



# Guyra Gazette

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## Leadership transition underway at GALA

By Zander Lloyd

Change is underway at the Guyra Adult Learning Association (GALA). Long standing Executive Officer Dorothy Lockyer is preparing to step back and Kelso Looker has joined the team. He will transition into the role over the coming months.

Dorothy has been the Executive Officer at GALA for 'Quite a number of years'. During that time the organisation has grown from conducting sewing lessons in people's homes and providing basic computer classes (with a \$2000 grant), to employing multiple trainers and office staff who conduct training courses across the New England.

As Executive officer Dorothy currently oversees the running of the Guyra office as well as offices in Armidale and Glen Innes. After many years at the helm she has now decided to step back and has welcomed Kelso Looker to the team. Plans are that by the end of July he will take on many of the Executive Officer duties.

Kelso is no stranger to the area and has a lot of family connections to the Guyra district. His Grandparents still live around

Ben Lomond where his father grew up and Kelso has lived between Glen Innes, Ben Lomond, Llangothlin and Armidale since he left school.

He is already familiar with the business through involvement with the management committee and has worked with the team in a voluntary capacity with the Armidale and Guyra Show Societies.

"So far it has been a really easy transition because I'm already familiar with the people and the programs," Kelso said.

"I've been very busy familiarising myself with the programs already in place and I've learnt a lot of stuff very quickly.

"From answering the phone to dealing with the customers I've been busy getting to know how everything works.

"I think GALA is a vital part of the community and helps to keep the town thriving.

"It is a quiet gem - not many know exactly what we do but if we didn't do it everyone would notice."

"I'm looking forward to working with the team and building on the great work that Dot has done during her time here."



Kelso Looker learning the ropes with Dorothy Lockyer  
Photo by Zander Lloyd

**KING'S BIRTHDAY**

*Enjoy your long weekend*

**Trading hours this weekend:**

**Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> June**  
7.00am - 12.00noon

**Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> June**  
**CLOSED**

**Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> June**  
**CLOSED**



- In store:**
- Smartburn
  - Sootloose
  - Fire lighters
  - Kindling

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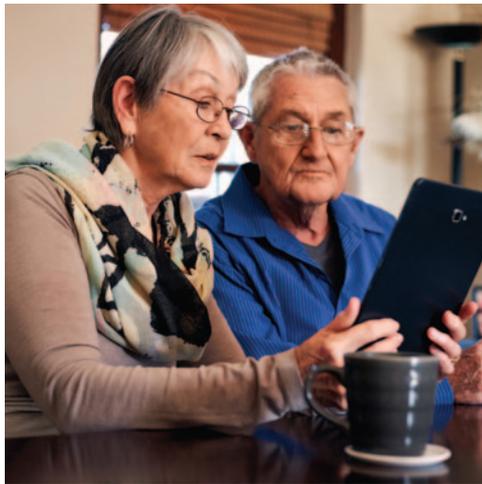
# Helping Seniors Stay Safe Online

Senior Citizens will be the key beneficiaries of a 'Click with Confidence' cyber security workshop being hosted by Southern New England Landcare and the New England Community College in Guyra on the 11th of June.

Designed to boost confidence and safety when using the internet this free workshop will include a short talk, morning tea, and one-on-one help with devices.

"'Click with Confidence' has been designed to provide some of our most vulnerable groups with added safety and security online", said Elizabeth Rosser, Local Landcare Coordinator with Southern New England Landcare.

"Participants will learn practical skills such as setting up multifactor identification, keeping software up to date, creating strong and unique passphrases, and recognising and re-



Help is on the way for seniors worried about cyber security (pic supplied)  
"porting phishing scams," said Elizabeth  
"The session is tailored for anyone who

would like to feel more confident with the increasing requirement to be connected online and aims to make online safety simple and accessible," she said

Southern New England Landcare received funding through the 'Act Now, Stay Secure' program being rolled out by the Australian Government.

"Thank you to the New England Community College, who have been instrumental in designing these workshops", said Elizabeth.

"New England Community College provide a valuable service to the community, and Southern New England Landcare are pleased to be working with them to deliver this initiative," she said.

*For more information, please contact the New England Community College on 02 6779 2132 or visit the website at <https://snelandcare.org.au/group-events>*

**Councillor's Corner**  
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## End of Financial Year Reflections and Local Updates

As we approach the end of the financial year, I've taken the opportunity to reflect on what has been an incredibly valuable period of learning and contribution.

Over the past several months, I've gained a deeper understanding of the inner workings of Council—from the complexities of budgeting and the coordination of various funding streams, to the volume and diversity of community needs and project proposals. It has been both eye-opening and motivating.

I'm honoured to serve on a number of working groups focused on planning, infrastructure, and community development. These collaborations are already laying the foundations for tangible outcomes, and I'm optimistic about what lies ahead for Guyra and the surrounding villages.

I would also like to acknowledge the generous support of my fellow Councillors, as well as Council's executive team and staff. Their guidance and cooperation have been invaluable as I work to plan and deliver positive outcomes for our region.

