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Autumn colour on show



Are you enjoying the change of season? As Guyra's trees start to colour up, the Gazette is encouraging residents to share their favourite autumn scenes from around the district. Email to news@gala.org.au or share via our facebook page

New Toy Collection comes into play

Families are now able to borrow toys from a new collection available at Guyra Library.

This innovative resource aims to help alleviate the strain of living costs and will offer a diverse array of toys and games at no cost to local families.

Guyra Library members can access the free service, and membership is also free.

Kate Cefai, Armidale Regional Council's Acting Library Team Leader said they are excited about the new toy collection.

"It really is a great service to offer local families," she said. "It means families can change toys on a regular basis and offer more

enrichment play opportunities for their children.

"Borrowing from the toy collection also means you are not constantly buying new toys that kids get bored playing with after a few weeks!

"We think this will be a very popular resource among our family members and provide children with new and innovative toys/objects to assist in the development of their social wellbeing and fine motor skills."

It is free to join the Guyra Library and toys can be borrowed during its standard opening hours Monday to Friday 10am - 5pm and Saturday 10am - 1pm.



Residents can now borrow toys as well as books from the Guyra Library



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Marshall to call time on two decades of politics next month

MEMBER for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall will draw his 20-year career in public office to a close next month, making the announcement he would be stepping down from State politics last Thursday during a meeting of Mayors from across the region in Inverell.

Mr Marshall said he would formally hand his resignation as the Member for Northern Tablelands to the Speaker of the NSW Legislative Assembly on 13 May, some 11 years after he was first elected to the role.

“This is not a decision I have made lightly, but it’s one I’m now very comfortable with,” Mr Marshall said. “Put simply, I feel it’s time for me to move on and take up new challenges.

“Coming into this role 11 years ago, it was never my intention to stay forever, believing that our region is best served by those prepared to get in, give it everything they have and then pass the baton on to fresh hands. Hopefully I have done this.

“I have thoroughly enjoyed my years in public life serving the communities of Gunnedah Shire and now the people of the Northern Tablelands, as a Councillor, Mayor, State MP and a Minister.

“Their support for me has been overwhelming and heart-warming. It’s been an honour and a privilege to serve rural communities and country people and I thank them sincerely for that opportunity over the last two decades.

“We have achieved some incredible things together and I will always cherish the friendships I have made and the interaction I have had with people during my time in the role.”

Mr Marshall said post politics he intended pursuing opportunities in the corporate world and in his own personal life.

“This is a demanding and all-consuming role to do properly and it inevitably takes its toll,” he said.

“I’ve come to the conclusion that despite absolutely loving our region, its people and my role as a local State MP, I cannot put this move off any longer. This will be the end of representative politics for me.

“While there will be plenty of time for reflection over the next five weeks and beyond, for me, I’m firmly focussed on the work I still have to do, which I intend to carry out with the same enthusiasm and energy as I always have.”



Adam Marshall has served the Northern Tablelands electorate since 2013

A History of the Northern Tablelands Electorate

Northern Tablelands was originally created in 1920, with the introduction of proportional representation, replacing Armidale, Gough and Tenterfield, and elected three members. It was held by the same three members throughout its first incarnation: inaugural Country Party leader Michael Bruxner, state Minister for Education David Drummond, and Labor MP Alfred McClelland. In 1927, it was divided into the single-member electorates of Armidale and Tenterfield. It was recreated in 1981, partly replacing Armidale and Tenterfield.

In 1981, the seat was a notional National Country seat. However, Labor’s Bill McCarthy, who had won Armidale in the “Wranslide” of 1978, again won the merged seat. He was only the second Labor member to represent much of the area and most of the seat was served by the safe federal National seat of New England.

McCarthy had developed serious health problems by the 1984 state election, but was persuaded to recontest the seat. He resigned in 1987 and died soon afterward. Labor endorsed McCarthy’s widow, Thelma, at the subsequent by-election, but she was narrowly defeated by National candidate Ray Chappell, who was re-elected with little difficulty three times. However, in the 1999 election, Chappell faced a challenge from the popular ex-mayor of Armidale, Richard Torbay, standing as an independent. In a shock result, Torbay won the seat with a comfortable margin.

Torbay was comfortably re-elected in 2003, 2007 and 2011, each time taking well over 60 percent of the two-party vote and easily winning enough primary votes to retain the seat outright. He served as Speaker of the New South Wales Legislative Assembly from 2007 to 2011, during what proved to be the final term of Labor’s 16-year run in government. He was the first independent to hold that post since 1917.

Torbay resigned his position in 2013. At the ensuing by-election, Adam Marshall easily reclaimed the seat for the Nationals. This was not considered an upset, as Northern Tablelands had been a comfortably safe National seat in “traditional” two-party matchups with Labor for most of Torbay’s tenure. Marshall has held the seat without serious difficulty since, and now sits on a majority of 32.8 percent, the safest in the State.

From 1999, Northern Tablelands covered 30,546 km2. It centred on the university city of Armidale. The northern boundary of the electorate is the Queensland border. At the 2003 election, there were 42,886 enrolled voters.

