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## Strong support for ANZAC tradition

Anzac Day commemorations in Guyra attracted large crowds as residents and veterans joined together in remembrance of generations who served their country.

Support was strong for the dawn service and the strong support continued during the main march and ceremony which saw a capacity crowd line Bradley Street.

A large contingent of service men and women, family members of those who served and school students all marched to honour the Anzac tradition.

Councillor Eli Imad, representing Armidale Regional Council, welcomed those who gathered for the service.

"It was wonderful to see such a large crowd gathered in Guyra to mark this year's Anzac Day service. Particularly heartening was the strong presence of younger generations, who will be the ones to carry forward the legacy of the ANZACs."

"Anzac Day is a powerful reminder of what unites us as Australians, transcending political and religious differences. It is a day to honour our veterans, to thank those who have served and continue to serve, and to remember with deep respect those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country."

The commemorative address was delivered by Member for Northern Tablelands Brendan Moylan. He shared the story of the Cameron boys



from Wandsworth and their mother Rachel. John, Harold and Hugh Cameron were among the first to enlist, all paying the ultimate sacrifice.

John and Harold served at Gallipoli, John's body was never found and is still somewhere in the hills of the Gallipoli Peninsula. Harold and Hugh were among the first Australian casualties on the Western Front and they both to this day lie in graves in France among the thousands of other young Australian soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice. Rachel Cameron died eight years later in

Glen Innes, having never got over the loss of her three boys.

"Today we remember the Cameron boys of Wandsworth and we remember their mother, Rachel," Mr Moylan said. "We remember all Australian men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice, and we remember all of those who have served and their families."

"We honour the values of the original young Anzacs – loyalty, selflessness, courage, and mateship – and the ways in which later generations have measured their own achievements

against those of the soldiers who fought on Gallipoli."

Local schoolchildren were active participants in the ceremony. Tallara Patterson and Una Ale from Black Mountain Primary School read the Prayer of Remembrance, Hugo Sisson from St Mary of the Angels read the Prayer of Freedom, Guyra Central School Captains Annabelle Collins and Treigh Bonser-Karhu read the Prayer for the Australian Defence force and Sydnee Everett from Bald Blair Primary School read the Prayer of Peace.

*Enjoy a Mothers' Day lunch at Rafter's*

**3 course lunch - \$70 pp**

**Bookings essential on or before 7th May**

- Starters:** Roast Duck Tartlet *or* Corn Fritters & Smoked Salmon  
**Mains:** Seared Salmon Fillet with Lime Risotto  
*or* Herb & Citrus Encrusted Lamb Rack  
**Desserts:** Berry Panna Cotta *or* Deconstructed Lemon Meringue

*Our next Market Day will be on Sunday, 18th May from 10.00am - 2pm*

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## Federal election, Saturday 3 May 2025

It's important that you understand how to vote correctly.

On election day you need to complete two ballot papers:

- a green one for the House of Representatives
- a large white one for the Senate.

On the green ballot paper you are voting for a representative of your local area or electorate in the House of Representatives.

On the white ballot paper you are voting for representatives of your state or territory in the Senate.

**Don't worry if you make a mistake.**  
**Just ask for another ballot paper and start again.**

**Green ballot paper** – number **every box** in the order of your choice

State  
Electoral Division of Division Name

Number the boxes from 1 to 8 in the order of your choice

2	SURNAME, Given Names INDEPENDENT
3	SURNAME, Given Names PARTY
7	SURNAME, Given Names PARTY
8	SURNAME, Given Names PARTY
1	SURNAME, Given Names PARTY
5	SURNAME, Given Names PARTY
6	SURNAME, Given Names PARTY
4	SURNAME, Given Names PARTY

Remember... number **every** box to make your vote count

**SAMPLE**

Sample ballot paper

**White ballot paper** – you can choose to vote either above or below the line

Senate Ballot Paper  
State – Election of 6 Senators

You may vote in one of two ways  
**Either**  
**Above the line**  
By numbering at least 6 of these boxes in the order of your choice (with number 1 as your first choice).

