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Graduates mark milestone with formal celebration



Back l to r: Alexander Loeb, Jake Beard, Lincoln Brown, Jason Mowbray, Treigh Benser-Karhu, Aukustino Alefosio, Owen McCann, Jake Tibbs, Riley McLeod
Front: Ursula Chilcott-Geere, Ava Campbell, Haylee Campbell, Gabrielle Hartas-Berry, Lillianna Eddy, Shearnna Wadley, Joshua Jenkins *Pic by Donna Davidson*

Guyra Central School students have successfully completed their Higher School Certificate (HSC) exams, after months of dedication and hard work.

The graduating cohort recently came together to celebrate this important milestone at their Formal held at the Guyra Bowling Club.

Relieving Principal Mr Tim

Lloyd said the event was a wonderful celebration, attended by 80 guests including family, teachers, and community members.

Mr Lloyd expressed heartfelt congratulations to the students, acknowledging their perseverance and commitment throughout the exam period.

"It was a joyful evening filled with music, speeches, and danc-

ing - a fitting way to honour the achievements of our students and mark the conclusion of their HSC journey," Mr Lloyd said.

"The support from families and staff has been invaluable in helping our graduates reach this significant point in their education.

"The warm and friendly atmosphere at the Bowling Club added to the success of the night, allow-

ing graduates and their guests to reflect on their time at Guyra Central School and look ahead to new opportunities and adventures.

"We wish all our graduates the very best as they embark on the next chapter of their lives, confident that they have the skills and resilience to thrive,"



Questions about energy infrastructure near you?

Drop by for a chat and find out how the Energy & Water Ombudsman NSW (EWON) can help with your enquiries and dispute resolution.

INVERGOWRIE 19 Nov 2025, 3–6.30pm
Invergowrie General Store, 171 Invergowrie Rd

WALCHA 20 Nov 2025, 8–11.30am
Walcha Vet Supplies, 6 Aberbaldie Rd

GUYRA 20 Nov 2025, 3–6.30pm
Guyra Scout Hall, 18 Nincoola St

Can't make it? Free call us on 1800 246 545 or visit ewon.com.au

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New addition welcomed to Guyra Preschool family

Guyra Preschool and Long Day Care Centre has welcomed a new addition to the centre's family! Willow, the Australian leaf insect (*Walaphyllium monteithi*) has become a popular resident at Guyra Preschool and Long Day Care Centre. Children at the centre have been enthusiastically observing and caring for this small creature.

According to Preschool Coordinator Flick Williams, the arrival of Willow was inspired by the children's growing interest in bugs and insects.

"Our educators have been crafting intentional teaching opportunities focused on the environment, and environmentally sustainable initiatives," said Ms Williams.

"Willow is one small part of a broader program designed to foster curiosity and provide learning opportunities, while also encouraging a sense of responsibility towards our planet. Wonderfully, this new family member and all they bring, arrived as the result of a bigger learning journey!"

Centre educators recently participated in professional development training around nurturing sustainability. With this knowledge, they worked with families to gather items for recycling.

"Children learned about the value and possibilities of recycling," said Ms Williams.

"They brought cans and bottles from home, and then we went on an excursion to take the collected items to the recycling station."

With funds raised by recycling the bottles and cans, Guyra Preschool and Long Day Care Centre purchased Willow.

"The children will now embark on a fascinating journey, learning a little more about the world we live in and the creatures we share this world with - while caring for Willow as she grows!"

The Guyra Preschool and Long Day Care Centre educators report that this hands-on experience is already enriching the children's understanding of their environment and the importance of living sustainably.



Looking after your child's teeth is an important part of looking after their overall health

Free dental care is available for eligible children under 18 at most private dentists and all public dental clinics through the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS).



Find out if your child is eligible for free dental care at:
www.health.nsw.gov.au/cdbbs



Ribbon cut on saleyards upgrade

The \$10 million upgrade to the Guyra and Armidale Saleyards is now complete, with Armidale Regional Council (ARC) Mayor Sam Coupland saying it represents a significant step forward for the region's agricultural infrastructure and economic future.

Last week the upgrade work was officially unveiled with Minister for Agriculture and Regional NSW Tara Moriarty inspecting the facility, before joining Member for Northern Tablelands Brendan Moylan, New England Livestock Agents and ARC councillors to cut the ribbon on the upgraded facility.

Coordinator of the Guyra Saleyards and Director of APL Guyra/Armidale Sam Sewell said the upgrades have received some very positive feedback from producers so far.

"It's great to see producers again wanting to come along on sale days to see their lambs sold, catch up with fellow producers and just experience the atmosphere that has been created by the upgraded establishments.

