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## Out and about for Halloween

Guyra kids and adults were out and about on Monday night celebrating Halloween.

Two popular destinations were Robbie and Michelle Vowles' Llangothlin St home and Steph Stewart and Andrew Youmans' home in Tenterden Street.

Both couples had gone to extra lengths to decorate their homes and dress up to provide a true experience of the increasingly popular celebration.

They were rewarded with a constant stream of door knocks from youngsters out trick-or-treating.

Adults and children from Guyra also travelled to Armidale on Friday night and were treated to a night of family magic, mystery and excitement as stilt walkers, balloon artists and trick-or-treaters roved the crowds until about 9pm.





# Youngsters.co to provide tech help for seniors in Guyra

A new partnership between the Guyra Library and Guyra Central School will see a new intergenerational program operating to share knowledge and increase digital awareness among seniors.

Youngster.co has already rolled the program out across 36 locations with great success and is looking to kick off in Guyra next week.

Tony Rothacker from Youngster.co said that the program is mutually beneficial for both seniors and the young people involved.

“The aim is to help older members of the community who are often challenged by technology, and also assist younger members of the community to gain life skills which will help them as they prepare for life after school,” Tony said.

“We are encouraging anyone who is having trouble negotiating the digital world to come to the Guyra library on Monday morning between 10 to 12. They will be paired with



Youngster.co is already operating in 36 locations including Coffs Harbour (above) and will start in Guyra on Monday next week

school students to get their issues solved.

“The service is free for anyone who is in need of basic tech advice of any kind. It could be how to get the pictures off your mobile phone, or accessing online services such as Medicare, Centrelink or Service NSW.

“What is great about this approach is that the seniors can get personalised advice for their specific issue while the youngsters develop customer service skills and life skills such as patience and empa-

thy,” Tony concluded.

The intergenerational program is being offered from next Monday 7th November and will continue on a weekly basis. Booking is preferred which you can do by visiting Youngster.co or you can register by calling the library on 6770 7123.

The program is also up and running in Armidale every Wednesday between 2pm and 4pm. Bookings can be made online or by phoning Armidale library on 67703636.

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# Waterfall Way could be the next Great Ocean Road

'Where Wonder Runs Deep' is the exciting tagline for a new tourism brand to attract visitors to discover the hidden gem that is the Waterfall Way and promote the journey from Armidale to Bellingen as a potential rival to the iconic Great Ocean Road in Victoria.

The new brand, was launched by Armidale Regional Council on Friday 28th October in the pretty and historic village of Wollomombi, home of the spectacular Wollomombi Falls, the highest waterfall in NSW and one of the iconic locations encountered along the scenic tourist drive.

The brand includes an emotive new website [mywaterfallway.com.au](http://mywaterfallway.com.au), a national advertising campaign in the Australian Traveller magazine and digital media campaigns by social influencers We are Explorers. There will also be themed billboards on the New England Highway, a giant branded truck curtain on the New England Freightliners semi-trailer and banners in the Armidale CBD.

Armidale Regional Mayor Sam Coupland said the Waterfall Way brand will work hard to increase visitation to the region east of Armidale that was severely impacted by bushfires and the drought through the use of strategic marketing campaigns.

"The Waterfall Way scenic drive not only showcases the stunning waterfalls along the 2.5 hour journey but traverses some



The Honourable Adam Marshall, Member for Northern Tablelands with Mayor of Armidale Regional Council, Sam Coupland celebrating with the local community groups and tourism operators at the launch of the new tourism brand for the Waterfall Way at Wollomombi.

The group included members of local progress associations, local tourism operators, representatives from the University of New England, National Parks & Wildlife Service and Principal and School Captain from Ebor Public School. They are pictured in front of the giant branded truck curtain on the New England Freightliners semitrailer.

of the most stunning and varied landscapes within national parks and quaint historic villages and towns the New England High Country has to offer," said Mayor Coupland.

"Tourism and the visitor economy is a key activation of our jobs and growth strategy and the new brand will stimulate growth across our region and in particular the villages of Hillgrove, Wollomombi and Ebor will benefit from increased visitation."

Member for New England,

Barnaby Joyce, said the Waterfall Way offers some of the best sights New England and New South Wales has to offer for tourists across the nation and overseas.

"This will be a great concept for Armidale and the surrounding areas of the New England, attracting more visitors and bringing vital business to our communities," Mr Joyce said.

The Waterfall Way brand has been made possible by Council's successful application for \$100,000 in funding under the

Australian Government's Black Summers Bushfires Grant for economic recovery for the fire-affected areas.

Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall welcomed the tourism initiative and thanked Armidale Regional Council for enhancing the tourism potential of the iconic Waterfall Way and stimulating the economy of the surrounding villages post bushfires and drought.

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Know**

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Fantastic effort by homeowners to 'treat' the kids on Halloween

The young man who picked up our bin after it was blown over in the hail storm.

