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Ride for the Chopper passes through

The 2023 Ride for the Chopper has wrapped up, raising close to \$90,000 for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service (WRHS).

The eight day mountain bike ride started in Woolgoolga on September 15 and stopped in Guyra, Armidale and Walcha before finishing up in Tamworth on Friday, September 22.

Forty riders, their support crew and two NSW Ambulance paramedics took part in the adventure.

Among the riders were Guyra cyclists Leanne Mayled (team captain) David Mills, Michael Kirk, Stuart Hutton, John Newsome, and Wayne Jenkyn. Team member Bill Perrottet was unable to take part due to an injury which he sustained just days before the ride.

It was a fantastic effort from the Guyra riders who have so far raised \$23,000, with money still coming in.

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The Ride for the Chopper stopped in at Elders in Guyra last Tuesday and then called in at Bald Blair School on the way to an overnight stop in Armidale

Farm Fire Units

"Farmers are attracted to common sense solutions and the Farm Fire Unit is one of those."

NSW Farmers President, Xavier Martin

PREPARE ... COMMUNICATE ... INTEGRATE

Understand the new role for Farm Fire Units alongside the RFS team

FREE BBQ at Ben Lomond Fire Station

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Ride for the Chopper passes through (cont.)

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For many of the team it was a very personal experience with family members having made use of the services provided by the WRHS in the past.

They are grateful for the support of the local community who assisted with their fundraising efforts. Major contributions came from local woolgrowers who do-

nated fleeces for the cause, raising \$9400 and a wood raffle which raised what is believed to be a record amount of \$2300.

The team would like to thank the woolgrowers for their support of the wool drive and Elders who auctioned the wool without commission or fees and the Guyra Lions Club for the wood raffle. Also thank you to the many locals

who made cash contributions and businesses that provided sponsorship and donations towards the ride.

It wasn't all hard work with themed ride days, games and activities. They made a stop at Bald Blair Public school on 'TuTu Tuesday', where they talked to the students about bike safety and accepted a donation from the school.

The riders also called in at Black Mountain Railway Station and would like to thank Dennis Wright for allowing them access to the platform. One of the high-

lights for the team was the dress up night, with Team Guyra getting a win for their very convincing portrayal of the Adam's family.

This year marked the 21st anniversary of the ride. Funds raise help to ensure the helicopter is available 24/7, 365 days a year for those in need and that no one has to pay for the service. The WRHS is 70% government funded, with the other 30% of funding coming from community fundraising such as the Ride for the Chopper, as well as sponsorship.

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Team Guyra won the dress up competition as the Adam's Family
Back l to r: Uncle Fester (Michael Kirk), Morticia (Leanne Mayled), Lurch (John Newsome), Gomez (David Mills) **Front:** Pugsley (Wayne Jenkyn) and Wednesday (Donna Babore from Newcastle)



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Costa group agrees to \$1.5 billion takeover

The board of the Costa group, owners of the Guyra tomato farm, has agreed to a \$1.5 billion takeover offer from a consortium headed by private equity firm Paine Schwartz Partners.

Paine, which floated Costa in 2015, acquired a 13.8 per cent stake in Costa last October at \$2.60 a share, and began discussions in April about a takeover offer in the range of \$3.20 to \$3.30 a share. It followed with a non-binding proposal at \$3.50 a share in May that valued Costa at \$1.6 billion.

The Costa board said the certainty of a cash offer in an uncertain operating environment meant the reduced offer of \$3.20 a share was the best outcome for shareholders in the absence of any higher offer.

Paine Schwartz specialises in agribusiness and food chain buy-

outs. The consortium also includes Californian berry group Driscoll's Inc and the British Columbian Investment Management Corp.

Costa chairman Neil Chatfield said on Friday that the board still believed the company had solid fundamentals, but the cash offer had outweighed those longer-term considerations.

"While the Costa board has confidence in the long-term fundamentals of the company, the scheme provides certainty for shareholders in an uncertain operating environment by delivering cash proceeds to shareholders at an attractive premium," he said.

