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Funding pulled, but councils remain committed to Rail Trail

The New England Rail Trail is at the centre of a funding stoush between local, state and federal governments this week, after promised funding was withdrawn.

A total of \$14.1 million had been set aside for the first stages of the project which would see a 103km trail established between Armidale and Glen Innes.

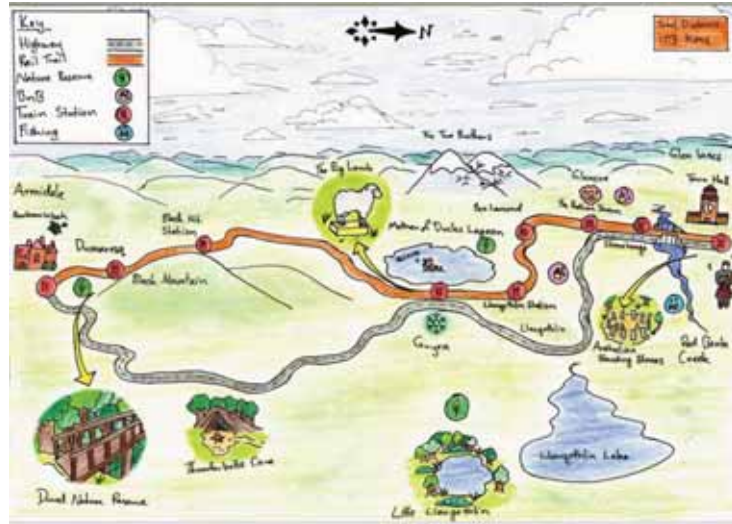
Both Armidale Regional Council (ARC) and Glen Innes Severn Council (GISC) had committed to building the first stages of the trail which they hoped would become a tourism drawcard for the region.

GISC secured \$8.7 for the project through the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund (BLERF) and Armidale's \$5.4m grant was allocated through the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Program (BSBR), administered by the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA).

The news that the funds would not be forthcoming broke on Monday November 25th.

GISC described the withdrawal of \$8.7 million in funding as a 'crushing blow'.

Newly elected GISC Mayor Margot Davis expressed her profound disappointment in the decision.



Guyra sits at the centre of the proposed New England Rail Trail between Armidale and Glen Innes

"This project was the single most significant economic opportunity our community has ever seen," Cr Davis said.

"To have this funding stripped is not just a heartless decision—it's an act of indifference to rural communities that have endured natural disaster after natural disaster."

ARC also confirmed that \$5.4 of funding promised for the Armidale section of the trail had been withdrawn.

"I am gutted that a grant already awarded on the basis of merit, and backed by the community, has been withdrawn," Cr Coupland said.

"What frustrates me the most is the absurd amount of time NEMA consumed stringing ARC along and effectively running 'down the clock' on the grant, wasting Council time and ratepayer resources."

Despite the setback, both councils say that they are committed to the Rail Trail Project.

GISC said that it remains steadfast in its commitment to the New England Rail Trail and they have formally appealed to The Hon. Jenny McAllister, Minister for Emergency Management, and The Hon. Tara Moriarty, Minister for Regional NSW, calling for a fair review of the decision and the reinstatement of funding.

ARC Mayor Sam Coupland said that building the Armidale to Ben Lomond section of the New England Rail Trail remains a key focus of ARC and the current council.

ARC has already submitted further grant applications to complete the 67km Armidale – Ben Lomond Section of the New England Rail Trail. A \$21.1m grant application has progressed to the final stage of the Federal Government's Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program and the outcome of this application is expected in coming weeks.

INSIDE:

• *Moylan and Joyce slam withdrawal of funding.*

• *Trains North welcomes decision*

Earmark Your Calendar

Winter Festival EOI
(Initial planning meeting)

Tuesday 3 December 2024
6pm

Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club

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Wednesday 26 February 2025

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Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club

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Bald Blair Year 6 farewell Primary School

Year Six students from Bald Blair Public School said farewell to their primary school years at a dinner last Thursday night at the Guyra Bowling Club.

The dinner was attended by the families and friends of our Year Six students, as well as teachers and staff from the school. We enjoyed a two-course meal and then shared the Year Six cake, made by the Guyra Bakery.

