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## New plantings and Rotunda now in place

The Mandala Garden, which is part of the Guyra Garden Club's Memorial Park project has been planted out and the Rotunda has been erected.

Project Manager David Kanaley said that this marks the end stages of the project which they have been working on for a number of years.

"The Guyra Garden Club has worked with the Guyra Sub-branch of the RSL, the Rotary Club of Guyra and the Guyra Branch of the CWA together with the Armidale Regional Council to design, develop and implement the Memorial Park project to enhance this asset for the benefit of the community and visitors to Guyra," Mr Kanaley said.

"You can't help but notice the change as you drive down the New England Highway, and at night the solar lights make the Rotunda and Garden look wonderful.



"The Rotunda was funded by the Guyra Branch of the CWA. The four seats are currently being made in Guyra and will be installed in the Rotunda soon.

"These Park elements together with Memorial Plaques honouring

WW 1 and WW2 service men and women and a Memorial Avenue of Trees plus a Rotary BBQ will be opened on November 11th following the Remembrance Day service.

"This will be a community

event. More details will be provided through the Guyra Gazette closer to the event. It is hoped that everyone in the community will, after the opening ceremony, be better able to use and enjoy this Park."



# Frocktober



FROCK OVARIAN CANCER!

SUPPORT OVARIAN CANCER RESEARCH

FELLAS-ARE YOU MAN ENOUGH TO FROCK UP?

LADIES-PICK THE MOST FUN FROCK

WHERE: ROYAL HOTEL GUYRA

WHEN: SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2023

TIME: 6.30PM ONWARDS

PH THE ROYAL FOR TABLE BOOKINGS 6779 1005



PRIZES FOR BEST FROCKED FELLA AND LADY - RAFFLES

# Progress Association News

The Guyra & Community Progress Association are pleased to announce the purchase of two Defibrillators for our community.

One will be placed at the Guyra Showground Community Hall & the other at Nutrien Guyra for the community to borrow along with a First Aid Kit for events such as Bull Sales, Clearing Sales etc.

This project was made possible with funding from the White Rock Wind Farm Community Fund.

A Welcome BBQ will be held on Sunday 5th November for anyone who would like to learn how to use these vital pieces of equipment.

**Have you recently moved to**

**Guyra or are you a current/long term resident?**

The Guyra and Community Progress Association is excited to announce we will be hosting the first of our annual 'Welcome to Guyra - Meet and Greet' BBQ's.

Coinciding with the BBQ, our local VRA have kindly offered to provide Snake and Spider bite First Aid awareness training, and a vital education session on how to use the recently acquired Heart Defibrillators.

For catering purposes, please RSVP to [progress@guyra.net](mailto:progress@guyra.net). Refer to the attached flyer.

Lawn games will be on offer for the children, and remember to bring a hat and a chair.

If any Guyra Community

Service Groups or Sporting Groups would like to host an information and recruitment stand, please feel free to join us.

We look forward to meeting you on 5th November - 11am at the Mother of Ducks Lagoon.

Most importantly, we would like to thank and acknowledge the VRA for giving of their valuable time, and New England Community College Guyra, for loaning their AED for demonstration purposes.

This initiative is proudly funded by the NSW Government and White Rock Wind Farm, in association with the Guyra and Community Progress Association.

*Sonya Wallbridge*



Nutrien Manager Josh Lawlor with one of the defibrillators



## CWA Evening Branch AGM


Guyra CWA Evening Branch held their AGM last week. Outgoing President Anne Starr delivered her annual report, summarising a fantastic year for the club. The club welcomed a new committee, which is a mixture of new and old faces. Mem-

bers also celebrated 'Frocktober' in support and awareness for Ovarian Cancer Research. 'Here's to Country women, supporting Country women, for Country women!'


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**Guyra CWA Evening Branch 2023/24 Executive Committee**  
**(Pictured l to r)** Vice President Marni Turner, Treasurer Jessira Saunders, President Kate Matthews, Secretary Sarah Gwilym and Vice President Anne Starr


## Free Guyra Community Education Day



**Heart defibrillator**



**FIRST AID FOR SNAKE BITE**







**SPIDER BITES**

- How to use a Heart Defibrillator
- Snake bite First Aid
- Spider bite First Aid

*Sunday, 5th November 2023 - 11am*  
*Mother of Ducks Lagoon BBQ area*

*Open to all - Free Entry*  
 RSVP for catering purposes - [progress@guyra.net](mailto:progress@guyra.net)

This initiative is proudly funded by the NSW Government and White Rock Wind Farm, in association with the Guyra and Community Progress Association

Free Sausage Sizzle and Refreshments

Welcome to new & existing Community members

- meet your community -



Lawn Games

Bring a chair and a Hat

**We would like to thank and acknowledge**

- Guyra VRA for providing this vital education for our Community.
- Guyra Community College for loaning their training AED for demonstration purposes.

# Nominate a worthy citizen for Australia Day Awards

Nominations are now open and Guyra residents are being urged to put nominations in for the 2024 Australia Day awards. This year the awards are being administered by a group of local citizens and they are encouraging people to put forward names of worthy citizens.

If you know someone who makes the Guyra community a better place with their outstanding contribution in the areas of education, health, fundraising, charitable and voluntary services, business, sport, arts and the environment you have until December 6th to nominate them.