"These upgrades firmly position the Armidale region as a key hub in Australia's livestock industry, laying the groundwork for sustained economic growth and innovation in agricultural trade for years to come"

Funded through the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund and jointly supported by the Australian and NSW Governments, the project has delivered transformative improvements that enhance the efficiency, safety, and sustainability of both facilities.

The Guyra Saleyards now feature modern steel sheep yards replacing the old timber infrastructure, upgraded stock watering systems, improved road access including ring road upgrades, and a relocated cattle yard to improve site functionality. The site also includes a com-



Above l to r: Sam Sewell, Cr Eli Imad, unknown, Cr Todd Redwood, unknown, Minister for Agriculture and Regional NSW Tara Moriarty, Cr Susan McMichael, Cr Rob Taber and Member for Northern tablelands Brendan Moylan

pleted effluent pond and fencing, incorporating the innovative 'Weeping Wall' system.

At the Armidale Saleyards, the upgrades include a new solar system to support sustainability goals, a wastewater reuse network with improved washdown water management, and the construction of bull pens, a sales platform, and new water tanks. The site also boasts a new office, amenities, and canteen facilities, along with improved vehicle parking and landscaping around the Administration Building.

Minister for Agriculture and Regional NSW Tara Moriarty said that modernising the sale-

yards at Armidale and Guyra is delivering long-term benefits for producers, buyers and the wider community.

"Annually, around 40,000 cattle go through the Armidale Saleyards, while 130,000 sheep are sold at Guyra, highlighting the importance of these facilities to our livestock sector.

"By delivering this infrastructure we're not only improving day-to-day operations with better efficiency and sustainability but strengthening the backbone of local economies and securing the future of our livestock trade."

Concerned about new energy infrastructure?

Residents impacted by new energy transmission projects will have the opportunity to speak directly with the Energy & Water Ombudsman NSW (EWON) this month.

EWON provides a free and independent dispute resolution service for landholders and community members living in or around Renewable Energy Zones (REZ).

They do not represent government, industry or consumers. They act independently and aim to achieve fair and reasonable outcomes for all complaints.

If you have concerns or complaints about projects in the New England REZ, come along to EWON's free drop-in session at the Guyra Scout Hall on 20 November 2025, from 3pm to 6.30pm.

EWON can help with complaints about:

- Poor or lack of engagement from energy entities
- Land access disputes
- Concerns about landholder agreements
- Questions or complaints about the Strategic



EWON staff will be available at the Scout Hall in Guyra on November 20th

Benefit Payment Scheme

EWON cannot stop or delay transmission or renewable energy projects, but they will ensure

the correct processes have been followed.

In addition to transmission complaints, EWON helps NSW consumers resolve issues with their energy and water providers, including:

- High and estimated bills
- Accessing rebates and concessions
- Negotiating affordable payment plans
- Managing debt and credit default listings
- Disconnection or restriction of supply
- Finding the best deal and resolving transfer issues
- Contract and tariff issues
- Smart meters and embedded network complaints.

Additional drop-in sessions will also be held at Invergowrie and Walcha. For more information, visit www.ewon.com.au/events.

Can't make it? Free call 1800 246 545 or visit ewon.com.au/renewable-energy-infrastructure. Their friendly team can help resolve your complaint and where necessary, connect you to other agencies who can help.

What's HOT

Street stall dates available for next year. See Council News.

Christmas Carnival is on Friday, 5th December

Year 12 formal. Good luck as you embark on your adult journeys.

What's NOT

Trying to cook a BBQ when the storm hit on Saturday evening

JOKE of the week

Did you hear about the shepherd who drove his sheep through town?
He was given a ticket for making a ewe turn.

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
4	Tues	9.8	17.8	0
5	Wed	3.8	19.6	0
6	Thurs	4.8	23.4	7.0
7	Fri	8.8	23.8	0
8	Sat	12.5	25.3	6.0
9	Sun	13.1	19.4	7.4
10	Mon	4.6	20.4	0

Rain this week	20.4mm
Nov. rainfall	34.4mm
Rainfall YTD	891.4mm
Rainfall last YTD	666.0mm
Ave. rain YTD	798.6mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin,
Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

UNE Discovery Bus visit!

Last week, St Mary of the Angels students were thrilled to take part in hands-on science learning with the UNE Discovery Bus!

The program encouraged curiosity and creativity as students explored experiments, problem-solved, and engaged in exciting STEM challenges.

It was a wonderful opportunity for our learners to think like scientists and discover the amazing world around them in a fun and interactive way.

Right:
Elliot B
and Miles F
exploring the
world of science



Students explore science at UNE's Far Out Science Day

Stage 3 students from Guyra Central School recently embarked on an exciting educational adventure, participating in the Far Out Science Day held at the University of New England (UNE) in Armidale. The event provided the students with a unique opportunity to engage in hands-on science activities and experiments, sparking curiosity and enthusiasm for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) subjects.

