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Big weekend brings festival to a close



A colourful display in Bradley St with 120 vehicles entered in the Show and Shine

Guyra and District Automotive Club had a very successful day on Saturday with over 120 vehicles taking part in the Show and Shine event which was held as part of the 2023 Lamb and Potato Festival.

There was a huge variety of vehicles including cars, bikes, and

trucks, which lined both sides of Bradley Street. The event attracted a large crowd from across the region on what was a perfect day with lots of sunshine. They were able to view the vehicles, chat to the owners and reminisce about all things mechanical.

Clubs travelled from far and

wide to attend including Armidale, Tingha, Tamworth, Barraba, Uralla, Glen Innes, Gilgai, Old Mill, Inverell, Warialda, Kentucky, Walcha, Grafton, Yamba, Maclean, Bingara, Werris Creek, Stanthorpe Qld, Coutts Crossing, Tyndale, Wooleweyah, Ulmarra, Koolkhan and Clarenza.

The Guyra Antique Machinery Rally and swap meet was also held at the weekend. Held over two days, in conjunction with the Lamb and Potato Festival, the rally attracts enthusiasts from across NSW and Queensland.

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Dasha's Australia Day Trading

Thursday	26 th January	CLOSED
Friday	27 th January	7.00am - 5.30pm
Saturday	28th January	7.00am - 12.00noon

Winners of our Xmas Giveaway prizes:

- 1st Prize: Bradley Looker
- 2nd Prize: Graeme Donnelly
- 3rd Prize: Geoffrey Dowden
- 4th Prize: Adam Jenkyn

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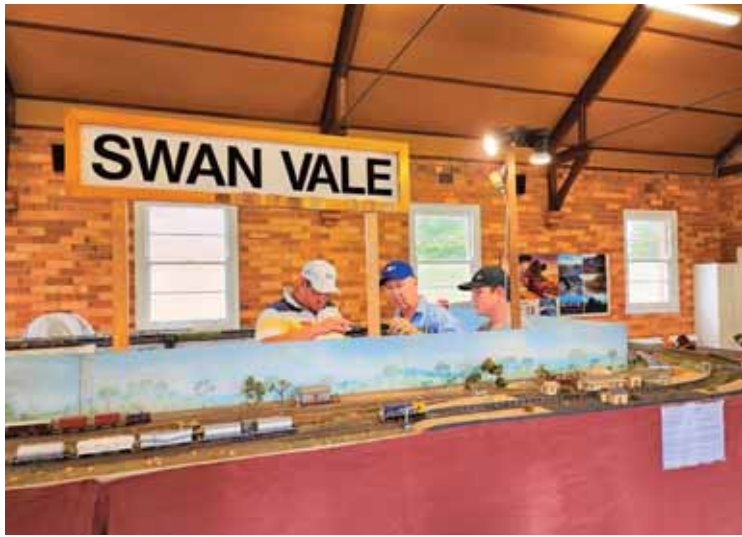
as well as our huge new back to school stationary range!

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Model Trains (left) and Antique Machinery (right) were popular attractions on the last weekend of the festival

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President of the Guyra Historical Society Machinery group Gary Skinner said the rally was a great success. Fine weather on Saturday attracted large crowds, however Sunday was not so great due to the rain and cool weather.

Exhibitors travelled from as far afield as Canberra in the south and Warwick in the north. Many were returning visitors who enjoy the cool shade of the trees on the highway where the rally is held.

The machinery group have a permanent display of antique machinery in Guyra at the Railway Museum, which is open by request. Enquiries and visits can be arranged by contacting Gary on 0439 920 249. They are always on the lookout for new members

and if you are interested in old machinery give Gary a call to get involved.

The New England Model Railway Club had a successful weekend at this year's Lamb and Potato Festival. Members from Narrabri, Moree, Inverell, Armidale and Guyra came together to display "Swanvale" and "Thomas the Tank Engine" layouts. Harris Dullaway also displayed his Lego train collection combined with a "Star Wars" theme this year. It was wonderful to be back this year and the Club would like to thank the Presbyterian Church for the use of the hall. It is great to be located so close to the main action of the festival. We are all looking forward to a bigger and better festival in 2024.

2023 Dance Classes



Enrolment Day: Thursday, 2nd February
Guyra Community Hall, 3.30pm-4.30pm

Classes Commence: Thursday, 9th February

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

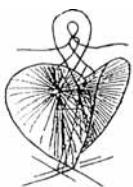
Other specialty classes include:

Performance classes, Private lessons,
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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 CLOSED on Australia Day

Thursday	26 January	Closed
Friday	27 January	7.00am - 6.30pm
Sat. & Sun.	28-29 January	8.00am - 1.00pm

Wishing everyone a Happy Australia Day!