In this edition of Councillor's Corner, I'm pleased to share several important updates that reflect our shared priorities and the progress being made:

## Local Area Community Grants

As part of Armidale Regional Council's 2025–26 budget, dedicated grant funding will be allocated directly to small towns and villages, to be distributed via their local community organisations. These grants empower communities to deliver projects that matter at a grassroots level.

Guyra, the second major township in the region, will benefit from a minimum allocation of \$70,000 for local projects. A further \$40,000 will be shared across surrounding villages—including, but not limited to, Ben Lomond, Wollomombi, and Ebor.

## Mother of Ducks Lagoon

I've continued to actively follow up with relevant authorities regarding the restoration of the Mother of Ducks Lagoon. I've recently received confirmation that funding is expected to be allocated in the upcoming financial year for the essential preliminary works, including a full hydrology report and survey. These foundational steps will inform future restoration and enhancement efforts.

## Bradley Street and Town Centre Improvements

Bradley Street—Guyra's central thoroughfare—has long presented a series of planning and infrastructure challenges. I've been working behind the scenes to progress a comprehensive masterplan that addresses safety, accessibility, and streetscape improvements, with a view to revitalising the town centre in line with community expectations.

In recent months, I've held a number of discussions with Council executives to share my vision and advocate for a coordinated approach. I'm hopeful that, in the coming financial year, we will be in a position to present a draft plan to the community for feedback.

## Abbey Green Church, Tubbumurra

I recently met with the gracious owners of the historic Abbey Green Church to explore the possibility of restoring this important local landmark. The meeting was productive, and we agreed to engage a heritage specialist to undertake a site inspection and condition report.

That assessment has now taken place, and I'm pleased to share that the report confirms the church is structurally sound and suitable for restoration. I look forward to working with all stakeholders to explore funding options and next steps for preserving this piece of our regional history.

*Thank you for the opportunity to serve. I'm proud to be your representative on Council and remain committed to advocating for the needs, aspirations, and future of our vibrant and resilient community.*

# State Champions at Shakespeare Carnival

Three local students have performed well as part of PLC Armidale's entrants in the 2025 Shakespeare Carnival State Finals.

Guyra's Olive McFarlane, and Lucy Ward along with Molly Chard from Ben Lomond, were part of the teams who were crowned state champions over the weekend at Sydney's Seymour Centre.

The all-girls' college Dance and Physical Theatre teams dazzled judges with their powerful, creative interpretations of Shakespearean themes, securing the top titles in their categories at the prestigious state-wide event, presented by Sport For Jove.

The Dance duo, Molly Chard and Lucy Ward, captivated audiences with their hypnotic performance inspired by *The Taming of the Shrew*, while the Physical Theatre pairing Poppy-Grace Newton and Olive McFarlane, delivered a dynamic and emotionally resonant piece based on *Hamlet*.

It was the second time that Olive has been in the winners list. Last year she teamed up with Poppy Grace for the first time, becoming dance champions - they were the youngest ever to go to State level in 2024.

The Shakespeare Carnival, run by the Sport For Jove Theatre Company, is a state-wide initiative en-



State Champions Olive McFarlane and Poppy-Grace Newton (Physical Theatre), and Molly Chard and Lucy Ward (Dance).

couraging students to reimagine the world of Shakespeare through performance, movement, music and film. It challenges students to explore complex texts creatively while building confidence, teamwork and literacy.

This year's success marks a back-to-back achievement for PLC Armidale, following two state wins in 2024 in addition to numerous other

wins throughout the Carnival's history.

"The continued excellence of our students is a testament to their dedication and the vibrant arts culture nurtured within the College," College Principal Mrs Nicola Taylor said, reflecting on the school's long-standing involvement in the Carnival.

"We've proudly supported the

Shakespeare Carnival since its inception in 2016, and it has been extraordinary to watch it grow into such a meaningful and enriching program for students across New South Wales," she said.

"From little things, big things grow, and we thank Sport For Jove Theatre for their vision and commitment to the arts."

## Confirmation congratulations for local students



Congratulations to the following St Mary of the Angels students in our Catholic Parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday the 31st May 2025;

Kobi W, Lachlan C, Hugo S, Darcie C, Edward W, Peter G, Chaise M, Rylan W, Chase F, Vancara L, Clancy R.

Sincere thanks to Bishop Mur-

phy and Parish Priest Father O'Shea who presided over the lovely ceremony on Saturday evening at the St Mary of the Angels Catholic Church.

Thank you to the proud parents and sponsors of our candidates, your support and encouragement has not gone unnoticed, and finally to our confirmation candidates,

## What's HOT

Lots of people moving to Guyra for the weather - how times have changed!

Plenty of activity happening around the main street - great to see things happening

## What's NOT

Trying to navigate around road closures to get to the coast

People still using Vinnies as a dumping ground despite the removal of the donation bins.

## JOKE of the week

If a winter fox lost his tail, where would you go to buy him a new one?  
A retail store.