After dinner, the teachers led the students in dancing the 'Nutbush' before the students took over the dance floor with some very tricky moves.

This is a significant milestone for our Year Six students and one that I am sure they will remember for many years to come.

Bald Blair Public School will be holding their Celebration of Learning on Thursday 5th December, 5pm at the school. Please contact Kristy on 6779 1578.

*Ros Edwards
Principal*



Above l to r: Alby McKemey; Taharn Masuk-Purvis; Mahalia Redshaw; Katie Campion; Jaylee Burns

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*Black Mountain
Baptist Church Christmas*
Saturday, 7th December 2024
BBQ from 6pm
Carols and Service at 7.30pm
Please join us to Celebrate the Season!

Farm succession survey launched

The first national survey of farm business succession to be made in 20 years has been launched by a team from the University of New England (UNE), with the aim of improving one of the most challenging aspects of agriculture.

The FarmTransfer survey has the ambitious goal of getting more than 700 respondents to put data behind anecdotes on why some families successfully negotiate succession, and some do not.

Failure to effectively manage succession can have disastrous consequences – for the farm business, for farm families, and for rural communities that rely on intergenerational farming families to support physical and social infrastructure.

Dr Lucie Newsome, a Senior Lecturer with UNE's Business School and one of the team that devised the FarmTransfer survey,

says that despite years of discussion about the need to do better on succession, too many Australian farm families are still failing at the process.

"We hope that the survey will provide contemporary insights into how families succeed at this process, and why they fail. The information will support farm groups and consultants who are working to improve the farm succession process," Dr Newsome says.

The team intends to also publish a guide for farm families who are facing succession.

"Even if it just provokes some reflection on when the process should start, it might contribute to more successful outcomes. At the very least, it may be a way of starting that most difficult of conversations."

To be statistically robust, the survey will need 700-plus respon-



Dr Lucie Newsome

dents.

"For this survey to help farm families, we need the broadest possible engagement," Dr Newsome says.

"We're hoping for a coast-to-coast geographical spread of respondents; representation from across all the mainstream agricul-

ture sectors; and importantly, reporting of succession experiences from awful to excellent."

"We know it will be particularly hard for those who have been through a really terrible experience, one that might have torn their family apart, to sit down and revisit that time. But by doing so, they may help other families avoid the problems that the survey respondent faced."

"Just as successful succession means that families can continue farming the same land for generations, failed succession can damage relationships in ways that persist for generations. No one wants to live with that stress and sadness."

Read more about the Farm Transfers survey and find the survey link online here: www.une.edu.au/farmtransfersurvey

Moylan and Joyce slam funding cuts for our region

Member for Northern Tablelands Brendan Moylan has hit out at the NSW and Federal Governments after \$14.1 million of funding promised to Glen Innes Severn Council and Armidale Regional Council for their Rail Trail project was revoked.

"I have been pushing for more funding so it is incredibly disappointing to hear there will be cuts made to the Northern Tablelands," Mr Moylan said.

"Whether you were for or against the Rail Trail, the reality is Mr Minns and Mr Albanese have taken approximately \$14.1million out of our region.

"But rest assured, I will continue

to fight hard for funding in the region."

Mr Moylan has called on the Federal and State Governments to ensure the funding will remain in the Glen Innes and Armidale local government areas for other projects.

Member for New England Barnaby Joyce said that the withdrawal of funding is a massive slap in the face to the people of New England.

Mr Joyce said he would hold the Government to account for withdrawing the \$14 million funding package.

"I've been taking deputations about the trail for the past three years, to cancel funding now is arbitrary and careless."

Trains North welcomes decision to cut funding for Rail trail

A group advocating for the return of rail services north of Armidale has welcomed the announcement that funding for the Armidale and Glen Innes parts of the proposed New England Rail Trail has been withdrawn.

Matthew Tierney, President of Trains Norths said that it might seem disappointing that \$14 million of grants would not be flowing into

the Armidale and Glen Innes local government areas but stressed that it was more important to keep the railway line.

Trains North will step up its efforts to have the Main North Line, including the currently disused section between Armidale and the Queensland border, integrated into a modern state and national rail freight logistics network.