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Vale Brian Irving - 'a true gentleman'

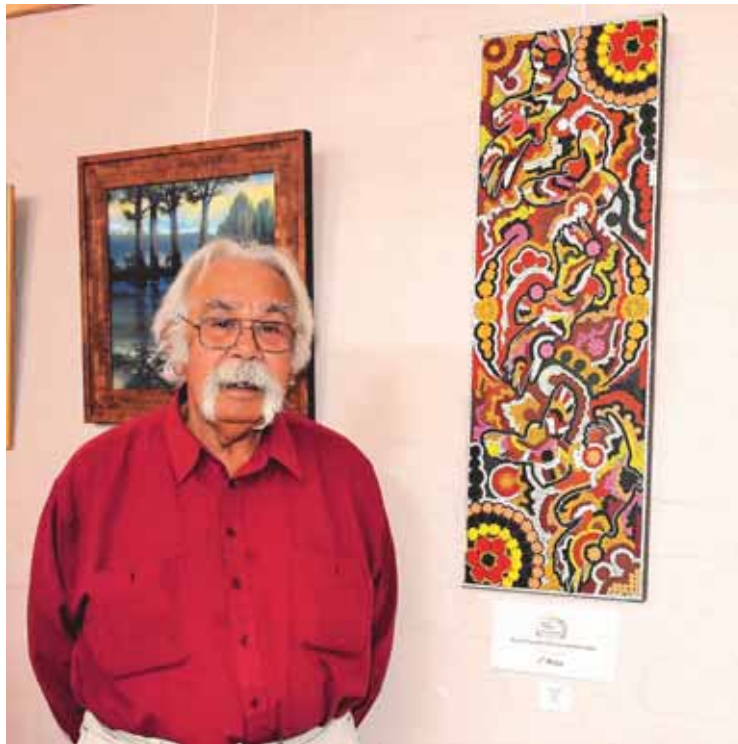
The Guyra community lost a local legend last month with the passing of Brian Irving at the age of 78. Brian is being remembered as a 'true gentleman' whose quiet nature and passion for art endeared him to all in the community.

Brian passed away on December 16th from a heart condition and was farewelled by a large cross section of the community along with his family and friends last week. His legacy will live on through his artworks, which adorn homes and businesses across the region and further afield.

Brian was born in Grafton and moved to Guyra at a young age. He attended school in Guyra where his love of painting began. In his younger years he played football for Guyra and worked at the Guyra sawmill, Hillgrove mines and at the Guyra Abattoir.

It was not until 1995 that he got serious about his art and had his first major success in 2001 winning the Inverell Art Prize. This success fuelled the flame and desire to compete and he became a regular exhibitor in art competitions.

Brian held his first exhibition at New England Regional Art Museum in 2004. He continued going to art shows and won many acco-



Local artist Brian Irving passed away on December 16th, 2022

lades for his work including being a four time finalist in the Country Energy Art Prize, the Nambucca Valley Art & Craft Show, the 'Brush with Verse' prize at Tenterfield, the Stanthorpe Art Prize and was accepted into the Eutick Memorial Still Life Award in Coff's Harbour.

Perhaps his biggest honour was

winning the Parliament of NSW Indigenous Art Prize in 2005.

Brian also gave back to the community in many ways and was awarded the Guyra Citizen of the Year award in 2002 and regularly worked with local schoolchildren to introduce art into their lives.

Over a thirty-year period, Jan Day travelled with Brian exten-

sively as his 'second driver', attending exhibitions.

Jan described Brian as a 'warm caring family man who loved to paint and loved his family and friends.' She also said he was 'generous to a fault', donating his time and artworks as gifts to friends, businesses and charities, and 'never said no to any request'.

Brian worked closely over recent years with fellow artist Kay Smith, including on the Volunteer Park murals, which were among some of Brian's last works.

Kay said that above all Brian had a great love for the town and the people in it.

"Brian painted from the heart and there will never be anyone like him again," Kay said. "He has left such a legacy for this town and I am proud to have shared some of his journey."

Above all Brian was very proud of all his nieces and nephews and loved to tell you of their achievements. His funeral was attended by a wide cross section of the community including every member of a family who were childhood neighbours of the Irving family – a true acknowledgement of the respect in which he was held.

Back to school vouchers

Families with school children can apply for three \$50 vouchers per student to spend on uniforms, shoes, bags, textbooks and stationery as part of the Premier's Back to School NSW Vouchers program.