Scot MacDonald, State Manager NSW for the Costa Group, said that they foresee no immediate changes to the Guyra operations of Costas.

"This acquisition has been

coming for some months," Mr MacDonald said.

"The Paine Schwartz team visited our glasshouses late last year and had the opportunity to see the highly productive and technologically advanced growing and packing systems.

"The new owners have been in the agricultural investment business for a long time and understand the opportunities and challenges.

"Costas in Guyra employ up to 800 staff in its peak summer period and are an important economic driver for the region.

"Our leadership team is focussed on the business continuing to be commercially successful."

Right: Costa Groups State Manager Scot MacDonald says that they foresee no immediate changes to the Guyra operations



Long Weekend Trading Hours

Friday, 29 th September	7.00am - 6.30pm
Saturday, 30 th September	8.00am - 1.00pm
Sunday, 1 st October	8.00am - 1.00pm
Monday, 2 nd October	8.00am - 1.00pm

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What's HOT

TroutFest this weekend - markets, art show, concerts, fishing and much more

Citizen Scientists - can you help find an endangered frog (see page 5)

Murals popping up around town

What's NOT

Reports Council is delaying the start of the pool season for Guyra and reducing the opening times.

QUOTE of the week

A bad day of fishing is better than a good day at work

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
19	Tues	10.0	23.9	0
20	Wed	6.6	22.1	0
21	Thurs	10.6	23.7	0
22	Fri	5.1	15.1	0
23	Sat	0.6	15.8	0
24	Sun	1.7	17.8	0
25	Mon	1.1	19.5	0

Rain this week	0mm
Sept. rainfall	2.0mm
Rainfall YTD	551.8mm
Rainfall last YTD	837.4mm
Ave. rain to Sep.	618.2mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Understanding Farm Fire Units



An information evening will be held at the Ben Lomond Fire Station on October 6th to help farmers understand the new role for Farm Fire Units alongside the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS). The RFS recognises that in many parts of the state RFS resources are supported by the use of private equipment, including Farm Fire Units (FFUs), to fight and contain fires.

The Farm Fire Unit Guidelines, officially launched at AgQuip in August 2023, are a commitment to consult; to understand what's important to farmers; and let farmers understand what the fire fighter needs

to do in the event of a fire.

A background check shows that rural and farming communities were instrumental to the foundation of the NSW Rural Fire Service. NSW RFS together with NSW Farmers intend to restore trust for a long, enduring relationship and build more relevant, meaningful relationships:- because a strength and trust are critical to ensure safer communities.

The guidelines for FFU's working on fire grounds aim to ensure all parties can communicate, work together and keep each other safe, in partnerships, to protect our diverse places.

The intent here is to raise

awareness, introduce the guidelines; clarify the way forward; establish strong lines of communication; share ideas and examples; promote understandings; collaborate; respect and recognise the important work that farmers do in the management of fire, whether they are RFS members or not.

The evening at Ben Lomond on October 6th, will secure an opportunity to familiarise ourselves with a broad brush look at the scope of applications and limitations within this new context.

Beth White

Rainbow Trout, Trout Season's Start

Oh, Rainbow Trout, you jewel of the stream, Your colours sparkle, your scales gleam. With the start of the season, we celebrate, Your leaping beauty, your playful gait.

The Guyra Trout Festival is here, A time to gather, a time to cheer. Anglers cast their lines with glee, Hoping to catch you, Rainbow Trout, free.

From the crystal waters of the Laura Creek, A silver lined rainbow shining and sleek. A symbol of nature, wild and pure, We'll catch Rainbow Trout with a lure

So let us raise a glass to you, On this day of celebration, too. May your trout season be bountiful and bright, Your beauty and leaps fill us with awe and delight.

Guyra Anglers Club
John Wilcox
Trout Classic
30th September - 1st
October 2023
Guyra Trout Fest

Age categories
Juniors up to 16 yrs
Seniors 16 yrs plus
Everyone welcome

Prize Categories
Largest impounded trout
Largest Creek Trout
Mystery Length

Presentation with nibbles

4pm Sunday October
1st Guyra Bowling Club

Credit: Thundercloud Repairian

Can you help rediscover the Yellow Spotted Bell Frog?

