



# Guyra Gazette

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## Festival time is here

The Lamb and Potato Festival kicks off today and organisers are ready to feed and entertain the hordes of visitors who make Guyra a stop on their way to and from the Tamworth Country Music Festival.

They are also prepared to welcome busloads of visitors who make Guyra a destination in January to spend some time in the cool and enjoy food and entertainment under the elm trees in Rotary Park.

Visitors (and locals) are expected to eat their way through 240 legs of lamb, many hundreds of lamb burgers and other tasty lamb treats on offer in the Gazebo.

Add to that around 4000 lamb pies supplied by the Guyra Bakery, you can rest assured that nobody will leave the festival site hungry.

Missing from this year's festival will be the popular train rides and the model train display which are taking a break.

There will still be plenty to see and do. There is a full roster of entertainment to listen to while you enjoy your meals and plenty of stalls to browse. Many of the stalls are regulars however there will be a couple of new additions this year so they will be well worth checking out.

A new feature this year will be lamb sculptures which have been created by local community groups, so expect to see some great examples of local creativity scattered around.

The committee has also recognised the need to provide more food options and there will be a food vendor on site offering vegetarian and gluten free options to complement the existing menu.



Getting ready for the Lamb & Potato Festival on Tuesday  
(l to r) Chris Bell, Gwyneth Pearson, Carol Tierney, Julie Gittoes and Steve Mepham

The festival relies on volunteers and while they have lost some groups who have done regular shifts in the food gazebo, they were grateful to see some new groups stepping in to fill the void.

In conjunction with the main festival you will be able to enjoy a range of activities happening around town. The CWA Art Exhibition is being held at GALA and the Guyra craft group will be selling their wares at the Anglican Church Hall for the duration of the festival.

The Burgess Garage car museum in Bradley St will be open daily, while the Guyra Museum will be open on both weekends. Special activ-

ities are planned for the final weekend with the popular Show and Shine in Bradley St, and the Antique Machinery Rally and Swap meet on the highway.

Profits from the festival are distributed to community groups each year, providing a welcome source of funds for the groups.

The festival committee say that they do it for the town and they also encourage locals to head on up for a meal or two and enjoy some of the fantastic music while they eat.

The festival runs from January 15th to January 26th and is open daily from 7.30am to 7.30pm.

### Our Christmas give-away SHOP LOCAL WINNERS

- 1st Prize: Eric Klabe - Toolbox
- 2nd Prize: Ashley Kleindienst - BBQ
- 3rd Prize: Luke Brazier - HOME shirt & umbrella
- 4th Prize: Michelle Mead - HOME shirt & umbrella



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# DO YOU KNOW THE NEW BUSH FIRE DANGER LEVELS?

Bush fire severity ratings have recently changed, after 50 years of the previous system, with the new warnings focused on four separate categories under the nation-wide Australian Fire Danger Rating System.

## GREEN – MODERATE

Plan and prepare  
Stay up to date and be ready to act if there is a fire.

## YELLOW – HIGH

Be ready to act  
There's a heightened risk. Be alert for fires in your area. Decide what you will do if a fire starts. Your life and property may be at risk if a fire starts – the safest option is to avoid bush fire risk areas.

## ORANGE – EXTREME

Take action now to protect your life and property  
These are dangerous fire conditions. Check your bush fire

plan and ensure that your property is fire ready. If a fire starts, take immediate action. If you and your property are not prepared to the highest level, go to a safer location well before the fire impacts. Reconsider any planned travel through bush fire areas.

## RED – CATASTROPHIC

For your survival, leave bush fire risk areas

These are the most dangerous conditions for a fire. Your life may depend on the decisions you make, even before there is a fire. Stay safe by going to a more secure location early in the morning or the night before. Homes cannot withstand fires in these conditions. You may not be able to leave, and help may not be available.

## TOTAL FIRE BANS

Fire danger ratings and Total



Bush fire severity ratings have recently changed.

Fire Bans are determined by the Rural Fire Service each afternoon for the following day.

On days of elevated fire danger, a Total Fire Ban may be declared. During a Total Fire Ban,

individuals cannot light, maintain, or use a fire in the open; nor carry out any activity in the open if that causes, or is likely to cause, a fire.



# We live with bush fire, so we're ready for it. Are you?

**PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.**

Around here, we know to expect bush fires this time of year. Experience tells us that the small, cost-efficient actions we take now to prepare can keep our loved ones and the community safe. Make sure you know the fire danger ratings, make a fire plan and are ready to leave if you need to. Don't wait.

