

Wednesday June 25, 2025

### First Ever Dolly's Dream and VRA round for Junior Spuds

On June 21st, the Guyra Junior Rugby League (GJRL) made history by hosting their first-ever combined VRA and Dolly's Dream Round, welcoming the Glen Innes Magpies to the Guyra sporting fields for a memorable day of junior rugby league and community spirit.

The initiative, led by GJRL, was a heartfelt show of appreciation to the NSW Volunteer Rescue Association (VRA) and a commitment to raising awareness around anti-bullying through the Dolly's Dream Foundation.

"As a junior club, we're not just about teaching rugby league skills," said GJRL President Gina Lockyer. "We're also about instilling respect, kindness, and the importance of supporting one another—both on and off the field."

The day kicked off at 9:00 AM with spirited games from the under-6, under-7, and under-9 teams. The under-7s especially thrilled the crowd, now able to tackle in competitive play. The under-11s showed strong defense but didn't clinch a win.

In the league tag division, the Junior League Tag Girls and Intermediate League Tag Girls delivered outstanding performances, both securing convincing wins against the Magpies.

The under-16 boys team, wearing



Daniel Hussey (Shanahan's Livestock) and GJRL President Gina Lockyer with the Guyra's Senior League Tag team in their Dolly's Dream jerseys (*Plc by Colleen Pearson*)

a limited-edition VRA jersey, played with pride and energy, finishing the day with a commanding win.

"The new VRA jerseys have been a source of pride all season, and the kids wore them with real heart this weekend," Gina added.

GJRL incorporated a Dolly's Dream round, highlighting the club's dedication to raising aware-

ness around bullying and mental health support for young people.

A special edition Dolly's Dream jersey was created for the Senior League Tag Girls, who battled hard in a nail-biting match, narrowly going down 26-24 to the Magpies.

All GJRL players were gifted Dolly's Dream socks to wear throughout the round. Thank you to our generous sponsors Bald Blair Angus, 3FiveProjects Pty Ltd, Glenavon Angus, J & H Rural Earthmoving, Simpkins Honey, APL Livestock Guyra/Armidale and West Gippsland Vet Care.

"The support from our community and sponsors has been nothing short of amazing," Gina said.

"Your kindness didn't go unnoticed."

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One of the day's biggest highlights was the arrival of the Shanahans Livestock Transport Dolly's Dream Kenworth truck and trailers, which drew crowds and admiration alike.

"Having the Dolly truck attend was something we never thought would happen—but thanks to the generosity of Dom Shanahan and the help of John Matthewson, it became a reality," Gina said. "It was a true showstopper and a powerful reminder of what Dolly's Dream stands for."

The truck, freshly cleaned and polished after delivering cattle to Tamworth, was presented in immaculate condition thanks to the team at Glen Artney Truck Wash. Driver Daniel Hussey was hailed as a local legend for his role in supporting both the Shanahan family and Dolly's Dream.

Local MP Barnaby Joyce was also in attendance, showing his support for the region's grassroots rugby league and charitable initiatives.



The Unders 7s pose in their VRA Jerseys with coach Mitchell Hoy and Guyra VRA members

After a full day of footy, families gathered at the Guyra Hotel, where they enjoyed complimentary pizzas donated by the venue, a monster raffle, and auction hosted by Todd from Schute Bell, raising funds well beyond expectations.

The night wrapped up with danc-

ing to Jacko's Jukebox, and plenty of community celebration.

"I'm incredibly proud of the work our committee, families, and volunteers put in," said Gina.

"From marking lines to coaching, refereeing, and manning the canteen, and facepainting —every single person helped make this day one to remember."

"Special thanks to all the photographers and to Bob and Wendy Furze, who tirelessly sold raffle tickets throughout the day."

"You've all done Guyra proud."

# We're vaccinated for winter so we don't miss a thing.



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## A Fresh Taste for Guyra with a Warm Welcome

Ian Edwards and Maia Loprot are the passionate team behind The Blind Chef – Food by Maia, which recently opened its doors in Guyra. With Ian legally blind, the name is a nod to his resilience and drive, and to their shared journey through the world of food and hospitality.