During the visit, the students took part in a variety of interactive workshops designed to challenge their understanding of scientific concepts and encourage critical thinking. From conducting chemical reactions to exploring physics through practical demonstrations, the children were actively involved in discovering how science applies to the world around them.

Far Out Science Day aims to inspire young learners by offering a dynamic environment where education meets exploration. UNE's faculty and student volunteers guided the Guyra Central School students through experiments that fostered teamwork, problem-solving,



Mason Mayled enjoyed the science adventure

ing, and creativity.

The day was not only educational but also fun and memorable, with students expressing excitement about the experiments and the new scientific principles they learned. Teachers from Guyra Central School noted the importance of experiences like these in boosting students' interest in science and

supporting their ongoing learning journey.

Far Out Science Day at UNE continues to be a highlight in the educational calendar, encouraging primary students from across the region to explore science beyond the classroom and consider future careers in STEM fields.

Man suffers serious injuries in incident near BenLomond

A man was flown to Tamworth hospital with serious injuries after an accident on the side of the New England Highway last week.

Emergency services including Ambulance paramedics, New England police and the Volunteer Rescue Association (VRA) were deployed to the scene at Glencoe, about 8am on Wednesday, November 5th.

A triple zero call reported a man, aged in his 20s, had been seriously injured while changing a truck tyre on the side of the New England Highway, near the Ben Lomond Hill.

A spokesperson for NSW

Ambulance said that three crews, including rescue and intensive care paramedics, arrived to find the man with serious hand and arm injuries.

Due to the nature of his injuries, the Westpac Rescue Helicopter was tasked from Tamworth with a doctor and paramedic on board.

The team treated the patient at the scene and stabilised him.

He was then flown to Tamworth hospital on Wednesday morning and was reported to be in a serious condition.

The circumstances of the accident are under investigation.

Calling All Artists

Expressions of Interest Now Open for CWA Art Exhibition

The CWA Guyra Evening Branch Art Exhibition will be back in 2026, and they are inviting artists of all backgrounds and mediums to be part of this vibrant celebration of creativity and rural ingenuity.

Held as part of the beloved Guyra Lamb & Potato Festival, the exhibition will run from January 16th (Opening Night) to January 25th, 2026 at the GALA building in Guyra.

This year's exhibition showcases a diverse range of mediums including painting, fibre art, potter, photography and, for the first time in 2026, recycled farm waste art.

Whether you're an emerging artist or a seasoned creative, this is a fantastic opportunity to share your work with the community and be part of a unique regional arts event.

Entries are now open and close January 9th, 2026 with an entry fee of \$5. The Artwork delivery deadline is January 14th.

To register or learn more, contact Lynda on 0497 469 919 for entry forms and further information. Let your creativity shine and help make this year's exhibition the most inspiring yet!

Rotary Christmas Carnival returns December 5th

Preparations are in hand to celebrate the festive season with the Guyra Rotary Christmas Carnival set down for Friday December 5th from 4pm to 8pm. It will follow the Christmas in the Mall celebration in Armidale on Thursday December 4th.

These much-anticipated events are a celebration of community spirit, bringing people together to enjoy the magic of the season while supporting local businesses, market stalls and performers.

Armidale Regional Council Mayor Sam Coupland said the events are a reflection of the strong community connections that define our region.

"Christmas is a time to come together, to celebrate what makes our towns special, and to support one another," said Mayor Coupland. "These events are created by and for the community, and they're a wonderful way to kick off the festive season with joy, laughter and local pride."

In Armidale, the evening will feature a visit from Santa Claus at 6pm, a festive train ride aboard the Jingle Express, a roving ma-



Guyra's main street will come alive on December 5th for the Rotary Christmas Carnival

gician, live stage performances, and a variety of kids' activities. Market and food stalls will offer plenty to eat and explore, and the Armidale Courthouse will be transformed with an interactive gingerbread-themed lighting display.

In Guyra, the Christmas Carnival will bring the main street to life with a visit from Santa, the Jingle Express, a live magician,

stage entertainment, children's activities, and a vibrant mix of market and food stalls. The event is proudly delivered in partnership with Guyra Rotary, continuing a longstanding collaboration that brings the community together each year.

"These celebrations are about more than just lights and entertainment," Mayor Coupland added. "They're about connec-

tion, tradition, and creating memories that last well beyond the holiday season. I encourage everyone to come along, bring your family and friends, and enjoy everything our community has to offer."

The Christmas tree lighting at Christmas in the Mall will take place at 7:30pm, while the Guyra Christmas Carnival will begin at 6:30pm.