Make a plan at [myfireplan.com.au](http://myfireplan.com.au)



**RFS**



# Guyra water gets tick of approval

While the warmer weather has seen an increase in the natural occurrence of Blue Green Algae (BGA), Armidale Regional Council (ARC) says that Guyra residents can rest assured that their drinking water is free from toxicity and safe for consumption.

According to the 2024 Drinking Water Monitoring Report which was released on December 19, 2024, the Guyra water supply fully complies with the national drinking water guidelines.

ARC said based on the report's results, the Guyra water system has received the "tick of approval," confirming that the water treated at the Guyra Water Treatment Plant (WTP) is safe.

Routine water sampling and testing has been conducted, following the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (2011), covering physical, chemical, and microbiological characteristics, including the presence of E. coli.

The pontoon at Malpas Dam -



Council workers reattaching the Malpas Dam pontoon to its moorings. The pontoon broke loose last year.

which had broken loose in early 2024, rendering the pipeline inoperable - has also been fixed. The pontoon houses the extraction pump for the Malpas to Guyra Pipeline and water from Malpas Dam serves as a backup water source for the Guyra WTP in case Guyra Dam runs dry.

While Guyra and Malpas dams are still on Red Alert for BGA,

ARC is doing everything possible to reassure residents their drinking water has been tested and continues to be safe.

Residents connected to Raw Water (raw water is defined as water that has not undergone treatment at a Treatment Plant) are advised not to use this water for domestic or livestock purposes during this algal alert as

the algae is toxic at these levels.

Recreational activities at Malpas Dam, such as fishing, kayaking, and similar activities, are not recommended until further notice.

Residents with questions or concerns are encouraged to contact ARC's customer service team at 1300 136 833 or email [council@armidale.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@armidale.nsw.gov.au)

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Barnaby Joyce MP

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Authorised by Barnaby Joyce MP, The National Party of Australia, Tamworth, NSW, 2340.

## What's HOT

Everyone needs a turkey - gobble, gobble, gobble

Lots happening around town with the Lamb & Potato Festival over the next couple of weeks

New Year's Fireworks - another great event by the G & CPA

Guyra Show is just weeks away - time to start thinking about your entries

## What's NOT

People who use rural drive-ways as a dumping point for their rubbish

## JOKE of the week

What's a spider's New Year's resolution?

To spend less time on the web.

Bureau of Meteorology

## Weather

### WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
7	Tues	14.6	23.2	0
8	Wed	12.1	20.4	2.2
9	Thurs	9.6	23.7	0
10	Fri	12.6	22.7	0
11	Sat	13.5	21.2	8.2
12	Sun	12.0	21.2	16.0
13	Mon	11.1	24.2	14.4

Rain this week	40.8mm
Jan. rainfall	826.6mm
Rainfall YTD	94.6mm
Rainfall last YTD	15.4mm
Ave. rain to Jan.	117.9mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

# Art Show opening night

You are invited to join the Guyra CWA Evening Branch ladies in opening the 2025 Art Exhibition run in conjunction with Guyra Lamb & Potato Festival. The official opening will take place on Friday January 17th at the GALA Centre in Bradley Street.

Tickets are \$10 each which will include a drink on arrival and a selection of delicious canapés made by the fabulous ladies of the CWA. Drinks will be available to purchase.

The opening will give you the opportunity to be the first to feast your eyes on the amazing artwork which is being exhibited this year! It is always an



