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Preschoolers graduate top of the class

Guyra Preschool and Long Day Care Centre recently celebrated the successful graduation of its 2023 class in a heartwarming ceremony.

Parents, friends, and educators gathered at the Guyra Bowling Club to witness the children's transition from preschool to the next chapter in their education at 'Big School' in 2024.

"Parents were visibly moved as they watched their children receiving well-deserved diplomas, marking the significant end to their early childhood education," said educator Bec Wilson.

"It is always a bittersweet time of year for educators. We are so proud and excited for the children as they move on in their journey, but we also shed a little tear as we will miss our 'big kids'.

"Some of these kids have been with us since they were tiny babies. We've watched them learn to walk and talk and master exciting things like writing their own name. We will miss their smiling faces at the Centre.

"Armidale Regional Council (ARC) alongside the Guyra Preschool and Long Day Care Centre takes pride in fostering a



The graduating class of 2023: Amarlie Deaves, Aria Vidler, Avery Brettle, Baxter Gray, Bradley Shortt, Corey Alefosio, Fletcher Cleaver, Hudson Hoy, Jayda Franey, Kailyn Dittman, Lawson Yates, Layla McElroy, Locky Heagney, Nash Cameron, Paityn Orchard, Solomone Ale, Tyde Kennedy, Violet Atkin

nurturing environment that encourages curiosity, learning and social development.

"The success of this year's preschool graduation is a testament to the dedicated educators,

supportive parents, and the incredible young graduates. We wish you all the best in 2024!"

'SHOP LOCAL' in December and go into our Christmas give-away

1st prize: Clay Chimenea

2nd prize: Arctic Vest

3rd prize: Beach Umbrella & Cricket Set

Dasha, Tania & staff wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We thank you for shopping locally and for your support during 2023

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Our Christmas trading hours will be:

Wed, Thurs, Fri	20-22 December	7.00am – 5.30pm
Saturday	23 December	7.00am – 12.00pm
Sunday	24 December	9.00am – 11.00pm
CLOSED: Monday & Tuesday 25th & 26th December		
Wed, Thurs, Fri	27-29 December	7.00am – 5.30pm
Saturday	30 December	7.00am – 12.00pm
Sunday	31 December	9.00am – 11.00pm
CLOSED: Monday, 1st January		
Tuesday	2 January	7.00am – 5.30pm

61 Ollera Street, Guyra
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*Season's Greetings to all
this Christmas from Tania,
Robyn & Gemma*

Thank you for your support in 2023
and we look forward to a prosperous 2024

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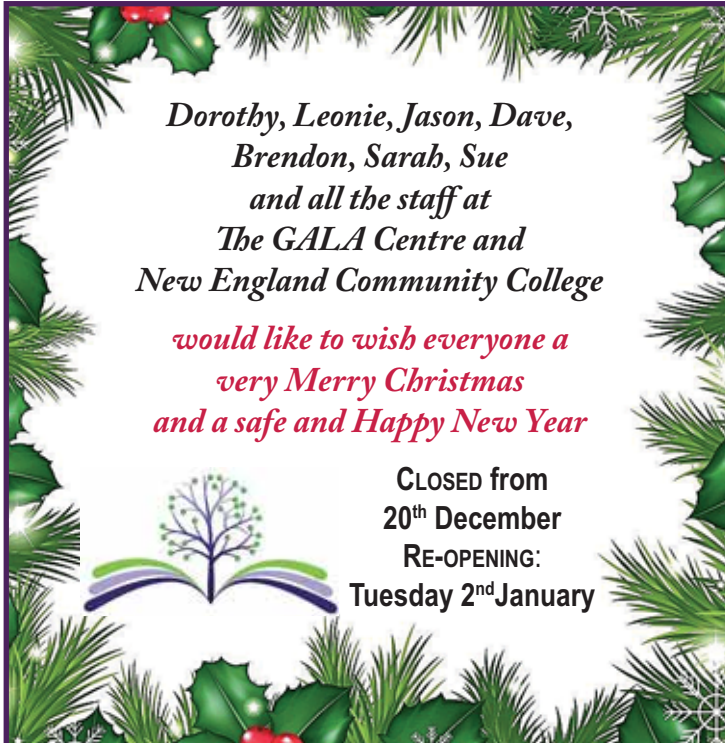
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**Colin, Kylie
& All the Staff at
Guyra Bakery**

