



# Guyra Gazette

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## First-of-its-kind rescue event held in Guyra

Over the weekend, VRA Rescue NSW Guyra hosted the region's first multiagency Road Crash Rescue and Electric Vehicle (EV) Symposium, bringing together skilled personnel from NSW SES, NSW RFS, Fire + Rescue NSW, and NSW Ambulance.

The event aimed to enhance inter-agency collaboration and hone rescue techniques in a safe training environment that encouraged learning through realistic challenges and "safe failure."

By simulating real-world conditions, the symposium helped responders strengthen critical skills and build confidence for high-pressure incidents.

Months of planning resulted in a highly immersive training arena. Thirteen vehicles were positioned in crash scenarios—overturned, trapped in rubble, or pinned against trees—each with trauma mannequins placed inside. A large excavator was used to simulate authentic crash damage, while fuel hazards, smoke, rubble piles, and blocked access points added complexity.

A major focus was on modern extrication techniques using advanced hydraulic and battery-powered tools. Participants trained with Holmatro's Pentheon series, battery-powered Lukas and Weber Rescue



Realistic scenarios provided hands on experience for participants

tools, and other equipment used across NSW. A key takeaway was the use of cross-ramming techniques to safely create space for patient removal.

The EV component of the symposium was led by subject matter experts who shared evidence-based strategies for handling electric vehicle incidents. Attendees learned how to approach EV crashes safely and were reassured about the structural safety of modern EVs—dis-

PELLING common myths and misinformation.

The symposium was so successful that plans are underway to make it an annual event. Organisers thanked the many individuals and businesses who supported the initiative, including Trent Mendes (Excavator), Trevor Tarrant and Phil Saunders (Semi & Float), Jackson Family in Hardinge St., Armidale Automotive Group (EV), Dr. Jey, NSW Ambulance, and NSW RFS.

A special congratulations goes to five VRA Rescue NSW volunteers who achieved their Road Crash Rescue operator qualification, marking a significant milestone in their training toward General Land Rescue status.

### Join the Team

VRA Rescue NSW is welcoming new members. Training sessions are held 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 6pm at the Yarrowonda St. station in Guyra.



### 11th Pedigree and Companion Cat Show Saturday and Sunday 26th and 27th April 2025

Doors open to the public from 10:00am each day  
Specialty Rings on Saturday: Ragdolls, British and Russian Cats

**VENUE:** Gilbert White Memorial Hall,  
3 Dutton Parade, GUYRA NSW 2365

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# Easter Egg-citement and Hats on parade



Last week St Mary of the Angels Primary School held their Easter Hat Parade followed by BYO pic-

nic morning tea for family & friends and some fun Easter activities.

Winners (pictured):  
Year 2 - Axel L, K - Anna R, Year 1 - Lillian B, Year 3 - Kayden W,

Year 4 - Elliot B, Year 5 - Ned N, Year 6 - Darcie C



## Easter Trading Hours

Good Friday	Closed
Saturday	7.00am-12.00noon
Easter Sunday	Closed
Easter Monday	Closed
Friday, 25 <sup>th</sup> April ANZAC Day	- Closed

### Specials for your garden

**Searles Premium Potting Mix 30L**  
**\$12.00**

**Organic Potting Mix 30L - \$12.00**

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**Sugar Cane Mulch**

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would like to wish all their  
valued customers  
A Happy & Safe Easter



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if there is something  
we can help you with.





# Pedigree and Companion Cat Show lands in Guyra for the first time

The 11th annual Armidale and New England Cat Club Pedigree and Companion Cat Show is purring its way to Guyra, with the event set to take place on Saturday and Sunday, April 26th and 27th at the Gilbert White Memorial Hall (Community Hall). The event has been transferred to Guyra due to hail damage at the usual Armidale venue.

The Armidale and New England Cat Club is teaming up with the Dorriggo and District Cat Club to host the event which will feature six rings of Australian Open Style judging across the weekend.

A team of international judges will be on hand to select the best

in show.

It is not too late to enter your furry friend, but you will need to get in quick as entries close on Friday April 18th.

There will be specialty Challenge Rings for Ragdolls, British Shorthairs and Russian Blues, White and Black Cats will be judged, along with Junior Handler events.

Doors open to the public from 10:00am both days, with family-friendly fun, an amazing variety of cat breeds on show, and chances to vote for your “Favourite Cat” and “Best Decorated Cat Show Theme” — this year’s playful theme is “Sheepish

Spuds.”

All day refreshments and drinks by the local legendary Jess @ Why Knot Catering

Expect to see favourites like Persians, Bengals, Maine Coons, Siamese, Burmese, British Shorthairs, and even the hairless Sphynx, as well as adorable companion cats and kittens. If you’re curious about a particular breed, just ask at the check-in table — someone will be happy to point you in the right direction!

