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Festival back after two years

The 2023 Lamb and Potato Festival has been blessed with nice weather, with no showers to dampen anyone's enthusiasm. After a two year hiatus due to the Covid pandemic, organisers were unsure how the festival would unfold. Any doubts were quickly dispelled on opening day with visitors calling in as if nothing had really changed according to Committee President Steve Mepham.

"We have had a lot of visitors

by the numbers going through gazebo and I can confidentially say we are ahead of pre Covid numbers," Steve said.

"To be honest we were surprised that it has bounced back so well. The stall holders are doing nicely to this point and if weather holds they will be more than happy."

"There are fewer stalls this year due to the impact of Covid which caused the closure of some business while others

have retired.

"We have been able to replace some with weekenders, who can't do the full twelve days but will fill up the empty spaces on the weekends."

"It is also great to see that it is abuzz not just on the highway but also down Bradley Street with businesses reporting that they have been very busy as well.

"There are some wonderful things happening in main street

with businesses such as Burgess Garage Car Museum being open, the Australian Poetry Hall of Fame with some special events and the CWA Art Show. Other businesses are reporting they are being kept busy which is really good to see.

"This weekend will be even bigger with the model trains, car show and shine and antique machinery all happening so there will be plenty to see and do."

Life membership for Julie Gittoes

Julie Gittoes was presented with life membership of the Guyra Lamb and Potato Festival committee on the opening night of the 2023 Festival. Julie's involvement with the festival goes back 34 years, 32 of which has been as the main organiser of the food gazebo.

The presentation was made by three people who she has worked closely with for much of that time – Bertha and Geoff Reeves and Gwyneth Pearson.

Each year Julie coordinates more than 30 different volunteer groups, with up to 20 different people per shift. Thanking the committee for the honour Julie said that every day that she has turned up is because she wanted to be there.

"To be honoured is special, because I get to work with wonderful people like Bertha, Geoff and Gwyneth and the wonderful groups of volunteers who turn up to help," Julie said.

"I also get to catch up with the extended Lamb & Potato Family including all the wonderful stall holders who come back every year."

The presentation and official opening by Armidale Regional



The Lamb and Potato Festival Committee, l to r: Mark Werts, Vicki Bell, Chris Bell, Steve Mepham, Bertha Reeves, Julie Gittoes, Geoff Reeves, Gwyneth Pearson and Ian Russell

Council Mayor Sam Coupland took place in the new music pavilion which was being used for the first time at this year's festival.

Built with a \$130,000 State Government Community Building Partnership grant, the new dining and performance space has been welcomed by organisers and

visitors to the festival.

President of the Lamb and Potato committee Steve Mepham thanked ARC for their involvement in getting the building up and running.

"We had to jump through a few hurdles to get it built, but how great is this building?" Steve said.

"The festival has a rich history and now we have somewhere to document how it has unfolded over the last 37 years.

"The photos on the walls bring that history to life and this has been made possible thanks to a grant from Australia Post and the Guyra Historical Society."

Out and about Lamb & Potato Festival



Top left: ARC Mayor Sam Coupland and General Manager James Roncon enjoying a lamb dinner.

Left: Blitz of Buzz performing in the music pavillion on Thursday
Above: Ian, Gwyneth and Colleen Pearson working to serve up food on Wednesday



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EVENTS QR

Respect, reflect and celebrate Australia Day

The 2023 ambassador for Armidale Regional Council is Jarrod Wheatley.

The Australia Day Ambassador Program, encourages links between communities across the country. Each local government area is assigned its own ambassador, a prominent person from the sporting field or the science lab, government or the stage or screen. Their primary job is to deliver a speech about the meaning of Australia at events across the state.

The key message for Australia Day is Reflect, Respect and Celebrate and we're all part of the story. In Guyra, there will be the annual awards dinner held on Wednesday January 25th at the Bowling Club and on Thursday January 26th there will be a flag-raising ceremony at the Guyra Council Administration Building at 9am with a morning tea afterwards at the Guyra Historical Museum.

Jarrod was awarded NSW Young Australian of the Year in 2019, and has worked in the social sector since the age of 17. During this time he has run a Youth Centre, set up programs for refugees and founded two innovative, not-for-profit organisations including, Street Art Murals Australia (SAMA) and Professional Individualised Care (PIC).

As founder of two innovative,



Jarrod Wheatley is this year's Australia Day Ambassador

not-for-profit organisations, Mr Wheatley is creating positive change in the community. Professional Individualised Care works to improve the well-being of children in care. Meanwhile, Street Art Murals Australia helps solve the graffiti problem, by connecting street artists with paying clients, to create commissioned murals.

Tickets for the awards dinner are \$25 per person and will need to be pre-purchased from the New England Community College in Guyra (GALA).

See page 9 for our Citizen of the Year nominees >>>

Costa Tomatoes launches Community Grants Program

The Costa Group is seeking expressions of interest from local groups for donations and sponsorship under the "Well Grown Community Grants Program."

State Manager of Vertical Farming, Scot MacDonald, said that Costas supports a wide range of schools, sporting organisations and community groups.

"The Costa Group is proud to be a large employer and significant economic booster to the region," Mr McDonald said. "We are changing our donations and sponsorship approach to an annual Expression of Interest.