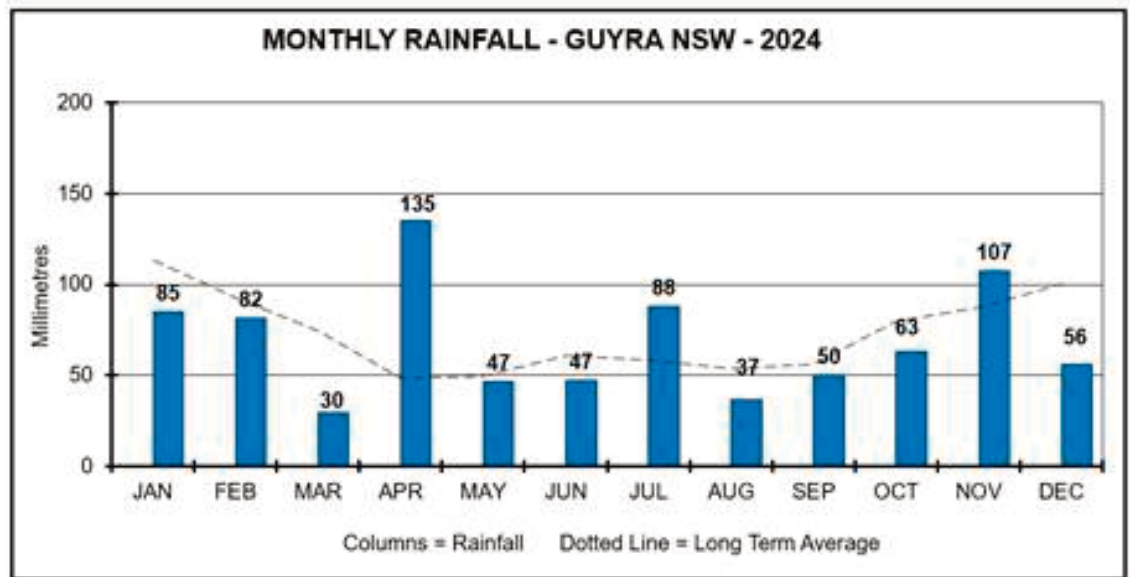
enjoyable evening and everybody is welcome!

Tickets need to be purchased before the event for catering

purposes.

For more information please contact Linda 0497 469 919 or Anne 0413 595 353

## 2024 - Guyra's second warmest year on record



2024 was Australia's second warmest year on record, and it was also Guyra's second warmest on record.

Looking at 86 complete years of data collected since 1911, the mean temperature for the year exceeded the long term average by 1.26C.

Temperatures were above average in all months except July. The warmest year on record was the drought year of 2019 with the mean temperature exceeding the long term average by 1.50C.

Rainfall for 2024 was 51mm lower than average with a total of 826.6 mm at the official weather station located at the Guyra MPS.

Much of the shortfall came at the end of the year with December rainfall 45mm below average.

### DECEMBER 2024

#### SUMMARY

(Long term average in brackets)

#### Rainfall:

56.0 mm (101 mm) on 7 days

#### Average maximum temp:

26.7C (22.8C)

**Average minimum temp:** 12.9C (C)

**Highest maximum temp:** 30.4C on the 27th

**Lowest maximum temp:** 21.2C on the 19th

#### Lowest:

4.8C on the 27th

**Frosts:** 0 (0.2)

**Sunny days:** 12 (13)

**Days with thunder:** 2 (8)

Source: <https://www.weather-armidale.com/guyra.html>

# Crafty locals selling their wares

The Local Guyra Craft Group stall has been running in conjunction with the Guyra Lamb and Potato Festival since 2017 and will be back again in 2025.

A recent addition was the 'Landmarks of Guyra' notebook – with a cover page picture depicting features of the town and district, will be available again this year and this year will see the first outing of "The Sheep Beanie"!

The Guyra Craft Group will set up in the Anglican Church Hall from Wednesday 15th to Sunday 26th January 2025 and will be open from 9am to 4pm daily. The hall is located on the eastern side of the New England Highway opposite the festival site.

The cluster of local crafters invite you to be inspired by an amazing range of options; created and collated by the local craft community, a group of people who love what they do, support each other and have a sense of achievement in having an array of unique items to offer for sale.

All of the creations are made with love by those who bake, cut, cook, crochet, knit, paint, paste, snap, stitch, and can turn their hand to anything.



What is it you may find? -Is it Bags? Handmade; reusable shopper's; crochet or knitted, makeup & toilet roll holder bags? Is it Towels? Crocheted hand towels; Guyra tea towels? Is it knitted babywear, knitted jumpers, rugs, slippers, socks, hats /chil-

dren's bucket hats, or beanies? Handmade cards, a notebook, hand-turned pens, laser cut timber items or metal garden ornaments?

Be sure to check this stall for tasty homemade biscuits, slices, jams or pickles to tempt the palate and something yummy to have with a cuppa; something practical to help with daily living; something warm for cooler days; something lovely to adorn your home, your garden or something beautiful to give as that perfect gift.

Be sure to note the Saturday Devonshire Teas - Teddy Bear's Picnic from 9:30am to 3pm Saturday 18th and Saturday 25th only – a new option this year, also featuring a display of handmade bears.