Meals on Wheels

Nov 13	James Parker
Nov 14	Golf Ladies
Nov 17	Wendy Laidlaw
Nov 18	James Parker
Nov 19	Bea Velthuis

Street Stalls

Nov 14	Can Assist
Nov 20	Hosp. Auxiliary
Nov 21, 22	Rotary
Nov 27, 28	Freemasons

Church Notices

St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church Vigil 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
Anglican 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
Food Pantry Fridays 9am -12pm
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

Black Mountain Baptist Church Service 3pm, second Sunday of the month. Next Service, Sunday Nov. 9th
Contact: Robert Dewhurst Armidale District Baptist Church 0409 723 522

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 6pm at The Blind Chef Ph: Hans Hietbrink 0402 044 891

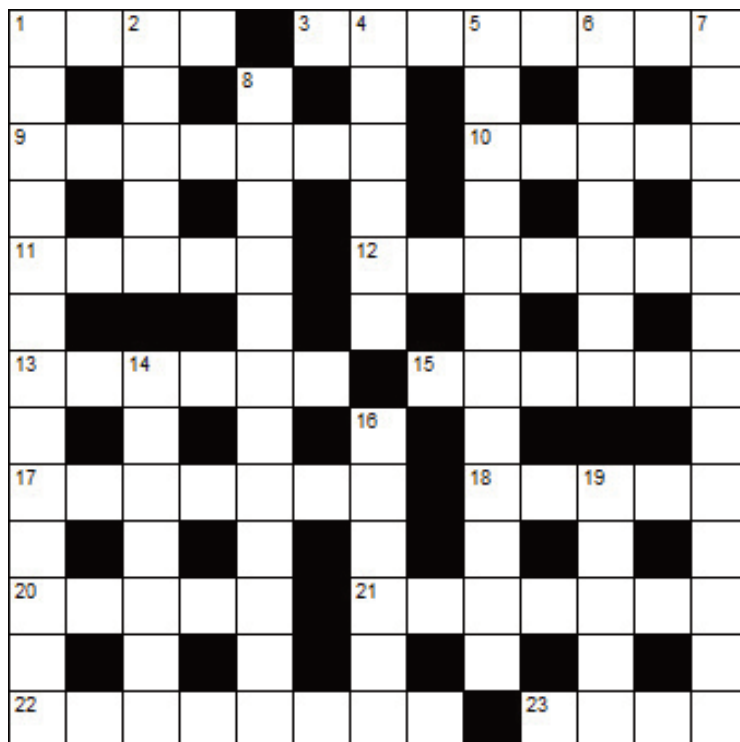
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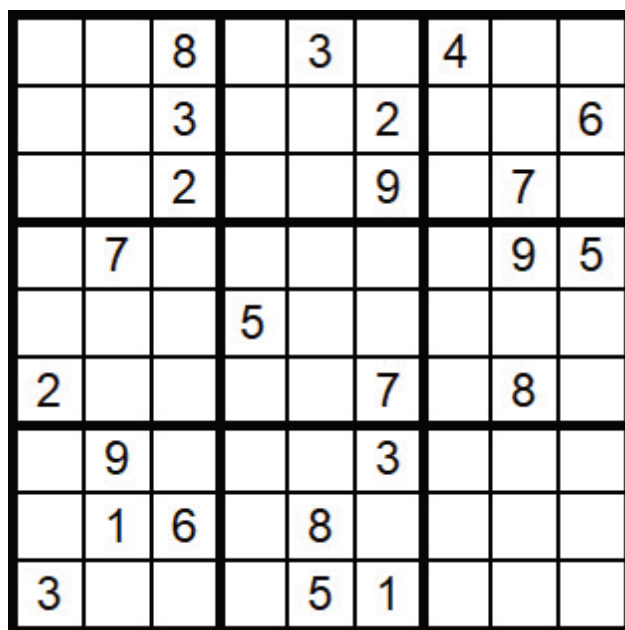
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Council News

Council Meetings

Our next scheduled council meeting is 26 November 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, or attend in person.

Current Vacancies

Casual Swimming Pool Job Register - Closes 1 March.

ARC Customer Service - Casual Register - Closes 21 December.

ARC General Hand - Casual Register - Closes 21 December.

Public Exhibitions

Draft Code of Meeting Practice - Closes 20 November, 2025

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

It's starting to feel a lot like Christmas

It's time to mark your calendars for the annual Guyra Rotary Christmas Carnival coming to Bradley street on Friday 5 December 2025 from 4PM - 8PM. Join



Are you a community group or organisation keen to 'pop-up' in Guyra

If you're interested in holding a street stall or appeal in Bradley Street, apply to host a Guyra Street Stall in 2026! Submit a written application to council by 4pm Thursday 18 December 2025. Applications should be posted to Armidale Regional Council, PO Box 75A,

Armidale NSW 2350, or emailed to council@armidale.nsw.gov.au.