"The program opened on Monday January 16th and will close on February 20th. Submissions will be

judged on their connection to the criteria outlined in the Program, including the development of youth; women in agriculture; enhancing education and environmental initiatives.

"We believe this will be the best and fairest way to respond to the requests we receive all year round, and demonstrate Costas' values in action."

Applications can be submitted online by visiting the website <https://costagroup.com.au/costa-tomato-exchange>. For more information, see the advertisement in this edition of the Gazette or email brett.ryan@costagroup.com.au

Successful submissions for 2023 will be announced on February 24th.

NO potato shortage for festival

While there has been a potato shortage this year, with growers impacted by wet weather, organisers of the Lamb and Potato Festival say they were able to secure their supply and they don't anticipate running out.

That is good news for festival goers with hot chips and potato bake among the most popular items on the menu.

Bertha Reeves has been busy peeling, slicing and making potato bakes and said that so far demand is on par with the last festival, which was held in 2020.

Between 2009 (when it was first introduced to the menu) and 2020, Bertha cooked 921 dishes each using 3kg of potatoes – that is a total of 2763 kg of spuds. The biggest

year was 2015 with a record 162 potato bakes coming out of the oven.

2015 was also a big year for lamb with 234 legs of lamb used to feed the hungry hordes.

Anne Thrift cooks all of the roasts in her own kitchen with help from family and friends. Anne said that this year the legs of lamb are a lot bigger and are taking longer to cook, which means numbers may be down although the quantity of meat is greater per leg.

The ovens at the Guyra Hot Bread Shop are also working overtime to supply lamb pies, sausage rolls and buns for the lamb and gravy rolls.

Rest assured that whether it is lunch or dinner you will be able to get your fill of lamb and potatoes.



Bertha Reeves expects to be kept busy until the festival wraps up

Expression of Interest Well Grown Community Grants Program

Costa Tomato Exchange has initiated a Well Grown Community Grants Program to provide support for community organisations within the Guyra and Armidale regions.

We are inviting not-for-profit community organisations, sporting associations and schools to register their interest for funding support through our 2023 Grants Program. Online applications close 5pm, Monday, February 20.



Find out more and apply by visiting our website or scan the QR code.

costagroup.com.au/costa-tomato-exchange



What's HOT

Have your say.....

The new Guyra Book

Trance electronica at the show ground pony club event!

The lovely couple who gave flowers to a loyal customer out of the blue – it was such a lovely surprise so thank you!

Fine weather for Lamb & Spud - big weekend coming up

What's NOT

Vandalism

QUOTE of the week

Behold the turtle. He makes progress only if he sticks his neck out.

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
10	Tues	10.9	26.0	0
11	Wed	9.5	25.1	0
12	Thurs	11.1	26.2	0
13	Fri	11.0	25.3	0
14	Sat	8.6	22.3	0
15	Sun	9.9	25.9	0
16	Mon	9.5		0

Rain this week	0mm
January rainfall	61.8mm
Rainfall YTD	61.8mm
Rainfall last YTD	40.0mm
Ave. rain to Jan.	118.4mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Guyra Rainfall, 2022

With all the record-breaking rainfall and floods around Australia in 2022, readers may be wondering whether any records were broken in Guyra. The BOM's website has daily rainfall records for Guyra Post Office from 1886 and for Guyra Hospital from 1981. There are some gaps in the record and these can be filled using accepted methods that estimate daily rainfalls using other rain gauges in the region. The end result is 50,038 daily rainfall records from 1/1/1886 to 31/12/2022. The year to date rainfall (cumulative rainfall) for each year can be plotted against the

time of year, as the accompanying graph shows. Wet periods are marked by the steeper parts of the cumulative rainfall line. The line for the average rainfall is steeper in January, February, November and December, which reflects Guyra's summer dominant seasonal rainfall pattern.

In terms of total year's rainfall, wettest day, runs of wet days and runs of dry days, 2022 did not break any records. With 1,087mm for the year, it was wetter than average, but nowhere near as wet as 1890 and 1921, for example. The year got off to a good start in January to March, but a relatively dry November and December pulled

the year's total down. The drought year of 2019 may still be fresh in many readers' minds, and it can be seen from the graph what an exceptionally dry year it was - driest year on record and way below the next driest year, 1919.