A dedicated team of frog researchers from the Australian Museum, led by Dr. Jodi Rowley, have embarked on a mission to rediscover the Yellow-Spotted Bell Frog (*Litoria castanea*). This unique frog is a relatively large species that can grow up to an impressive 9 cm in length. Its name is derived from the small, bright yellow patches on its groin and the back of its thighs.

Once common around Guyra, the Yellow-Spotted Bell Frog is now listed as critically endangered and has not been seen on the New England Tablelands since the 1970s. The species decline is likely a result of infection by the amphibian chytrid fungus (*Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis*).

Researchers aim to survey favoured habitats of these frogs, including ponds, swamps, lagoons, farm dams and the backwaters of slow flowing streams in

the Guyra region.

They believe the greatest chance of rediscovery will be on private property and are asking local residents if they are interested in frog surveys on their properties.

One fascinating aspect of the Yellow-Spotted Bell Frog is its distinctive call. The males of this species produce a unique chorus of short grunts, which occasionally elongate into short growls, creating a sound akin to a revving motorbike.

To aid in the search, the frog team encourage the use of the FrogID app, a free and user-friendly tool that enables you to record frog calls on your property. Your participation in this citizen science initiative may not only contribute to the rediscovery of the Yellow-Spotted Bell Frog but also offer you the exciting opportunity to encounter this extraordinary amphibian once again!



Researchers are looking for citizen scientists to assist with the search for the Yellow-Spotted Bell frog in the Guyra area

What's Happening at the Neighbourhood Centre

Our theme this month: it's warm, it's sunny and it's spring YEAH!

Community Garden Produce Swap – 2nd September 2023:

Saturday 2nd of September welcomed spring back to the garden with a bang. It was glorious spring day, we had a number of new 'swappers' with lots of new items. We had poo, worm-poo tea, beef jerky, minisucculent gardens, plants, seedlings, jams and more. People really got into swapping with many an itemchanging hands with no cost. We had people drop in from the region, travelling and of course locals, which is very rewarding to see.

The GNC team of staff and volunteers put in a great deal of effort to

ensure the garden is at its best and shows the community what can be achieved in a high-altitude garden even in early spring. We look forward to this growing month on month and hope to see you all again on Saturday 7th Oct.

Community activities at GNC in September:

The garden has been full of activity this month with our R.U.OK afternoon tea being held on Thursday 14th, Amanda from HNE Health and other service providers were available to talk with locals, provided handouts and supported the community with information they can utilize online. Our student volunteer Leela baked lovely muffins – as she often does.

The community lunch has been powering on. We regularly attract 15+ people each Tuesday for a lunch and chat. The lunch has now grown to include a monthly meeting which will discuss topics such as our garden produce, nutrition, budgeting, and how to make the most of the seasonal produce we have.

Our first workshop will be on the 26th of September at 9.30am fol-

lowed by our usual yummy, cooked lunch and dessert. See you there. People are encouraged to come in and see how GNC can assist them if and when they may need help.

A partnership which utilised the garden this month, with Our Little Gallery who ran a silk dying workshop on 17th September. Five people attended and all went home with knowledge and skills in dying and their own individual silk scarf. As usual the garden was a lovely venue with the dying happening outdoors. All enjoyed sun, shade and laughs.

Coming in October:

Come join Our Little Gallery to learn how to dye yarn for the latest knitting technique Assigned Pooling.

Take home 3 unique to you fine, lustrous bamboo and merino 4ply skeins. Plus, a shawl pattern by Louise.

GNC Community Garden Sunday 8th October 10.30am to 2.00pm. cost \$110

Contact Sarah 0478 170 862 or Louise 0428 206 970.