In 2007, the low level of population growth in the electorate led to Northern Tablelands being expanded, both to the west to take in Warialda and Bingara and to the south to take in Walcha and Nowendoc, increasing its area to 44,674 km2.[4]

The redistribution ahead of the 2015 state election saw Northern Tablelands expanded again to 53,153.76 square kilometres. Added to the district was the entirety of Moree Plains Shire along with the remainder of the former Armidale Dumaresq Shire, whilst Tenterfield Shire and Walcha were removed from the district.

The latest redistribution in 2023 saw the Walcha LGA reinstated within the boundary, expanding the electorate to 59,400 square kilometres.

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Tour de Rocks riders heading to the coast again

Guyra cyclists are back on the roads in preparation for the annual Tour de Rocks ride, raising money for cancer research. This year the ride will leave Armidale on April 18th and finish in Woolgoolga on April 20th.

The event began in 2010, when Jonathon Wheeler organised the ride as part of his Gold Duke of Edinburgh award. He took nine riders to South West Rocks and the Tour was born. It has continued to grow and last year raised and incredible \$336,089.

Due to the traditional route via the Kemspey road to South West Rocks being out of action for the time being, this year will see the riders face a new route, and new challenges in support of this great and special cause.

Among the contingent of riders and support crew will be a team of Guyra locals. On two wheels will be Leanne, Garry, Mick and Donna Mayled, Dave Mills, Judi Wark, Michael Kirk, Ken Porter, Robyn Archer, John Newsome

and Wayne Jenkyn, with Al McFarlane supporting the team along the way.

Day one will see the riders head out from Armidale to Ebor covering a distance of 114 kms. On day two will traverse the back roads between Hernani and Ulong over 76 kms. The final leg of the ride will be 70kms from Ulong to the finish line in Woolgoolga.

Organisers have put in place plenty of extra drink stops on all three days, with additional support, to make sure everyone is looked after. The challenge of the ride is nothing compared to what those battling Cancer are going through!

They have also introduced the option of starting the ride on day two, and there are also opportunities for children to join in for part of the ride. They will be able to join the riders starting at Hernani and covering about 10 kms on day two of the ride or join in for the final 5 kms to the finish in Woolgoolga.



Guyra riders competing in the 2023 Tour de Rocks. Team Guyra will be taking part in the event again in 2024

You are invited to Autumn in the Historic Ollera Station Garden

With Church, Private Cemetery and Buggy Sheds Open to Explore.

Saturday 27th April, 2024.
10am - 4pm Entry \$20
196 Tenterden Road, Guyra 2365.

Morning, afternoon tea & a light lunch available.
 Proceeds to the Guyra & Community Progress Association to support beautification projects in the Guyra community.

Cash on the day only
No Eftpos facilities Available

We're coming to your community

NSW Government services will be available at our Mobile Service Centres in:
 Guyra
 Tuesday, 23rd April 2024
 8:30am - 11:30am

This includes:

- Savings Finder, for more than 70 rebates and vouchers to help you save
- driver licences, proof of identity documents and photo card applications
- Driver Knowledge Tests
- birth, death and marriage certificates
- Working with Children Checks
- NDIS Worker Checks.

Call **13 77 88** or visit service.nsw.gov.au to check our latest timetable.

Severe weather may mean our timetable has to change at short notice, we strongly recommend you check on the day.

Find us at:
 Public Car Park
 119 Bradley Street

What's HOT

Good rainfalls recorded last week - a great boost coming into winter

School Holiday activities at the Guyra Library - info in last week's Gazette

Open Garden coming up at Ollera Station on April 27th

Autumn colour - share your pics with us

What's NOT

Vandalism at sporting fields - disheartening and extra work for club volunteers

QUOTE of the week

Self-reliance is like a flashlight; no matter how dark it gets, it will help you find your way.

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
02	Tues	10.0	21.4	0
03	Wed	11.0	21.7	14.0
04	Thurs	12.3	14.0	0
05	Fri	11.0	15.9	26.0
06	Sat	7.8	20.4	34.4
07	Sun	11.8	19.5	35.0
08	Mon	7.7	18.4	3.0

Rain this week	112.4mm
April rainfall	112.4mm
Rainfall YTD	308.6mm
Rainfall last YTD	436.4mm
Ave. rain to Apr.	347.3mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Opinion

One of my pet hates is the phrase: "Yeah, I read about that on Facebook".

Gets the hackles up every time. Yes, the person may have read a news report while on the social media platform, but it is almost certain that information was generated elsewhere.

Facebook doesn't employ journalists to engage with local communities and report information relevant to readers. We do.

Facebook, as a US-based tech giant, doesn't have a physical presence in those communities. We do.

Facebook doesn't attend the local meetings and events that matter - like the annual Guyra Show - and report on what happens. We do.

Facebook doesn't campaign on the important social issues or the needs of local communities. We do.

Facebook doesn't support great local causes like Kate Kane's fundraising for children's cancer, ride for the Chopper and Tour de Rocks. We do.

Yes, we and other media organisations sometimes use Facebook as one of the many platforms to disseminate the news we produce, along with print products and various websites.

But the news people read on Facebook is produced elsewhere; by organisations like ours that pay people to provide that service.