Ian Reeve

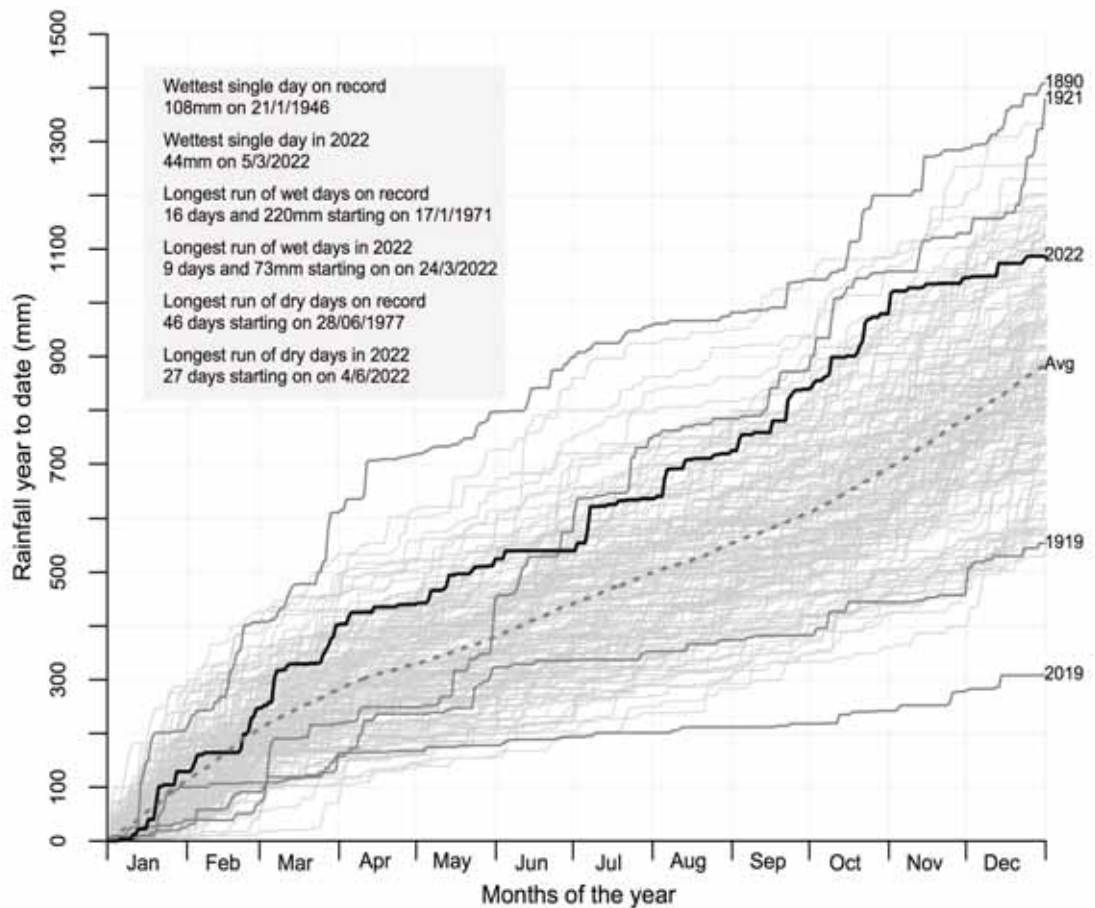
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Lamb Potato, Tomato

Here in Guyra we've got lamb and potato
 But don't forget the good old tomato
 There's skewers, chops and roasted lamb
 Tomato relish and tomato jam
 Baked, boiled, mashed, chipped potatoes
 And every day tonnes of tomatoes
 In the winter there's snow about
 In the Creeks and dams are rainbow trout
 Guyra is rural but not remote

There's waygu, Angus and smelly Goat
 Black swan nest when the Lagoon is full
 Crochet and knitting as there's lots of wool
 Don't forget Burgess Car Museum
 Many visit Guyra just to see them
 Wind, Thunderclouds, both drought and rain
 Plus the Australian Poetry Hall of Fame
 The Old convent garden, lamb and potato
 But why doesn't potato rhyme with tomato?
 (by Thundercloud Repairian)

Detectives appeal for information

Detectives are appealing for information as investigations continue into an armed robbery in Guyra in early January.

Police have been told two unknown men allegedly threatened a woman with a firearm before stealing her vehicle, on the corner of Clarke St and Sandon St, Guyra, about 4am last Tuesday (3 January 2023). The woman was

not physically injured.

Officers from New England Police District attended, established a crime scene and commenced an investigation into the incident.

At about 7.30am the same morning, the vehicle was located on Dodds Lane, Elsmore and seized for forensic examination. The woman's mobile phone was also recovered.

As part of their inquiries, investigators have released CCTV of a vehicle, which is being described as a white 4WD utility.

Anyone with information about those involved, or anyone with dashcam who was driving along Ollera St about the time of the incident, is urged to contact New England Police District or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Weather news

Guyra's rainfall total for 2022 was 1,086.6 mm, 210 mm or 24 per cent higher than the average. Rainfall was above average in eight months of the year with 2022 being the third consecutive year with well above average rainfall. (2020: 978 mm, 2021: 1200 mm)

Although it was a wet year, December was significantly drier than average with just 40.2mm of rain recorded. It was also cooler than average.

The average maximum temperature of 21.0C was the lowest for the month of December since 2011 (19.1C). The average minimum temperature of 7.0C was the lowest on record for the month of December. Previous lowest was 7.3C in 1924.

DECEMBER SUMMARY (

Long term average in brackets)

Rainfall: 40.2 mm (101 mm)

Average max: 21.0C* (22.8C)

Average min: 7.0C** (10.8C)

Highest: 26.6C on the 29th

Lowest max. temp: 10.9C (1st)

Lowest: 2.0C on the 15th

Frosts: 2 (0.1)

(From 88 years of records. Note there are some gaps in the temperature database prior to 1981.) <http://www.weatherarmidale.com/guyra.html>

John Newsome music event

The Chapel Guyra would love to invite you to come along to see John Newsome perform this Sunday. Johns' music can be described as uplifting and hopeful with soaring melodies and honest expression.

When you need inspiration and encouragement, that's who John Newsome makes music for. John is an award winning and national charting songwriter who has captivated and inspired

many to find goodness and strength in the everyday with his authentic voice and songwriting. As a musician and primary school teacher, John's infectious love for music and creativity connects with all ages.