Every primary and secondary school student in NSW is eligible for three \$50 vouchers, totalling \$150, to help pay for school supplies. Parents and carers can apply for the three \$50 vouchers for each eligible student in their family online at Service NSW or in person at a Service NSW Centre.

To be eligible, your child must be a NSW resident and enrolled to attend school in 2023. Only one application can be made for each student. The vouchers can be used towards the cost of shoes, bags, technology, stationary, school uniforms and

other school expenses.

To embrace the NSW governments back to school vouchers Kirk's IGA has stocked over 200 new lines in their school and stationary area. Kirks IGA manager Harry Kirk is urging locals not to miss out and to check the Service NSW website or app for details.

"Vouchers can be redeemed in-store on any back to school items including lunchboxes, drinks bottles, packaged socks, hats, undies, and plastic tubs as well as our huge new back to school stationary range!" Harry said.

"We want to make sure that locals aren't missing out and to make the most of our new range!"

The vouchers are valid for use from now until 30th June (end of Term 2).

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.

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What's HOT

Local craft & cooking a hit with visitors

Community coming together when tough things happen

The new Guyra Book. Get your copy at GALA.

Back to school next week.

Community Grants from Costa

Enter your photos in the Guyra Show

What's NOT

Dumping your rubbish at Vinnies. Just STOP IT

QUOTE of the week

Brian painted from the heart and there will never be anyone like him again.

Bureau of Meteorology Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
17	Tues	10.4	22.8	0
18	Wed	9.9	27.3	0
19	Thurs	12.4	26.0	0
20	Fri	10.5	19.4	0
21	Sat	9.5	23.3	0
22	Sun	10.2	17.2	0
23	Mon	11.4	24.5	7.6

Rain this week	7.6mm
January rainfall	69.4mm
Rainfall YTD	69.4mm
Rainfall last YTD	104.4mm
Ave. rain to Jan.	118.4mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology



Robin Godlonton, Glenda Soraghan, Sharyn Holt, Vicki Bell and Lorraine Clarke

A wonderful display of local crafts by talented local ladies was one of the highlights of the Lamb & Potato Festival. The display, showcasing needlework, knitting, crochet, sewing, hand crafted cards, hand turned pens and cooking, was held in the Anglican Church Hall.

Robin Godlonton said it was a pleasure to share their work with so many travellers over the 12 days of the festival.

“It was fantastic especially the weekends, lots of friendly people all very positive about the festival

and how delicious the lamb was,” Robin said. “We all had a good time and having the new Guyra information booklet out was great as we became the information centre encouraging all visitors to explore the local treasures as well as the Lamb and Potato festival program.

“The only thing missing was the big “I” (information) sign outside!!!! We encouraged many visitors to see our lovely artwork on the toilet block next to the Post Office.

“As a group we enjoyed being

together, a big thank you to our group for setting up signs on the highway and Ollera street every morning and bringing them down each afternoon, taking it in turn to bring morning tea, which was yummy too.

“Thank you to everyone that helped with the pack up and cleaning the hall on Sunday afternoon, many hands makes light work. The Local Craft Group would like to thank the Anglican Church for letting us hire the Hall for the 12 days, much appreciated.”

Have your say.....

Mystery solved

I am a local writer of New England and whilst doing research this week I discovered the solution to a mystery.

I asked at Furracabad Cattle Station where the strange name of the area originated. I was told, “Furracabad is named after a battle, but we don’t know which one.”

The Solution to the mystery is: Furracabad Station is named after the Battle of Furracabad (14 November 1804).

Some Reasons I believe it was named this are:

* There are other locations nearby also named after famous battles e.g. Waterloo Station named in the late 1830’s after the Battle of Waterloo (1815).

* Furracabad Station was first gazetted in 1839 so this famous battle of 1804 would be fresh in people’s remembrance.

* Colonial India and Colonial Australia were very close and many families in Australia had family members living in India.

* The British Empire’s stories and its famous battles held a prominent place in popular culture of the day.

* This Famous Battle was very significant to the Empire as it established British rule and trade over that region of Northern India with a major defeat of the local Indian Princes.

* The geography, and perhaps even the personality of New England is very similar to that part of India; I have been there and am

familiar with its geography, culture and language.

The Furracabad area was to undergo a name change to become the seat of Colonial government as Glen Innes in the 1840’s.

There’s a lot more to this story, it is truly a piece of very interesting Colonial history.