*wish all our valued customers
a Merry Christmas
and a safe and prosperous
New Year*


**We will be closed from 6.00pm on
Friday, 22nd December
Re-opening Monday, 8th January**



**Dorothy, Leonie, Jason, Dave,
Brendon, Sarah, Sue
and all the staff at
The GALA Centre and
New England Community College**

*would like to wish everyone a
very Merry Christmas
and a safe and Happy New Year*

**CLOSED from
20th December
RE-OPENING:
Tuesday 2nd January**



End of an era for Donna's Bistro

When Donna Kennedy was asked to help out in the kitchen at the Guyra Bowling Club she thought it would be a temporary role. She had been working at the club behind the bar and doing some waitressing, so thought she would lend a hand until someone else came along.

That was more than twenty four years ago, and last week she finally stepped away from the kitchen, cooked her last meals, and served her last customers as the owner of Donna's Bistro.

While she will miss the regular customers that come in every week, Donna said she won't miss the stress of having to be there all the time.

"At one stage I didn't have a holiday for 10 years and I also missed out on time with my kids because of the demands of the job," Donna said.

"It will be good to have my weekends back and to have more time to be with my family."

In 24 years there have been a few changes, including the amalgamation with the Golf Club.

Perhaps the biggest challenge during her time at the club was the increase in visitors when snow was forecast.

"It wasn't something you could plan for and suddenly you would have hundreds of people turning up wanting something to eat.

"Luckily better communication with the storm chasers in recent years meant we got a bit more warning so we could be prepared."

Donna is proud that during her time she employed over 100 people, and many Guyra youngsters did their first paid work waitressing with her.

She even employed kids whose own parents had worked with her, and is pleased that the new caterers have taken on her latest bunch of employees.

After a few weeks off spending Christmas with family, Donna plans to retrain as a disability carer and hopefully work more predictable hours.

She also said she owes lot to everyone who supported over the years, and acknowledged the contribution of husband Danny who supported her both in the kitchen and at home.

"I couldn't have done it without his support, and the support of my family and all the kids who worked here over the years."

CWA Art Exhibition is on again in January

The CWA Guyra Evening Branch are excited to be hosting our annual Art Exhibition in January 2024 to coincide with the Lamb and Potato Festival. Our Exhibition will again be held in the GALA Centre in Bradley Street. Opening Night will be Friday 19th January and the Exhibition will be open every day until Sunday 28th January. There will be something for everyone with new artists as well as some old favourites who have some new and exciting designs to share.

Opening Night will be another fantastic event, so pop it on your calendar – tickets will be available from the GALA office, or by phoning Linda on 0497 469 919. Tickets will be \$10 and will include a drink and finger food.

If you are an artist and would like to become involved in our Exhibition, we would love to hear from you! Give Linda a call or email cwaguyraeveningbranch@gmail.com

We will also be continuing our Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation raffle during the Exhibition – tickets are \$5 and 1st Prize is a Fire Pit designed and donated by Rob Lenehan, 2nd Prize is a Family Hamper and 3rd Prize is a gift pack from Brisk Trading and Crop Hair Design. Tickets are available from Sarah at Elders in Guyra or at the Exhibition.

We look forward to seeing you in January!

Kirk family checks out for final time

The Kirk family have handed over the reins of the Guyra IGA Supermarket to new owners. They would like to express their gratitude to the Guyra community for the years of patronage and camaraderie they've shared with their customers.

The Kirks been operating businesses at 94 Bradley Street for over 60 years, beginning with Les Kirk working at R Hall & Sons. At that time the business included hardware and rural supplies as well as groceries.

In 1984 Les and wife Carmel bought the business, with Michael working alongside them until 2001 when he and Stacey took control.

It was at that time that they became part of the IGA group of supermarkets. This was a great decision as it allowed the supermarket to grow and the other businesses to expand into their own buildings around Guyra. More recently their son Harry joined them.

During their time in business, they have seen great advances in technology and changes in the way tills and checkouts are operated.

In the early days every item was

keyed in on an old cash register and similarly ordered from suppliers by a check list or order sheet that was faxed or even posted away.

Nowadays, everything is automated and electronically scanned, ordered, and even paid for. There has also been a move away from cash, with EFT making up over 70% of payments in the current day.