John will perform at The Chapel, 66 Llangothlin Street this Sunday January 22nd in the 10am Service.




Adam Marshall MP
MEMBER FOR NORTHERN TABLELANDS

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GUYRA LAMB & POTATO FESTIVAL

I thoroughly enjoyed some time at the 2023 Guyra Lamb & Potato Festival.

It's one of the best festivals anywhere in our region. There was plenty of entertainment for everyone, lots of food vans, stalls, bush poets' performances and an art exhibition. It was a great opportunity to take the time to head over to Guyra and enjoy the atmosphere.

The festival had something for everyone – especially the iconic and scrumptious lamb and gravy rolls!

CLAIM YOUR BACK-TO-SCHOOL VOUCHERS NOW

Now is a good time to think about claiming your \$150 Back to School NSW vouchers.

The program provides families with \$150 per child who attends a primary, secondary school, is home-schooled, or enrolled in Year 10 or Year 12 equivalent



qualifications at TAFE NSW.

Vouchers can be used to cover the cost of essential school items such as stationery, textbooks, school uniforms, lunchboxes, shoes, and bags. The vouchers can be used at eligible, registered businesses right now, until 30 June 2023.

For more information visit www.service.nsw.gov.au/back-to-school-vouchers, or visit your local Service NSW branch.

GUYRA MEN'S SHED & SPORTING SHOOTERS GOING SOLAR

Guyra Men's Shed will be 'lit up' thanks to a \$17,765 grant from the State Government to install a rooftop solar system on their new shed.

The Men's Shed plays a vital role in the mental health and general wellbeing of the Guyra community and this funding will be a welcome relief.

This follows news that Guyra Sporting Shooters Association club house will receive \$11,937 funding to purchase and install solar panels on the roof, as well as improve phone and internet connection on site.

Funding for both projects was secured through the State Government's Community Building Partnership Program.

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Community Noticeboard

Meals on Wheels

January 19 L & R Skinner
 January 20 Narelle Leven
 January 23 Steve Norris
 January 24 Wendy Laidlaw
 January 25 Debbie Schmidt

Street Stalls

No stalls in January

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

Church of Freedom (Cnr. Boorolong & Nincoola Sts.) Sunday worship: 10am Prayer meeting: Tuesday 6.30pm Bible discussion: Wednesday 6.30pm Pastors: Jeff & Sharon Ritchie 0421 847 973 Chaplaincy services: Dave Brown 0419 539 372, Dan McGinty 0409 399 270

Service Clubs

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

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

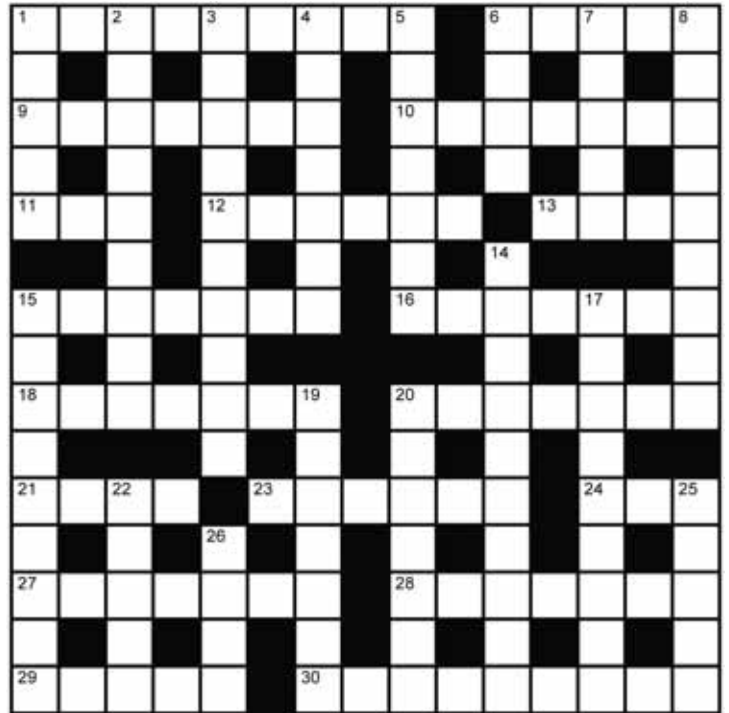
Across:

1. Movie debuts
6. Criminal
9. Wellbeing
10. Respected
11. Tree secretion
12. Perceive
13. Measure (out)
15. Faster
16. Collide with (3,4)
18. Terminate broadcast (4,3)
20. Middle of body
21. End of year final
23. Sloping letter
24. Confine, ___ in
27. Absolute shambles
28. Soldier's food allowances
29. Foreboding
30. Defamed

Down:

1. Hocks
2. Blotting out or overshadowing
3. Furthermore (2,8)
4. Go back in (2-5)
5. Less abundant
6. Seethe
7. Considerable
8. Fell asleep (6,3)
14. Ignorant
15. Debarred temporarily

