



# Guyra Gazette

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## Sam Coupland to lead council



Newly elected Mayor Sam Coupland and Deputy Todd Redwood

The new Mayor of Armidale Regional Council is Cr Sam Coupland who defeated former deputy Mayor Cr Debra O'Brien 8-3 following a show of hands last week. The deputy Mayor will be Todd Redwood who also defeated Cr O'Brien 8-3

The vote was taken by councillors after they were sworn in and took their oath or affirmation at the first council meeting of the newly elected representative body.

Addressing the meeting prior to the vote Cr Coupland described council as having been stagnant for two decades and in a dire financial situation. He said that the skillset

he would bring to council was that he was financially literate and savvy with the smarts and tenacity to create opportunities. He also said that his most important trait was his ability to work with and bring out the best in those around him.

Speaking directly to his fellow councillors he said that 'the community voted all 11 of us in and success as a region will not come about because one side wins and one side loses, it will only occur if we work together and harness the talents of everyone around the table'.

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## Guyra Art Exhibition

21st to 24th January 2022

@ the GALA Centre, 136 Bradley Street



Exhibition Open Daily from 10am to 4pm

Painting ~ Sculpture ~ Photography

Opening Night Friday 21st January

~ Session #1 5:00 - 5:45pm ~ ~ Session #2 6:00 - 6:45pm ~

Tickets \$10 available @ GALA or phone / text Anne 0413 595 353

\*\* Numbers are limited please book your tickets early ~ No Door Sales \*\*



Hosted by CWA Guyra Evening Branch  
Contact Anne 0413 595 353 or Marni 0401 320 580  
For more information

## 2022 Dance Classes



**Classes Commence  
Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> January**

**Dance Styles:** Classical ballet, Jazz dance, Tap, Creative, Modern, Contemporary, Hip Hop

*Other specialty classes include:*

Performance classes, Private lessons, Eisteddford & Exam classes

*Providers for "Active Kids & Creative Kids"*

## Australian Dance Enterprises of New England



Principal, Mrs Colette Brazier

0402 616 984

kcbrazier@gmail.com

## We will be open on Australia Day

Mon-Tues 24-25 January 7.00am - 6.30pm  
Wednesday 26 January 8.00am - 12.00noon  
Thurs-Fri 27-28 January 7.00am - 6.30pm

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## WORLD WETLANDS DAY

### at Mother of Ducks Lagoon

8 am - 10 am Wednesday 2nd February

Mother of Ducks Lagoon Picnic Area, McKie Parkway, Guyra

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# Australia Day activities

Official Australia Day celebrations in Guyra this year will include an awards dinner and fireworks on January 25th, an Australia Day breakfast at Ben Lomond and a flag raising ceremony in Guyra on January 26th.

Special guest at the Australia Day dinner will be Antarctic Station Leader and 2015 NSW Australian of the Year Finalist Narelle Campbell. Narelle will be a guest and speaker at Australia Day activities across the Armidale region.

Armidale Regional Council Mayor Sam Coupland said Narelle's personal stories will be a wonderful addition to the region's Australia Day events.

"Narelle has a diverse career background, her work is extraordinary and we look forward to hearing all about her life experiences," said Mayor Coupland.

This year's Australia Day theme is 'we're all part of the story,' an opportunity to reflect on our history, respect the story of others and celebrate our nation, its achievements and most of all, its people.

Tickets for the awards dinner in Guyra are available at GALA until January 21st. The cost is \$25 and need to be pre-purchased as they

will not be sold on the night. Fireworks at the Guyra Recreation ground will follow the dinner starting at 8.30pm.

An Australia Day Breakfast will be served at the Ben Lomond Hall starting at 7am. The cost is \$10 per person and numbers are strictly limited. Please RSVP by Friday January 21st to Dorothy Every 0267332117 or Beth White 0267332014

A flag raising ceremony will be held in front of the Guyra Civic Administration building at 9am.

This event is assisted by the Australian Government through the National Australia Day Council.