Peter Long

Have your say

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Volunteers left to clean up the mess - again

Vinnies volunteers have once again been left to clean up a mess after a large load of household and personal items were dumped outside the Guyra store. Among the load dropped off this time were three lounge suites in varying states of repair, clothing, children's toys and books. It is disappointing for volunteers, and also adds an extra cost burden with Vinnies having to pay for the removal and disposal of the items.

Vinnies welcome donations of good quality, pre-loved items. 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. The Guyra Vinnies Shop does not accept furniture and electrical items because of space limitations,

FOOTNOTE: The Vinnies volunteers would like to thank the



local Ambos who came with utes to take the rubbish to the dump. A special thank you to Chris for organising the help.



Expression of Interest

School Administration Officer - Casual 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 312 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.

A vacancy exists for a casual School Administration Officer (SAO) at Guyra Central School for 2023. The position will be spontaneous days of employment throughout the 2023 school year. School Administration Officers are responsible for providing support in school routines and administrative matters. As a School Administration Officer, the successful applicant will be required to perform all administrative duties and provide support to the principal and teaching staff to enhance efficient school operations.

Essential Criteria

- 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 Administration Officer role.

Selection Criteria

- Demonstrated ability to undertake responsibilities including use of computerised administrative systems.
- Effective oral and written communication skills.
- Demonstrated capacity to exercise initiative, organise resources and meet deadlines.

For further information or to obtain an Expression of Interest Information Package & Selection Criteria 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 to **michelle.nicholson1@det.nsw.edu.au** by close of business **Wednesday 1st February 2023.**



Expression of Interest

School Learning and Support Officer/s Team Guyra Central School

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A vacancy exists to be a part of the School Learning and Support Officer/s (SLSO/s) team for K-12 at Guyra Central School for Term 1, 2023. The position will be located at: Guyra Central School, 27 Marnie Street, Guyra NSW 2365 and may be extended beyond Term 1.

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

- Working with Children Check Clearance.
- 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 or to obtain an **Expression of Interest Information Package & Selection Criteria**, contact Michelle Nicholson, Principal on (02) 6779 0844 or **michelle.nicholson1@det.nsw.edu.au**

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Community Noticeboard

Meals on Wheels

January 26 Sue Adams
 January 27 Steve Adams
 January 30 Toni Kirkman
 January 31 Narelle Leven
 February 1 Wendy Lockyer

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

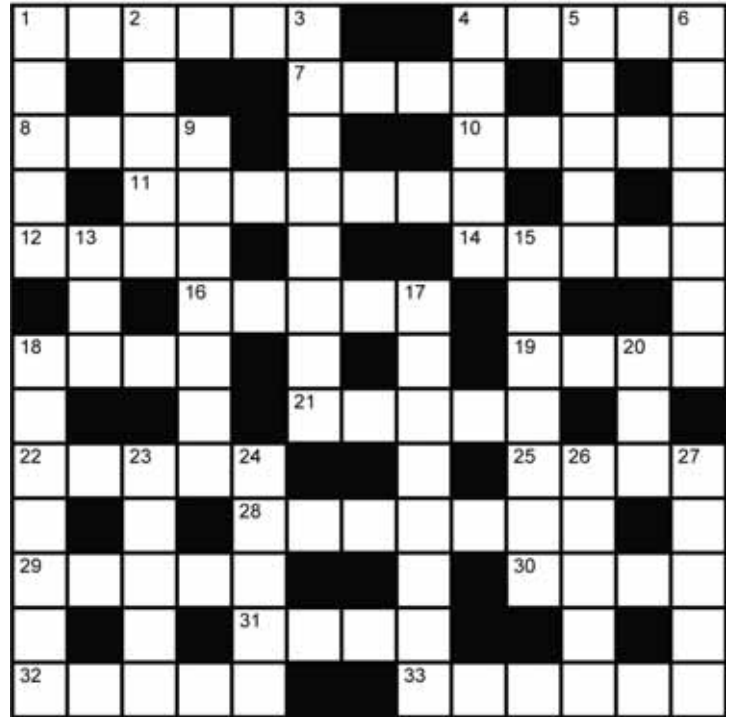
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4. Card game (5)
7. Farmland unit (4)
8. Foray (4)
10. Accumulate (5)
11. Double-crosser (7)
12. Resound (4)
14. Abandon (5)
16. Expend (3,2)
18. Branchlet (4)
19. Roof space (4)
21. Ayrton _____, Grand Prix driver (5)
22. Dried flour paste (5)
25. Cheers actress, Perlman (4)
28. Cars of 1919-1930 (7)
29. Fruit (5)
30. Compass point (4)
31. Wreck (4)
32. Brewing ingredient (5)
33. Tie up (6)