## Bureau of Meteorology Weather

### WATCH

#### Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
27	Tues	10.7	12.2	10.4
28	Wed	2.3	10.4	5.2
29	Thurs	2.9	11.4	0
30	Fri	5.6	10.5	0
31	Sat	7.9	10.8	0.2
1	Sun	7.1	14.3	0
2	Mon	4.6	14.2	0

Rain this week	15.8mm
May. rainfall	65.0mm
Rainfall YTD	533.8mm
Rainfall last YTD	404.0mm
Ave. rain YTD	452.6mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

# Road crews on the way

Repairs to the New England Highway should be underway this week, after record-breaking coastal floods saw traffic redirected to the New England Highway. The increased traffic saw the road deteriorate into a pothole-ridden danger zone for motorists.

Last week Member for Northern Tablelands Brendan Moylan met with Minister for Roads Jenny Aitchison in Parliament, to push for urgent assistance and much-needed repairs to the highway.

As a result of their meeting, road crews from the Pacific Highway were expected to be shifted to the New England Highway this week.

“The Northern Tablelands electorate office has been inun-



Brendan Moylan met with Minister for Roads Jenny Aitchison requesting urgent assistance to repair the New England Highway.

dated with calls and emails from concerned drivers reporting near-misses, blown tyres, and

vehicle damage,” Mr Moylan said.

“I travelled to Glen Innes from Armidale last week and experienced first-hand how bad the road conditions are.

“I met Minister for Roads Jenny Aitchison and her team while in Parliament in Sydney this week to push for urgent repairs and I am pleased to say she has agreed for road crews to be relocated to the New England Highway.

“Until the road crews can repair the worst of the damage, I urge motorists to be careful while travelling.

“While the road is being worked on there will be delays. I ask motorists to be patient so the road crews can restore the highway.”

## Destination Management Plan

Armidale Regional Council is developing a Destination Management Plan (DMP) for the Armidale Region, including towns, villages and natural areas across the area. This plan will guide the future growth of the visitor economy, support targeted investment, and help identify opportunities that build on our strengths while addressing challenges to sustainable tourism development.

To shape this plan, they are engaging with community,

tourism industry, and stakeholders.

They are collecting insights, data, stories and experiences from locals, business owners, community groups, tourism operators and visitors to inform the DMP. These inputs will guide future decision-making, project development and how our region is positioned as a destination.

TRC Tourism, a leading tourism consultancy, has been engaged by Armidale Regional

Council to lead the development of this plan. TRC brings extensive experience in regional tourism planning, product development, and community engagement across Australia and New Zealand.

You can share your ideas at [yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au](https://yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au)

Submissions must be received by Friday June 13th. A follow-up session with ARC will be held on June 19th at the Guyra Bowling Club from 1pm-3pm.

## Joyce formally declared winner

The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) has officially declared the Honourable Barnaby Joyce as the duly elected member to serve in the House of Representatives for the Division of New England once again.

In what was a resounding result in the seat of New England, Mr Joyce secured 52.22% of the vote, which was more than double the next nearest candidate, Laura Hughes with just 20.32%. The final two-party preferred vote tally was Joyce 65.21%, Hughes 32.94% a swing of 1.85% to Mr Joyce.

Mrs Rita Merienne, Returning Officer for the Division of New England, declared the poll results at the Armidale office of the AEC on Wednesday May 28th.

- Barnaby Joyce (Nationals) – 59,711
- Wendy Wales (Greens) – 9,023
- Natasha Ledger (Independent) – 4,240

- Laura Hughes (Labor) – 23,233
- Holly Masters (Family First) – 3,641
- Todd Juchau (Trumpets of Patriots) – 3,111
- Brent Larkham (One Nation) – 11,387

“First and foremost, to the people of the New England, it is very humbling to once again be your emissary to Canberra,” said Mr Joyce.

“I say, as I always do, I am your servant. That is the purpose of politics, that is what political offices are all about.”

“Whether it’s people’s NDIS, their pensions, roads, telecommunications, it’s about service and looking after people.”

Mr Joyce set out a very clear path forward for the Nationals in the New England for the next parliamentary term, with a well-prepared focus on energy transition and the Net Zero

# Calls Grow for Urgent Action on Feral Pig Crisis

The escalating crisis of feral pig populations across regional New South Wales has sparked renewed calls for urgent and coordinated government action, with Member for Northern Tablelands Brendan Moylan and NSW Farmers both pressing for increased funding and targeted control measures.



The feral pig population has exploded across the Northern Tablelands due to a run of good seasons

Speaking in Parliament last week, Mr Moylan delivered a Private Members' Statement highlighting the growing threat feral pigs pose to farmers, livestock, crops, and infrastructure throughout his electorate.

"Current estimates indicate there could be 100 million feral pigs in Australia," Mr Moylan said. "In my electorate, the population has exploded following a run of good seasons."

Describing the situation as "absolute carnage," Mr Moylan detailed the extensive damage caused by feral pigs, including attacks on lambs and calves, destruction of crops, and the

wrecking of rural roads. He warned that current control measures are falling short, and stressed that up to 80 per cent of the population must be culled annually to contain the crisis.

