

Guyra Gazette

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Wednesday November 19, 2025



28 bags were packed by volunteers and will be distributed in the lead up to Christmas

Packing party delivers the goods for dignity

Guyra once again proved the power of community during last weekend's Share the Dignity Bag Packing Party, turning a grey, rainy morning into something bright, warm, and overwhelmingly generous.

Inside the cosy space filled with splashes of pink, volunteers worked to pack around 28 bags, with even more donated on the day as part of the community collection drive. These bags, filled with essential items, comfort products, and handwritten notes of care, will be distributed through the "It's in the Bag" campaign to local charities who have requested

Organiser Anne Lane said she was overwhelmed by the kindness shown by the Guyra community.

"It was such an inspiring morning," Anne said. "Despite the rain, everyone came together with so much generosity and heart. It was truly beautiful to see."

While the official 2025 request list is still being finalised, Anne said that all donations stay local.

"In past years, we've supported the Neighbourhood Centre in Guyra, the Aboriginal Land Council, and organisations in Armidale, Uralla, and

Walcha," she said. "These bags go directly to women and families right here in our region."

The morning itself was filled with laughter, conversation, and countless cups of coffee which kept everyone energised. The table of homemade treats seemed to magically replenish itself with thanks to Emma McGuren-McLennan, whose baking treats were enjoyed by all.

Anne expressed heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported the event.

"Chris from Bean Travelin jumped on board straight away, and Cathy from CROP Hair Design generously opened her shop and donated items,"

"I'm so grateful to them, and to every single person who donated items, packed a bag, wrote a card, or gave financially."

She said the event was a powerful reminder of the difference a community can make when working together.

"When a community comes together to do one small, kind thing, the results can be nothing short of incredible. Thank you, Guyra from the bottom of my heart. Supporting Share the Dignity has never felt so special."



Water security is a top priority for Armidale Regional Council. With the risk of drought on the rise, we're helping our community stay resilient, even during wetter periods.

Securing our water's future requires consistent, year-round

Council is encouraging the community to apply for a rainwater tank rebate for new water tanks.

Rebates:

\$250 - for tanks between 2,000 and 10,000 litres SCAN OR CODE FOR MORE INFO

Funding is limited-apply early!

*Terms and Conditions apply. Promotion closes 30 June 2026 or when funds run out, whichever is sooner.



Get ready for festive fun with 'Bikie' Santa



Santa will be riding around town in the lead up to Christmas

Guyra's 'Bikie' Santa is gearing up for a festive season of community visits, trading his sleigh for a motorcycle as he travels around town on Sunday afternoons in the lead-up to Christmas. Families can spot him between 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm on the following dates:

- November 30th
- December 7th
- December 14th
- December 21st

Residents are encouraged to wave him down for a photo opportunity as he makes his way through local streets, bringing a dash of holiday magic to the community.

Adding to this year's festivities, Santa is planning a special Christmas Eve night-time ride, featuring a Christmas lights tour. Once night falls, he will be escorted by a group of fellow motorcyclists decked out in festive decorations and holiday spirit. Organisers say updates and route details will be posted on Facebook.

Santa is also planning to make several appearances at local celebrations in the lead up to Christmas, ensuring plenty of chances for families to catch a glimpse of this special visitor.

RFS lolly run set to spread Christmas Cheer

Guyra families can mark their calendars - Santa is making an early visit this year, and he will be bringing plenty of lollies along for the ride.

The team from Guyra RFS will be out on the streets on Saturday November 29th and Santa will be along for the ride.

The lolly run will stop in at White Park on Abercrombie Street, at around 11:00am. From there he will head to Claret Ash Park at around 11.30am and by 12:00pm, the festive convoy is expected to arrive at Rotary Park where the fire trucks will be parked for around one hour.

Plan your day to join in with the festive spirit with our local RFS team. Times are approximate, so keep your eye out for the fire trucks and be ready to greet the man in red for some festive fun.