The 2024 categories include:

- Guyra Citizen of the Year (over 25 years)
- Guyra Young Citizen of the Year
- Guyra Community Service Award

- Guyra Sports person of the Year
- Guyra Sports Team of the Year
- Guyra Contribution to Sport & Recreation
- Guyra Art, Drama, or Music Award
- Guyra Environmental Citizen of the Year
- Guyra Community Group/Event of the Year

Nominations forms are available at the GALA Centre at 136 Bradley Street, Guyra. Enquiries should be directed to Rita Williams 6779 1182 or Dorothy Lockyer on 6779 2132.

Completed forms can be posted to PO Box 170, Guyra, emailed to [dorothy@gala.org.au](mailto:dorothy@gala.org.au) or delivered in person to GALA. Please mark completed forms ATTENTION: Australia Day Nomination.



2023 Citizen of the Year Beth White (centre)

## YOU ARE INVITED TO GET ONLINE WEEK

17th October 2023 | 10:00am  
10 Mann Street, Armidale

RSVP: 12TH OCTOBER 2023

E: [admin@gala.org.au](mailto:admin@gala.org.au) Ph: 02 6779 2132

NECC invite you to join us for morning tea and some information sessions to help you get online and navigate your way around in this digital world.



## Have you flown with us?

Then please join us for our Rescue Club Function – Sunday 22 October Tamworth Base 10:00 - 11:30am

We are inviting past patients and their family and friends to enjoy a morning tea, tour of the Rescue Helicopter Base and the opportunity to meet the aircrew, supporters and other members of our Rescue Club.

RSVP is essential, please visit [rescuehelicopter.com.au/events/rescue-club/](http://rescuehelicopter.com.au/events/rescue-club/) by Thursday 18 October.

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## What's HOT

Juniors cricketers - rego day this Thursday October 12th 4pm at cricket nets

Venue for voting in the referendum is the Community Hall in Guyra.

Swimming season is with us - Guyra Pool is now open

HSC starts this week - good luck to those who are sitting exams

Off-leash dog park now open in South Guyra

## What's NOT

Running out of tank water

## QUOTE of the week

Be a voice, not an echo

Bureau of Meteorology

## Weather

### WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
03	Tues	10.1	24.4	4.0
04	Wed	7.8	22.0	0.0
05	Thurs	2.8	13.9	15.0
06	Fri	0.0	18.2	0.0
07	Sat	4.1	17.3	0.0
08	Sun	2.6	18.4	0.0
09	Mon	3.8	19.3	0.0

Rain this week 19.0mm  
 October rainfall 2.0mm  
 Rainfall YTD 570.8mm  
 Rainfall last YTD 898.4mm  
 Ave. rain to Oct. 694.0mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

# GLENRAC continues a proud tradition with the 2023 Rural Women's Day

GLENRAC has held Rural Women's Day Events since 2013, attracting women from across our district to gather, learn, share, and connect. Each year GLENRAC seeks guest speakers to inform and inspire those attending to connect with like-minded women, widen their social circles and support networks, access the available mental

and physical health service providers and support or create small businesses.

In 2022 the event coincided with the 29th Rural Women's Gathering over two days and re-launching of the NSW Rural Women's Network, prompting the keynote speaker, the Honorable Bronnie Taylor MLC (NSW Minister for Women, Regional Health and Mental Health) to announce: 'Rural women... we're back!'

This year's event will be held at the Glen Innes Showgrounds Tearooms on Friday October 13th and will include presentations and displays from local support agencies and businesses.

The NSW Minister for Women, the Hon Jodie Harrison MP, is unable to attend in person so her staff are preparing a pre-recorded keynote address, especially for the event.

GLENRAC CEO Kylie Falconer said the day will be jam-packed, with presentations by Jess Walker, a Physiotherapist who specialises in women's health and two solicitors from North and North West Community Legal Service talking about wills, executors and power of attorney.

Other presenters include the well-known and respected women's health experts, Chris-

tine Connor from HealthWise and Margie Burns from Narrabri Community Health and Rural Adversity Mental Health Program's Letitia Cross.

"We're very excited to offer something new for 2023, in the form of a performance and presentation by Shimmy in the Glen," Kylie said. "They will share their joy of dance and raise awareness about women's support services."

The \$10 entry fee also includes delicious catering, a barista coffee voucher and a gift bag valued at \$30.

Tickets are strictly limited for this year's event and are very popular, so be quick to book online at [glenrac.org.au/whats-on/glenrac-rural-womens-day](http://glenrac.org.au/whats-on/glenrac-rural-womens-day).

For more information, contact GLENRAC CEO Kylie Falconer [kylie@glenrac.org.au](mailto:kylie@glenrac.org.au)

## Black Mountain Public School Busy Start to Term 4



Welcome back everyone to a busy term.

The students will be attending an excursion to Deano's Springwater Trout Farm in Week 2. This excursion begins our week of exploring healthy nutrition. The Paws Up team will be visit-

ing this term with their dogs. It is always a great way for the students to learn how to work with dogs and improve their reading skills and self-confidence.

Our After School Activities Program will run again on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday after-

noons with Tennis, Hockey and Cricket coaching this term.

School swimming and water safety lessons are in Week 7.

Transition will run every Friday all day till the end of the year.

*Mrs Justine Eddy  
Relieving Principal*

# Spooktacular Halloween event planned

Ghouls, goblins, and gremlins will turn Armidale into a spooky town on Friday October 27, when Halloween celebrations take over the mall.

After a hugely successful Halloween celebration in 2022, which attracted more than 2000 people. The 2023 event aiming to be even bigger and better event to showcase the community spirit of our region.

Local families are invited to celebrate this community event which will see the mall transformed into a ghoulish space with roaming street performers, and engaging activities for kids including a Haunted House, stilt walkers, balloon artists, fairy workers, photo booths, Halloween craft, Virtual Reality haunted experience, Halloween musical storyteller and Monster Mash Disco on the main stage.