He called for a shift away from blanket policies and urged the NSW Government to support more localised, targeted pest control campaigns.

"There is no point in NSW looking at a total approach across the board," he said. "We need targeted local campaigns... The pig populations breed back up faster than any of us can handle."

NSW Farmers President Xavier Martin echoed these concerns, welcoming recent comments from NSW Premier Chris Minns, who signalled

openness to new measures, including bounties, to control feral animals.

"Feral pigs cause millions in damage each year. They attack people and animals, tear up paddocks, and destroy fences," Mr Martin said. "We welcome a shared responsibility, including additional funding, to control these nasty pests."

Martin emphasized that the problem extends beyond pigs, citing wild dogs, cats, and increasingly feral deer as persistent threats. He warned that damage from animal pests in NSW could exceed \$489 million annually by 2026 and advocated for a full suite of control strategies including aerial culling, trapping, baiting, and bounties.

"NSW has the highest number of feral mammal species in the nation," Martin said. "We need long-term, cross-tenure pest control programs and strong coordination between government and communities."

## Record late first frost?

If you thought the frosts were late coming this year, you'd be right. If we take an overnight minimum temperature of 2.5degC or less as indicative of a frost, then the BoM records for the Guyra Hospital weather station suggest that the first frost this year was on 28th May.

The figure shows the date of the first frost for the years since 1981. There have only been four years in which the first frost came later than 15th May: 1989 (22nd May), 2002 (18th May), 2024 (20th May) and this year on the 28th May.

So this year the date of the first frost was the latest on record. Perhaps we will soon need to change the rule of thumb "first frost by Anzac Day" to "first frost by June long weekend".