The Guyra RFS Lolly run will take place on November 29th

Micro grant for local artists to pop up at Guyra Show

The recently formed GuyrARTists group has been named among this year's successful recipients of the Arts North West Micro Grants program.

Their project, a pop-up exhibition and interactive community art activity at the Guyra Show, has received funding support to help bring more local creativity into the heart of the district's biggest annual event.

Arts North West announced 20 recipients across the region, with grants of up to \$1,000 supporting artists, collectives, and organisations to develop skills, build capacity, and trial new creative ideas. The Micro Grants are designed to sustain locally led arts activity and give regional artists the flexibility to respond to new opportunities.

Across the wider region,

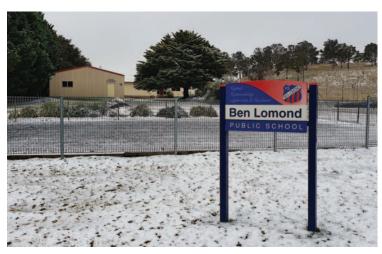
funded projects include professional development workshops, filmmaking, new equipment purchases, community events, and studio upgrades. Recipients span Glen Innes, Tamworth, Armidale, Walcha, Uralla, Gunnedah, Moree, Liverpool Plains and Tenterfield, representing a wide mix of artistic disciplines.

Arts North West Acting Executive Director Miranda Hecken-

berg said these small-scale grants play a vital role in keeping regional arts thriving.

"These small grants have a big impact. They help artists keep making, sharing, and connecting through creativity. Each project strengthens our region's cultural ecosystem and ensures that arts and culture remain part of everyday life across the New England North West," she said.

Ben Lomond Public School to go into recess in 2025



One hundred and forty years after opening, 2025 may well be the last time children enter the doors of Ben Lomond Public School.

A spokesperson for the NSW **Education Department confirmed** last week that Ben Lomond Public School will go into recess at the end of Term 4 2025.

It follows extensive consultation with parents, carers and the local community.

"The consultation forecast a po-

tential enrolment of only two students early in 2026," the spokesperson said.

"A decision to permanentlyclose the school has not been made, and consultation with the local community about possible future enrolments will continue."

The school is working with students and parents to arrange transition to their chosen school in 2026. Permanent staff will be redeployed after the school goes into recess.

Feedback sought on proposed shared path - New England highway

Armidale Regional Council (ARC) is seeking grant funding to design a 3-metre shared path in Guyra, proposed to run along a 2.7 kilometre section of the New England Highway from Cameron Street to Tenterden Street.

ARC has begun community consultation to gauge whether local residents support the project. Feedback gathered will guide the development of a detailed design and strengthen the funding application needed to deliver the path-

According to the Council, the proposed shared path is a key component of its Active Transport Strategy. It would connect South Guyra with the central business district and link major community destinations, including the tourist park, the lookout, the dog park, and other public spaces. The project would be the

keystone to future pathways connections across the Guyra area.

The Council is encouraging residents to complete a short survey to demonstrate the level of community need and support for the

You can complete the survey by visiting https://yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au. Submission close on December 7th.



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Upgrades to Guyra saleyards unveiled

The long-awaited opening of the multimillion dollar revamp to the Guyra stock selling centre occurred earlier this month. The previous NSW Coalition Government contributed \$5 million in funding in 2020, with an additional \$4.7 million from the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund in 2024, to overhaul both the Armidale and Guyra saleyards.

I attended the opening of the saleyards alongside members of Armidale Regional Council and Minister for Agriculture Tara Moriarty. The \$6.6 million allocation to the facility at Guyra saw the installation of 303 steel selling yards, the electronic identification (eID) system, three B-double ramps, expanded amenities, stock water troughs and other equipment which will make for a more efficient sale process.

The Northern Tablelands produces some of the best livestock in the country and saleyard facilities need to be up to standard to accommodate that. The transformation was incredibly important as the Guyra saleyards are a central point for sheep sales within our region with thousands of animals moved through every week. In the last few years alone, sales have gone from fortnightly to weekly with boom seasons across the Northern Tablelands.