There will also be 'White Elephant Stall' tables with preloved items for sale – always one to be explored.

Items are priced by the local artisans and may be purchased, with both cash and card sales available. Don't miss the "Local Guyra Crafters" 9am to 4pm in the Anglican Church Hall at the 2025 Lamb and Potato Festival.



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## Meals on Wheels

Jan	16	Bea Velthuis
Jan	17	Steve Norris
Jan	20	Toni Kirkman
Jan	21	Narelle Leven
Jan	22	Warwick Leven

## Street Stalls

No January stalls

## 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. Ben Lomond, 2pm first Sunday Feb., April, June **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

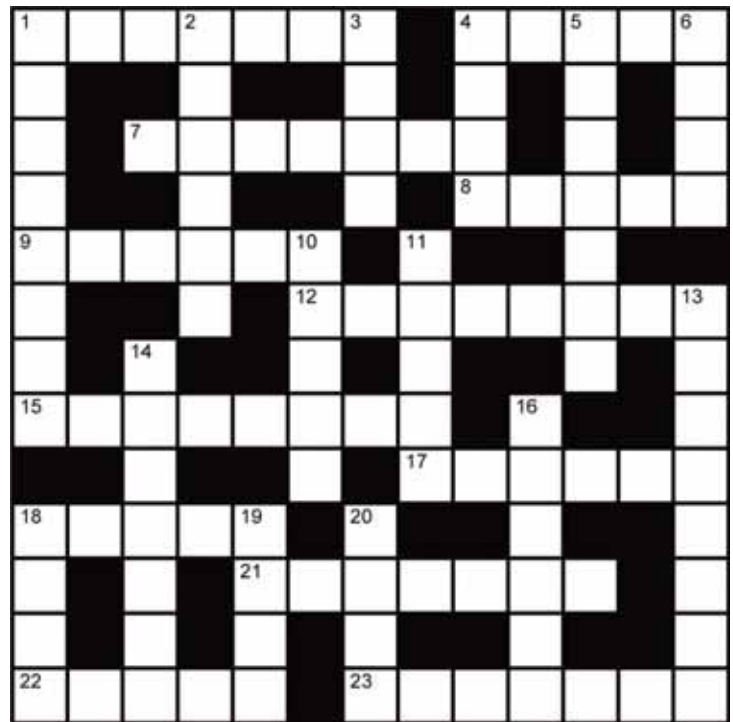
## ACROSS:

- Summer shoes (7)
- Monies owed (5)
- Ruined (7)
- Steve \_\_\_\_\_ British runner (5)
- Capital of Albania (6)
- Hot-headed (8)
- Stress (8)
- Wichita's state (6)
- Fork (5)
- Eliminate (7)
- TV recorder (5)
- Famous (7)

## DOWN:

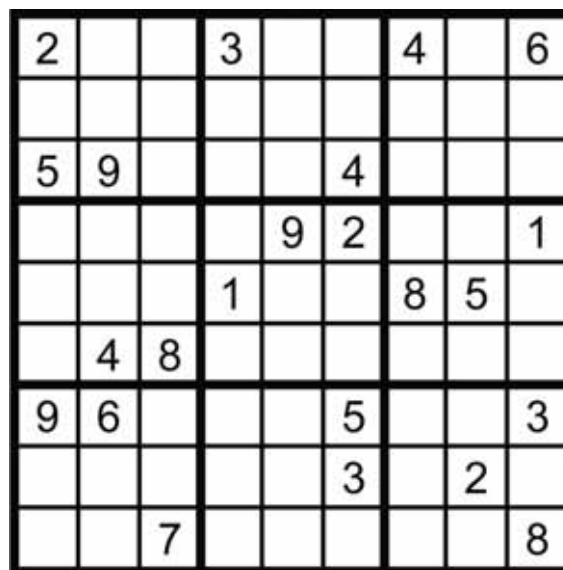
- Scarcity (8)
- English cathedral city (6)
- Japanese drink (4)
- Extinct bird (4)
- Charity performance (7)
- Classify (4)