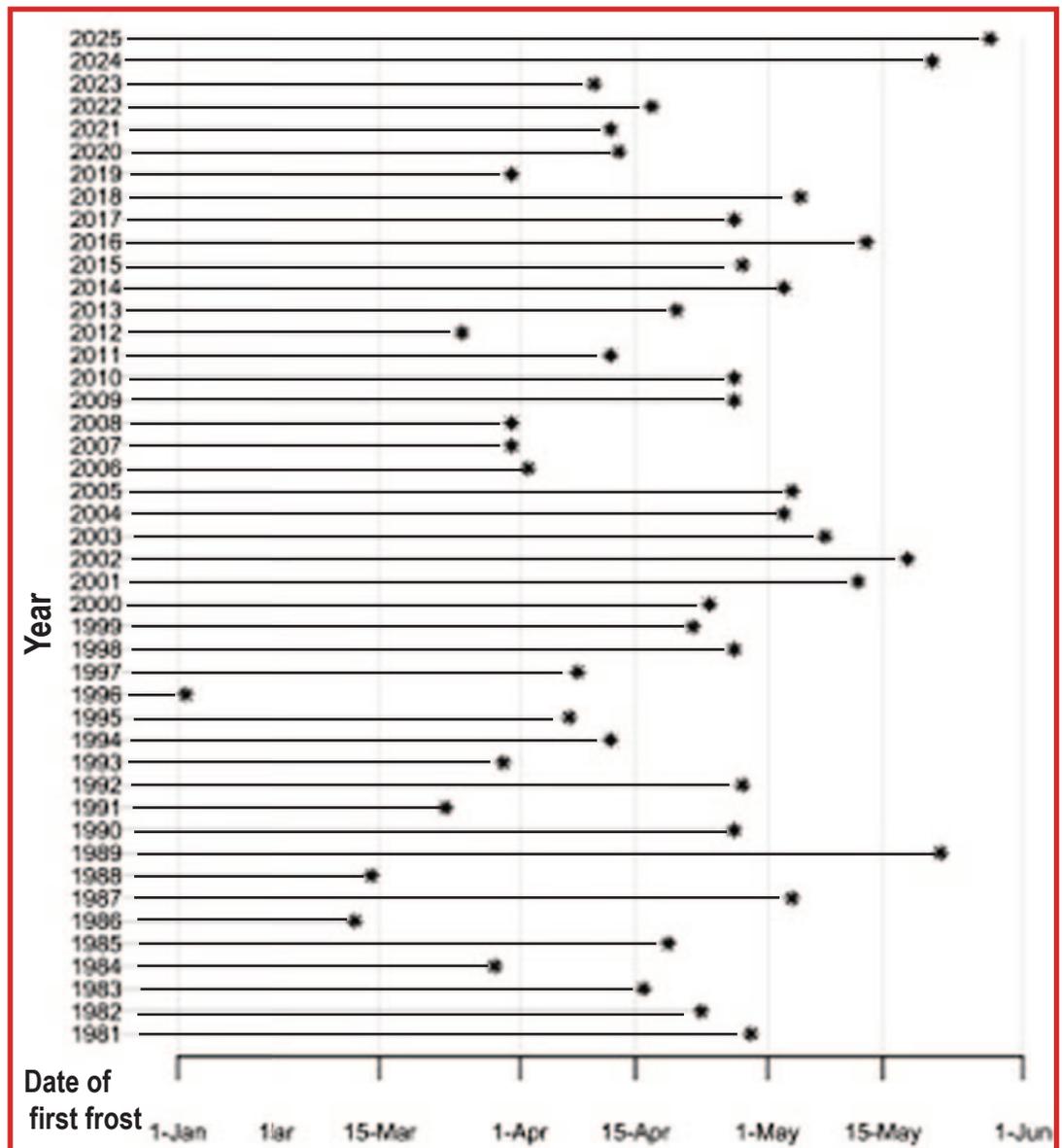
*Ian Reeve  
Black Mountain*

### Editor's note:

Weather statistic for Guyra reveal that an average of 10 frosts are recorded in May each year.

In June we average 14.4, July 18.3, August 18 and September can still be chilly with an average of 9.4 frosts per year.

Source: [weatherarmidale.com](http://weatherarmidale.com)



# Community Noticeboard

## Meals on Wheels

June 5 Heather Marchant  
 June 6 L and R Skinner  
 June 9 Guyra Lions Club  
 June 10 Regional Bank  
 June 11 Kath Barry-Leven

## Street Stalls

June 5,6,7 Lions  
 June 13 Can Assist  
 June 19,20,21 Rotary

## Church Notices

**St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church** Mass 6pm Saturday 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 **Anglicare Chaplain:** Rev. Daniel Hayes (0428 828 852)

**St. Columba's Presbyterian Church** 9am Sunday followed by morning tea. Ben Lomond, 2pm first Sunday April, June **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** 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month at Guyra Bowling Club, 7pm. Ph: Geoff Reeves 6779 1257 **ROTARY CLUB** 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month 6.00pm at Rafters. Ph: Hans Hietbrink 0402 044 891

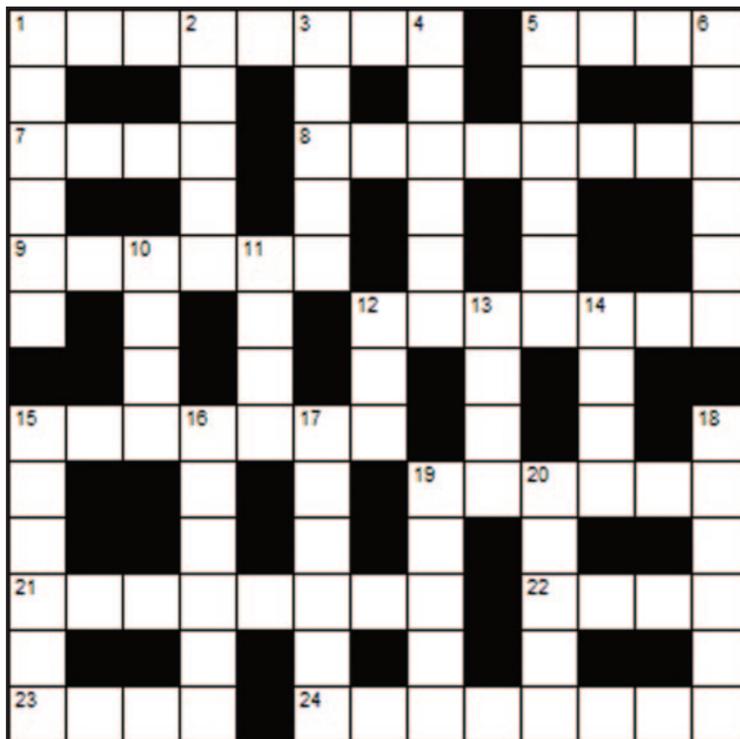
## Across:

1. Precious (8)
5. Exhibition (4)
7. Cain's brother (4)
8. Destined (8)
9. Raised (6)
12. Push down (7)
15. Larceny (7)
19. In front of (6)
21. Idle (8)
22. Twisted (4)
23. Capricorn's animal (4)
24. Tied (8)

## Down:

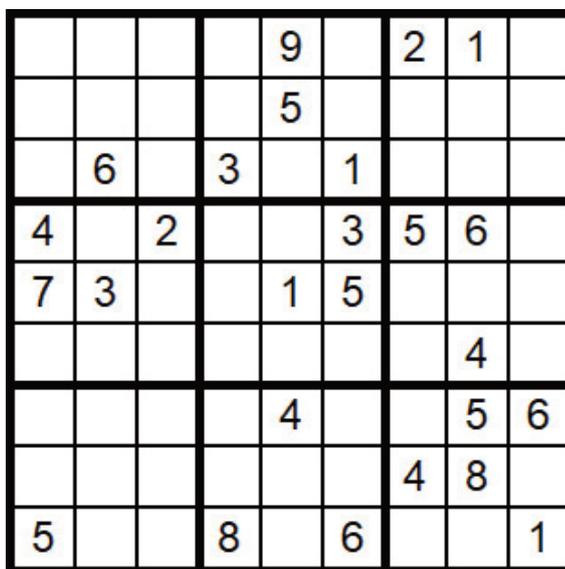
1. Feasible (6)
2. Not illuminated (5)
3. Valentino film \_\_\_ and Sand (5)
4. Suffer (6)
5. Piece sliced off (6)
6. Waterproof leggings (6)
10. Unwanted fat (4)
11. Simplicity (4)
12. Arid (3)
13. Cut (4)