What Facebook does bring to the 'news' conversation are the various noticeboard sites that pop up that offer rumours and misinformation.

Facebook has for years happily hosted our more legitimate and responsible content and made trillions of dollars from the eyeballs it attracts.

A few years back industry heavyweights lobbied hard for the Federal Government to establish a News Media Bargaining Code that compelled Facebook to start paying for this news content.

The funding that came out of that agreement allowed us to employ more journalists and invest in more resources.

Facebook has now signalled that it will be walking away from that hard-fought agreement, a move that will cost local jobs and may force some local media outlets to the wall.

The decision by Meta to stop paying for the news it allows to be shared across Facebook and Instagram will have a direct impact on our newspaper and the support we can offer our readers and communities. And it is the same for every small coun-

try newspaper across Australia.

It may not seem such a big deal that the news tab on Facebook will disappear, but what if they decide to block all news services, like Meta has done in Canada?

Is it okay that a massive US company can hold Australian governments and businesses to ransom like this?

This decision should be a warning to all small businesses and organisations that use Facebook or Instagram as their only digital platform. What happens if Meta next randomly decides to charge hairdressers for business pages, or block community Pride events?

Not paying fairly for news, and then threatening to block access to media on their platforms is blackmail.

This isn't just a squabble between giants; it's about the survival of small newspapers. It's about the sustainability of publications that give rural and regional people a voice and record the history of the towns in this region.

This isn't just about us; it's about fair compensation for the news we produce. Don't let our story end.

Stand with us, stand with your local paper.

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ANZAC Day in Guyra

On Thursday, 25 April, the Guyra RSL sub-Branch will hold the following services to commemorate ANZAC Day:

5.45am - Dawn Service, followed by a light breakfast at the Soldiers' Memorial Hall.

9.00am - Service at the MPS

10.00am - Form up at Four Ways for the March

10.30am - March down Bradley Street

11.00am - Main Service at the Soldiers Memorial Hall

12.30pm - Lunch at the Bowling Club

Members of No.1 Squadron RAAF Base Amberley will attend our ANZAC Day services and a

fly-past by No. 1 Squadron RAAF is scheduled for 11.00am. Members of the community are asked to be aware that this fly-past will be quite noisy.

The ANZAC Day Commemorative Address will be given by Major Adam White, who is currently serving in the Australian Army in Northern Command.

After the official wreath-laying, anyone wishing to lay a memorial tribute is invited to do so. There will be a 'bucket brigade' with VRA members circulating amongst the crowd during both the Dawn Service and the Main Service to raise much needed funds for the Guyra sub-Branch of the RSL

so that the RSL can continue to support veterans and their families.

Lunch will be held at the Bowling Club at 12.30pm where everyone is welcome. Discount lunch vouchers for RSL members and veterans will be available after the main service at the Soldiers Memorial Hall.

The Guyra RSL sub-Branch encourages main street businesses to join in commemorating ANZAC Day by doing a window display of memorabilia.

*Hans Hietbrink OAM
President, Guyra RSL
sub-Branch*

Life's a beach - Dumaresq Dam Reserve official opening

Armidale Regional Council (ARC) has announced Dumaresq Dam Reserve will officially open on April 13 so residents and visitors can enjoy the full facilities the upgraded nature reserve has to offer.

A family "beach party" event will be held to celebrate the opening and will include a lolly hunt, free ice cream and a free barbecue lunch.

While the reserve had a "soft" opening before Christmas, some elements of the Dumaresq Dam Reserve were still under construction, but they have now been completed.

The recently finished nature playground is one of the last elements of the \$3.9 million upgraded reserve to be installed. The playground consists of spaces that incorporate natural elements and encourage a connection with the outdoors.

"Children will love the new playground that includes features like natural materials, plants, rocks, and other elements found in nature," said Armidale Regional Council Mayor Sam Coupland.

"The aim is to provide a more sensory and immersive play experience, fostering creativity, exploration, and a sense of environmental stewardship among children. This design prioritises sustainability and aims to blend seamlessly with the Dumaresq Dam surrounding environment, promoting a harmonious relationship between play and nature."

Safety rails and signage around the jetty have also been completed and ecological interpretive signs on flora and fauna have also been placed along the walking trail.

The Hon. Barnaby Joyce MP Federal Member for New England, and the Hon. Adam Marshall MP Member for Northern Tablelands

will be attending the official opening, along with other dignitaries from Armidale Regional Council.

The upgraded Dumaresq Dam Reserve also includes a camp site area/unpowered motorhome parking area, a new contemporary amenities block, picnic shelters and barbecue facilities, bitumen internal roads and parking areas, parking including long bay parking near the upgraded boat ramp, landscaping and new pathways and additional boardwalks.

"We are so excited to have all the elements of Dumaresq Dam Reserve complete and open for everyone to enjoy," said Mayor Coupland. "The reserve will be a huge drawcard for people moving to the region and visitors to the New England region. With its fabulous fishing, camping, swimming and bushwalking the redeveloped site adds to the many great outdoor spaces we have in the New Eng-

land making the region a place where people want to live.

"The upgrades will make it even more popular with the local community who love spending time at this special nature reserve."