5	PARTY
2	PARTY
1	PARTY
3	PARTY
6	PARTY
4	

**Or**  
**Below the line**  
By numbering at least 12 of these boxes in the order of your choice (with number 1 as your first choice).

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**SAMPLE**

Sample ballot paper

## EITHER

**Vote above the line**  
Number **at least 6 boxes** for parties or groups, in the order of your choice.

## OR

**Vote below the line**  
Number **at least 12 boxes** for individual candidates, in the order of your choice.

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# Guyra team smashes Tour de Rocks 2025

The annual Tour de Rocks fundraising bike ride took place over the weekend with close to 500 cyclists and support crew making their way to the coast, all for a good cause.

The ride aims to inspire communities to help find a cure for cancer, while raising much needed funds along the way.

Over the three days of riding they covered 265kms, climbed 4700km in altitude and spent a total of 15 hours on the bike seat.

Guyra cyclists have been among those who have shown support for the event over many years, and in 2025 14 riders once again took part.

Now in its 11th year the event raises funds for cancer research. Last year's event raised \$372,050 and more than \$2.6million dollars raised for cancer research since it began.



Team Guyra (not in order) Leanne, Garry, Mick, and Donna Mayled, Dave Mills, Judi Wark, Rodney Wallbridge, Ken Porter, Robyn Archer, Mick Kirk, Mick & Aleysa Frost, Keri Hughes, Martin Danke and supporter Al McFarlane

## Coalition promises CCTV for Guyra CBD if elected

An elected Coalition Government will provide \$435,000 from a revitalised Safer Communities Fund (SCF) to help ensure people in the Uralla, Inverell, Guyra and Armidale communities feel safe as they go about their daily lives.

Member for New England Barnaby Joyce said the funding would deliver an upgraded and expanded CCTV network across the crime-hit CBDs of Uralla, Armidale, Guyra and Inverell, helping businesses and families feel safe again.

"Crime is continually brought up

with me, from stolen vehicles to break-ins and smashed shopfronts. This \$435,000 will get Uralla, Armidale, Guyra and Inverell back on track by giving police the tools to catch crooks and let local businesses breathe easier," Mr Joyce said.

Mr Joyce announced the investment to help tackle soaring break-and-enter rates, including:

- Uralla Shire Council \$155,000: An upgraded CCTV network for the main street, parks, and council depots, responding to a spate of vehicle thefts and commercial break-ins.

- Inverell Shire Council \$180,000: Mobile CCTV camera trailers to target crime hotspots and the CBD, one of NSW's worst for break-and-enters.

- Armidale Regional Council \$100,000: CCTV in Bradley Street, Guyra and the investigation of CCTV along the Armidale cycleway linking the CBD and the University of New England.

Mr Joyce said the funding will support councils' calls for modern surveillance to deter antisocial behaviour and assist police in holding

offenders accountable.

The revitalised SCF will build on the programme established by the previous Coalition Government, delivering grant funding to councils, schools, and local organisations to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour, enhance security around community spaces, and promote social cohesion.

This commitment is part of the Coalition's plan to strengthen our local communities and get our country Back on Track.



*Celebrating the Mother in All of Us*

The May Meeting of the CWA Guyra Evening Branch, will be held at Rafters, 87 Malpas St Guyra.

Dinner and a talk will be held starting at approx 7pm, following our monthly meeting.

Cost will be \$22 which includes soup dinner & dessert

Please feel free to bring along a guest ie sister, daughter, mother or friend

RSVP to Mary 0429 345 255 by 6.5.2025



**The CWA Guyra Evening Branch is celebrating Mother's Day with a soup dinner, dessert and a guest speaker at Rafters Cafe on Wednesday, 7th May starting at 7pm.**

Everyone is welcome to attend and why not bring a guest — your sister, daughter, mother or friend and celebrate the "Mother in All of Us".

Cost is \$22.00 per person which includes Soup and Dessert.

If you have been thinking of attending one of the CWA Guyra Evening Branch meetings, why not come along on Wednesday 7th May, 6pm at Rafters for a quick meeting before dinner.