DOWN

1. Mournful tune (5)
2. Citizen TV sitcom (5)
3. Sloth (8)
4. Sea-gem (5)
5. Australian marsupial (5)
6. Admiration (7)
9. Lack of rain (7)
13. Female elephant (3)
15. Magnify (7)

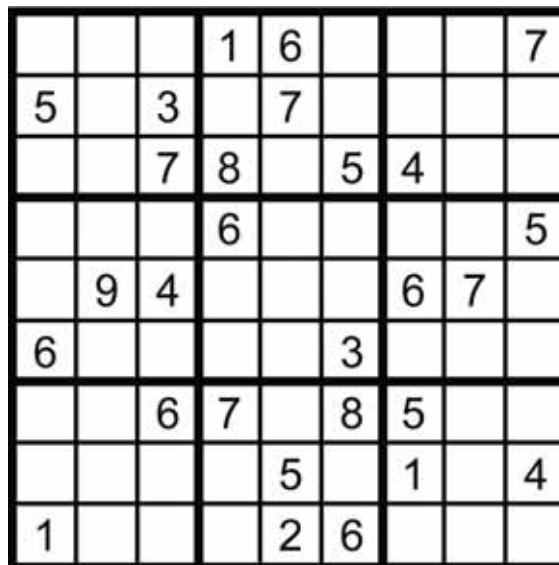
QUICK CROSSWORD



17. Contrite (8)
18. Ornamental shrub-clipping (7)
20. Charge (3)
23. Brown pigment (5)
24. Stave off (5)
26. Former Tory PM (5)
27. Tall perennial plant (5)

Across: 1. Dismal, 4. Poker, 7. Acre, 8. Raid, 10. Amass, 11. Trait, 12. Echo, 14. Leave, 16. Use up, 18. Twig, 19. Loft, 21. Senna, 22. Pasta, 25. Rhea, 28. Vintage, 29. Apple, 30. East, 31. Ruin, 32. Yeast, 33. Tether.
Down: 1. Diver, 2. Smith, 3. Laziness, 4. Pearl, 5. Koala, 6. Respect, 9. Drought, 13. Cow, 15. Enlarge, 17. Pentent, 18. Topiary, 20. Fee, 23. Septa, 24. Avert, 26. Health, 27. Aster.

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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

- Get Carter
- The Pale Blue Eyes
- Red 2
- Let it snow
- Furiosa
- Dog Gone
- Cleanskin

Netflix Series

- Ginny & Georgia
- Extraordinary Attorney Woo

SBS On Demand

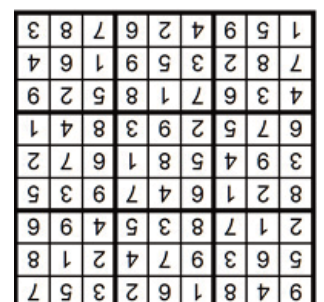
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Keep an eye out for pinkeye in livestock

Given the continuing hot and dry conditions, Local Land Services is reminding producers to keep an eye out for the early signs pinkeye throughout summer.

The bacterial infection is highly contagious in cattle, causing inflammation and sometimes ulceration of the cornea. Sheep and goats also get pinkeye but it is caused by different bacteria and they usually recover quickly.

Local Land Services Business Partner Animal Biosecurity and Welfare Scott Ison said pinkeye is most likely to occur in summer, when conditions are drier and more flies are present.

“Pinkeye is a painful, debili-

tating condition that can severely affect animal productivity and can lead to temporary and permanent blindness,” Dr Ison said.

“The first sign of pinkeye is when the eye starts to weep and as the infection progresses, the membranes of the eye become red and swollen, eventually causing the eye to become cloudy and ulcerated.

“Flies are attracted to the watery eyes, feeding on the infected secretions and then they move from animal to animal, which can spread the disease very quickly through the herd.

“When identified early, treatment of pinkeye is generally successful and should be started

as early as possible to minimise adverse animal welfare outcomes and limit the spread through the herd.”

Pinkeye treatment can include antibiotics in the eye, injectable anti-inflammatories and sometimes injectable antibiotics, depending on the severity and stage of the infection.

Dr Ison said there are also a number of ways producers can lower the risk of pinkeye in their livestock.

“There are many factors that increase the likelihood of pinkeye, such as microorganisms and eye irritation from dust, thistles, flies and bright sunlight,” Dr Ison said.

“Producers should consider reducing fly numbers, treating cattle with fly repellent pour-on treatments of insecticidal ear tags, controlling thistles and other abrasive grass seeds and minimise yarding during dusty periods.”