The Blind Chef brand has built a strong reputation over many years in the Newcastle area. With a tree change in mind, Ian and Maia purchased a home in Guyra two years ago with a plan to bring their vision to life in this close-knit country town.

When the opportunity to take over the former JoJo's café space came up, Ian made the surprise purchase – only telling Maia after the deal was done. It turned out to be the perfect spot and allowed them to make the move north permanently.

Conveniently located directly across the carpark from their home, the new location allows Ian easy access to come and go to restaurant when he needs to rest. They are appreciative of the small-town spirit they have found in Guyra, where locals support each other and everything – from produce to supplies – is just a phone call away.

More than just a café, The Blind Chef offers hearty Modern Australian meals with a twist of Asian flair. Their menu focuses



The Blind Chef - Food by Maia has opened in Bradley St with Maia Loprot and Ian Edwards bringing their talents to town

on quality lunch and dinner offerings, and they hope to give the community more options for a quality meal, whether that is dine in or something they can grab on the way home.

The couple draws on years of hospitality experience. Maia,

who began front-of-house, eventually found her calling in the kitchen. Coming from a family of chefs, her culinary flair and dedication to scratch cooking shine through every dish.

Ian and Maia have worked together for a long time and continue to learn from one another – blending their talents to create a unique and welcoming dining experience.

They hope to make the most of Guyra's local bounty with Maia using fresh, local ingredients to create everything from scratch.

"Everything is special if it's made with love, fresh ingredients, and tried-and-true recipes," she says.

If they were looking for a sign that they had made the right move, it came on the first day of trading. It snowed, making what was supposed to be a quiet launch into one of the busiest days of the year, and the response was overwhelming.

Now well into their stride, Ian and Maia are thrilled with the community support they have received and are planning future special nights and hope to bring even more people into town.

They want The Blind Chef to help reshape the way people see Guyra – not just as a cold stop on the map, but as a place full of warm welcomes and memorable meals.

# Join us in making a difference in Guyra

Are you passionate about helping others and building a stronger, more compassionate community?

The St Vincent de Paul Society – St Mary of the Angels Conference, Guyra is calling for new members to join our mission of serving people in our local community who are facing financial hardship.

Whether it's providing food, clothing, assistance with bills, or simply a listening ear – your time, care, and heart can bring real hope to those who need it most.

No special skills are needed – just a desire to help. Training and support is provided for locals helping locals – right here in Guyra.

Be part of a community of compassion. Become a Vinnies member today.

For more information on how you can become a member, contact Nirmal Nanayakkara on 0492880746 or armidale@vinnies.org.au.



### What's HOT

A massive effort by the Junior League raising awareness and supporting a great cause

A return to milder winter weather over the weekend

Walkabout Barber in town on July 7th - Bradley St Carpark 9.30 to 3.30

What's NOT

Roos by the roadside - keep your eye out as they seem to be there at all hours

### JOKE of the week

Why did the computer go to a doctor? It thought it had a terminal illness

Bureau of Meteorology Weather

### WATCH

#### **Guyra MPS**

	Day			Rain
17	Tues	-0.2	8.5	0
18	Wed	-3.4	12.4	0
19	Thurs	-2.6	13.8	0
20	Fri	-2.0	13.2	0
21	Sat	2.8	14.4	0
22	Sun	-0.2	15.3	0
23	Mon	2.7	15.0	0
Rain	0mm			

Rain this week	0mm
June. rainfall	16.8mm
Rainfall YTD	550.6mm
Rainfall last YTD	415.2mm
Ave. rain YTD	452.6mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

# **Intergenerational experience**



St Marys students show their artworks to Kolora residents

On Friday June 13th, St Mary of the Angels Year 2 and Year 5 students visited Kolora Nursing Home for a special intergenerational experience.

The afternoon began with a vibrant showcase of student talent, as Year 2 shared their stunning Opera House artworks and Year 5 impressed with their energetic dance performance to Rock Around the Clock. The residents were thoroughly entertained and moved by the students' creativity and enthusiasm.

Following the performances, students spent time introducing

themselves and chatting with the residents, forming warm connections and sharing stories.

It was a heart-warming experience that brought smiles to faces young and old, and we look forward to continuing to build these beautiful friendships in the future *Submitted*.