2021 Joint Citizen's of the Year  
Graham Williamson and  
Noreen Williams will hand  
over the title next week

## OFFICIAL ADVICE

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# CWA Art Exhibition this weekend

The CWA Guyra Evening Branch will be holding its annual Art Exhibition this weekend at the GALA Centre.

The Exhibition will be held in a more condensed format this year, running over the course of two days instead being held in conjunction with the annual Lamb and Potato Festival.

Organisers say they are still looking forward to another exciting exhibition and encourage people to call in to see some great artworks.

“Although the Lamb and Potato Festival didn’t go ahead this year, we still wanted to continue with our Art Exhibition,” CWA Guyra Evening Branch President Anne Starr said. “We have around 100 entries this year, which is up on previous years, and there will be some very talented artists de-

scending on Guyra this week.

“One of our feature artists will be Tony Amaral who has produced some amazing artworks inspired by his home country Timor-Leste. We are also excited to welcome some visiting artists from the Cameron Art Group in Glen Innes, as well as some familiar local artists.”

Opening Night will be this Friday January 21st with two sessions – 5pm and 6pm. Tickets are \$10 and may be booked at GALA or by contacting Anne on 0413 595 353. Please note, tickets must be pre booked and WILL NOT be available at the door.

The Exhibition will be open to the public between 10am and 4pm this Saturday and Sunday and everyone is welcome to come along.

## Coupland to lead council (cont)

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Cr Obrien based her pitch on her actions during the previous term, in defending what she described as ‘a downward spiralling public institution’ and that if ‘the outcome is evidence of the rightness of your actions I ask you behold the outcome - Mr Roncon and the professional team in front of us’.

A majority of councillors chose to support Cr Coupland who will now lead the region until September 2023 when the next mayoral elections will take place.

Mayor elect Cr Sam Coupland said he was excited and honoured to lead the council and work collaboratively with all councillors and the senior leadership team for the next two years representing the Armidale region.

“It was an honour to stand

beside my fellow councillors and take the oath of office to undertake my duties of the office of councillor and mayor in the interest of the people of the Armidale region,” said Mayor Coupland

“I would like to thank my colleagues for their support and faith in my leadership and congratulate Councillor Redwood on his appointment as deputy mayor. The eyes of the community are rightly on us, but my sense is that their gaze is one of expectation in what we will be able to achieve in this term.

“I genuinely believe we have the right mix of skills and experience on the new council to turn this region around. The potential here is phenomenal and I plan to unlock all opportunities that are required to inject vibrancy into the region. I really see a big future for all the community.”

DISTRIBUTION OF NEXT WEEK'S GUYRA GAZETTE WILL BE DELAYED DUE TO THE AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY. THE JANUARY 26TH EDITION WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON AND IN YOUR MAILBOX ON THURSDAY JANUARY 27TH

## Dasha's Australia Day Trading

Mon/Tues	24-25 January	7.00am - 5.30pm
Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup> January	CLOSED
Thurs/Fri	27-28 January	7.00am - 5.30pm

### Winners of our 'Shop Local' prizes:

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Step Ladder: Colin Campbell  
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### Auction

Date Wednesday 16th February, 11am  
Venue Guyra Bowling Club  
Inspection by appointment  
Craig Waters 0448 389 025  
craig.waters@elders.com.au  
Mark Atkin 0455 310 657  
mark.atkin@elders.com.au  
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\*Approx.

Elders Guyra, 173 Malpas St, Guyra NSW 2365

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## What's HOT

**FIREWORKS** on the eve of Australia Day Tuesday January 25<sup>th</sup> on the recreation ground at 8.30pm

**GOOD LUCK** for those nominated for Aus Day awards

**TRAIN** rides during the school holidays

**AUTUMN** leaves starting to appear

**STORMY** nights with spectacular lightning display

## What's NOT

**BUSINESS** owners/workers parking in front of main street shops

**POWER** outages

## QUOTE of the week

Creativity is making marvellous out of the discarded

Bureau of Meteorology

## Weather

### WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
11	Tues	13.0	25.0	0
12	Wed	10.6	25.4	9.0
13	Thurs	9.4	23.1	1.2
14	Fri	11.4	23.2	0
15	Sat	12.9	26.1	0
16	Sun	12.6	26.3	17.6
17	Mon	12.3	28	0

Rain this week	27.8 mm
Jan. rainfall	40.4mm
Rainfall YTD	40.4mm
Rainfall last YTD	38.0mm
Ave. rain to Jan.	118.1 mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

# Small Halls summer tour to stop in Guyra



Festival of Small Halls has announced that Karen Lee Andrews and Juzzie Smith will feature on their upcoming Summer Tour 2022: New South Wales. For the first time Guyra will be among the towns being visited, with the tour coming to the Australian Poetry Hall of Fame on March 3rd.

