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Scaling new heights with VRA Rescue

Over the past two weeks, VRA Rescue NSW has trained 32 dedicated volunteers in Vertical Rescue, significantly boosting emergency response capabilities across regional, remote, and rural NSW.

This critical training ensures our teams are prepared to handle complex and high-risk rescues in some of the state's most challenging environments.

In Inverell, 21 volunteers from Guyra, Glen Innes, Inverell, and Dubbo are undertaking an intensive 4-day Vertical Rescue Training Course—the largest single training boost in the history of our New England squads.

Five Guyra members were involved in the training, taking on the challenge to learn new skills which will enable them to better serve their community.

Once completed, these responders will be equipped to perform vertical rescues 24/7, 365 days a year, ensuring safer outcomes for communities in need.

Inspector Paul Cowles, Region North Operations Manager at VRA Rescue NSW, emphasised the importance of these training sessions in preparing volunteers for real-world rescues.

“This training is a vital invest-



Above l to r: Vernon Claassen, Jason Jackson, Kane Murray, Ellie Greer and Leone Oehlers

ment in the safety of our regional, remote, and rural communities,” Inspector Cowles said.

“By enhancing the skills of our volunteers, we’re ensuring that people in these areas have access

to world-class rescue services when they need them most.

“The dedication and commitment shown by our volunteers is inspiring, and we are incredibly proud of their efforts.”

VRA Rescue NSW remains committed to providing life-saving rescue services across regional, remote, and rural NSW, ensuring our volunteers are ready to respond to emergencies anytime, anywhere.

Indulge your loved one on Valentine's Day

14th February 2025

Menu:

Mum's Special Soup

Panipuri Shots

Hand-made Dumplings (Momo)

Samosa

Lamb Choila

Rice Pudding (Mum's Way)

Sammy's Bistro @ the
Guyra Bowling Club
is offering a 6 course
Nepalese Meal

All for just \$45
Bookings

Recommended
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Laura Hughes announced as Labor Candidate for New England

Tamworth based community advocate, Laura Hughes, has announced her candidacy for the seat of New England in the upcoming federal election, representing the Australian Labor Party.

Following a strong campaign in 2022 that significantly boosted Labor's vote in the region, Laura says she is eager to continue building momentum and fighting for a fairer, more equitable future for the people of New England.

"In 2022, we made incredible progress together, and I am deeply grateful for the support and encouragement from our

community," Laura said.

"This time, we're aiming even higher—to challenge Barnaby Joyce and ensure New England's voice is heard loud and clear in Canberra."

As part of her campaign, Laura is focused on delivering vital services for the community, including improved healthcare access.

Laura's campaign aligns with the vision of the Albanese Labor Government, which she said has delivered "three years of stable, honest leadership, addressing challenges inherited after nearly a decade of Coalition rule".



Laura Hughes is standing in the upcoming federal election

As the election date draws closer, Laura is calling on New England residents to join her in the fight for a fairer Australia.

"This is our opportunity to build on the progress we've made

and ensure New England's future is one of equity, opportunity, and care. Will you join me?"

For more information or to get involved, please visit the website laurahughesnewengland.com.au



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2025
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**FRIDAY
NIGHT**
21ST FEBRUARY
2025

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OF
MAIN BAR**
7PM



**GET YOUR
SYNDICATES
TOGETHER**

**BUY THE
CHAMPION BULL
AND COLLECT
HALF THE POOL**

**HALF OF
PROCEEDS TO
CAN ASSIST**



Little Boy Found 65 years ago

February 2025 marks 65 years since the extraordinary community effort that unfolded when young Steven Walls went missing.

The story of Little Boy Lost is a story of more than 3000 people who rallied and searched together in a remarkable display of unity and hope.

Residents, police, and volunteers combed the surrounding countryside around Tubbamurra 20 km north of Guyra, their determination unwavering as they searched for Steven after he was separated from his dad while herding sheep.

Steven Walls was found safe on the 8th of February, 1960, three days after his disappearance. His safe return brought an overwhelming sense of relief and joy to the community, a testament to the power of human compassion and the unwavering hope and community spirit that prevailed during those anxious days.