Contractor JNC has been working around the clock to put the finishing touches on the redevelopment project, which includes the jetty, artificial beach, security upgrades, tree plantings, interpretive signage, solar lighting and food grade water for the BBQ areas, water fountain and amenities.

The official opening ceremony will take place on April 13 from 11am at Dumaresq Dam Reserve, Armidale. An informal beach party will be held to celebrate the official opening and will include a sausage sizzle, lolly hunt and ice cream truck. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Black Mountain Public School Harmony Day Celebrations 2024

The students at Black Mountain Public School celebrated Harmony Day with a range of cultural activities.

The students celebrated 'how all of our differences make Australia a great place to live!' Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity and inclusion.

The students dressed in orange and purple and enjoyed delicious Tongan and Chinese food.

A big thank you to Charlotte Field and Xanda Lockwood for sharing their knowledge of Chinese culture, food, games and lantern making.

Students enjoyed cooking Sapasui, a Tongan dish and shared photos of their family and culture from Canada.

*Mrs Justine Eddy
Relieving Principal*

Right:

Students and staff at Black Mountain had a great day!



Warning to watch out for fake email invoices

Scammers are now posing as a real business you've recently dealt with, and sending out fake invoices with changed payment details.

Scammers make these invoices look real by copying business logos and ABNs, making the scams harder to spot.

Always check payment details directly with a business before paying an emailed invoice.

How to spot the scam

Fake invoice scams are hard to spot. This is because:

- the scammer will hack the business' email system or impersonate their email address
- a fake invoice looks real and may have the business logo and ABN
- the email might look just like other emails from the business, and may appear in the same email or conversation history.

You need to check the fake invoice against a real business email or invoice. A fake invoice has different payment or banking details, or a different BSB and account number to the real business.

Community Noticeboard

Meals on Wheels

Apr 11 Jim Betts
 Apr 12 Golf Ladies
 Apr 15 Deb. Schmidt
 Apr 16 RAB Staff
 Apr 17 Toni Kirkman

Street Stalls

Apr 12, 13 Masonic Lodge
 Apr 18 Hospital Aux.
 May 2,3,4 Lions Club

Church Notices

St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church Mass 6pm Saturday and 9am Sunday. Weekday Mass Monday – Friday 9am
Contact: 6779 1036

St. James' Anglican Church 9am Sunday, followed by morning tea. Doors open from 8:30am. All welcome! Contact Rev. Tim Stevens 6779 1111

St. Columba's Presbyterian Church 9am Sunday followed by morning tea. **Contact:** Rev. Andrew Campbell 0447 724 536

The Chapel:

66 Llangothin Street:
 Sunday Service: 10am
Contact: Pastors Linden & Kerrie Pollard 0455 232 073.

Seventh-day Adventist Church: Aboomala Street. Sabbath School 10.00am Saturday Divine Service 11.30am Saturday. **Contact:** Minister Luke Reeves 0410 761 320 Church Clerk 6779 1587

Uniting Church: 57 Ollera Street: Regular Sunday Service: 9.30am **Contact:** Di Burey 0428 791 742

Church of Freedom (Cnr. Boorolong & Nincoola Sts.) Sunday worship: 10am Prayer meeting: Tuesday 6.30pm Bible discussion: Wednesday 6.30pm Pastors: Jeff & Sharon Ritchie 0421 847 973 Chaplaincy services: Dan McGinty 0409 399 270

Service Clubs

LIONS CLUB dinner meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month at Guyra Bowling Club, 7pm.
 Ph: Geoff Reeves 6779 1257
ROTARY CLUB dinner meetings 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month 6pm for 6.30pm at Guyra Cafe
 Ph: Hans Hietbrink 0402 044 891

