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## A BIG THANK YOU!

The Rotary Club of Guyra thanks all who participated in the Guyra Community Christmas Carnival in Bradley Street last Friday evening

*Thank You to the Guyra Community for being there.*

*Thank You to all the Children for coming to meet Santa.*

*Thank You to Peter Bailey for his presence and presents.*

*Thank You to the Stall Holders who supported the event.*

*Big Special thanks to the Council staff who set up and cleaned up.*

*A Big Thank You to Armidale Regional Council for sponsoring the event, for organising the stalls, for providing Santa's reindeer, and the train, and the music and the dancers, and the big Christmas Tree.*

*And a Huge Thank You to Santa for travelling from the North Pole to be in Guyra for the children.*

*All the members of the Rotary Club of Guyra wish everyone a very Happy & Safe Christmas and a Prosperous New Year*







# Christmas Carnival 2023





# Street party heralds festive season

Reindeers, Santa Claus, train rides, market stalls and one of the biggest crowds in the many years filled Bradley Street on Friday night for the 2023 Guyra Christmas Carnival.

The arrival of Santa in a sleigh drawn by two live reindeers was perhaps the highlight of the night, with children of all ages greeting their arrival with great excitement. Another highlight for the youngsters was the Thomas and Friends electric train which weaved its way in and out of the crowd throughout the evening.

The Carnival was held under threatening skies, but thankfully the rain stayed away and allowed revellers to enjoy a full program of events. The Guyra combined Churches Choir added a festive feel with a performance of carols, followed by the popular Fijian and Samoan dance and song groups.

Santa, with assistance from his Rotary Club helpers, handed out gifts to around 350 children. Despite the long queue Santa kept smiling and posed for photos as he handed over the gifts.

The night ended with Guyra's Citizen of the Year Beth White flicking the switch to make the



Windsor Antiques Australiana window was judged the winner of the Guyra Christmas Business display

town's community Christmas tree sparkle. She was joined by ARC Mayor Sam Coupland.

The Christmas tree will remain lit up outside ARC's Guyra office for the rest of the festive season.

An extra element was revealed as the night progressed with new lighting installed in the street trees

by the Guyra and Community Progress Association. They also revealed the winner of the Guyra Christmas Business display.

Windsor Antiques was the winner and they received a \$200 Royal Hotel Guyra meal voucher and inaugural prize of an engraved Christmas music box.

Business owners Judy and Neil Donnelly collaborated with a couple of Guyra's newest residents, Steve and Viv, to showcase a beautiful display of an Australiana Christmas. Rotary Club of Guyra President David Kanaley had the honour of judging a tightly contested competition.

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# What's HOT

RFS Santa's Lolly run Saturday December 9th

Congrats to all involved in the Christmas Carnival

Combined Churches Choir this weekend - see classies for details

Carols by Candlelight Tuesday night - see back page for details

Window display and twinkling lights in street trees

Hot weather forecast for the coming week

## QUOTE of the week

*Nothing's as mean as giving a little child something useful for Christmas*

## Bureau of Meteorology Weather

### WATCH

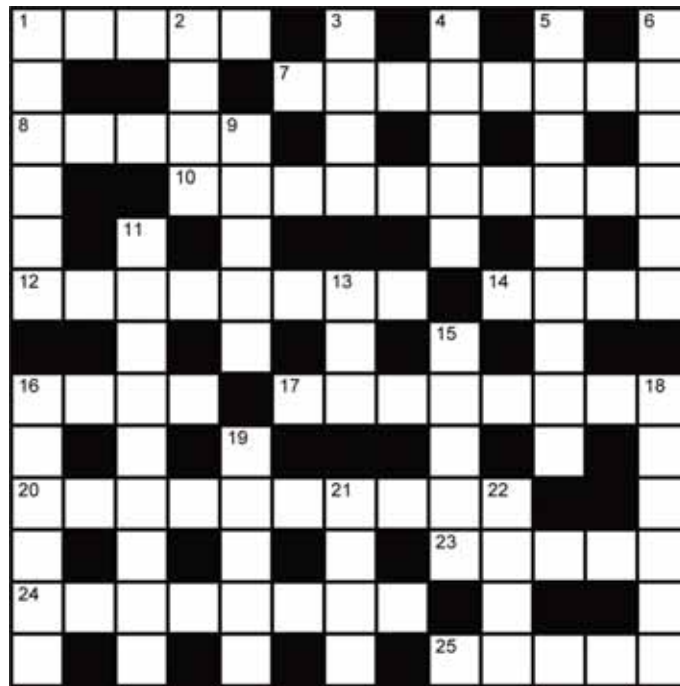
Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
28	Tues	13.1	18.8	0
29	Wed	12.9	22.9	0
30	Thurs	9.8	20.7	7.0
1	Fri	8.6	23.0	0
2	Sat	8.6	19.1	0.8
3	Sun	10.0	23.6	0
4	Mon	9.9	24.5	0