New Community Care Chaplain for Guyra

Anglicare has worked in our region for many years, providing mental health support, financial counselling, and housing assistance to those who need it. Most of their work goes unnoticed, but in 2025, Anglicare will have a new presence in Guyra through a Community Care Chaplain.

Rev. Daniel Hayes recently took on this part-time role alongside his work as an Assistant Minister at Glen Innes Anglican Church. Daniel grew up in Nepal, so he has first-hand knowledge of what it means to live where you don't feel like you fit in.

As the chaplain, Daniel will dedicate himself to supporting our town's struggling and marginalised people. He looks forward to serving the community in this new way.

"I'm looking forward to the opportunity to get to know people, hear their stories," Daniel said.

"Hopefully I can help and encourage them in the next chapter."

This position was created through a three-way partnership between Anglicare, Guyra Anglican Church, and Glen Innes Anglican Church, with Anglicare footing the bill.

Guyra minister, Rev. Tim Stevens



Rev. Daniel Hayes

has welcomed Daniel's appointment.

"I am ecstatic that Guyra is on Anglicare's radar," Rev Stevens said.

"I am pleased that our church will have the resources to help the many people who are struggling in our town."

Daniel will commence his work in Guyra in mid-December, so if you see him around town, please feel free to say 'hi'. If you want to contact Daniel directly, call Guyra Anglican's office at (02) 6779 1111 and leave a message.

What's HOT

Campdraft weekend a great success

Christmas decorations going up everywhere

Have you nominated someone for Australia Day Awards yet - closing date in December 19th!!!

Guyra pool is the place to be

Swim School week

Last week was an important week for the students at Black Mountain Public School as they participated in the School Swimming & Water Safety Program.

Students developed their swimming skills and water safety knowledge with Mrs Lorraine Brazier and teacher supervisors. While the weather proved to be challenging, all students enjoyed learning new skills.

*Mrs Justine Eddy
Relieving Principal*



Learning to swim at the Guyra Pool



What's NOT

Runners/walkers wearing dark clothes when they are out and about on main roads

No trail, no rail - no one wins

JOKE of the week

What did the drummer name her twin daughters?

Anna 1, Anna 2.

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
19	Tues	11.2	15.9	1.4
20	Wed	10.3	17.1	0
21	Thurs	8.2	18.8	0
22	Fri	10.6	20.7	0
23	Sat	7.8	23.2	1.6
24	Sun	9.1	26.4	0
25	Mon	10.9	26.4	0

Rain this week	3.0mm
Nov. rainfall	101.4mm
Rainfall YTD	764.6mm
Rainfall last YTD	701.8mm
Ave. rain to Nov.	794.5mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Letters to the Editor.....

Great local tradies

We wanted to share our appreciation and huge thanks to our local electrician, Brad Lane, who assisted us, not only for an out of hours emergency but on the same afternoon he returned from a family trip to the beach!

With the recent criticism by some people of our local tradespeople this just shows that they are always willing to go above and beyond to help other locals.

We are definitely lucky to have such great local tradies in Guyra.

Sarah Cox

Innocent query misunderstood

It was quite distressing to read a Facebook post and subsequent replies to that post as a result of my very innocent query: "Where are all the tradies?" which I sub-

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mitted to your What's Not Hot section of the Gazette last week (edition 20th November, 2024).

I was not "having a moan" as the anonymous poster assumed, I don't delay paying bills, the jobs don't have to be done before Christmas (as again the anonymous poster assumed).

The tirade by the anonymous poster included a lot of other negative assumptions made without

any knowledge of what was wanted.

I definitely was not making any criticism of our local tradies. The jobs are quite big and it has been difficult to find a local tradie who can do the work and who is prepared to take a look and provide a quote.

I was amazed at the tendency of people to leap to negative assumptions after an innocent query.

Christmas is near. Let's be kind to each other instead of pounding the keyboard in anger!

*Name & address supplied
But withheld by request*

Editor's note: A call-out to our local Tradies: provide us with your name, phone number and your area of expertise. We will publish a list in the Gazette on 11th December.

Nominate now for Australia Day awards

Do you know a person or group that goes above and beyond for their local community? You have until December 19th to put in your nominations for the 2025 Australia Day Awards.