## QUICK CROSSWORD

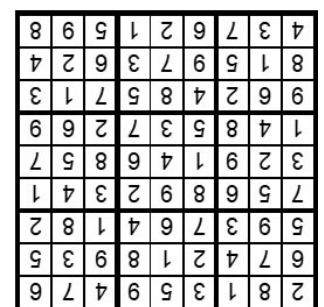


- Nautical command to stop (5)
- Pocket-bottle (5)
- Vision (8)
- Pad pile [anag] (7)
- Togetherness (6)
- Black-marketeer! (4)
- Mexican pancake (4)
- Sit for (4)

## SUDOKU - Easy



**ACROSS:** 1. Sandals 4. Debts 7. Wrecked 8. Overt 9. Tirana 12. Volatile 15. Emphasis 17. Kansas 18. Split 21. Abolish 22. Video 23. Eminent  
**DOWN:** 1. Shortage 2. Durham 3. Saki 4. Dodo 5. Benefit 6. Sort 10. Avast 11. Flask 13. Eyesight 14. Applied 16. Unit 18. Spiv 19. Taco 20. Pose



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# Vinnies used as dumping ground again

Vinnies volunteers in Guyra are facing an extra clean up due a large volume of items which have been dumped at the centre over the last couple of weeks.

Despite signage requesting to only place items in the charity bins, an overflow of items has been left out in the elements and will most likely have to be dumped.

The cost to dump the unwanted items will have to be an extra expense for the organisation and reduces the funds available for their charity works.

While Vinnies always welcomes good quality donations they are urging people not to use them as a spot to get rid of poor quality items.

If you have items to donate it is best to call in when the shop is open. If you can't make it during their opening hours and find that the bins are full, it is best to take them home and call back to avoid your donations being rendered unusable.



Bags have piled up outside Vinnies over the last few weeks

Vinnies Guyra will reopen next Wednesday January 22nd. They are open Tuesday and Thursday

from 10am to 2pm and Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 4pm. They are always on the lookout for

more volunteers and if you are interested call into the shop during opening hours.

## Guyra Lamb & Potato Festival

## Music Program Week One

TIMES	WEDNESDAY JANUARY 15th	THURSDAY JANUARY 16th	FRIDAY JANUARY 17th	SATURDAY JANUARY 18th	SUNDAY JANUARY 19th
Morning 10am to 1pm				Barney Street Band	Koivu
Lunch 12noon to 2pm	Pete & Richard Stanley	Pete Denovan Moldie Oldies	Errol Grey	Jim & Barb O'neill	Ian Russell
Evening 5.30pm to 7.30pm	Bitz of Buzz	Shindig	Song Writers	Massiel Barros-Torning	Tell Tale Hearts

## Guyra Lamb & Potato Festival

## Music Program Week Two

	Monday January 20th	Tuesday January 21st	Wednesday January 22nd	Thursday January 23rd	Friday January 24th	Saturday January 25th	Sunday January 26th
Morning 10am to 1pm							Australia Day Flag Raising
Lunch 12noon to 2pm	Bruce Clark	Pete & Richard Stanley	Mo McMorrow	Pete Denovan Moldie Oldies	Judith Betts	Liam Kelleher ..... Line Dancers	Four Book Trilogy
Evening 5.30pm to 7.30pm	Shane Garrett	Ian Russell	Bitz of Buzz	Mo McMorrow	Dusky Buzz	Vinnie and the Cuban Missiles	

# Council reaps rewards from new energy contract

Armidale Regional Council (ARC) is set to make significant savings of more than \$250,000 after signing a new green energy agreement with Origin Zero.

The new agreement aligns with Council's Renewable Energy Action Plan (REAP) goals ensuring ARC is taking a proactive stance in relation to climate change and seeking to address emissions both within the organisation and through leadership within and support of the community.

Council's current contract for Large Site Electricity and Street Lighting is due to expire on December 31, 2024 and it has traditionally partaken in a group tender process run by Local Government Procurement (LGP) on behalf of participating NSW Councils. In the past, this has resulted in a beneficial financial rate based on the buying power of the many participating Councils.

However, due to the group buy limiting flexibility in contract terms, changes in the energy market and the national supply and demand issues, the cost of electricity had quadrupled for Councils. This was despite the group initiative, with the likelihood of more volatility to come in the future.



ARC undertook to 'go it alone' with a direct to market approach, by first conducting an Expression of Interest (EOI) and then entering into a tender process to secure better value from the market. Importantly, the scope included by seeking a renewable retail energy supplier and renewables transi-

tion partner.

"This new energy agreement marks a significant step towards a sustainable future for our community," said ARC Mayor Sam Coupland.