## QUICK CROSSWORD



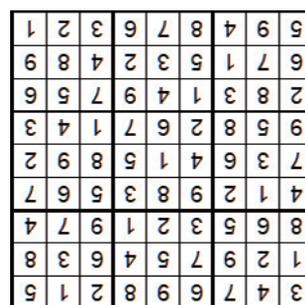
14. River of NE Spain (4)
15. Horsemanship (6)
16. Type of lynx (6)
17. Comfort (6)
18. Chartered (6)
19. Sanctify (5)
20. Brief [anag] (5)

## Sudoku - Medium



**Across:** 1. Valuable, 5. Show, 7. Abel, 8. Ordained, 9. Lifted, 12. Depress, 15. Robbery, 19. Before, 21. Inactive, 22. Bent, 23. Goat, 24. Fastened.

**Down:** 1. Viable, 2. Unit, 3. Blood, 4. Endure, 5. Silver, 6. Waders, 10. Flab, 11. Ease, 12. Dry, 13. Pare, 14. Ebro, 15. Riding, 16. Bobcat, 17. Relief, 18. Rented, 19. Bless, 20. Fibre.



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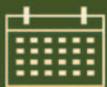
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136 Bradley Street, Guyra



9:30am to 12:30pm  
Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025



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New England Community College on 02 6779 2132

Learn how to protect yourself online with simple tips on passwords, updates, phishing scams, and more. Enjoy a short talk, morning tea, and one-on-one help with your devices.

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Please RSVP by the  
6<sup>th</sup> of June 2025



This initiative is made possible by the NSW Landcare Enabling Program, a collaboration between Local Land Services and Landcare NSW supported by the NSW Government.

This Cyber Security Awareness Support for Vulnerable Groups grant activity received grant funding from the Australian Government.

## Senior Soccer

**Guyra 3rd grade** travelled to Armidale to take on Norths. The game began fiercely with each team battling to get the upper hand. Mid way through the first half Norths found the back of the Guyra net with some slick play. This seemed to kick the Casper's into gear and a well taken corner from Braith landed on Adam Litherlands head which he made sure hit the net. The second half started and Guyra dominated possession only to concede a poor goal on the counter attack, this seemed to get Guyra going again and two quick goals to Sammy Adhikari and Angus Shepherd put them in control. A great defen-

sive display late made sure Guyra took the 3 points and the win. Points this week went to Lachie Bogert 3, Braith Kliendienst 2 and Damo Hutton 1.

**The Casper 4ths** playing in Armidale against a hungry in form Uralla side. The team started very quick this week with a shot from Noah Brennan just missing in the first two minutes, with Uralla players saying 'we might be in trouble here that happened very quickly'. Uralla soon took a bit of control and fired in the first goal. Some great passing in the middle and then through the Sammy Adhikari out wide seen the game go to 1 all. Uralla put two quick goal on Guyra from two soft and unlucky penalties

inside the box to go up 3 to 1. In the dying moments of the second half Noah again hit it will this time for the ball to hit the inside of the post and bounce back into the field. In the second half Guyra lost its way a little which was not helped by some inconsistent ref call with Uralla taking the win in the end.

The Guyra team now have next weekend off before 3rd grade travels to Glen Innes and the 4th grade side had to travel to Armidale to face souths. This will be the first real test of both teams manpower, been one of the few times this season the teams will play apart.

*The Friendly Ghost*

## Ladies' Golf

Last week several of the lady golfers played in the Inverell Ladies Open. It was an enjoyable day with 12 of us heading over to chase the warmer weather and dry conditions.

Vicki Reeves won the straightest drive competition.

Leonie Taylor and Wendy George won the best Guyra score on a countback with 37 points.

Thank you to the girls who drove their vehicles we do appreciate it.

This week is a Par Medal.

Next week is a Stableford along with a Graham Betts Round.

*Birdie*

## Rural Market Reports

### Guyra Sheep and Lamb Sale

**May 27th** - Market report unavailable

### NE Livestock Agents weaner sale

**May 28th** - Just over 2000 cattle yarded in a wet weather reduced yarding.

A very good yarding with strong competition throughout.

Prices up 30 to 50 cents a kilo in places reflecting the recent rain.

Steer calves made between

\$4.20 and \$4.70 per kilo, with the angus calves making \$4.60 to \$4.80 and crossbred calves making \$4.20 and \$4.60 kilo.

Heifer calves made between \$3.60 to \$3.80 for angus, with crossbred calves making \$3.20 to \$3.60

All in all a very healthy sale and caps off the weaner sale program in Armidale.

### Weekly Wool Market

**May 30th** - Just over 26,000 bales were offered nationally this week and with a stable

exchange rate the headline market indicators managed to gain ground for the second week in succession.