Karen Lee Andrews and Juzzie Smith will feature at the Guyra concert which is presented by veteran festival producers Woodfordia Inc. Famous for their larger-than-life folk festivals over the last two decades, Woodfordia presents a pro-

gramme to be loved by their core base and new fans alike with these long-time Australian festival audience favourites.

Karen Lee Andrews career to date has largely revolved around classic soul and rhythm and blues sounds, but in recent years, as her musicality has evolved, she's been leaning more towards blues. The influence of soul, gospel and Karen's Polynesian background continues to inform what she does, but the blues has come to feel more like home.

Juzzie Smith is a ridiculously talented one-man band, based in

Byron Bay. Juzzie gives performances that are marked by an amazing ability to play guitar, harmonica and percussion at the same time using all of his body.

Festival of Small Halls Summer Tour 2022 starts on the 9th February in Iluka at the Iluka Community Hall before continuing on to 19 more communities across coastal New South Wales. The tour concludes at Eureka Public Hall on March 6th.

Tickets on sale at [www.festivalofsmallhalls.com](http://www.festivalofsmallhalls.com) or locally at the Australian Poetry Hall of Fame.

## Have your say.....

### Disgusted

The Guyra Cemetery at Christmas was disgusting, even the Lawn Cemetery needed mowing. The week before Christmas, we went and mowed around my parents and other relatives graves in both sections.

While there, there were visitors from Sydney and the Gold Coast paying their respects to relatives. They were disgusted. We lent our mower to one person to mow around his relatives graves. Is this the impression we want to give visitors?

The long grass around the old section was mowed after my complaint to Council, but not between the graves. Surely we pay rates and could expect more to be done than the old section being mowed twice a year.

### Have your say

Email:

[news@gala.org.au](mailto:news@gala.org.au)

Mail:

PO Box 170

The Lawn Cemetery also needs to be top-dressed. Please anyone who agrees with me, please complain to council.

*Kath Varley*

### Record rain

I note from last week's Gazette that 2021 was Guyra's wettest for 71 years at 1199.6mm.

Indeed my records, which only go back to 2001 for Holly Glen in Black Moun-

tain, confirms that 2021 was a very wet year. We had rainfall totalling 1226mm and interestingly 2020 had the next highest of 1168mm. Aside from the two serious drought years of 2018 and 2019, 2017 had rainfall of 1111mm with the only other year where rainfall was over 1000mm was in 2011 with 1062mm.

The average rainfall over the 21 years of my records is 867mm against Guyra's long term average of 874mm. But as we all know it's when the rain falls that really counts not necessarily individual totals. We can but hope that 2022 will provide us with more than adequate rain at the right time.

*Alan St Clair*

# Learn to dance in a fun and creative environment

With another difficult year in 2021 navigating through COVID lockdowns and restrictions our small dance studio in Guyra operated with reduced student numbers, but cannot continue in 2022 without an increase in enrolments. Australian Dance Enterprises (ADE) would like to continue offering the children of Guyra a fun recreational activity that they do not need to travel for so if your child/children would like to learn how to dance enrol now!

Australian Dance Enterprises (ADE) classes are held in Guyra at the Community Hall inside the Showground. Enrolments will be taken online this year at [www.australiande.com](http://www.australiande.com) up until the 11th of February We hope to commence classes, depending on numbers, on Thursday the 27th of January. Classes include ballet, jazz, tap, modern/contemporary, creative, hip hop for ages 3 years to 18 years.

