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What matters most to our community

A mural conceived and delivered by the people of Guyra and community meetings with Armidale Regional Council earlier this year were the catalyst for a group of passionate Guyra locals to form the Guyra and Community Progress Association (GCPA).

The community meetings with Council were a chance for community members to share their ideas with Council on how they could build a better relationship and improve advocacy on what matters to the people of Guyra.

Mayor Sam Coupland said the meetings organised by Council created opportunities to listen to the Guyra community's ideas, challenges, concerns and vision for a better Guyra.

"It was a chance to put the past behind us and work together. Also sharing our vision for the region and some of the top priorities we've identified for the next ten years with the main goal being growth of our whole region," said Mayor Coupland.

Donna Davidson is a founding member of the GCPA and said the association gives the community a collective voice to provide representation, advice and insight to Council on what matters most to residents and finds ways to achieve results for the whole community.

"It did all start from the pride felt in having a mural created by two well-loved locals, aboriginal elder



Above (l to r) Members of the Guyra and Communities Progress Association, Sonya Wallbridge, Wendy Warner, Kay Smith (mural artist), John and Barbara Ross at McKie Park, maintained by the Guyra Garden Club.

Brian Irving and artist Kay Smith," said Donna

"It was Guyra! And the mural was very personal as it reflects our community. It got us all thinking that we need to do something for our town. It was just so heartwarming during the Covid time to see residents from the Kolora Aged care facility driven to the mural and feel so much pride in our community."

Donna has lived in Guyra for 32 years with her husband and three children. She has always been interested in anything that involves the

community, including working as a teacher for many years.

"We love Guyra. It has the distinct four seasons, the spectacular Mother of Duck's Lagoon and there are great facilities for residents with the beautiful showground, hospital, three doctors and a great aged care facility," said Donna

"Guyra is central to everywhere and just down the road to Armidale. There's something that is just special about our town and we're very proud to call this home.

Since then we've formed our As-

sociation and it is all about doing something positive and we're working with Council to work on upgrading the highway billboards... they will reflect Guyra's heritage by beautifying the town with the new signage."

Donna explained that they have 'gatherings' rather than meetings, to keep it more casual and enjoyable. They also hold community barbecues at the lagoon for members to just turn up and have a chat and a snag together.

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YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO THE

GUYRA ANGLICAN CHURCH SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

TUESDAY, 22ND OF NOVEMBER 2022
GUYRA ANGLICAN CHURCH

TIME: SERVICE STARTING AT 10:00AM
FOLLOWED BY LUNCH IN THE HALL

COME AND JOIN THE CHRISTMAS PARTY
(TRANSPORT AVAILABLE)

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO RSVP CALL THE ANGLICAN CHURCH ON (02) 6779 1111 AND LEAVE A MESSAGE, AND WE WILL RETURN YOUR CALL

Elders Guyra and Armidale invite all clients and their families to the

2022 Christmas Party

Thursday 15th December from 5:00pm
Elders Guyra, 173 Malpas Street Guyra

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our clients for their support throughout the year

Please RSVP to Elders Guyra by the 12th December
02 6770 7000 or sarah.gwilym@elders.com.au

Santa Visit 6.30 pm!

Lions Christmas Cakes now for sale

The Lions Club of Guyra are now selling the ever popular Christmas Cakes and Puddings. The Christmas Cake program has been a major fund raising project of Lions Australia since 1965.

This year the cakes are available in Guyra at CT Electric, Dasha's Hardware, Campbell's Butchery, Juniels Café and GALA. You can also get the cakes from members of the Lions Club.

The Christmas Cake comes in two sizes with the 1.5kg cake retailing for

\$19 and the 1kg cake selling for \$15. The Christmas Pudding also retails for \$15.

Local Cafes are also selling individual 80g serves of the Christmas Cake so you can enjoy them with your coffee.

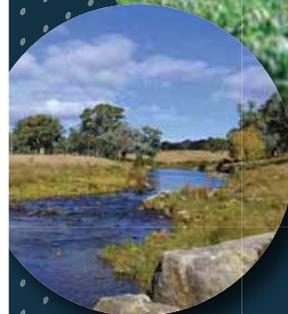
The proceeds from this project are donated back into the community on many great causes which are supported by Lions Clubs. You can rest assured that should you purchase a product from this program the proceeds generated will be put to good use.