Please note: Stalls will be available for Saturdays and Sundays, and some Thursdays will be allocated if needed. Be sure to nominate your first and second preferences for dates! For more, please call 1300 136 833.

us for a festive evening with music, markets, kids' crafts, face painting, and a visit from Santa! The tree will be lit from 6:30PM so make sure you don't miss out! For more information visit the Council website. The Guyra Rotary Christmas Carnival is proudly run by the Rotary Club of Guyra in collaboration with Armidale Regional Council.

Explore our magazine collection at the Guyra Library

Did you know that the Guyra library has a fantastic range of magazines available for loan? From gardening and craft to motoring, lifestyle, and sports, our collection offers something for every interest. Whether you're looking to relax with a good read, stay up to date with your favourite hobby, or discover something new, we've got you covered. We're also excited to let you know that new titles have recently been added, including Wheels Magazine, Australian Golfer, and Homespun, joining our already diverse selection. Magazines are free to borrow with your library membership, so why not pop in, browse the shelves, and take a few home? Your next great read might be waiting!

Water treatment plant receives Alum dosing upgrade

The Guyra Water Treatment Plant (WTP) has taken a significant step forward in its ongoing infrastructure improvements



with the recent delivery of a new alum dosing skid. Installation works are expected to commence in early December, marking a key milestone in the plant's automation upgrade program. This new dosing system is designed to enhance operational safety and give plant operators greater control over the alum dosing process, an essential component in water purification. By integrating this upgrade with the broader automation works that began several months ago, the WTP is aiming to improve efficiency, reliability, and safety across its treatment operations.

From the Archives at the Guyra Museum

Compiled by Dorothy Lockyer

The Guyra Giants and the Great Strike of 1917

The year was 1917, the country was still at war and the biggest strike in Australian history began. It was to last more than two months, from 2nd August until the last workers drifted back to work on 15th October, and involved more than 100,000 workers – at a time when the total population in Australia was less than 5 million.

It was one of the most important industrial and political confrontations in Australian history. It shook the country to the core, and prompted cries of “revolution” from both sides of the struggle. Strike-breakers were recruited by the government and employer groups, leading to bitter conflict between striking workers and “volunteer” scabs.

In a military-style operation, strike-breakers, called “loyalists” were brought in from all around the State and concentrated at Taronga Zoo and the Sydney Cricket Ground. To strike veterans, SCG stood for Scabs’ Collecting Ground.

Among the strike breakers were a group that came to be known as the ‘Guyra Giants’. Community leaders answered the call and organised teams who travelled to Sydney to help keep the country running.

From the Guyra Argus 23rd August 1917. The Strike: On Monday night 51 volunteers from Guyra and District left for Sydney by the Brisbane Mail train to place their services at the disposal of the Government during the present strike. Among the volunteers were many of the most prominent men in the district.

Yesterday Mr. T.E. Sole, Hon. Secretary of the local branch of the Farmers & Settlers Association, received a wire from Mr. L.P. Dutton to the following effects: “On wharf; all together; things comfortable; more men urgently needed; roll up.”

Notwithstanding the fact that there are something like 5,500 volunteers from the country loyally assisting the Government to carry out its services, Mr. Dutton’s telegram indicates there is still need for more men. In this unparalleled crisis, which is more than an industrial upheaval - a rebellion against legitimate authority and the Government of the country - every man who can possibly render assistance to the State should give a helping hand. Mr Sole informs us that a second contingent has been mobilised locally and will leave for



Group of men and boys from the ‘Country Volunteer Camp’ gathered in front of the Brewongle Stand at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Image: Australian War Memorial P09919.001

Sydney on Saturday night. Those of you are willing to volunteer, but who have not yet done so, should at once hand in their names to Mr. Sole who will make all necessary arrangement for their passage to Sydney.

Guyra Argus 30th August.1917 The Strike: It is four weeks today since the railway workmen at Everleigh and Randwick workshop suspended work as a protest against the time-card system, which the commissioners deemed necessary to introduce in the interest of the great department they control.

In it to the finish: - Thus Tuesday’s Sydney Daily Telegraph. We were glad to see what the Daily Telegraph had to say about “The Guyra Giants” (strike volunteers) said Mr. Dutton, President of the Guyra Shire, who is “Captain” of the district representatives who live in the shadow of Black Mountain and Ben Lomond, the highest points in Australia on which there is a Government railway, and from whence potatoes literally spring. “We expect another 20 to-morrow, and a further batch is to leave on Monday night. We will be 80 strong then. Two or three of our lot may have to go back on urgent business, but they will not leave here till others, their own nominees, have come to take their place. Apart from that, we are all in it to the finish. We

have two good henchmen dispatching the men from Guyra, Dr Harris & Mr. T.E. Sole, and they’ll keep reinforcement up to the mark in numbers and in efficiency. As you know, there are three shire councillors here from Guyra.