Christmas countdown is on - time to start preparations

## What's **NOT**

Hail storms, rain and a return to cold weather - cover those vegies as frosts are likely this week

Vandalism and late night burnouts

## QUOTE of the week

To know what you know and what you do not know, that is true knowledge.

Confucius

### Bureau of Meteorology

## Weather

### WATCH

#### Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
25	Tues	10.1	19.1	3.4
26	Wed	8.5	19.5	0
27	Thurs	8.6	22.3	0
28	Fri	8.4	17.1	6.2
29	Sat	5.8	16.9	0
30	Sun	4.5	19.6	0
31	Mon	7.8		0

Rain this week	9.6mm
October rainfall	140.2mm
Rainfall YTD	979.4mm
Rainfall last YTD	871.6mm
Ave. rain to Oct.	691.4mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

## Climate Change Act 2022

Albanese has a mammoth task ahead of him to compensate for the previous government's nearly 10 years of repealed environmental laws, cutting of effective climate change programs, cutting funding for our internationally respected CSIRO to reduce their capacity for climate research (that means loss of Australian jobs), rejecting expert advice both at home and internationally, lying to the public, ignoring the need to continue to generate effective climate policy and scoffing at criticism about Australia's woeful performance on environmental protection. All this has left Australia uninformed and unprepared to respond appropriately to any climate change issues moving forward. The farmers I know are informed, sensitive to the changing landscape, and so are driving responsive innovation through practice and education, and all this is supported by an uncharacteristic resilience and total commitment to their belief in themselves as responsible stewards of the land (our land). They are under no uncertainty about the consequences that even small changes in the global climate will have on their livelihoods and therefore the quality of life of the rest of us. They fully understand the impacts that too little winter rain, hotter days, longer droughts, bushfires, extreme and unusual wet seasons and resultant flooding have on crop selection, crop yields, animal stress and ecosystem damage that itself has significant flow on effects to their businesses. They also understand that their industry is the single most vulnerable to climate change and therefore there is a growing movement of farmers demanding more climate action from the government, not less. They are also aware that global agricultural practices are a significant contributor to climate change, water use and contamination, deforestation (10% tree cover loss since 2019, 86% from bushfire, 180,000 acre of forest cleared in QLD for beef production in one year alone 2018-2019) and soil erosion and, therefore, a major player in its mitigation. From what I see on the ground, the government legislative response is largely

racing to keep up with private innovation in agriculture that is forging ahead to reduce agribusiness' impact on environmental degradation and mitigate climate change. However, laws will always be necessary to hamper the ruthless exploitation of our environment by that roguish minority (which may be large entities that have major impacts). But our farmers know and support this too. The Climate Change Act 2022 is about setting essential targets for emissions and monitoring for performance. It's about protecting the livelihoods of farmers and ensuring food security for the rest of us (who will still be alive in 10-15 years), not about hog-tying farmers with 'green tape'.

Peter Egener

## Critical thinking important

In this day and age, the art of critical thinking is becoming vitally important due to the amount of sheer rubbish that is circulated on social media platforms with people believing it at face value. The deep fake video of Jordan Peele's President Obama is a perfect example of this.

Yes, it is a very good thing we question what is important and we should feel extremely lucky to still live in a country that allows free speech, imagine living in a country where you would be removed from society and sent to a re-education camp because you thought differently! Sadly, some small-minded people have nothing better to do with their time than to whinge about what others think! This is why people who can't think for themselves have been sucked in by this woke movement that wants to tell us exactly how to think, what to say, how to act, and how to address people.

The claims made by some of the responders are extremely simplistic in thinking when like everything in life you don't have to read it, watch it, or even engage with it, just the same as no one makes you watch a certain program on the television as you have a choice to change channels. A case in point is the gutter press-style shock jock extreme right-wing news program that uses nothing but Fleet Street grubby journalism fear tactics to try and

engage you, but any person of average intelligence can see right through this.

According to Dr. Guy Winch, author of the book "The Squeaky Wheel" Complaining the Right Way to Get Results, Improve Your Relationships, and Enhance Self-Esteem he explains how we complain when we feel there is a significant gap between an expectation and reality, the end game is we are just really stressing ourselves out and having a negative perception of the world, and how there's a mental health price you pay for that.

Whilst I don't agree with some of the thinker's ideology, free speech is vital for the survival of our species as being told what is right from wrong is only one person's perspective.

Sam Long

## Free speech to be encouraged

In response to the Barbara Ross comments (Oct. 19 edition), I must say that free speech and expression is to be encouraged and not shut down, just because it may contravene this writer's beliefs or sensitivities.

May I quote the wonderfully balanced Evelyn Beatrice Hall (1863-1956) who wrote in The Friends of Voltaire: "I disapprove of what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it".

While I would prefer that "The Thinker" identifies him/herself, the content in general resonates with me. My conservative outlook and love of freedom of all sorts, is in direct contrast to the woke brigade which often cannot handle any real criticism or scrutiny.

Barbara Ross, at the beginning and end of her letter, advises this publication what it can and cannot print, sadly. Is it possible that mindless chatter and only local reportage are the narrow parameters of which our paper operates in future?