Centre Manager
Sarah Hunt

Monday

- Joblink Plus Disability Employment Services - fortnightly by appt.
- 2nd Monday of month Carers NSW 9am to 2pm
- North & North West Community Legal Service by appointment

Tuesday

- Community Lunch 12pm to 1.30pm.
- OCTEC Disability Employment Services Fortnightly 9am to 12pm.
- TFSS Staying Home Leaving Violence Every second Tuesday

Wednesday

- Knitting & Craft Group 10am-2pm

Thursday

- Corrections by appointment
- Womens Shelter 10am to 2pm

Friday - Closed

Saturday

- First Saturday of every month Community Produce Swap (on break until 2nd September)
- Second Saturday of every month Spin New and Unusual Fibres Group 1pm to 4pm.

160 Bradley St Guyra NSW 2365 Ph: 02 67791635 Mob: 0477 441 457

Monday -Thursday 9am - 2pm (Closed Friday)



Community Noticeboard

Meals on Wheels

Sept 28 Sue Adams
 Sept 29 Steve Adams
 Oct. 2 Judy Broad
 Oct. 3 Stuart Broad
 Oct. 4 Wendy Lockyer

Street Stalls

Sept 28 Hospital Aullary
 Sept 29 Wig Library
 Oct. 5,6,7 Lions Club

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, followed by morning tea. Doors open from 8:30am. 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: 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

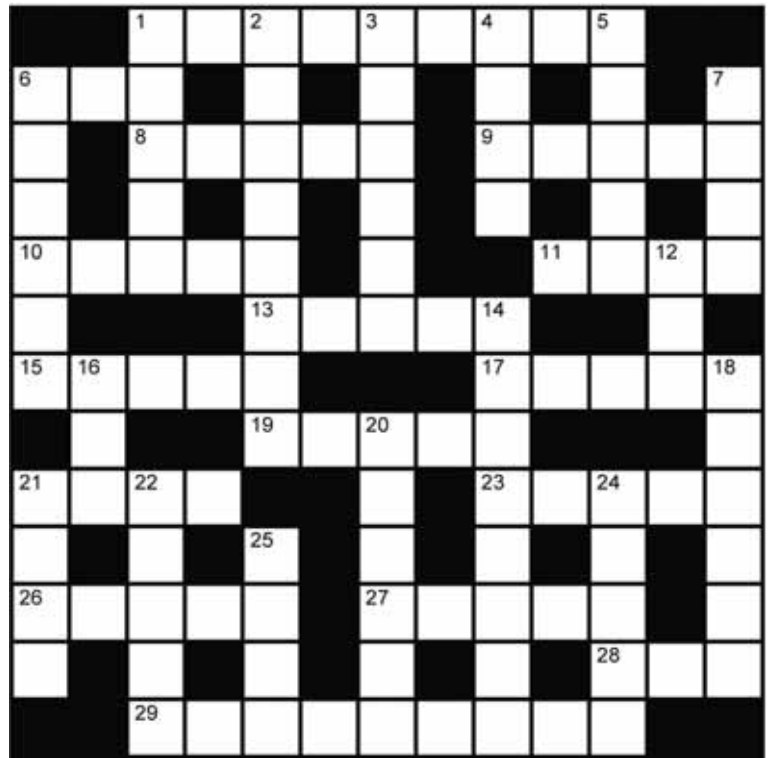
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- Cricket extra (3)
- Travel by car (5)
- Scolding woman (5)
- Turning machine (5)
- Black and white sea-bird (4)
- Cattle farm (USA) (5)
- Smoothing tool (5)
- Ancient Mexican (5)
- Colour-scheme (5)
- Early carpenter's tool (4)
- Hoodwinked (5)
- Comedic Actor, _____ Williams (5)
- Discontinue (5)
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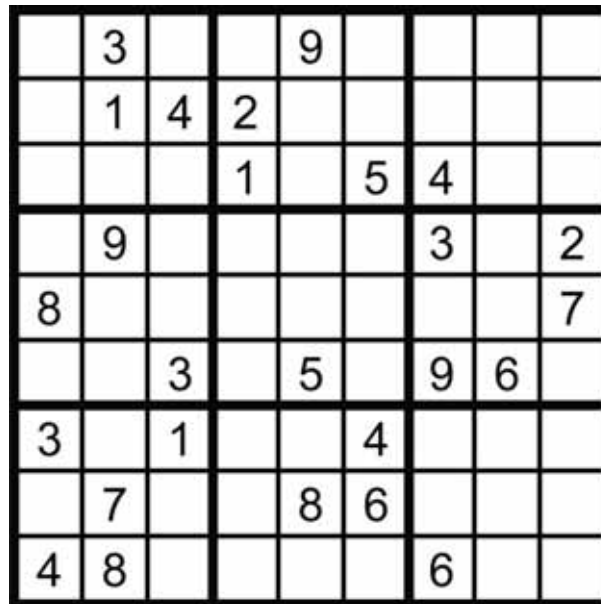
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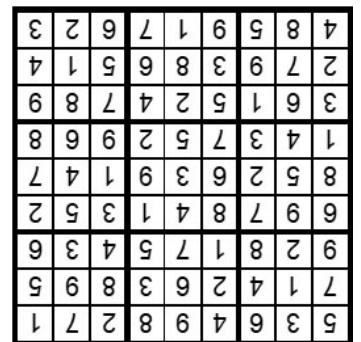