“Halloween is an opportunity for the community to come to-

gether and support local businesses in our Mall, and see children’s faces light up with the joy of trick or treating and dressing up,” said Mayor Sam Coupland.

“These community events are very important as we continue to form stronger relationships with the mall shop owners and work on revitalising the mall precinct.

“We are increasing our food vendor options, adding to our event space, to include some of Faulkner Street and the East End Mall, providing entertainment for a wide variety of people including a haunted courthouse and vibrant kids zone with the aim to elevate this year’s magical event.”

This year’s event is proudly funded by the NSW Government – Reconnecting Regional NSW – Community Events Program.

Participating mall shops are decorating their shop windows from Monday 23rd leading into Friday’s main event. Voting for the community’s favourite installation will be at the ARC Communication tent on the Friday during the Halloween event.

So, whether you plan on being a princess, a pumpkin or a pirate – put on your best outfit and head to the Armidale Mall on Friday October 27, between 4 and 8pm where there will be loads of lollies, delicious savoury and sweet food options, and entertainment galore. Furthermore, there will be licensed bars both inside and out, operating at Tattersall’s Hotel and the New England Hotel. For more information and updates about upcoming events, please follow Armidale Regional Council on socials.

## Guyra’s driest

## September

The BoM’s Guyra Hospital weather station recorded just 2.0mm of rainfall last month, making September 2023 the driest on record. Other dry Septembers were 1925 with 5.1mm, 1905 with 6.1mm, 1980 with 6.2mm and 2019 with 6.4mm.

No temperature records were broken in September this year, although the average daily maximum for September was 19.1degC which was the second hottest on record, just below the hottest on record of 19.3degC in 2013.

The average daily minimum temperature for September this year, 4.5degC, was not unusually high.

*Ian Reeve  
Black Mountain*



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### REGION FARES WELL WITH \$611 MILLION BOOST BUT BLEAK OUTLOOK FOR BUSH

All I have tried to do since the election is walk the corridors of parliament and meet with every single Minister I can who holds portfolios that are important to the Northern Tablelands.

We have tried to put partisan politics to one side and focus on our communities, on the projects, on the issues and convince them of the merits of our case of maintaining the level of expenditure we’ve been accustomed to.

We can celebrate almost \$612 million (\$611,500,000) in capital investment for the region this financial year in the Budget, including some big-ticket projects which we feared would be cut by the new State Government.

I’m pleased, and more than a little relieved, to see the hard work pay off and key projects avoided being cut or axed,

with \$30.8 million additional funding for the Moree SAP which is really good news for our region.

I’m thrilled to see that major funding will continue to allow further upgrades on the Newell, Gwydir and New England Highways, as well as the gradual rebuild and upgrade of the notorious Kempsey Road, which is an almost \$230 million project in its own right.

There were a number of regional funding programs cut, including the Stronger Country Communities Fund, the Regional Seniors Travel Card, the Regional Cultural Fund and the Regional Sports Infrastructure Fund.

The longer-term impact of these decisions will be to widen the gap between living standards and the welfare of country people versus city people and it will be to the detriment of the government in the long run.



Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall is breathing a sigh of relief with the 2023-24 State Budget handed down, locking in funding for key projects across the region

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# Community Noticeboard

## Meals on Wheels

Oct. 12 Jim Betts  
 Oct. 13 Golf Ladies  
 Oct. 16 RAB Staff  
 Oct. 17 H Marchant  
 Oct. 18 Toni Kirkman

## Street Stalls

Oct. 13, 14 Guyra Lodge  
 Oct. 20 Wig Library  
 Oct. 16 Hospital Aux.

## Church Notices

### St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church

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

### St. James' Anglican Church

9am Sunday, 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

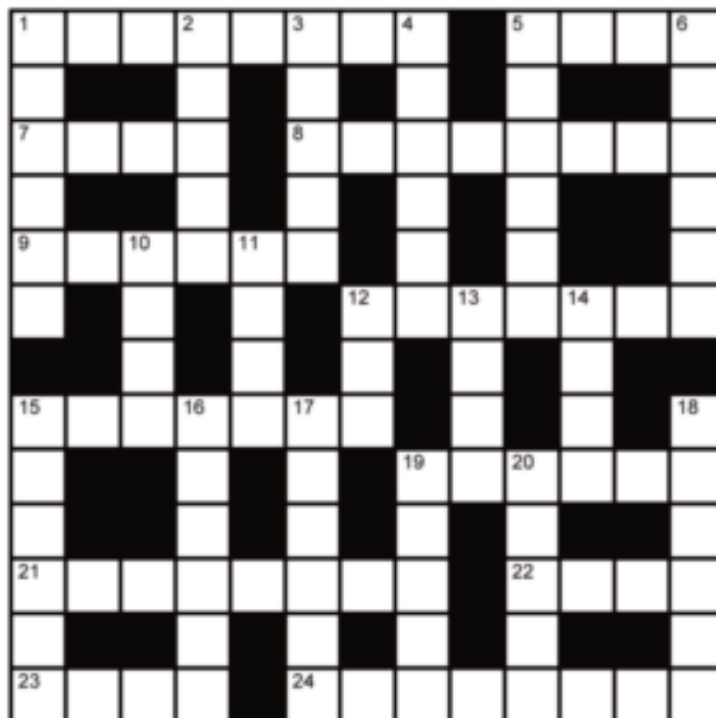
## ACROSS

- Chinese dialect (8)
- Split (4)
- Destroy (4)
- Expensive (8)
- Meagre (6)
- Game played with 22 balls (7)
- Bewilder (7)
- Famous Five author (6)
- Table tennis (4-4)
- Jamaican fruit (4)
- Exist (4)
- Brothers (8)