The awards celebrate individuals and groups that make our community a better place with their outstanding contribution in charitable and voluntary services, sport, arts and more.

The 2025 Guyra categories include:

- Citizen of the Year
 - Young Citizen of the Year
 - Community Service Award
 - Sportsperson of the Year
 - Sports Team of the Year
 - Contribution to Sport and Recreation
 - Art, Drama, or Music Award
 - Environmental Citizen of the Year
 - Community Event of the Year
- The Australia Day Awards are

a chance for to honour the remarkable achievements of those in our community who dedicate their time and energy to making a difference.

Guyra Australia Day Awards nominations can be lodged through the online nomination form via <https://www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au/council/council-events/australia-day/nominate-now/nominate-now-guyra-citizens>.

Visit the council website for more information. Forms are also available and can be collected at the GALA Centre at 136 Bradley Street.

The Guyra Australia Day Committee manages the nominations and Australia Day activities in Guyra. The awards will be presented at the Australia Day dinner which will be held at the Guyra Bowling Club on Saturday January 25th.



Guyra Hockey Club was the sporting team of the year in 2024
Nominate your choice for 2025 awards now.

Tiny Church will be all aglow this Christmas

The Baptist Church at Black Mountain will come alive this Christmas thanks to the generosity of local resident, Railene Turner. The Church will be professionally lit for Christmas by Mr & Mrs Hill Lighting, from Glen Innes.

Over the last several years Geoff and Cassandra Hill have travelled all over NSW to install lighting for weddings and

special events. They will use their expertise to create a magical Christmas event by illuminating the tiny Church at Black Mountain for the first time.

Railene said she was motivated to do something to spread the joy of the season to the residents of Black Mountain and also to remind people of the Reason for the Season. She approached the Armidale District

Baptist Church (ADBC) asking for permission to proceed with the lighting.

Not only did she get approval for the lighting, her request also served as a catalyst for the first service to be held at the Church since before the Covid-19 pandemic.

To mark the event a free BBQ will be held on Saturday December 7th starting at 6pm, fol-

lowed by the Carols Service at 7.30pm.

At the conclusion of the service, when the skies darken, the lights on the historic Church will be revealed.

The lights will remain switched on for the rest of the month, so if you miss the unveiling, you can still take a trip to see what should be a great spectacle.

Get in the spirit and light up for Christmas

The Guyra & Community Progress Association are accepting nominations for their second annual Christmas Lights Competition. The aim of the competition is to encourage local residents to light up their homes and bring a real festive feel to the town.

They have some great prizes on offer thanks to the generosity of local businesses. Total value of the first prize is \$500, with second prize valued at \$300, third prize valued at \$200 and the fourth prize \$100.

Nominations can be made by emailing

the address to guyraprogress@gmail.com. Judging will take place on Thursday December 19th.

Businesses are also being encouraged to create a bit of Christmas magic by decorating shop fronts in advance of the Rotary Christmas Carnival which is being held on December 6th. Up for grabs is a total of \$200 in prizes. The winner will be announced at the Christmas Carnival.

To register your business email guyraprogress@gmail.com.

Enter now for CWA Art Show

The CWA Guyra Evening Branch is calling for nominations for their 2025 Art Exhibition which will be held in conjunction with the Guyra Lamb and Potato Festival in January.

Expressions of interest are being taken from artists in most forms of art including Painting, Sculpture, Photography and, new to 2025, Pottery!

The exhibition will be held from January 17th to January 26th. For entry forms and further information please contact Lynda on 0497 469 919 or Anne on 0413 595 353.

Entry forms can also be collected from the GALA centre at 136 Bradley Street, Guyra.

Meals on Wheels

Nov 28 Sue Adams
 Nov 29 Steve Adams
 Dec 2 Narelle Leven
 Dec 3 Warwick Leven
 Dec 4 Wendy Lockyer

Street Stalls

Nov 28 Rotary
 Nov 29, 30 Freemasons
 Dec 5, 6, 7 Lions

Church Notices

St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church Mass 6pm Saturday from September 7th, 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

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: Pastors Linden & Kerrie Pollard 0455 232 073.