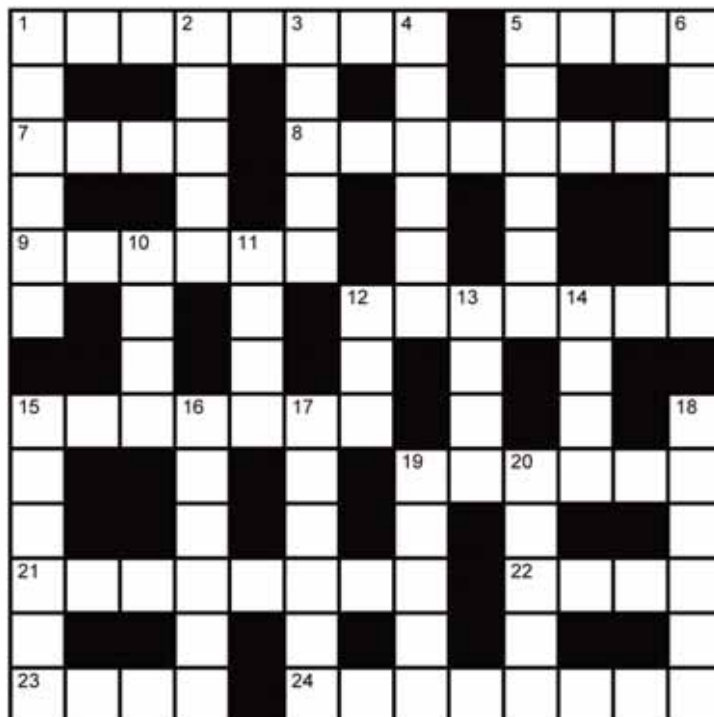
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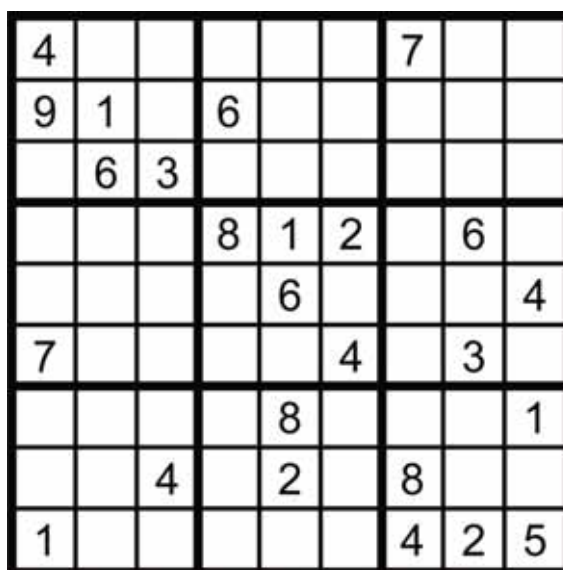
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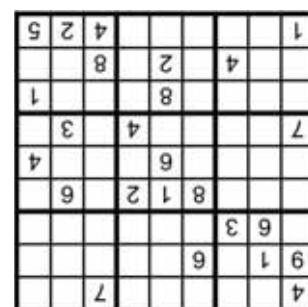


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- Needlework (6)
- Narrow gorge (6)
- Messenger (6)
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- Sid James sitcom, ___ This House (5)
- Desert plants (5)

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Seed orchards to conserve threatened eucalypt populations

Researchers from the University of New England (UNE) are helping to bolster the future of some of the Northern Tablelands' most threatened ecological communities.

They've planted almost 500 native eucalypt seedlings at two sites on the UNE SMART Farms to be used to produce seeds for revegetation in decades to come, otherwise known as a 'seed orchard'.

"We all know the climate is changing, and the diversity of genetic variation that we need in the future might not be the same as what we need today," says Associate Professor Rose Andrew from UNE's Botany department.

"Our goal in producing the seed orchards is to bring a range of populations together so that we'll hopefully have really nice diverse seeds to plant in the future."

The orchards are predominately made up of *Eucalyptus viminalis* (ribbon gum) and *E. dalrympleana* (mountain gum), which are white-barked gums ('white gums') that occur across the Northern Tablelands, and elsewhere in parts of southern Australia.

Mature ribbon gum woodlands provide critical habitat for a range of small mammals, such as the yellow-bellied glider and koala.

"These woodlands are also a valuable food source, producing an abundance of nectar-rich flowers for birds and insects," says A/Prof Andrew. "They are also an important food source for koalas."

"Unfortunately, there are relatively few natural remnants of these woodland communities left, which is why these seed orchards are so critical."

Since 2018, the project team have collected a diverse range of seeds from across the Northern Tablelands from representative populations of white gums.

Once they had established a large enough inventory, the seeds were grown out in the nurseries on campus at UNE until they were ready for planting.

To avoid creating monocultures in the seed orchards, native herbs, shrubs and forbs have been planted throughout.

"We've planted an assortment of different shrubs



& herbs that also occur within our focal TEC's, like Dianella, Lomandra, Acacia, and Hakea," says Project Officer, Michael Hewins.

"It's really important that we're also putting these species back into the landscape as companions to our trees."

The seed orchard is part of the larger Trees on the Tablelands project, which focuses on developing cost-effective ways to increase natural regeneration of threatened ecological communities across the Northern Tablelands.

"Until now, the most effective ways to restore woodland in this area have been to destock to reduce grazing pressure, control invasive exotic weeds with herbicides, rip the soil mechanically, and plant tubestock," says A/Prof Andrew, who is leading the project.

"However, these techniques are expensive when done on a large scale, and their uptake hasn't been large enough to restore the threatened ecological communities."

"So, through the Trees on the Tablelands Project, we're developing alternative solutions that will be

easier for people to adopt, hopefully leading to better outcomes for our native species."

The project has several components, including predicting how populations will grow and change over the next century, and understanding the consequences of various agricultural and management practices on the population growth rates of four threatened species across the Northern Tablelands.

With the two seed orchards now planted, A/Prof Andrew is excited to eventually see the regeneration of some of the region's most heavily impacted species.

"In around 20 years' time, we will be able to harvest more seeds to revegetate the area and create more ecological communities."

Trees on the Tablelands is a collaboration between UNE and the Northern Tablelands Local Land Services, with funding from the Environmental Trust and the NSW Government's Saving Our Species Program

Free event to celebrate Koala Habitat Planting

The Armidale Urban Rivercare Group (AURG) are inviting the public to join them to celebrate Koala habitat planting on Sunday, April 14th. The free event will take place at the planting site which is opposite 27 Kennedy Street, Armidale from 8.30am to 12.30pm

The Northern Tablelands Koala Partnership, under the NSW Koala Strategy, is proud to support the Koala Habitat tree plantings adjacent to the Weedy Wasteland to Wildlife Wetland Project (WW2WW).