Come and see what the CWA is about — we are more than just tea and scones!

Please RSVP for catering purposes to Mary by the 6th May: 0429 345 255

**Don't forget to vote on Saturday**

**Super Spuds at home on Saturday against Warialda Wombats**

**Council grants for local organisations**

## What's NOT

**Allowing your dogs to roam at night**

**Rubbish being dumped on back roads and in drive-ways**

## JOKE of the week

Why did the can crusher quit his job?  
Because it was soda pressing.

### Bureau of Meteorology

## Weather

### WATCH

#### Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
22	Tues	3.1	15.8	9.6
23	Wed	6.2	12.8	0
24	Thurs	9.3	15.9	2.4
25	Fri	9.8	17.5	0
26	Sat	9.2	16.0	0
27	Sun	9.5	13.7	24.8
28	Mon	9.0	15.6	3.6

Rain this week	40.4mm
Apr. rainfall	91.2mm
Rainfall YTD	469.2mm
Rainfall last YTD	331.2mm
Ave. rain YTD	348.1mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin,  
Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

# Letters to the editor....

## Thank You Guyra

On behalf of the Guyra RSL sub-Branch, I thank the people of Guyra and District for their attendance and participation in the ANZAC Day services last Friday and particularly for their generous donations to support the work of the Guyra RSL sub-Branch in helping veterans and their families.

I particularly thank Brendan Moylan MP, Member for Northern Tablelands, for his commemorative address at our main service.

Thanks also go to Rev Tim Stevens for his excellent contribution to the three services on the day.

I also thank Dean Heagney and Warren Tribe for again providing jeeps, and 11 Combat Service Support Battalion for their Special Reconnaissance vehicle, to transport those not able to march the distance.

It was wonderful to see the schools from our immediate region represented and I thank all the students, parents, and teachers for participating in the march and the service.

Thanks also to all those members of the community who in different ways contributed to the services to help make the day a success. As always it was wonderful to see veterans and service personnel participating in the march. A special thanks to 337 Sqn Australian Airforce Cadets for their contribution to the service.

I extend a special thanks to the ladies from the Guyra CWA Evening Branch for kindly donating their time to prepare and present the dawn service breakfast.

Our thanks go to 1Sqn RAAF at Amberley for their continued association and contribution to the Guyra ANZAC Day services, and for the flyover by an F/A-18F Super Hornet during the service.

I thank Brad Lane (CT Electrics) for providing the PA system, and I thank the members of the VRA and the SES for their assistance.

More than anything, I thank you all for coming together at

both the dawn service and the march and main service to remember and pay tribute to all the men and women who paid the supreme sacrifice in all conflicts throughout the world while at the same time saluting those currently serving in our armed forces and ancillary services both at home and abroad.

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

## ANZAC Day 2025

I write this wearing two hats, one as a granddaughter and the other as an educator.

The Guyra 2025 ANZAC Day Ceremony was the first year I marched in honour of my grandfather. I was honoured to wear his medals and march with fellow community members who honoured their loved ones. For me it was an emotional experience, but I understand an extremely important one to help teach future generations what has been sacrificed in the past, for our lives and country today.

The scheduled elements of the program were wonderful, and testament to the RSL ensuring a meaningful service. Having our local state government member attend, and share the heartbreaking story of Rachel Cameron and her three-sons highlighted the impact of war. The representatives from Amberley's Air Force Squadron, demonstrates the Australian Defence Force's commitment to see a significant and meaningful ceremony in our beautiful little town. The number of local schools and their students & staff in attendance, demonstrated a commitment to respecting our ANZACs. It was a great effort made by many which I am grateful to have experienced.

As an educator and advocate of young people, I was appalled at the negative sentiments expressed by the Master of Ceremonies (MC) towards our youth and a perception of their lack of understanding surrounding the importance of ANZAC day. It is insulting to the exceptional local educators who make every effort

to keep the ANZAC spirit alive by teaching our youth why we are to be eternally grateful for those who fought to defend the Australian way of life.