Despite handing over the reins, the Kirk family is optimistic about the future of the business. The new owners plan to continue running the business as it is, with the same dedicated team of staff.

"We've had the privilege of serving this wonderful community, and it's been an incredible journey," Michael said.

"We couldn't have done it without our exceptional staff and our loyal customers.

"We're confident that the new owners will carry on the tradition of great service and community engagement that our customers have come to expect.

"The business will remain in good hands, and it will continue to thrive and grow," Michael concluded.

Vu, Nhu and staff wish everyone a Joy & Love Filled Christmas and a safe & happy New Year! We look forward to being of service to you in 2024

Our Christmas opening hours:

Saturday	23 December	9.00am – 12.00pm
Sunday	24 December	CLOSED
Christmas Day	25 December	CLOSED
Tuesday	26 December	CLOSED
Wednesday	27 December	8.00am – 5.30pm
Thursday	28 December	8.00am – 5.30pm
Friday	29 December	8.00am – 5.30pm
Saturday	30 December	9.00am – 12.00pm
Sunday	31 December	CLOSED
New Year's Day	1 January	CLOSED
Tuesday	2 January	8.00am – 5.30pm
Normal opening hours from Tuesday, 2 January		



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Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all our valued clients from all at

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First sales for 2024:

3rd January
Guyra sheep & lamb sale

4th January
Armidale cattle sale



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Merry Christmas from CT ELECTRIC

"Wishing you all the joy, wonder and warmth this holiday season."

Thank you to our customers for your support in 2023.

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Closed from 23rd December - 14th January 24

For EMERGENCIES only please ring Brad on 0421 836 781. For new job enquiries please contact ctelectric1@outlook.com or ring back into the office from the 15th January 24.

What's HOT

New Year's Eve fireworks and entertainment at the Rec. ground.

Wearing your matching Santa PJs to a Christmas Party.

Lamb & Spuds in January

CWA Evening Branch art exhibition opening on 19th January.

What's NOT

Choosing the week before Christmas to close the main street for roadworks.

QUOTE of the week

“Remember, if Christmas isn't found in your heart, you won't find it under a tree.”

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
12	Tues	8.5	27.6	0
13	Wed	10.5	28.7	0
14	Thurs	15.9	28.0	0
15	Fri	15.0	28.1	1.4
16	Sat	11.9	28.5	0
17	Sun	13.9	29.6	0
18	Mon	14.5	30.7	0

Rain this week	1.4mm
December rainfall	10.4mm
Rainfall YTD	730.6mm
Rainfall last YTD	1073.4mm
Ave. rain to Dec.	903.6mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

St Marys Presentation evening

On Tuesday 5th December St Mary of the Angels had their end of year Presentation evening. Thank you to everyone who attended our presentation and joined us in celebrating the success of our students. Thank you to all our sponsors and special guests. Your presence added a special touch to the

occasion, and we appreciate your support.

Your attendance not only contributed to the festive atmosphere but also underscored the sense of community we value. We are grateful for your time and effort in being part of this event.

Your encouragement is a

powerful motivator for both students and educators alike as we continue our pursuit of excellence in education. Thank you for celebrating with us, and we look forward to sharing more successes in 2024.

Principal Zoe Nugent



Brianna Marshall- DUX 2023



George Hope - LivingWell LearningWell award.



Penny McLennan - Jnr Leadership award.



Flynn McFarlane - Sportsperson 2023.
Flynn also received a Half Blue award



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Bald Blair Public School Celebration of Learning



Top left: Academic Excellence: Sadie MacDougall, Claudia Evans, Isabella Purvis with Mrs Lenehan.

Bottom left: Award for Mathematics: Alannah Jackson, Benji-Luke Foster, Henry Evans with Mrs Siddell

Top right: Newly inducted P&C Life Member: Mara Grills with Ros Edwards, Julie Gittoes and Sal Chilcott-Geere

Bottom right: Award for English: Willow Cruickshank, Cruz Little, Emily Champion with Mrs Purvis

Bald Blair Public School held their annual Celebration of Learning and School Concert on Thursday 7th December, with over 100 people in the audience for the evening. We were joined by special guests, Mr Chris Bice, Director of Educational Leadership for the Northern Tablelands, Rural North and Mr and Mrs Jim and Joyce Betts, representing the Guyra Lions Club. Our generous sponsors for the evening included: Guyra Rotary Club, Guyra Lions Club, Guyra CWA, Guyra Lamb and Potato Festival, Top of the Range Shearing, Gavne Enterprises, Adam Marshall

and the Armidale Regional Council.