## Black Mountain student enjoys Visual Arts Camp

Congratulations to Tallara Patterson who was selected to attend the Colour Earth Visual Arts Camp at Thalgarrah Environment Education Centre on the 12th to 13th June.

This was a two day camp for high potential and talented art students. The students designed art works based on the natural environment around Thalgarrah EEC.

The students investigated painting techniques, landscape painting and drawing skills. These lessons were to improve observational skills as well as develop skills in artistic composition.

> Mrs Justine Eddy Relieving Principal





Talk to a local

# Council News

#### **Public Exhibitions**

Draft Reconciliation Action Plan -Closes 25 June, 2025

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

#### **Council Meetings**

Our next scheduled council meeting is 30 June 2025. All meetings will be held at 4pm in the Armidale Council Chambers unless stated otherwise. The public is welcome to watch live streaming over YouTube, via the link included below, or attend in person.

#### **Current Vacancies**

**General Hand - Parks** - Closes 29 June. Joining our Parks team gives you the opportunity to work in the beautiful New England outdoors, offering a wide range of tasks, meaning no two days are the same.

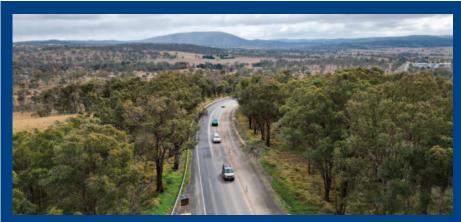
#### **Ranger Companion Animal**

**Shelter** - Closes 6 July. As the face of our Companion Animal Shelter, you'll be responsible for the care and rehoming of stray and surrendered animals, ensuring their welfare and promoting responsible pet ownership across the region.

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

#### Sidewalk Astronomy | Something To Talk About

Join us for a magical evening under the stars at Civic Park, Armidale! Saturday 19 July | 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM. Hosted by UNE & Northern Tablelands Astronomical Society (UNENTAS) Bring your curiosity and enjoy: A guided tour of the night sky, telescope viewings, tips for astrophotography using your smartphone, advice for amateur astronomers and telescope users, hot



#### **Emergency work on New England Highway**

Transport for NSW is working with Armidale Regional Council to carry out urgent repairs on the New England Highway. Due to widespread recent wet weather impacts on the road network, Transport resources were deployed to areas of most need across the state. Armidale Regional Council is assisting Transport during this time to address the pavement defects current on the New England Highway starting from Puddledock Road, north of Armidale. The

chocolate and coffee available onsite. Whether you're a budding astronomer or just curious about the cosmos, this is a night not to miss. For more information email unentas@gmail.com.



#### Sidewalk Astronomy

#### School holiday fun at Guyra library

Guyra Library is hosting a range of free school holiday activities from 7-18 July for children and families. Highlights include take-home bake bags, LEGO free play and challenges, virtual reality sessions, Sphero robotics, kinetic sandcastle building, and wooden insect decoration workshops. Most activities are for library members, but membership is free! Bookings are essential for selected sessions. Contact the Guyra library on 6770 7123 to find out more or to reserve your place. pavement defect work includes pothole repair and heavy patching where required. The unplanned diversion due to flooding on the Pacific Highway of high numbers of heavy vehicles, including B-doubles, onto the New England Highway has had serious impacts on the road and the continued wet weather has made it extremely difficult to repair the pavement. Many repairs cannot effectively be carried out in wet weather or during times of high traffic demand. For more updates, visit Council's website!

#### Building a resilient region: Securing our water future

Armidale Regional Council is making significant strides toward a resilient and sustainable water future for the region. Since the drought ended in 2020, Council has worked closely with the NSW Government to develop a comprehensive strategy aimed at securing long-term water supply and reducing the impact of increasingly frequent and severe droughts. Now, in 2025, with a science-backed plan shaped by expert advice, the council is well-positioned to take decisive action and is actively lobbying for government funding to turn its vision into reality. To read more visit Council's website!



