



# Guyra Gazette

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## Lights on at Black Mountain

The historic Black Mountain Baptist Tabernacle came alive with festive spirit on Saturday, December 7th. For the first time in over four years, the cherished landmark held a service attracting upwards of 70 community members to the Christmas celebration, including Councillor Eli Imad.

The family-friendly event was promoted by Railene Turner, who funded the lighting of the church. Railene wanted to light up the little church to bring a bit of joy to people as they drive by and hopefully remind people of the reason for the season.

Attendees enjoyed a tasty BBQ picnic hosted by the Armidale District Baptist Church and a Christmas-themed service led by Associate Pastor Peter Holford.

Former local Clive Stannard, whose father was a lay preacher at the Church during the 1930s, gave a blessing for the community.

The lighting project was approved by the Armidale District Baptist Church Committee and supported by its Secretary,

Robert Dewhurst.

During the evening's service, Pastor Holford invited the community to express interest in monthly summer services at the church. There is hope that regular gatherings will resume in this historic space, which has been an important home of faith and community in the region since its opening on April 27th, 1902.

The church's history is deeply rooted in the Black Mountain community. Early Baptist families built the structure by hand using bricks made of local clay quarried on Sharon Collin's property, 'Rose Valley.'

There is a brief outline detailing the origin of the Tabernacle on a plaque in front of the building.

Now, with its festive lights shining brightly, the Black Mountain Baptist Tabernacle is bringing the community together once again. It's a celebration of the true meaning of Christmas and is also a call to action, a reminder to reconnect with the values and traditions that make this time of year so special.



The Tabernacle will remain illuminated throughout December. All are welcome to drive by and enjoy the display at 857 Black Mountain Road, Black Mountain.

### Christmas Day Free Community Lunch

VENUE: THE CHAPEL  
66 LLANGOTHLIN STREET, GUYRA

TIME 12.30 PM

Bookings Essential - numbers limited

RSVP: 20/12/24 via text to 0455 232 073

Include: name, number of adults and  
number of children under 12.





**Above:** Santa was popular as he handed out presents to hundreds of local children  
**Top left:** Council workers with members of the Guyra and Community Progress Association and their photo prop at the Carnival  
**Left:** Rotarians on the BBQ (l to r): David & Judi Pearson, Jenny Cumming and Zahoor Amed

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# Carnival goers Jingle all the way

Guyra's main street came alive with festive frivolity last Friday as more than 1000 locals celebrated Christmas with visits from Santa and the official lighting of the tree.

The jolly event – run by Guyra Rotary in a collaboration with Armidale Regional Council (ARC) – had an amazing lineup of entertainment that included a petting zoo, a visit from Fairy Simone, community performances and children's craft activities.

But by far the most popular event was Santa's arrival and the delivery of some festive cheer in the form of Christmas presents to all the children.

ARC Deputy Mayor Todd Redwood and councillor Eli Imad

were on hand to officially open the festivities and light up the Christmas Tree.

"This family-friendly event has always been a highlight on the Guyra calendar and this year's event was a huge success," said ARC Mayor Sam Coupland.

"There was a fabulous turnout of people enjoying the festive activities this year which was great to see. Events like these are vital for a town like Guyra as they give the entire community a chance to come together and celebrate the festive season.

"We were excited to be partnering with Guyra Rotary to bring this fabulous festive event to Guyra again in 2024."



ARC Deputy Mayor and Santa counted down to the lighting of the Guyra Christmas Tree

**Colin, Kylie  
& All the Staff at  
Guyra Bakery**

*wish all our valued customers  
a Merry Christmas  
and a safe and prosperous  
New Year*

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Christmas Day, 25<sup>th</sup> December  
Re-opening Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> January**

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# What's HOT

Fantastic Christmas carnival

Sending letters to Santa and getting a letter back

CWA's Guyra Goodness Cookbook on sale now

14 days to Christmas - why not put something 'local' under the tree or on the table this year

# What's NOT

What's not

Forgetting to put your address on your Santa letter so he can't write back

# JOKE of the week

What do you call a space magician?

A flying saucerer.