Major award winners were:

- Citizenship: Mariska Campbell
- English award: Willow Cruickshank, Cruz Little & Emily Champion
- Mathematics award: Alannah Jackson, Benji-Luke Foster & Henry Evans
- Academic Excellence award: Sadie MacDougall, Claudia Evans & Isabella Purvis
- Application & Effort award: Jaidee Masuk-Purvis, Ruby Little & Abbey Grills

- Improvement award: Jorja Cruickshank, Maeve Milmoie, Polly Kane & Alby McKemey
- Encouragement award: Thomas Chapman, Brantley Redshaw-Blanchard & Jay Buckland
- Music award: Jorja Cruickshank, Grace Schaefer, Katie Champion
- Science award: Willow Milmoie, Margeaux Chilcott-Geere & Jaylee Burns
- Kindergarten award: Cooper Turnham
- Premier's Sporting Challenge: Isabella Purvis
- Sportsperson of the Year:

- Taharn Masuk-Purvis
- Transition awards: Jack Champion, Ebonee Cruickshank, Oscar MacDougall, Logan Woolford
- Year Six Graduates: Jay Buckland, Mariska Campbell, Emily Champion, Gemma D'Hudson, Henry Evans, Abbey Grills, Polly Kane, Payden Missen, Isabella Purvis


The evening was topped off with a magnificent performance of the musical, 'SING!', directed by Mrs Aimee Lenehan.

Principal Ros Edwards

**Janelle & Martha
of the Guyra Gazette**
*would like to wish everyone
a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy 2024*

A special thanks to all those who have supported the Guyra Gazette in our 7th year of publication, especially all our advertisers and contributors.

CLOSED from 20th December
REOPENING: Monday 15th January

 **Guyra Gazette**



*We'd like to wish
Everyone a very
Merry Christmas and a
safe and Happy 2024*



'We really appreciate your support in our 1st Year'
Paul, Garry & Our Great Team

Don't miss our last Ham
Raffle this Friday, 22nd Dec at 7.30pm



**We will be closed from Sun 24th Dec
re-opening Tues 2nd Jan, 2024**

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Community Noticeboard

Meals on Wheels

Dec 21	Steve Norris
Dec 22	Debbie Schmidt
Dec 25	Steve Adams
Dec 26	Sue Adams
Dec 27	Narelle Leven
Dec 28	Debbie Schmidt
Dec 29	L & R Skinner
Jan 1	Narelle Leven
Jan 2	Debbie Schmidt
Jan 3	Wendy Lockyer
Jan 4	Heather Marchant
Jan 5	L & R Skinner
Jan 8	Lions Club
Jan 9	Toni Kirkman
Jan 10	Wendy Lockyer
Jan 11	Jim Betts
Jan 12	Golf Ladies
Jan 15	Debbie Schmidt
Jan 16	RAB Staff
Jan 17	Steve Norris

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

'Always winter but never Christmas ...'

It's hard for us to get the traditional northern hemisphere Christmas. We don't dash through the snow on a sleigh to the jingle of bells. For most it's no longer the traditional fare of turkey and plum puddings. For us 'down under' Christmas is a barbie on the verandah, cool drinks, and a swim in the dam.

But in the northern hemisphere it's winter. Cold as. Snow and sleet and a biting wind. Christmas is the shortest and darkest time of the year.

In 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' C.S. Lewis imagines Narnia, where it is winter: "and has been for ever so long ... always winter, but never Christmas."

For Narnia is under the control of the White Witch. It's cold and dark and there's no hope, and nothing to look forward to. Always winter, never Christmas.

But Aslan, the Great Lion comes to Narnia, and everything changes. The snow begins to melt. Spring comes. Flowers. Warmth. And Christmas. The dark gives way to light and joy. And the White Witch is banished forever.

This may have been a tough year for you. It has been for us. A dark and cold year. But with the coming of Jesus into the world, and as we welcome Him into our lives, Christmas comes. The gospel of good news. Light and joy and peace with God. And hope for life and eternity. That's our prayer, for you, this Christmas.

*Rev. Andrew Campbell
St. Columba's
Presbyterian Church*

Finding elusive hope

I wonder if you've ever had a conversation like this? You'll bump into someone in early January, and they'll ask you, "What did you do for New Year's Eve?"