Under the heading “The Guyra Giants” Sydney Daily Telegraph says:- The cold country around Ben Lomond produces giants in frame and intellect. There are three councillors of Guyra Shire in camp, Cr. L.P. Dutton (president) of Urandangie Station; Mr A.W. Everett, of Ollera Station and owner of large property in the Curlewis district; and Cr A.E. Ward, proprietor of the palatial Royal Hotel at Guyra. Then there is Mr. G.A. Spicer, a mixed farmer who shipped on the ‘Hall Caine’ the day he arrived. On Thursday he took his trick at the wheel of the steamer at nightfall and stayed on till she swung through Pyrmont Bridge at 2 next morning, doing his mate’s shift as well as his own because Nature had not presented that other individual with a pair of sea-legs. “What do you think of that for a ‘gum leaves’ like Spicer? Asked one of the crew who “saw him do it”.

Other Guyra men at voluntary work are Messrs Fred Sole, James Drabsch, and R. Simpson, of Beulah Station, who is in charge of the men.

Successful Glencoe dog auction tops at \$15,500

The 14th Annual CSC Working Stock Dog Auction was held at Glencoe NSW on November 1st, with Gwydir Fire account Tony Overton of Walcha selling the top priced dog to Pat McMahon of Killarney QLD.

Pat McMahon, who is a beef producer, finisher and meat retailer said it takes regular, consistent work to train a stock dog and he takes his hat to Tony Overton for his talent to achieve this.

Gwydir Fire a black and tan kelpie dog bred and trained by Tony sold for \$15,500. Tony commented on the day that he has been selling dogs through this sale for 14 years and has sold approximately 25 dogs during this time.

Top priced pup was account Matt Newsome, who was a first time vendor from Wellington Vale, he sold Roundwood Tex a 7 month old Border Collie for \$7,000.

David Lyons, Lunar Pastoral Company, St George purchased four dogs through Auctions Plus

for an average of \$7,625.

Other sales of note were Michael Clark sold three dogs on the day averaging \$6,500 with Mikella Mig selling for \$9,000 to Tarnma SA. Our youngest vendor Phoebe Gibbins, Murrurundi sold Celtic Ruby II for \$6,000 to Daniel Blanch, Kingston VIC. Brad and Jack Chapman, Tenterfield sold 4 dogs for an average of \$5,312, Peter Hogan, Glencoe sold Peterson Jamie for \$6,500 to Andrew Peadon, Trangie.

The sale was conducted by Colin Say & Co, Glen Innes and Interfaced with Auctions Plus, all dogs were demonstrated on sheep and cattle prior to the auction and livestreamed via Auctions Plus and Facebook.

38 from 41 dogs sold to \$15,500 averaging \$6,427, with solid support from purchasers on-site and Auctions Plus with 19 dogs sold through the on-line site.

The vendor committee would like to thank long time sponsors Coprice, Rabobank and Beef-



Above: Matt Newsome & Lily Coldham with Roundwood Tex sold for \$7,000

Below: Gwydir Fire - account Tony Overton sold for \$15,500 to Pat McMahon



Vidler to return as Spuds coach in 2026

The Super Spuds have appointed Ben Vidler as their A grade captain-coach for season 2026.

After leading a very young Spuds side to the semi finals this year, Vidler will return for another tilt at the Group 19 premiership next season.

Most of the squad will return a year older and more experienced and a few new faces will help to boost the team.

The club hopes to appoint coaches for the women's leaguetag and the under 18s team in the near future and is already putting together player lists for those teams.

All prospective players and supporters are invited to come to the Guyra Hotel on Saturday November 29 from 4pm for a casual get-together and barbecue to begin preparations for the 2026 season.

Any player who cannot attend but is interested in playing should contact the club via email at



guyrarugbyleague@gmail.com or Facebook message.

Any local businesses who would like to be a sponsor on the club uniform can also get in touch.

Rural Market Reports

Armidaale Cattle Sale

November 6th - Armidaale penned 1432 cattle, a similar yarding to the previous market. It was a mixed quality yarding with plenty of lighter conditioned cattle suited to restockers and backgrounders. There was solid competition for feeder cattle and the market overall sold to a dearer trend. All the regular buyers were in attendance and operating. Light steers to background were cheaper from 398c to 546c/kg and light yearling steers 12c dearer 348c to 528c/kg. Feeder steers sold from 494c to 502c/kg and medium feeders 340c to 510c/kg. Heavy feeder steers were much dearer 478c to 510c/kg. Light heifers to background sold to a dearer trend 308c to 468c/kg and similar feeders were much dearer 325c to 450c/kg. Medium heifers to background were in strong demand selling 360c to 438c/kg and similar feeders were dearer from 388c/kg to 454c/kg. Heavy feeder heifers were significantly dearer and made from 402c to 458c/kg. Grown steers to process were firm to dearer selling from 362c to 454c/kg and prime heavyweight cows were significantly dearer selling from 400c to 435c/kg. A good yarding of heavy bulls were dearer selling from 220c to 412c/kg.

