



# Guyra Gazette

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## Voting begins to choose new councillors



**VOTE 1**  
**CALLAN SCHAEFER**  
for Armidale  
Regional Council

Major issues  
that I believe  
need addressing:

- Rural road network
- A real voice for areas outside of the major centre
- Rural and Regional economic growth
  - Better fiscal management
- Maintaining Guyra and rural public assets

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**STILL DECIDING WHO TO VOTE FOR?**  
**SEE PAGES 8 & 9 FOR OUR**  
**CANDIDATE PROFILES**

Pre-poll voting for the upcoming local government elections opened on Monday with many getting in early to have their say. Candidates seeking election for Armidale Regional Council have been out and about campaigning over recent weeks.

Guyra residents were given

the chance to find out more about the candidates at a forum held at the Bowling Club on November 10. Eleven of the 14 independent candidates as well as the lead candidates from three groups who are seeking election spoke at the Guyra forum.

They were Rob Richardson,

Steve Mepham, Brad Widders, Paul Gaddes, Todd Redwood, Margaret O'Conner (unnamed group) Craig Pevitt, Paul Packham, Callan Schaefer, Debra O'Brien (Labour group), Margaret Sims, Peter Bailey, Kate Clare and Dorothy Robinson (Greens).

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**Whole of Community**  
**Whole of Region**

**VOTE 1**

**PAUL PACKHAM**  
**FOR COUNCIL**

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# Share the Dignity this Christmas

Share the Dignity is calling on New South Wales residents to support women and girls in need this Christmas through their annual #ItsInTheBag Christmas appeal, encouraging people to donate a filled bag and drop off at their local Bunnings store between Friday 19 November and Sunday 28 November 2021.

Share the Dignity volunteer and Guyra local Anne Lane is once again supporting the initiative, which is now in its seventh year. The aim is to ensure that every woman and girl in need receives a Christmas gift, a gift of the basic essentials – including pads and/or tampons, deodorant, toothbrush and

toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner and soap – as well as little luxuries such as hair accessories or a handwritten note.

With COVID-19 pushing more women and girls below the poverty line, and at greater risk of homelessness and domestic violence, #ItsInTheBag donations are in high demand. Share the Dignity Founder and Managing Director, Rochelle Courtenay, said the charity was preparing for another donation deficit in 2021.

“We saw the impact of COVID-19 on our collection last year – nationally, we received 50,000 fewer bags in 2020, compared to 2019. This just shows

the strain on those who might not be able to donate at this time, but the need is still there – in fact, we are seeing more vulnerable women and girls looking for support than ever before,” Ms Courtenay said.

Gabi Alosi received an #ItsInTheBag donation when she found herself homeless at the age of 22 and knows firsthand how a simple gift can provide hope and dignity.

“I experienced homelessness through my mental health. I had a suicide attempt and wasn’t allowed to come back to my residence, so I ended up in a youth homeless shelter. I wouldn’t wish that on anybody else,” Gabi said.

“The bag made me feel incred-

ibly loved and cared for, and that was something I hadn’t experienced in a long time either from myself or others. It meant a lot to me that people felt that I even deserved to receive a bag, and that they were proud of me for moving forward in my life.”

Those wanting to support women and girls like Gabi can drop-off an #ItsInTheBag donation to their nearest Bunnings store from 19-28 November 2021 or Sponsor a Bag online. Donations will be distributed to women and girls in need in time for Christmas via Share the Dignity’s charity partners.

Guyra locals can drop their bags into CT Electric and Anne will pick them up if needed.



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Guyra local Anne Lane is supporting the campaign you can drop your bags into CT Electric and Anne will pick them up if needed.

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# Guyra's sole roundabout under review

The roundabout at the intersection of Bradley and Mackenzie Streets has come under review from the traffic committee of Armidale Regional Council (ARC).

The committee has recommended the removal of the roundabout and that the intersection revert to a standard tee intersection.

A report to the November meeting of council recommends the removal as part of the final road remediation

works to Bradley St.

The roundabout was installed on a trial basis by Guyra Shire Council (GSC) in 2009. At the time GSC said it was 'a pro-active measure to improve the safety for all motorists, in particular to provide a safe and legal u-turn facility for car and utilities'.

Prior to the installation an informal turning circle existed off street, adjacent to the St Vincent de Paul build-

ing.

Consideration was also given by GSC to the installation of a future roundabout at the Ollera St and Bradley St intersection which "would complete the CBD precinct with U-Turn facilities at each end and a slow speed environment for this area of high pedestrian activity".

However, an ARC traffic committee review has determined that the roundabout provides no benefit and have

recommended its removal. Their report to council says that traffic counts are considered low and are not significant enough to warrant management with a roundabout.

They also recommend that traffic behaviour at the intersection should be monitored over time and if issues present a more appropriate solution be implemented to address issue.

## Ben Jackson to feature on reality show

Guyra's Ben Jackson will be looking for love when Australia's most successful reality dating show Farmer Wants A Wife returns for its twelfth season in 2022.