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#### Church Notices

St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church Vigil Mass 5pm (during winter) 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 October 5th 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

<u>Uniting Church:</u> 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

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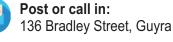
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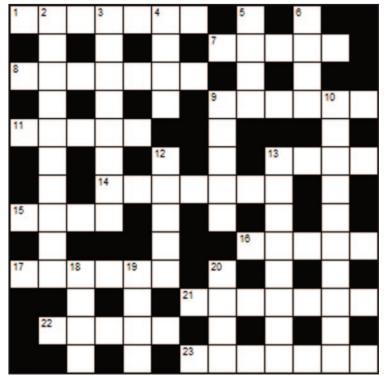


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# Wrap up of GCS Cross Country events



Early stage 1/Stage 1 Sloths Mini Cross Country - Photo courtesy of Tenae Tighe (Stage 3)

Guyra Central School's Cross Country events have concluded for another year, with primary and secondary students successfully participating in their school competitions at the end of Term 1 and the beginning of Term 2. Results for the Events:

> Primary Champions: 12-Year Champions: Jake Artz & Alexia Towler 11-Year Champions: Greg West & Indigo Atkin 10-Year Champions: Ashton Hutton & Ariella Galindo 8/9-Year Champions: Jackson Atkin & Aria Mayled Secondary Champions:

**12-Year Champion:** Sherkaya Munro-Davies **13-Year Champions:** Latai 'Ale & Braxton Hutton **14-Year Champions:** Abbey Grills & Lincoln Atkin **15-Year Champions:** Makayla Galindo & Edward Collins **16-Year Champions:** Rose Kliendienst & Aidan Brown **17-Year Champions:** Gabrielle Hartas-Berry & Jake Beard Primary students who qualified

for the Armidale Zone Cross Country trial travelled to Armidale on Monday May 26th, to compete against students across the Armidale Zone. Although results varied by age group, three students secured their places on the Armidale Zone team for the North West trial in Coolah. Congratulations to Ashton Hutton, Ariella Galindo, and Charles Gordon for qualifying for the North West Cross Country Trial.

Guyra Central School sent a team of primary and secondary students to the North West Cross Country Trial in Coolah on Thursday June 12th.

The North West Zone consists of around 95 primary schools and 36 high schools in our area. Competing at this level against 10 zones that together form the North West Zone is a remarkable accomplishment.

Our students gave their best and should be proud of their efforts in Cross Country this year. Guyra Central School boasts three students who have qualified to participate in the NSW CHSSA Cross Country in Sydney early next term. Congratulations to Jess Fletcher (5th in the 12-Year Girls), Rose Gordon (6th in the 13-Year Girls), Jake Beard (4th in the Open Boys), and Sherkaya Munro-Davies, who is a reserve runner (7th in the 12-Year Girls).

### Rural Market Reports

#### Armidale Cattle Sale

June 19th - Armidale penned similar numbers to last sale at 2010 mixed cattle with plenty of plainer types offered courtesy of Winter conditions.

Limited cow buyers saw that category sell to cheaper trends for the most part. Steer yearlings sold to mostly dearer trends heifer drafts cheaper.

Light background steers gained 11c/kg 296c to 438c/kg. Medium steers to background slipped 47c/kg and sold to 380c/kg. The feeder drafts gained 8c/kg 320c to 448c/kg. Heavy feeders were significantly cheaper making 374c to 452c/kg.

Heifers in the 200 to 280kgs range to background slipped 2c/kg 262c to 335c/kg. Medium feeders were back 26c/kg 308c to 350c/kg. Heavy feeders gained 14c/kg 322c to 360c/kg. Heavy processor heifers 315c to 330c/kg.

Grown steers to feed lost 12c/kg and similar heifers back 26c/kg. Medium cows to the paddock down 22c/kg selling to 263c/kg. Heavy cows generally cheaper with the exception of heavy four scores which were slightly dearer 283c to 307c/kg. A run of PTIC cows made 248c to 346c/kg back to the paddock. Bulls were cheaper 206c to 325c/kg. *Stephen Adams MLA* 

#### Weekly Wool Market

June 20th - With only the Eastern seaboard selling this week the smallest national offering of the season was presented to the trade. Gains were made over both selling days in the Northern region for almost all types. Small gains were also recorded by the market when looked at in US dollars, but it remains locked into a holding pattern, operating within just a 10 cent trading band over the past 9 weeks. 19,637 bales were sold nationally with a passed in rate of 5.4%. Major buyers included Sequoia, Techwool and PJ Morris. Next week's national offering increases by almost 12,000 bales driven by the Western region returning and the last sale for the financial year. After what was considered a successful trial of selling for the first four weeks of the new season before heading into the three week recess has been implement again for the start of the 2025/26 season. Recess commences the week of the 28th of July. Next season's sale roster is attached.