## DOWN

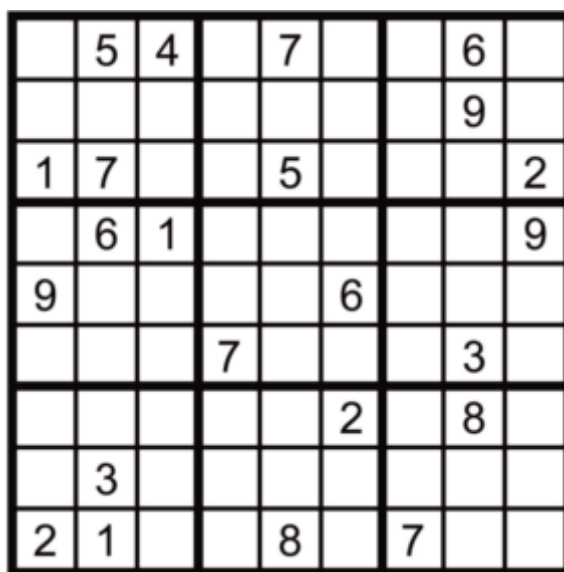
- Melancholy (6)
- Currency of Algeria (5)
- Light entertainment show (5)
- Driver, \_\_\_ Piquet (6)
- Spanish dictator (6)
- Custodian (6)
- From a distance (4)
- Tarnish (4)
- Cardinal number (3)

## QUICK CROSSWORD



- Elliptical (4)
- Scottish garment (4)
- Drive (6)
- Capital of the Czech Republic (6)
- Lay to rest (6)
- Song, \_\_\_ Love Call (6)
- Military instrument (5)
- Teenager (5)

## SUDOKU - Easy



Across: 1. Mandarin, 5. Fork, 7. Rain, 8. Live, 24. Brethren.  
 Down: 1. Morocco, 2. Dinar, 3. Revue, 4. Neilson, 5. Franco, 6. Keeper, 10. Afta, 11. Soil, 12. Six, 13. Oval, 14. Kilt, 15. Propel, 16. Prague, 17. Entomb, 18. Indian, 19. Bugle, 20. Youth.



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# CWA Guyra Evening Branch President's Report 2023

What another wonderful year in CWA! Our Branch is 5 years old this year and our membership continues to increase as we welcome new members to the sisterhood of CWA.

Our membership year kicked off last October and along with GLEN-RAC and the NSW Office of Women, we co hosted the 2023 Rural Women's Gathering. The event started in Glen Innes for an evening event at the Chapel Theatre and then moved to the beautiful Ben Lomond Hall the following day. Our 2022 Scholarship recipient, Ellie Mitchell, was one of the keynote speakers and I must say I felt like a proud parent listening to Ellie speak about being an emerging leader in a rural community. We are so proud to foster and embrace the next generation of rural women.

Our members volunteered during the annual TroutFest, welcoming visitors to Guyra from all over the state for the opening of the Trout Fishing Season.

We were part of the annual Christmas Street Carnival in Guyra where we sold and gift-wrapped CWA cookbooks, tea towels and aprons – who wouldn't love a CWA cookbook for Christmas!

Our Christmas Party was again held at "Foxforth" where we enjoyed sun and champagne on the verandah while the children rode their push-bikes around the yard. Linda provided us with some Christmas Trivia, and we gifted each other some of our favourite handwritten recipes. These social events are a wonderful way for new members to get to know each other.

Our annual Art Exhibition was held in January to coincide with the return of the Lamb and Potato Festival. Around 90 pieces were on display at the Exhibition and Opening Night attracted a record number of visitors. The Exhibition was open for the 10 days of the Lamb and Potato Festival, and we also assisted the Day Branch ladies during their shift in the kiosk at the Festival. CWA is one of only 3 service clubs who have been part of the kiosk since the inception of the Festival more than 30 years ago.

February is show time in Guyra and our members were again out in force and could be found all over the showground on the weekend. We volunteered on the gate, in the pavilion, in the poultry section, on the cattle lawns and behind the bar. Members took home many prizes and broad ribbons including champion rose, prizes for cakes, picnic

baskets, jams, geraniums and soft feathered roosters. It was an honour for me to be invited by Show President Richard Post, to officially open the 2023 Show, an event which has played a very important part in my life and the generations before me.

March was possibly the biggest month on our calendar this year, as we hosted a Cocktail Party to celebrate International Women's Day. Almost 90 ladies from Guyra and the surrounding area popped their frocks on and gathered at the War Memorial Hall on a warm March evening. Guests were treated to some delicious canapes and beverages poured by CWA husbands in bow ties. CWA husband Justin, went all out with lighting and effects, shrouding the Memorial Hall and the trees in the garden in various shades of purple – the colour associated with the International Women's Day movement. Guests were treated to a floral arranging demonstration from Sam at Eve Flowers in Uralla and a virtual visit from ABC Radio presenter Kya Handley.

We joined forces with the Guyra Cycling Community to host a UNE Meat Tasting fundraiser, which was a fun and delicious way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

The most wonderful news came in March when our very own Mary Hollingworth was awarded the NSW Community Hero Award! We are very fortunate to have such a passionate, thoughtful, community minded as a member and friend. Mary was also recently awarded the 2023 Rotary Inspirational Woman – Rural, Award.