- Fish Eggs (3)
- Ironmongery (8)
- Cover (3)
- Huggable! (6)
- Nullify (6)
- Farmland unit (imp.) (5)
- Ice Station _____, Alistair Maclean novel (5)
- Devoutness (5)
- Cluster (4)

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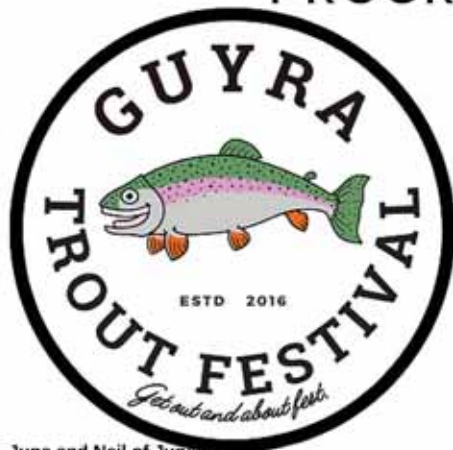
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Guyra Trout Festival 2023

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PROGRAM



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Topper's Mountain

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Daily Events



Trout Fest Art Exhibition - 26/9-2/10

10am-4pm Free Entry

Presentation & tasting 28/9 6pm

- Lamb & Potato Shed @ Big Lamb

Guyra Anglers Club John Wilcox Trout

Classic 30/9-1/10

- Presentation 4pm Sunday Guyra Bowls

Rotary Book Fair 29/9-2/10 9am-3pm

Free Entry

- Soldiers Memorial Hall

Metal Masterpiece Display 30/9-2/10

8:30am-4pm Entry by donation.