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- ✓ Develop, manage and monitor feed budgets
- ✓ Learn pasture assessment methods
- ✓ Use and evaluate climate forecasts for managing pastures and livestock
- ✓ Simplify decision making about feed budgets and livestock numbers

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"We also rallied ten members for a recent clean-up in the carpark and the Council boys, all Guyra lads, collected the rubbish," said Donna

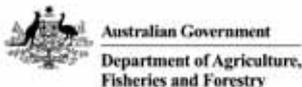
The GCPA are not short of initiative and have a can-do attitude. An 'ideas box' is up and running to get the ideas flowing and are already looking at how they can install fairy lights in the main street to create some atmosphere when driving through the town, as has been done successfully in Glen Innes.

However, the major initiative for the Association is a current grant application through the Stronger Communities funding for beautifying projects. The ideas for the possible grant funds include some additional stone gateways to the town and more murals to attract campers through a walkway. This grant application was supported by letters from Armidale Regional Council, the CWA and Aboriginal Lands Department in Guyra.

The group is currently erecting a Tourist Information Board at the Mother of Ducks Lagoon to provide tourist maps and businesses can promote their services, such as cafes and shopping.

"We've all been through a lot over these past years...what with the drought, bushfires and mouse plague," said Donna. "It now feels the right time to get back to knowing your neighbour, supporting each other and feeling positive about what we're doing in the community.

If you are a member of the Guyra Community and you would like to get involved with the association please email: progress@gmail.net or visit the association's Facebook page.



This project received funding from the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund



Community information sessions to explore housing options for seasonal workers

Jobs Australia Enterprises (JA) and Costa Group are exploring options for purpose-built worker accommodation in the Guyra region. Both organisations are Approved Employers under the Federal Government's Pacific Labour Mobility Scheme and bring in seasonal workers for the Costa tomato glasshouses.

The workers are currently living in a variety of accommodation, including townhouses, units, caravan parks, university colleges and other larger facilities, spread across Armidale and Guyra. The majority of rental accommodation has been in use for seven to eight years.

Costa and JA are keen to explore new purpose-built housing options.

Long-term, the development of purpose-built accommodation for

groups of workers in the Guyra vicinity would significantly reduce the requirement for individual unit and housing rentals. The provision of safe, secure and appropriate accommodation is a high priority for Costa, and they welcome the community's views on housing options.

Costa will be holding community information sessions in Guyra to gauge community views.

The information sessions will be held at the Royal Hotel in Guyra on Tuesday November 22nd from 5pm to 7pm and Wednesday November 23rd between 8am and 10am.

These sessions will be facilitated by Susan Frater-Sims, who is the independent chair of the Costa Tomato Exchange Community Reference Group.

Guyra Family Day brings community together

This Friday there will be fun to be had at the Guyra Family Day, being celebrated at the Guyra Community Hall, with the local community and schools invited to enjoy the music, dancing and lunch together.

Armidale Regional Council collaborated with the Guyra Local Aboriginal Land Council to host this event on Friday 18 November as part of NAIDOC Week 2022 which has as its theme, Get up! Stand Up! Show Up!

The day will showcase and highlight the local Aboriginal community through songs, traditional dance and music from local and well known band Terra Firma.

Armidale Regional Council Mayor, Sam Coupland, said he is pleased that such an important day for the community will be

going ahead after being postponed.

"We hope that everyone really enjoys the day. It's the special days like this give the wider community a greater understanding of Aboriginal people and their cultural beliefs," said Mayor Coupland.

The day begins at 10am with a Welcome to Country and will conclude at 1pm. Local school students are invited to take part in traditional games and performances, including an open mic for anyone who would like to get up and share a song or performance. A free BBQ will be provided and cutting of a NAIDOC themed cake will take place.

This event has been funded by grants from NSW Aboriginal Affairs and Guyra Local Aboriginal Land Council.

Santa Claus is coming to town

Join in the fun at the Guyra Rotary Christmas Carnival in the main street

FRIDAY
2nd December
from 5.00pm



-  **Come and meet Santa**
-  **Presents for the kids**
-  **Lighting the Christmas Tree**
-  **Market stalls**
-  **Music**
-  **Food**



In partnership with
ARMIDALE
Regional Council



GUYRA FAMILY DAY

Friday 18 November 2022
10am to 1pm at
Guyra Community Hall



Entertainment by Terra Firma, open mic, cultural activities and events, FREE BBQ

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Regional Council

What's HOT

SAMOA winning the World Cup semi final on Saturday night.

THE THINKER - don't always agree but makes you think

FAMILY fun day this Friday

What's NOT

CELEBRATING the Samoan win at 3.30am Sunday morning

HALLOWEEN – another step towards Americanisation

THE THINKER - no name. no idea

QUOTE of the week

Never, ever, get into a discussion on the internet, because no one ever wins

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

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| 9 | Wed | 5.0 | 16.8 | 0 |
| 10 | Thurs | 4.9 | 17.8 | 0 |
| 11 | Fri | 5.5 | 19.0 | 0 |
| 12 | Sat | 8.6 | 21.4 | 0 |
| 13 | Sun | 8.6 | 21.4 | 0 |
| 14 | Mon | 14.1 | 18.7 | 3.0 |

Rain this week 8.8mm
 November rainfall 51.2mm
 Rainfall YTD 1030.6mm
 Rainfall last YTD 955.6mm
 Ave. rain to Nov. 796.2mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Have your say.....