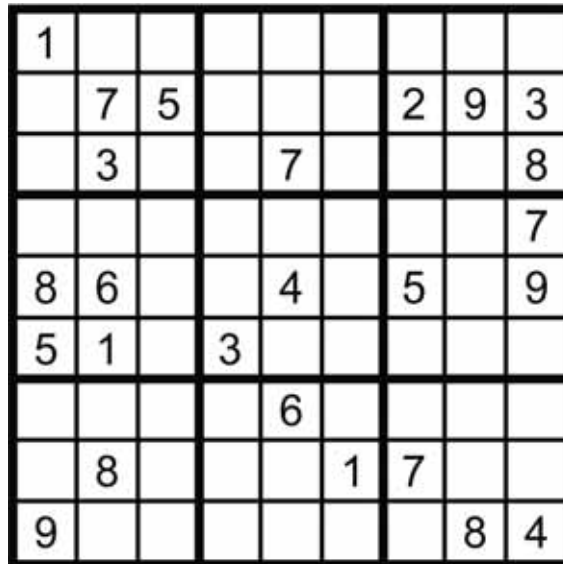
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17. Next-door occupant
19. Papas
20. Mosquito fever
22. Easy pace
25. Ruminated
26. Beat tennis opponent with serve

Across: 1. Premieres 6. Felon 9. Welfare 10. Admired 11. Sap 12. Detect 13. Mete 15. Swifter 16. Run into 18. Sign off 20. Midriff 21. Exam 23. Italic 24. Hem 27. Debate 28. Ra-
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 pended 17. Neighbour 19. Fathers 20. Malara
 22. Amble 25. Mused 26. Aced

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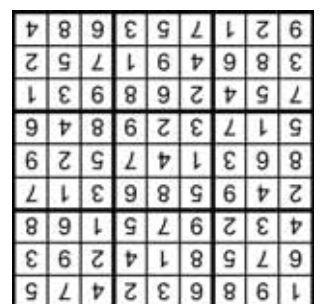
Our armchair critic has new recommendations every week. All movies have ratings of M and over - happy viewing!!!

Netflix Movies

- 1899
 Glass Onion -
 A Knives Out Mystery
 Georgie Rulz
 Sr
 The Silverton Siege
 White Noise
 All Quiet on the Western Front

Netflix Series

- Treason
 Irreverent



Want to know what's on?

Subscribe to our weekly What's On mailing list to keep up to date with all of the exciting events happening across the region. Visit www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au to subscribe or to submit your community event.

Work at Council

The following job opportunities are now available at Council:

• General Hand Parks Multiple roles

You could be a school leaver, looking to kick start their career or just someone looking for their next challenge. As a part of your new role, we will support you in completing a Certificate III in Horticulture, as well as other training opportunities.

• General Hand Roads and Drainage Maintenance Multiple roles

We want individuals who have the drive and interest to work as part of a team, we can provide the training and tools for the right people. As a part of your new role, we will support you in completing a Certificate III in Civil Construction.

• Mechanic Fitter Multiple roles

Council is looking for qualified Mechanic/Fitters to join our Plant, Fleet and Workshop team in Armidale and Guyra. The team ensures that the Council fleet is fully operational by undertaking servicing, maintenance and repairs of all Council fleet and machinery.

To apply, visit Council's website.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

An **Extraordinary Meeting** will be held on Monday 30 January 2023 from 4pm in Armidale.

The next Ordinary Meeting will be held in Armidale from 4pm on Wednesday 22 February 2023.

The public are welcome to attend a live streaming of the meeting at the Guyra Civic Administration Building for any residents wishing to watch.

Jarrold Wheatley named Australia Day Ambassador for Guyra

As founder of two innovative, not-for-profit organisations, Jarrod Wheatley is creating positive change and is the Armidale region's Australia Day Ambassador for 2023.

Jarrold Wheatley has worked in the social sector since he was 17. He has run a Youth Centre, set up programs for refugees and founded two innovative, not-for-profit organisations, Street Art Murals Australia (SAMA) and Professional Individualised Care (PIC). Jarrod Wheatley is working tirelessly to improve opportunities for those on the margins of our community.

Five years in the making, PIC is an accredited new model of Out-of-Home Care. Before, children who were too traumatised or high-needs for a foster home would generally be placed in an institutionalised group home. Here they would be cared for by shift workers.

Instead PIC places one child in the home of a Professional Therapeutic Carer, who can provide a therapeutic intervention and real relationships. This is both improving the lives of young people and changing how trauma-informed our sector is.

Through SAMA Jarrod used street art as vehicle for social inclusion and urban beautification, breaking the negative cycle of



criminalisation and alienation by commissioning murals and workshops. Street artists have now painted more than 360 murals all over the country, for clients such as Pfizer and Lend Lease.

Guyra Australia Day Awards Dinner will be held at the Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club from 6.30pm. **Tickets can be purchased from The Gala Centre until 23 January.**

A healthy list of nominations was received for this year's Guyra awards.

Ben Lomond Memorial Hall will host an Australia Day Breakfast from 7am and a flag raising ceremony will be held at Guyra's Rotary Park at 9.30am.

Jarrold Wheatley will participate in each of the events and everyone is invited to attend.



Chill-out at the Guyra Pool

Guyra Swimming Pool is a popular place to be these school holidays! With the 25 metre solar heated pool and toddler pool, it is a great activity for the whole family.

Remember to book in if you're having a pool party by calling the manager, Randy Mulligan at the pool on 6779 1335.