- Burgess Garage Car Museum

Open Gardens Cost \$5

Sat 30/9 Sun 1/10 10am- 4pm

- Various Venues around Guyra

Costa Tomato Farm Tours Cost \$15

Sat.30/9 10am & 1:30pm

Sun 1/10 10am only

- Leaving from Big Lamb



Heritage Trike/Train Rides Sat 30/9-

Sun 1/10

10am to 3pm for Museum and

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More Events



Karaoke - Friday 29/9 6pm-9pm

- @Australian Poetry Hall of Fame

- \$5 entry, food available, BYO

Kids Fishing Clinic TBC

30/9 1/10 9am-3pm Free Entry

Markets in the Main Street Sat 30/9

9am-3pm Free Entry • Bradley Street

Indoor Market @ Australian Poetry Hall of Fame Sat 30/9 8:30am-3pm Free Entry

Guyra Trout Fest Country

Concert Layla & Bec White

with Richard Stanley

30/9 6pm FREE ENTRY



Food available & BYO
Sausage Sizzle by
Armidale Scouts

Vintage Car Display Sat. 30/9

- Bradley Street

Guyra Neighbourhood Centre Activities
Library 30/9 Free



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Even More Events



Tall Fishing Poets Breakfast Sun 1/10

9am-12pm Free entry for poets

- @Australian Poetry Hall of Fame

- food and drinks available

Tall Fishing For Young Poets Youth

Performance and Written Poetry

Competition Sun. 1/10 9am-3pm

- @Australian Poetry Hall of Fame

- Prizes. Entry Forms available from our website

- food and drinks available

Thundercloud's Australian Poetry

Show Mon. 2/10 10:30am 1:30pm

Tickets \$9 adult or \$5 concession

- Featuring the Guyra Poets

- @Australian Poetry Hall of Fame

- food and drinks available

Guyra Museum Display: Entry Donation

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- 190 Bradley St

Guyra Library Paint'n'Sip 30/9 1pm-3pm

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Soccer Presentation Day



The winners of the David Martin Memorial Trophy for the Junior Team of the Year were the Under 16s.
Back l to r: Coach Michael Colvin, Troy Martin, Rocco Brazier, Lincoln Brown, Toby Handebo, Oliver Flynn, Kate O’Kane, Leigha McElroy, Cooper Reeves **Front:** Aidan Brown, Leah Varcoe, Archie Colvin, Archie Jackson



Tyson Burey
 1st grade Coach's Award



Club Person of the Year - Mitchell Hope made the presentation to Steve Kliendienst and Harris Dullaway



Brett Little
 2nd grade Player's player



Ollie Flynn
 2nd grade Coach's Award



Matt Simpson 1st grade Best & Fairest presented by Blake Handebo



Blake Handebo 1st grade Player's Player presented by Mitchell Hope



Angus Shepherd 2nd grade Best & Fairest presented by Ashley Holt

Cricket

Cricket season is set to kick off soon and Guyra Cricket Club registrations are now open for anyone interested in being part of the 2023/24 season. The competition is set to kick off on October 14th. Guyra is hoping to once again entering teams in the Armidale District competition.

To register visit the PlayHQ portal and search for Guyra Cricket Club. If you have any issues with the registration contact Craig Lockyer on 0427 013312.

Registrations are also open for the 2023/24 junior season. Under 11s are \$116 including Cricket Australia's fee. Under 13s to 15s are \$131 including Cricket Australia's fee. Active Registration is via the PlayHQ portal (as above) and active kids' vouchers can be used. If you have any queries about junior cricket contact Simon Brown on 0427 665 131.

Ladies' Golf

Last week the ladies played a Stroke and Putting competition sponsored by Julie Walker. The winner with a fantastic 67 Nett was Wendy Jackson The runner up on a countback was Julie Walker. Wendy George won the putting comp with 26 putts. Nearest the pin winners were Belinda Lenehan on the 7th with a great shot! Jenni Jackson on the 9th and 10th holes with some fantastic shots! Kerry Bull on the 18th on the green for her drive!

This week several of the Ladies are playing in the NEDGA 4BBB Championship in Armidale. Next week is a Par Medal. Debbie Burey is the starter as well as the sponsor of the day.

Birdie

Men's Bowls

Three games of bowls were played at the weekend. In major/minor pairs David Wilcox and Paul Johnson defeated Geoff Reeves and John Jackson 29-23. In handicap singles Robert Walls defeated Dan Kennedy 31-18, and Randy Mulligan defeated Barry Walls 31-13.

No Club games are scheduled this long weekend. On Sunday the 1st of October at 1pm social pairs will be played. If there are 12 players or more \$200 of prize money will be on offer.

Jack

New manager and opening hours for Guyra Pool

Changes are afoot for the new swimming season in Guyra with a new manager, new season opening date and revised operating hours.

After more than 20 years managing the Guyra Pool Randy Mulligan has chosen to pursue other opportunities and is stepping down from his position.

Parks and Facilities Manager Tom Bower said that Randy has been a wonderful member of the council team and will be missed.