## Bureau of Meteorology

# Weather

## WATCH

Guyra MPS

| Date | Day   | Min  | Max  | Rain |
|------|-------|------|------|------|
| 3    | Tues  | 16.0 | 23.8 | 0    |
| 4    | Wed   | 15.1 | 26.8 | 0    |
| 5    | Thurs | 15.5 | 27.5 | 17.4 |
| 6    | Fri   | 13.5 | 28.8 | 0    |
| 7    | Sat   | 16.8 | 27.6 | 0    |
| 8    | Sun   | 17.4 | 28.7 | 10.0 |
| 9    | Mon   | 15.9 | 26.6 | 0    |

|                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| Rain this week    | 27.4mm  |
| Dec. rainfall     | 38.4mm  |
| Rainfall YTD      | 799.4mm |
| Rainfall last YTD | 722.8mm |
| Ave. rain to Dec. | 904.0mm |

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

# Have Your Say....

## Guyra Goodness

Guyra Evening CWA extend bucket loads of gratitude to everyone involved with the Guyra Christmas Market on Friday night. It was an amazing celebration of community organisations, businesses, schools, clubs, supported so willingly and generously.

We are particularly humbled by the support of our cookbook "Guyra Goodness" which sold 30% of the print run on the evening. It's not just a cook book, but a "keepsake curated journal of culinary joy" for our Guyra community to share. We thank Guyra for the ongoing support to the Guyra Evening CWA Branch.

Mary Hollingworth  
Guyra Evening CWA.

## Coffee drinks 'bemused'

It was with bemusement and alarm that the coffee drinkers of Guyra read the 'What's Not' column in the Gazette published on the 4th of December which accused coffee drinkers of taking up space on the footpath.

We believe that it lends life and colour to the main street to have people drinking coffee or chatting on the pavements of the town.

How mean-spirited to deny residents the simple pleasure of being outdoors and bringing some colour and vibrancy to the main street.

United Coffee Drinkers  
of Guyra (Name supplied  
withheld by request)

## Whinger's corner

I refer to the What's Not section in the Gazette and am very disappointed in the recent negative quality of the comments in this section. I look upon it as the "Whingers Corner".

Last week's concerns with coffee drinkers taking up space on the footpath and the other regarding the occasional Business owners/employees parking outside their own shop caught my eye. In the first instance I have never been impeded by Fresco coffee

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drinking in Bradley St and with regard to the parking issue then if this is so, then the businesses are the ones that will suffer due to lack of parking.

Additionally, all these comments are printed anonymously. If you are not prepared to put your name to a "whinge" then don't put it at all.

Alan St Clair

## Lions Youth of the Year

On Saturday 16th November Guyra Lions Club hosted the Youth of the Year quest where Year 11 students from Guyra Central School contested for the Youth of the Year.

These students were Lillianna Eddy, Aukustino Alefosio and Eli Wood. A great effort from all students.

Eli Wood was the overall winner taking out the Interview section as well as the public speaking section.

Eli will go on to represent Guyra at the Regional final to be held by the Inverell Lions Club in March next year. We wish Eli all the best for this.

Jim Betts

## No progression on Rail Trail

As of November 2024, the Armidale Regional Council (ARC) had not yet entered into any agreement with Transport for NSW / NSW State Government. The "Rail Trail" project had not progressed beyond the submission of a business case.

Throughout 2024 NSW Minister the Hon. Jenny Aitchison, had noted ARC had not made any attempt to comply with the NSW government's rail trail framework, which would have to be submitted and deemed satisfac-

tory before any lease for a rail trail was granted by the NSW government.

S&GGRI has processed a letter to The Hon. Catherine King Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government regarding the c. \$21m Grant Application informing of the lack of transparency and community consultation.

Please note the ARC made a commitment via a motion approved by Council, that this project would not impost the ratepayer or ARC in anyway.

We are disappointed that the mayor is continuing the narrative of exaggerating the economic benefits that a "Rail Trail" will bring to the area.

Let's be clear, the Emergency Authority withdrew the funding due to it receiving a "number of project variation requests from the council(s) ... The authority could not be satisfied the project represented value for money because of the substantial difference between the original project and the revised proposal." This initial funding withdrawal clearly demonstrates ARC's lack of understanding of the project, scope, works, budgets etc and derails the project.