Surprise!

Well folks at last here comes the twist, the thinker's a conspiracy theorist. The last instalment could upset you: Agenda 21's gonna get you! But folks don't panic, it's not frightening, Agenda 21's not binding. Just an attempt to coordinate an improvement in our planet's fate.

Search for yourself, get some real proof, don't take some nameless words as truth. Look for an alternating view to give a balance to the slew of extreme views from either side with an agenda to divide, confuse, unsettle, aggravate, because both sides they thrive on hate.

But there is something they forget - the ratbag right and the looney left - that somewhere in the space between the twin poles of extremity are those who think intelligently, part of the silent majority whose views will sometimes coincide with issues raised by either side, but who return to middle ground where reason and good sense are found.

So I ask thinker, your Agenda, is it really propaganda? What's coming next we want to know, Con Trails, Flat Earth, Putin's a Hero, Lizard Elites, Illuminati, do you want to start a Ratbag Party? There must be some point for you to pay for half a page of weekly spray. It makes me faint (pass me my vaper!)...at least it's income for our paper.

But folks who want to see real action, do something useful, get some traction, get down to Cosy Corner Guyra, and meet folk there who will inspire. Not empty words with no resolution, you can be part of the solution; a deal to give us what we lack and get our Guyra Council back!

Aily Yas (Guyra Resident)

To 'The Thinker'

It is disingenuous to pretend that said statues are defaced due to the race of the depicted. This is not on the basis of skin-colour, but of content of character. In the United States, statues defaced are those of prolific slave-owners, massacring conquistadors, Columbus (whose actions resulted in massive enslavement and depopulation), and pro-slavery Confederate figures.

In Australia, there has been a small smattering of graffiti on statues. Those targeted were largely Lachlan Macquarie and Captain James Cook. Lachlan Macquarie was a slave-owner, having bought two Indian children, aged 6 and 7, the younger of which he brought to Australia with him and owned for the entirety of his life. Macquarie commanded three detachments of the military "for the purpose of Punishing the Hostile Natives, by clearing the Country of them entirely...in the event of the Natives making the smallest show of resistance or refusing to surrender when called upon so to do the officers Commanding the Military Parties have been authorized to fire on them...hanging up on Trees the Bodies of such Natives as may be killed on such occasions, in order to strike the greater terror into the Survivors" which resulted in the Appin Massacre, where Indigenous women, children and elderly men were killed, and the bodies of two Indigenous men who had revolted against a group of settlers earlier were strung from trees on Macquarie's orders.

In addition to owning slaves and leading violent punitive expeditions on Indigenous Australians, he was a soldier for the violent British East India Company. He described an attack on the rebelling forces of Mysore's Tipu Sultan as "glorious" where bodies "lay in such immense Heaps on the Ramparts...as well as in different Parts of the Town that no regular account of them could be taken." The said statue that had been defaced read 'he was a perfect gentleman, a Christian and supreme legislator of the human heart.'

James Cook's landing in New Zealand resulted in the killing of nine Maori people and the kidnapping of three. His arrival in Australia and subsequent claiming of 'terra nullius' paved the way for violent colonisation of Indigenous people and it is unsurprising that his name and likeness represent and remind of a horrific history for many Indigenous Australians, First Nations people, and Maori people. Are these people emblematic of your lifestyle and culture? Do the aforementioned actions represent 'being white' for you? Their statues are defaced not for the colour of their skin, but the content of their character. I will leave you, in kind, with a quote from Martin Luther King Jr's speech, 'A Proper Sense of Priorities,' Feb. 6 1968: "Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity."

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Motorcyclist dies in Black Mountain crash

A motorcyclist has died following a crash with an SUV near Black Mountain on Saturday November 12th. Emergency services were called at around 12.40pm after a motorcycle and Toyota Landcruiser collided.

Witnesses went to the assistance of the motorcyclist – a 63-year-old man from Casino – before the arrival of NSW Ambulance paramedics; however, he died at the scene.

A 74-year-old man driving the Toyota Landcruiser was not injured and has undergone mandatory testing at Armidale Hospital.

The SUV was towing a horse

float at the time; three horses in the float were not injured

Officers from New England Police District attended and established a crime scene, which was examined by specialist forensic officers.