"By securing a more flexible contract that now includes 100% renewable energy, we are not only honouring our Renewable Energy Action Plan (REAP) and Project Zero 30 commitments, but also making a real difference in our environmental impact.

"This agreement is an important step in ensuring we deliver on our promises to the community, drive sustainability, and make cost-effective choices that benefit everyone.

"The use of the 100% renewable energy will also result in 2000-plus tonnes of carbon reduction. It's a win for both our economy and the planet."

ARC is taking a proactive stance in relation to climate change, seeking to address emissions both within the organisation and through leadership within and support of the community. This has recently included electric cars, mowers and folklifts being added to our fleet.

## Farmers urged to take part in trial of farm fire units

Under a NSW Government trial in place until 31 March, private farm vehicles used for firefighting purposes known as Farm Fire Units – or Farm Fire Fighting Vehicles (FFFVs) – can be used unregistered under certain conditions.

NSW Farmers Business Economics and Trade Committee Chair John Lowe says the catastrophic damage caused by bushfires overseas was a reminder of the importance of having key firefighting tools available in emergency situations.

"These out of season bushfires are burning out of control in the United States, and they're nothing if not a stark reminder of how fires here in NSW can get out of hand if we don't have the right tools available locally," Mr Lowe said.

"Farm Fire Units play a key role in firefighting efforts in our rural communities, and a trial of these units will be key to ensuring we can find a permanent pathway to using these units legally and under the protection of third-party insurance.

"Stopping fires as quickly as we can is critical, and Farm Fire Units have been a proven cornerstone to fast bushfire control, year in, year out on-farm."

As the state's bushfire season continued, Mr Lowe urged farmers in NSW to nominate eligible vehicles to participate in the trial and support efforts to secure a more permanent solution for the use of the vehicles.

"If you've got a vehicle that's in a safe operating condition and has firefighting equipment permanently attached, then we strongly encourage you to nominate it for the trial as soon as possible," Mr Lowe said.

"Farmers deserve to have as many tools in the toolbox available to fight fires safely and effectively, and this trial will take us one step closer to ensuring that.

"Preventing the devastation we've seen overseas and in our own country, in years not long past, is something we want to avoid at all costs."

To nominate a vehicle for the trial, submit this digital Farm Fire Fighting Vehicle Nomination Form and declare that your vehicle is in a safe operating condition. More information on the program and criteria for eligible vehicles is available via this fact-sheet.

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# Have a say on proposed coach timetable changes

Residents in the north west community are being invited to have a say on proposed NSW TrainLink coach timetable changes that are due to come into effect in mid-2026 to better meet the needs of the travelling public.

NSW TrainLink is the state's long distance regional public transport provider. Its coach network services an area including Armidale, Guyra, Wee Waa, Moree, Inverell, Tamworth, Glen Innes, Tenterfield and Walcha, connecting communities and providing links to rail services and larger centres.

The proposed changes to NSW TrainLink coach services include adjusted timetables to meet passenger needs, new routes, additional services on some existing routes, new stops to improve local access and connections to rail and reduced travel times.



A new CBD stop in Armidale is one of the proposed changes

A new route is proposed to operate on Tuesday, Friday and Sunday between Armidale and Port Macquarie and return, providing an Armidale to North Coast connection for the first time. At Wauchope the coach connects with rail services giving access to and from Coffs Harbour, Grafton, the Northern Rivers, Gold Coast and Bris-

bane.

A new Monday to Friday day-return service is proposed between Tamworth and Newcastle, via rail interchange at Muswellbrook.

The popular route between Tamworth and Dubbo and return would increase in frequency to three times per week.

In Armidale, there would be a

new CBD stop for services to and from Tenterfield and Inverell, giving passengers closer access to retail, health and education facilities.

The planned changes are based on extensive community and stakeholder feedback from a range of sources including regular customer and operator feedback, and the NSW Bus Taskforce. The proposed coach timetable would not impact train times or services.

Following public consultation, a final service plan will be developed and coach operators will be able to apply for new NSW TrainLink contracts that are proposed to take effect from mid 2026.

Community members can find details of the proposed routes and provide feedback at [haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/trainlink-coach-network-review](http://haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/trainlink-coach-network-review) until Friday, 14 February.

## Arrest made following fire station break and enters

A man has faced court over alleged break, enter and steal offences at two fire stations in the New England. In November 2024, New England Police District commenced an investigation into two break and enters at fire stations at Yarrowyck and Guyra.