In summary, let me praise the Editor of the Guyra Gazette for the refreshing content printed and for not allowing the 'sugar coated tyranny' of others to preside.

Peter Heagney

# OPINION: SAGG still full of fight

The SAGG is full of fight and will never give up. We have ramped up our efforts to acquire the support letters required and now have over 1600. There has been significant interest shown by Armidale residents with many signing the letter. All enrolled voters residing in the ARC area can sign the letter which will accompany our submission to the Minister for Local Government.

Support letters are available at West End Service Centre in Armidale or the Cosy Corner in Guyra on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday with a sausage sizzle on Saturday mornings.

- ARC was formed by Governments' Forced Amalgamation Policy.

- Prior to amalgamation Guyra Shire Council had cash reserves while Armidale Dumaresq Council had none – negative bank accounts.

- At the time of the merger 90% of the Guyra community did not want it.

- At the 2019 State election a poll conducted (under State Electoral Commission Guidance) at all

booths within the former Guyra Shire including Tingha ran at 92% in favour of a de-merger.

- As a result of the forced merger none of the benefits that were used to justify the amalgamation have occurred.

- To the contrary, the diseconomies of scale have caused huge financial and operational difficulties.

- Studies undertaken by professional and analytical Local Government experts ie: (Professors Dollery and Drew) have indicated a de-merger is the only way to avoid financial disaster and social degradation.

- The Guyra ratepayer and resident was always strongly united in maintaining the autonomy of Guyra Shire Council to the extent of agreeing to a 30% rate increase at a very well attended public meeting as long as our council was left in place.

- It soon became obvious that the Fit for the Future process had a pre-ordained outcome to forcibly amalgamate as many councils as possible regardless of local com-

munity and council opinions and submissions.

- This so-called Local Government Reform Package has resulted in the trampling of democracy. The whole process was against the will of electors and has destroyed our democratic right to control our own destiny at local level.

- Since the formation of ARC the Guyra ratepayer and communities have lost representation at council level as a result many publicly owned assets have been sold in an attempt to resolve their own financial inadequacies.

- Guyra depot plant and equipment has been either sold or relocated to Armidale resulting in failed local efficiencies creating a significant loss of out-door staff living in Guyra.

- A continual rundown of all council assets in particular arterial roads which have deteriorated to the extent of being dangerous and even impassable in some cases. The road network within any regional rural council is crucial for long term development and success and should be prioritised as a core

service along with water, sewage, waste management etc. Instead, we have ARC telling us there is no money for roads until a huge Special Rate Variation is approved. Where is the current \$20 million rate income going? Much of it swallowed up by top-heavy administration and operational inefficiencies we think.

- The emotional and social issues caused by this merger, despite being told repeatedly by Mayor Coupland to forget them, are real and many of us are feeling the stress of anxiety, depression and apathy. The majority of Guyra people feel they have been abandoned.

- This sorry state of affairs is a direct contradiction to the promises made prior to amalgamation and the Coalition State Government must take full responsibility for this disaster. While the political winds may be changing the LIBERAL/National Governments' grip on this immoral DEBACLE is a real and horrifying blight on a democratic Australia.

**Rob Lenehan and Peter Heagney on behalf of SAGG**



## DIVE INTO SPORT WITH \$100 ACTIVE KIDS AND FIRST LAP VOUCHERS

I am encouraging families across the Northern Tablelands to take advantage of the highly successful \$100 Active Kids and First Lap voucher programs available now.

The Active Kids and First Lap voucher programs help kids keep healthy, social, and having fun without breaking the family budget.

Families can use these State Government cost-saving measures for summer sport and swimming lessons.

As part of the Active Kids program, families can now access two separate \$100 vouchers for each school enrolled child. These can be used with an approved Active Kids provider contributing towards the cost of sport and active recreation fees.

Approved Active Kids providers can be found on Service NSW's website.



The First Lap program provides families of eligible NSW children aged 3-6, not enrolled in school, with one \$100 voucher to offset the costs of invaluable swimming lessons, especially as we enter the warmer months.

The First Lap vouchers can be used for a program of at least 5 structured and supervised swimming lessons, which could be an intensive program or a child's

regular weekly lessons.

Approved First Lap providers can be found on Service NSW's website.

Whether it's dancing, cricket or learning how to swim, the Active Kids and First Lap vouchers make it easier for young kids all over our region to have access to even more ways to stay happy and healthy.

If you are a local organisation interested in becoming an Active Kids or First Lap provider, you can check your eligibility and register with Service NSW.

For more information and to apply for your Active Kids and First Lap vouchers, please visit [www.sport.nsw.gov.au](http://www.sport.nsw.gov.au) or contact Service NSW on 13 77 88.