ADE classes aim to provide dance students with the opportunity to dance in a creative, safe and positive environment in which they can learn all aspects of dance, as well as improve dance skills to benefit their everyday living.

Students are given the opportunity to perform in dance eisteddfods throughout the year,

as well as performing in our annual dance recital. Our recital gives our students the experience of performing in a professional dance show. ADE also offers exam work in both ballet and jazz.

We are registered providers for both "Active and Creative Kids" vouchers that are worth \$200 and can be used to help with the payments for dance tuition in 2022. We are hoping these vouchers will help encourage some of our teenagers in the Guyra community to attend an active dance class that will introduce them to a number of styles of dance including jazz, hip hop modern/contemp.

For further information please visit our website [www.australiande.com](http://www.australiande.com) and our Facebook & Instagram page "Australian Dance Enterprises of New England."

**Colette Brazier**



Guyra dancers of all ages enjoyed the chance to perform in 2021



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**Guyra 2022 Calendars**  
**available from Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January**  
*(Yes, we know they are late, but we ran out of time last year!)*

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# Community Noticeboard

## Meals on Wheels

Jan. 20 Heather Marchant  
 Jan. 21 Narelle Leven  
 Jan. 24. NEM Staff  
 Jan. 25. Pam Hart  
 Jan. 26 Noreen Williams

## Street Stalls

January No stalls  
 February 4 & 5 Guyra Lodge

## Church Notices

### St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church

Mass 6pm Saturday and 9am Sunday. Weekday Mass Monday – Friday 9am  
 Contact: 6779 1036

### 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

### 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

## 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: Aileen MacDonald 0417 079 307

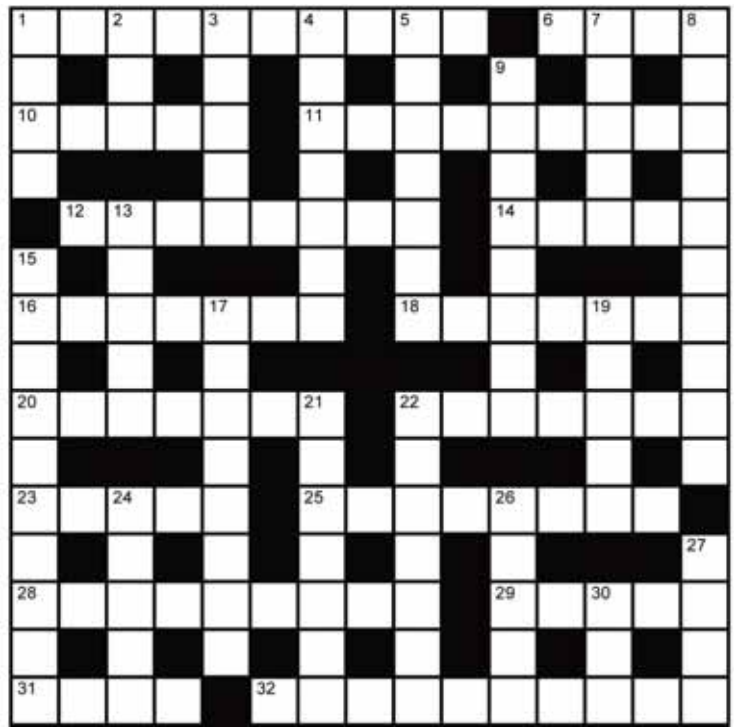
# CROSSWORD

### Across:

1. Significant
6. Sharp twinge
10. Hurried
11. Charging with crime
12. Amateurish
14. Supermarket lane
16. Type of beards
18. Sly laugh
20. Coach-trip fee (3,4)
22. Rifle shots
23. Accumulate
25. Harbour vessels
28. Vital
29. Xmas song
31. Subsided
32. Soreness

### Down:

1. Pre euro German currency
2. South African ruling party(abr)
3. Pointer, \_\_\_\_\_ finger
4. Motorless planes
5. Makes current
7. Follows closely
8. Generous (3,7)
9. Special event
13. Approaches
15. Kitchen whisks
17. Passing by (of time)
19. Shame