A vaccine is available to assist with preventing and minimising the impacts of pinkeye infection in herds but requires 3-6 weeks after use to provide immunity.

To discuss pinkeye prevention, treatment options and vaccination program, contact your local veterinarian.

Rural Market Reports

Guyra Sheep and Lamb Sale

January 18th - Total Yarding: 8640 (+4410) | Sheep Yarding: 1835 (+275) | Lamb Yarding: 6805 (+4135). There was a big increase in lamb numbers with the inclusion of large supplies of lightweight young lambs.

The quality was generally good however varied greatly for weight and condition. The usual processors were in operation and the increased supply of light lambs brought more restocker competition.

Quality improvements and increased competition resulted in dearer trends for the young lambs to restockers with strong gains shown. 3 score trade weight young lambs to process saw little change in trends. The heavier weights to 24kg dressed sold to a slightly cheaper trend.

There was a good supply of heavier weight new season lambs. They were well received by processors and sold strongly however nothing to compare to from the previous sale. With the increased supply of young lambs the older lambs attracted weaker competition and sold to

cheaper trends.

There was an increased supply of sheep. The quality and condition was fair to good with heavy weights in fair supply. There was little restocker competition and weaker demand from processors. This resulted in cheaper trends throughout and significantly so in places.

Armidale Cattle Sale

January 19th - Total Yarding: 700 (+155). The first sale since early December saw a total of 700 head yarded. There was a good supply of heavyweight grown cattle including cows and bulls while yearlings were well supplied. There were a few early vealers penned.

Overall the quality and condition of the offering was fair to good. There were a few new and returning orders in place alongside the regular buyers. The only local market comparison available is from over a month ago. Restocker competition on the early vealers was very strong, whilst cheaper than the last sale they compared favourably to New year levels.

The yearlings to restock and

feed sold to cheaper trends than the last sale and considerably so. Once again however the market compared well to others. There were some very good quality well finished heavy grown steers penned. They attracted limited processor competition.

The well finished grown heifers attracted a little more processor competition with the best showing little change since the last sale.

There was strong restocker competition on the plainer conditioned lightweights. Extra competition on cows saw the market hold up reasonably well to show only a slightly cheaper trend. A large penning of heavy bulls attracted limited competition despite there being several processors operating.

Weekly Wool Sales

January 20th - Another large offering this week with over 47,000 bales up for sale. The market again performed strongly with energetic bidding in the saleroom. After the positive lead in from last week, price gains for higher quality and better prepared lots were in some

cases extreme whilst poorer quality and lower spec types consolidated.

There is now quite a large price gap between the two. From the opening of the sale, buyers had a focus on securing lots 18 micron and finer. The quality of the selection of these types is generally good at present, albeit there is a lack of traditional spinners types currently in the market.

This did not dent the enthusiasm of Italian interests who were again active. China led the charge, continuing to show positive signs in their recovery after Covid lockdowns. Inflationary pressures around the world continue to impact consumer confidence and spending.

The finer end of our market can be somewhat less impacted by events like this. The majority of our better fine wools end up in higher price garments where the target consumer is less likely to feel the pinch during tough financial times. A slightly smaller offering next week. I suspect the market will remain positive and reward quality.

Golden Mother of Ducks Party



Aerial view of Mother of Ducks Lagoon

Come and celebrate Mother of Ducks Nature Reserve's 50th birthday with some talking and twitching at Guyra's incredibly important wetlands.

National Parks and Wildlife Service's (NPWS) Acting Area Manager Trent Bull said everyone is welcome to the golden anniversary of the Reserve, Sunday 5 February 2023.

"Not only will this party bring the community together to celebrate this local landmark, we are also excited to show budding twitchers the extraordinary birdlife

at the lagoon," Mr Bull said.

"The area is a breeding place for several freshwater wetland bird species and a resting place for numerous migratory birds.

"Over the last 50 years we have recorded 18 threatened or significant bird species here, including the Australian Painted Snipe, Australasian Bittern, Curlew Sandpiper and Little Eagle.

The 50th Anniversary of the Mother of Ducks Nature Reserve coincides with World Wetlands Day celebrations, a day marked around the world to increase peo-

ple's understanding of these critically important ecosystems.

"We'll also have two tours running from 11.30-12.30pm, one led by a local Anaiwan man who will talk about the significance of this cultural landscape for the Anaiwan and Banbai Custodians," Mr Bull said.

"The other tour will be taken by a NPWS Ranger for those wanting to learn more about the ecology, fauna and flora of the lagoon.