Between Thursday 21 November 2024 and Friday 22 November 2024, a man allegedly broke into the fire station on thunderbolts Way, Yarrowyck, before he allegedly stole a number of tools from two fire engines.

Meanwhile, just after 8pm on Saturday 19 October 2024, a man allegedly entered a fire station on Langford Road, Guyra, before he allegedly stole a number of tools and electric devices from the premises.

Initial inquiries alleged the two incidents are linked.

Police established multiple crime scenes and commenced an investigation into the incident.

Following extensive inquiries, about 10.20am Thursday, 9 January, police arrested a 36-year-old man at an address on Ryanda Street, Guyra.

Police also seized items believed to be stolen from the two fire stations along with a small amount of an illegal drug which police will allege to be Methamphetamine.

He was taken to Armidale Police Station where he was charged with break and enter, and stealing value less than or equal to \$60,000 (two counts).

He was refused bail at Armidale Local Court on Friday, 10 January, and will reappear in on Monday, 10 February.

**Source: NSW Police**

## Nowhere we would rather belong

When you walk down the main street of Guyra.  
No matter where you want to go.  
There is always a nod a smile or a chat  
Even from those you don't know.

And all of the shops you go into  
There's `How are you?` and welcoming smile.  
So helpful and sweet when I can't find the meat.  
When I am sure I am driving them wild.

The Chemist the same when I can't think of the name  
of the tablets I'm s'posed to be taking.  
They just look in my file and give me a smile  
and ignore any fuss I am making.

The Doctor and staff at the Medical Centre.  
They got us thru Covid and flu.  
The safe feeling of knowing they are  
there if we need them.  
Is such a comfort for me and for you.

I have to admit we are blow ins,  
And haven't been here that long.  
Our neighbours who welcomed us  
The friends we have made.  
There`s nowhere we would rather belong.

*Anonymous*



## POSITIONS VACANT

### Part-time Handyman/woman

Required for maintenance of lawn and garden at Ward's Mistake. Would suit active Pensioner. Days and hours quite flexible, but usually 2 days x 4 hours, total 8 hours per week. Salary \$320 + \$100 travelling allowance per 8 hours worked. No INSURANCE, superannuation, tax, leave payments, etc. HELD (Your care). Reply to: [packsaddlebee@outlook.com](mailto:packsaddlebee@outlook.com)

## AUSTRALIA DAY

### AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS DINNER

Saturday, 25th January  
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## MEETING NOTICES

**GUYRA SHOW SOCIETY** meeting Wednesday 29th January at 7pm at Guyra showground.

## CLAIM THE DATE

### EVERY WEDNESDAY

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

### 1st & 3rd SATURDAYS

**CROCHET, CHAT AND A CUPPA** at the Guyra Library. Guyra CWA Evening Branch, in partnership with the Armidale Regional Council, invites you to join us every first and third Saturday of the month 10am-1pm for crochet, chat and a cuppa. All skill levels welcome, bring a plate to share, materials can be supplied for beginners. Phone 02 6770 7123

### SATURDAY 1st FEBRUARY MAWARRA CLEARING SALE.

Property has been sold. Commencing at 10am. For more information, contact Mark Atkin 0455 310 657

### SATURDAY, 8th FEBRUARY

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

### WEDNESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY

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

## GUYRA SHOW

### Photography entries

close on Wednesday 12th February  
• Call in at the Gala office and get your family pass or your Member tickets

## HISTORICAL MUSEUM

**GUYRA HISTORICAL MUSEUM** will be OPEN Saturday, 18th & 25th and Sunday, 19th & 26th January from 10am to 2pm. Enquiries to 6779 2132 during business hours.

## DEATH & FUNERAL NOTICES

**SAUNDERS; GEORGE RICHARD**  
Formerly of Guyra  
Passed away on 7th January 2025  
Aged 96 years

Dearly loved Husband of Roma. Much loved Father of Christopher, Morgan, Geoffrey, Keith, Glen and Roma. Adored Grandfather and Great-Grandfather.

A memorial service will be held for George on Friday, 17th January 2025 at the T.S. Burstow Chapel, 1020 Ruthven Street (south), Toowoomba, service commencing at 5.00pm.