Steven's story was told in a hit song by Johnny Ashcroft, and in a film in 1978, "Little Boy Lost." Steven passed away in April 2020 and Johnny in May 2021.

Last week, James Warren was invited to visit Dorrie Walls, Steven's mother, at the Guyra Multi-Purpose Service (MPS).

"Mrs. Walls graciously shared some of her poetry and writings

with me to archive for public access in the Australian Poetry Hall of Fame," James said.

"Her words, filled with both the pain of that time and the profound gratitude for her son's safe return, offered a glimpse into the emotional rollercoaster of those three days."

Inspired by Mrs. Walls' reflections, James travelled to Tubbamurra and visited the old church, "Abbey Green." This historic building, which served as the temporary police headquarters during the search for Steven, now stands in a state of disrepair.

"The crumbling walls of the church mirrored the fragility of life and the enduring impact of that community rallying experience."

As we commemorate this anniversary, it's a time to remember not only the fear and uncertainty of that time, but also the extraordinary outpouring of community support that demonstrated the vital role each individual plays in times of need.

The Guyra Historical Museum has newspaper articles and memorabilia of this historic event on display. This includes the gold record awarded for the Johnny Ashcroft song.

A display of photographs and information is also on display at the Guyra truckstop.



ABBEY GREEN CHURCH

Out at Tubbamurra there's a little Church known as "Abbey Green". It was made famous on the 5th February 1960 when a little boy named Steven Walls who was only four years old was lost in the bush. The police made this Church their headquarters at the time of the search for him. The Church services came to a stop a few years later. It is marvellous the amount of people who still come out to see that little Church because it is a part of our history.

*By Dorrie Walls
December 2024*

Rafters Grand Opening

New Owner ... New Managers ... Come 1, Come All!!

We have an exciting little Market Day happening this Sunday, 16th February. 10am to 2pm.

We have these stalls for everyone to enjoy:

- Fresh fruit & vegies
- CWA with their wonderful Cookbook
- Handmade Braids
- VRA
- Massage by Kylie
- Wildflower Dreams flowers
- Green Frog Creations ... + more exciting things

*More Stallholders
most welcome*

FREE ice-creams for the kids

FREE sausage in bread

FREE samples of cakes/slices & goodies to try

AND our very own Guyra's fantastic Muso Shane Garrett from 2pm to 6pm

Drop by and say hello. See you there!

Opening Hours

Tues-Thurs & Sun: 8am - 4pm - Breakfast & Lunch

Fri & Sat: 8am - 8pm - Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Closed on Mondays

Rafters

87 Malpas Street, Guyra Ph 6775 0207

Sisson's Family Meats now stocking local free range eggs

Guyra Show is heading our way - see you there on February 21st & 22nd

Winter sports are just around the corner - soccer, league, hockey all starting to look for players

Guyra's got talent fundraiser - sounds like a great night so grab your tickets while you can



Back l to r: Mrs Nugent Principal, Lachlan Cruickshank, Darcie Campbell, Father O'Shea, Grace Linfield, Oskar Laing, Ricky-Jay Foster, Jack Marshall. **Front:** Kobi Wilson, Lachie Rosser, Lexi Cochrane, Charlie Bavea, Peter Grills, Hugo Sisson, Chase Floyd, Ted Warner

Thank you to our families, new and continuing, who attended the St Mary of the Angels Welcoming BBQ Breakfast and Commissioning Mass on Friday the 7th of February.

This service saw the skilled helpful adults being commissioned into their roles as educators for 2025 and our Year 6 leaders, who proudly received their leadership badges and the 'light of

leadership.'

We wish all of our 2025 Year 6 students all the best as they move into leadership in their final year in Primary School.