The winner of our annual CWA Evening Branch Scholarship was Leah Varcoe, and Leah joined us for our April meeting and shared with us her aspirations to start her own sheep stud on her family farm.

We also welcomed Wendy Warner from the Guyra Library to our April meeting, Wendy outlined the services offered by our wonderful library, some of which were new to us, including the fact that you can borrow not only books, but cakes tins from the library!

The Rotary Club of Guyra hosted the first Combined Service Clubs dinner in many years, and we were very proud of our Treasurer Kate Matthews who was awarded a Pride of Workmanship Award for her services to CWA and the community. We have been handed the baton to host this event next year.

Our Branch was well represented again this year at the Sydney Royal

Easter Show. Kate volunteered again in the CWA Tea Rooms, Mary stewarded in the Arts and Crafts section, and I was honoured to be invited to judge the prestigious Hordern Trophy in the cattle section.

Returned service men and women, along with guests and community members were warmed up with toasted sandwiches made by our members following the Dawn Service on ANZAC Day. We are always available to collaborate with the RSL for occasions such as this.

A change of route to the Tour de Rocks cycling event, saw over two hundred bike riders and their support crews stopover in Guyra on a very chilly April night. Members donned aprons and pitched in to help serve over 200 meals to the weary cyclists and provide some sweet treats for dessert which were very quickly devoured. Our lovely member Jenni Jackson was participating in the tour again this year, we were so proud to be able to provide this service and support Jenni on her ride.

Our catering crew were very busy, helping out at an autumn garden wedding in Ben Lomond and providing lunch and morning tea for the RSL District meeting.

State conference Delegates, Daria and Mary had a wonderful time in Bathurst and were we excited to learn that our Branch was the Runner Up in the Past President's Award! Thank you to Mary who put together our entry this year.

Mary also represented us at the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) Conference in Malaysia, which was an extraordinary experience.

This year we were fortunate to host our first Northern Tablelands Group meeting. We welcomed members from across the Northern Tablelands for a Saturday meeting. It was a wonderful opportunity for our members who would otherwise be at work during the week, to see what happens at a Group meeting, and how the next level of CWA works. Our member and friend Jenni Jackson was the guest speaker and shared her cycling journey and her involvement in the Tour de Rocks event, raising money for cancer, a cause which is very close to her heart. Thank you Jenni for sharing your story, even though there were a lot of tears, we are all very proud of you.

We celebrated CWA Awareness Week with a Spring Fling on Friday 1st September. It was a wonderful night at the Guyra Bowling Club, and we welcomed Ovarian Cancer

Research Foundation ambassador Catherine Stephen as a guest speaker. Catherine shared her journey of being an Ovarian Cancer survivor and how she is now working with the Foundation as part of their White Shirt and Frocktober campaigns. Our very own Marni Turner shared her knowledge as a registered Psychologist on how getting active can boost your mood and wellbeing. We were fortunate to again partner with HealthWISE who provided free health checks and open conversations around women's health issues.

We have cooked cakes, pickles, biscuits, and marmalade for The Land Cookery competition, we have learned about Feral Cats and drank hemp tea, used hemp hand cream. We have painted upside down giraffes, and we now know a lot more about Latvia than we did this time last year. We continue to fundraise at the Royal Hotel, who kindly let us take over their meat raffles once every three months and provides and excuse for us all to get together with our families for dinner.

Through our fundraising efforts this year, we have made a donation of \$1500 to the Neighbourhood Centre which will be used at our local IGA for the purchase of pantry staples for their Community Kitchen program. We were also able to subsidise the cost of our Cocktail Party and Spring Fling events, ensuring that these events are made affordable for women in the Guyra community to attend. We have also supported the CWA of NSW Disaster Relief and Medical Research Funds.

This is my third and final (for the time being) President's Report and I feel so grateful to be given the opportunity to lead such a dynamic, energetic, caring, supportive, encouraging and passionate group of women. I am proud of what we have achieved over the last 3 years, and I would like to thank all of our members for their contributions, large or small. Thank you to Bec Smith who has been beside me as Secretary for the last 3 years. I would like to wish the incoming executive all the very best and encourage all of our members to support them in the same way you have supported me. The load is easier to carry when the burden is shared.

Whatever we do in our Branch, we do so in the true spirit of CWA.

Through Country Women, For Country Women, By Country Women.

*Anne Starr  
President*

# Yes or No? Cast your vote in the referendum this Saturday

The 2023 referendum is being held on Saturday, October 14.

Voting centres will be open on the day for people to vote in-person with locations and opening times on the AEC website.

Guyra voters should be aware that the voting venue for the referendum is the Guyra Community Hall. Voting centres will also operate at the Ben Lomond Hall and Black Mountain School. You can cast your votes starting a 8am and through to 6pm.

It's been 24 years since a referendum was held in Australia so for many voters it's either going to be their first, or the first in a long time.

The 2023 referendum will ask Australians whether to recognise First Nations people in the constitution through a Voice to Parliament.

About 6.4 million people will be voting in their first federal referendum on October 14 - based on age alone. With that comes questions, so here is our guide to the referendum process.

## Do I have to vote?

Yes, like elections, voting in referendums is compulsory for all Australian citizens aged 18 and over.

People who are enrolled to vote in elections are already enrolled for the referendum.

A record 97.7 per cent of voters are enrolled according to the Australian Electoral Commission.