21. Coil around
22. Gawked
24. Criminal fire setting
26. Take place
27. Unfortunately
30. Type of whisky

Across: 1. Meaningful 6. Stab 10. Raced  
 11. Indicting 12. Inexpert 14. Aisle 16.  
 Goates 18. Snigger 20. Bus fare 22. Gun-  
 fire 23. Amass 25. Tugboats 28. Essential  
 29. Carol 31. Sunk 32. Tenderness  
 Down: 1. Mark 2. ANC 3. Index 4. Gliders  
 5. Updates 7. Tails 8. Big hearted 9. Oc-  
 casion 13. Nears 15. Eggbeaters 17.  
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 gled 24. Arson 26. Occur 27. Alias 30. Rye

## Sudoku - Medium

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

## What to Watch

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

### Netflix - Movies

The Last Letter from your Lover, Extremely Wicked, Shockingly Evil and Vile  
 Don't Look Up  
 Good on Paper  
 The Water Diviner  
 Security

### Netflix - Series

Bordertown  
 Stay Close

### Beamafilm

The Frozen Ground

### Tubi

Easy Targets

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

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- Celebrations

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# Disappointed campers not happy with changes at Mother of Ducks

George and Joyce Smith have been frequent visitors to Guyra over the years, choosing to camp alongside the Mother of Ducks Lagoon.

The couple from Minnie Water like to find somewhere nice to stay when they are travelling and had enjoyed their previous stops at Guyra.

However when they called in this week they were disappointed to see that recent changes to the facilities meant that there was only limited space available for campers.

Mr Smith said that on previous visits they had found it quite pleasant and frequently shared the space with a dozen or more other travellers.

“Now there just isn't enough room to park our van, and this time we won't be stopping,”

George said.

“Usually when we stay somewhere we buy fuel and groceries and visit the shops because we like to support the little towns along the way.”

The couple say they would easily have spent around two hundred dollars when they stopped in Guyra previously, and that the big losers are the businesses they would have supported. What they would like to see is the area reinstated to what they enjoyed in the past.

“We are really disappointed, not just for ourselves but also for the town,” Joyce said. “We were looking forward to another stay in Guyra, but this time we are going to head over to Ebor for the night. It is such a shame because we enjoyed our visits in the past.”

# Tech help for seniors launching at Libraries

Senior residents will have the opportunity to learn all things digital as Armidale Regional Libraries partner with youngster.co to bring tech help to seniors.

Tech help will launch in both Armidale and Guyra libraries from February, enabling seniors to work with younger members of the community to gain assistance navigating devices and the online world.

Armidale Regional Council Coordinator of Libraries Aimee Hutton said the launch of tech help is a great employment opportunity for local youngsters to share their digital skills with the wider community, while gaining a sense of achievement and the chance to appreciate life skills from

elders.

Tech help will be available every Friday afternoon and Saturday morning at Armidale Library and every Saturday morning in Guyra Library starting 25 February 2022.

Seniors can seek assistance with mobile phones, tablets or computers, using apps, and accessing websites. Each one-on-one session is 15 minutes and bookings can be made online at <https://youngster.co> or by calling your Armidale or Guyra libraries.

Tech help for seniors at Armidale Regional Libraries is supported by Tech Savvy Seniors, a NSW Government partnership with Telstra, the State library of NSW and Edwards Coaches.

# 30 MERINO RAMS FOR SALE ON PROPERTY

Tuesday 25TH JANUARY, 2022



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# Celebrate World Wetlands Day at Mother of Ducks Lagoon

Southern New England Landcare will host a community gathering to celebrate United Nations International World Wetlands Day, at the Mother of Ducks Lagoon, Guyra, from 8am - 10am, Wednesday 2nd February 2022.

Struan Ferguson, Southern New England Landcare Coordinator said they are excited to be hosting this event, as the 2nd of February 2022 is the first year that World Wetlands Day will be observed as a United Nations international day, following its adoption by the General Assembly on 30th August 2021.

The Mother of Ducks Lagoon and its immediate surrounds is a threatened ecological community. It is an upland wetland providing a unique habitat for the many birds, animals and plants that need shallow wetlands to flourish.