Principal Mrs Zoe Nugent

JOKE of the week
What do you call thunder and lightning in a teapot?
A storm brewing

OBITUARY - George Richard Saunders 1928 – 2025

"A life lived well"

George Richard Saunders, born in 1928 in Guyra, NSW, passed away in January 2025 at the age of 96. A dedicated farmer and family man, George led a rich, fulfilling life and witnessed many significant historical events, including the Great Depression, WWII, the Vietnam War, the Wool Boom, and the Cattle Crash.

George was the youngest of four children, born to James and Mildred Saunders. He grew up on the family farm, Pleasant Vale, alongside his siblings, Jim, Joyce, and Mavis. From an early age, George developed a love for farming, which would become his lifelong passion.

He worked alongside his father and brother to build a successful farming empire, growing crops



and raising livestock.

In 1955, George married Roma Goddard, and they spent nearly 70 years together. In 1966 the family partnership was wound up and they built their own family business farming at Crystalbrook. They had six children: Christopher, Morgan, Geoffrey, Keith,

Glen, and Roma (Jnr).

George retired from farming in the 1990s and moved to Coffs Harbour, later settling in Tenterfield and Toowoomba. In retirement George and Roma enjoyed travelling, and their adventures included extensive caravan trips around Australia.

His final years were marked by an enduring sense of positivity, even as his health declined. George's final words were, "Just look after mum," a testament to his lifelong dedication to his family.

George leaves behind his beloved wife Roma, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He will be remembered for his resilience, kindness, and love for his family, as well as his simple yet powerful life lessons.

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
4	Tues	13.6	24.1	0
5	Wed	13.3	26.0	0
6	Thurs	13.6	24.4	0
7	Fri	12.8	23.7	0
8	Sat	10.2	25.8	0
9	Sun	12.9	24.7	0
10	Mon	13.8	23.8	5.4

Rain this week	5.4mm
Feb. rainfall	9.4mm
Rainfall YTD	186.2mm
Rainfall last YTD	86.8mm
Ave. rain to Feb.	221.0mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Twice the Expo, one huge weekend

The Seasons of New England Expo is just over seven weeks away and this year's event will see some changes. The annual gathering for those who make what they sell from right across the New England is held in Uralla in March.

The popular event has a regular line up of over 100 New England based producers, makers and creators and has established itself as one of the most significant celebrations on the New England calendar.

Expo organiser Tara Toomey said that core to the purpose of the concept has been finding a way to support as many of those artisans and producers as possible.

"Seasons of New England has been working towards this through the Expo, their retail store in Uralla and their growing hamper business," she said. "However

each year there have been a growing number of applications for the Expo beyond what the organisers were able to accommodate. "

"Rather than relocate from Uralla, a beautiful, small regional town very much in the heart of the New England and centrally located for visitors with convenient road, rail and plane connections, we have come up with an innovative solution.

"Instead of one Expo event, we will deliver two unique Expo events, one on Saturday 29th March and the other on Sunday 30th March.

"Over 100 artisans and producers are already confirmed for Saturday 29th March, and final arrangements are falling into place for over 60 entirely new businesses to join a few familiar faces on Sunday 30th March, making for two very different



Dean Williams from Deano's Smoked Trout is one of the many exhibitors from across the New England who will be at the Seasons of New England Expo on March 29th and 30th

days loaded with New England talent.

"Both days will still have the same warm welcome, fantastic live music, free kids art tent, shady seating, full bar and sensational shopping.

"This is a unique opportunity to discover and connect with people who make quality products here in the New England, showcase

the region to visitors and locals alike, while keeping dollars in our regional New England communities."

Seasons of New England 2025 will be held in Hampden Park, Uralla on March 29th and 30th.

For more information contact Tara Toomey, info@seasonsofnewengland.com.au, 0434 408 163.



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 Feb 14 Golf Ladies
 Feb 17 Lions Club
 Feb 18 Regional Bank
 Feb 19 Bea Velthuis

Street Stalls

Feb.13, 14 Freemasons
 Feb. 27 Hospital Aux.
 Mar. 6 CWA

Church Notices

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

St. James' Anglican Church 9am Sunday, followed by morning tea. Doors open from 8:30am. All welcome! **Contact:** Rev. Tim Stevens 6779 1111

St. Columba's Presbyterian Church 9am Sunday followed by morning tea. Ben Lomond, 2pm first Sunday April, June **Contact:** Rev. Andrew Campbell 0447 724 536

The Chapel:

66 Llangothin Street:
 Sunday Service: 10am
Contact: Pastors Linden & Kerrie Polard 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 & Ninooola Sts.)