Investigations into the circumstances of the crash continue and witnesses or anyone who may have dashcam footage is urged to come forward and contact local police or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

A report will be prepared for the information of the Coroner.

Guyra man pleads not guilty to stealing wool bale

A Guyra man has denied allegations he stole a wool bale worth more than \$5000. Theo John Burnham last week appeared in Armidale Local Court where he pleaded not guilty for all four charges levelled against him stemming from the alleged theft.

Burnham was charged at Guyra Police Station on the night of September 23rd. Rural crime investigators from the New England Police District launched a probe

into a theft reported from a Guyra property 10 days earlier.

Police allege Burnham went to a property on the Glen Ross Road, on the outskirts of town, about 3am and stole a bale of wool worth \$5000, which was then on sold to brokers in Inverell.

Burnham is due to appear in Armidale Local Court again in December.



Expression of Interest

School Learning and Support Officer/s Guyra Central School

Guyra Central School provides a future focused and personalised Kindergarten to Year 12 learning environment that embraces a culture of high expectation, wellbeing and achievement for all. Current enrolment is 300 students. All staff are committed to providing learning experiences focused on improved literacy and numeracy outcomes through the provision of high-quality teaching supported by differentiated professional learning.

Vacancies exist to be a part of the School Learning and Support Officer/s (SLSO/s) team for K-12 at Guyra Central School for 2023. The position will be located at: Guyra Central School, 27 Marne Street, Guyra NSW 2365.

About the Role

School Learning Support Officers provide support for students with identified diverse learning needs, including disability in classrooms and other learning environments, under the direction and supervision of a teacher. This support includes student health and wellbeing activities as required.

Essential Requirements

- A current Working with Children Check is required for this position
- Completion of mandatory training required by the Department of Education relevant to the School Learning Support Officer role.

The successful applicants will be required to work as part of a dynamic learning team. They will be required to provide assistance with school routines, classroom activities and the care and management of students with disability and additional learning and support needs.

Selection criteria

- Ability to work closely with classroom teachers and as part of a team to support students' literacy, numeracy and social skills.
- Awareness of and ability to work with students with a wide range of learning difficulties, additional needs and emotional, physical or intellectual disabilities.
- Ability to build a professional rapport with students with additional needs.
- Effective communication skills.

For further information contact Michelle Nicholson, Principal on (02) 6779 0844 or michelle.nicholson1@det.nsw.edu.au

To apply applicants must submit an Expression of Interest addressing the selection criteria, of no more than 2 A4 pages including 2 referee contacts to: michelle.nicholson1@det.nsw.edu.au by close of business **Wednesday 23rd November 2022.**

Community information sessions

Costa Group and Jobs Australia are exploring new options for worker accommodation in the Guyra region.

We'd like to get input from the local community and will be hosting drop-in information sessions in Guyra.

Come and chat with our team.

When: Tuesday, November 22, 5-7pm.

Wednesday, November 23, 8am-10am

Where: Royal Hotel Guyra, 122 Bradley Street, Guyra.

For information email: susan.sims@wixim.com.au



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November 12 - 18



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Community Noticeboard

Meals on Wheels

Nov. 17 Wendy Laidlaw
 Nov. 18 Debbie Schmidt
 Nov. 21 Steve Norris
 Nov. 22 Narelle Leven
 Nov. 23 Wendy Laidlaw

Street Stalls

Nov. 17, 18, 19 Rotary
 Nov 24 Hospital Aux

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: Pastors Linden & Kerrie Pollard 0455 232 073.

Seventh-day Adventist Church:

Aboomala Street. Sabbath School 10.00am Saturday Divine Service 11.30am Saturday. **Contact:** Minister Luke Reeves 0410 761 320 Church Clerk 6779 1587

Uniting Church:

57 Ollera Street:
 Regular Sunday Service: 9.30am
Contact: Di Burey 0428 791 742

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Service Clubs

LIONS CLUB dinner meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month at Guyra Bowling Club, 7pm. Ph: Geoff Reeves 6779 1257

ROTARY CLUB dinner meetings 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month 6pm for 6.30pm at Guyra Cafe Ph: Hans Hietbrink 0402 044 891