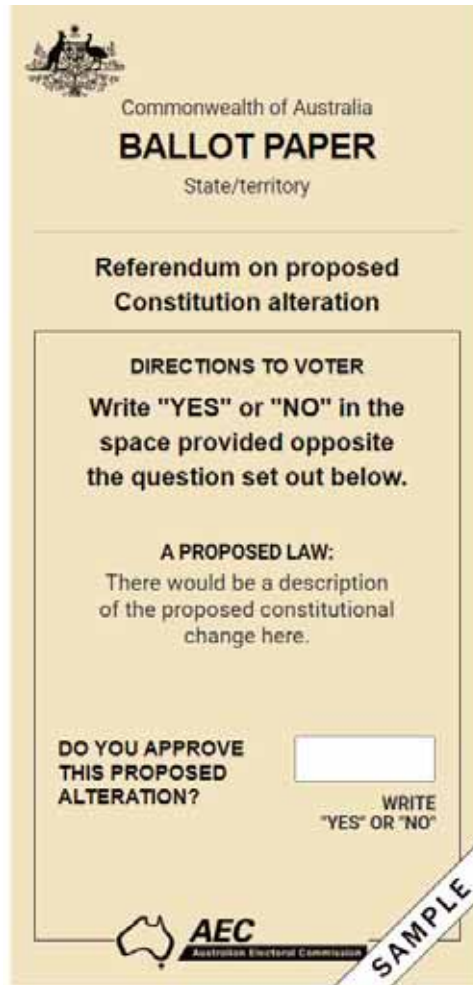
This includes an estimated 94.1 per cent of Indigenous voters - the first time this figure has been above 90 per cent in Australia's history.

Voters can check their details are correct on the AEC website, however it is too late to enrol.

## What is the referendum question?

The 2023 referendum ballot paper will ask the following question:

***A Proposed Law: to alter the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by***



***establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice. Do you approve this proposed alteration?***

Voters will be asked to clearly write "yes" or "no" in a single box on the ballot paper. The AEC has a sample ballot paper on its website where you can practise completing a vote. **'Yes' or 'no'?**

That's up to you to decide, but you can find out more about the proposal in an official pamphlet which was sent to all Australian households.

It's also available online, including in more

than 30 languages, on the AEC website.

## How is the referendum decided?

A double majority is required to pass a referendum into law.

This means reaching a national majority - at least 50 per cent voting 'yes' - and a majority in at least four of six states: NSW, Victoria, Queensland, Tasmania, South Australia and Western Australia.

Votes from the ACT, Northern Territory and Australia's other external territories only count towards the national majority.

The referendum will not pass if the majority of people nationally vote no, or if a majority of voters in at least three states vote no.

## When is the result announced?

Counting of ballot papers will begin at 6pm local time when voting centres close on October 14.

That night all votes cast that day will be counted as well as most of the early votes.

The timing of the result being declared depends on how close it is, with the AEC cautioning it may take days or weeks for additional pre-poll, overseas and postal votes to be received and counted.

## Voting near Guyra

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### Guyra Community Hall

cnr Marne St & Dutton Pde, Guyra

### Black Mountain Public School

815 Black Mountain Rd, Black Mountain

### Ben Lomond War Memorial Hall

1231 Ben Lomond Rd, Ben Lomond

## Rural Market Reports

### Weekly Wool Market

October 6th - With the national weekly offerings continuing to hover around the 40,000 bale mark the market seems content at current levels.

Whilst a rise was reported in the headline market indicators this week it was a mixed result. In the Merino sector the 19.5

micron and finer types all lost ground whilst the broader Merino micron indicators were well supported and recorded gains.

The Crossbred sector was the best performing for the week and has slowly started to claw its way back from record low levels. The 28 micron indicator in the Northern region gained 7.5% for the week.

34,476 bales were sold nationally with a passed in rate of 7.2%. Major buyers included Endeavour Wool, Techwool and PJ Morris with the top four buyers purchasing a very even spread of the national offering. AWTA test data for the 1st quarter of the selling season was released this week.

A 2.1% fall in the weight of wool tested across the country

was reported with every state registering a small decline. Interestingly AWEX data shows a 7.3% increase or roughly 25,500 additional bales have been sold in the quarter. This would indicate a sell down of stock that had been held in brokers stores and is the most wool sold in the September quarter since the 2017/18 season.



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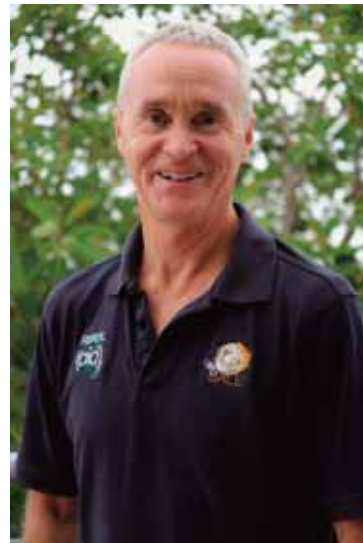
**Talk to a local**

# Rural Aid encourages farmer registrations as El Nino is declared

Australia's most trusted rural charity is encouraging farmers to reach out for assistance following the Bureau of Meteorology officially declaring an El Nino event. The El Nino weather pattern means hot, dry seasons that trend towards drought.

Rural Aid CEO John Warlters said the Bureau's announcement confirmed many producers' fears. "The announcement of the El Nino weather pattern will bring a lot of unwelcome memories to the surface for our farmers, who've been anxiously watching land and waterways dry up," Mr Warlters said.