I always dread this question because it exposes my lack of dreams and hopes for the coming year. Honestly, I usually finish the year longing for a holiday, so I often reluctantly answer with, "I went to bed". I suspect that I'm not alone!

New Year's Eve can be wonderfully fun, but the world's problems do not stop as the clock ticks to 12:01 am. You see this in the massive police presence around Sydney Harbour on what is supposed to be such a happy and joyous night.

While we celebrate the coming of a new year, as far as the world's problems are concerned, there is often not much to celebrate. But still, we celebrate. This teaches us

something about ourselves: we are always longing for hope and a new beginning.

Which is why we celebrate a new year. We hope, against all reason and experience, that the new year will be different. That it will be better and happier and that the problems will stop. But, the quest for hope and a new beginning always remains elusive.

This is why the message of Christmas is such good news. In a world that struggles to find hope and longs for new beginnings, Christmas reminds us that Jesus came to offer us both. A new beginning with our sin forgiven, and hope for the future with Him.

As this year ends, it's a great time to consider Jesus again. If you do, you might start the new year with the hope and new beginning you've longed for.

If you'd like to know more, join us at Guyra Anglican Church at 5 pm on Christmas Eve, 9 am on Christmas Day, or 9 am on any Sunday during the year.

*Rev. Tim Stevens
St James Anglican Church*

CHRISTMAS - How Wonderful!

In the famous song penned by the late John Lennon:

So, this is Christmas and what have you done?

Another Year Over and a New One's just Begun.

The Christmas Message to some has been described to me as outdated, boring, stale, and a preference to not mention the very foundation of why we embrace Christmas at all.

To be honest, as the 25th gears up, though I look, I cannot see Jesus anywhere within the celebrations that are to come.

The very weeks heading to Christmas, I see nothing of His birth, and there are no carols playing over the intercom in shopping malls, nor the radio. I have seen 'no' reminder of Him, yet lots of Santa and the Reindeers, I guess to keep everything Merry and Bright.

But you know, I really miss Christmas. Christmas! 'The' 'Hope' 'Beyond' 'Measure'.

The Christmas Message to me is not irrelevant or outdated, neither stale nor hard to hear, it is the very hope that is given to the hopeless should they turn and receive it.

Have you ever seen signs in any advertisements regarding spending at Christmas, saying, 'slow down', 'remain in control', 'think about this'?

No, everything is geared for

'impulse', 'quick', 'hurry', accepting there is a rush, but a rush to what? for what?'

The Christmas Message is 'free', 'prepared', 'personal' and 'packed' with 'purpose'.

Anyone can have it if they want, you cannot be born into it, it is not for sale, and cannot be bought, 'anywhere'. This gift was given, but if not received, remains unopened and unowned.

I have learned; Chaos creates Reactions as opposed to Thinking, simply Responds.

So, I'm thinking, Why would the Son of God venture to this little cul-de-sac, we call planet Earth. He knew where Planet Earth was located because He created it.

He knew where Bethlehem was and the stable, He would be born in.

He knew that His mother was Mary and Stepdad was Joseph, He knit them together in their mother's womb.

How did He know? Because He was fulfilling the Scriptures that He wrote about Himself thousands of Years before.

No wonder on that Glorious night of His birth, entering into the realms of Earth, Angels appeared to the Shepherds in the field, heralding the Proclamation of His Arrival.

I have stood in that very field in Bethlehem, in October this year, and stared at the sky wondering what the Shepherds had seen.

Jesus' birth was 'predicted' through the scriptures and 'announced' by Angels.

The Christmas Message is Good News and the only way it can be good news, is the knowledge that it must be the antidote for bad news. Just as Jesus was counted among them at His birth, we too need to be counted among His followers, by accepting Him, not just believing He is real and distant.

For me, He has never asked me for anything, because He owns everything, and more importantly, He doesn't need anything. He is God who left heaven to be born in Bethlehem and it was not for 'no' reason.

Have you ever wondered what He is doing now?

So, this is Christmas, What have I done? Happy Birthday Jesus~

** All references of Scripture are taken from The Bible and my personal experience in Jerusalem – September/October 2023, literally witnessed HAMAS invade Israel by air & sea and personally seen the devastation inflicted on Israeli families and visitors to the land.*

*Sharon Ritchie
Guyra Church of Freedom*



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New England Community College Inc (NECC) offers a diverse range of certificate courses, general interest courses, computer training and literacy and numeracy tuition in the New England area. We have offices in Guyra, Armidale and Glen Innes.