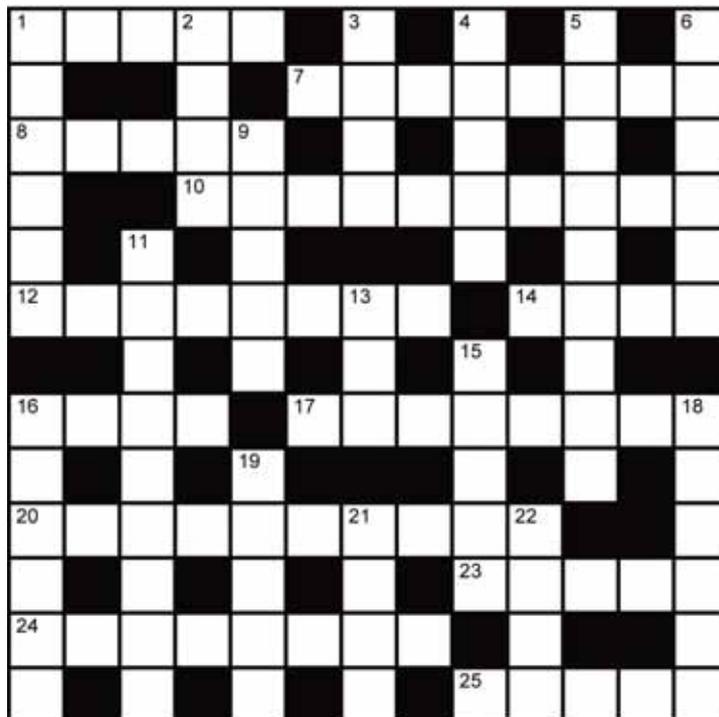
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- Whetstone (4)
- Bathing costume (8)
- Static (10)
- Winch (5)
- Ghost-buster? (8)
- Golf-club (5)

DOWN

- Staffordshire potter, Spode (6)
- Writes (4)
- Sleeve-end (4)
- Group of sheep (5)
- Taxing (9)
- Pimply (6)
- Self-reproach (5)
- Flower (9)
- Immediately (3)
- Tennis stroke (5)
- River in northeast England (6)

QUICK CROSSWORD



- Chelonian marine reptile (6)
- Divan (5)
- Lean to one side (4)
- Unspecified amount (4)

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Down: 1. Josiah, 2. Pens, 3. Cuff, 4. Flock, 5. Strenuous, 6. Spotty, 9. Gull, 11. Carnation, 13. Now, 15. Smash, 16. Humber, 18. Turtle, 19. Now, 20. Motionless, 23. Hoist, 24. Exorcist, 25. Wedge.

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What to Watch

Our armchair critic has new recommendations every week. All movies have ratings of M and over - happy viewing!!!

Netflix Movies

- Enola Holmes 2
- The School for Good and Evil
- Love in the Villa
- I used to be Famous
- White Chicks
- Penguin Bloom

Netflix Series

- Never Have I Ever
- The Watcher

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Plea to donate responsibly to the Guyra Vinnies shop

The following is a letter from David who is a volunteer with Guyra Saint Vincent de Paul. It follows yet another instance of unusable items which were dumped outside the Vinnies shop in Bradley St.

(Name supplied but withheld in line with best practice for volunteers)

We at the Guyra Vinnies Shop are very grateful to the generous public who donate good quality, pre-loved items, as proceeds from our shops provide a substantial source of funding needed to run our local Guyra-based programs and services.

As a guide for what to donate, if you would give your items to a friend, then they are most welcome as a donation.

Clothing, accessories, books, toys, bric-a-brac, household items, sporting goods, and bedding linen are all suitable.

It is often best to donate your clothes and other items at the Vinnies Shop during opening hours, if possible.



A large load of soiled, broken, water damaged furniture and other items was dumped at Vinnies on the weekend created extra work for volunteers

The Guyra Vinnies Shop does not accept furniture and electrical items because of space limitations, safety and legal reasons. Any such

items can be taken to the Society's warehouse at 11 Bundarra Road, Armidale. If you do have furniture in good order that you would be

pleased to give to a friend but would rather donate to the St Vincent de Paul, then please give the warehouse a call on 5776 0200.

Vinnies Shops cannot accept stained or torn items, broken furniture, or broken electrical goods at any of our locations.

It was a surprise then, that last weekend, a large load of soiled, broken, water damaged furniture and other items were found outside the Guyra Vinnies Shop. It was an eyesore, a hazard in the windy conditions and of no use to anyone.

The cost of its disposal could have been much better spent helping people in need.

On the positive side, the police in Guyra responded well. So too did some amazing community minded volunteers who just appeared to tidy up the mess. Their work in doing this is greatly appreciated by those who give their time to volunteer with the St Vincent de Paul Society. The whole community should thank them. And please continue to support us. We cannot do what we do without your generous donations.

Downed powerlines cause extended outage over wide area

Two unplanned power outages in the Guyra region in the last week were due to powerlines coming down, with high winds and wet conditions contributing.

A spokesperson for Essential Energy said that network protection operated on a high voltage powerline isolating supply to 1,980 customers on Thursday, November 10th at midday.

"Crews were quickly dispatched to patrol for the fault, bringing in a helicopter to assist from the air," the spokesperson said.