#### Guyra takes the win over ESC with fresh faces and strong play

The Guyra men's hockey team returned to the field on Sunday with a full team, and even a sub on the bench, firing on all cylinders in a well-earned win over ESC.

It was fantastic to welcome a new face to the squad, adding fresh energy to the mix, as well as seeing a few familiar players back in action after time away.

Strong work through the centre and sharp pressure up front kept ESC on the back foot, as Guyra controlled the tempo and capitalised when it mattered most.

With little time to rest, the team is already gearing up for a Tuesday night clash with TAS, before enjoying a well-deserved break next weekend.

Momentum is building into the last half of the season, with eyes firmly on the finals.

#### Women's Hockey

The women's 2nd Grade side played Flamingoes in an evenly matched end to end game! With the main battle taking place in the midfield the AMs and DMs had plenty of work to do. Guyra took the lead early but the Flamingoes quickly mounted a counter attack to even the score. In the third quarter Guyra again found the goal box to take the lead. As we all tired, and Flamingoes mounted a frantic attack, Carla Tobin our goalie kept her cool and talked the defence through penalty corners and full Flamingoes' assault to keep the score at 2-1, a win for the Guyra ladies and relief when the final buzzer went.

3rd Grade was matched against TAS and speed was always going to be our challenge against these younger ladies. Louisa Gordon did not stop in the midfield defending nd running the ball. It was the perfect match for Sonia Rose to return to after injury as she found space in the forwards and Kate Matthew always in the right position was close to scoring. A nil all draw a fitting result for a fast game.

#### **Junior Hockey**

**Under 8 Geckos** played four on four against NEGS. Georgie C and Eddie S played really hard to get the ball forward towards the goal. This allowed both Isla L and Evie C to score. These kids are really improving and try their best each week.

Under 12 Goats returned ready to play a different United team from last week. With strong defence and holding our position being our main game plan, the kids created space and managed to move the ball between each other. This hard work played off when Casey J found the goal after a full team effort to get it there. The crowd cheered as it was a long term goal of Casey's to score. Although the score line didn't go our way it was a huge improvement in a week and we couldn't be prouder.

Under 12 Galahs stepped up to play the skilled United team that the Goats faced last week. With reassurance instilled in Clancy R as our goalie that all seven team mates would help her defend, the game started. Wow did these kids lift with Elka G again finding her strength in the mids and our backs Lachie R and Elsie P helping run the ball out of defence, it was a full team effort. Isla L from Under 8 held her own against the bigger kids and we truly took it to them. And didn't we cheer when we actually got a goal ourselves. Well done kids on playing your best and giving it your all.

#### **Junior Soccer**

The **Under 6 Phantoms** travelled down to Armidale to take on the DK Spears on Saturday. We were a few troops short this week and were very thankful to have Anna from the Under 6 Caspers fill in so we could field a full team. All the kids played the whole game and put in a huge effort until the very end. In a great show of sportsmanship, we also had Oliver from the DK team play for us for the first few minutes of the game until Anna could join us. Well done to all, for a really fun game!

**Under 8 Goosebumps** this week played DK Shields. Guyra has been improving every week with passing the ball around as a team and it showed this week with some good passing for Vinnie Furphy and Stirling Turner goals. Orlando and Eli had good games in attack and defence and Haidee in defence and Thomas and Elinor had good games as goal keeper.

Under 10 Phoenix travelled to Armidale this week to take on Armidale City. Our team had a great game! There was a lot more passing, spreading out, and holding positions. This resulted in an early goal which City then followed. But come the second half our team had the upper hand and had the majority of ball, which resulted in us coming away with the win! Both Aiden and Nathan went fab in goalkeeper! So proud of their improvement!

Under 12s played at the home this week against Westside. The Guyra side were very positive and full of energy ready to test out the new nets. The game was fast moving with some lots of good passing and skilful play but also solid defence. Peter got the opener to give us an early lead but Westside hit back to go 1-1 at half time.

