to Red Lion Hotel for dinner. If you can't attend please ring Judy on 6779 1409 by Friday night. Also if you want to go please ring.

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Spuds on track for comeback in 2025

Ben Vidler will coach the Super Spuds in A grade in 2025.

After being unable to appoint a coach for this year, the club is now on track to play again next season, but needs players and more coaches to make it happen.

Ben played for Guyra for many years, including in first grade grand finals, and was instrumental in the club's last premiership in the 2018 second division.

He will now work towards getting a team on the field next year and any players interested should get in contact.

The Spuds are now looking for leaguetag and under 18s coaches in the hope of having

two or three teams on the field in 2025.

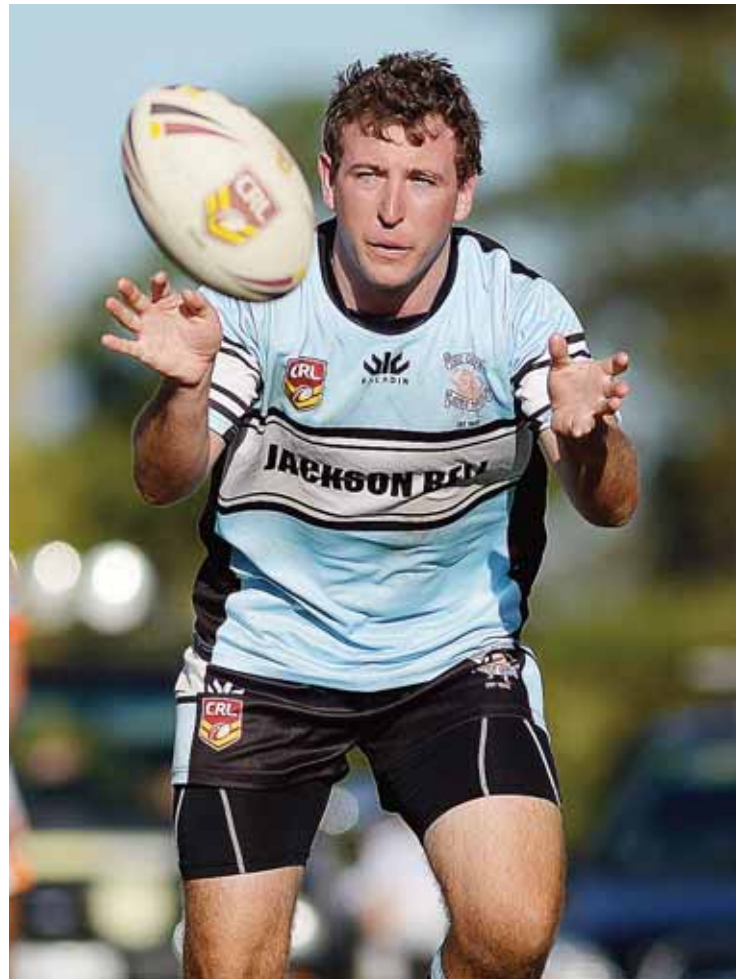
Anyone interested in those roles can contact the club via Facebook or email guyrarugbyleague@gmail.com

Once all coaches are appointed the club can look at training dates and other activities.

The next club meeting is on Tuesday November 12 at 6pm at the bowling club and anyone interested in being involved in the club in 2025 is welcome to attend.

Right:

Ben Vidler has been appointed coach and the hunt is on for players to join the team





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