Seventh-day Adventist Church: Aboomala Street, Sabbath School 10.00am Saturday Divine Service 11.30am Saturday. **Contact:** Minister Luke Reeves 0410 761 320 Church Clerk 6779 1587

Uniting Church: 57 Ollera Street: Regular Sunday Service: 9.30am **Contact:** Di Burey 0428 791 742

Church of Freedom (Cnr. Boorolong & Nincoola Sts.) Sunday worship: 10am Prayer meeting: Tuesday 6.30pm Bible discussion: Wednesday 6.30pm Pastors: Jeff & Sharon Ritchie 0421 847 973 Chaplaincy services: Dan McGinty 0409 399 270

Service Clubs

LIONS CLUB 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

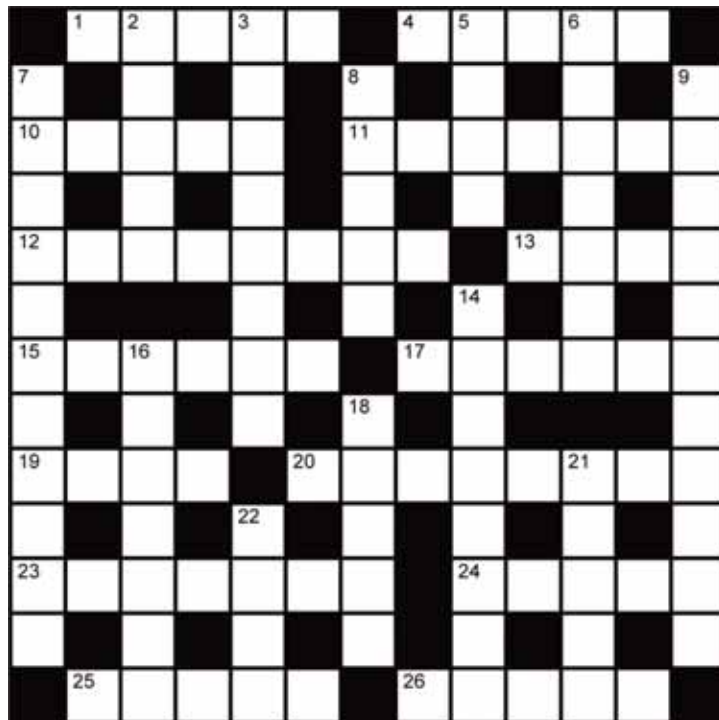
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- Spoil (6)
- Cold and damp (4)
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- Colchester's county (5)
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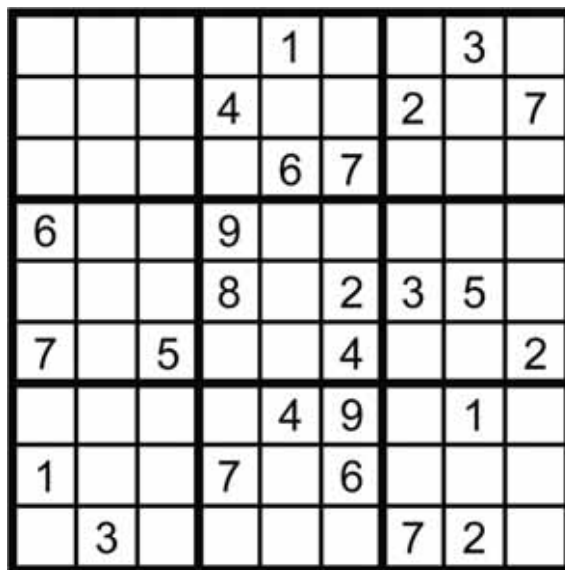
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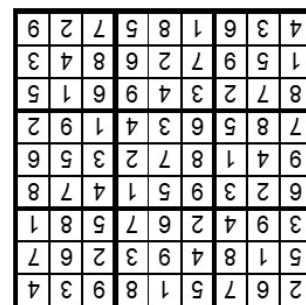


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- High-handed (5)
- Implant (5)
- Hint (4)

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GUYRA CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

Bradley St, Guyra
Friday 6 December
4.30pm - 8pm

Lighting of the
Christmas tree

Live entertainment
& performances

Children's activities

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market stalls

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Free legal aid diary available

The much-anticipated Legal Aid Seniors Diary will become available from Friday, November 29th. The diary is packed with information on avoiding scams, goods and services, driving and fines, Elder abuse, money and Centrelink, and much more.