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# Community Noticeboard

## Meals on Wheels

November 3 H Marchant  
 November 4 L & R Skinner  
 November 7 Judy Broad  
 November 8 Lions Club  
 November 9 Wendy Laidlaw

## Street Stalls

Nov. 3,4,5 Lions Club  
 Nov.17,18,19 Rotary

## Church Notices

**St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church** Mass 6pm Saturday and 9am Sunday. Weekday Mass Monday – Friday 9am  
 Contact: 6779 1036

**St. James' Anglican Church** 9am Sunday. Doors open from 8:30am. We have plenty of space, all welcome! Contact: Rev. Tim Stevens 6779 1111

**St. Columba's Presbyterian Church** 9am Sunday followed by morning tea. Contact: Rev. Andrew Campbell 0447 724 536

### The Chapel:

66 Llangothin Street:  
 Sunday Service: 10am  
 Contact: Contact Pastors Linden & Kerrie Pollard 0455 232 073.

### Seventh-day Adventist Church:

Sabbath School 10.00am Saturday Divine Service 11.30am Saturday Contact: 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: Dave Brown 0419 539 372, Dan McGinty 0409 399 270

## Service Clubs

**LIONS CLUB** dinner meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month at Guyra Bowling Club, 7pm. Ph: Geoff Reeves 6779 1257

**ROTARY CLUB** dinner meetings 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month 6pm for 6.30pm at Guyra Cafe Ph: Hans Hietbrink 0402 044 891

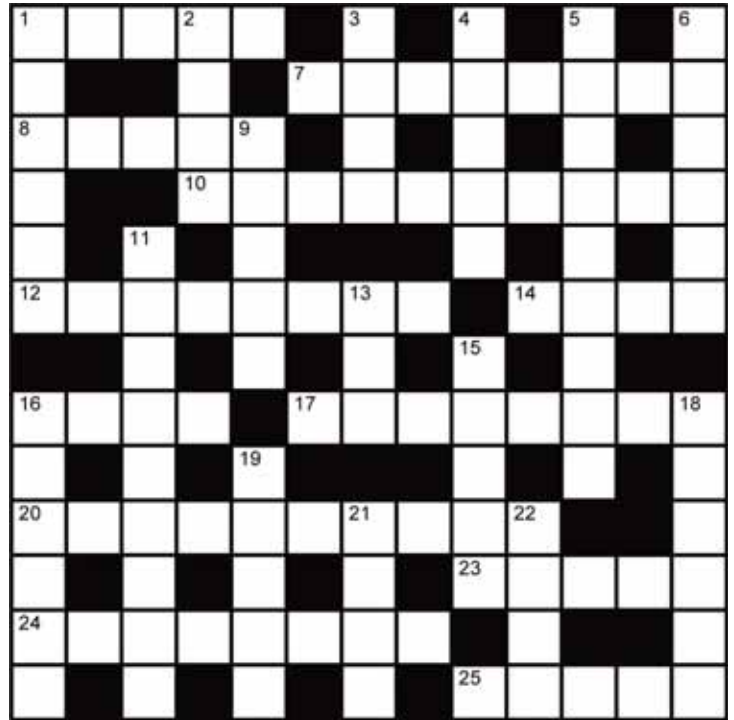
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- Kept (8)
- Port on the Brittany coast (5)
- Specific gravity indicator (10)
- Gifted (8)
- Unruly (4)
- Impression (4)
- Inhabitant (8)
- Athletics field event (6,4)
- Big house-plant (5)
- Protective glove (8)
- Coniferous tree (5)

## DOWN

- Apart from (6)
- Famous miler, Bannister (5)
- Back street (5)
- Lethal (6)
- Aplomb (5)
- Jean \_\_\_\_\_, actress in Bread (4)
- Indian corn (5)
- Piece of computer data (4)

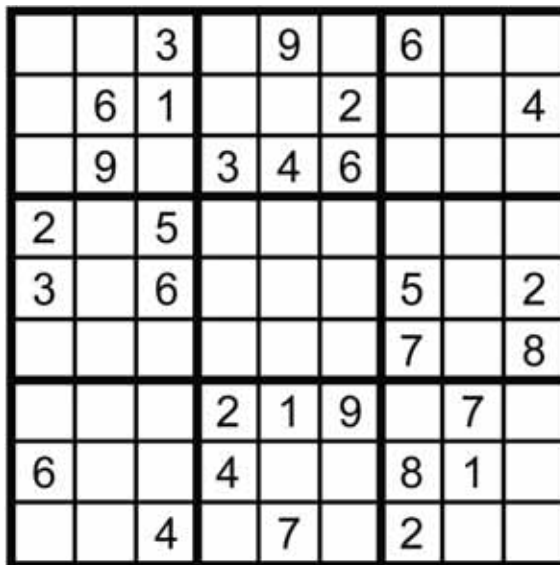
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- Haggle (6)
- Globe (6)
- Spiny plant (5)
- Arc (5)

Across: 1. Bough, 7. Retained, 8. Brest, 10. Thrash, 19. Zloty, 21. Jeep, 22. Pupa  
 Down: 1. Bobcat, 2. Gash, 3. Fear, 4. Palma, Yucca, 24. Gauntlet, 25. Larch  
 5. Unethical, 6. Adored, 9. Tying, 11. Plentiful, 13. EEC, 15. Mummy, 16. Dotage, 18. Dent, 17. Occupant, 20. Triple jump, 23. Hydrometer, 12. Talented, 14. Wild, 16.