With a good chat at half time the Guyra side turned it up in the second half and played their best soccer this year. The attack was on point just not able to capitalise and the defence was holding each attack back extremely well. Finally we broke the deadlock with Oskar and Chaise combining to slot the winner.

This week everyone played their part in a very exciting game for all that was there to witness it. Standouts this week were Hamish in the goal, Miles in defence, Oskar best on field today, and Chaise and Harry in attack

Under 14s played Easts in Guyra on Saturday with one member of Guyra not being confident as he saw what his school friends could do for Easts.

This didn't matter at the end of the day, even after Easts opened the scoring in the first 2 minutes of the game. This was quickly matched from the team's top goal scorer Taharn Purvis who placed it in the net from out wide.

Guyra continued to apply the pressure and Flynn McFarlane pushed it past the goalie from in front soon after. A break in concentration saw Easts roll through the middle to level the score once again. The score would go to the break at 3 all with another goal each.

The second half was all one-way traffic and seen the Guyra side post three more goals, with two new scores of Oscar and Charles and the two double from Taharn and Flynn to finish the game 6 to 3.

This could have been the side's best game of the season and despite the slow start they continue to build and look for a spot in the finals coming into the back end of the season.

#### **Vets Golf**

Last Tuesday eight Vets contested a stableford event playing the front nine twice. The front nine is still quite wet but playable whilst a couple of holes out the back are still just a little bit too boggy. Please when driving your carts in these conditions stick to the drier areas and keep well away from greens.

Len Stanley was the star of the day coming in the winner to runner up John Prisk with Robert Moore the best putter.

Six Vets also travelled to the Warialda open last Tuesday. It's a great course over there but proved a little too hard for our fellas. Col Walls was the best for Guyra with 33 points and Ian Taylor picked up a longest drive trophy.

Next Tuesday is the Reg Taylor stroke event.

Don't forget your bowling club subs are due and payable by the end of the month.

Drake.

#### Ladies' Golf

Last week the ladies played a Stroke and Putting Competition.

The winner was Debbie Burey with 76 Nett.

Pip White was runner up on a countback from Kerry Bull with 77 Nett.

Pip also won the Putting competition.

Kerry won the only nearest the pin on the 7th hole.

This week is a 4BBB Stroke sponsored by Nutrien Ag Guyra.

Next week is a 4BBB Aggregate. *Birdie* 

#### **Sunday Golf**

Hopefully with some good weather we will be able to compete in some Sunday Comps.

Kicking off this weekend with an individual Stroke event. We have added an extra three weeks for the 1st round of Matchplay to be completed so cutoff date is now July 27th due to the closure of the back nine.

The 1st Round of the SHIRE CUP will be played in Armidale on the 6th of July. This is a new concept played in four rounds once a month with progressive scores culminating up to the final Round to be played in Guyra in October to decide the winner between Guyra and Armidale.

Hope to see you on the course HAPPY GOLFING

# **Gazette's Celebrity Footy Tipping**

Our Locals tipster, Flip was the top scorer this week with an excellent 14 points. One of the few to tip Queensland in the State of Origin, it was the Warriors who let him down.