"A powerline was found down between Glen Innes and Guyra, with crews embarking on repairs and restoring power just before 6pm."

Another 119 customers lost power on Monday November 14th after a powerline was

brought down by vegetation in the vicinity of Elders Lane.

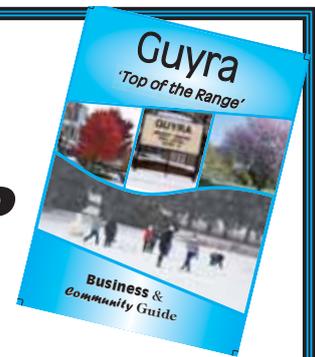
"Restoration efforts were hampered by high winds, with additional vegetation required to be removed before crews could safely commence repairs.

"Once the safety of the site was secured, crews commenced an extensive operation to have supply restored to all affected customers by 5.20pm."

"Essential Energy apologises for any inconvenience and thanks customers for their understanding as our crews worked to restore power as quickly as safety allowed."

Essential Energy reminds everyone if they see fallen or damaged powerlines or poles to remain at least eight metres away and report to Essential Energy immediately on 13 20 80.

Remember the Guyra Book?



The Guyra Gazette is doing an updated edition.

The Guyra Book will contain information about Guyra, tourism activities, sport, events ... and more.

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Restoration work for historic rail

New England Railway Inc. (NERI) is now on the way to restoring one of the historical rail motor sets located in Armidale thanks to a recent grant funding announcement and a number of donations.

Last week it was announced that New England Railway was successful in gaining a Transport Heritage Grant for \$10,903.00. This grant is to be used for replacing windows that were smashed in a significant vandalism attack earlier this year. The money will also go towards reupholstering seats, and painting the inside of the carriages, as well as replacing a section of weather damaged floor.

New England Railway intends investing as much of the money as possible in the Armidale region by buying the majority of products and equipment locally, and utilising local tradespeople where needed.

Planning has also commenced to provide further security to protect the heritage trains from ongoing vandalism attacks.



A grant will help to repair the damage caused by vandals earlier in the year

A fundraiser has been set up on the New England Railway Facebook page, Gofundme.com and direct donations are also welcome. The money raised will provide security fencing, further lighting, and further security cameras.

New England Railway is more

than happy to speak to any individuals and businesses that would like donate or provide

sponsorship with the aim to raise \$10,000 towards the security enhancements.

In addition to restoration, work has also commenced on National Rail Safety Accreditation which

will allow New England Railway to run trains on the main line.

New members are always welcome from people of any age and regardless of people's fitness, experience and abilities. There is always a range of volunteer jobs to undertake

Grandparents Day Black Mountain Public School



Eric and Helen Turnham with grandson Cooper

The students and teachers at Black Mountain Public School hosted open classrooms and a morning tea for grandparents/parents on Friday, 4th November 2022. The day

started with the grandparent/parents visiting the classrooms and observing the students and teachers in action. The transition students were also very proud to showcase their learning as well.

Everyone enjoyed a special cake at recess to celebrate these wonderful people in our lives.

*Mrs Justine Eddy
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New flag for Tingha Buffalo Lodge

Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall has presented a new NSW State Flag to Merv Burdekin at the Tingha Buffalo Lodge.

Merv has been a member of the Tingha Lodge for more than 60 years and was instrumental in raising the funds required to build a new hall after the old one, which was built just after the Second World War, was destroyed by fire in 2010.

For his contribution to the Lodge over many years, the new Tingha Buffalo Lodge was named in his honour. The new flag will be flown proudly outside the Lodge when their new flagpole is installed in the near future.

Mr Marshall has thanked Merv for showing him through the rich history of the Lodge and its members, who have contributed so much to the Tingha district for more than 70 years!



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Barnaby Joyce launches New England public survey

Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce is launching an electorate wide survey to hear your thoughts on the growing cost of living.

As inflation, interest rates, and electricity and fuel prices continue to rise, Mr Joyce wants to give his constituents the chance to have their say on an issue that is affecting thousands in the New England and nation-wide.

The former Deputy Prime Minister said he is very interested in hearing more about the power increases that you are paying so that he has more facts to try and change this crippling power crisis.

“Right now, individuals and families in New England are being forced to tighten their purse strings as power prices soar, for some this could even mean skipping meals,” Mr Joyce said.

“While businesses are now facing the daunting choice of putting rising costs onto their product, meaning customers are again forced to pay more.

“Even if you have just five minutes spare, give my office a call or go to my website to complete the survey.”

You can find a link to the survey on Mr Joyce’s website www.barnabyjoyce.com.au



“Wildlife Tails”



Frisk, Chester, and Flora (the microbats) – Part 3.