The profiles of five eligible bachelors and one bachelorette have been revealed, with three Victorians and three New South Welshmen beginning their quest for love on national television.

Farmer Benjamin, as he will be known on the show, recently stole the nation's heart by creating a now-viral, heart-warming video tribute to his late Auntie Deb after he was unable to attend her funeral due to border closure.

His profile on the show's website describes him as:

*"A sheep farmer and a self-proclaimed agricultural en-*

*thusiast with a penchant for the 'creative'.*

*Benjamin has a degree in drama, co-owns a record label, is a DJ, produces music and dabbles in visual arts.*

*Benjamin is looking for a partner who is independent, funny and creative.*

*He is after someone who can clearly communicate what they are thinking and feeling, and says a woman who has dreams and aspirations would appeal to him.*

*Benjamin is committed to putting the time, effort and energy into making a relationship work."*

For your chance at true romance with Benjamin or one of the other farmers, apply now at [www.farmerwantsawife.com.au](http://www.farmerwantsawife.com.au)

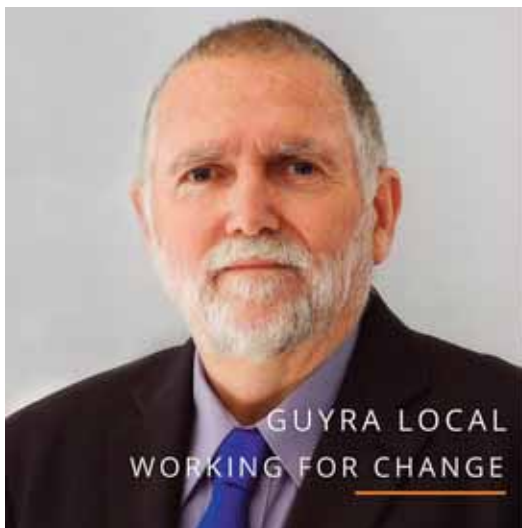


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**Talk to a local**



**VOTE 1**

**STEVE MEPHAM**  
COUNCIL CANDIDATE



Inclusiveness



Integrity



Collaboration

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## What's HOT

**VOTING** after studying the form and making an informed choice

**COPETON DAM AT 100%** for the first time in years

**NEIGHBOURS** who come to the rescue without being asked

**SUPER SPUDS** Centenary Year in 2022

**END OF YEAR** raffles and fundraising

## What's NOT

**SNAILS** that demolish your seedlings overnight

## QUOTE of the week

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do.

Mark Twain

## Bureau of Meteorology

# Weather

## WATCH

### Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
16	Tues	3.6	17.4	0
17	Wed	4.9	18.9	0
18	Thurs	8.3	19.9	0
19	Fri	8.8	20.0	0
20	Sat	12.9	21.1	2.8
21	Sun	11.5	16.1	31.0
22	Mon	11.3	17.5	47.6

Rain this week	81.4mm
Nov. rainfall	165.4mm
Rainfall YTD	1038.0mm
Rainfall last YTD	771.2mm
Ave. rain to Nov.	687.2mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

# Eventful semester after lockdown

Crimson class at Guyra Central School have had an eventful semester after going in and out of lockdown with everyone else. The students have really enjoyed becoming familiar with an online program called Essential Assessment which allows them immediate feedback on how they are progressing and has some learning games and activities.

We've also been playing lots of hands-on games in Maths and having some fun in Science. In term three the students did an experiment about static electricity and discovered that the balloons would hold onto them just from electrical energy!

In Geography we've been able to explore Uluru using Google Earth to have a virtual walk around the base and to look closely at some features of this truly amazing place. Jess also brought in an enormous snakeskin that she found on her property to show us. Crimson class has had a great year,



learned a lot, and had a lot of fun!

By Ms Kelson

### Crimson Class Sport

We have been doing Diamond Cricket for Sport. In PE we have been practicing our bowling skills. Billy and Tommy have been a great help in Sport and PE. We have had a PBL rewards day on Thursday in the first session - we did

the computers, watched movies and did craft. We made Glitter Jars in class. It was fun.

We have been doing a food web in Science and also been doing dance. Also maths and we have learned the nut bush. We've been doing Essential Assessment and have been learning great things.

By Jessica Fletcher and Braxton Hutton

## Have your say.....

### Local government elections

In the last couple of issues of the Gazette, I have seen impressive adverts. from Councillor Bailey declaring that upon re-election he will be an ongoing voice for Guyra and the villages. I would remind him that he should represent the total electorate.

Does 'ongoing voice' mean more of the same? I have not heard Cr. Bailey championing the cause of Guyra or Villages at any time. As a matter of fact, Cr. Bailey wanted to give Guyra 'the flick' as a meeting venue at the 26/06/2019 ARC meeting where future dates and venues were discussed. Item 9.4 proposed by Cr. Galletly and seconded by Cr. Bailey read that all meetings to be held in Armidale. All meetings to be held in Armidale ?????? Is this an 'ongoing voice' for Guyra and the villages?