Member for Northern Tablelands Moylan said it is a very useful source of information for seniors and they will be available from his Armidale and Moree electorate offices.

“The Seniors Diary is an important resource which advises seniors about their legal rights, and where to go to seek help,” Mr Moylan said.

“For example, it provides information on how to avoid potentially costly scams, how to set up Wills and where to access advice if they are experiencing discrimination or abuse.

The 2025 Seniors Diary cover design is by Jasmine Sarin, a proud Kamilaroi and Jerrinja woman from NSW. The diaries also feature a calendar and have



Member for Northern Tablelands Brendan Moylan is encouraging seniors from across the region to pick up a copy of the 2025 LegalAid Seniors Diary.

important dates marked out. They are free but there is a limit to two per household. To obtain your copy you can contact the Armi-

dale Electorate Office on 6772 5552 or email northerntablelands@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Volunteers to be celebrated on special day

Armidale's community heroes will be celebrated as part of 2024 International Volunteer Day (IVD).

Local volunteers and volunteer groups will be invited to attend the event run by Armidale Volunteer Referral Service on behalf of Armidale Regional Council (ARC) on December 4th.

“We are looking forward to celebrating and thanking our local volunteers for another year's contribution to the well-being of our community,” said Jane Davies, ARC's Volunteer Centre Coordinator.

“Volunteers are the backbone of our community, giving their time and energy to uplift those around them and give time to so many community events and activities.

“Every hour spent volunteering is an investment in our community's future and we are grateful to have the opportunity to say thank you to all who choose to give.”

Rural Market Reports

Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

November 19th - There was a total yarding of 4000 comprised of 1800 lambs and 2200 mutton.

The best of old season lambs made around \$240 to \$250 with the best of the new season lambs made from \$220 to \$230.

The market was dearer with new season lightweight restocker lambs making \$140 to \$150

Mutton was comprised of a majority of merino with a few heavy weight crossbreds. The best of the crossbreds made \$109 to \$110 and the merinos made \$55 to \$73

Armidale Cattle Sale

November 21st - A total of 1286 head yarded, Averaging \$1381.58 per head and 300.21 c/kg (+370). There was an increase in numbers with the quality of the offering very mixed.

Heavy weight older cattle were well represented while there enough light and medium weight young cattle to satisfy restockers and feedlotters. A full field of processors operated however there were less restocker and feeder orders in place.

Strong local restocker demand saw light weight steers sell to dearer trends, up by as much as 12c/kg on a fortnight ago. Medium and heavy weight yearling steers to restock and feed saw some quality related improvement on what was a much dearer market trend.

Light weight yearling heifers to restock sold to dearer trends while the reduced feedlot and restocker competition saw the medium and heavy weights cheaper.

There was a large supply of older and secondary quality manufacturing steers penned including quite a few Dairy steers.

Strong processor competition saw these sell strongly while the well finished grown steers attracted strong competition from QLD processors to record strong gains. The well finished heavy heifers were also keenly sought, also selling to dearer trends.

It was a strong cow market in comparison to recent markets albeit most classes showing cheaper trends of as much as 10c/kg. A good supply of bulls sold to cheaper trends.

Weekly Wool Market

November 22nd - It was a larger than expected weekly national offering that encouragingly was mostly absorbed by the trade. The previous fortnightly gains were maintained in a week that can be viewed as one of consolidation.

Tuesday's market had the Northern region indicator drifting 2 cents lower, but this was

recovered by Wednesdays close, leaving the market just 4 cents short of its season high.

32,980 bales were sold nationally for the week with a passed in rate of 8.3%. Major buyers included Techwool, PJ Morris and Tianyu with the top four continuing to dominate purchases of the Merino Fleece offering.

Next week's national offering is expected to fall below 35,000 bales with a similar figure estimated for the following week. This continues the trend of weekly offerings well below the corresponding period of last season.