It is great to see a bloody good set of yards in Guyra which will benefit the local economy.

Nurses face pay hit

The NSW Labor Government and NSW Health are ripping away financial incentives from some of the region's most essential frontline health workers.

Nurses across the Northern Tablelands have been told they will lose their existing Rural Health Workforce Incentive payments after NSW Health reclassified their positions. The incentive payments were introduced in 2022 to attract and retain nurses, and allied health professionals in rural and remote hospitals.

Under the Minns Labor Government, Hunter New England Health has downgraded and removed the incentive from numerous positions which means our dedicated staff will receive a pay cut.

This decision makes no sense. The scheme was working, and it was keeping staff in some of our remote and rural areas. Our rural health workers deserve better and I will continue to fight for them in NSW Parliament.



It was great to see the multi-million dollar saleyards unveiled

Safe shooting program

Up to \$800,000 of NSW Government funding is available to improve sport shooting facilities across the State through the Safe Shooting Program.

The grants range from \$10,000 to \$50,000 and shooting clubs, ranges and organisations can apply for purchasing or upgrading equipment, storage, security and safety improvements, digital technology, amenities, range facilities, and environmental sustainability initiatives.

Applications close Friday, 17 November. More information available at: www.sport.nsw.gov.au/grants/ safe-shooting-program

What's HOT

Your pet can have a photo with Santa at Elders on 6th December

Just 36 days to Christmas and lots happening over the next few weeks

Bags & Beans packing party - great work by the volunteers

What's NOT

Reports of person posing as water meter reader over the weekend

JOKE of the week

Elderly couple in Church.
He whispers 'I just did a silent fart, what should I do?'
She replies "Get new batteries for your hearing aid."

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

ШОТСН

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
11	Tues	4.5	20.9	0
12	Wed	3.0	19.2	0
13	Thurs	2.4	22.3	0
14	Fri	11.6	20.4	22.0
15	Sat	8.2	24.8	20.6
16	Sun			
17	Mon	9.9	20.1	15.0

Rain this week 90.0mm
Nov. rainfall 124.4mm
Rainfall YTD 981.4mm
Rainfall last YTD 761.6mm
Ave. rain YTD 798.6mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Black Mountain Public School celebrates Student Leadership and Remembrance

On Monday, November 3rd, Year 6 leaders Mikyla Patterson and Bella Kennedy travelled to Armidale to attend the Snow Gums and Highland Community School Leaders Lunch. Mr Brendan Moylan was the guest speaker, and it was very interesting to hear him share his perspectives on leadership with everyone. Mr Ian Reeves (Director, Educational Leadership) was also in attendance to wish the leaders well in the next step of their education journey. Congratulations to Mikyla and Bella for demonstrating outstanding leadership qualities in their final year of primary school and we wish them well as their learning journey continues in high school.

On Tuesday, November 11th, the entire school gathered for a solemn Remembrance Day Service, united in commemorating those who died or suffered during their service in wars, conflicts and peace operations.

This year marks the 80th anniversary since the end of the Second World War. This global conflict saw almost one million Australians enlist to serve their nation on the home front and overseas. The ceremony was led by our Year 5/6 Leaders as we paused in silence to acknowledge the sacrifices made in service of our country. On this day and always, we remember them.

Mrs Justine Eddy Relieving Principal

Editor's Note:

The Guyra Gazette wishes to acknowledge 'Carol Mudford, sHedway Founder-CEO' for source material used in our story 'World record attempt falls just short' published on October 22nd.

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Not your typical show

Get ready to experience one of the most powerful musicals ever written. Next to Normal isn't your typical show - it's a raw, uplifting journey through love, loss, and the challenges that shape us.

Winner of three Tony Awards and the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, this modern rock musical tells the story of a family grappling with mental illness, and the ways we cling to hope even in our darkest moments.

Directed by Calliden Hunter, with musical direction by Bruce Menzies and Robyn Bradley, Armidale Drama & Musical Society (ADMS) brings this acclaimed Broadway hit to local audiences with honesty, compassion, and emotional depth. Featuring a driving rock score and moments of both heartbreak and humour, Next to Normal is theatre that moves, challenges, and inspires.