Peter Dundon MLA Armidaale

Weekly Wool Market

November 7th - The market managed to break a four week downtrend. Most of the Merino categories gained ground over both selling days except for the 16.5 micron indicator. Cross-breeds were relatively stable, and the Merino carding indicator fell 8 cents. In the Northern region the indicator gained 8 cents on Wednesday and a further 5 cents on Thursday. The national offering fell 4,000 bales short of what was originally rostered with 9.2% withdrawn prior to sale. 28,312 bales were sold nationally for week with the passed in rate decreasing significantly to 6.1%. Major buyers included Tech-wool, PJ Morris and Sequoia with the top four purchasing 55% of the national Merino fleece offering. AWTA testing data released on Monday shows a small recovery in the weight of wool tested in October. For the season to date the Australian clip is showing a 9.2% decline compared to last season. This figure was as high as a 16% decline at the end of September. The Australian Wool Production Forecasting Committee predicted a 10.2% decline in production for the 25/26 season at their August meeting, aligning very close to AWTA's current data.

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BEN LOMOND LANDCARE Group
AGM will be held at Ben Lomond Hall
Tuesday 18th November at 6pm.

GUYRA CENTRAL SCHOOL P&C
Term 4 Meeting 6pm in main staff room
Tuesday, 18th November. All welcome.

HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The Museum is open
Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday
from 10.30am to 2pm.
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FRIDAY, 5th DECEMBER ROTARY CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

From 4pm. Markets, food stalls,
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SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER
3pm at Aust. Poetry Hall of Fame
Fiori Musicali Armidale present
"This Endris Night" Christmas Chorale
music with guitar interludes.

WED- MON 14th-26th JANUARY 2026

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Our hearts still ache in sadness
And secret tears still flow,
What it meant to lose you
No-one will ever know,
Now all we have are memories
That always bring a smile,
If only we could have you back
For just a little while.
Angie our beloved,
we were not ready to say goodbye.

DEATH & FUNERAL NOTICES

WAY; FIONA

Passed away unexpectedly
3rd October 2025 in Tamworth

Much Loved Daughter, Sister, Aunt
of family past and present: Margaret
White-Way-Fuller, Gordon Fuller,
Cameron Way, Kynan Waser.

Much loved by close friends Sydney.
Much loved by care staff and supporters
Tamworth.

Family hold relief for Fiona, now free,
while also sadness we did not get to affect
final outcomes.

Aged 57 Years

Funeral service to be held at Ben
Lomond War Memorial Hall, Thursday,
20th November 2025 commencing at
12 noon followed by internment at the
Ben Lomond Public Cemetery.

For those that know Cameron, and the
journey with Fiona, if you wish to attend
you are welcome. Dress as you wish, black
not required. Realness, sadness, joy, losses
we all share.



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Ladies' Golf

Last week the ladies travelled to South West Rocks for their annual trip.

On the first day we played at Macksville; a challenging course and very hilly. It was a President's V Captain's match. The captain's team won the day. The daily winner was Jenni Jackson with 40 points. Debbie Heffernan was the runner up with 39 points. Belinda Lenehan and Shona Mulligan both had 38 points.

The second day we played a 4BBB at the South West Rocks course; such a beautiful course with lots of wildlife. The daily winners were Jenni Jackson and Debbie Burey with 45 points. Runners up were Pam Youman and Debbie Heffernan with 44 points. Barb Denning, Wendy George, and Debbie Burey all had nearest the pins.

The final day was also played at SW Rocks. We played a Scramble match. To top of a good week, Jenni Jackson played in the winning team along with Suzanne Towells, Donna White, and Wendy Jackson. Nearest the pin winners were Barb Denning,



Back l to r: Jenni Jackson, Debbie Burey, Vicki Reeves, Suzanne Towells, Pam Youman, Donna White, Barb Denning, Wendy George **Front:** Wendy Jackson, Leonie Taylor, Shona Mulligan, Jenny Rogers, Belinda Lenehan, Deb Heffernan, Kerry Bull, Julie Walker

Kerry Bull and Pam Youman.

After another very enjoyable few days away the Ladies would like to thank Wendy George for organising yet another successful

trip. Thank you, Wendy!

Also thank you to ladies who drove their vehicles again this year. Cooperating and working together this brings an end to an-

other highly successful trip away, with great companions and lots of fun.