Further, we are disgusted by the continued smoke and mirrors. Many rate-payers are questioning 'when would the withdrawal of funding have been made public by ARC?' Remember, this news broke because of the GISC tabling this on its November Council meeting Agenda.

S&GGRI is not interested engaging in political mudslinging and would rather officebearers consider and comment on the facts.

Following a successful sausage sizzles and membership drive, S&GGRI continues to attract new members. Finally, please note, the S&GGRI AGM is Wednesday 26 February 2025, 6pm and the Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club.

Rob Lenehan, Chairman  
Save & Grow Guyra  
Ratepayers Inc.

# Tradition continues with January Festival

The Lamb and Potato Festival festival was first held in January 1987 and, apart from a brief break due to the Covid pandemic, it has been running as a successful annual event ever since.

The original organisers hoped to benefit from the passing traffic heading to and from the Tamworth Country Music Festival. For over forty years it has done that and much more.

The festival aims to promote our area to the many people who pass through and attract them to stop and spend time in Guyra. In addition it provides valuable financial support for many local organisations which are of vital importance to our community.

Following last year's event a total of about \$35,000 was distributed to groups who worked in the food kiosk or who did overnight security shifts. Similar payments have been made over many years providing significant benefit to these groups and



Joyce Sanders, Julie Gittoes and Frank Presnell cooking lamb on the BBQ in the early days of the Lamb and Potato Festival

through them to our community.

The festival will run again in 2025 beginning on Wednesday January 15th and concluding on Australia Day January 26th. On each day the festival will run from 7.30am in the morning until 7.30 pm in the evening.

With over thirty market stalls, festival food, coffee and live music performances every day, the festival will provide an enjoyable experience for visitors and locals alike.

Live music takes place between 12 and 2pm each day and from

5.30 until 7.30pm each evening. This provides a great chance to buy a meal and sit back and relax while being entertained by some outstanding local musicians.

On Saturday January 25th the car Show and Shine will be held in the main street with a range of spectacular cars, trucks, and bike on show. The Antique Machinery display will also take place at the southern end of the festival site.

In the evening entertainment will be provided by 'Vinnie and the Cuban Missiles', one of the region's premier musical acts. On January 26th there will be an Australia Day ceremony followed by a music performance from 'Four Book Trilogy'.

The organising committee is keen to welcome new members with fresh ideas about the festival. We would encourage anyone interested in becoming involved with festival planning and operations to contact us.



## **A BIG THANK YOU!**

**The Rotary Club of Guyra thanks all who participated in the Guyra Community Christmas Carnival in Bradley Street last Friday evening**

*Thank You to the Guyra Community for being there.*

*Thank You to all the Children for coming to meet Santa.*

*Thank You to Neil Clayton for his presence and presents.*

*Thank You to the Stall Holders who supported the event.*

*Big Special thanks to the Council staff who set up and cleaned up.*

*A Big Thank You to Armidale Regional Council for sponsoring the event, for organising the stalls, the music and the dancers, and the big Christmas Tree.*

Members of the Rotary Club would also like to say a very grateful "Thank You" to our wonderful Guyra Businesses for their donations to our Christmas Raffle: AusCountry Tag Along Tours, CT Electric, Dasha's Hardware, Black Mountain Nursery, Black Mountain Roadhouse, Fortune Chinese Restaurant, Fourways, Grazag, Guyra Cafe, Guyra Pharmacy, IGA Guyra, Juneils Cafe, Nutrien Ag, Sisson Family Meats, Spar Express and What's Brewin' Thanks also to Sole Taxation for displaying our raffle prizes.