"Thousands of farmers are already managing their land with a view to drought, but this announcement makes that approach all the more important. The past drought was regarded as the worst in living memory for the majority of the country, and it's understandable that many farmers are scared of going through that again. We're encouraging farmers



Rural Aid CEO John Warlters to reach out and register with Rural Aid now.

"In the past four months, requests to Rural Aid for emergency drinking water have increased by 240 per cent, and our free water tank offer was exhausted in just four hours with more than 95 applications. We're aiming to de-

liver another 50 water tanks by the end of this year to meet demand.

"Rural Aid helps farmers with hay, drinking water, financial assistance, counselling and volunteers; all at no cost to our primary producers, thanks to the generosity of the Australian public and our corporate partners.

"This El Nino declaration is a particularly upsetting moment for our farmers. It means conditions are likely to get worse before they get better. I'm encouraging farmers who are finding themselves overwhelmed to give our rurally-based counselling team a call for a free chat, to make sure they're in the best possible position they can be to take on the upcoming seasons," Mr Warlters concluded. Primary producers are urged to register online at [www.ruralaid.org.au](http://www.ruralaid.org.au) or by calling 1300 327 624. Rural Aid's counsellors can be reached at 1300 175 594



## Wildlife Tails



### How to help save injured wildlife

If you care for animals/birds and hate to see them lying on the road after a car has collided with them, then before you leave home make sure you have this.

Download to your phone the IFAW animal rescue app, it's free. It will give you a list of wildlife groups and phone numbers in whichever area you're in in NSW, plus information on what you can do.

What do you do when you see a bird or animal that has been hit by a vehicle?

Everyone, and yes, that means you, can save a critter from pain and fear.

We all should carry a box, towels, rags and tape or string in our cars. A plastic carry cage is better but a cardboard box is sufficient in a lot of cases except for parrots, if active, and echidnas.

Then what to do?

Firstly, make sure you are safe, the aim isn't to have a critter in a box and you in an ambulance.

Try and work out exactly where you are, electricity poles have numbers, the closest property, the nearest street, how many kms to the next street or town. Many animals/birds need to be returned to where they were found when fit enough to be released.

Keep the animal/bird quiet and in a dark place, turn off the radio.

Prop the animal/bird in the box

with towels or whatever you have.

They will be in pain and scared, be careful and keep them away from your fingers and eyes.

If it's in business hours, then leave it with all the details at the closest vet.

If the critter manages to limp into the bush then look at your IFAW app and ring the closest wildlife group and let them know. Do the same if it's too big for you to handle.

You don't need to try and feed it or give it water because it will be in shock and you could be in danger of choking it.

Thankyou for looking after our precious wildlife.

*Jacquie Maisey*



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# Classifieds Trades & Services

## GARAGE SALE

**SATURDAY**, 21st October at 1715 Baldersleigh Rd, Guyra: bedroom furniture, office desks, kitchenware, chairs and much more. Not before 8am.

## RAFFLE RESULTS

**TROUTFEST** raffles won by: Steven Sole – shirt/hat, Sharon Kieneen – Pot, Peter Kieneen – Khammo voucher, Geoff Dutch Ebor – tackle voucher, Robyn C – tackle box, Jamie Viehboch – tackle box. Thank you to all who supported us.

## 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. We hope to see some new faces!

## FOOD PANTRY

**Food Pantry at The Chapel**  
66 Llangothlin Street, Guyra

**OPEN on FRIDAY**  
9am-12pm

Contact: 0455 232 073

## COURSES

### Tech Savvy Seniors Program & Certificate courses

*Enrolments now open for:*

- Certificate I in General Education for Adults
- Certificate II in Workplace Skills
- Certificate III in Business

### Work Safely at Heights

Wednesday 18th October

### Chemical Course Full & Refresher

Wednesday 8th November

**Bookings essential at**

### New England Community College

(RTO#90145)

136 Bradley Street, Guyra

**Phone: 6779 2132**

**or enrol online:**

**www.gala.org.au**

## MEETING NOTICES

### Guyra Local Aboriginal Land Council Notice of Ordinary/Members Meeting

Date: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Time: 5.30 pm

Venue: 154 Sandon Street Guyra 2365

#### Agenda

1. Welcome/Apologies
2. Minutes of Previous Members Meeting
3. Financial Report
4. CEO Report
5. Board Remuneration
6. Change of Address to 187 Falconer St
7. New Memberships
8. General Business

Authorised by:

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4. General Business

**PLEASE NOTE:** In relation to the election for Board members:

A voting member of Guyra LALC is not entitled to vote, nominate, accept a nomination or be elected to office in elections for Board Members if the voting member has not attended at least 2 meetings of the Guyra LALC in the preceding 12 months as a voting member.

All enquiries about this meeting or voting rights should be directed to the Guyra LALC during office hours.

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## CLAIM THE DATE

**SATURDAY, 28<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER:**  
**CHALLENGE TO THE FELLAS** - Are you man enough to frock up? Support ovarian cancer research. Frock-Tober at the Royal Hotel from 6.30pm.

**SATURDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER:**  
**Official Opening of GUYRA MEMORIAL PARK.** BBQ, memorial avenue, memorial plaques, mandala garden and rotunda following the RSL Remembrance Day service.

**SUNDAY, 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER:**  
**GUYRA CUP** at Armidale Racecourse.

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## Junior Cricket

It's time to join a team, make new friends and take your batting, bowling and fielding skills to the next level. Guyra Cricket Club will hold a registration day for junior players this Thursday October 12th.

Junior cricket is great for kids to advance their cricket skills through organised games. The junior cricket pathway nurtures their passion, builds their confidence, allowing them to create lifelong memories. Juniors play real games of cricket, with different game styles and formats to allow kids to progress based on ability.