## SUDOKU - Easy



## What to Watch

Our armchair critic has new recommendations every week. All movies have ratings of M and over - happy viewing!!!

## Netflix Movies

- Nobody
- Crisis
- Forgiven
- Crank 2: High Voltage
- Coffee and Kareem
- American Gangster
- The Prince and Me
- To all the Boys I Have Loved Before

## Netflix Series

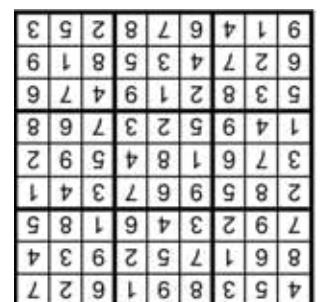
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- Queen's Gambit
- Love 101

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# Comedy show with a message coming to town

Proving there is a serious side to comedy Wayne Donnelly is hoping to provide the Guyra community with a few laughs as well as share the reason behind his journey as a hypnotherapist.

Wayne will perform his Comedy Hypnosis Show at the Australian Poetry Hall of Fame on Saturday November 12th.

The following day he will give a Mental Health Talk in the Seahorse Medicine Café.

The talk entitled "From Ending Life To Embracing Life" will detail how he overcame depression through hypnosis and why he became a hypnotherapist.

Wayne believes there are three strategies which can help you turn around your thinking and will include a practical demonstration with attendees so they can get a sense of what can be done to make a change.

"Mental Health is an issue in the Australian community," Wayne said. "As I travel around the country I often hear stories of



**Wayne Donnelly will perform in Guyra next week and will also give a free talk on mental health**

how local communities are impacted by the tragedy of suicide and self harm.

"Families are left to question what they could have done to prevent their loved one from taking that action. In this talk I want to share what I have learned in 13

years of practising hypnotherapy with clients for a range of issues.

"Stress, anxiety and depression are usually associated with the issue they came in for. On Sunday 13th my aim is to address the issue of depression head on with a message of hope and encour-

agement as well as some practical steps that attendees can take home to use or share with friends and family.

"Why am I doing it? Because it was through depression that I became a hypnotherapist. My mission statement is 'To help others the way I had been helped'.

"The talk is free and I'd love you to support the show on Saturday night to enjoy a good laugh and help me spread this important message."

The Comedy Show is being held on November 12th starting at 7.30pm.

Tickets for the show are in this link [www.eventbrite.com/e/comedy-hypnosis-show-with-wayne-donnelly-at-guyra-tickets-440188193737](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/comedy-hypnosis-show-with-wayne-donnelly-at-guyra-tickets-440188193737)

The Mental Health talk is free and everyone is welcome to join Wayne at the Seahorse Café from 10am to 11am.

## Council looks to establish off lease areas in Guyra

Armidale Regional Council has endorsed a recommendation that could see two leash free areas for dogs established in Guyra. The areas under consideration are in Balblair and Sandon Sts.

There are currently no formalised leash-free areas in Guyra, although a temporary site on Mackenzie Street owned by Guyra Local Aboriginal Land Council has been utilised in the past.

According to Council records over 60% of the Guyra households have at least one dog and on that basis there is a demonstrable need for a permanent leash-free areas in Guyra.

Leash-free areas are designed to allow pet owners to exercise their animals without a leash in an open environment where they are not likely to impact on other recreational area users.

Leashfree areas provide a location for owners where their dogs

can be exercised and socialised with other dogs and therefore reduce problems such as barking and other nuisance behaviour.

The two sites under consideration both have access to the water network and would only require minor works to facilitate water troughs and/or bubbler systems. Both sites require secure fencing around the area to ensure that dogs are kept within the approved leash-free areas.

Park benches and tables would also be installed to allow for dog owners to interact with other owners whilst exercising and socialising their dogs. Dog waste bags and bins will also be installed and serviced by existing Ranger staff. Dependant on remaining budget some dog play equipment may also be incorporated within the areas.

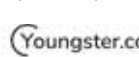
The two (2) preferred sites are to be placed on public exhibition for no less than 28 days.

## Tech help for seniors at Armidale Regional Libraries



Free sessions available at Armidale Guyra Libraries. Call the library to register or visit <https://youngster.co/>

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# Black Mountain Public School Gets a Mention in Parliament

The students at Black Mountain Public School travelled to Armidale on Thursday, 20th October 2022 to participate in a rehearsal for New England Sings which the New England Conservatorium of Music presented at the Armidale Secondary College on Sunday, 23rd October 2022.

New England sings is a nationally acclaimed, award-winning choral showcase bringing together over 900 students from across 30 regional schools, accompanied by an 80-piece orchestra.