Both bales offered and bales sold for the season to date are nearing a 20% decline over last season. With 120,000 fewer bales sold. AWTA test data is showing a 15% decline in bales tested. The AWI August production forecast for the season was for a 10% decline. This will be updated again next month.

Warning about poor quality batteries

The NSW Government is warning consumers about the potential dangers of buying poor quality lithium-ion battery powered products as gifts this holiday season, which may pose a fire risk.

The warning comes amid fears that substandard lithium-ion battery powered devices may flood the market during Black Friday, Cyber Monday and other pre-Christmas sales ahead of new regulations coming into effect next year.

New data reveals there have already been a record 275 battery-related incidents so far this year, surpassing last year's

record number (272). Small portable devices have accounted for the most incidents in 2024 (94), while there have been 86 fires involving e-micromobility devices.

If a lithium-ion battery overheats uncontrollably, it can release flammable and toxic gases in a process called 'thermal runaway', which can create fire and explosion hazards. The risk of thermal runaway is higher in batteries that are damaged, overcharged or exposed to high temperatures.

In a campaign launched this

week, the NSW Government is calling on people to shop, charge and recycle lithium-ion batteries safely, unveiling a new consumer warning video and a central website for people to visit when seeking information on lithium-ion products.

Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) has developed a video to demonstrate how 'thermal runaway' can occur, featuring power tool batteries catching fire in a living room.

The NSW Government is urging shoppers to be vigilant and undertake safe charging and disposal practices with

lithium-ion battery products. Communities are also being reminded that batteries do not belong in household garbage bins, where they can spark fires in garbage trucks and waste facilities.

Lithium-ion batteries can be disposed of at a range of dedicated recycling drop-off points, including many retail outlets and supermarkets. Products with embedded batteries, like an electric toothbrush or portable speaker, can be safely disposed of at Community Recycling Centres across NSW.

Fast action needed on farm fire units

The NSW Farmer's Association says that a special registration solution for farm vehicles used to fight fires in NSW is long overdue. Farm Fire Units are a common implement on many farms, usually consisting of a small truck, ute or trailer with permanently fixed water or fire management equipment that can be rapidly deployed when a fire broke out.

NSW Farmers Rural Affairs Committee Chair Deb Charlton said a trial scheme to register these units had been held in early 2024, but farmers were still waiting on the state government to roll out a registration solution for good.

"There's a reason why we call these vehicles the mosquito fleet – they're incredibly good at swarming to the scene of a bushfire and getting it under control as quickly as possible," Mrs Charlton said.

"However, with the benefits of these units comes the risk that many of these vehicles are primarily used on farm and do not use public roads – so it's not practical to register them.

"We've been calling for a logical, affordable and fit-for-purpose conditional registration for these vehicles for years now, but here we are, still waiting."

With bushfire season now in full swing and high fuel loads present across many areas, Mrs Charlton said it was critical the state government took decisive action to ensure safety and peace of mind for first responders fighting fires this summer.

"All farmers need is a straightforward and reasonable way to get these units registered for this specific purpose, so they can use them legally and under the protection of third-party insurance," Mrs Charlton said. "Having the right tools to safely and quickly fight fires could mean the difference between a fire front that's a few metres wide, or one that stretches for kilometres and puts rural communities at real risk.

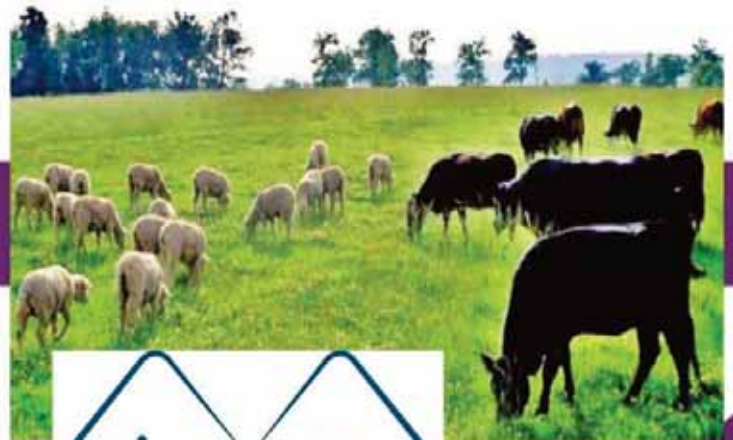
"Everyone wants to be safe, not sorry, this summer, and we don't want a repeat of bushfire seasons past."