"I would like to thank Randy for his significant contribution to council and to the community of Guyra," said Mr Bower.

"We wish Randy well in his new endeavours but thankfully we will still have Randy at the pool in a casual capacity."

Mr Jeremy Wilson has been appointed the new pool manager and comes with extensive experience with over 20 years working in council pools and at SportUNE.

"Pool management runs in the family with Jeremy's father holding the pool manager position at Gilgandra for over 20 years," said Mr Bower.

"We are extremely fortunate to secure the services of Jeremy in a challenging recruitment market. If we hadn't secured the services of Jeremy there was a real threat that the pool may not have been able to open. So I am delighted



Former pool manager Randy Mulligan, Lorraine Brazier and new pool manager Jeremy Wilson.

that Jeremy will share his expertise and experience in Guyra."

With a change in management adjustments needed to be made to the season opening date this year which has been pushed back one week to Monday 9 October. Pool opening hours have also been adjusted to accommodate staff availability.

Opening hours

- Monday, Wednesday & Friday 6:30am – 8am & 12pm – 6pm (Daylight Savings Time)
- Tuesday & Thursday 12pm – 6pm
- Weekends & Public Holidays

- 10:30am – 6pm

To assist with lap swimming on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, Lorraine Brazier has generously offered to assist Jeremy with opening the pool at these times and will continue her learn to swim classes as per usual.

Fees and charges will remain the same as last season and new this year - Guyra season pass holders will be able to utilise their pass at both Guyra Swimming Pool and Monckton Aquatic Centre in Armidale.

Presentation Day for Guyra United

Last Saturday Guyra United soccer club held their end of year presentation at the grounds. All the 6 years to 10 years players were presented with a medal and the older age groups received vouchers. Each of the junior teams also awarded a Player's player.

The under 6 teams chose Axel Lockyer and Willow Cruickshank, the under 7 side selected Mackenna Cleaver, under 8s picked Harrison McRae and finally there were joint winners in the under 10 side with Peter Grills and Cruz Little taking out the prize.

The special awards for the year

saw the under 16 side take out the David Martin trophy for team of year. This award is not based on results, but for their commitment to the season and positive attitude.

The club person is presented to members of the club who go out of their way to do that extra little bit during the season. This year there were joint winners with Steven Kliendienst and Harris Dullaway sharing the award.

It was great to see a large number of senior players in attendance. There were three awards presented within each grade. The second grade awards were: Player's player Brett Little, Best

and Fairest (picked by the first-grade side) Angus Shepherd, and the Coach's awards was presented to Ollie Flynn.

The first-grade awards were: Player's player Blake Handebo, Best and Fairest (picked by 2nd grade) Matthew Simpson and the Coach's award went to Tyson Burey.

Thanks, every one of the great season and we look forward to seeing you all again next year. Keep an eye out in next week's Gazette for a season wrap of each junior side.

Mitchell Hope



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LAYER PULLETS, 20 weeks, all breeds, delivered to Guyra on Friday, 6th October. Call Jim 0428 194 105.

RAFFLE RESULTS

BLACK MOUNTAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL Spring 2023 raffle winner: green C30 S. Fisher. Thank you to everyone for your support.

MEETINGS

CAN ASSIST Annual Branch Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 17th October at 3.00pm at the Bowling Club.

GUYRA UNITED SOCCER CLUB AGM will be held at the Royal Hotel at 6.30pm on Wednesday, 25th October.

COURSES

Tech Savvy Seniors Program & Certificate courses

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DEATH & FUNERAL NOTICES

WARD; ANDLEY "GEORGE"

22nd September 2023

Aged 96 years

Late of "Reedy Creek", Guyra

Dearly loved husband of Mona (dec'd), loving father & father-in-law of Judi & Andrew, Marg (dec'd) and Rob & Pip, adored grandfather and great grandfather.

Relatives and friends are respectfully informed that a funeral service will be held for George at St. James Anglican Church, Guyra, commencing at 2:00pm on Thursday 28th September, followed by interment at the Ollera Cemetery.