On returning to school that afternoon, the school was informed that they had received a special mention in the Community Recognition Statements in NSW Parliament on Tuesday, 18th October 2022. Mr Adam Marshall (Northern Tablelands) recognised the collaboration between the Conservatorium of Music (NECOM), the New England Regional Art Museum (NERAM)



and the Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Keeping Place for providing a Home Arts Cluster Day which our school attended, giving a rich experience through the different art forms. Mr Marshall

congratulated the Armidale cultural groups for a successful event sharing their wealth of artistic material to inspire young minds and commended Black Mountain Public School for mak-

ing this experience possible for their students.

*Mrs Justine Eddy  
Relieving Principal*

## What do you think?

No doubt few people have heard of Agenda 21 and 2030, and yet it severely impacts upon our way of life.

So what is it? Well in 1992 Paul Keating, our then Prime Minister, signed Australia up to Agenda 21 along with another 178 nations. It's about global land use, global education, global population and reduction in world population. Current population numbers are unsustainable, or so we are told.

The Secretary General of the UN's Earth Summit 1992 said: "current lifestyles and consumption patterns of the affluent middle class – involving high meat intake, use of fossil fuels, appliances, home and work air conditioning and suburban housing are not sustainable". Note that Victoria has just legislated that new housing must meet "the 7 star home program".

Effective execution of Agenda 21 will require profound reorientation of all human society. This is a major shift in the priorities of both Governments and individuals and an unprecedented redeployment of resources. This shift will demand that a concern for the environmental consequences of every human action will be integrated into decision making at every level.

Agenda 21 will make you "a steward of the environment" and seeks to control you and your life. Once fully implemented you will experience:

- Elimination of your right to private ownership [over time]
- Prohibition from entering woodland and wetland areas [see Victoria's recent legislation]
- Higher prices in stores [as at present]
- Restriction of your civil liberties [covid emergency legislation]
- Limits on the number of children you can have [encourage women to work]
- Restriction on the amount of garbage you can dispose of

[smaller garbage bins the start]

- Restriction on the amount of water you can use [wait for the next drought for rules on this]

- Farmers being required to reduce their stock levels, and restricted in how much land can be under cultivation

- Fertilizers will be more expensive

- Farmers only being allowed to capture 10% of the water from their land [in place]

- Implementation of water licences [in place in Riverina]

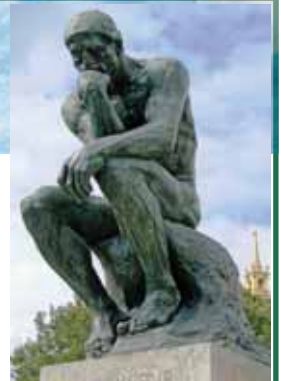
- Fencing of rivers and creeks at the expense of the land holder to stop stock access.

It's the farmers who are currently being targeted but tomorrow it will be the cities. Notice how additional dams are not being built for Sydney and the Dungowan dam stopped. Water use will be restricted. [No fixed garden hosing, limit time in showers, etc]

In September 2015, the UN held a Sustainable Development Summit where they officially released "Agenda 2030" as a follow up to Agenda 21. These agendas are all designed to control people's rights, water, population, health, education, sovereignty, ownership of land and how we choose to live our lives.

Were we, the people, ever asked about signing up to these controls? In a similar manner, were we ever asked about the renewable energy hubs that are springing up throughout our country, particularly here in the Northern Tablelands?

All this is coming down the pipeline unless we fight these controls imposed from on high. Does your politician agree with these controls and agendas?



*The Thinker*



# Sporting Moments from 1979



**Top left:**

Guyra Men's Basketball team  
**Back:** David Sole, Unknown, Greg Simpson, Unknown, Unknown  
**Front:** Dan Kennedy, Michael White

**Top right:**

Guyra Central School Under 14 basketball team won the New England Championship  
**Back:** Debbie Kelly, Oudette Walker, Sonia Hall  
**Front:** Marie Walden, Robyn Starr and Julie Reeves



**Below left:**

Guyra team Super Spuds were runners up in the Armidale snooker competition  
 David Lyes, Robert Moore, Greg Newman, Richard Burey, Robert Davis and Peter Burey

**Below right:**

Guyra 16 Junior Basketball team  
**Back:** Vicki Burey, Donna Cook  
**Front:** Unknown, Sue Courtney, Yvonne Ramage, Donna Reeves

Guyra's winning Under 8 soccer team who went through the season undefeated.  
 Coached by Darrell Campbell and Eric Reeves



# Ban on single use plastics takes effect this week

From this week, businesses will be banned from selling a number of common items, as new bans on single-use plastics take effect in NSW.

The ban on single-use plastic bags which began on June 1 has been expanded to include items such as plastic straws, cutlery and certain hair and face products.

Here is a full list of the items that businesses will be banned from supplying from tomorrow:

- single-use plastic cutlery, stirrers, straws, plates and bowls, expanded polystyrene (EPS) food service items (including EPS clamshells, cups, plates and bowls)

- single-use plastic cotton buds
- certain rinse-off personal care products containing plastic microbeads, including face and body cleansers, exfoliants, masks, shampoo, conditioner,

hair dyes, and toothpaste

Retail and hospitality businesses must abide by the new bans, including restaurants, cafes, bars and hotels.