Opening hours:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 6.30am - 8am & 10am - 6pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 10am - 6pm

Weekends & Public Holidays: 10.30am - 5.30pm

PUBLIC NOTICE - Wednesday 18 January 2023

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Vets Golf

Last Tuesday the 10th we had twelve players play a stableford event. Paul Redden was really on fire and won with 40 points with the runner up five shots back on 35, and this was Don Campbell who snuck in on a count back from Pat Grills.

Mick Jackson was our best putter and the only nearest the pins won were by John Cumming and Phil Devlin on the 9th. Golf next Tuesday the 24th is again an individual stableford plus putts.

Our first pennants event this year is in Uralla and that is on Thursday the 9th February. It would be great to get good representation for this. Please get your name in to Wal as soon as you can.

Drake.

Mid week golf

Welcome to 2023 Midweek competition. The competition runs from 16th January to Sunday March 5th 2023.

Great to see the regulars and the new players including the juniors, setting a record and starting the year with 12 teams.

Reminder that it is a 9 hole stableford competition. Hit off the yellow markers.

Score cards to be collected from the bar when you pay your green fees and ask the bar person to give you your handicap.

Please check your handicap be-

fore you play each week. Rule sheets available at the club.

For the new players not sure how to score, we need you to put team name, your name and how many shots for each hole on the card.

Cards to be put in box at club by 5pm Sunday. Happy Golfing.

Middy

Cricket

1st grade T20

Round 3 Hillgrove Colts 8/89 (Jake Ellis 3/17, Heath Dowsett 2/15) defeated by Guyra 6/148. (Billy Youman 65, Ben Jackson 23)

Round 4 Guyra 7/115 (Michael Purvis 24, Demille Landsborough 32 n/o) defeated by City/UNE 6/147 (Jake Ellis 2/19, Heath Dowsett 3/30)

2nd Grade T20

Round 3 Guyra 0/135 (Peter Collins 63 n/o, Braydon Cameron 51 n/o) defeated City UNE 4/133 (Cooper Collins 1/16, Andrew Pearson 1/31)

Round 4 Walcha/Uralla 5/171 (Ossie Kinnear 2/47, Tom Chard 2/40) defeated Guyra 9/87 (Ossie Kinnear 30, Jason Varcoe 24)

3rd Grade T20

Round 3 Guyra 2/70 (Jack Lockyer 28 n/o, Adrian Cameron 21 n/o) defeated City UNE 3/64 (Toma Chard 1/8, Tom Lockyer 1/7, Tim Foster 1/22)

Round 4 Guyra 8/111 (Harry Purvis 61, Brendan Landsborough 20) defeated by Hillgrove Colts 5/140 (Simon Brown 2/11)

Increased grass fire danger for New England District

The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) is warning residents of an increased risk of grass fires across the New England District over the coming months as the weather warms up.

NSW RFS Superintendent Paul Metcalfe said that two years of wet weather has led to prolific vegetation growth across NSW, with the State now facing its most significant grass fire threat in more than a decade.

“It can take just a few days of hot, dry and windy weather for grasslands to cure and for fires to take hold, even in areas which have experienced recent heavy rains and flooding.

“Grass fires can start easily and spread rapidly, threatening homes, crops and livelihoods.

“I urge New England District landholders to be aware of this increased threat and to prepare.

“Every landholder should have firefighting equipment on hand and ensure that it is in good working order.”

“All New England residents should also update and discuss their Bush Fire Survival Plan and know what they and their family will do if a fire threatens,” Superintendent Metcalfe said.

The top five actions landholders can take to make their property safer are:

› Clear and maintain firebreaks – they can help prevent a fire spreading to or from your property.

› Clear around assets and buildings – to help protect sheds and valuable equipment.

› Rotate stock – to help reduce the risk and ensure paddocks are well-grazed.

› Check for restrictions before using fire – permits are required during the Bush Fire Danger Period. Always check the conditions before using fire. On total fire ban days, all permits are suspended.

› Check and maintain equipment – a build up of debris can cause a fire, destroying equipment and crops.

› Have firefighting equipment handy – maintain hoses and water pumps, and check your water supply.

Residents should download the Fires Near Me NSW app and set a Watch Zone to monitor fires in their area.

For information about preparing for grass fires, check www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/grass or visit www.myfireplan.com.au.

To check the Fire Danger Ratings for your area, visit www.rfs.nsw.gov.au or check the Fires Near Me NSW smartphone app.

Rural Market Reports

Guyra Sheep and Lamb Sale

January 4th - There was a yarding of 2670 lambs and 1560 sheep. The offering consisted mostly good quality young lambs showing varying degrees of finish. There were some very good Merinos and a few heavy weight old lambs. The usual processors were operating along with limited restocker activity on the plainer condition lines.

Comparing the market to pre christmas levels the better quality young lambs to restockers showed little change. The plainer lines sold to a cheaper trend. Lightweight young lambs

to the trade sold on a firm to cheaper trend. Well finished young lambs to the trade sold to cheaper trends with the exception being the heaviest lots they saw little change.

The best of the Merino lambs carried more weight than was evident prior to Christmas and sold accordingly. Light and medium weight sheep made up the bulk of the offering with a few heavyweights. The very plain condition lightweight sheep sold to cheaper trends. The better conditioned 2 and 3 scores sold to a slightly dearer trend with some of the improvement attributable to skin values.