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GUYRA SHOW SOCIETY meeting Wednesday, 11th December, 7pm at the Showground.

RAFFLE RESULTS

GUYRA CWA raffle won by Heather Starr. Thank you to everyone who supported us.

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CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Christmas is almost here and the Guyra Choir has been practising for their annual carol services.

They will be held at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday, 8th December at 7.30pm and at the Ben Lomond Memorial Hall on Monday, 9th December also at 7.30pm.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

SATURDAY, 7th DECEMBER
Black Mountain Baptist Church
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Cricket

Under 11

Guyra 86 defeated Walcha Uralla 78. Batting Oskar Laing (14 ret.), Rylan Wilson (10*) and Ricky Jay Foster (9 ret.) Bowling Chaise Martin 1/6, Matthew Sauer 1/8.

Second Grade

Guyra 10/149 defeated by City UNE 7/191.

Bowling Brendan Landsborough 1/42, Emory Levy 1/39, Heath Dowsett 1/32, David Torrens 2/29.

Batting Tim Lloyd 23, David Torrens 17, Alistair Connors 18, Kyle Mongta 45, Emory Levy 17, Tremane Patterson 17.

Third Grade – won on forfeit by Ex Services

Men's Bowls

Results of the Bowls last weekend. In the triples final Colin Stanley, Anthony Bull and Randy Mulligan defeated John Jackson, Noah Brennan and Ian Jacobs 27-16.

In club pairs Anthony Bull and Ian Jacobs defeated Colin Stanley and Tim Ellis 17-11. In the final Dan Kennedy and Barry Walls were too strong for Anthony Bull and Ian Jacobs winning 23-17.

A big week of Bowls this week with mixed triples on Wednesday, the Prestige Pairs on Thursday and Friday, with the Open Triples on the weekend.

Jack

Vets Golf

Last Tuesday the 19th we played a stableford event plus putts. After a remarkable front nine with an Eagle on the 9th, plus two other 4 pointers, Wal Chapman clinched the win with 37 points. Runner up on 31 was Robert Moore. Robert and Wal shared the putting honours

with 26 each and Robert also got both NTPs.

Next Tuesday is a stroke event and then on the 10th of December we will hold our pennants appreciation day. This event is to say thank you to all that have played in our pennants campaign, our district, and local open days throughout the year as well as our very successful carnival in October. This day is to say thank you to all our local Vets Both men and Ladies.

It will be a two person Ambrose with a draw for partners and markers with lunch provided. After golf we will do our presentations for the year.

Just another add on. We are currently updating our golf shirts. These are available in a couple of different designs plus there is a sleeveless vest so if you would like one get in touch with Wal as he is taking orders now.

Drake

Midweek Golf

Good golfing weather everyone. Baldersleigh Bashers came in top score this week with 86 points. Then on 83 we had Double A Arons. Well done everyone.

Individual scores went to Les Heffernan on 26, Wal Chapman on 24 points and then Willson McElroy, Noah Brennan and Bill Youman on 23 points. Good scores. On 21 points were Les Perrett, Lee Rose, Michael Jackson, David Brown and Peter Mulligan.

We have had some players pay but not put their score card into the box. Please don't forget.

Also, sign the cards and get your marker to sign the cards please.

Three more weeks before we have a break for Christmas.

Have a good week.

Middy

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Ladies 4BBB Championship



Debbie Heffernan, Kerry Bull, Wendy George and Shona Mulligan

Last week the Ladies played the Guyra Welding Works 4BBB Championships. A big thank you to Guyra Welding Works for your continued support of the Ladies golf.

The winners with 66 points were Kerry Bull and Wendy George. The runners up were Shona Mulligan and Debbie Heffernan with 60

points.

Nearest the pin winners were, Shona Mulligan on the 9th hole. Debbie Heffernan on the 10th hole. Wendy George on the 18th hole.

This week is a Flag Event with a Stroke and Putting Competition. Net week is a Bisque Par. Nancy Prisk is the starter.

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