Charities and individuals undertaking an activity for sporting, education or community purposes must also follow the new rules.

There are some exceptions to the new bans, including providing plastic straws upon request to people with a disability or medical need.

Single-use plastic bowls designed or intended to have a spill-proof lid and serving utensils or serving ware, such as tongs and platters, are also exempt.

The exemptions also extend to pre-packaged items that are integrated into the packaging of a food or beverage product through a machine automated



Single-use plastic cutlery, stirrers, straws, plates and bowls are among the items that have been banned

process, such as straws attached to a juice box.

The EPA has also granted an exemption, with a two-year review period, for the supply of

plastic single-use cotton buds and plastic single-use bowls for medical, scientific and forensic purposes in certain circumstances.

There is a one-off, time bound exemption for plates and bowls that are made of paper or cardboard but have a plastic lining or coating. This exemption expires on October 31, 2024.

It comes after lightweight plastic bags were banned across the state in June 1, 2022, with retailers caught supplying these bags risking a fine of up to \$275,000.

If caught defying the new bans, businesses could cop an on-the-spot fine of \$2750 or up to \$11,000 in penalties for individual suppliers, including sole traders.

A maximum \$55,000 penalty is possible for corporations and \$110,000 for manufacturers, wholesalers and distributors.

## Rural Market Reports

### Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

October 26th - Guyra penned 4300 sheep and lambs consisting of 3375 lambs and 941 grown sheep. Those numbers only slightly back on the sale two weeks ago.

It was a good quality offering with an emphasis on the purchase of lighter processor lambs against the recent weather events. There were large drafts of well finished heavy lambs selling to dearer trends. Grown sheep selling to dearer trends. All the regular buyers attended.

Light lambs to the resocker trade to a dearer trend. Light processor lambs were significantly dearer, the trade lambs firm. Heavy trade also dearer, up \$8/head. Heavy lambs back slightly \$15/head. Lambs in excess of 30kgs cwt also to dearer trend up \$7/head.

There were several pens of new season lambs and these topped at \$215/head. Heavy hoggets also dearer to sell at \$160/head. Grown sheep saw dearer trends through most

classes.

Light Merino sold to dearer trends to restockers. Light ewes to process up \$10/head. Medium Merinos to process sold to \$10/head better. Heavy

Dorper ewes sold to dearer trends, up by \$8/head. Heavy cross bred ewes were back slightly with only one operator buying the heavy end. Merino wethers were back \$13/head. Meat rams sold to \$100/head.

### Armidale Cattle Sale

October 27th - Armidale numbers were static at 477 good quality cattle with a large offering of cows. There was strong demand for the lighter end of the young cattle. Not all cow buyers attended but those present competed strongly for the well presented penning.

Restockers were present to make strong purchases through the young cattle particularly in the younger, lighter steer and heifer weaners. All the other regular buyers attended.

Weaner steers sold to considerably dearer trends as did the

heifer portion. These all sold to restocker interests. A significant rise in trends also shown through the light yearling steers also going to restockers. The feeder portion of these steers making to 646/kg.

Heavy feeder steer also dearer. Heifers sold in the same vein with a substantial rise in the light weights again to restockers. Medium weight feeder heifers were up to 35/kg better. The opposite trend was evident through the heavy processing heifers, these back 10/kg. Grown steers in light numbers saw cheaper trends.

Grown heifers to feed on were cheaper with the processor heifers back 24/kg. Medium weight cows were slightly cheaper. Heavy 3 and 4 score cows saw a rise of 15c/kg. Heavy bulls to 340/kg.

### Weekly Wool Market

October 28th - On the back of a solid past fortnight that snapped a lengthy downtrend the national offering jumped to just over 41,000 bales. This was a 6,900 bale increase compared

to last week.

Prices were cheaper from the commencement of Tuesdays sale with the Northern region indicator closing down 7 cents. This was followed up by a further 14 cent decline on the final day of sales. Individual micron indicators especially at both ends of the spectrum moved out of sync to the rest of the market.

The 16.5 micron indicator lost 6% whilst the Merino carding indicator was the only category to close in positive territory. 32,167 bales were sold nationally with the passed in rate climbing well above the seasonal average to 17.7%.

Major buyers included Techwool, Tianyu and PJ Morris. The Aussie dollar improved against the US dollar this week with the 23 cent fall in the Eastern market indicator equating to just a 3 cent loss when looked at in US dollars.

Next week's national offering is expected to increase again to 43,000 bales. Sales will revert to a Wednesday, Thursday format due to Tuesday's public holiday in Victoria





## PUBLIC NOTICES

**WARDS MISTAKE Christmas Party** will be held on Saturday, 19th November.

Are you a new resident in the Guyra area?

Come along to a meet and greet

*Morning Tea at the Museum*

on Sunday, 6th November at 11am.

Check out our museum

and have a cuppa, a scone and a chat.