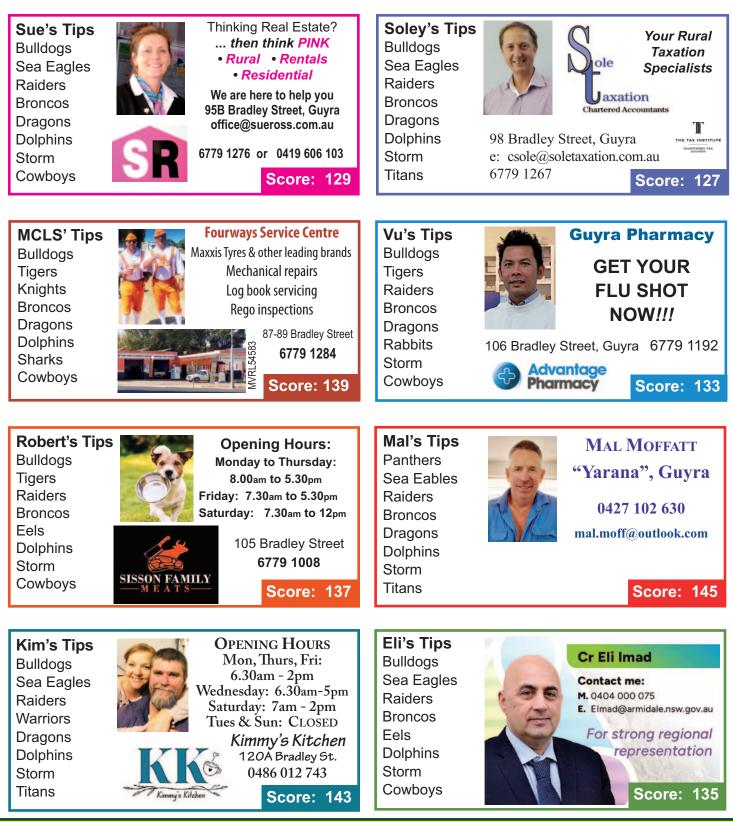
Winter Wombat did not do so well with last week's games and is now sharing the top of the Locals Leaderboard with King GJBW, who scored twice as many points as our Wombat. They are both on 153 points.

Dip Stick has been scoring well and is only 2 points behind in 2nd place on 151 points with BigRus a little way behind on 143 points in 3rd place. But, watch out for The Panther who is scoring well and has remained steady in 4th position.

Celebrity Mal has gained top spot with a good score of 10 points against former leader Kim who only managed 6 points with last week's games. Mal now leads by 145 points to Kim's 143 points.

Robert, our butcher, also did not do very well and has relinquished 3rd place to the lovely lads at Fourways.

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



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> **GUYRA LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND** COUNCIL NOTICE OF ORDINARY/ MEMBERS MEETING

Wednesday 9th July 2025 DATE: TIME: 5.30pm VENUE: Guyra LALC Office, 187 Falconer Street Guyra NSW 2365

#### AGENDA

- 1. Meeting opened
- 2. Apologies
- 3. Confirmation of Minutes of **Previous Meeting**
- 4. Financial Report
- 5. New Memberships
- 6. General Business

AUTHORISED BY: Antoni Patterson - Chairperson

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# Spuds hold out for victory against Glen Innes

The Super Spuds raced to a big lead against Glen Innes on Sunday before staving off a late comeback to pick up an important 28-18 win at home.

After dominating possession early the Spuds found it hard to score until Corey Torrens kicked wide and found Tahmani Landsborough free on the wing for the try.

Archie Dowden then crashed over from dummy half for the first of his two tries to make it 10nil.

Robert Sisson was sent to the sin bin but it didn't worry the Spuds as Dowden scored a carbon copy try to push the lead to 14-nil.

Guyra survived the 10 minutes with 12 men brilliantly thanks to some strong defence and went into halftime in good shape.

Two minutes into the second half and that position improved further when Torrens kicked a 40-20 and Cormack Hume crashed over from close range to make it 20-nil.

Glen finally hit back to cut the margin to 14, but Bailey Wilson proved unstoppable from a penalty tap and his try pushed Guyra back out to 26-6 leaders.

That's when the Magpies



Bailey Wilson crashes through the Glen Innes defence late in Sunday's game

swooped with one try to make it 26-12 and then after Cameron Waters went to the bin they struck again to close the gap to 26-18.

Alarm bells were ringing but Guyra did enough to thwart the comeback in the final minutes.

Both sides lost a man to the bin when Torrens became Guyra's third dismissal with almost no time on the clock, but the Spuds received the penalty and Ben Vidler landed a penalty goal to complete the scoring.

Club points went to Dowden (3), Garth Walls (2) and Landsborough (1) while the player's player votes couldn't separate Dowden and Hume.

Earlier the Spudettes found it much tougher against Glen in the leaguetag.

The Magpies ran in two tries to lead 10-nil at halftime and accelerated in the second half to run out convincing 28-nil winners.