The club is looking for both boys and girls who are interested in being part of a team. Teams will be under 11, 13, and 15 age groups (depending on numbers). Anyone interested is invited to come along to the Guyra Recreation Ground cricket nets at 4 pm on Thursday October 12th.

If you are unable to make it on that day, but are interested in playing please contact Simon Brown on 0427 665 131.

## Midweek Golf

Record entries for Midweek golf start this week. Seventeen teams have put their names in to play the midweek competition. This includes six new teams. What a great start.

Each week you need to play between Monday morning and 5pm Sunday afternoon. Score cards to be in the box at the club by 5pm Sunday.

A couple of the teams need another player if anyone is interested in playing midweek. Get the name to Leonie Taylor to be placed in a team.

Playing score cards will be available from the bar when you pay to play each week and there will be an update on your handicap each week. Rules available at the club.

Team names are: Lubed up; Hillbillies; Sultans of Swing; No Shankers; Catch 23; Pitch Puff-fects; Shire Sharks; Full House; Baldersleigh Bashers; Ball Deep; Sassy Scroogers; Big Nuts; Double A Rons; Par-tee Putters; Tee em up; Pothole Fillers; Just a Hack.

If I have missed your team or you still have a team to put in then let me know by the end of this week so we can add them to the list. Happy golfing.

*Middy*

## Vets Golf

Last Tuesday October 3rd saw a good field of golfers contest the Reg Taylor stroke event. Thanks Shane for your preparation of the course, it is dry times and the fairways are offering plenty of run. Hard to believe that a very short time ago we were unable to play because of how wet it was. We sure do live in a land of flood and drought.

There were some top scores recorded with Ian Taylor getting the gross and Dave Bearup taking out the nett. Jon Cumming was

the best putter, Ian Taylor got NTP on the 7th with Don Hill getting the 10th and 18th.

Next Tuesday the 17th will be a stableford event plus putts.

*Drake.*

## Men's Bowls

Three games were played over the weekend. In handicap singles Shane Brennan defeated Geoff Reeves 31-22, Roger Cox was too good for Anthony Bull winning 31-30. In the final of the open singles Robert Moore has been crowned club champion de-

feating David Wilcox 31-30 in a nailbiter.

Games set down for this Sunday 15th October at 1 o'clock, in major/minor pairs Colin Stanley and Greg Mitchell will play Shane and Noah Brennan. In handicap singles Roger Cox will play Robert Moore with Dan Kennedy to mark, Tim Ellis will do battle with Barry Presnell with Jason Varcoe to mark. Twilight bowls will kick off on Thursday night at 6 o'clock.

*Jack*



**Wongwibinda Pasture Walk**

Morning tea & lunch provided

**Get the latest on:**

- Feeding livestock in dry times
- Animal health in dry times
- What is the weather outlook?
- Fixed time AI with sexed female semen
- Drones for weed control
- Water infrastructure, fodder crop options & pasture walk

**23 October 2023**  
**Te-Angie, 338 Fishington Road**  
**Wongwibinda**  
**11am-2.30pm**

**RSVP 16 October 2023 to [glenrac@glenrac.org.au](mailto:glenrac@glenrac.org.au) or (02) 6732 3443**  
**Morning tea & lunch provided. BYO chair.**



# Great weekend of Trout Fishing



**Left:**  
Senior Impoundment Men's Brett Woodward 47cm Rainbow Trout. Senior Impoundment Woman's Lea Woodward 46cm Rainbow Trout. Junior Boy Ashley Woodward 45cm Rainbow Trout and Junior Girl Darcy Campbell 43cm Rainbow Trout.

On the October Long weekend, for the opening of Trout Season the Guyra Anglers Club held the John Wilcox Classic.

The Club had over 40 people register for the event. Guyra turned on a great weekend with warm weather for the event and a lot of fish were caught.

The Club would like to thank everyone that participated.

*Kirra Lennon*

**Right:**  
Senior Creek Men's Chris Hillet 60cm Brown Trout. Senior Creek Woman's Sarah Campbell 50.5cm Rainbow Trout. Junior Boy Maverick Foster 50cm Rainbow Trout and Junior Girl Darcy Campbell 40cm Rainbow Trout.



## Pennants win for ladies



**Above l to r:** Debbie Heffernan, Belinda Lenahan, Vicki Reeves, Karen Oehlers and Jenny Rogers

Last week a few Ladies played a Par Medal in very windy conditions. Debbie Burey was the sponsor with Julie Walker winning with +4. Karen Oehlers was the runner up. Nearest the pin winners were Karen Oehlers on the 7th and 18th hole. Julie Walker on the 9th hole.

This week is the Guyra Welding Works 4BBB Championships. Next week is the Golf NSW Medal NEDGA district playoff in Guyra. We will have players from the region competing in this event. Pip White is the starter. Good luck to

all!  
Also last Friday the Guyra Ladies played in the final of the Southern Division Pennants winning against Armidale and Walcha. We now compete against Inverell in the Region Final in the coming weeks.

The team over the three rounds consisted of Pip White, Wendy Jackson, Shona Mulligan, Leonie Taylor, Deb Heffernan, Belinda Lenahan, Vicki Reeves, Karen Oehlers and Jenny Rogers.

*Birdie*

## Elders Armidale & Guyra Client Industry Session



Learn more about eNVDs, LPA requirements and NLIS details.

Thursday 12th October 2023

Guyra Bowling Club, 2-4pm

Light refreshments provided

RSVP Monday 9th October

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