The figures used by the MC to support his criticism were from a Daily Telegraph article which reported the lack of interest in young people possibly volunteering to serve, in the event of an Australian fought civil or international conflict. The figure quoted - an uptake of 1 in 6 willing to volunteer, I believe demonstrates the complexity of war and how our young people understand the gravity of war. This figure most significantly indicates the thoughts of Metropolitan youth, not Guyra and not the Northern Tablelands. The Daily Telegraph does not seek out the opinions of regional and rural people. Our little town showed our support ANZAC by having a massive number in attendance remembering our current, returned and fallen service people. The comments made by the MC were not relevant to our town, and as a result tone deaf. ANZAC day is about commemorating, mateship and a focus on how our efforts today can determine what the future will bring. It is not about war.

If the MC is so concerned about the youth being interested in the defence of our nation, and their understanding ANZAC day I challenge the MC to consider handing over the role of Master of Ceremonies to our students. Our Northern Tablelands schools run ANZAC day assemblies at schools and do an absolutely wonderful job. I understand the time constraints of my fellow educators and do not wish to increase their already massive workloads. I therefore gladly and willing volunteer to assist the RSL to help facilitate and act as a conduit between schools to enable such opportunity for our youth.

I am certain if our ANZAC day service was voiced by our future the spirit of the day would be preserved, instead of being lost by the tone deaf commentary of one.

**Gemma Mulligan**



# Council News

## Public Exhibitions

**Draft Operational Plan and Budget for 2025 - 2026** - Closes 22 May, 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 28 May 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

**Casual Register** - We're seeking expressions of interest from motivated individuals to join our casual register for multiple positions across Armidale Regional Council.

**Waste Transfer Attendant** - Closes 4 May. As a Waste Transfer Attendant, you will be responsible for assisting the Armidale community with essential waste services while providing excellent customer service.

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

## Celebrate a Volunteer You Know

Do you know an unsung hero of the community who volunteers their time for a great cause or organisation? There is still time to nominate them for a New England Regional Volunteer Award! This is just one small way to say thank you to people who are making a big



## Guyra Saleyards update

Significant progress has been made on the upgrade to the Guyra saleyards since the project began in late 2022. Key milestones have been achieved, including the installation of new selling pens, the construction of a new drafting area,

and the completion of new roads and swales. In April, the effluent pond was completed, and the focus for the next month will be on upgrading the hardstand areas. To stay up to date with the Guyra Saleyards upgrade, visit the Council's website and search for 'Works and Projects' to find out more.

impact in our community. Deadline for nominations has been extended to COB Tuesday 6 May 2025. To nominate someone in your community, visit Council's website and search 'Volunteer'.



## Service NSW Mobile Service Centre Visits Guyra

On Tuesday, May 20, 2025, the Service NSW Mobile Service Centre will be in Guyra at the Public Car Park on 119 Bradley Street from 9 AM to 3 PM. Residents can access various government services, including driver licence applications, Working with Children Checks, and more. For the latest timetable, visit [service.nsw.gov.au](https://service.nsw.gov.au) or call 13 77 88.



## Smart Water Meter rollout | Q&A

**Can you opt out from the installation of a digital water meter?**

No, this is a general infrastructure upgrade. The water meter is owned by Armidale Regional Council. Council does not require permission to enter the property to change the meter once notice is given but would always prefer to work collaboratively with homeowners and residents. **Do smart meters cause any health effects?**

Health authorities around the world, including ARPANSA and the World Health Organisation (WHO), have examined the scientific evidence regarding possible health effects from smart meters. Current research indicates that there are no established health effects from the low exposure to the RF EME from smart meters. Find out more by scanning the QR code!