Individual micron indicator quotes varied from minus 23 cents for 17 micron to plus 19 cents for 18 micron. There was a notable improvement in the quality of this week's offering compared to last week.

23,824 bales were sold nationally with a passed in rate of 9.3%. Major buyers included Techwool, Tianyu and Endeavour Wool. AWEX offering data at minus 14% and

AWTA testing data at minus 12% has aligned with just four sales left for the season. This is also in line with the 11.8% reduction that was predicted by the Wool Production Forecasting Committee.

With only the Eastern seaboard selling next week the national offering shrinks even further to approximately 23,500 bales. So far this season the Eastern market indicators average weekly closing price has been 4.5% higher than the 23/24 season.

## Gazette Footy Tipping

Winter Wombat	127	The King	109
Dip Stick	123	Mocak	105
KingGJBW	123	Timmy the Tiger	103
Farmer Joe	119	Bulldog	103
BigRus	115	Luigi	103
3PPP	115	Birdie	101
Iggman	111	DJFlake69	101
The Panther	111	Scary Bear	101
Fingerlicking good	109	Flip	97
Crazy Cat Lady	109	Bundles	97
DJ	109	Rabidohs	97
The Third Player	109	Unbetables	95
Wayno	109	Happy Gilmore	93

### Locals Entry Form - Round 15

Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

Name: .....

Phone: .....

Sharks	vs	Dragons
Titans	vs	Sea Eagles
Knights	vs	Roosters
Cowboys	vs	Dolphins
Rabbits	vs	Bulldogs

Byes: Broncos, Eels, Panthers, Raiders, Storm, Warriors, Tigers



# Gazette's Celebrity Footy Tipping

Some good scoring last week and naturally the Blues won the State of Origin!

There was a not so elegant slide down the Locals Leaderboard for Farmer Joe whose tipping system failed to deliver the desired results; a mere 4 points being achieved. Back to 3rd place on 119 points for the Farmer!

Winter Wombat stands alone at the top on 127 points, followed by Dip Stick and King GJBW sharing 2nd place on 123 points.

The two Locals in 4th place on 115 points, BigRus and

3PPP could be ones to watch for the rest of the season.

Happy Gilmore could only manage 4 points and has settled in the Wooden Spoon position.

Celebrith Kim top scored with 14 points to maintain her position on top of the Leaderboard, now on 119 points.

In 2nd place we have our lovely lads at Fourways on 113 points, followed closely by Robert on 111 points. Next in line are Mal and Cr. Eli both on 109 points.

Good luck with your tips this week and please don't forget to get your tips in on time!

## Sue's Tips

- Knights
- Storm
- Dolphins
- Sharks
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- Warriors
- Broncos
- Raiders
- Panthers
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## Mal's Tips

- Knights
- Storm
- Dolphins
- Warriors
- Broncos
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## Kim's Tips

- Knights
- Storm
- Dolphins
- Sharks
- Broncos
- Raiders
- Tigers
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- Broncos
- Raiders
- Tigers
- Bulldogs



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# Classifieds Trades & Services

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Our monthly meeting for June will be held at the Bowling Club at 10am on **Monday, 16th June** due to the long weekend being on our usual meeting date.

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# Shamrocks men redeem themselves in United rematch

The Guyra Shamrocks Men's Team bounced back in style this weekend, redeeming themselves in a much-anticipated rematch against United.

This time, a full-strength team took the field, and it showed from the first whistle. With strong plays, sharp passing, and rock-solid defending, Guyra looked composed and confident across all areas of the pitch.

It was a true team effort—disciplined, determined, and driven to set the record straight. The Shamrocks are back in form and ready to keep the momentum rolling.

Watch out, competition—Guyra means business.

## Jackson dives to keep it a draw

Guyra women's 3rd Grade played a well-matched and entertaining game against Harlies, with both teams showing great spirit and sportsmanship.

A standout moment came from Bernadette Jackson, who once again proved her class in goal, diving across to make a crucial save that kept the score level. Her efforts were met with cheers from the sideline — including a proud call of "Go Mum!"

With no substitutes available, the team held their positions throughout the match, settling into a rhythm as the game went on. Strong runs from Jules

Deshon and Jacqui Buntine came close to breaking the deadlock, while Casey Lennon did a fantastic job holding off the opposition in midfield.

It was a great effort all round in what was a tightly contested and enjoyable match.

## Junior teams triumph across the board

It was a weekend to remember for Guyra's junior hockey teams, who claimed victory in all their matches.

The Guyra Under 8 Geckos showed true grit and determination, playing short against the Harlies and still managing to secure a well-earned win. Their

teamwork and resilience shone through from start to finish.

In an exciting, end-to-end contest, the Guyra Under12 Galahs took on NEGS Blue. Will Stevens opened the scoring with his very first goal, capitalising on a perfectly executed penalty corner—an effort straight learnt from training. What a memorable way to get in the score board!