Horder Family Funerals

129 Grey Street, Glen Innes

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FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry at The Chapel 66 Llangothlin Street, Guyra

OPEN on FRIDAY
9am-12pm

Contact: 0455 232 073

CLAIM THE DATE

OCTOBER LONG WEEKEND:

Rotary Club of Guyra will hold a **BOOK FAIR** at the War Memorial Hall from 29th September to 2nd October.

TROUTFEST will be held 29th September to 2nd October. Markets in the main street, photography competition, kids' fishing clinic and more.

GUYRA ANGLERS CLUB will be holding their annual **John Wilcox Classic event 30th Sept - 1st Oct.** See Facebook Pages of Guyra Anglers Club Inc or Guyra TroutFest for further details.

SATURDAY, 11th NOVEMBER:

Official Opening of the GUYRA MEMORIAL PARK including BBQ, memorial avenue of trees, memorial plaques, mandala garden and rotunda will take place following the RSL Remembrance Day service. Everyone welcome.

CLAIM THE DATE

For your event
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Successful season for Guyra hockey

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Guyra 2nd Grade - what an amazing season to come away as Minor Premiers for 2023. The Grand Final saw our whole team finally come together and we were all thankful for the extra subs with the extreme heat around. It was a well-fought match that unfortunately didn't go our way this year. Special mention must go to Emma Waugh who received the Player of the Grand Final awarded by the umpires. It was wonderful to be well supported by the Guyra Community who were out in force to cheer us all on.

Guyra/United 1st grade player Jodi Ellis scored in the final quarter for a 1-0 victory and for the team to be awarded the 2023 Winners. It was wonderful that two clubs could come together to build a 1st-grade team with the main focus on helping junior members develop in a supportive environment. We couldn't be prouder that this team became stronger as the season progressed and then go on to win. Well done to all the members.

Guyra Shamrocks men were once again was one of the largest contributions to the Hockey New England Men's Competition. It was great to see new faces, many playing for the first time and able to be competitive. One of the B Grade teams made the Grand Final coming away as Minor Premiers losing to TAS in extra time. Special mention to Angus Langsmith who was awarded the Player of the Grand Final and Henry Youman named under 21 Goal Keeper for 2023. A Grade made it to the grand final and managed to unseat the reigning champions, City Hockey. This game was a credit to the team who have worked hard to finally take the title home.

Finally a huge thank you to the Hockey New England committee who volunteer to run this competition. The sportsmanship, camaraderie, and level of competition were a credit to the organisation and our club. We look forward to seeing our members and welcoming new players for the 2024 season.

Prue Post



Guyra Women's 2nd grade



Guyra Men's B grade



Guyra Women's 3rd grade

Successful season for Guyra hockey

Guyra Shamrock Hockey Club would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all the committee members for a wonderful 2023 winter season. Guyra continues to maintain a strong membership managing to field an under 8s, under 11s, a combined 1st Grade Women's team with United, 2nd Grade Women's, 3rd Grade Women's, A grade Men's and two B Grade Men's teams.

This would not be possible without the support of our sponsors the White Bull Hotel, New England Toyota, Top of the Range Shearing, Trent Mendes Earthmoving, Kelso Services, First Flush, Glenavon Angus and Hanlons. Their support has enabled us to compete as a professional club with new uniforms, training equipment to improve our skills, and essential equipment to keep our members safe. We look forward to their ongoing support for the 2024 season. A special thank you Henry and Jess MacDougall who supplied all the sausages for the Grand Final BBQ.

Senior women's hockey should be extremely proud of their season. Our 3rd Grade Women's team welcomed new players, players who hadn't taken the field in over 15 years and our seasoned members. The spirit of this team was all about fun, development, and plenty of laughs on and off the field.

It was a great relief to most to have a few young members to run the ball in the middle but most importantly everyone enjoyed our weekly catch-ups win or lose!! *cont. page 11>>>*



Guyra Men's A grade



Guyra/United 1st grade

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