Rain this week	7.8mm
November rainfall	127.8mm
Rainfall YTD	720.8mm
Rainfall last YTD	1048.8mm
Ave. rain to Dec.	903.6mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

## CROSSWORD



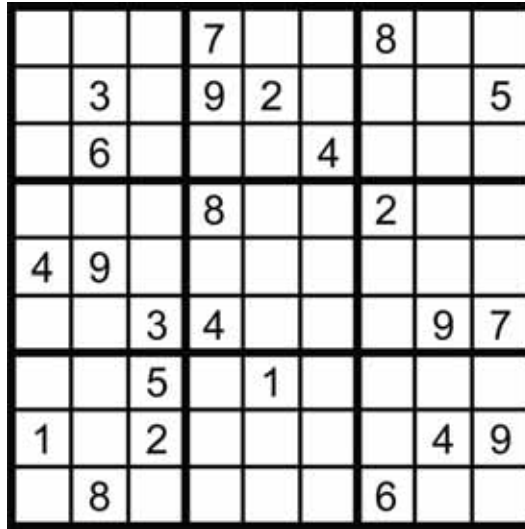
### ACROSS

- Sentry (5)
- Extinct reptile (8)
- Pinch (5)
- US actor, \_\_\_ Clift (10)
- Capital of Wyoming, USA (8)
- Grasped (4)
- Salute (4)
- Bulge (8)
- Newspaperman (10)
- Curved sword (5)
- Careful (8)
- Leniency (5)

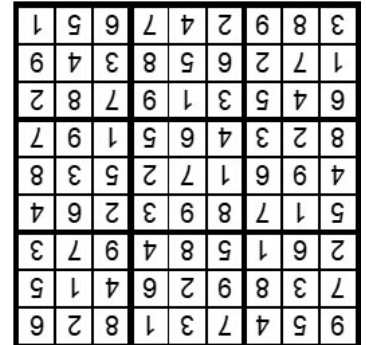
### DOWN

- Style of architecture (6)
- Paper measure (4)
- Wound dressing (4)
- Punctuation mark (5)
- Recklessly bold person (9)
- Threadbare (6)
- One-hundredth of a rouble (5)
- Not evergreen? (9)
- Immediately (3)
- A Touch of \_\_\_\_, film (5)
- Seize in transit (6)
- Merriment (6)
- Helen Reddy hit, \_\_\_ Baby (5)
- Noisy (4)
- Domesticated (4)

## Sudoku - Easy



ACROSS: 1. Guard 7. Dinosaur 8. Tweak 10. Montgomery 12. Cheyenne 14. Held 16. Hall 17. Swelling 20. Journalist 23. Sabre 24. Cautious 25. Mercy  
 DOWN: 1. Gothic 2. Ream 3. Lint 4. Colon 5. Daredevil 6. Frayed 9. Kopek 11. Deciduous 13. Now 15. Class 16. Hlack 18. Galt 19. Angie 21. Loud 22. Tame



### Meals on Wheels

Dec 7	H Marchant
Dec. 8	Golf Ladies
Dec. 11	Lions Club
Dec. 12	Narelle Leven
Dec. 13	CWA

### Street Stalls

Dec 7,8,9	Lions Club
Dec 14,15,16	Rotary

### 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

### 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



# Pothole program reaches record levels with 10,000 potholes filled in recent months

Armidale Regional Council (ARC) has filled more than 10,000 potholes in recent months, thanks in part to a significant grant from the NSW State Government.

The Council's Transport Department has smoothed the way for the region's drivers by finalising the Pothole Repair Grant works under the \$635,000 provided from the State Government's \$500 million package to repair road damage.

The funding grant from Transport NSW, called Fixing Local Roads Pothole Repair Round, was announced earlier in the year and was designed to

support emergency and heavy patching of the pothole damage to roads.

It followed the declaration of a Statewide Roads Emergency by Local Government NSW (LGNSW) late last year, in the wake of more than 220 natural disasters declared across NSW during 2022.

ARC has completed the following road improvements under the funding.

- 3403 potholes repaired on urban roads.
- 441 potholes repaired on regional roads.
- 6289 potholes repaired on rural roads.

"Keeping our community safe on our roads is a high priority for us at Council," said Mayor Sam Coupland.

"Heavy rain episodes in the past have caused significant damage to our roads including causing large amounts of potholes.

"This funding has helped us use additional resources to raise the condition profile of the sealed road network in the Armidale region, making our roads safer and better to drive on."

Mayor Coupland said Council would continue to monitor and repair potholes under general internal funding.

# RFS Santa's Lolly run

Santa's lolly run will be happening in Guyra on the 9th of December 2023.