It’s not all about the show ring — the event will also host fantastic stalls, including handmade items for your pampered pets and incredible raffles. Don’t miss

Danny’s legendary handmade cat scratching posts — tough enough to be “Bengal proof!” Custom orders are available, and Danny will bring them to Guyra on request. Check out his work on Facebook at Catisfaction Cat Trees.

If this year’s show proves successful, the annual cat show may become a regular Guyra event, bringing with it a fun and furry tradition for local families and feline fans.

Whether you’re a cat breeder, a family looking for a day out, or someone simply obsessed with cats — this is an event not to be missed!

## Seven candidates standing in New England

Incumbent New England MP Barnaby Joyce has secured the coveted top spot on the ballot paper for the upcoming federal election, following a double-blind draw conducted by the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) at its Armidale office on Friday, April 11th.

Mr Joyce was drawn first from a field of seven candidates contesting the seat of New England in the May 3rd federal election.

Following Joyce on the ballot is Greens candidate Wendy Wales in the second position, and independent Natasha Ledger in third.

The remaining candidates, in order, are Laura Hughes — Australian Labor Party, Holly Masters — Family First, Todd Juchau — Trumpet of Patriots and Brent Larkham — Pauline Hanson’s One Nation.

The 2025 election comes amid significant electoral boundary changes across New South Wales, with the state’s representation in the House of Representatives reduced from 47 to 46 seats. This adjustment led to changes to several electorates, including New England.

To maintain compliance with voter enrolment quotas — now set at 121,011 electors per division — New England has expanded its boundaries. The seat has absorbed

new areas from neighbouring electorates of Parkes and Hunter and now includes the remainder of Gwydir Shire and the entire Muswellbrook Shire Council area.

These additions increase the geographic size of New England to approximately 75,237 square kilometres, stretching roughly 600 kilometres from end to end, making it one of the largest regional electorates in the state.

### Key Voting Information

#### Election Day:

Saturday, May 3, 2025

#### Voting Hours:

8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

#### Early Voting:

Opens Tuesday, April 22, and runs until Friday, May 2, excluding Easter Monday (April 21) and Anzac Day (April 25).

*Early voting is not available in Guyra; the nearest centres are located in Armidale, Glen Innes, and Inverell.*

#### On Election Day

Guyra voters can cast their ballots at:

- Guyra Community Hall
- Black Mountain Public School
- Ben Lomond War Memorial Hall

 GUYRA MEDICAL CENTRE EXTENDED EASTER CLOSURE	
GOOD FRIDAY 18 <sup>TH</sup>	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
EASTER SATURDAY 19 <sup>TH</sup>	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
EASTER SUNDAY 20 <sup>TH</sup>	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
EASTER MONDAY 21 <sup>ST</sup>	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
TUESDAY 22 <sup>ND</sup>	CLOSED
WEDNESDAY 23 <sup>RD</sup>	CLOSED
THURSDAY 24 <sup>TH</sup>	CLOSED
ANZAC DAY 25 <sup>TH</sup>	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
SATURDAY 26 <sup>TH</sup>	CLOSED
SUNDAY 27 <sup>TH</sup>	CLOSED
MONDAY 28 <sup>TH</sup>	OPEN
If you need medical assistance during this time please call 000 or MPS on 6738 4000	

**Safe travels if you are heading out this Easter**

**Winter sports in full swing**

**Cat lovers are in for a treat this weekend**

**Businesses changing hands**

**No early voting in Guyra**

## JOKE of the week

What do you call the Easter Bunny the day after Easter?  
*Eggshasted.*

## Bureau of Meteorology

## Weather

## WATCH

### Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
8	Tues	4.0	20.0	0
9	Wed	9.5	20.3	0
10	Thurs	7.8	20.1	0
11	Fri	5.8	20.1	0
12	Sat	11.7	18.3	0
13	Sun	11.3	17.6	0
14	Mon	8.8	17.8	0

Rain this week	0.0mm
Apr. rainfall	38.4mm
Rainfall YTD	416.0mm
Rainfall last YTD	308.6mm
Ave. rain YTD	348.1mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin,  
Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

# Letter to the editor....

## Thank you Guyra

Over six years ago, we made the decision to move to Guyra, and it has truly become our home.

My family and I have been incredibly grateful for the overwhelming support and generosity from the wonderful people in this town.

After my husband suffered a stroke on February 21st of this year, I wanted to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to many individuals.

First, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Paramedics, Dr. Jey and the remarkable staff at Guyra Hospital. We are so for-

tunate to have such an excellent facilities and support systems right here in our community; their care has been nothing short of exceptional.

I also want to acknowledge the local businesses that have provided invaluable support during this time—thank you to Rod and Denise Ramage and their team, the staff at Four Ways, and Johnny and his crew at the Guyra Panel Shop for your kindness.