The service will be available via webstream, please go to [www.burstows.com.au/tribute-centre](http://www.burstows.com.au/tribute-centre)  
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**PERRETT; WARWICK JOHN**  
16/8/1943 - 6/1/2025  
Of "Karana", Wandsworth.

Dearly loved husband of Betty-Ann. Loving father & father-in-law of Natasha & Troy.

Loving stepfather & stepfather -in-law of Jason & Sam and Simone.

Loved grandfather of Brandon, Warwick, Nathan & Violet. Loved brother & brother-in-law of Eric & Wendy (dec). Fond uncle of their family.

A Funeral service to be held at Piddingtons Funeral Chapel, Monday 20th January 2025 commencing at 2pm.

Donations in lieu of flowers to be donated to Wires and Taronga Conservation Society Australia.



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# CLEARING SALE PLANT & MACHINERY PROPERTY SOLD

SATURDAY  
1<sup>ST</sup> FEB  
2025

**'Mawarra' 1444 Greenhills Road, Guyra NSW 2365**

## 10am start

Phone bidding will be available

Payment on the day - cash & card facilities.

Catering available from CWA Guyra Evening Branch

IZUZU tip truck, 2x round lamb cradles, 2x wool presses (McLodge and Rume), wool table, 3x rolls deer fencing, gates, portable yards, sheep weigh crate (Ruddweigh scales), sling sheep rail, 2x trailers, 22x bales oaten hay, 7x bales lucerne hay, assortment dry lick, soya meal, boat and trailer (15hp), assortment tool sundries and fencing, antique shearing machine, sheep panels, rabbit ripper, 9x sheep feeders, grain bin, hay feeder, 2x hay racks, sheep handler, foot bath, cane basket, pack holders, barrows, Gentech generator, QDal grouper bin, Suzuki 125, Mobleco grain auger, Koertz top box, 3x cedar tables, bathtub, aluminium windows, 2x coppers, old kettles, sheep coats, antique cot, 2x meat safes, buffalo forge, 2x sulky, pony cart, workbench, 3x red mahogany slabs, lawn mower trailer, steel chairs, assortment of scrap metal, leather harness equipment, shearing stretchers, tin baths, second hand steel posts, lick drums and sundries.

View full listing & photos at - <https://elders.com.au/our-services/buy-and-sell/clearing-sales/clearing-sales-details.s-cs001352/>

**For more information contact**

**Mark Atkin 0455 310 657**



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## Ladies' Golf

Happy New Year from the lady golfers. 2025 is going to be another big year for golf in Guyra.

Last week the ladies played a 4BBB Stroke. Wendy George and Debbie Burey were the winners. Runners up were Pip White and Nancy Prisk. Nearest the pin winners were Pip White on the 7th hole. Wendy George on the 18th hole.

This week is a Par Medal. Next week is a Stableford.

*Birdie*

## Midweek Golf

Just a reminder that we are starting again this week. We will go through until March, about 10 weeks. Handicap sheet is on the board at the club.

Once again Darrin and Suzanne Towells from New England Auto have provided us with golf balls for prizes. This support is greatly appreciated. We will distribute them through the next few months.

Looking for some good scores for the New Year.

Good golfing everyone.

*Middy*

## New to the 2025 Guyra Show on Saturday, 22nd February

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**GUYRA**

# LAMB & POTATO



**Festival**

15th to 26th  
January 2025



**SPECIAL ACTIVITIES**

**Saturday**  
**January 25th**

- Show & Shine
- Antique Machinery
- Live Music

**Australia Day**  
**January 26th**

- Official Ceremony
- Live Entertainment



**FOOD**



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GUYRA CWA EVENING BRANCH PRESENTS



# GUYRA ART EXHIBITION

PAINTING-SCULPTURE-PHOTOGRAPHY-POTTERY

JANUARY 17TH 2025

TO

JANUARY 26TH 2025

OPEN DAILY 10AM-4PM

FREE ENTRY- GALA CENTRE 136 BRADLEY ST  
GUYRA

OPENING NIGHT FRIDAY 17TH JANUARY 2025

6pm

TICKETS \$10 AVAILABLE AT GALA

For entries, tickets or more information contact  
Lynda on 0497 469 919 or Anne 0413 595 353

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**21st February 2025**

**DROP OFF 7.30 AM - 9AM**

**Entries close 17/2/25**

**Guyra Show 2025**  
**Lamb Show & Sale**

45kg - 51kg  
52kg - 65kg



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or phone 67792132