"Come and enjoy a barbecue lunch and a slice of cake while learning about the importance of

this incredible lagoon and wetland system," Mr Bull said.

The Golden Anniversary of the Mother of Ducks Nature Reserve is on Sunday 5 February, from 10.30am to 2pm. A light BBQ lunch and refreshments will be provided at the picnic area along McKie Drive, on the western side of the Guyra township.

RSVP is not required, but for more information call the NPWS Armidale area office on 02 6738 910.

Teenagers arrested after joyride to the coast

Four teenagers have been arrested after allegedly stealing a car and taking it on a joyride before police intercepted it almost 200km away.

The teen boys - aged between 14 and 17 were arrested in a foot chase by police in Coffs Harbour. The Nissan X-Trail car was reported stolen from a Prisk Street home in Guyra, and police were notified.

A state-wide alert was then put on the COPS system for the stolen car before highway patrol officers spotted the stolen vehicle in Boronia Street Sawtell.

Officers then followed the car and called for back up before they tried to pull the car over in Thompsons Road in Coffs Harbour. Police allege the four boys

then fled the car. Officers gave chase, and after a foot pursuit, all four were arrested and taken into custody.

A NSW Police spokesperson confirmed a 14-year-old boy from Armidale, along with a 16-year-old and 17-year-old from Armidale, as well as a 17-year-old from Tingha were questioned in relation to the break-and-enter, the stolen car, and riding in a stolen car.

The four were subsequently dealt with under the Young Offender's Act for various offences. Police investigations revealed the car was stolen after offenders broke into the Guyra home through a glass sliding door and stole the keys to the X-Trail from inside.



Pig owners – learn how to make salami!

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- keeping pigs and key regulations you need to know
- managing the risk of exotic diseases
- what should and shouldn't be fed to pigs
- requirements for selling and buying pigs.

All workshops are held in a commercial grade kitchen. Registration is essential:

- Walcha Showground - 09/02/23, 10am, Luncheon Booth
- Guyra Showground - 16/2/23, 10am
- Uralla Showground - Thursday - 23/2/23, 10am, Pavilion F

Workshops in Inverell, Ashford, Glen Innes and Tenterfield are to be confirmed. Please express your interest to Rachel Betts.

To register for a workshop please email or phone Biosecurity Officer Rachel Betts:

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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.

TROUTFEST meeting Monday 6th February, Bowling Club, 5pm to discuss date for next festival. Everyone welcome.

GUYRA SHOW PHOTOGRAPHY



PHOTOGRAPHY ENTRIES for this year's Guyra Show must be submitted to The GALA Centre by 4.30pm on Wednesday, 8th February.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Morning Tea at the Museum on Australia Day following the Flag Raising at the Guyra Council Chambers

COURSES

First Aid - Mon, 6th February

Working at Heights Monday, 6th February

Confined Spaces Tuesday, 7th February

RSA - Monday, 13th February

RCG - Tuesday, 14th February

Bookings essential at

New England Community College

(RTO#90145)

136 Bradley Street, Guyra

Phone: 6779 2132

or enrol online:

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RETURN THANKS



from the family of

Lorraine Mary Holmes

2nd December 1934 - 15th November 2022

We thank you for your kindness and support, your messages and prayers, following the loss of our dear Mum.

We would especially like to express our sincere gratitude to the staff and volunteers at Kolora who cared for Mum with love and humour for nearly eight years.

Stephen, Ian, Bronwyn & families.

RAM SALES



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Soccer Club helps one of its own to go to Paris



Adam Brennan, Eli McGinty and Mitchell Hope

Guyra United Soccer Club (GUSC) President Adam Brennan and Junior Convenor Mitchell Hope presented Eli McGinty with a cheque on Monday evening. This money will go towards Eli's trip with Wanderers Australia, playing soccer in London and Paris in late 2023.

Eli will take part in an 18 day tour which departs at the end of November. He will be playing several games in London and then in Paris against teams from other clubs in the areas. He will also have the opportunity to tour behind the scenes of an A league

game and meet and be coached/trained by professional soccer athletes.

Eli began his soccer career with GUSC in 2015 with the Under 6 Lazars and has continued to excel in the local competition, school competitions and with the PSSA North West Squad. GUSC are very proud of Eli's achievements and wish him well with his trip and the upcoming soccer season.

The family have set up a go-fundme page "Eli goes to Paris" to help offset the costs associated with the tour.

Vets Golf

After a very successful day helping out at the Lamb and Potato Festival on Monday the 16th, 17 veterans fronted up on Tuesday the 17th for a stableford event. Vets golf is very much alive and going from strength to strength every week. We welcomed three visitors that joined us on the day and I think all three enjoyed our great little course.