Furthermore, I am grateful to all those who have helped and contributed through donations. A special thank you goes to the Williamson's and the Gellie's; your unwavering support has

meant so much to our family, and we are truly fortunate to have such a strong network around us.

I cannot adequately express my gratitude to the businesses and people of Guyra you have all been amazing and we are so blessed to live in such a supportive community.

Wal, Blaine, Lauren, and I cannot thank everyone enough—your support has touched us deeply. If I have inadvertently overlooked anyone, I sincerely apologize, as we have received help from so many during this challenging time.

*Renee Irvine*

## ANZAC Day Services in Guyra

On Friday, April 25th, 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

10.45am – Main Service at the Soldiers Memorial Hall

12.30pm – Lunch at the Bowling Club

Members of No.1 Squadron RAAF 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 Brendan Moylan MP, Member for Northern Tablelands.

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*

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# Rugby stars shine in undefeated Barbarian team

Four local Guyra boys competed at the Under 12s TAS Rugby Carnival which was held in Armidale on April 12th and 13th.

Guyra was proudly represented by four talented young rugby players in the combined Barbarians Highland Goats team. Jimmy Neill, Ricky-Jay Foster, Hugo Sisson and Flynn McFarlane joined players from Narrabri, Wee Waa, Burren Junction, Quirindi and Armidale to make up the side.

Facing tough competition against teams from across NSW and QLD, the boys played five games and helped their team win their pool. The team was undefeated, with only three tries scored against them all weekend.

The Highland Goats came together with limited preparation time, but quickly proved to be a powerful unit. Coaches praised the boys for their sportsmanship,



adaptability, and teamwork on the field.

A special thank you goes out to the generous local sponsors Top of the Range Shearing, Parkdale Grazing and McFarlane Earthworks, who made the experience

possible. Their contribution covered the uniform expenses for the 20 man squad.

The boys came away with fond memories, new friendships formed, and valuable experience gained on the field.

If your son or daughter is interested in playing junior rugby this year, please visit the Armidale Junior Rugby Union page on Facebook or Instagram to get in touch.

**Brendan Moylan MP**  
MEMBER FOR NORTHERN TABLELANDS

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## Recognising Guyra in Parliament

During the March sittings of Parliament, it was great to be able to recognise people and groups from Guyra through Community Recognition Statements.

I brought up the work of the Guyra United Hospital Auxiliary, Guyra's Got Talent, Guyra Fleece and Fibre Frolic and Costa's grants program.

## Anzac Day in Guyra

I will be in Guyra for the service on 25 April.

Anzac Day is a very important date on our calendar. It is a day where the community gathers to show their respect and pay tribute to our servicemen and women who made huge sacrifices for our country.

I look forward to joining the Guyra community this Anzac Day and being part of the service.

## Community Forum

I attended a community forum at the beginning of April which was hosted by the Save and Grow Guyra Ratepayers Group.

It was great to catch-up with the Guyra community.

## Maternity Services

I put forward a Notice of Motion in NSW Parliament in March requesting that the NSW Government consider bundled funding for maternity care, implement an advisory group on rural health and commission a parliamentary inquiry into maternity services in regional NSW.

Since the 1990s, more than 50 per cent of maternity and children's health services have closed across rural and regional NSW and only about 15 per cent of obstetricians nationwide are based in rural and remote areas.

There's also a huge shortage of midwives with some regions reporting deficits as high as 58 per cent.

This has led to rise in born before arrival (BBA) births where women give birth on the way to healthcare facilities, often without trained staff or necessary medical equipment.

It also forces women to relocate to urban centres for childbirth. This isn't good enough as it causes significant financial and emotional stress.

Urgent intervention is needed, including



restoring maternity services, expanding midwifery care, and providing support for rural families.

Rural maternal health advocate Jen Laurie has started a Parliamentary ePetition to address the decline in maternity services in rural and regional NSW.

The ePetition needs 20,000 signatures to be debated in Parliament.

You can sign the ePetition at:

[www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/la/pages/epetitions-list.aspx](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/la/pages/epetitions-list.aspx)

and sign under

'The Bush Babies Campaign'

## Community Noticeboard

### Meals on Wheels

Apr 17	Bea Velthuis
Apr 18	Steve Norris
Apr 21	Toni Kirkman
Apr 22	Bec Broughton
Apr 23	Bea Velthuis

### Street Stalls

Apr 17	Wig Group
Apr 24, 25, 26	Lions Club
May 1	CWA

### Church Notices

**St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church** Mass 6pm Saturday 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 **Anglicare Chaplain:** Rev. Daniel Hayes (0428 828 852)

**St. Columba's Presbyterian Church**

9am Sunday followed by morning tea. Ben Lomond, 2pm first Sunday April, June **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