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New Years Eve 2023
SUNDAY 31 DECEMBER 2023

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5PM - 9:30PM
 FREE FAMILY FUN NIGHT
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This initiative is proudly funded by the NSW Government, in association with the Guyra and Community Progress Association and Armidale Regional Council.



Rural Market Reports

Weekly Wool Market

December 15th - It's always a positive to head into the annual three week Christmas recess on a solid note. Seven years out of the past ten have seen a positive result in this same week with the average rise in the indicator of those seven years at 39 cents. This week's jump came even though the Aussie dollar gained 1.7 cents against the US and hit its highest level since mid-July.

Quantities on offer increased this week to make it the second largest weekly offering for the season to date. This did not deter the trade with progressive gains being made over both selling days in the Northern

region. The Southern region was required to sell over three days and gave back some of the gains made on the final day.

The headline market indicators weekly closing levels are at their highest for the season to date and have broken out of a six month sideways trend. Coming off a lower base the Superfine types gained the most ground with the rest of the market providing a good support act.

46,317 bales were sold nationally for the week with a passed in rate of 5.3%. Major buyers included Techwool, Tianyu and PJ Morris. This report will recommence on the 12th of January.

Activities galore on offer during school holidays

There will be no excuse for the kids saying "I'm bored" these holidays with a terrific lineup of school holiday activities on offer in Armidale and Guyra.

One of the highlights of the program will be the E-Games at the Belgrave Cinema on January 15, 16 and 19.

This will include an exciting week of virtual competition, with \$1000's worth of prizes on offer. The E-Games event is funded by a grant from Regional NSW.

Most of the other activities will be taking place at the Armidale Library and include a mini art competition where winning designs are turned into library bookmarks, henna art tattoos, LEGO free play all day, decorate your own bag using tie dye.

Kids keen on capturing the perfect image will love the photography fundamentals activity on January 18 that involves a street photography exercise (this will involve walking to Beardy Street Mall

and bringing your own camera or device) with Daniel Elliott.

Young science buffs will enjoy the UNE Discovery activity called "Magic of Physics" on January 23 as well as the UNE Discovery "Chemistry" on the same day.

Budding musicians can hit the right note with the introduction to songwriting and recording music activity that will take place on January 24 in the Armidale Library's new sound recording pod. There will be bus transport available for Guyra youth which will be Funded by NSW Office of Regional Youth.

Many of the above activities will also be run at the Guyra Library which will also have sand art, mixed craft days and movie days.

For more information on school holiday activities go to Armidale Regional Council website <https://www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au/community/community-support/children-youngpeople>

Ron, Gary, Pat & Ann of



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& STARR

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fulfilling Christmas

and a

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2024

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CLOSED FROM: 5pm December 21. RE-OPENING: Tuesday, January 9.

Family celebration for 60th wedding anniversary

Family travelled from north and south to gather for a surprise 60th anniversary party for Geoff and Bertha Reeves.

The surprise was due to their anniversary date was actually 23rd of May but celebrations were delayed until four great grand babies, due in 2023, were able to travel and attend.

Geoff and Bertha have four children, 10 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Congratulatory messages were received from Anthony Albanese, Barnaby Joyce, Adam Marshall and King Charles.



Old friends meet again

Rafters hosted a lively catch up of old school friends recently. Being nearly 50 years since the group had been at school there was a lot of news to catch up on

Standing: Leanne Williams (Cooper), Aloma Mulligan (Tibbs), Margaret Davidson (Cox), Narelle Tibbs (McFarlane) Kerry Brenenback (Bull)

Sitting: Debbie Vickery (Squires), Jill Davidson, Beth Heagney (Archibald), Lyn Melling (Heagney), Debbie Burey, Donna Burnham (White) Helen Lawlor (Honnery)

Cody and Staff at Campbell's Butchery thank everyone for your support during 2023

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2024

Christmas Opening Hours:

Monday to Thursday: 8.00am to 5.30pm
Friday: 7.30am to 5.30pm Saturday: 7.30am to 12pm

We are CLOSED 24th, 25th & 26th December and 1st January



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Merry Christmas

... and a happy new year full of adventures and travel.