This article was written by Lily. Please also refer back to Parts 1 and 2 published on June 1st and August 3rd consecutively if you would like to read the story again together.



and seemed to only fly in order to get back to their pouch again. Stubborn, and lazy! But at least they were still eating!

Then it was time for them to be released. I did Flora first. At dusk on Valentine’s Day, Charlie and I drove her to where she was found, and I barely had time to hold my arm up, open my hand, and say goodbye before she was off. She knew exactly where she wanted to be, and I was so happy to have helped her get there. Fly well, sweet Flora, and enjoy your life.

The next night was Frisk and Chester’s turn. I was so anxious about their release, and wondered how many nights it would be before this stubborn pair

would finally fly off. I decided to release them simultaneously in the hope that if one of them flew it would encourage the other one to fly as well. I held them both up in one hand, and waited.

After about a minute, Chester stretched out one wing, seemed to like the feel of the air, put the other one out also, and...took off! When I watched him fly away and be lost among the stars I wanted to dance with happiness, but I still had Frisk in my up-stretched hand.

So I stood calmly and told her that it was her turn now... and surprisingly she flew off also! After three months of struggle and anxiety with this stubborn, difficult pair I could not believe that they flew off in under two minutes! It was a lovely parting gift from them. Seeing them fly away, so strong and sure, heading back to their people, was the best sight! Goodbye, stubborn bats! And good luck.

Vets Golf

On Tuesday 8th November four Guyra vets travelled to Tenterfield to play in their open day. By all reports, the Tenterfield track is exceptionally good and all four of them enjoyed it very much. I believe playing off the deck with no preferred lies took some getting used to but they all got around ok and all acquitted themselves very well. The best for Guyra was Jon Cumming with 30 points.

At home, we played the Reg Taylor stroke event. We are still playing the composite course that we have been playing now for a while (when it's not too wet). As we all know this is a much shorter course than our normal course and is rated so by golf NSW and one golf. 83 gross is still a great score on this course and John Prisk achieved that to come in the gross winner.

Pat Grills also played excep-



Under 13s action at the Lions Park Sporting Complex (Pic. Guyra Sport)

tionally well to have a net 63 to win that category. Pat had a good day winning the putts and also getting nearest the pin on the 18th.

Nearest the pin on the 7th was Paul Redden with Len Stanley getting it on the 10th. Next Tuesday 22nd is an Individual stableford and on Friday the

25th is the Uralla open.

Vets subscriptions are now due and payable to Wal.

Drake

Ladies' Golf

Last week the Ladies played a Stableford. Debbie Heffernan was the winner with 31 points.

Jack.

Wendy George was the runner up with 30 points. Nearest the pin winners were Pip White on the 9th hole. Wendy Jackson on the 18th hole.

This week is a Stroke and Putting Competition. Next week is the Par Medal Playoff. Karen Oehlers is the starter.

Birdie

Men's Bowls

One game of Handicap singles was played on Saturday with Robert Moore proving too strong for Cameron Peardon winning 31-26.

No club games this weekend as Guyra will be contesting the State pennant play-offs in Dubbo this weekend.

Just a reminder to the pennant players the bus will be leaving from the club on Thursday morning at 6:30 am. Could all players be at the club by 6:15 am.

Rural Market Reports

Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

November 9th - Numbers reduced to 2680 lambs and 1190 grown sheep. There was a mixed quality penning of lambs comprising some high quality new seasons along with a fair selection of heavyweight old lambs. A greater percentage of trade weights offered in front of the regular processors. No market comparison for the new season lambs from the previous sale, they were however keenly sought by the processors. Lightweight old lambs to processors sold to cheaper trends with quite a variation in quality and condition. The lighter weight trade lambs 18 to 20 kg remained unchanged. Trade weights up to 24 kg saw a firm to dearer trend. Heavy weight lambs over 24 kg were plentiful selling firm to \$3 per head cheaper. The extra heavyweights showed little change. Processor demand was weaker through a very mixed quality and conditioned penning of sheep..There was some restocker competition

on the plainer condition Merino sheep. As a result most sheep to processors sold to cheaper trends while the restockers saw a firm to cheaper trend.

Armidale Cattle Sale

November 10th - The numbers doubled in a fortnight with 950 head penned. Yearlings were well supplied along with a few late vealers. There was a good supply of cows with grown steers and heifers in reasonable numbers.

The condition of the offering was fair to very good. The majority of the grown cattle in prime condition. Quality varied greatly through the young cattle. The usual processors were in attendance along with a strong restocker presence. There was minimal feedlot activity.