**Black Mountain Baptist Church**

Service 4pm, second Sunday of the month

**Contact:** Robert Dewhurst

Armidale District Baptist Church

M. 0409723522.

### Service Clubs

**LIONS CLUB** 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month at Guyra Bowling Club, 7pm. Ph: Geoff Reeves 6779 1257

**ROTARY CLUB** 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month 6.00pm at Rafter's.

Ph: Hans Hietbrink 0402 044 891

## Easter For Us

As Jesus hung on the cross, he didn't lash out. He asked a friend to take care of his mother, he comforted the man being crucified alongside him, and he prayed to God to forgive the people who put him on the cross. He came to preach forgiveness, to give forgiveness, and in that moment on the cross, to model it.

We miss that the story of the Resurrection isn't just Jesus' story — it's our story as well. Through Jesus' death and resurrection, God offers forgiveness as a free gift, allowing us to be reconciled with him and live in a relationship of love and grace.

Jesus says, if you trust in him, death becomes a transition, not an ending point.

That's why you often have a feeling there's more to life than this. Jesus made this amazing promise "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying" John 11: 25 NLT

What a great promise! If Jesus hadn't died on the cross and been resurrected more than 2,000 years ago, you would have no way of getting to Heaven — no hope of eternal life.

Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me." John 14: 6 NLT

That's a truth to hang our lives upon.

Easter is about life — eternal life, yes, but also our lives now.

This Easter let's remember that forgiveness, like the resurrection, offers a chance for new beginnings and healing, both for ourselves and for others.

We'd love for you to share Easter with us:

Good Friday 10am at The Brockley Church

Easter Sunday 10am at The Chapel.

*Happy Easter everyone!*

*Pastors Linden & Kerrie Pollard*

## New Life Forever

Often, the week of Easter flies by without many of us giving it much thought. That is, apart from perhaps happily enjoying all the chocolate that seems to magically appear! But do you know what Easter is actually about? Don't let this year slip you by without understanding!

In the Bible, we learn that Jesus, the Son of God, entered the world. He preached a message of salvation, for which He was arrested and ultimately killed. However, this was all part of a much larger story. As Jesus takes his final breath, everything goes according to plan because, with that last breath, He pays for the sins of the world.

This means that anyone, regardless of their past, can be forgiven and welcomed into God's heavenly kingdom. However, the story didn't end there! Just two days later, some women arrived at Jesus' tomb to find an angel declaring that Jesus was alive!

Now, I take a lot of funerals, so I understand more than most that dead men don't come back to life. However, on that Easter morning, death could not keep Jesus down.

On the cross, Jesus dealt with our sins. Then, in His resurrection, Jesus demonstrates that He has conquered death and that resurrected life is available to anyone who believes in Him.

Easter is all about this: Jesus came, He died for imperfect people like you and me, and then He defeated the one enemy we all face: death. So, this Easter, just like every Easter, He invites all of us to trust Him anew so that we may receive the everlasting life He died to give us.

If you'd like to know more, we'd love to see you at Guyra Anglican Church at 9 am on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

*Rev. Tim Stevens*

*Guyra Anglican Church*

## A message of forgiveness, grace, and hope.

Archeologists have found a graffiti, a drawing scratched on the wall of the Domus Gelotiana, a building in Rome.

Unmistakably it's someone being crucified; but the person has an ass' head. The drawing is a bit child-like, but you can easily pick out the donkey's head.

Mocking Jesus? Oh yes. And an early Christian. For, there's also a rough drawing of a man, arms raised. And an inscription "Alexemenos worships God."

So archaeologists guess that the person with arms raised to the crucified ass is named Alexemenos, an unknown Christian of 1800 years ago.

From the very beginning, Christians believed the extraordinary truth that not only had God become a human being, but that God was humilatingly crucified; but that even in that horrible death, He came alive and is worthy of worship as God.

That's the central message of Easter. Yes, foolish to many. But for followers of Jesus, everything. Jesus the God-man dying in our place, for us, so that we can be right with God, and His friends. And Jesus who came alive, Jesus who is alive, having defeated death for us so we are ready for heaven.

Sure, a message that has always seemed foolish, as ridiculous as worshipping a dead donkey. But a message of forgiveness, grace, and hope.

May you have a blessed Easter in the year of our Lord, A.D. 2025; and join with us in this truth that, okay, seems foolish, but is the most wonderful reality of history.

*Rev. Andrew Campbell, Guyra Presbyterian Church*

## Reflecting on the Resurrection:

### A Personal Easter Message

Easter is more than a celebration—it is a deeply personal encounter with grace, redemption, and the boundless love of God. The resurrection of Jesus is not only the cornerstone of my faith, but also a moment that calls me to reflect on His sacrifice, His victory, and the transformation it brings to my life.