Through creating and expanding koala habitat they are able to support local koala populations as they adapt and move throughout the landscape.

The WW2WW project is allowing the group to share information on koalas in the Northern

Tablelands, the types of feed trees they use, and the importance of suitable habitat in the community.

AURG is a subgroup of Southern New England Landcare Ltd and has undertaken the project with support from the Northern Tablelands Koala Partnership hosted by Southern New England Landcare, NSW Government, University of New England's Aquatic Ecology and Restoration Group, Armidale Regional Council and Armidale Dumaresq Lions who will provide morning tea and lunch.

To RSVP and for further information on the projects or dates of future working bees, please contact either Bryan Johnson 0429 721 424 or Bruce Whan 0407 456 169.



Image courtesy Matt Elsley

NSW Farmers supporting rural leaders

A state wide search is underway for five bright young minds from rural communities as NSW Farmers opens applications for its 2024 Tertiary Scholarships.

Each worth \$4000 annually, the NSW Farmers 2024 Tertiary Scholarships will be awarded to members or their children to support their university or vocational qualification in a field relevant to regional and rural Australia.

NSW Farmers Rural Affairs Committee Chair Deb Charlton said the scholarship program aimed to foster the future of rural Australia by providing five young leaders with the opportunity to excel in

their field.

“As the state’s peak farming body, we have made a commitment to help the next generation access the wealth of opportunities and careers that exist in rural Australia – and this scholarship program is one of the key means by which we can open these doors,” Mrs Charlton said.

“Rural Australia has huge potential, and the future success of these communities truly lies in the hands of the talented younger generation coming through.

“Investing in skill development and building capacity is essential if we want our future leaders to find

their passion and get the head start they need to achieve their goals.”

2022 scholarship recipient Jessica Ryan said the program was a key stepping stone that enabled her to unlock new resources and experiences as a young farmer entering the agricultural industry.

“Winning the NSW Farmers E.L. O’Brien Scholarship was an important step to my future in agriculture, providing the financial support needed to further my studies and fuel my ambitions for a career in the industry,” Ms Ryan said.

“Joining NSW Farmers opened up amazing opportunities and sup-

port – it’s about being part of a community that understands and shares your passion for agriculture.

“The scholarship and support from NSW Farmers have been vital in my educational journey, offering invaluable insights and connections that propel my passion for making a difference in farming.”

Applications for the Tertiary Scholarships program close on May 5, 2024. Scholarships will be awarded based on academic performance, commitment to agriculture and rural communities, and all-round ability including leadership qualities and communication skills.

Rural Market Reports

Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

Please note: There is currently no market report available. Sales are still be conducted weekly on Tuesdays.

Armidale Cattle Sale

April 4th - A total yarding of 712 head yarded, up 370 on previous sale, Averaging \$1058.49 per head and 245.99 c/kg.

The numbers more than doubled however still remain low. PTE females made up a large percentage of the offering while weaners were in limited supply. The local weaner sales being in full swing no doubt a factor.

The quality and condition of the offering was mixed with a few good yearling restocker and feeder cattle along with some very good

heavy steers and cows. Not all regular buyers were in attendance.

A relatively strong market for young cattle with the weaner steers to restockers generally selling to a firm trend with quality related price change.

The heifer portion sold to a significantly dearer trend with quality also contributing to some strong gains. Yearlings sold to dearer trends with heavy feeder steers recovering all of the losses from the previous sale.

Heifers were keenly sought by restockers and feedlots to post strong gains. The secondary quality lots struggled to attract much competition with this reflected in prices paid.

With large rainfalls forecast processors competed strongly for all classes of well finished grown cattle and cows in an effort to have cattle on hand in case of

cancellations due to that rain. Heavy grown steers sold to a substantially dearer trend.

The cow market improved by 20c to 30c/kg with restockers active on the plainer condition lines in competition with processors. The well finished cows attracted strong competition with little concern for excess fat cover. Bulls were also considerably dearer.

Weekly Wool Sales

March 29th - It was the last sale before a short one week recess with the expected national offering to be around 50,000 bales. The actual offering fell almost 5,500 bales short of this figure. The Northern region sales were conducted in the sheep and wool pavilion at Sydney’s Royal Easter Show, offering the industry

the opportunity to connect with a widespread audience.

The first day of sales witnessed little movement with individual micron price guides ranging from plus 7 cents to minus 13 cents. On the final day of sales prices dipped and continued to lose ground as the sale progressed resulting in an 11 cent fall in the Northern indicator for the week.

Crossbreds and Cardings were largely unchanged as were the broader Merino types. 40,950 bales were sold nationally for the week with a passed in rate of 7.8%. Major buyers included Tianya, PJ Morris and Techwool.

The first sale back after the recess is currently rostered for 53,000 bales, which would be the largest weekly offering since January. Historically smaller weekly offerings should follow over the April to June period.