Sunday worship: 10am Prayer meeting: Tuesday 6.30pm Bible discussion: Wednesday 6.30pm **Pastors:** Jeff & Sharon Ritchie 0421 847 973 Chaplaincy services: Dan McGinty 0409 399 270

Black Mountain Baptist Church

Service 4pm, 2nd Sunday of the month Followed by a sausage sizzle **Contact:** Associate Pastor Peter Holford Armidale District Baptist Church 0414 520 737

Service Clubs

LIONS CLUB 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month at Guyra Bowling Club, 7pm. Ph: Geoff Reeves 6779 1257 **ROTARY CLUB** 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month 6.30pm at Guyra Cafe Ph: Hans Hietbrink 0402 044 891

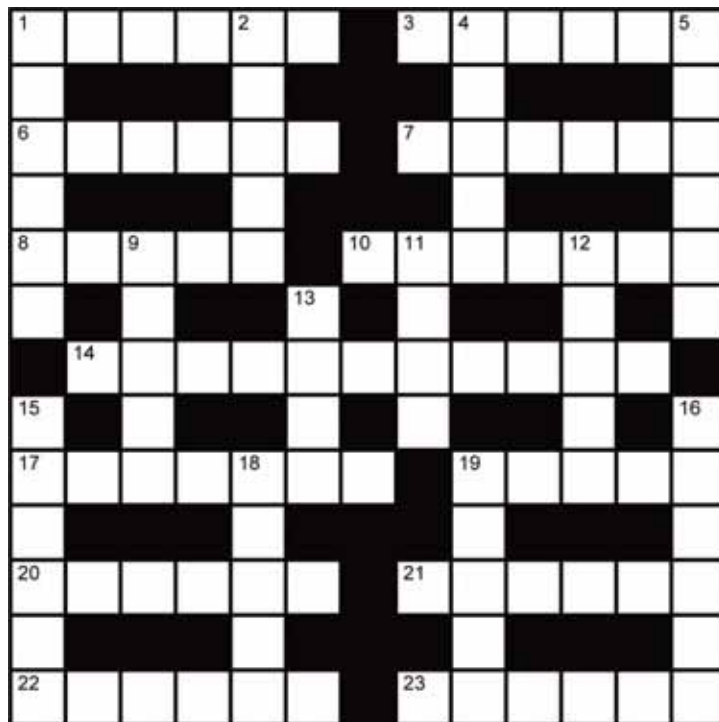
ACROSS:

- Read (6)
- Scream (6)
- Second-largest European river (6)
- Ice-shoes (6)
- I'ma___, Beatles song (5)
- Deduce (7)
- Learning (11)
- Eradicate (7)
- Civic dignitary (5)
- Seat of power (6)
- Sing (6)
- Airstrip (6)
- Country east of Norway (6)

DOWN:

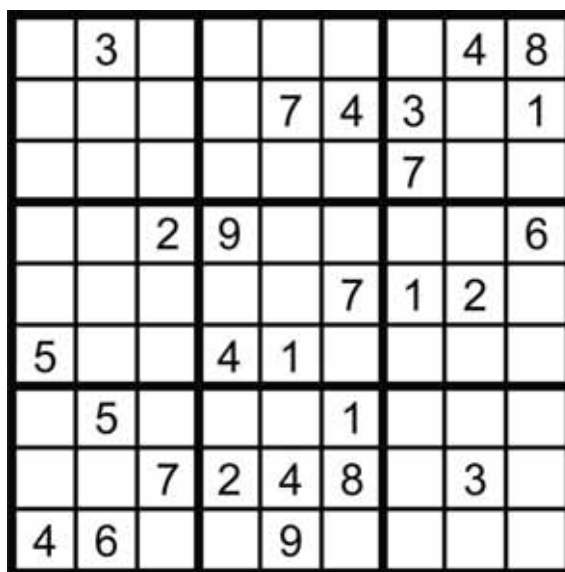
- Small pool (6)
- Temperate (5)
- Rambler (5)
- Destiny, fate (6)
- Dawn (3-2)
- Russian mountain range (4)