To me, it is more of a desper-

ate plea of someone who will say anything to get re-elected and should be dismissed for what it is. As Cr's Galletly and Bailey have declared their thoughts on Guyra and villages, their candidacy should be dismissed out of hand.

This, I believe, should also be the case with all sitting Councillors. It would seem that Guyra and the villages have been forgotten in the Councils endeavour to make a showpiece of Armidale. Who, outside of Armidale, will forget roundabouts costing \$millions, driverless buses and other such decisions?

Should any of the sitting Councillors wish to take a tour with me, I will take them around some of the Guyra district roads so they can tell the electorate of their achievements. Roads such as Brushy Ck. Rd, Briarbrook Rd, Waverly Rd and the jewel in the crown, Westbrook Rd. While these are gravel roads, the

Tenterden road (bitumen) is also falling to pieces.

Do the ARC realise that the people who use these roads pay their rates and for some it is the only way for them to get to town? I have no doubt that there are many more roads in the district that are deteriorating in varying degrees to this extent.

I ask the electors, that on Dec. 4th. when you go to the polls, please, in the No's 1,2& 3 positions, vote Mephram, Schaefer and Clare, in your preferred order, so as to give a voice to ratepayers that live outside Armidale. Candidates Gaddes and Packham, while from Armidale, I believe are rural based. Also, please consider long and hard before ANY sitting Councillor gets your vote, due to the fiasco that has been Armidale Regional Council and will no doubt continue if given the opportunity.

Ray Mulligan



# Can Assist President's Report

It's hard to believe that another annual branch meeting is upon us. Our community has again been in and out of COVID lockdowns, but despite all the hurdles we as a branch have been able to continue to support cancer patients and their families.

While our street stalls were halted, the monthly support of our meat raffles has been very rewarding, with some supporters making it their monthly night out. We again catered for the annual Eastern Plains bull sale and their first MLA field day. The support of Sally, Andrew and their family is greatly appreciated.

We welcomed a visit of Emma and Magella from head office. They enjoyed meeting us for lunch and we look forward to meeting them again with other branch executives from Armidale, Glen Innes and Tamworth to compare notes when we are able.

We assisted with catering of morning tea and serving lunch at the cattle section of the Guyra Show. This was a very profitable exercise for us and a special thanks to the Williamson and Looker families for this opportunity.

Following on from the Show, the Irwin family's creation, "The Bullbar, was auctioned as

a major event with great success.

None of these events could happen without the support of our branch members who are always willing to help. As secretary Sue continues to go above and beyond to help clients and Lyn continues to keep our books in check.

With a little uncertainty as to what a COVID safe future may be, I am pleased to be part of this branch. We are currently in a great position financially to continue to assist new and old clients.

**Wendy Jackson  
President**

## Major raffle

Can Assist is currently running their annual raffle with some great prizes on offer. Tickets are \$1 each and are available at local business houses and from branch members. First prize is a \$250 grocery voucher sponsored by Kirks IGA. Second prize is a \$200 fuel voucher sponsored by Guyra Fuels. 3rd prize is a donated patch work quilt, 4th prize is a \$100 voucher from Black Mountain nursery and 5th prize is a donated ladies wallet. The raffle will be drawn at 7.30pm on December 3rd at the Royal Hotel.

## Helicopter Service Launches Summer Appeal

As COVID restrictions continue to ease, for communities across northern NSW the summer months are highly anticipated, with greater freedoms to travel, an influx of visitors to provide a boost to local businesses and time to finally connect with family and friends.

However for Westpac Rescue Helicopter operational teams, the summer months are usually the busiest.

'Traditionally summer is our busiest period, with people on holidays and outdoors taking advantage of the warm weather,' Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service CEO Richard

Jones OAM said.

'We anticipate that there will be an even greater demand for our services this summer, with people who have endured lockdowns and border restrictions, making the most of their new found freedom,' he said.

In preparation, the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service has launched a Summer Appeal, which will bolster Service funding, impacted significantly in recent months from an inability to undertake regular fundraising activities and community support initiatives cancelled due to COVID.

For regional NSW, the Serv-

ice is a vital link in the State's health care chain with the Rescue Helicopter being a real difference in patient outcomes for those in remote and rural areas and no one knows the importance more than Tamworth's Will Kidd.