Weekly Wool Sales

January 13th - Wool sales commenced this week after the annual three week Christmas recess. For the seventh season in a row the first sale in the New Year proved to be a positive one even with a large national offering of over 50,000 bales rostered for sale.

A sale of this magnitude coming off a recess could have been cause for concern pre-sale, however this concern was unfounded as Chinese interests continued their strong push with fresh orders and their willingness to re-build their stock levels after the relaxation of the Zero Covid Policy in late November.

Strong gains were seen across most types, particularly those with better specs. Competition in the sale room was widespread with no individual buyer able to dominate.

All major players were pushing to fill orders and enquiry coming from overseas continued throughout the week. The few weak spots in the market were in the poorer prepared, lower spec types which continue to suffer. This again highlighted buyers focus on selecting wools that provide them with the most confidence in processing. A similar quantity is up for sale next week and the strong opening to the year should continue.

Who will be our 2023 Citizen of the Year?



Peter King

Peter is President of the Guyra Lions Club. He is also a volunteer driver for Armidale Regional Council and goes above and beyond his general duties. As an example he took several of our aged-care clients to vote on the weekend when our office was closed. He helps to mow lawns without payment and helps the Guyra community no matter what day it may be.



Beth White

I would like to nominate Beth White for her enormous contribution to the communities of Guyra and Ben Lomond, based on the following:

- * Chairperson of the Ben Lomond Landcare group
- * Board member of Rural Lands Protection Board
- * Member of Ben Lomond War Memorial Trust
- * Editor of 'Altitude Living'
- * P & C member Ben Lomond Public School
- * Volunteer at 'ADRA' Op Shop Guyra
- * Secretary of R.E.D.D. New England
- * Community member Presbyterian Church

A tireless worker for our community!

Gwyneth Pearson

Gwyn has been a key member of the Guyra Show Society and the Guyra community for many years. Starting with involvement at Bald Blair School, then Guyra Central School and the school P & C Association. Gwyn has helped with junior and senior cricket, rural fire service, and Lamb and Potato Festival for a lot of years. Helping with fundraising, canteen, cooking and in many other areas.

Gwyn is the Head Steward for the School Arts & Crafts section of the Show and has held this position for a number of years. With the high volume of entries from the schools, it is a big job for her

Donna Davidson

Donna has always been a positive force for Guyra. She organised the Lane Pittman concert for the community, which was held at the Guyra Showground. She maintains gardens and lawns in the town. She is head of the Guyra and Community Progress Association and has a good working relationship with Armidale Regional Council.

Donna has worked for Pony Camp and the Show Society and Campdraft for many years. She has great organisational skills. Over the years Donna has been the instigator for fundraising for the local schools, organising gardens for display.

Paul Kliendienst

Paul moved to NSW 22 years ago and has volunteered on the community bus for 19 years. He knitted and crocheted rugs for families and if he knew of someone having a baby, would crochet rug for them. He would do all this at his own expense.

He is a volunteer helping with welcoming at morning tea at the Church, meals on wheels and driver reviver in NSW. He has worked at the Lamb & Potato Festival, helped at home support balls and worked at Church fetes for a number of years.

Paul lived in Queensland for 30



and her helpers to set up the school display. This is done before any of the other displays. When you need a helping hand then you ask someone who is busy and this can be said of Gwyn who is always willing to lend a hand.



Donna was the driver to get murals on the toilet block in the main street and we all know how sensational that display is. She has worked very successfully on many committees over the years and is certainly is a worthy candidate.



years and has done meals on wheels for three years and worked at driver reviver in Qld. He cared for his mother as she was sick for a long time.



Kim Shone

Kim has been a volunteer with Guyra Home Support Services (HSS) for four years now. She is our bus driver, and delivers clients to HSS day centre every Wednesday and drives our clients to medical trips as far away as Brisbane and Sydney. She also runs the bus Tuesday's and Thursday's for shopping access and social support for our clients. She also drives our bus to Armidale every Friday for shopping and medical access.



Dr Thampapillai Jeyakumar

Dr Jey is a tireless worker for the community. He is dedicated to his patients and often works 24/7. He not only consults with patients at the Medical Centre but also sees outpatients and inpatients at Guyra MPS as well as Kolora.

During the peak of COVID 19 Dr Jey not only vaccinated the Guyra community, but hundreds of patients from Glen Innes, Inverell and Armidale in an effort to protect the New England from the pandemic.

Dr Jey is a model citizen, every day of the year.



Classifieds Trades & Services

GARAGE SALE

CWA will hold a garage sale on Saturday, 21st January at the Uniting Church Hall from 10am-4pm.

POULTRY FOR SALE

LAYER PULLETS, 20 weeks, all breeds, delivered to Guyra on Friday, 17th February. Call Jim 0428 194 105

MEETINGS

MEN'S GOLF MEETING Sunday, 5th February, 10am at the Bowling Club to decide the future of men's golf in Guyra.

GUYRA SHOW SOCIETY meeting 7pm on Wednesday 1st February at Guyra Show ground.

RAFFLE RESULTS

GUYRA ROTARY CLUB Barrow raffle was won by Dennis Saunders. Thanks to all for your support.