QUICK CROSSWORD

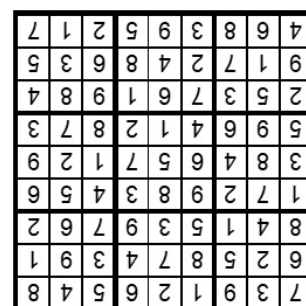


- Paradox (5)
- Fish of the cod family (4)
- Actor, ___ Fletcher (6)
- Ragamuffin (6)
- Japanese assassin (5)
- Tropical parrot (5)

SUDOKU - Medium



Across: 1. Peruse, 3. Shriek, 6. Danube, 7. Skates, 8. Loser, 10. Surmise, 14. In-clination, 17. Expunge, 19. Mayor, 20. Throne, 21. Scorch, 22. Runway, 23. Sweden.
Down: 1. Puddle, 2. Sober, 4. Hiker, 5. Kismet, 9. Sun-up, 11. Ural, 12. Irony, 13. Ling, 15. Dexter, 16. Urchin, 18.



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School's Back for 2025



Guyra Central School secondary students took part in a ready to learn day on February 6th

A heartfelt welcome back to all our new and returning students at Guyra Central School for 2025!

On Thursday 6 February our corridors were alive with excitement as students from Kindergarten to Year 12 embarked on their first day.

As we enter this new academic year, we eagerly anticipate providing our students with fresh opportunities for growth, learning, and enjoyment.

Guyra Central School is excited to see our students take on new challenges and celebrate their accomplishments.

Every student, teacher, support staff member, parent, and members of the wider community plays a crucial role in our shared success.

We invite our broader school community to collaborate with us in enhancing our learning environment, enabling our stu-

dents to achieve remarkable feats.

We can't wait to share our experiences throughout 2025 with our extended community!

*Relieving Principal
Tim Lloyd*

Rural Market Reports

Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

February 4th – Yarding 2500 sheep and lambs Heavy lambs made up to \$247. Lighter lambs made from \$200 to \$220. Store lambs made to \$130. 1st cross lambs ranged from \$50 to \$100

Mutton made up to \$161 for a cracking pen of merino wethers Lighter weight merino and crossbred sheep made from \$50 to \$70

Weekly Wool Market

February 7th - It was a positive week for the wool market despite the talk of trade tariffs being announced against China by the US government.

An 8 cent rise in the Northern region indicator on the first day of sales was followed up with a further 9 cent increase on the final day. The headline market indicators closed the week at their highest levels in just over 12

months with only 3 selling weeks in the past 18 months closing at a higher level.

The lift in the market was more pronounced in the 18.5 micron and broader Merino types that are now between 2 and 10% dearer than the corresponding period last season.

AWTA testing data shows a 9.9% fall in production for the season to date. It also shows a change in the country's micron profile with only a 4%

decline in wool testing finer than 19.5 micron with a large 17% decline in wool testing 19.6 micron and broader.

This change in micron profile is being reflected in current year on year prices being paid. 35,547 bales were sold nationally for the week with a passed in rate of 5.6%. Major buyers included Endeavour Wool, Tianyu and PJ Morris with once again a good spread in the buying pattern.

GUYRAS GOT TALENT

Cancer research Fundraising Event

Talent show and auction

Tickets 18+ event- \$15 each available for purchase at CT ELECTRICS AND GUYRA CAFE

Saturday 1st of March

✗ Guyra Bowling Club

Enjoy an evening of entertainment and possible laughs from some of Guyra's local talents (or not so talented community members) to raise money for cancer research.