RFS vehicles will be assisting santa in giving out lollies starting at 11am at White Park, 11.20am at Claret Ash Park, 11.40am at South Guyra Park, 12pm at Holts Park across from Guyra Fuel's and final drop at 12.20pm at Rotary Park car park.

Times are approximate.

## Have Your Say .....

### Time to wake up

Fellow Australians, it's time to wake up and reflect on a pivotal issue shaping our generation's legacy. We risk being remembered as "GenLems," mindlessly following leaders on a hazardous path.

Regardless of one's stance on climate change, our energy policy mirrors Lemming behavior, leading us towards an abyss that threatens national security and exacerbates living costs.

The push for an unrealistic "Net Zero" vision by Anthony A. Lemming and the hasty actions of Chris B. Lemming without proper planning pose significant risks. Their approach neglects realistic assessments and overlooks the experiences of developed nations diversifying their energy mix. As we approach the precipice, questions about the plan, consultation, and international approaches remain unanswered.

This blind rush carries severe consequences: wind and solar farms are not as environmentally friendly as claimed, batteries are inadequate for long-term storage, job sustainability is uncertain, and "green" hydrogen remains economically unproven. The

transition lacks practical planning, with no clear strategy for transport, housing, or resources.

It's time to hold our leaders accountable. We must demand comprehensive independent assessments, scrutinize decisions, and advocate for a diversified energy mix, including natural gas and nuclear options. Let's engage in informed debates, listen to skeptics, participate in community meetings, and express concerns. Resist the pull of "Group Think."

Our journey toward energy insecurity and environmental destruction requires collective awareness and action. We refuse to be silent followers; let's ensure our legacy is not that of the "GenLems."

*Suella Tritton*

*Have your say*

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## Black Mountain Public School Mega Band Day



The 3-6 class at Black Mountain Public School travelled to Armidale on Friday, 24th November 2023 to participate in a Mega Band Day at the New England Conservatory of Music.

The aim of the day was to celebrate the work that these young musicians had put in throughout the year learning their music, as well as giving them the opportunity to play in

a large ensemble.

At the end of the day, they performed a repertoire including 'Power Rock, Flight of the Banshee, Old MacDonald Had a Band and Ode to Joy'.

This was a great experience for our students who represented our school with pride. Well done!

*Mrs Justine Eddy  
Relieving Principal*



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**ST MARY of the Angels Church:** Robyn Roberts. 50 Club 1st John Mitchell, 2nd Rita Williams (redonated), 3rd Geoff Reeves. Thank you to all who supported us.

**CAN ASSIST:** 1st Kerry Bull, 2nd Debbie Devlin, 3rd Emma Atherton, 4th Helen MacDonald, 5th Tania Lennon, 6th Kristy Hammond, 7th Sam Grills, 8th Jenny Vidler. Thank you to all who supported us.

**GUYRA GARDEN CLUB:** 1st Nita Leamon (ceramic pot & ornaments donated by Cedar Nursery), 2nd Robin Butler (pot with gardening gloves & secateurs donated by Black Mountain Nursery), 3rd Sue Campbell (Fuschia plant), 4th Lynne Chapman (seaweed solution).

## FOOD PANTRY

**Food Pantry at The Chapel**  
66 Llangothlin Street, Guyra  
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Contact: 0455 232 073

## HISTORICAL MUSEUM

**GUYRA HISTORICAL MUSEUM** is open by appointment. Enquiries to 6779 2132 during business hours.

## MEN'S SHED

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## CHRISTMAS CAROLS

**COMBINED CHURCHES CHOIR:** Sunday, 10th December, 7.30pm at Guyra Presbyterian Church; and Monday, 11th December, Ben Lomond. Supper provided after each event.

**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT:** Tuesday, 12th December, hosted by the Hospital Auxiliary in the Guyra MPS grounds.

## CHURCH SERVICES



Your invitation to Christmas services ...

### GUYRA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**COMBINED CHURCHES CHOIR**  
Sunday, 10th December - 7.30pm

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## Vets Golf

What a great day's golf last Tuesday. Tex and Col came up with this idea to have a thank you day for all that contributed to our very successful campaign during the year to bring home the pennants trophy. Wal got on board to give a hand and between the three of them put on a great two person Ambrose followed by a luncheon in the club. I couldn't make it but from all reports a great day was enjoyed by all.

The winners of the hams went to Custard Mulligan and Chris Newberry with 66 nett. Runner up and just one shot off the pace was Wendy Jackson and Ray Sweeney with a nett 67. NTPs went to Ian Taylor and Wal Chapman on the 7th, with Deb Heffernan and Paul Redden getting the 18th. Thanks to all that took part and hopefully we can have another successful pennants year ahead in 2024.