There were varying trends through the young cattle with vealers to restockers selling to cheaper trends. Weight increases contributed. Lightweight yearling steers in store condition were keenly sought with the better quality lines dearer. Some of the secondary quality steers

struggled to maintain recent levels. Medium weights to restockers sold significantly cheaper with breed and quality contributing. Lightweight yearling heifers to restockers sold to a much dearer trend with a line of E U heifers attracting very strong support..

Once again secondary quality heifers attracted less demand. There was limited competition on the well finished heifers to the trade with the majority selling to cheaper trends. Heavy grown steers to process sold to a cheaper trend with limited competition. The well finished grown heifers saw a firm to slightly cheaper trend.

Demand from processors was weaker in the cow market with the market trend 5c to 8c/ kilogram cheaper and more on the lower yielding lots.

Weekly Wool Market

November 11th - For the third consecutive week the market retreated. Prices are now almost back in line with those that were being offered before what has now become a "mysterious"

fortnightly rally.

The bulk of this week's market movement was recorded on the first day of sales with the Northern region indicator falling 18 cents. On the second day of sales mixed results occurred with individual micron categories producing some positives and a few negatives in what was basically an unchanged overall quote.

In what was the second smallest national offering for the season to date just 26,696 bales were sold. 14.1% of the offering was passed in and almost 10% was withdrawn prior to sale. Major buyers included Techwool, Endeavour Wool and Tianyu. The finer types continue to come under the most pressure with the mid micron Merino types on par with or slightly dearer than prices being paid 12 months ago.

Close to 37,000 bales are expected to be on offer next week and this continues the trend seen over the past month where the offering has fallen below that of the corresponding period last season.



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MURPHY ELIZABETH ANN (LIZ) nee GOOLD of Black Mountain NSW

Aged 77 years

Passed away peacefully on 29th October 2022.

Cherished lifelong love of George (dec), beloved daughter of Frank (Jeff) & Marte (Pat) (dec) and sister of John and Kevin. Much loved special aunt to Marcus.

A beautiful soul at rest

Family and friends are invited to a gathering for Liz on Saturday 19th November, commencing with a scattering of ashes ceremony in her Black Mountain gardens at 2:00pm, followed by refreshments at the Guyra Bowling Club.

All correspondence to 805 Black Mountain Road, Black Mountain NSW 2365.

RAFFLE RESULTS

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY street stall raffle won by Kevin Harman.

MEETINGS

GUYRA CENTRAL SCHOOL P&C Meeting, to be held on Tuesday November 22 @ 6pm at the School.

GUYRA GARDEN CLUB AGM will be held on Monday 28th November, 11am at Robyn Jackson's "Kooralbyn" garden. Everyone is welcome especially new members and any queries contact the secretary, Mary 0429 345 255.

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SATURDAY, 24th DECEMBER:

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Cricketers hit out at home

Guyra Cricket Clubs 1st grade side hit out at home on the weekend, up against Armidale City/UNE on Ted Mulligan Oval. Guyra won the toss and elected to bat, keen to get runs on the board and give the opposition a good total to chase down.

The team batted out their 45 overs finishing five wickets down for a handy 216. Best with the bat were Joey Ryan (66 not out), Grant Ryan (32) and Kyle Mongta (31). In reply, City/UNE also batted well and only hit the front in the 44th over finishing on 4/219 for the win. Wicket takers were Dean Swaffer (2/46) and Heath Dowsett (1/24), with the fourth wicket a run out.

Guyra's 2nd grade side headed down the hill to take on Armidale City/UNE on Bellevue Oval. Winning the toss, City/UNE elected to bat, with Guyra restricting their innings to 123 for the loss of nine wickets.

Captain Cody Patterson (4/17) was best with the ball, with Cooper Collins, Pete Ahoy, Allan Boney and Brendan Lands-



First grade action captured by Grant Robertson - see more at Guyra Sport (facebook)

borough getting one each.

In reply, Guyra fell short and were all out for just 85 runs in the 24th over. Only Pete Collins (13), Cooper Collins (14), and Adrian Cameron (13 not out) made double figures.

Guyra's 3rd grade side are still waiting for their season to start after a 1st round forfeit and a bye

in the first two rounds.

In junior games the under 11s were the better team making 124 runs in their modified game against Easts Gold, who were restricted to 65 runs by the Guyra bowlers. Billy Ryan (25 ret.) and Christopher Welsh (15 ret.) were the best with the bat and Charles Drew and Billy Ryan taking

wickets.

The under 13s also finished on top in their game against Easts. Winning the toss, Easts batted first finishing with 8/80. In reply Guyra made 6/83 with Tommy Mitchell (17 not out), Nayte Foster (17 ret.) and Jack Campbell (10 not out) the best on the day.



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