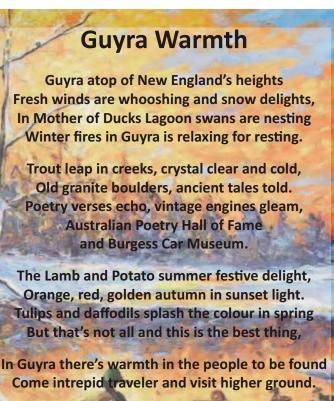
Sophie Mitchell was players' player while points went to Taneika Dailey (3), Mitchell (2) and Kiarna Landsborough (1).

This Saturday the Guyra teams face an important trip to Warialda to face the Wombats.

#### Puddles

Puddles are little pools of water on the ground. You can find them besides roads and in gardens A garden can be a place of flowers herbs and weeds Puddles are sometimes on the grass or gravel and can lay on a mud bed. Gravel is broken up rock in littles pieces. Puddles are great to walk through or, if they're small enough, to jump over. If you stand in a puddle for long enough your feet might go wrinkly. Don't worry, the wrinkles go after your feet dry. Some puddles have tadpoles in them. Tadpoles are baby frogs. Water in puddles can soak into ground. The sun dries puddles out. Sometimes it's difficult to know how deep a puddle is. Anonymous





Poem by James Warren



Ashleigh Richardson was part of the Pacific Nomads team who where victorius in the Midnight Sun Sevens tournament which was played in Anchorage, Alaska last week.

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# **Richardson shines** in Alaska with **Pacific Nomads**

Guyra's Ashleigh Richardson continues her rise in the rugby union ranks, starring for the Pacific Nomads in their undefeated run at the Midnight Sun Sevens tournament in Anchorage, Alaska last week.

The Nomads were unstoppable throughout the competition, claiming the overall cup with a string of commanding performances. They secured victories of 29-10, 46-0, 21-14, and 48-0 on their way to the grand final, where they triumphed 38-4. It was a fantastic result for the team and a personal milestone for Richardson.

Ashleigh's standout perform-

#### **Senior Soccer**

Guyra's 4th grade side started the afternoon in the rematch from the previous week against South Armidale. It looked like it was going to be a long afternoon with a missed communication from the new defensive pairing, seeing Souths open the scoring in the opening 5 minutes.

The Guyra side continues to improve every game and the scoreboard isn't a reflection of the effort and attitude this young side is putting in every week on the field and at training.

The team went into the half time at 2 to 0 in favour of Souths after a goal in the dying second of the half. The half time talk was positive from Guyra and they went back out and held their own but ended up going to in the end 5 to 0.

Standout this week was Bryn who puts in every week no matter what position or grade he is asked to play. He got 3 points, 2 points to Ash Holt who finally made it out of goals to direct the younger players around and narrowly miss the goals twice, the 1 point goes to Tom and Lincoln who continue to give 100% every weekend.

Third grade hosted Armidale Westside on Saturday. From the start of the match Guyra began to

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ances in Alaska follow a strong showing at the Country Championships in Tamworth, where she represented the New England Lions. Her efforts earned her a place in the prestigious Country Corellas squad - an impressive achievement for someone in just their second season of rugby union.

A former junior soccer player for Guyra and League Tag player with the Guyra Super Spuds, Ashleigh switched to rugby union after the Spuds exited the Group 19 competition in 2024. She is now in her second year playing for the Glen Innes Elks and continues to achieve at at high level.

take control and win the battle in the middle of the pitch, after hitting the post twice Guyra finally found the net with a goal to Tyson Burey. A second goal followed soon after with a strike from Angus Shepherd to put the Caspers in the box seat just before half time.

After halftime Guyra knew they couldn't let Westside back into the match and a beautiful assist from Sammy allowed Angus to score his second of the match. Sammy and Adam Litherland also found the net in the second half with two thunderous strikes to cap off a dominant display from Guyra.

A great defensive game from the backline made sure Westside were never in the match with the final score being 5-1. Points this week went to Angus Shepherd 3, Rob Starreveld 2 and Sammy and Damien each taking the one point. Guyra host top of the table Inverell next weekend in Guyra

The club would like to thank all the sponsors who make the season possible. This week in particular we would like to thank Costa and the Lions Club of Guyra. We were finally able to break out the new goal nets and gazebo as we had the full four games on the main field for only the second time in ten rounds. The Friendly Ghost