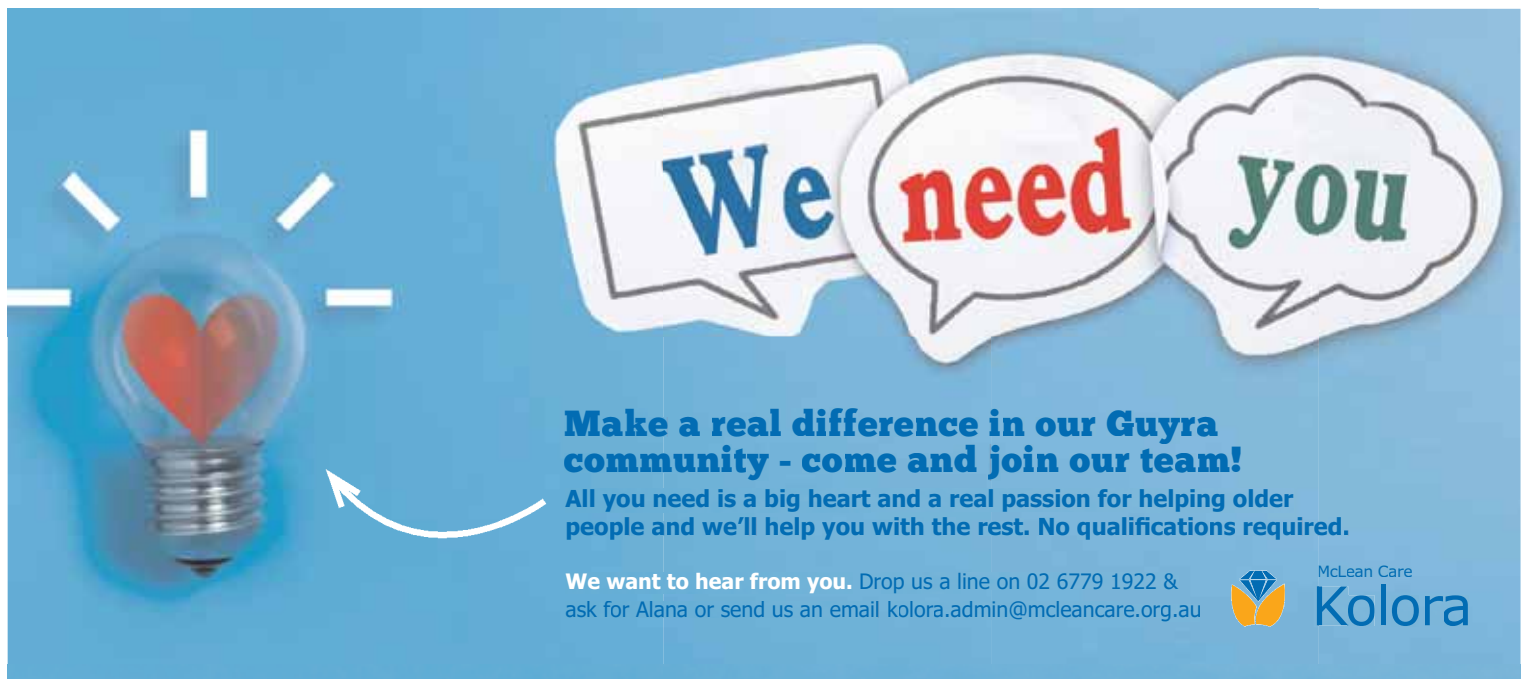
Will was seriously injured in a motorbike accident on the family property and flown to John Hunter Hospital in an induced coma, where once conscious doctors told him if not for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter, he may not have survived to share his story.

'They are an essential service for us here in the New Eng-

land North West,' Will said. 'They provide vital aeromedical support and access to major emergency facilities for our communities.

"So our support for their appeal this summer helps ensure they continue to bring the very best care to the people of our region."

The Westpac Rescue Helicopter Summer Appeal commences on November 9 and tax deductible donations can be made up until December 31 by visiting [www.rescuehelicopter.com.au/Appeal](http://www.rescuehelicopter.com.au/Appeal) or by phoning 1800 155 155.




**We need you**

**Make a real difference in our Guyra community - come and join our team!**

**All you need is a big heart and a real passion for helping older people and we'll help you with the rest. No qualifications required.**

**We want to hear from you.** Drop us a line on 02 6779 1922 & ask for Alana or send us an email [kolora.admin@mcleancare.org.au](mailto:kolora.admin@mcleancare.org.au)

 McLean Care  
**Kolora**

# Community Noticeboard

## Meals on Wheels

Nov. 25 Sue Adams  
 Nov. 26 Steve Adams  
 Nov. 29 Michelle Zbudowski  
 Nov. 30 Anne Hulbert  
 Dec. 1 Wendy Lockyer

## Street Stalls

Nov. 25 Hospital Auxiliary  
 Nov. 26, 27 Masonic Lodge  
 Dec. 3 Hospital Auxiliary  
 Dec. 9 & 10 Lions Club

## Church Notices

### St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church

Mass 6pm Saturday and 9am Sunday. Weekday Mass Monday – Friday 9am  
 Contact: 6779 1667

### St. James' Anglican Church

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

### St. Columba's Presbyterian Church

9am Sunday followed by morning tea.  
 Contact: Rev. Andrew Campbell 0447 724 536

### Brockley Church Community Christmas Service 19th DECEMBER, 2021 at 2pm

Rev. Andrew Campbell will conduct our annual service this year. All denominations welcome. Afternoon tea will be served after the service.