SHOW SCHEDULES

GUYRA SHOW SCHEDULES available at the GALA Centre, 136 Bradley Street, Guyra. Don't forget to pay your Guyra Show Society Membership.

PUBLIC NOTICES

GUYRA ART EXHIBITION 13th-22nd January @ GALA Centre. Open daily 10am-4pm.

GUYRA HISTORICAL MUSEUM is open Saturday & Sunday, 21st & 22nd January 10am-2pm. Tours available on request. Call 6779 2132 during business hours.

FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry at The Chapel
66 Llangothlin Street, Guyra
OPEN EVERY FRIDAY
9am - 12pm.

Contact: 0455 232 073

MEN'S SHED

Guyra Men's Shed
is looking for new members
Our shed is open on
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
8.30am - 12.30pm.
\$20 joining fee.
Call John:
0448 992 547

THANK YOU

to Dasha, Tania and the boys for helping to install our water tanks.

BLUEBERRIES

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\$20 kg

Bring cash and a container

Open from 1st January

Contact: Bonnie & Greg

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RAM SALES



WYCOMBE ANNUAL ON PROPERTY RAM SALE

39th ANNUAL RAM & 1st X EWE SALE

TUESDAY, 14 February 2023

80 POLL DORSET RAMS

30 BORDER LEICESTER RAMS

150 1st X EWES - 2021 DROP

Inspections from 12.00pm

Auction from 2.00pm

Contact the selling Agents:

ARMITAGE & BUCKLEY

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Luke Heagney - 0459 044 447

Tom Piddington - 0429 525 797

Vendor: Andrew Coddington

0421 860 066

CLAIM THE DATE

FRI, 13th - SUN, 22nd JANUARY:

Art Exhibition at the GALA Centre, 136 Bradley Street. Open daily 10am-4pm. For more information contact Anne on 0413 595 353.

FRI, 17th & SAT, 18th FEBRUARY:

115th Annual Guyra Show. Great entertainment for all the family.

CLAIM THE DATE

For your event
or function

Phone: 6779 2132

POSITION VACANT

We are currently offering a position for a keen, enthusiastic person to work on our sheep and cattle farming operation.

Some experience essential. A traineeship will be offered to the right person.

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Successful opening for CWA Art Show



The art show opening was attended by around 50 people. **Top left:** Anne Starr with Chris Hietbrink

Around 50 guests attended the opening night of the annual Guyra Art Exhibition hosted by the CWA Guyra Evening Branch last Thursday. Guests enjoyed some wonderful CWA hospitality, meaning that no one went home hungry! Almost 70 pieces of artwork are on display from the surrounding area with some new and returning artists.

The exhibition was officially opened by Armidale Regional Council Mayor Sam Coupland who was amazed at the quality of

the artworks on offer. The exhibition will run alongside the Lamb and Potato Festival and is open daily between 10am and 4pm and the last day will be Sunday 22nd

January.

This is the major fundraising event for the CWA Guyra Evening Branch and money raised will go towards continuing

the wonderful work that the CWA does in our community and across the state.



Above: Donna Davidson, Sonya & Rodney Wallbridge, Craig Smith, Francene Logan, Naomi Neuendorf and Matthew Collins

Below: Stephen and Sharyn Holt with Eileen Mitchell and Emmi Forge from Armidale CWA



Guyra Art Exhibition

13th to 22nd January 2023

@ the GALA Centre

136 Bradley Street (next to Spar Supermarket)



Exhibition Open Daily

10am to 4pm

Local and Visiting Artists

Painting ~ Sculpture ~ Photography



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

Back in training for league to return

It's a new year and Guyra is getting closer to a return to senior rugby league.

Training continues for the Super Spuds tomorrow (Thursday) from 6.30pm at the New Red Hill after a good turn-out last week.

Hot weather didn't stop more than 30 players attending the first week of training under coaches Jayden French (men), Peter Pres-

nell (women) and Jason Campbell (U18s).

The U18s train from 6pm each Tuesday while the open men and women's leaguetag squads train at 6.30 Tuesdays and Thursdays.

More players are needed for all teams.

The next committee meeting is tonight (Wednesday) from 6.30pm at the Guyra Bowling and Recre-

ation Club.

The bowling club has signed on as major sponsor for 2023.

Any other business who would like to appear on uniforms this year should contact the club as soon as possible.

See the club Facebook page later this week for uniform designs.



Moray Merinos

On property ram sale
Tuesday
January 24th

Inspection 10am

Sale 11.30am

95% of 2022 Rams Sold all to repeat buyers

Sydney Show results 2022

- Most Successful Exhibitor Unhoused & Unrugged Exhibitor
- Champion Merino Ram Top Making Fleece Type
- Champion Merino Ewe Top Making Fleece Type

Contact details:

James Stewart 6779 4215

Todd Clark 0428 248 427

Graham Andrews 0400 342 227

Coin toss honour



Last week Isabella Purvis travelled to Sydney to compete at the City vs Country Tennis Championships held at Sydney Olympic Park Tennis Centre.

As part of the championships Isabella was given tickets to watch the United Cup City Final match between the USA and Great Britain

and to her surprise she was also chosen to toss the coin for the men's singles match between Taylor Fritz and Cameron Norrie.

Isabella was also given a behind the scenes tour of Ken Rosewall Arena and the tennis centre. This was an amazing experience for Isabella.

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