Don't miss it — 21st - 29th November, tickets are on sale now at https://www.trybooking.com/DGLMK

Budding Scientists at Bald Blair Public School



On Wednesday, 5th November, students from Years Three to Six had the incredible opportunity to visit the University of New England to take part in the engaging Far Out Science Day. This event was designed to allow students to participate in scientific exploration, giving

them hands-on experience within real university labs.

One workshop involved learning the traditional process of making butter from cream, allowing students to understand the chemistry behind emulsification. Students explored the complexities of the human

brain. Using models and interactive displays, they discovered how different parts of the brain control various functions and behaviours. Students also investigated muscle tension by conducting experiments to measure how muscles respond to different stimuli. The day

concluded with a workshop featuring virtual reality technology, where students experienced the challenge of mustering cattle into yards.

We can't wait to go back next year!

Mrs Aimee Lenehan

What's Happening at the Guyra Neighbourhood Centre

GNC BREAKFAST & COFFEE BAR

Has been introduced to assist with the needs of the community. Anyone can access at any time within business hours and as frequently as they wish. This was piloted through Winter; we will now continue this service to engage with community.

SERVICES NSW & SERVICES AUSTRALIA

Will be in NAB carpark 25th November. Ben from Services Australia will be outreaching to Guyra through GNC. His next visit will be December 8th.

NO APPOINTMENT NEC-ESSARY

GNC PRODUCE SWAP

Our next swaps are December 6th and January 3rd. Everyone

is welcome to bring any additional produce to swap, buy or sell and come see what is on offer. GNC provides a table and spot for you to set up.

GNC AGM & GENERAL MEETING

Will be held on Tuesday 25th November, 6pm. Have you ever wondered what your Neighbourhood Centre can offer you, or you may want to become a member or volunteer in the Community garden. Please come along to our AGM and General Meeting.

PERMACULTURE WORKSHOPS

November 15th , 22nd and 29th provided by Highland Permaculture. The program components are the Cool Climate Permaculture Workshops, the

Small School Excursion sessions and the Working Bee Framework for GNC community Garden.

MAKE EVERY DROP COUNT

With Jerry Coleby Williams @ GNC Community Garden. Join Jerry in Guyra on the 27th November:

- 10am @ Black Mountain Nurserv
- 1.30pm @ Guyra Neigh bourhood Centre

GNC CHRISTMAS HAMPERS AND GIVING TREE

Yes, it's that time again GNC is reaching out to all our wonderful Community for donations of Food, Toys and Gifts for Christmas food Hampers and toys.

GNC CHRISTMAS

PARTY Tuesday 2nd December 12 pm in the Community Garden. Come and helps us celebrate an amazing year and the festive season with a two course Christmas Lunch.

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

GNC will be closed from Thursday 18th December 12pm and reopen on Monday 19th January 2026.



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Nov	20	Bec Broughton
Nov	21	Steve Norris
Nov	24	PeterThomas
Nov	25	Bea Velthuis
Nov	26	ARC

Street Stalls

Nov 20	Hosp. Auxiliary
Nov 21, 22	Rotary
Nov 27,28	Freemasons
Dec 4, 5, 6	Lions

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 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

Food Pantry Fridays 9am -12pm

Contact: Pastors Linden & Kerrie

Pollard 0455 232 073.

Seventh-dayAdventistChurch:AboomalaStreet._SabbathSchool10.00amSaturdayDivineService11.30amSaturday.Contact:Minister LukeReeves 0410761 320Church Clerk6779 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

Black Mountain Baptist Church

Service 3pm, second Sunday of the month. Next Service, Sunday Dec 7th **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

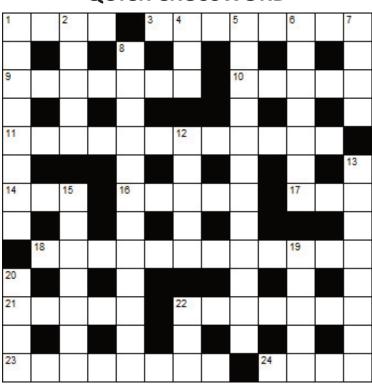
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CLAIM THE DATE