Birdie

Vets Golf

Last Tuesday we played our Melbourne cup Ambrose over 14 holes. Sixteen players supported the day and everyone was a winner with all players receiving trifecta tickets plus an each way bet on the cup. Hopefully someone had a collect. Next Tuesday is an individual stableford.

Drake

Men's Bowls

Results: A Bull defeated J Varco 31 to 25. Matches Saturday 16th November 12 pm: **Open singles** J Mcilwain verses R Moore, Marker D Wilcox. **Major / Minor pairs** M Simpson and T Ellis verse S Campbell and R Cox, C Stanley and G Mitchell verse A Bull and J Varco

Sunday Golf

It has been a busy couple of weeks for golf away from Guyra. A couple of weekends ago a group of Guyra players travelled to Bundarra for the Bundarra Open.

Although no teams were successful, a great day was had by all. It is always good to support the Bundarra club who have always turned up in numbers for our major days.

Last weekend three teams travelled to Gunnedah for the second qualifying round of the Keno challenge. One mixed, one men's and one ladies team competed and although all teams were competitive no teams progressed to the next round.

Also the 1st round of Matchplay is finally completed and we would ask all players in the 2nd round to have their games completed by the 30th of November.

We are still waiting to hear from Armidale about our next round of the Shire Cup.

This weekend will be a 4bbb Stableford. And on Sunday 23rd grab a partner for the Brian Lennon Memorial 2 man Ambrose. This is always a great day so men, women and children come along with a partner for a great day of golf.

HAPPY GOLFING



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Shamedy storms home to win Guyra Cup

The feature event of Sunday's Guyra Cup meeting at Armidale delivered a thrilling finish, with Inverell trainer Todd Payne's in-form galloper 'Shamedy' storming home late to snatch victory from Rematch, with Rhythm Is A Dancer close behind in third.

Ridden by Ben Looker, Shamedy came from well back in the field to surge through the line, claiming the prestigious Watson McNamara & Watt Guyra Cup (1400m) by a head.

Shamedy was purchased 12 months ago by Danny Bourke Bloodstock and syndicated to Luke Berger Racing members to race in the North West.

"The horse has a great group of owners, many of whom didn't know each other until Shamedy," Luke Berger said.

"Affectionately known as Eddie around the stables, he was successful in the Deepwater and Bundarra Cups this year prior to his Guyra Cup win."

After the win on Sunday, Shamedy's summer racing program will include runs in the Inverell Cup, Glen Innes Cup and a return appearance at the Deepwater Cup.

Fine conditions greeted punters for the six-race Guyra Cup meeting, with local and regional trainers sharing in the spoils across an entertaining program which was



Celebrating their win in the 2025 Guyra Cup (l to r):

Rosie Parsons, Sandy McCormack, Henry Burrige, Cody Byrne, Sam Schiffmann, Shamedy, Riley Payne (strapper), Wayne McCormack, Andrew Hodgson, Doug Stevenson, Rob Wheatley, Cath Wheatley
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proudly supported by Guyra businesses. Other results on the day were;

Race 1 – Guyra Fuels / Fourways Service Centre Maiden Handicap (1400m) - the Paul Snowden-trained Navy Buoy scored a comfortable win over Naftali and Rufus Atticus.

Race 2 – Bishops Hardware / IGA Guyra Super Maiden Handi-

cap (1100m) - Lyle Chandler's filly Bullant finished strongly to edge out Invinciboo and Lulu A Natural in a tight finish.

Race 3 – C T Electric / Elders Guyra Benchmark 58 (1900m) Dipierdomenico trained by Robert Knight produced a well-timed run to hold off veteran Toulon Factor and Tycoon Lad.

Race 4 – Guyra Bowling Club

Country Boosted Class 1 Handicap (1300m) Hot favourite Chica Del Mar beat Souls Companion and Tourtel by a comfortable margin.

Race 6 – Guyra Hotel Benchmark 58 (1100m) - Todd Payne's stable enjoyed a double when Desert Cougar storming home to take out the final event from Four Degrees and Haiku Star.

Midweek Golf

Results this week are:

Leading team for the week went to Denzels Frothingtons with 83, just one point ahead of Blue sky who were one point ahead of Thant's a Gimme. On the run-down we have Baldersleigh Bashers 77, Sultans of Swing 76, Grip-Rip-Sip 74 and Pitch Purrfects 74, Any Hole 72, Shire Sharks 71. Everyone else was below the 70 mark.

Individual highest was Ricky Ellis on 24, then Billy Youman 23, Tina Skipper 22, Michael Jackson 22. Lots on 21 points Ollie White, Luke Brazier, Archie Dowden, Bailey Wilson.

Golf course is looking good for this weeks play. Have a great week.

Middy

Elders Guyra and Armidale invite all clients to the 2025 Christmas Party

**Thursday 11th December 4:00pm – 7:00pm
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