**The Chapel,**  
 66 Llangothin Street:  
 Sunday Service: 10am  
 Contact: 0460 448 864

### Seventh-day Adventist Church:

Sabbath School 10.00am Saturday  
 Divine Service 11.30am Saturday  
 Contact: Church Clerk 6779 1587

**Uniting Church, 57 Ollera Street:** Regular Sunday Service: 9.30am  
 Contact: Nancy Davidson 6779 1366

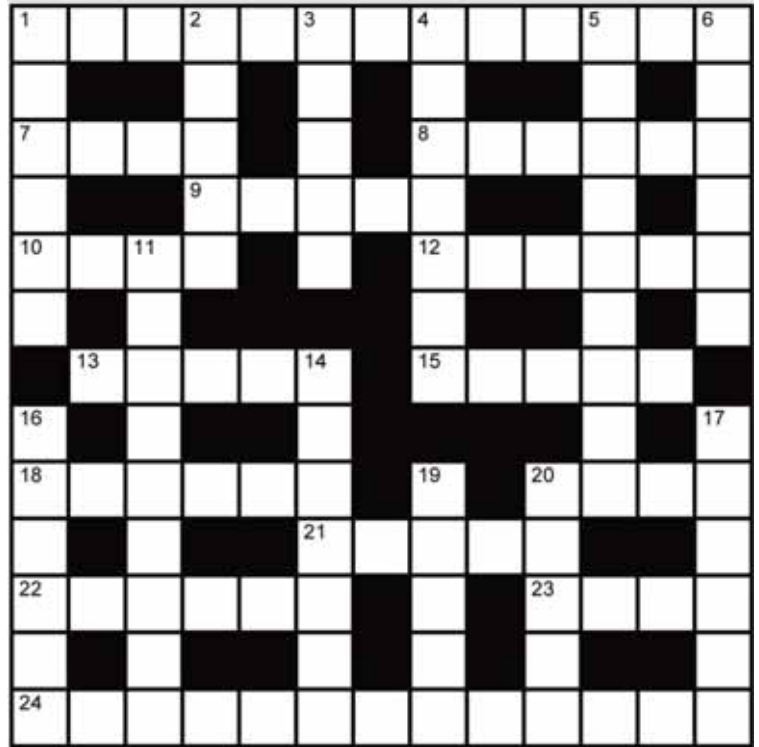
# CROSSWORD

### Across:

- Vision correctors worn directly on the eye (7,6)
- Term used for identification
- Jostled
- Book of maps
- Served very cold
- Need for liquid
- Follows orders
- Radioactive gas
- Strong scented Eurasian herb
- Milk pudding ingredient
- Large northern deer
- Large shrimp often covered in batter
- Prima donna
- Asserted, having many aspects

### Down:

- Open and sincere, frank and honest
- Pace
- You write on a board with this
- Edible crustacean
- Star that explodes
- Tranquil
- Cause to feel self-conscious
- Building for the preparation



- of logs and lumber  
 16. Soft sulphate mineral used in plaster  
 17. Wandering tribesmen  
 19. Largest artery of the body  
 20. Grasslike marsh plant

**Across:** 1. Contact lenses 7. Name 8. Bumped 9. Atlas 10. Iced 12. Thrift 13. Obeys 15. Radon 18. Yarrow 20. Sago 21. Moose 22. Scampi 23. Diva 24. Miscellaneous  
**Down:** 1. Candid 2. Tread 3. Chalk 4. Lobster 5. Supernova 6. Sedate 11. Em-barras 14. Sawmill 16. Gypsum 17. Nomads 19. Aorta 20. Sedge

## Sudoku -Medium

	8	9						5
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	6						3	
	7							3
				1			5	
4	2					7		9
			8			5	6	
5			2			9		7
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## What to Watch

Our armchair critic has new recommendations every week. Happy viewing!

### Netflix - Movies

Sniper: Ghost Shooter, Darc, The Beast, I Met a Girl, Only Mine, The Woman in the Window, Healing

### Netflix - Series

The Serpent

### ABC Iview

Freeman

### Beamafilm

Runaway Millionaire

9	4	6	1	5	7	3	2	8
5	3	8	2	4	6	9	1	7
7	1	2	8	9	3	5	6	4
4	2	1	3	6	5	7	8	9
8	9	3	7	1	4	2	5	6
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1	6	4	5	7	9	8	3	2
2	5	7	4	3	8	6	9	1
3	8	9	6	2	1	4	7	5

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**CHRISTMAS**  
The Rotary Club of Guyra presents  
**Guyra Christmas Carnival**  
Friday, 3 December  
From 4pm  
**Lighting of the Christmas tree**  
Market stalls  
**Meet Santa**

## Upgrade to Amenities Building at Guyra Showground - ARC21/4963

Armidale Regional Council invites tenders from suitably qualified contractors for the upgrade to the amenities building at the Guyra Showground.

The construction contract includes detail design and construction of a new amenities building and the demolition/removal of existing amenities building.

A mandatory pre-tender site meeting will be held at 12:30pm on Tuesday 30 November 2021 at the Guyra Showground, 27 Marne Street Guyra. Registrations are required.

For more information visit Council's website.