*All the members of the Rotary Club of Guyra wish everyone a very Happy & Safe Christmas and a Prosperous New Year*

# Community Noticeboard

## Meals on Wheels

Dec 12 Jim Betts  
 Dec 13 Lady Golfers (jenny)  
 Dec 16 Rex Greenhalgh  
 Dec 17 Steve Norris  
 Dec 18 ARC

## Street Stalls

Dec 12 Hospital Aux.  
 Dec 13,14 Freemasons

## 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

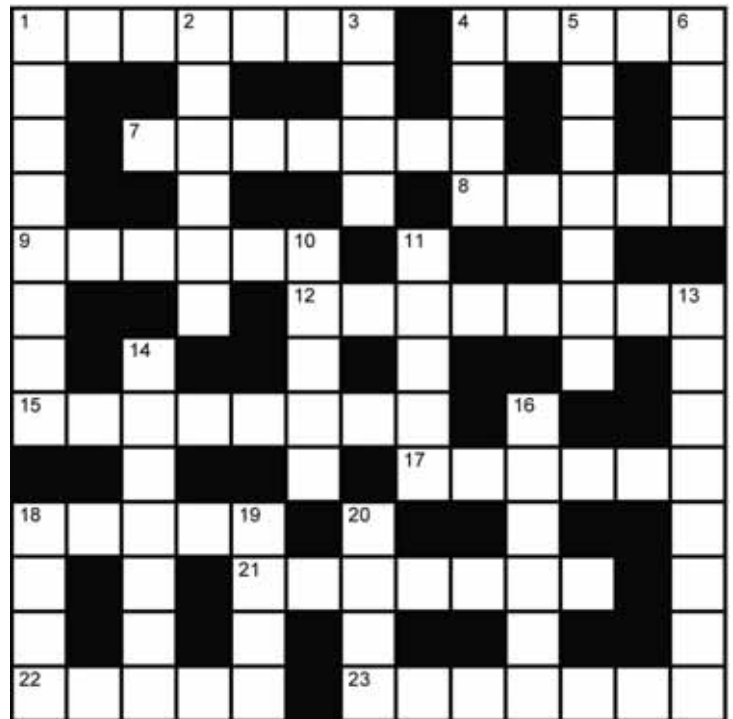
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- Shakespearean tragedy (7)
- Stagger (5)
- Deer meat (7)
- Glisten (5)
- Rush (6)
- Repugnance (8)
- Goodbye (8)
- Comedy actress, \_\_\_\_\_ Joyce (6)
- Industrial factory (5)
- Understand (7)
- Wilt (5)
- Manufacture (7)

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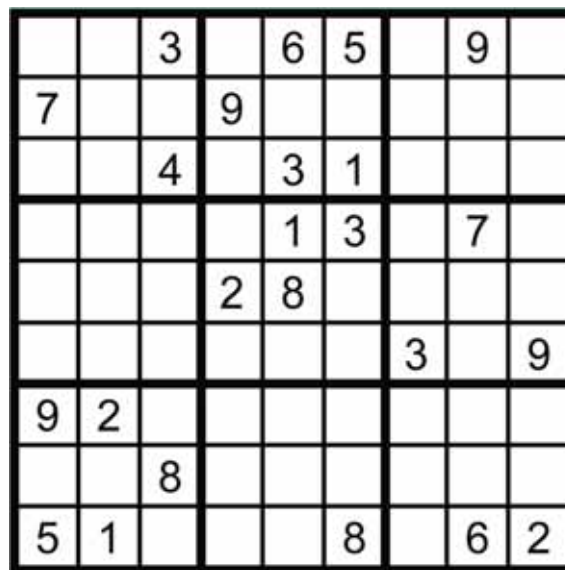
- Naughtiness (8)
- Take My \_\_\_\_\_ Away, song (6)
- Stillness (4)
- Protracted (4)
- Daydream (7)
- Damage (4)
- Nude (5)

## QUICK CROSSWORD

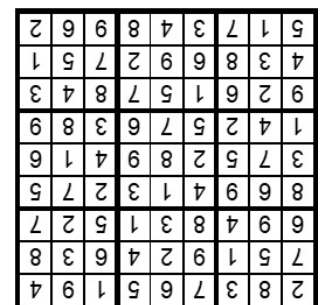


- Fruit-flavoured dessert (5)
- Less than zero (8)
- Short-sighted cartoon character (2,5)
- Standing by ( )
- Poke (4)
- Golf bunker (4)
- Lose shape (4)

## SUDOKU - Medium



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 Mago, 16. Poised, 18. Prod, 19. Trap,  
 Naked, 11. Jelly, 13. Negative, 14. Mr  
 4. Long, 5. Reverse, 6. Harm, 10.  
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 Realise, 22. Proop, 23. Produce.  
 15. Farewell, 17. Yootha, 18. Plant, 21.  
 son, 8. Glean, 9. Hasten, 12. Aversion,  
**Across:** 1. Mabeth, 4. Lurch, 7. Ven-



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# Council News

## Council Meetings

Our next scheduled council meeting is 11 December 2024, commencing at 4pm.