Nancy Prisk hasn't played with us for a while but boy she certainly saved her best for this day. Nancy scored a brilliant 44 points to come in a very comfortable winner. I would be happy with that score in a 4ball. Great stuff Nancy. Chris Newberry is back to his best 39 points would be good enough to win most days but on this occasion he had to settle for runner up.

Five players had 29 putts to share the honours for putting and the nearest the pins went to Wal Chapman 1st time on the 7th and Mick Jackson the 2nd. Just the one on the 9th and this went to Pat Grills.

Next Tuesday is our monthly trophy day with a 4bbb so it would be great to see a big field for this. The first pennants event is in Uralla on Thursday the 9th of February so if you can possible make it please get your name in to Wally.

If you have any ideas or events

that you would like to see added to our golfing calendar to make our days fun please make yourself heard at presentations on any given Tuesday.

See you on the course.

Drake.

Ladies' Golf

Happy New Year to all. Last week the ladies held a Bring a Friend Day. Several visitors came along and enjoyed a game of golf with the ladies. Thank you for the kind donations of gifts that were given to the visitors.

This week is the first Golf NSW Medal Round. Next week is a Par Medal. Jenny Rogers is the starter.

Birdie

Midweek golf

Some good scores recorded for the first week of golf. Cooper Wilson topped the class with 34 points. Congratulations Cooper. There will be a new golf ball at the club for you to collect. So big handicap cut for Cooper next week.

Also scoring well were Nancy Prisk on 25 and Harry Purvis on 25. Scott Mendes had 24 points. Well done to everyone. Almost everyone played.

Run down for the team scores this week: (four best scores recorded and extra points if everyone in the team played):

Full House 85, Pitch Purrfects 84, Baldersleigh Bashers 82, Hillbillies 80, Hole Diggers Finger Flippers 79, I'd Tap That 78, No Shankers 69, Bean Golfin 61, Catch 23 61, Sultans of Swing 58, Shire Sharks 55, Big Nuts 21.

Some big adjustments to some of the handicaps. For the new players with a low score there has been extra points added to your handicap. We are trying to make the competition fair for everyone.

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

Reminder to everyone to put team name and their name on the score card. Just to let you know, when you put the letter of your name and no other identification on the card, it's very, very hard to be a mind reader.

Please check your handicap before you play each week. 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.

We are also running a birdie competition this year. This coincides with the midweek competition. Every birdie recorded goes into a draw at the end of the competition and a winner will be drawn. 13 birdies recorded this week.

Happy Golfing.

Country Champs success



The Newberry family from Guyra have cleaned up at the Country Championships in Dubbo!

10 year old Scarlett won bronze in the under 14 1500m race walk, while Brooke won Gold in the under 18 3000m race walk. Brooke also won gold in under 17 2000m steeplechase.

Mum Mandy won Gold in the 40-49 3000m race walk and Gold in the 40-49 2000m steeplechase.

Top of the Range Fours carnival



Left: Winners B Smith, R Latta, P Taylor and T Burley.
Above: Runners up M Day , N Lyon , M Lacy and L Miner

A successful top of the range fours carnival was played last weekend, with only one team remaining unbeaten. The winners were P Taylor, R Latta, B Smith

and T Burley from Kempsey Bowls club. Runners up were M Day, N Lyon, M Lacy and L Miner from Port Macquarie.

Two games set down for this

weekend are in minor singles Roger Cox will play Robert Walls with Anthony Bull to mark, in handicap singles Mallie Walls will play Colin Stanley with Tim Ellis

to mark. Also on Sunday 5th February at 12 o'clock the Bowls AGM will be held.

Jack



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ARMIDALE & GUYRA 2023 RAM SALES

February

Wednesday 1st <small>(Show on Tuesday)</small>	Armidale Housed Merino Ram Sale	Armidale Showground	Detail in Catalogue
Monday 6th	Alfoxtton Merino Ram Sale	On Property / Auctions Plus	1PM
Tuesday 7th	Lambpro Young Guns Primeline Ram Sale	Auctions Plus	9AM
Friday 10th	Pollambi Performance Proven Ram Sale	On Property / Auctions Plus	2PM
Wednesday 22nd	Palana Poll Dorset Ram Sale	Guyra Showground / Auctions Plus	1.30PM

March

Friday 3rd	Yasloc Poll Dorset & White Suffolk Ram Sale	On Property / Auctions Plus	2PM
Tuesday 7th	Tablelands Dohne Ram Sale	Guyra Showground	1PM

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