## Christmas school holiday activities

### Launch of mini artwork project

Friday 17 December  
Further details to come

### Make and take kits

Available from Monday 20 December  
Collect an activity bag to make some crafts, or bake puffy paint - keep an eye out for the launch of our how to video on our website and Facebook page in early January

### Lego free play

Armidale & Guyra  
Monday 4 January - Saturday 8 January  
All ages. All day.

### Terrarium making - make a small sand terrarium

Armidale & Guyra  
Wednesday 6 January - 11am

Bookings essential. Children 8 and under will need adult assistance.  
All ages.

### Cultural Infusion - Hip Hop

Armidale & Guyra  
Tuesday 11 January - 10.30am  
Bookings essential.  
All ages.

### Sphero activities

Guyra  
Wednesday 12 January - 10am - 11am & 2pm- 3pm  
Come and learn how to use our spheros  
Bookings essential. Ages 8+

### Mixed crafts

Armidale  
Thursday 13 January & Friday 14 January  
10am - 11am

Bookings essential. All ages.

### Movie morning - Ainbo - Amazon Princess

Guyra  
Monday 17 January - 10.30am  
Bookings essential. All ages.

### Virtual Reality

Guyra  
Thursday 20 January - 11am & 2pm  
Come along and experience our virtual reality headsets. All participants will require a waiver to be signed. Bookings essential. 8+

### Entries close for mini art exhibition

Friday 21 January  
Further details to come

For more information visit [www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au/libraries](http://www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au/libraries)

## Stay connected

Armidale Regional Council is on Facebook - the page is named 'Armidale Regional Council'.



on Twitter  
'ArmidaleRegional LGA' or  
'@ARC2350'.



and on Instagram  
'armidaleregionalcouncil'



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# Make your vote count on 4th December



**Sam Coupland**

I am a management advisor by profession and own a cattle operation in north Queensland.

The problems our region faces are symptoms of a stagnating population - poor roads, rising rates and a sluggish economy. To fully realise our potential, the region needs to grow its population by 10,000.

Council needs to focus on ensuring this goal is met by: creating an environment that attracts businesses, improving amenities to attract and retain young families, facilitating genuine tourism and managing Council finances responsibly.



**Dorothy Robinson**

We are suffering more droughts, floods and bushfires because of Global Warming. If you want:

- Action to protect our climate & environment
  - Low-cost power & other community benefits from the Renewable Energy Zone without loss of visual amenity or agricultural productivity
  - A voice for Guyra, with a Council advisory committee dedicated to Guyra issues
  - Advocacy to give Guyra residents a choice on de-amalgamation
- Vote 1 Dorothy Robinson, The Greens



**Paul Gaddes**

Armidale region deserves a better future.

As an Independent candidate, I stand for a unified council of leaders who will work together, a common regional vision, and growth through business opportunities.

We need better base infrastructure like water, energy, and transport, while attracting visitors, investors and future residents.

Holding many executive positions in my 25+ year technology career, trust, responsibility and making fact-based decisions will drive me as a Councillor.

There are 32 candidates in total standing for election to Armidale Regional Council: 14 independent candidates, who are listed on the right hand side of the ballot paper, and 18 in three groups. All candidates were given the opportunity to contribute to this feature. The independent candidates who have not participated in the Gazette's profile feature are: Phillip Blackmore, Craig Pevitt, Bradley Widders, Kathleen Clare and Jon Galletly, as well as the O'Connor/Cope group. Callan Schaefer will appear next week.

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Each of the candidates were given five minutes to speak and then answered questions covering six areas of concern raised by those in attendance prior to the event. The aim of the forum was for the candidates to present their views and policies for the upcoming local government election.

Questions related to the allocation of priorities between rural and city areas, the development of the rail trail, outsourcing of council works, concern relating to frequent rescission motions, support for a possible demerger and views on development of wind and solar farms in the region.

New candidates largely supported the need for a fresh look and a new start for council while existing and former councillors asked to be judged on their record and experience.

The forum was broadcast live on 2ARM/FM and the full broadcast is available on their website as a podcast

<https://2arm.net.au/podcast/> for those who were unable to attend. You will find the link on the Guyra Chamber of Commerce facebook page.

The local government elections will be held on December 4th. Pre poll voting opened on Monday November 22nd and continues until December 3rd at Guyra Council Offices, the Armidale Town Hall and Armidale Region Returning Officer's Office in 106-108 Jessie Street, Armidale.

On December 4th polling places will be located at Guyra Central School, Black Mountain Public School, Ebor Public School and Dangersleigh School of Arts Hall. In Armidale voters will be able to vote at Newling, Ben Venue, Armidale City Public and Drummond schools

All polling places will be run in line with COVID-safe election guidelines including physical distancing, mask wearing, single-use pens and queue management. Signage and staff will direct voters to check in and comply with NSW Health advice.



**Rob Richardson**

If elected onto Armidale Regional Council on 4 December I will work hard representing the whole region.

One big concern for our region is ensuring water security and I have been lobbying since June 2019 for the raising/extension of the Malpas Dam wall.