All meetings will be held at 4pm in the Armidale Council Chambers unless stated otherwise. The public are welcome to watch live streaming over YouTube, via the link included below, or attend in person.

## Current Vacancies

There are no current vacancies. New positions will be advertised in January 2025.

## Public Exhibitions

### K2A: current vehicle sizing requirements

- Closes 17 December, 2024

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

## Crochet, Chat and Cuppa to return in 2025!

If you missed the last Crochet, Chat and Cuppa last Saturday, then mark your calendar for 2025. In conjunction with Guyra Country Women's Association Evening Branch, Guyra Library are now hosting this popular activity on the first and third Saturday of the month kicking off in January 2025! Bring along your current crochet project or start a new one. If you haven't tried crochet before, come along to the library and learn a new skill - supported by award winning



## Donate tasty treats for our animals in care this Christmas

This festive season, let's spread some extra love to the animals who will be spending Christmas at the Armidale Companion Animal Shelter. With over 10 dogs and 20 cats waiting for their fur-ever homes,

they could really use a little extra joy in their lives. We're asking for donations of high-quality dog and cat treats to help make their stay a little sweeter. Your gift will bring some holiday cheer to these furry friends as they wait for their new families. Drop off your donations at the Guyra CAB located in Bradley Street, Guyra.

members of the Guyra CWA. RSVP (for materials and catering purposes) by dropping into the Guyra library, or by calling 6770 7123.

## School holiday activities at Guyra

Keep the kids entertained this summer with exciting activities from 1st to 11th of January! Join the Lego Challenge and get creative with endless building possibilities, enjoy a Movie Day complete with popcorn, or dive into a world of innovation with Virtual Reality. Need a quiet space to prepare for exams? We've got HSC Study sessions to keep you on track. Don't miss out! There's something for everyone at the Guyra Library. For times and bookings, visit our website or call the library today! 6770 7123



## Bradley Street survey works

You may have noticed some survey works in Bradley Street recently. Armidale Regional Council are

working with Local Government Engineering Services to design the continuation of the Guyra Main Street Upgrade Project. This work will involve the replacement of the existing kerb and gutter, installation of stormwater infrastructure to improve drainage and also replacement of the existing footpath and water mains from Ollera Street to Mackenzie Street. Further information will be provided to the community, residents and business owners once the survey and design work is completed



## Guyra pool closure over the holiday break

The Guyra pool will be closed on 25 December (Christmas Day) and 26 December (Boxing Day) as well as reduced hours on 1 January (New Year's Day) from 10am - 6pm over the holiday break.

# Life Education Van visits Black Mountain

On Tuesday November 22nd, the students at Black Mountain Public School were visited by the Life Education Van and Healthy Harold. This Life Education program empowers students to thrive, by teaching them the skills they need to make safe and healthy choices.

The K-2 students investigated how to protect themselves in unsafe environments and seek help. They also learnt about the people and services that keep us safe and how to identify and respond in emergency situations. The 3-6 students investigated the laws around drugs and the different ways they impact the body and brain.

*Mrs Justine Eddy  
Relieving Principal*



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## Rural Market Reports

### Guyra Sheep and Lamb

**December 3rd** - Yarding of approx. 6000 comprising 3500 sheep 2500 lambs. Not too many old season lambs were on offer with the best making to \$150

Across the board lambs were dearer. New season lambs ranging from 40 to 45 kg made around \$200. Lighter weight suckers made between \$100 and \$130

Mutton was also dearer. The best crossbred made \$130, with the majority of light to medium crossbred ewes making \$65 to \$95. Merino wethers made to \$110. Merino ewes made \$60 to \$85 depending on skin weight.