Thank You to all my wonderful customers for allowing me to be part of your holiday memories.



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RAFFLE RESULTS

GUYRA ROTARY Christmas Barrow raffle won by Julie Saunders. Thank you to everyone who supported us.

AUSTRALIA DAY DINNER

TICKETS for Guyra's Australia Day Dinner will be available at GALA from 3rd January. Cost: \$25 per person. The dinner will be held on Thursday, 25th January at the Bowling Club.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

St. Bartholomew's, Ollera
Christmas Eve Service, 5.30pm
Conducted by Max Handebo.
Everyone welcome to attend.

St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church - Christmas Mass
Sunday, 24th December - 6pm
Monday, 25th December - 9am

St. James' Anglican Church
Sunday, 24th December - 5pm
Monday, 25th December - 9am




Your invitation to Christmas services ...

GUYRA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRISTMAS Eve
Sunday, 24th December
9.00am
with morning tea to follow

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A very Happy Christmas to all our readers. We will 'see' you again on 17th January 2024

IN MEMORIAM

JIMMY DAVIS 19.12.1989
MICHAEL DAVIS 20.12.2009
The tears in my eyes I can wipe away,
The ache in my heart will always stay,
Tenderly we treasure the past,
With memories that will always last.
Sadly missed - love always
The Davis Families

FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry at The Chapel
66 Llangothlin Street, Guyra
The Food Pantry is now CLOSED.
We re-open on 12th January.
Contact: 0455 232 073

POSITION VACANT

Trainee Administration Officer
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
The New England Community College is seeking expressions of interest for the position of Trainee Administration Officer.

The successful candidate will be required to assist with general office administration duties primarily at our Armidale Campus.

They will also be required to ensure the effective and efficient delivery of service to our external and internal customers.

As this is a 12-month Traineeship position, the incumbent will also be required to achieve qualifications in Business Administration by undertaking the relevant Traineeship Certificate program.

If you are interested in this position and/or wish to gain further information, you can either:

- contact Dorothy Lockyer, Executive Officer on 02 6779 2132, or
- email your enquiry to admin@gala.org.au

To express your interest in this position, please submit your resume and a cover letter describing why you wish to apply for the position and what makes you the best candidate for the role by 5th January 2024.

PROBUS NOTES

Our next Probus meeting is on 8th January at 10am at the Bowling Club. All and any new members would be welcome. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our friends.
Judy Jackson

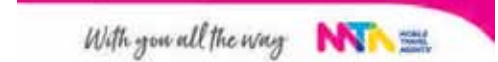
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Rugby League

The Super Spuds are still looking for a first grade coach for 2024.

Applications have been extended until January 19 for all three grades.

Despite many informal expressions of interest, not enough formal applications were received by the original due date.

The club is also interested in hearing from any local charities or community organisations who would like to partner with the Spuds for 2024.

This year the club raised \$6000 for the Guyra VRA by selling special jerseys after the game against Tingha and a similar fundraiser is being planned for next season.

Any non-profit organisation that provides services to the Guyra area who is interested in being involved is welcome to contact the club.

All correspondence can be directed via email to guyrarugbyleague@gmail.com or via Facebook.

Vets Golf

Last Tuesday the 12th we played a 4BBB stableford with a Christmas theme. We had an amazing field of 22 players contest the event with some very colourful Christmas costumes and decorative carts.

The quality of golf is high with all team's scoring around 40 points or over with the winners recording a massive 47 points picking up a ham each and that was Tex Varley and Jim Betts. Also on 47 points and runner ups on a count back were Don and Patty Hill. NTP went to Ray Sweeney on the 7th and 10th, Nancy Prisk on the 9th and Pat Hill on the 18th.

The best dressed prize went to Jon and Wal with Col and Phil getting the best cart prize. We followed golf with a sausage sizzle and the Vets golf year is now over.

Our next game is on the 2nd of January and that will be the Reg Taylor stroke event. Merry Christmas everyone and let's all have a healthy and happy 2024.

Drake

Midweek Golf

Last report for 2023. Will be ready to hit off again on 8th January 2024.

Even with all the Christmas parties there were still lots of score cards handed in.