Next Tuesday the 12th we are bringing our monthly 4BBB forward to celebrate Christmas. Again there will be hams etc. up for grabs so grab a partner and join in the fun. We will follow golf with a sausage sizzle. Happy golfing.

*Drake*

## Cricket

**Under 11** Guyra 103 defeated Easts 88. Batting Peter Grills 5 ret., Flynn McFarlane 8 ret, Rylan Wilson 10\*, Matthew Sauer 6\*. Bowling Matthew Sauer 1/9, Chaise Martin 2/10, Rylan Wilson 1/5,

Angus Sutton 1/2.

**Under 13** Guyra 7/83 defeated by Easts 5/102. Batting Billy Ryan 24\*, Thomas Ward 21, Sam Reeves 11\*. Bowling Thomas Ward 1/10, Christopher Welsh 1/7, Charles Drew 1/10, Sam Reeves 2/6.

**1st grade** (T20 – Match abandoned

**3rd grade** (T20) – Guyra 6/85 defeated Hillgrove 8/83. Batting Les Perrett 24, Lincoln Brown 25\*, Nayte Foster 6\*. Bowling Tim Foster 1/15, Mavric Foster 3/8, Tommy Mitchell 2/12, Luke Foster 1/8, Linclon Brown 1/9, Nayte Foster 1/14.

Next week 1st grade will play Ex Services at Armidale Sportsground, 3rd grade will play Easts at Lambert Park. Junior Games will resume in February.

## Ladies' Golf

Last week the ladies played two final rounds. The Kirks IGA Match Play Winner for 2023 was Shona Mulligan. The Par Medal Play Off Winner for 2023 was Jenny Rogers. Runner up for the Par Medal was Debbie Heffernan. Nearest the pin winners were Debbie Heffernan on the 7th and 18th holes. Wendy George on the 9th hole. Jenny Rogers on the 10th hole.

This week is a Bisque Par Round. Next week is a Stableford with Anita Murray as the starter. Next week is also the Ladies' Presentation Evening.

*Birdie*



Isabella Purvis travelled to Sydney on the 25th November to compete in the NSW Champion of Champions. Isabella played well all weekend only dropping six games in four matches. She won the Under 12 girls final 6-0 6-1. Isabella will travel to the Gold Coast next weekend to represent the North West region in the Queensland Teams event.

## Rural Market Reports

### Weekly Wool Market

**December 2** - A larger national offering on the back of the previous fortnights rises and further strengthening of the Aussie dollar against the US could have easily transpired to a considerably cheaper market.

Whilst the headline market indicator did decline 4 cents the consensus would be that this was a positive performance, and the more upbeat tone of the last few weeks has continued.

The Northern region indicator lost 5 cents on the first day of sales before regaining 1 cent of the final day. It was a designated superfine sale in the Northern region and the quality of some

of these types helped push selected micron indicators dearer for the week.

The 19 micron indicator lost the most ground however it had gained 90 cents over the previous fortnight. 42,459 bales were sold nationally for the week with a passed in rate of 9.5%.

Major buyers included Techwool, PJ Morris & Tianyu. Total bales sold nationally for the first five months of the season is around 14% higher than last season. AWTA test data is showing a 5% increase in the volume of bales tested nationally. The figures indicate that the sell down of previous held stock has continued.

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# Bowlers take to the greens for annual carnival

Guyra Bowling Club hosted bowlers from across the State for a week of bowls last week for its annual carnival.

The event has been a feature on the calendar for more than 30 years and this year saw around 200 players descend on the town from across the North West, Mid North Coast, Sydney and Queensland.

The carnival started on Tuesday with the women's triples, with the mixed triples held on Wednesday. Thursday and Friday saw bowlers back on the green for the blue ribbon event, with a full field contesting the Schweppes pairs.

The carnival wrapped up on the weekend with the triples carnival which was played with another full field.

The winners of the Ladies Triples were Ester Hunt, Carmel Ryan and Lyn Burnell

from Walcha.

The Mixed Triples was won by the Glen Innes team of Ross Gallagher and Shirley and Peter Hutton.

On Thursday and Friday the Schweppes Prestige Pairs were played with the winners being Mick Pennell and Colin Stanley. Runners up were Mick Studdart and Peter Griffith.

The weekend culminated with Open Triples with the winners being Chris Kliendienst,

Steve Fuller and Todd Fuller. Runners up were Clint Sheldon and Ray and Steve Clarke from the Gold Coast

On Sunday the Brian Vickery ham day will be played, \$5 entry fee

In by 11:30 for a 12:30 start, Bowls shirt to be worn , members only.

*Jack*

**Top right:**

Pairs winners Mick Pennell and Colin Stanley

**Bottom right:**

Triples winners Chris Kliendienst, Steve Fuller and Todd Fuller



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## Carols by Candlelight

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Carols start 7pm

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BYO blanket or chairs