This must be done in the next term of Council and it is an essential project for our region, which I will give a high priority to.



# Make your vote count on 4th December



**Steve Mepham**

A Guyra resident for 30 years, former Manager NSW Rural Fire Service New England Zone 20 years now retired.

President Guyra Lamb & Potato Festival 10 years, current President Chamber of Commerce, Chair of Armidale Showground Board, Member of the ARC Economic Development Committee and Tourism Sub Committee.

Guyra needs a voice. Guyra needs some-one with “skin in the game” as they say. I live here and I have a proven track record of working hard for the Guyra Community. I want the best results we can get for Guyra.



**Debra O'Brien**

Hi, I'm Debra O'Brien - your Labor candidate for Armidale Regional Council.

Our community has achieved a lot in the last twelve months, and it's important we maintain the momentum. As your Deputy Mayor I've had my finger on the pulse of the many positive changes we've seen recently, including a strong local and Indigenous job procurement policy.

So, if you want experienced, progressive, and caring representation on your council - just vote 1 above the line for group C: Debra O'Brien Labor



**Paul Packham**

I am determined to deliver initiatives to promote tourism and agriculture and strategies that encourage investment and employment.

It's time for fair and equitable representation and for good governance and good judgement to be at the table.

I will work with all elected Councillors to support the General Manager to give families, businesses, investors, and government agencies across the entire region the best chance of a prosperous future.



**Todd Redwood**

I've recently returned to Armidale with my young family after 30 years away working in various leadership roles around the world and am concerned with the state of the region, hence my motivation to stand for election.

My priorities are forming a collaborative council, regional economic growth, affordable and sustainable water security and an injection for regional tourism. Guyra and other smaller towns in the region need to be provided a voice at the table to ensure a fair and balanced delivery of services.

Vote 1 Todd Redwood and for at least 5 other ungrouped, independent candidates below the line.



**Margaret Sims**

Vote 1 for Margaret Sims, Independent candidate in the Armidale Regional Council elections.

Why? Open, transparent decision-making based on evidence with a focus on people's wellbeing is a platform I have stood on all my life. I fight for people before economics.

I have hands-on community work experience with a range of vulnerable communities and families and many years' experience in governance roles for community agencies.



**Peter Bailey**

I want to continue to be an ongoing voice for Guyra as I have overs the last 12 months with my regular visits.

This has kept me informed and opened doors to save the trees in Bradley St and ensure that we strive for new Pre School and that the Rail Trail becomes a reality

Our next Budget needs to put significant extra money into bring our roads back up to a reasonable standard I will fight to make that happen.



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Third grade finished on top of the ladder, and were major/minor premiers.

## Rugby League

The Super Spuds are a good chance of fielding men's and women's senior teams in the centenary season after the AGM was held last Wednesday.

The club needs more people to get involved, but has a committee led by returning president Britt Youman.

Beau Orchard is vice-president and Rhonda Youman treasurer.

The club is still taking applications for secretary.

The next job is to appoint coaches for the teams and seek sponsors.

In addition to the men's and leaguetag teams, the club hopes to field a women's tackle team.

There will also be some centenary events during the year and past players and supporters who would like to lend a hand in organising or running these would be most welcome.

Some possibilities include a reunion, a special game-day, book and public displays.

Anyone who would like to apply for coaching roles, club secretary or jersey sponsors can email [guyrarugbyleague@gmail.com](mailto:guyrarugbyleague@gmail.com) or contact Britt on 0409 215 031.

Players and volunteers are also welcome to get in contact.

The next club event is the Christmas party and presentation on December 18th

## Men's Bowls

No bowls were played on the weekend due to the inclement weather, and there are no

matches set down for next weekend. On Tuesday the 30th November, the highlight of Guyra's bowls calendar begins for a 6 day carnival.

Starting with the ladies triples on Tuesday and the mixed triples on Wednesday which are still looking for players. Thursday and Friday will be the prestige pairs and the open triples on the weekend, players will be travelling from all over the state for a share of the over \$8500 in prize money. There will be a calcutta on Friday night and entertainment will be provided. The Bowling Club will be the place to be next week.

*Jack.*

## Ladies' Golf

Last week the ladies played the Canadian Foursomes As-

sociates Cup. Thank you to Juneils Cafe' for your generous sponsorship. The winners were Debbie Heffernan and Jenny Rogers. The runners up were Donna White and Kerry Bull.

This week is the Par Medal Playoff. Next week is the NEDGA Jug 4BBB Stroke sponsored by Grills Racing. The starter is Julie Walker.

Well done to Pip White and Jenni Jackson for winning the Ladies Open at Deepwater last week. A great result for Guyra.

*Birdie*

## Vets Golf

Last week the 16th November saw 10 players compete in an Individual Stableford counting Putts. The winner with a countback was Jon

Cumming on 33 points and the runner up Wal Chapman also with 33 points.

The best putters were both Len Stanley and Wal Chapman with 30 putts. Nearest the Pins went to Chris Newberry on the 7th and Pat Grills the 18th.