**Guyra Historical Society - 6779 2132**

## MEETINGS

**GUYRA CENTRAL SCHOOL P&C Meeting**, to be held on Tuesday November 22 @ 6pm at the School.

**GUYRA GARDEN CLUB AGM** will be held on Monday 28th November, 11am at Robyn Jackson's "Kooralbyn" garden. Everyone is welcome especially new members and any queries contact the secretary, Mary 0429 345 255.

## FOOD PANTRY

**Food Pantry at The Chapel**  
66 Llangothlin Street, Guyra

**OPEN**

10am - 12pm and 1.00pm - 2.30pm.

1st, 3rd & 5th Friday of the month.

Contact: 0455 232 073

## COURSES

**Forklift**

10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> November

**Combined Traffic Controller & Implement Traffic Control (New Entrant Training)**

Mon & Tues, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> November

**Working at Heights**

Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> November

**Combined Food Safety Supervisors Level 1 & 2**

Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> November

**Bookings essential at**

**New England Community College**

(RTO#90145)

136 Bradley Street, Guyra

Phone: 6779 2132

or enrol online:

[www.gala.org.au](http://www.gala.org.au)

**Bookings now being taken for Certificate Courses**

## DEATH & FUNERAL NOTICES

**BAXTER; Peter Lofwin**

25th October, 2022

Aged 93 years

Late of "Balook" Guyra.

Dear loved husband of Judy, loving father and father-in-law of Janiece & Graham, Mick & Marg, Chris, Deb & Les, and Wendy & Brian, and a much loved Poppy & great Poppy.

*Horner Family Funerals*

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FDA of NSW 12029-01

## GUYRA CHOIR

This year the Guyra Choir will be able to lead the Carol Services at St James Anglican Church on Saturday, 10th December at 7.30pm and at the Ben Lomond Hall on Monday, 12th December at 7.30pm.

If you love to sing, please come and join us. We would love to welcome some new members to our choir.

We will start rehearsing on Monday nights from 7th November at 7.30pm in the Anglican Church.

## CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

**Guyra Rotary Christmas Carnival**

will be held on Friday 2nd December from 5pm in Bradley Street.

**MARKET STALLS**

Apply NOW for your market stall space

Email: [marthaweiderman@gmail.com](mailto:marthaweiderman@gmail.com)

or call: 6779 2132

## CLAIM THE DATE

**SUNDAY, 6th NOVEMBER:**

Morning Tea at the Museum, 11am.

Guyra Cup at Armidale Racecourse.

**SATURDAY, 19th NOVEMBER:**

Wards Mistake Christmas Party.

**FRIDAY, 2nd DECEMBER:**

Guyra Rotary Christmas Street Party.

Market and food stalls, BBQ, Santa with presents for the kids, Christmas Tree lighting.

**TUESDAY, 13th DECEMBER:**

Guyra Hospital Auxiliary Carols by Candlelight.

**SATURDAY, 24th DECEMBER:**

Uniting Church Festival of Lessons and Carols, 7pm.

**CLAIM THE DATE**

For your event

or function

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# New committee looks to revive senior league

After missing out on centenary celebrations this year, senior footy might be on the way back in 2023 after a committee was formed at Sunday's annual general meeting.

More than 20 club members attended the AGM in a huge show of support for returning the Super Spuds to the field next year.

The next big task is finding coaches.

Guyra will seek to field a senior men's team, a women's leaguetag team and an under 18s side for the first time in many years.

With most of this year's premiership-winning under 16s ready to step up, it is vital the club gets going to keep the juniors at Guyra.

Fortunately, a number of players have already committed to playing and more are expected to join in the coming weeks.

Kylie Sutton will be the new club secretary, Sarah Gwilym is treasurer and Heidi Wilson will



A new committee has been formed and they hope to see the Super Spuds running out on to the field in 2023

be registrar, while Jamie Youman and Peter Presnell are the vice-presidents.

The club is still seeking a club president.

Publicity officer Grant Roberson will fill the role on a temporary basis, but anyone who would like to lead the club in 2023 should make contact as soon as possible.

A large committee also includes John Atkin, Billy Youman, Dylan Sutton, Bailey Wilson, Pat Ketley, Damien Sutton, Barry Grills, Gary Sole and Nadia West.

Applications for all three coaching jobs should be in writing and provided to the club via Facebook or email at [guyrarugbyleague@gmail.com](mailto:guyrarugbyleague@gmail.com) or in person to a member of the

committee.

Applications close on Tuesday, November 29.

The club is also asking for expressions of interest from major sponsors for 2023, while any interested players or volunteers are also welcome to contact the club.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 30 at 6.30pm at the bottom pub.

## Ladies' Golf

Last week there was no golf played as the course was still too wet. This week the ladies are on their Annual Golf Trip. We are hoping for some better weather while we're away, so we can play some of our best golf. The President versus Captain match is always a hard fought competition!

Next week is an Individual Stableford. Jenny Rogers is the starter and sponsor.

*Birdie*

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