As I pause to contemplate the significance of this sacred event, I am reminded of the immense love that led Jesus to the cross—the love that bore the weight of my sins, the love that endured suffering so that we may have ETERNAL hope.

His resurrection is not merely a historical occurrence but a living truth that continues to shape my heart, my faith, and my journey.

In moments of doubt or struggle, the Resurrection is my anchor. It is proof that no darkness is too deep, no sorrow too heavy, and no burden too great for the power of His grace to touch my heart and release all fears of tomorrow. Jesus triumph over the grave is a declaration that redemption is not just possible—it is promised.

Through Him, we are renewed. Through Him, we are restored to a hope beyond years.

This Easter, I find myself reflecting not only on the gift of salvation but on the call to live in its light. What does it mean to carry the hope of the Resurrection in my daily life? To walk in the joy of victory, even when trials arise? To embody His love in how I treat others, how I forgive, how I serve?

Easter is not just a season—it is a way of living.

So today, as we rejoice in the miracle of an empty tomb, may our hearts be filled with gratitude. May we embrace the renewal offered through Jesus. May we find strength in His victory and courage in His call to love, to forgive, and to live in faith. He is Risen~

*Pastors Jeff and Sharon Ritchie*

*Guyra Church of Freedom*



# Council News

## Public Exhibitions

**Draft Councillor and Staff Interaction Policy** - Closes 27 April, 2025

**Seeking Expressions of Interest from Aboriginal artists** - Closes 7 May, 2025

Search **'Your Say Armidale'** to submit your feedback.

## Council Meetings

**Our next scheduled council meeting is 23 April 2025.** All meetings will be held at 4pm in the Armidale Council Chambers unless stated otherwise. The public is welcome to watch live streaming over YouTube, via the link included below, or attend in person.

## Current Vacancies

**Library Assistant** - Closes 27 April. We have multiple roles available within our library team (Full and Part Time), where you will be responsible for providing excellent customer service in a contemporary library setting to local residents and visitors.

**Waste Attendant - Second Hand Shop** - Closes 16 April. As a Second Hand Shop Attendant, you will play a vital role in assisting the Armidale community with essential waste services while delivering excellent customer service.

**For more jobs and to apply | Search: Careers at Armidale Regional Council**

## Gravel Re-sheeting on Kookabooka Road

We are currently undertaking a significant gravel re-sheeting project on Kookabooka Rd, covering a span of 14 kilometers. This essential work

aims to improve the road conditions for all users. Due to recent weather events, we have had to postpone the works until after the Easter period. The project will recommence on Monday, 28 April, allowing the road surface to dry sufficiently for our team to continue their excellent work.



## What are the key benefits of the digital water meters?

**Leak detection:** The meters can detect water leaks quickly, preventing unnecessary water wastage and saving residents money. **Efficient water usage:** The meters provide detailed data that allows residents to monitor and manage their water consumption more effectively. **Improved Customer Service:** With access to hourly water consumption data council can now assist with water bill enquiries and quickly assist residents in identifying water waste helping to lower water bills. **Safety and productivity:** The need for manual meter readings will be eliminated, reducing risks to staff from dogs and wildlife and while increasing overall productivity of the water team. For more information on our digital water meter roll out, search Works and Projects on Council's website!



## School Holidays at Guyra Library | 16 - 24 April

Join us at Guyra library for a series of fun activities to keep the kids busy this school holidays. On Wednesday 16 and 23 April we have a Virtual Reality session from 10:15am - 4:30pm for ages 10 and up. On Thursday 17 April we have Easter Bingo from 10:15am - 4:30pm for all ages (ages 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult), and on

Thursday 24 April we have a Nintendo Switch Come and Try Day from 10:15am - 4:30pm for all ages. (ages 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult) All activities will be at the Guyra Library located at 158 Bradley Street, Guyra. All activities require bookings. To book, simply call the Guyra Library on 6770 7123.



## Make the switch!

Are you over 18 and live in the Armidale Regional Council area in your own home? Would you like to replace your wood heater with clean, efficient electric heating? Join the 'Making the Switch' study and receive up to \$3,000 to replace your wood heater with a reverse cycle air conditioner. You'll also receive a free energy efficiency audit of your home. In return the study team will ask you about your experience to understand how to make the best possible wood heater replacement programs. The study is a collaboration between Armidale Regional Council and the University of Tasmania. It has been approved by the University of Tasmania Human Research Ethics Committee (H0031080). To express your interest and 'make the switch', search Works and Projects on Council's website, or scan the QR code below!