### Armidale Cattle Sale

**December 5th** - Yarding 1250, down 50 on the previous sale. There was a very small reduction

in supply with this being the second last sale before the Christmas break. A sale to be held on the 12th.

Young cattle and cows made up the bulk of the offering along with a fair supply of grown heifers and bulls. The quality of the offering was very mixed. There was reduced export processor attendance however restocker and feedlot activity increased.

Strong restocker demand in the face of an excellent season saw the light weight steers sell to a dearer trend. The medium and heavy weight yearling steers also reaped the benefit of increased competition to sell to a dearer trend of 4c to 10c/kg. Heavy weights destined for the shorter fed programs were keenly sought.

Market trends for the light and medium weight yearling heifers were firm to slightly cheaper

with the better quality lots least affected. Well finished heavy grown heifers to processors sold to cheaper trends with reduced competition. The better quality feeder heifers were slightly dearer while the secondary heifers were cheaper.

A strong cow market saw trends firm to slightly dearer. An improvement in quality accounted for an odd dearer sale on heavy bulls, the market generally firm despite the absence of one processor.

### Weekly Wool Market

**December 6th** - The calmness in the market prevailed again this week with the Northern region indicator gaining one cent. The weekly closing quote over the last 4 selling weeks has also only moved by one cent.

A four week period of little volatility rarely occurs but it does indicate that supply and demand

are currently well balanced.

The 17.5 and 18 micron indicators were the only individual categories to record a double digit movement coming off the back of a designated Superfine sale last week where they had gained ground.

33,368 bales were sold nationally for the week with the passed in rate climbing higher to 8.9%. The major buyers continued a similar pattern seen over the past month with the top four once again purchasing over 50% of the national Merino fleece offering. Just two selling weeks remain before the mid-season recess.

Almost 40,000 bales are expected to be on offer next week and 36,000 in the following week. These figures are well below the corresponding period last season. 156,000 fewer bales have been offered nationally for the season to date.



# Preschoolers ready for next step



Guyra Preschool proudly celebrated the graduation of ten students on Thursday December 5th.

The ceremony marked the end of an exciting chapter for the young learners, who have spent the year exploring, grow-

ing, and making lasting friendships.

Educators and parents gathered to cheer on the graduates as they received their certificates, each one recognised for their hard work and achievements. Everyone is proud of

these little ones and all they have accomplished.

The graduates are now ready to take the next step in their educational journey as they head to kindergarten. Congratulations to the Class of 2024!

## Midweek Golf

Another busy golfing week. Looks like Archie Dowden has had a blinder this week with 27 points. Great score. Then on 24 points were Warren McGowen and Nat Mendes. Also great scores. On the count-down were Tyson Burey and Debbie Burey with 23, next were Jenny Rogers, Ray Sweeney and Boyd Stanley on 22. We had a lot score 21 points – Linley Ryan, Bailey Wilson, Peter Jackson, Annabelle Lenehan, Darren Lennon, Tom Ward, Beau Orchard, Steve Kliendienst, Luke Brazier and Chris Newberry.

High team scores this week. Sultans of Swing came in with 91 points, Bushwackers had 82 points, Shire Sharks 81 points, Just a Hack 78 points, Big Nuts 76 points.

Heaps of players this week and great improvements with the scores each week. Lots of extra points for all members of the teams playing. Next week will be our last lucky golf ball draws for the year. Check near the box when you put your score card in.

Hope you enjoy your golf week everyone.

*Middy*

## Vets Golf

Last Tuesday December 3rd, we played the Reg Taylor stroke event. Paul Redden was the winner with nett 74. Paul was also the best putter on the day. Robert Moore was the gross winner with NTP's going to Len Stanley and Mick Jackson. Next Tuesday is an individual stableford.

*Drake*

## Men's Bowls

On Sunday December 15th, the Brian Vickery ham day will be held. Names in by 12pm for a 12.30pm start. All welcome.

The bowls nomination sheet is on the board for Club 4s.

Nominations close 19th January 1st second round played 2nd February, starting at 9.30am

*Jack*

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and  
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*Invites you to Social Games*

**Sunday 15th of December**  
3:00pm to 6:00pm

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- Face Painting
- Pinata
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# Classifieds Trades & Services

## POSITIONS VACANT

### Part-time Gardener

Guyra Bowling & Recreation Club  
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### Are you a school leaver looking for work?