"This is the second community gathering we've hosted, in partnership with NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, to further the development of the Mother of Ducks Landcare Group, after unanimous endorsement by the group at a community event we hosted last year," Struan said.

"We are fortunate to have Dr Stephen Debus as our guest expert on the day, so community members will have an opportunity to learn more about the birds that use this precious natural feature."

Dr Stephen Debus, an Ornithologist from University of New England, will speak on the special birds that live and visit the lagoon, and lead the group in bird watching.

"Of particular significance is the



Latham's Snipe *gallinago hardwickii*, courtesy of ebird

Latham's Snipe, also known as the Japanese Snipe, a medium-sized, long-billed, migratory snipe of the East Asian-Australasian Flyway," Dr Debus said.

"It migrates from its breeding grounds in northern Japan and parts of eastern Russia to the Mother of Ducks Lagoon, among other wetlands along Australia's east coast, from September to March.

"Even though Latham's Snipe is the largest snipe in Australia, they are remarkably difficult to see. They are so well camouflaged, they blend into the background until, with a loud krek! they suddenly burst from their hiding place, only to land somewhere nearby where they become instantly invisible again."

International World Wetlands Day highlights the importance of actions

that ensure that wetlands are conserved and sustainably used. It's an appeal to invest financial, human and political capital to save the world's wetlands from disappearing, and to restore those we have degraded.

"Many of these upland wetlands on the Northern Tablelands have been damaged in the past, some irreparably, and even Mother of Ducks has been altered significantly", Struan said.

"Nevertheless, it remains an important habitat and provides such pleasure to locals and visitors alike because it is beautiful and very accessible being situated on the edge of Guyra and very near the New England Highway."

All are welcome to enjoy brunch together overlooking the lagoon and discuss future activities at the Mother of Ducks Lagoon Picnic Area, McKie Parkway, Guyra.

BYO: sturdy boots, hat, sunscreen, water, and binoculars.

Tickets are essential at [www.stickytickets.com.au/38GAC](http://www.stickytickets.com.au/38GAC)

COVID-19 Safe check-ins and proof of vaccination required for all those attending.

Anyone interested in being involved should become a member of Southern New England Landcare (free) at <https://snelandcare.org.au/membership/become-a-member.html> so they receive regular eNews updates about coming events.

For more information visit [www.snelandcare.org.au](http://www.snelandcare.org.au) or by phoning the office: 02 6772 9123.

## Rural Market Reports

### Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

**January 12th** - There was a small penning to start the new year with a yarding of 1100 lambs and 300 sheep. There was a limited supply of lambs to suit processors with the majority of the offering purchased by restockers. Light-weight young lambs made up a large percentage. There was a restricted processor attendance.

Restocker confidence was high with the store lambs attracting strong competition. They sold as well as they had prior to Christmas. For the most part on a dressed weight comparison they

were dearer. Trade and heavy weight lambs to processors sold to cheaper trends, the limited supply and restricted competition playing a role. There was a very good line of heavy weight Merino lambs penned. No Market comparison available. There were insufficient sheep for a quote, however restockers and processors were active.

Young lambs topped at \$225, older lambs made to \$210, merino hoggets reached a top of \$180, 1stX ewes made to \$240 and merino wethers sold to a top of \$140

### Armidale Cattle Sale

**January 13th** - Numbers were very low to start proceedings for the new year with just 183 head on offer. This is expected to increase with sales gazetted to become weekly going forward. All categories were represented with small numbers in each class. There was restricted processor and feedlot attendance, however restocker demand was high. The quality of the offering was on the plainer side. The quality variation was particularly noticeable through the young cattle with this impacting price change through the young cattle. Taking the plainer quality

into account, high restocker demand resulted in market trends improving on yearling steers in comparison to the pre Christmas sale. That was also the case through the yearling heifers. Heavy grown steers to process saw a firm to slightly dearer trend. Well finished grown heifers to processors sold to cheaper trends under restricted processor competition. A drop in quality and reduced processor competition resulted in cheaper trends through the cow market. There was not a lot of change in the market for the better quality bulls to process.