## Junior Hockey

Guyra Junior Hockey commenced training last week with Anthony Bull volunteering his time and skill to help with development of our younger members. This was well received by the kids as they learnt the grounding skills for hockey which we will build on over the season. Anthony will continue to run training sessions on Wednesday afternoons at 3.30pm for our juniors during the holiday break ahead of the competition commencing on May 3rd. If anyone is interested in playing U12 hockey on Saturday morning there is still time to join or come to training to give the game a go.

## Midweek Golf

Thank you to everyone who supported the competition.

Congratulations to the winning team Baldersleigh Bashers. This team plays in rain, hail and shine. Runners

up were Full House, then in third place was Green Grass who are one of the newest teams. Well done everyone.

Individual winner went to Wal Chapman on 347 points narrowly beating Jenni Jackson on 345 points.

On the countdown the next 10 people were Deb Heffernan, Pip White, Ian Taylor, James Jackson, Ian Brown, Leonie Taylor, Michael Jackson, Les Heffernan, Jon Cumming and Neil Paine.

Good to see the juniors participate in the midweek. Bailey Wilson top scored with Tom Ward and Harry Purvis sharing second. Then we have Ryan Vidler, Noah Brennan and Beau Wilson. Hope to see all the juniors in the next comp.

See everyone again in October. Good golfing.

## Ladies' Golf

Last week the ladies played a Par

Medal. The winner was Belinda Lenehan. Kerry Bull was the runner up. Pip White won the nearest the pin on the 18th hole.

We want to send a big thank you to Shane and his crew for all the hard work they have done on the course after all the rain. It is looking fantastic considering how wet it was.

This week is the Foursomes Championships sponsored by Carmichael Wool Co. Next week is a Stroke and Putting Competition along with the 3rd Golf NSW Medal Round.

Happy Easter to our golfers and families!

*Birdie*

## Vets Golf

Last Tuesday the 8th was an individual stableford plus putts. Ian Taylor scored 34 points to come in the winner to runner up Herb Wilson on 32. Best putters was Wal Chapman and Robert Moore. NTP went to

Wally Chapman.

Next Tuesday straight after Easter we are having a two person Ambrose. Draw for partners and draw for mark-ers. Thursday is the last round of pen-nants in Walcha.

Good luck Guyra, a win over Armidale will see the pennant come to Guyra.

*Drake*

## Men's Bowls

The results of matches played last weekend were John Mcilwain defeated Randy Mulligan

31-19, Colin Stanley defeated Roger Cox 31-23 and Robert Moore was too good for Anthony Bull winning 31-28.

There are no games boarded for the Easter weekend but feel free to have a roll and enjoy the club's facilities and the autumn weather.

*Jack.*

# Rural Market Reports

## Guyra Sheep and Lamb Sale

**April 8th** - A larger yarding with 5000. Best of lambs got out to \$227

Domestic lambs making \$180 to \$120. Store lambs heavy weight and shorn 2nd cross lambs made from \$140 to \$160. 1st cross lambs weighing around 25 to 35kg made from \$90 to \$140. Not many merino lambs to quote. Hoggets were cheaper than the previous sale. Best got out to \$220.

Mutton topped at \$230, Medium weight crossbreds made anywhere from \$120 to \$140. Merino sheep with not much skin made anywhere from \$90 to \$140. Lighter weight merinos making anywhere from \$70 to \$80

## Armidale Cattle Sale

**April 10th** - Armidale penned 278 head less to offer 1462 mostly good

quality cattle with mixed pens of plainer quality through the offering.

Not all buyers attended with a marked absence of two major exporters that having a negative result on the cow market.

Better bred pens of yearlings were subject to strong feeder interest on medium and heavy feeders of both genders. That said trends varied firm to cheaper from last sale.

Backgrounders were strong with competition from local purchasers again with subdued trends.

Light yearling steers to background considerably cheaper 334c to 338c/kg. Medium feeders firm 318c to 414c/kg. Similar weight backgrounders cheaper 360c to 404c/kg. Steers to feed up over 400kgs to 348c/kg.

Light background heifers significantly cheaper 300c to 322c/kg. Medium feeders 305c to 359c/kg

backgrounders to 349c/kg. Heavy feeders to 348c/kg.

Heavy grown steers to process 320c to 330c/kg similar heifers 320c to 346c/kg. Cows sold to cheaper trends throughout medium weights 242c to 295c/kg the heavy weights 270c to 316c/kg. Heavy bulls sold to a firm result 270c to 312c/kg.

## Weekly Wool Market

**April 11th** - Tuesday's wool market opened under a cloud of global trade and tariff uncertainty. It was dearer from the outset being cushioned from an Aussie dollar trading sharply lower against the US.

The Northern region indicator gained 12 cents for the day with some solid increases in the mid micron Merino types. These gains were held onto throughout the final day of selling with the market quoted as unchanged.

However, the 13 cent gain in the broad based Eastern market indicator for the week masks a different story when viewing the market in US dollars.