Gazette Footy Tipping

Happy Gilmore	58	Dip Stick	44
DJ	58	Mountain Mist	44
Timmy the Tiger	54	Farmer Joe	44
Birdie	54	Crazy Cat Lady	44
The Panther	50	Garden Gurus	42
The Iggman	50	Puss Puss	40
The King	50	R.W.	40
Moie	48	Blackie Chan	38
3PPP	48	Lounge Lizard	38
Queen KGP	46	Rabbits2010	38
Bulldog	46	BMX Bandit	32

Locals Entry Form - Round 7

Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on **Wednesday 17th April**

Name:

Phone:

Roosters	vs	Storm
Dragons	vs	Warriors
Eels	vs	Dolphins
Panthers	vs	Tigers
Titans	vs	Sea Eagles
Broncos	vs	Raiders
Bulldogs	vs	Knights
Sharks	vs	Cowboys

Bye:
Rabbits



Gazette's Celebrity Footy Tipping

We must apologise to our Celebrities this week as the Gazette's "Keeper of the Scores" slipped up last week and forgot to record the points scored. All up to date now!

NRL Round 5 kicked off with what looked to be a great match up on paper between the Storm and Broncos and it did not disappoint! The game was try for try all the way to the end where the Storm proved too strong and went on to win by 34-32 over the Broncos.

Friday night footy kicked off with the Bulldogs and Roosters, where the Dogs produced the upset of the round going on to win by 30-26 over the Roosters. The Knights then put the Dragons to the sword going on to win by 30-10 in a mudrunners dream.

Super Saturday saw the Woeful Rabbits go down at home to Warriors 34-4. Manly then dished up a Brookvale special to beat the cross-town rivals, the Panthers by 32-18.

The Dolphins cemented their spot on top of the ladder with a 26-16 win over the Tigers.

Sunday footy saw the Cowboys take on the Titans in a Queensland Derby, where the Cowboys showed their class to go on to win by 35-22. Then the Mighty Green Machine turned it on against the Eels to go on and record a huge 41-8 victory at home. Worthy of a Viking clap!

Next week looks to be a bit tougher so good luck tipsters and fans.

Sue's Tips

- Knights
- Storm
- Broncos
- Warriors
- Eels
- Rabbits
- Dragons
- Raiders



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Soley's Tips

- Knights
- Storm
- Dolphins
- Warriors
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- Knights
- Storm
- Broncos
- Warriors
- Eels
- Sharks
- Dragons
- Raiders



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Cody's Tips

- Roosters
- Storm
- Broncos
- Warriors
- Cowboys
- Sharks
- Tigers
- Raiders



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Vu's Tips

- Knights
- Storm
- Dolphins
- Warriors
- Eels
- Sharks
- Tigers
- Raiders



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- Roosters
- Storm
- Dolphins
- Warriors
- Cowboys
- Sharks
- Tigers
- Raiders



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Mal's Tips

- Roosters
- Storm
- Broncos
- Warriors
- Eels
- Sharks
- Tigers
- Raiders



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A great day at St Marys Cross Country

The 28th of March saw the St Mary of the Angels Cross Country. All students should be congratulated on such an incredible effort and wonderful sportsmanship displayed.

The school would also like to thank all families who came along to support the school's young people on the day and for helping with monitoring checkpoints.

Spirit of the Carnival awards went to Lachlan Cruickshank for his persistence in completing the course and finishing with a giant smile on his face, Myles Furphy for although he got injured in the practice run persisted and gave the event his all and Casey Jones for continuing to run in her event even when injured.



St Mary's Cross Country age champions

Age Champions and Runner Ups

Minor Girls Age Champion- Evie Cox, **Runner Up-** Haidee Hope

Minor Boys Age Champion- Jacob Sauer, **Runner Up-** Eli Jackson

8/9 Years Girls Age Champion- Amelia Neill, **Runner Up-**

Arlie Rosser

8/9 Years Boys Age Champion- Jack Newberry, **Runner Up-** Ferguson McFarlane

10 Years Girls Age Champion- Charlotte Perrett, **Runner Up-** Mia Waters

10 Years Boys Age Champion-

Hugo Sisson, **Runner Up-** Matthew Sauer

11 Years Girls Age Champion- Charlotte Bavea, **Runner Up-** Darcie Campbell

11 Years Boys Age Champion- Flynn McFarlane, **Runner Up-** Peter Grills

12 Years Girls Age Champion- Scarlett Newberry, **Runner Up-** Isabella Hayes

12 Years Boys Age Champion- Darcy Sisson, **Runner Up-** Christopher Welsh

Men's Golf

The men's Golf championships kicks off this Saturday and we are looking forward to a good roll up for the competition. Jas'big forehead' Purvis is Fourways champion and always will be.

Defending champions are returning with Mick Purvis looking to retain his dominance in a hotly contested A grade. The B and C grade titles should also be very close with some new members joining the ranks.

The Championships will run this Saturday and Sunday the 13th and 14th and continue next Saturday 20th with the final round on Sunday 21st. Don't forget if you can't play all 4 Rounds there are individual sponsored days for winners and you only need to play one round to qualify for the Matchplay comp.

We look forward to seeing as many players as possible compete. Happy Golfing

S.K.

Ladies' Golf

Last week the Ladies played a Graham Betts Round sponsored by Black Mountain Nursery. The winner with 34 points was Vicki Reeves. Runner up with 33 points was Wendy Jackson.