Best individual score for the week went to one of our newest golfers Kerrie McFarlane with 25 points and Richard Burey also had 25 points, closely followed by a couple of the juniors on 24, Cooper Brennan and Noah Brennan, then Richard Ward had

another good week with his 24 points. Coming in with 23 points were Belinda Williamson, Bob Burey and Tim Brazier. Congratulations everyone.

Team score this week went to Tee Em Up with 87 points, followed by Shire Sharks on 83 and Double Aarons on 82. Lots of close scores this week.

Handicap sheet will be on the board in the new year.

Happy Christmas to everyone.

Middy

Pool Comp

The results for last week's games were: Dragons defeated the Knights, Sharks edged out the Bulldogs (but did not pick up the bonus point), Queenslanders and Roosters could not be separated in the top of the table clash playing out a draw, Raiders snuck home over the Tigers and Manly demolished the Eels.

Points Table

Raiders	12	+34
Roosters	10.5	+26
Manly	9	-1
QLDers	8.5	+20
Sharks	8	+8
Tigers	6	-7
Eels	5.5	17
Dragons	5	-25
Bulldogs	4.5	-10
Knights	3	-28

This is the end of games for 2023 with the business end to come after Australia Day with

four rounds of the comp left to be played and a big Finals day to be organised.

I will get a draw made up for remaining games with days and times and will also print it in the Gazette.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

S.K.

Cricket

1st Grade

Guyra 7/137 defeated City UNE 7/135. Batting Grant Ryan 21, Mitchell Woods 30, Joey Ryan 13, Matthew Simpson 20, Charlie White 17, Jack Lockyer 10. Bowling Charlie White 3/18, Mitchell Woods 2/21, Brandon Landsborough 2/6.

2nd Grade

Guyra 10/73 defeated by City/UNE 0/74. Batting Derris Torrens 27, Adrian Cameron 9, Taylor Brennan 8.

3rd Grade

Guyra 10/93 defeated by City/UNE 4/130. Batting Rave Brazier 21, Hugo Brazier 9, Dan Mitchell 18, Luke Foster 12. Bowling Mavric Foster 2/19, Tim Foster 2/27.

Thank you to Garry and Paul at the Royal Hotel for supporting our Xmas raffle. Thanks also to Troy Wesley, Dasha's Guyra Pharmacy, Campbell's Butchery, Kirk, Nutrien, Grazag and Elders for their donations.

Thank you for your support during 2023!

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Presentation night for Lady golfers



Foursomes Champions Kerry Bull and Wendy George with Meg Simpson

Last week the Ladies played a Stableford sponsored by Anita Murray. Anita won the day with 37 points and donated her trophy to the runner up Wendy Jackson with 34 points on a countback from Jenny Rogers. Nearest the pin winners were Kerry Bull on the 9th hole. Anita Murray on the 18th hole. This week is a Stroke Event. Next week is a Stableford with Debbie Heffernan as the starter.

Last week the Ladies also had their Presentation Evening. It was a lovely evening with so many to thank. We had our new Life members Meg Simpson and Kath Varley attend which is always nice to see these special ladies.

Thank you to Donna Kennedy for presenting such lovely meals to the ladies' functions over the years. Thank you to our major sponsors through the year. Guyra Welding Works, Guyra Post Office, Leanne Sweeney, Juneils' Café. We appreciate the support and generosity of all our sponsors through 2023.

Some winners on Presentation Night were Kerry Bull A Grade and Club Champion. Jenny Rogers B Grade winner and Par Medal winner. Kerry Bull and Wendy George Foursomes Winners Leonie Taylor won a trophy for best handicap reduction for the year.

Birdie



Kath Varley with B Grade Champion Jenny Rogers



Leonie Taylor Best Handicap reduction with Pip White

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 Sat 30/12 . . . 9am - 12pm
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 Merry Christmas to all our wonderful customers!
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Christmas Trading Hours

Normal hours	Wednesday 20th,	Thursday 21st
and Friday	22 December	7.00am - 6.30pm
Saturday	23 December	7.00am - 2.00pm
Sunday	24 December	7.00am - 2.00pm
Monday	25 December	Closed
Tuesday	26 December	Closed
Wednesday	27 December	7.00am - 6.30pm
Thursday	28 December	7.00am - 6.30pm
Friday	29 December	7.00am - 6.30pm
Saturday	30 December	7.00am - 1.00pm
Sunday	31 December	7.00am - 1.00pm
Monday	1 January	Closed
Tuesday	2 January	7.00am - 6.30pm

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