The EMI in US dollars fell 34 cents for the week and is now down 5.4% from its high point of the season only four weeks ago. The EMI at 1262 in local currency has closed the week at its highest point in 23 months. This is due to the cushioning effect of the lower Aussie dollar.

Uncertainty will prevail whilst the US flip flops on policy and targeted countries retaliate. China's exports to the US remain in the firing line whilst somewhat of a reprieve has been given to the rest of the world. 34,168 bales were sold nationally for the week with a passed in rate of 5%. Next week's sale will be held at The Royale Easter Show in Sydney. The following week is scheduled for a recess.



## Gazette Footy Tipping

Farmer Joe	62	The Panther	54
BigRus	62	Flip	54
Winter Wombat	60	Birdie	54
Dip Stick	58	Timmy the Tiger	52
KingGJBW	58	Bulldog	50
DJ	58	Scary Bear	50
Crazy Cat Lady	58	DJFlake69	50
The Third Player	58	Luigi	48
Wayno	58	3PPP	48
Iggman	56	Bundles	48
Rabidohs	56	Unbetables	46
Fingerlicking good	56	The King	46
Mocak	54	Happy Gilmore	42

## Locals Entry Form - Round 8

Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

Name: .....

Phone: .....

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

Bye:  
Eels





# Gazette's Celebrity Footy Tipping

Celebrities MCLS at Four Ways are top of the class this week with their perfect score of 16 points.

This brings them into equal 2nd place along with Sue and Robert.

Kim at Kimmy's Kitchen remains on top of the Celebrity Leaderboard on 62 points with a very credible score of 12 points.

We have three Celebrities next on 52 points: Soley, Vu and Mal. However, our local Councillor Eli really took his eye off the ball this week, scoring just 4 points.

Farmer Joe had a middling score this week but remains on top of the Locals Leaderboard, although now joined there by BigRus who had an excellent score of 14 points.

Another Local who scored 14 points was Wayno and this has resulted in a giant leap up the Leaderboard to equal 3rd place on 58 points.

Bundles managed to move away from the Wooden Spoon position, which is now occupied by Happy Gilmore.

Good luck with your tips for round 7 and please don't forget to get your tips in on time!

## Sue's Tips

Sea Eagles  
Bulldogs  
Storm  
Broncos  
Roosters  
Raiders  
Sharks  
Tigers



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Dolphins  
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Roosters  
Titans  
Sharks  
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Bulldogs  
Storm  
Broncos  
Panthers  
Raiders  
Sharks  
Tigers



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**Score: 56**

## Mal's Tips

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Bulldogs  
Storm  
Broncos  
Roosters  
Raiders  
Sharks  
Tigers



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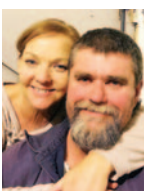
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**Score: 52**

## Kim's Tips

Sea Eagles  
Bulldogs  
Storm  
Warriors  
Roosters  
Raiders  
Sharks  
Tigers



### EASTER OPENING HOURS

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## Eli's Tips

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Warriors  
Roosters  
Canberra  
Cronulla  
Tigers



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**Next Meeting tonight: 16th April**  
**GUYRA TENNIS CLUB AGM**  
Wednesday, 23rd April at Guyra  
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Wednesday 30th April 7pm at Guyra  
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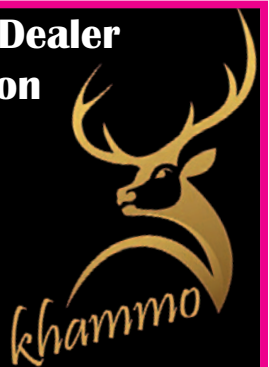
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# Spuds roar back into group 19 with a win

Guyra roared back into Group 19 with two wins from two against Narwan at the New Red Hill on Sunday.

Despite a player shortage, the Spudettes skipped clear of the Eels in the leaguetag game to win 34-12, while the Super Spuds overcame a terrible start to the second half to scrape home 22-20 in A grade.

Tanieka Dailey scored a hat-trick for the Spudettes and was instrumental in Kiarna Landsborough's try as Guyra turned a 12-all halftime scoreline into a comfortable victory.

It was 12-nil early when Abby Davies opened the scoring in her first game for Guyra, before Dailey showed her soccer skills on the way to a long-range try.

Narwan fought back before halftime but the second half was all Guyra.

In a four-try spree, Sophie Mitchell also capped a great debut with a try of her own.

Dailey (3), skipper Danielle Sutton (2) and Mitchell (1) scored club points, while Davies was voted as players' player.

The girls played with only 12



Guyra hooker Archie Dowden took on the Narwan defence all day.

and a few more signings would be welcome to help boost their numbers.

The men started in similar fashion with a try to Ock Atkin and a

brilliant chip and chase effort from halfback Wyatt Spiteri-Roberts setting up a 12-nil lead.