Doors open at 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start. Following the talent show there will be a small auction and then you can dance the night away with entertainment *donated*

by Jacko's Jukebox

Raffle and Auction Items donated by:

- *Jacko's Jukebox- entertainment
- *CT Electrics- Air fryer, Hair Straightener and more
- *Armidale Building Supplies- Wheelbarrow with goods
- *Dasha's Hardware- Table setting
- *Bearup Design Jewellery
- *Wotif- Rebecca Hurley- \$500 Voucher
- *Jane Douglass- Woolgoolga Holiday Stay
- *Tattersalls Hotel Armidale - \$200 voucher
- *Nutrien Guyra - Engel Fridge
- *Alice Armitage- The Pandaemonium Paper gift pack
- *Guyra Post Office- \$50 gift voucher
- *Highland Petfood- \$200 in gift cards
- *Guyra Pharmacy- Gift Pack
- *Elders Guyra
- *Fika home and living- gift
- *Bronwyn Grills- donation
- *Chris Lewis signed NRL Melbourne Storm jersey
- *Kurt Capewell signed NZ Warriors jersey
- *James Orman signed Jockey Pants and Goggles
- *Harvest Collective- \$150 Gift pack
- *CROP Hair Design- \$100 Voucher
- *Entry and raffle tickets donated by UNE printroom
- *Guyra Bowling and Recreation club- drinks sponsorship for performers

Raffle- tickets on sale now and available on the night:
1st prize- \$500 wotif voucher
2nd prize- \$200 Tattersalls voucher
3rd Prize- and more!

Peking Duk headline act for The Big Chill

Armidale Regional Council's Big Chill Festival has secured top line talent for this year's event with a huge lineup of live music acts all packed into one massive day on May 17th.

The popular regional musical festival - which draws visitors and music lovers from all over the country - has previously attracted big name acts including The Rubens, Diesel, Birds of Tokyo, Jack River, and Tori Drake.

ARC this week announced Peking Duk as the headline act for Big Chill 2025. The popular electronic music band is known for their genre-bending sound, blending house, pop, and alternative music, generating over 750,000 monthly listeners on Spotify.

Accompanying Peking Duk is a full line up of world class talent including San Cisco, Vera Blue, Jebediah, Ruby Fields, Electric Postman, The Sooks, Billsbry, Terra Firma, and Halfway Down.



Guyra's Electric Postman (aka Ben Jackson) will be part of the line up again in 2025

ARC Mayor Sam Coupland said that it is great to see such big-name talent that has headlined popular music festivals across the nation right here in our backyard.

"Big Chill brings so much to our region each and every year, including a massive lift to tourism and a boost of more than \$2 million to our local economy," Cr Coupland said.

Last year's Big Chill event attracted more than 4000 festival goers over the weekend, and had a significant effect on our local economy generating \$2.3 million in economic benefit for the community.

This year the event returns to the Armidale Showground and the new format will see all the popular acts, entertainment, and family fun combined into a one-day event.

The all-age family event will include a wide variety of live music acts, entertainments, the return of the Live and Local stage, Little chillers, BBQ Alley, The Chilly Dip, official launch party the night before, and new addition to the event called 'The Big Chilli' eating competition.

First release tickets for the Big Chill 2025 will go on sale from Thursday 13 February and available for purchase via the Big Chill website. <https://www.bigchill.com.au/signup/>

Councillors drop in to Guyra Cafe

Armidale Regional Council Mayor Sam Coupland and councillor Eli Imad participated in an 'Ask us anything' session in Guyra on Tuesday morning.

The drop in sessions are an opportunity for residents to connect with councillors and stay informed about upcoming initiatives.

Tuesday's session was held at the Guyra Café, with a wide range in conversations covering everything from development applications, rubbish collection, antisocial behaviour through to economic development and entrenching Guyra on the tourism map.

The next opportunity to meet with councillors will be next Wednesday 8am at Era Cafe in Armidale.





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POULTRY FOR SALE

LAYER PULLETS, 20 weeks, all breeds, delivered to Guyra on Friday, **27th February**. Call Jim 0428 194 105.