Meanwhile, the Under 12 Goats faced a strong PLC side in a tightly contested match. Guyra's discipline in holding their width and sharp passing between players proved to be the difference, helping them emerge victorious.

A stellar weekend all round for Guyra juniors—well done to all teams!

## Junior Soccer

**Under 6 Caspers** had a tough but great game against DK, every single player did a great job in defence all of them are really putting in more teamwork and really thinking about their position to score goals.

**The Under 6 Phantoms** took on the DK Longbows this weekend in Armidale and had a great game. All our little Phantoms are showing improvement and the girls in particular did well on Saturday. Ava Lockyer kicked some more fantastic goals and Lani Vidler's practicing is starting to show with some excellent kicking, dribbling and tackling. There are rumours that some fast food bribery may have been used, and to great success. I'm loving' it!

**The Under 7 Spooks** had a great game against Walcha. The team are starting to gain an understanding of field positions. Some great goals were saved by some good defence. All of our team try their best and are improving each week.

**The Under 8 Goosebumps** played Uralla in Armidale on Saturday. Guyra had a great game everyone played well in defence not letting Uralla have too many shots on goal. Orlando played well in attack having a couple good runs with the ball dribbling past Uralla's defence. Vinnie was the team's goal scorer.

**Under 10 Phoenix** played Uralla on a very muddy Armidale field. The team showed great sportsmanship with players happy to play for Uralla to make up their team. The team played very well, with some great de-

fence, tackling, and one on one runs. The second half was very much in our favour but couldn't find the net, a real nail-biter. Well done team.

**Under 12s played DK** at home this week. High off their big win

last week the team started very positively knocking the ball around well. In a bit of a sleepy moment Guyra got caught out and DK were able to get the lead. Guyra fought back and were on the attack when Harry was brought down in the box. He was unlucky not to score from the dot hitting the post instead. Guyra kept forcing forward and finally Pete knocked one in to go 1-1 at half time. 2nd half started the same very positive play with some big break away runs. Finally Chaise, Oskar combined and Harry finished with a good strike. DK pushed hard but the defence held strong. 2-1 final score. All team members played extremely well this week. Special mentions this week Noah, Miles in defence. Charles in midfield. Well done

In what continues to be a tough season for the **Under 14s** on the score board against more experienced Armidale sides the newly formed Guyra side continues to build. This was no different on Saturday when they took on North Armidale in Guyra. There was some nice play in patches where Guyra was on top of Norths but couldn't land a goal on the back of their pressure. Norths however did take advantage and squeezed past the Guyra defence to win the game.

*Coaches*

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# Spuds encounter a roadblock against the Hawks

Guyra's unbeaten run at home in the A grade came to an end on Sunday, but not before the Spuds gave the high-flying Inverell Hawks a big scare.

The day began with the Spudettes winning a thriller in the leaguetag after trading tries with Inverell throughout.

After the Hawks scored first, Guyra hit back via a Justine Green try and then went ahead 10-4 when Kiarna Landsborough crossed.

It was 10-all at halftime but Taneika Dailey started and finished a good try after the break to put Guyra up 14-10.

Inverell took a 16-14 lead with not long on the clock, but the Spudettes stole it late when Dailey scored her second and Charlie Ward slotted the goal for a 20-16 victory.

Green was players' player on her debut while club points went to Danielle Sutton (3), Ward (2) and Sophie Mitchell (1).

Inverell also scored first in the A grade before Bailey Wilson charged over for Guyra's first try for a 6-4 lead.

Inverell scored next but the Spuds went back front when Cormack Hume was first to an awkwardly bouncing kick to score and make it 12-10 and stretched the lead to 18-10 when Hume went over for his second soon after.

The Hawks dominated the rest of the half and went into the break up 26-18 but the Spuds hit back early in the second period when Harrison Dowden scored.



Archie Dowden splits the Inverell defence

Even when Inverell went 32-22 in front, the Guyra challenge was not over.

Hume scored his third of the day, again off a bouncing kick, and the margin was only four points.

Unfortunately for the home side, the Hawks finished in a flurry with two tries in the last three minutes flattering them on the scoreboard, which read 42-28 at the end.

Hume was players' player and took the three points, while Ock Atkin polled two and Angus Brazier one.

Guyra's next outing is in two weeks at Moree.

## Womens (Mixed) Bowls

On Tuesday 27th May, Colleen Gooley, Leis Gordon and David Wilcox travelled to Inverell as a mixed team for Inverell's Friendship Day.

The day started out rainy and cold, but cleared up so the bowls could get underway. Two games of ten ends were played. We played a good first game, but got beaten in the last end by an Inverell team.

A lovely hot roast lunch was

enjoyed after the first game. Guyra won the second game, playing well against another team from Inverell.

Our team wasn't amongst the winners on the day, but Leis won a raffle, and David got a 'lucky skip' prize. A good turn out from various clubs on the day, and a thank you to Inverell for hosting a very enjoyable day. Just a reminder to any women interested in playing with the Guyra Womens Team, we play Tuesdays at 10am. All welcome!

*Leis Gordon*



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