FRIDAY, 5th DECEMBER **ROTARY CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL**

From 4pm. Markets, food stalls, entertainment, Santa will be there

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

Lamb and Potato Festival

FRIDAY, 6th FEBRUARY

7pm at Aust. Poetry Hall of Fame Gwyn Ashton presents "A Night of Guitar" - an upmarket theatre show from acoustic folk roots, blues to electric blues, rock and beyond. www.trybooking.com/DGKEE

FRI-SAT, 20th & 21st FEBRUARY **Guyra Show**

FRIDAY, 20th FEBRUARY Guyra Lamb Show and Sale

at Guyra Show Ground

FRIDAY, 27th MARCH

2pm at Aust. Poetry Hall of Fame Life & Rhymes of Banjo Paterson 125th anniversary tour feat Gregory North www.trybooking.com/DGWQO

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CHRISTMAS CAROLS

A carol service will be held on Monday 8th December at the Ben Lomond War Memorial Hall starting at 7.30pm.

All are welcome so come and enjoy singing some old favourite carols.

Due to circumstances the Guyra Community/Churches Choir carol service will not be held this year.

> Phone Dorothy 6733 2017 or Julie 6733 2011

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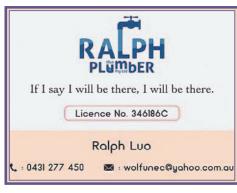
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Brian Lennon Memorial Day

This weekend is the Brian Lennon 2 person Ambrose .This is a well-supported and very popular day so we invite all players to come along and enjoy a great day of golf.

The Pennants event is also on in the upcoming weeks and we are looking for available golfers to travel to Emmaville for this tournament.

Also the next round of the Shire Cup will be played on Sunday the 30th in Guyra so we will also be looking for availability for players for this weekend as well.

A busy time for golf at the moment and Shane has the course looking pristine so come along and enjoy the sport. HAPPY GOLFING

Vets Golf

A good field last Tuesday for a stableford event seen Tex Varley come in the winner from Fitz Moore the runner up. Fitz was the best putter with Mick Jacko, Drake Devlin and Herbie Wilson getting NTPs. Next week is our 4BBB.

Drake

Midweek Golf

Team scores for this week were: Any Hole 83, That's a Gimme and Denzels Frothingtons both on 81. Well done to all these new teams. On 74 were Grip-Rip-Sip, 72 for Blue

Sky and 71 for Full House. Extra points are given to the teams who had all their players put in a score card.

Individual highest score were Billy Youman and Heidi Wilson on 25. Brock Laybutt had 24, Dan Lennon 23, on 21 were Townsend Curtain, Roger Cox, David Brown, Wal Chapman and Michael Jackson.

Have a good golfing week everyone.

Middy

Ladies' Golf

Last week the Ladies played the Par Medal Final. The winner was Kerry Bull. Jenny Rogers was the runner up.

Nearest the pin winners were, Belinda Lenehan on the 7th hole. Jenny Rogers on the 9th hole. Wendy George on the 10th hole. Kerry Bull on the 18th hole.

Next week is a Stroke, Flag and Putting Competition.

Birdie

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Men's Bowls

Results: Semi-final Club Singles R Moore 31 defeated J McIlwain 28

Matches: Saturday 22nd November 12 pm

Final Club Singles R Moore verse David Wilcox marker R Walls

Handicap Singles C Stanley verse L Beechey marker R Mulligan



Christmas Orders now being taken

We will be making our own in-house smoked hams, bacon, chooks, and more this Christmas



We will have all the usual goodies.

- Bone-in & Boneless smoked local Hams
 - Rolled or whole Turkeys, Ducks
 & Chickens
 - Rolled Pork Loin
 - Pork Shoulder Roasts
 - Beef & Lamb Roasts ... and lots more



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