MEETING NOTICES

GUYRA SHAMROCK HOCKEY CLUB AGM will be held on Monday, 24th February, 6.30pm at the Royal Hotel.

GUYRA ANGLERS CLUB AGM will be held on Saturday, 8th March, 11.00am at the Bowling Club. Also Presentation Day, BBQ lunch, giant raffle.

HISTORICAL MUSEUM

GUYRA HISTORICAL MUSEUM is open by appointment. Enquiries to 6779 2132 (business hours).

GUYRA SHOW

CLOSING DATES FOR ENTRIES

Craft - 10am - Thursday 20th Feb

Farm Waste to Art

5pm - Thursday 20th Feb

Lego and Models

10am - Wednesday 19th Feb

Needlework, Knitting and Crochet

10am - Thursday 20th Feb

Prime Lamb Show and Sale

4pm - Monday 17th Feb

Poultry - Saturday 15th Feb

School Arts and Crafts

5.30pm - Tuesday 18th Feb

Wool - 3pm - Wednesday 19th Feb

Yard Dog Trials

6pm - Monday 17th Feb

The Showground Secretary's office will be open from Monday 17th Feb from 9am. Enquiries 6779 2132

CLAIM THE DATE

EVERY WEDNESDAY

OPEN MIC 6.30pm at the Australian Poetry Hall of Fame

1st & 3rd SATURDAYS

CROCHET, CHAT AND A CUPPA

10am-1pm at the Guyra Library with Guyra CWA Evening Branch. All skill levels welcome, bring a plate to share, materials can be supplied for beginners. Phone 02 6770 7123

WEDNESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY

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

FANNING; SHIRLEY IRENE
Passed away 30th January, 2025

To Dr Jey, Dr Baker, the Nursing Staff, Hotel Services, Security and the residents of the Guyra MPS:

We would like to thank you all for your thoughts and compassion you have shown our late Mother and family throughout the last two weeks. We are overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.
Kelly & John Gale

DEATH & FUNERAL NOTICE

WILLIAMS; KEVIN DOUGLAS
14/8/1939 - 27/1/2025
Of Jeffrey Street and
formerly Fittler Road, Armidale

Loved only son of Hercules Williams (dec'd) and Ethel Philp nee Handebo (dec'd). Beloved husband of 60 years of Helen.

Adored father and father-in-law of Scott & Tara, Adrian and Kerryn. Dearly loved Papa to Josiah, Mahalia, Lachlan, Daniel and Kai.

Respected brother-in-law of Mary & John (dec'd) Finlayson, Jim (dec'd) & Sue Browning and Doug (dec'd) & Helen Browning and loved uncle to their families.

A man of the earth, a craftsman, a respected man who understood nature and so much more. His passions were family, rocks, trees and timbers.

Private interment has been held at Armidale Lawn Cemetery.



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COURSES

Safe Food Handling (Level 1)

Tuesday, 4th March

Espresso Coffee

Wednesday, 5th March

Chemical Course

Full & Refresher

Thursday, 6th March

Bookings essential at

New England

Community College

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Midweek Golf

Some good scores this week. Also some of the beginners putting in great scores.

Individual score with 30 points was David Wilson. Congratulations. Big cut in your handicap this week David. Next was Randy Mulligan 26 points, Archie Dowden 25 points, then on 23 we had Dan Lennon, Jodie Stewart, Tina Skipper, Oliver White and Bec Smith had 22 points. Well done everyone.

Team score went to Blue Sky

with 97 followed by Sultans of Swing on 86. Hillbillies had 81, Green Grass 79, Baldersleigh Bashers 77.

Ladies' Golf

Last week the Ladies played the first Graham Betts Round for this year. Jenni Jackson was the winner with 36 points. Runner up was Debbie Burey with 35 points. Debbie also won the nearest the pin on the 18th hole.

This week is a Par Medal. Next week is the Guyra Ladies Open,

with many visitors expected in town to play golf this year.

A big thank you to Dick Burey Country Kitchens for your generous sponsorship of Guyra Ladies Golf.

Good luck to all.