It was all Guyra in the first half, but the first 15 minutes of the sec-

ond half was anything but.

Narwan ran in three tries as the Spuds were starved of possession and the Eels led 16-12.

When Guyra finally got some ball Narwan was reduced to 12 men and it was Matt Sisson who crossed to lock it up at 16-all.

Then Atkin ran in his second to give Guyra an important six-point advantage.

Narwan scored again late and had a final chance to snatch the win, but the Spuds held on 22-20.

Atkin marked his first game in the top grade for Guyra with the players' player award.

Hooker Archie Dowden had a blinder and polled three club best and fairest points, Garth Walls picked up two for his big work-rate up front and Spiteri-Roberts took one point.

Among Guyra's debutantes were youngsters Dowden, Atkin, Rob Sisson, Ryan Jones, Riley Campbell and Blake Phillips and all performed admirably.

After Easter the Guyra teams face Tingha at Tingha before returning home for a date with premiers Warialda.

## Soccer returns to town

Senior soccer returned to Guyra on the weekend for the first game of the season. The teams took on Inverell in both grades.

The first game saw a similar side to last year and they were looking good as a team. Inverell got out to an early lead 15 minutes in. This did not deter Guyra as they dug in to produce an impressive sequence of passes which led to Tom Lockyer just missing to the right of the goals.

The game went to a half time at 2 to 0 in favour of Inverell. The middle of the second half saw heavy rain on the field and the conditions and fitness level of the team combined to see Inverell run in a couple of goals to finish the game 5 to 0 winners.

The third-grade side was boosted by a returning stars and fresh new faces. They were confident of an upset against the In-

verell side that has been playing for weeks. The early going was close between the two teams, but Inverell took the early lead. A positional change from back to forward saw Charlie White put Guyra's first goal in for the season.

A lack of game time and the wet surface saw a number of Guyra players forced from the field with niggling injuries in the second half. The bench players stood up and held off Inverell until the final quarter where Inverell managed three late goals to take the game 4 to 1.

The teams now have the next two weekends off with both senior and junior games returning on the 3rd of May. The senior teams will be traveling to Glen Innes.

The junior team draws are yet to be released and there is still time for anyone ages 5 to 100 to register and join a team.

## Fierce battle on hockey field

With a player short and their backs to the wall, the Guyra Men's hockey team put on a gutsy display against the well-stacked ex-Ex-Services side, which was bolstered by plenty of subs, including a few former Guyra players (bloody turncoats!).

Blake stepped into goals and delivered an outstanding performance between the posts—so good, in fact, he might want to be careful or he'll find himself locked in as full-time keeper.

The match was a true end-to-end thriller, with every player digging deep. Guyra fought bravely, but ultimately fell 2-3 after a chaotic second half start.

The keeper thought his shift began in the second quarter, and a slightly extended halftime chat meant only half the team was on the field when play resumed.

Despite the loss, the team showed serious heart. The men of

Guyra now earn a well-deserved break before returning under lights on Tuesday, April 29th. Watch out—this story isn't over yet.

Both 2nd and 3rd Grade Women's teams came together over the weekend to help each other out as some players had already taken advantage of school holidays and were unavailable. Excitingly, this did mean both teams had subs!! The competition was all Harlies, Harlies and more Harlies, resulting in 4-1 defeat and a one all draw.

This was all achieved on the back of a surprise birthday party Friday night for key player Nat Mendes. Our 2nd grade ladies felt a draw against Harlies was a great result considering most of the team was out celebrating. The beers on the hill after the game meant the celebrations were far from over!!!



# Junior golfers take to the course

The Brian Lennon Junior Championships were held on Sunday with the Junior Champion being Harry Purvis with a score of 27 and runner up with 25 was Levi Vanderwolf.

Congratulations to the boys and well done to the other boys who competed in the tournament.

We would like to thank our major sponsor Darren and Tanya Lennon with the competition now in Darren's father's name. Also the Guyra Bowling Club for their support and sponsorship of the day.

There was also a 7 hole competition for all juniors without a handicap. This was a very positive roll up with many juniors turning out for the day and a great day was had by all.

Mick Purvis has also donated some of his time with two juniors winning an hours free lessons with Mick. The winners of these lessons were Levi Vanderwolf and Lachie Ellis.

We will be organising more of these days in the near future so keep your eyes open for the Guyra



Gazette and also the Guyra Golf Facebook page.

Junior golf is new to the committee we have at the moment and we would appreciate any ideas and

feedback from people as long as it remains positive. Thank you to the helpers for the day Scott Mendes, Tyson Burey, Mick Purvis and Steven Wilson.

This weekend is Easter and if numbers are available we will hold a two man Ambrose on Easter Monday.

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