Nearest the pin winners were, Pam Youman on the 7th hole, Jenny Rogers on the 9th hole, Debbie Heffernan on the 10th hole and Wendy George on the 18th hole.

This week is a Par Medal. Next week is the Foursomes Championships. 27 holes with a 9am start. Pip White is the starter.

Birdie

Vets Golf

Last Tuesday April 2nd, the Vets played the Reg Taylor shield event. The weather was great. Any good days this time of year is definitely a bonus in Guyra.

It was a great field of 13 players and the fellowship we enjoyed

was great.

Chris Newberry and Ian Taylor both shot 81 off the stick with Ian getting the gross on a count back and Chris taking out the nett.

NTPs went to Dave Bearup on the 7th, Chris on the 10th and Neil Paine on the 18th. John Prisk was the best putter with 28.

After golf we enjoyed a Barbie lunch thanks to Tex. Also thank you to Col Walls who rejuvenated our white tees with all new markers. They look great.

Golf next Tuesday is an individual stableford plus putts. Don't forget the next round of Pennants are in Guyra on the 30th of this month. We are currently running equal second with Armidale and Glen are out in front.

A win in Guyra would put us in with a big chance of taking it out with the last round to be played in Walcha.

See you all on the golf course.

Drake.

Men's Bowls

On Saturday the Guyra no 7 Pennant team took on Armidale City, winning two rinks and losing one, to record a 9-1 win.

This Saturday the 13th April starting at 11am both teams will be playing at home. The 4s will play Moree and the 7s will play Bendemeer.

The 4s teams:

1. David Wilcox, Phil Kliendienst, Roger Cox and Murray Bourke

2. Dan Kennedy, Chris Kliendienst, Randy Mulligan and Ian Jacobs

3. Steven Sole, Colin Stanley, Robert Walls and Anthony Bull.

The 7s teams is:

1. Scott Campbell, John Jackson, Graham Starr and Tim Ellis.

2. Barry walls, Mallie Walls, Ray Beasley and Jason Varcoe.

3. Cameron Peardon, Shane Brennan, Barry Presnell and Evan Sole.

Jack

Season kicks off for Junior League

Guyra Junior Rugby League kicked off the 2024 season on the weekend with home games against Inverell Hawks at the Guyra Sporting Complex.

In the under 6s, the Guyra 'Little Chats' has a great first game and will only get better as the season progresses. Lots of smiles and excitement to be on the footy field.

The Under 8s had a fun game close game. Tries were scored by Jack Newberry, Jackson Atkin, Lulu Cruickshank, and Tremane Patterson. This team is full of energy and skills. They are going to have a great year.

Junior League Tag team were scoring machines. This team worked well together and crossed the try line 10 times. Awesome work girls.

The Under 10s played a great game against Inverell. Abel Ketley scored three tries, Ashton Hutton one try. In Hugh Kliendienst's first game of Rugby League, he was successful with a conversion. The under 10s team in full of talent and will have a fantastic year of footy.

Guyra won the Intermediate League Tag game 44-8. This team of girls all have football skills and enjoy their footy. Oakley Brazier received 3 points and Ava Williams received 1 point from the referee.

The Under 12s went down 18 to 8. A big effort was put in by all the players. Seth Patterson and Hugo Sisson were the try scorers on the day.

Senior League Tag took to the



Under 10s (l to r) Ashton Hutton, Hunter Melmeth, Indigo Atkin, Airlie Vidler, Hugh Kliendienst.

field with energy and smiles. This got them the win 38-4. In their first ever game of league tag Charlie Ward and Clair Bliss got a try. The team played well together and took direction well from their coach. Referee points went to Charlie Ward 2 and Chloe Wilson 1.

In the Under 14s the team gave it all they had but were beaten on the day. Lincoln Atkin and Beau Wilson were the try scorers and Noah Brennan kicked over the posts for two points. Beau Wilson also received two points from the referee. This team are low in numbers but have a lot of determination.

What a game the 16s was on Saturday. In a close fought game

Guyra came out winners 18-12.

Billy Lockyer opened the scoring by busting through and putting the ball down on the try line. This got the boys pumped for the rest of the game. Linjarra West ran the ball well in the middle and also received 3 points from the referee. And on debut Laurence O'Kane scored a try. Harry Purvis had a blinder scoring a try and converting three kicks for goal. Well, done to all the boys who put in 100% to get the win.

The club would like to thank all who helped kick off the season, creating a wonderful day of football in Guyra. Special appreciation goes out to all the coaches for their

weekly commitment for training the kids, our volunteers who ensured a safe league day and our first aid officers.

Gratitude to Dean Heagney and Steven Wilson for their efforts in marking the lines and setting up the fields. A big thankyou to Jo Presnell for coordinating the canteen and to Heidi Wilson for managing it on the weekend. Thanks also to the committee that put in the hard work behind the scenes and our Junior referees who excelled in officiating the games. And thank you to the crowd who come and supported our home-grown Super Spuds!!

Anna Heagney



Under 16s - Colin Connors, Chase Beard, Harry Purvis, Linjarra West



Under 16s - Hugo Brazier with the ball (Chase Beard in the background)