## Men's Bowls

Only two games played at the weekend. On Saturday Mallie Walls and Logan Beechey played Steven Sole and Robert Walls in the opening round of the club pairs. At the halfway mark Mallie and Logan had a one shot lead, and after 21 ends Steven and Tapper came out in front 27 - 14.

On Sunday the final of the triples was played with David Wilcox, Murray Bourke and Paul Johnson taking on Michael Shiner, Col Stanley and Andrew Sparke. Although David's team won 11 of the 21 ends Michael's team had a couple of big ends to win 31-20.

A big weekend of bowls coming up with the Top of the Range fours carnival being played, with \$5800 up for grabs the quality of the bowls will be outstanding.

*Jack.*



Triples winners Andrew Sparke, Col Stanley and Mick Shiner

## Men's Golf

On Sunday fourteen golfers travelled to Inverell to contest the NEDGA pennants. With 116 golfers from the New England district taking part, the scoring was high quality. The Guyra

players did their best bringing home the Nett pennant with the team of Pat Grills, Mick Jackson, Bob Constance, Matt Jackson, Brock Reeves, Neil Paine and Harry Purvis. The scratch pennant was won by Armidale, with Glen Innes was runner up

in both divisions. Next Sunday an individual stableford will be played for a club voucher.

*The Albatross.*

## Ladies' Golf

Last week the ladies played a Par Medal sponsored by Debbie Heffernan. Pip White was the winner on a countback from Jenni Jackson. Nearest the pin winners were Julie Walker on the 7th hole, Vicki Reeves on the 9th hole and Karen Oehlers on the 18th hole.

This week is a Stroke and Putting Competition along with the 1st Golf NSW Medal round. Next Wednesday is Australia Day. The Club is holding a Bring a Friend Ambrose for Ladies, Men and Junior golfers.

Players who are interested to try their hand at the greatest game of all, are invited to roll up for a 10.30 am start. Phone the Club if you need more information. All welcome.

*Birdie*

## Vets Golf

Last week January 11, we had a good turnout of 15 players who enjoyed the much improved course. The work on the drainage, as well as a bit drier weather, has made a great change to the course and it is nice to be able to play both ends.

It was also good to have a couple of younger visitors play with us. We trust Mal Gaugroger and Peter Presnell enjoyed the day. A 4 ball Stableford was played with the winners Phil Devlin and Wal Chapman scoring 44 points. Runners up were Neil Paine and Paul Redden on 41.

Nearest the pins went to Neil Paine on the 7th, Ian Taylor the 10th and Mal Gaugroger chipped in on the 18th. Coming up next week on Thursday January 27 we will be travelling to Glen Innes for the first round of the Vets Pennants. Please get your names in early.

*A Vet*

## CRICKET SCOREBOARD January 15th, 2022

### 1st Grade Guyra defeated Hilgrove

#### Guyra Innings

Matt Jackson	29
Joey Ryan	34
Charlie White	not out 101
Ossie Kinnear	6
Tyson Burey	dnb
Heath Dowsett	dnb
DJ Patterson	dnb
Kyle Mongta	dnb
Matt Simpson	dnb
Jake Ellis	dnb
Andrew Pearson	dnb
Extras	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>2/181</b>

Overs: 20.0

Hilgrove Innings  
7/140 off 20 overs

#### Guyra Bowling:

Jake Ellis 2/34 Tyson Burey 1/11  
Heath Dowsett 1/23 Joey Ryan  
2/20 Andrew Pearson 1/10

### 3rd grade Guyra defeated Easts

#### Guyra Innings

Jack Lockyer	0
Lucas Tait	10
Adrian Cameron	9
Graham Cameron	7
Jim Lenehan	18
Tim Foster	1
Simon Brown	3
Craig Lockyer	not out 34
Lincoln Brown	0
Tom Lockyer	5
Cody Clarke	dnb
Extras	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>9/100</b>

Overs: 20

Easts Innings  
58 off 16.2 overs  
Guyra Bowling:

Tim Foster 2/8 Lucas Tait 2/10  
Tom Lockyer 4/10 Cody Clarke  
1/14 Lincoln Brown 1/1

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## MEETINGS

**GUYRA SHOW SOCIETY** meeting Thursday, 3rd February at 7pm in the Secretary's office.

## THANK YOU

**GUYRA CRICKET CLUB** wishes to thank the people who donated goods for our Christmas raffle:  
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## GUYRA ANGLERS CLUB

### Gone Fishing Day

**Sunday, 30th January**  
**8.30am to 4.00pm**  
**at Malpas Dam**



Guyra Anglers Club aims to have an action packed day at Malpas Dam targeting Bass, Trout and Redfin.