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## RAFFLE RESULTS

**ROTARY CLUB OF GUYRA** Christmas raffle: 1st prize Rebecca Williams, 2nd Kevin Harman, 3rd Carol Tierney, 4th Olivia Wilson, 5th Lorna Sweeney, 6th Joy Saunders. Thank you to all who supported us in this raffle and throughout the year.

## MEETING NOTICES

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

## CLAIM THE DATE

### EVERY WEDNESDAY

**OPEN MIC** 6.30pm at the Australian Poetry Hall of Fame

**SATURDAY, 14th DECEMBER**  
**WARDS MISTAKE CHRISTMAS PARTY.**  
Starts at 3pm. All welcome

**15 JANUARY TO 26 JANUARY 2025**  
**GUYRA LAMB & POTATO FESTIVAL**  
Check out the market stalls, enjoy a roast lamb meal, family friendly event

### SATURDAY, 8th FEBRUARY 2025

Whisperhead, Stitch Finger, Cosmic Crumb live in concert @Australian Poetry Hall of Fame presented by GlenFest Events & wwrozzradio.com  
Enquiries 0421 544 047

### 21st & 22nd FEBRUARY 2025

**GUYRA SHOW** - Featuring Prime Lamb Show & Sale Friday 21st and Bull Ride

### WEDNESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2025

**SAVE & GROW GUYRA** Ratepayers Inc. Annual General Meeting 6pm  
Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club

### FRIDAY, 28th FEBRUARY 2025

Gwyn Ashton Mojo Soul Solo Aus Tour @ Australian Poetry Hall of Fame  
Tickets:  
<https://www.trybooking.com/CXOBM>

## RETURN THANKS

**TONY WALLS' FAMILY** wish to thank Dr Jey, Nurses and Staff at the Guyra MPS for the care given to Tony and shown to us during his time of illness prior to him passing away.

The continued compassion shown to family and friends was beautiful.

Thank you to Horder Family Funerals for his very fitting send off last Wednesday.

Our heartfelt gratitude for everyone's support, floral tributes, food, cards and the care given to us during this sad time.

*From Mary, Gavin, Megan, Desie, Megan, Britney, Kye, Nicole & Chelsea.*  
*Please accept this as our Sincere and Heartfelt Thanks.*

## IN MEMORIAM

### CLIVE WILLIAM BRAZIER

27.7.1949 - 15.12.2021

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It won't take away the memories of the one we loved so dear.

Beautiful memories silently kept of the one we loved and will never forget.

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*Love Snook, Tara, Akashia, Rave & Oakley*

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**SUNDAY, 15th DECEMBER**

**Brockley Church Service, 3pm**

Afternoon tea will be served

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# Guyra Campdraft a great success



Camilla Tonkin



Andrew Stevenson



Corralie & Robert Daly and Wally Rea

Photos by Josie Perrett Creative

The Guyra Showgrounds were bursting at the seams when hundreds of competitors arrived and set up camp with their horses and families to participate in the first Timepiece Campdraft in seven years. There was much excitement and anticipation around the refreshed event with record numbers of nominations.

Guyra turned on the most pleasant weather with cool and sunny days making the event enjoyable for all the locals and visitors. The event was supplied with the best cattle the New England has to offer, and each event was successfully hosted with overwhelming feedback about the quality of the cattle and the surface and ground conditions in the arena. The local Guyra VRA service was in attendance to ensure the safety and first aid of competitors was the utmost priority.

The club hosted a welcome BBQ, with several generous local sponsors supplying the meal. Guyra lamb was showcased, and delicious lamb and gravy rolls were a huge hit amongst the visitors. Proceeds went to the Club's Charity of choice for 2024, Sarah Wheeler and A Daughter's Way.

Several new events were hosted, including the Pat Grills Memorial Maiden, the H-Diamond Novice/Maiden Shootout, the Battle on the Great Divide Invitational Maiden for Maiden and the A and D Kendall's "Lindsay" Highest Scoring Family. These new incentives all added abundant motivation for competitors.