This week, if the weather holds, will see a 4 Ball on Tuesday and the Uralla Open on Friday with 10 Guyra players nominated.

*A Vet*

## Midweek golf

Best Score this week went to Baldersleigh Bashers with 85 points. Well done. Next highest score was Full House on 84 points.

Individual highest score was Ron Starr with 24 points. Congratulations. Followed closely by Logan Beechey, Roger Cox and Richard Burey with 23 then Mal Gaukroger and Wal Chapman on 22 points.

Some really good scores this week and almost everyone played.

*Middy*

## Junior League

Guyra Junior League Presentation Day is this Friday 26th November 2021 starting at 5pm at the Guyra Sporting Complex. There will be a free Sausage Sizzle and drinks can be purchased or BYO.

Presentation will start at 5:45pm. Bring a chair or a picnic mat. Look forward to seeing all the players there.

*Anna Heagney*



Pip White and Jenni Jackson won the Ladies Open at Deepwater





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## FOR SALE

**FARM SHED and Bits & Pieces Sale.** 5th December from 8am, 111 Llangothlin Road. Tools, curtains, toys, crockery, a few odds and ends.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**CAN ASSIST annual raffle prizes:** 1st \$250 grocery voucher sponsored by Kirks IGA, 2nd \$200 fuel voucher sponsored by Guyra Fuels, 3rd donated patchwork quilt, 4th \$100 voucher from Black Mountain nursery, 5th donated ladies wallet. Tickets \$1 each. Raffle drawn 7.30pm December 3rd at the Royal Hotel.

**GUYRA ANGLERS CLUB December Raffle.** Tickets available from Dasha's, Khammo, Campbell's Butchery and Guyra Hotel. Prizes sponsored by Khammo, BCF, Dasha's and Campbell's Butchery. Drawn 8pm Friday 10th December at the Guyra Hotel.

**GUYRA HISTORICAL MUSEUM** is open this Saturday 10am-2pm. Bookings for tours welcome. Call 6779 2132 during business hours.

## MEETINGS

**GUYRA SHOW SOCIETY** meeting Wednesday 8th December at the Guyra Showground at 7pm.

**GUYRA UNITED SOCCER Club AGM** Royal Hotel 6pm Wednesday 8th December. All positions are vacant - positions to fill are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Canteen Manager, nets roster and general committee. We hope to see you there.

## CLAIM THE DATE

**SUNDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2021 at 2pm:** BROCKLEY CHURCH COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS SERVICE. Rev Andrew Campbell will conduct our annual service this year. All denominations welcome. Afternoon tea will be served.

**FRIDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER, 2021 4pm:** ROTARY CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL in Bradley Street from 4pm. Santa will visit with presents for the kids, market and food stalls, music and fun for all.

**SATURDAY 2ND APRIL, 2022** Bald Blair Public School Centenary Celebrations

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## IN MEMORIAM

**SHEILA SEWELL**  
24.11.2015



*Mother,  
They say there is a reason,  
They say that time will heal,  
But neither time nor reason  
Will change the way we feel.  
Miss you always.*

## RETURN THANKS

**NONA MAVIS CARTAN**

15 September 1931 - 22 October 2021

The family would like to thank everyone for your messages of sympathy, cards, flowers and phone calls.

Thank you to Kolora, Dr. Jey and Dr. Anitha and Pddingtons. Your support has been greatly appreciated.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.

*Maureen, Helen, Vicki & Don  
and families*

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# Soccer Presentations

On Saturday the 13th of November the Guyra United soccer club held their presentation day for the 2021 soccer season. The club had a very successful season although COVID had an impact. Our 1st grade finished on top of the ladder, making them major and minor premiers, going through the whole season undefeated.

Third grade finished on top of the ladder, also making them major and minor premiers. They only had one loss throughout the entire season. The 4th grade over 35s finished 3rd on the ladder which would have taken them to the semi-finals, but unfortunately due to COVID semis were cancelled.

A massive congratulations to all three teams. Second division coaches award went to Braith Kliendienst, Ben Lennon got best and fairest and Harrison Dowden players player. A massive thank you to Col Stanley for taking on the role of coach.

Third division awards went to



The Caspers first grade side finished on top of the ladder to be major/minor premiers in second division

Robert Sisson, players player Rexly Tasso, best and fairest and Claire Davidson coaches award. Thank you Eunice Blair for taking on the role as coach! Fourth division awards went to Stephen Kliendienst players player and Adam Litherland coaches award.

What a successful season we hope to see everyone back next

year for an even bigger and better season. Thank you to all the players, committee members and sponsors, Royal hotel, Kirks IGA, Fourways service centre and Tony Looker fencing contractors.

**Guyra United Soccer Club**

### AGM

Due to nil attendance the

*Guyra United Soccer Club would like to advise of their AGM which will be held at the Royal hotel 6pm on Wednesday 8th of December 2021.*

*All positions are vacant. Positions to fill are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Canteen Manager, nets roster and general committee. We hope to see you there.*

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