Birdie

Vets Golf

Last Tuesday the 4th we played the Reg Taylor Stroke. It was well contested with 13 players and some close scores. Neil Paine was the day's winner with 71 nett

and Ian Taylor won the gross. Ian also won the putts with Neil getting one NTP and Robert Moore getting the other 2.

On Thursday about 20 vets, men and ladies travelled to Uralla to contest the second round of the pennants. We came into the clubhouse in third spot which was good enough to promote Guyra to equal 1st place with Armidale on 14 points. Uralla and Walcha are on 12 points with Glen on 8.

Some great individual results with Len Stanley winning C grade on 37 points. Belinda Lenehan backed up her B grade win in Armidale taking Ladies B grade again in Uralla. Belinda also got a NTP as did Kerry Bull and Michael Jackson.

The next pennants round is in Guyra on Tuesday the 18th.

Drake

Cricket

Under 11 - Guyra (129) defeated Easts Gold (112)

Bowling Oskar Laing 1/17, Ricky-Jay Foster 4/4, Matthew Sauer 1/15

Batting Oskar Laing (24 not out), Charles Drew (7 ret), Rylan Wilson (8 ret), Ricky-Jay Foster (7 not out)

2nd Grade - Guyra 2/93 defeated Hillgrove 10/91

Bowling Ben Jackson 3/18. Tom Chard 3/21, Aidan Purvis 1/24, Kyle Mongta 2/7, Alistair Connors 1/15

Batting Tim Lloyd (19), Aidan Purvis (48 not out), Kyle Mongta (15 not out)

Men's Bowls

Games set down for Sunday February 16th: 9.30am start:

P Kliendienst, S Brennan, N Brennan, K Brennan vs T Ellis, R Mulligan, B Campbell, W Reeves
12.30 pm start:

Winner morning game vs R Cox, C Stanley, G Starr, G Mitchell

B Walls, A Bull, L Beechey, D Wilcox vs P Johnson, R Walls, J Varcoe, M Bourke

All games play or forfeit.

Nominations for club triples close March 2nd. Round 1 and 2 played March 9th - 9.30am start.

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Soccer

The year may be only just starting, however the soccer season is fast approaching with senior team nominations due at the end of this month. This means that senior training is going to commence Thursday the 13th of February at

6pm at the bottom soccer fields.

Anyone interested in playing this season is invited to attend, this includes any ladies that may want to participate in the women's only competition that is held on a Friday evening.

The start date for the senior competition is the 5th of April and

the junior competition is to commence on the 3rd May.

There will be two come and try/sign up days for the juniors in March. Keep up to date with what's happening on our Facebook page Guyra United Soccer Club.

Mitchell Hope

Anglers Club

Guyra Anglers Club wishes to advise that their AGM will be held on Saturday March 8th at 11am at the Guyra Bowling Club. All committee positions will be declared vacant. If you wish to be considered for a role, please let us know and we would be happy to tell you the responsibilities involved.

An AGM, General Meeting, BBQ lunch, and Presentation Day will celebrated from 11am. Memberships (renewable annually) are due this day. We have a giant raffle running, with prizes galore - tickets available at the Bowling Club bar.

Members if you wish to join with us please let us know on 0409 654 666 or via guyraanglers@gmail.com for catering purposes. If anyone wishes to begin a membership on this day, please join us to find out what we are all about!

We look forward to seeing you there.

Sunday Golf

We are into the busy months of golf for the Guyra Club kicking off this weekend with the Guy Warskitt Memorial. This is a 4bbb Stableford event open to everyone even if you don't have a handicap, so grab a partner and support a great day.

The Sunday Golf is trialling something new with teeing off from 12 noon and playing straight through to make the day a bit quicker.

Upcoming events:

23rd February - Individual Stableford

2nd March -Guyra 4bbb Open

8th, 9th March - Round 1 and 2 Championships

It would be great to see some new members for the comps and Championships so grab a handicap and become a member.

Also a shout out to juniors to grab a handicap and join in on the Sunday comps.

See you out there
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