The Open was an outstanding spectacle with the final comprising of 30 riders who scored 89 and above with phenomenal praise for the quality of the horsemanship and talent.

On Saturday night, a generous crowd participated in a fundraising auction and Calcutta for the Open Final with wonderful results. The target fundraising goal was exceeded, and it is hoped that funds can be distributed back to the Guyra community at the next meeting with a focus on important Showgrounds upgrades.

The Guyra Campdraft Committee is very grateful to the local business community for the incredible support, making it possible to host this hugely successful event. It is a small but industrious working party that brings together shared local expertise, energy and leadership.

The club is looking forward to hosting the Guyra Timepiece Campdraft again in 2025 on November 21st, 22nd, 23rd.

Follow the club on FB and Instagram for more news and photos Guyra Campdraft Club - New

**Elders Guyra and Armidale invite all clients to the**  
**2024 Christmas Party**  
**Friday 20th December 3:00pm- 6:00pm**  
**@ Elders Guyra, 173 Malpas Street Guyra**  
**Join us for nibblies and Christmas cheer!**

**We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our clients for their support throughout the year**  
**Please RSVP to Elders Guyra by the 18th December**  
**02 6770 7000 or sarah.gwilym@elders.com.au**

# Golfers represent in State medal finals

Last week two of our lady golfers travelled to Sydney to play in the Golf NSW State Medal Final. Vicki Reeves came 2nd in her Division and Wendy George came 4th in her Division.

This was a fantastic achievement by our girls playing this event for not only themselves but Guyra golf as well. Well done!

In Guyra last week we played a Par Medal. Debbie Burey was the winner. Jenny Rogers was the runner up. Nearest the pin winners were, Belinda Lenehan on the 10th hole. Pip White on the 18th hole.

This week is a 4BBB AM. Next week is a Single Stroke. Vicki Reeves is the starter.

*Birdie*



Vicki Reeves and Wendy George had success in Sydney

## Two wins for Guyra cricketers

The first round of the Armidale District Cricket T20 competition was played on the weekend. In second grade Guyra played Easts Yellow, sending the opposition in to bat first after winning the toss.

Guyra's bowlers got off to a good start, capturing early wickets which had Easts struggling at 3/11. They went on to finish their innings on 6/98 off their 20 overs.

Wicket takers for Guyra were Brendan Landsborough 1/16, Heath Dowsett 3/20 and Corey Torrens 2/14.

In reply Guyra needed just four batsmen and 15 overs to get the win, finishing with 2/101. Tim Lloyd (23 not out) and Corey Torrens (63 not out) did the damage with the bat.

In other second grade games City/UNE 6/117 defeated Easts Green 10/63 and Walcha/Uralla 6/98 defeated Hillgrove 6/86.

In what proved to be a good day for Guyra, the third grade side also came home with a win against Walcha Uralla.

They won the toss and elected to bat first. Opening the batting Craig Lockyer carried his bat through the innings making 63 not out, and some hard hitting from Taylor Brennan (53) and Les Perrett (18) helped Guyra to set a formidable tally of 5/173 for the opposition to chase.

Walcha/Uralla didn't have the same firepower on the day and Guyra restricted their scoring ability to see them finish with 8/89 off their 20 overs.

Wicket takers were Tommy Mitchell 2/10, Cooper Brennan 3/9, Tom Lockyer 1/21, Taylor Brennan 1/17, and Lincoln Brown 1/13.

In the other third grade game Hillgrove 0/82 defeated City/UNE 5/81.

## SHOP LOCAL ... Christmas Give-away

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(6 pieces)  
\$12.00

**Bangers & Mash**  
\$19.00

### Dinner Specials

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|--------|--|--------------|
| Mon.   | Snitty night                             | \$19         |
| Tues.  | Curry night (any curry)                  | \$17         |
| Wed.   | Ribs & Wings                             | \$24         |
| Thurs. | Chicken Parma                            | \$21         |
| Fri.   | Steak night 300g Tbone                   | \$24         |
| Sat.   | Seafood - grilled Bara<br>Grilled Salmon | \$24<br>\$25 |
| Sun.   | Roast of the Day                         | \$19         |

#### Tuesday & Wednesday

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