All Redfin (a feral fish) caught on the day must be humanely dispatched and will be utilised positively in being returned to nature as fertilizer for local farmers – a beneficial outcome for both the water and land environments.

#### Junior Fishing Clinic at 10am

*Delivered by qualified and passionate fishers.*

#### Prizes, BBQ lunch & drinks

*Free for the kids,  
gold coin donation for adults.*

#### Share in the fun & register at:

<https://ozfish.org.au/event/gone-fishing-day-malpas-dam/>

Covid measures will be in place.

Contact Grant on 0429 856 769  
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# Go fishing at Malpas

Guyra Anglers Club Inc will hold a free Gone Fishing Day is on Sunday January 30th. The day is all about celebrating all that they love about fishing and what it gives to the local Guyra community.

Along with support from Oz-Fish Unlimited Northern Tablelands Chapter, CWP Renewables & Sapphire Wind Farm, and BCF Armidale, Guyra Anglers Club aims to have an action packed day at Malpas Dam targeting Bass, Trout and Redfin.

All Redfin (a feral fish) caught on the day must be humanely dispatched and will be utilised positively in being returned to nature as fertilizer for local farmers – a beneficial outcome for both the water and land environments.

The day commences at 8:30am and runs until 4pm. Kids can take part in a junior fishing clinic at 10am delivered by qualified and passionate fishers, learn hints and tips

and all about responsible fishing. There will be prizes on the day - including biggest Bass, Trout and Redfin, along with a prize for the most Redfin per person.

A tasty BBQ lunch & drinks (free for the kids, gold coin donation for adults) will be available. Want to share in the fun, go

to <https://ozfish.org.au/event/gone-fishingday-malpas-dam/> to register (preferred) however walk ups on the day at Malpas Dam are welcome. COVID measures will be adhered to for a safe and fantastic fishing day.

Guyra Anglers Club would like also to take this chance to give their heartfelt thanks to Khammo, Dasha's Hardware, Campbells Butchery and the Guyra Hotel, for their continuing support of our proactive local club through our regular raffles and AGM prizes.

Want to know more? Contact Grant on 0429856769 or email [guyraanglers@gmail.com](mailto:guyraanglers@gmail.com)

# Cod and Bass released into local waterways



An example of the great support received at Malpas Dam.

The end and beginning of years gave Guyra Anglers Club the opportunities to fulfill one of their main aims – restocking the local waterways with Cod and Bass.

DPI dollar for dollar grants allowed them to release \$4000 worth of fingerlings in

both species into local Cod waterways at Moredun and Georges Creek, and Bass were released into Malpas Dam.

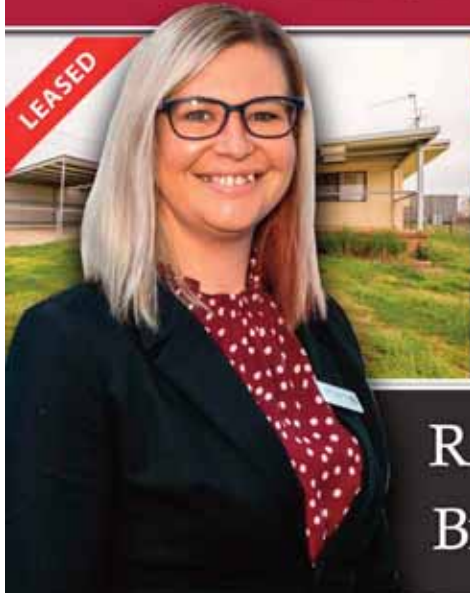
The Anglers Club extend their thanks to all those who assisted in the release of these fish.



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