# Community Noticeboard

## Meals on Wheels

May	1	Heather Marchant
May	2	L & R Skinner
May	5	Narelle Leven
May	6	Warwick Leven
May	7	Wendy Lockyer

## Street Stalls

May 1	CWA
May 8,9	Freemasons
May 15,16,17	Rotary

## 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 Pol-lard 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

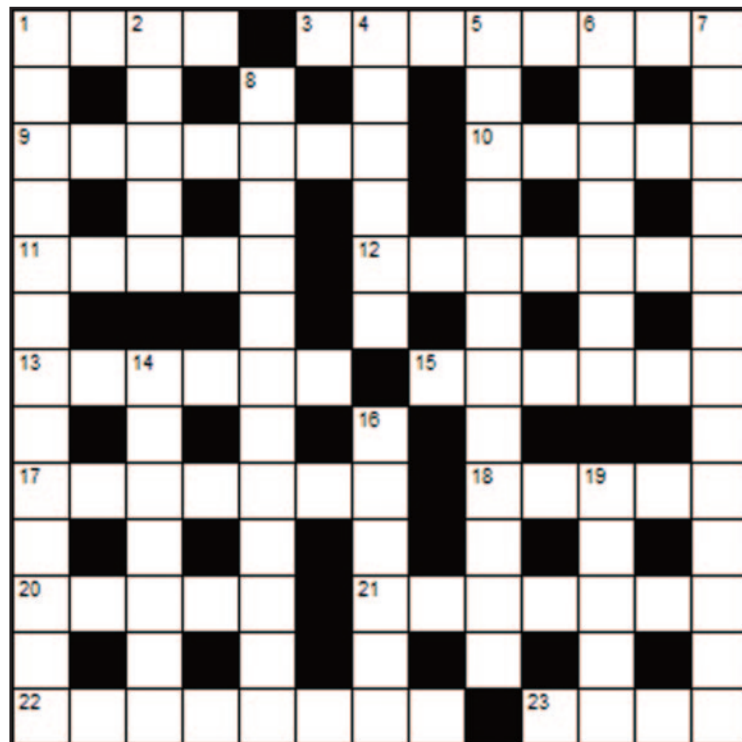
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10. Feign (5)
- 11 Command (5)
12. Museum keeper (7)
13. List of ingredients for a dish (6)
15. Concord (6)
17. Non-professional (7)
18. Capital of Vietnam (5)
20. Expulsion from a country (5)
21. Country in Africa (7)
22. Christmas season (8)
23. Linger (4)

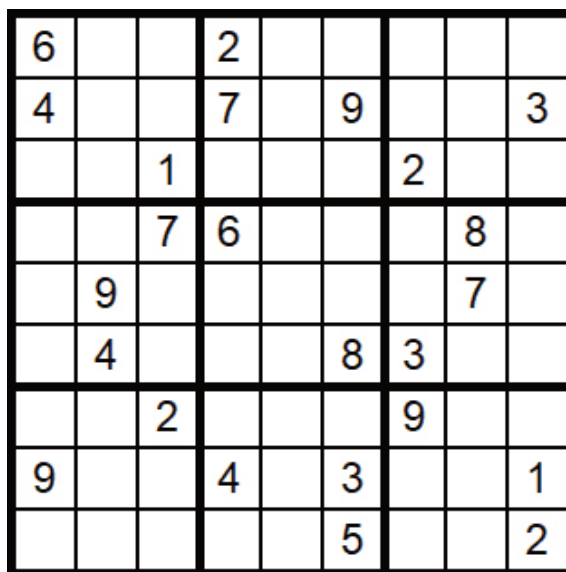
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4. Erase a mark from a surface (6)
5. Intricate and confusing (12)
6. Agrees or corresponds (7)
7. In a servile manner (13)
8. Give a false account of (12)

## QUICK CROSSWORD



## Sudoku - Hard



**ACROSS:** 1 Asps 3. Well-read 9. Pontiff 10. Bluff 11 Order 12. Curator 13. Recipe 15. Unison 17. Amateur 18. Hanoi 20. Exile 21. Senegal 22. Yuletide 23. Stay  
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9	3	6	2	8	1	5	4	7



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## **ARC calls for funding to support NEREZ growth**

Armidale Regional Council (ARC) is calling for election funding commitments from candidates in the upcoming Federal Election to help fund critical projects like water security, airport upgrades, housing, workforce training and education.

Further investment in the Armidale Region is needed to address the impacts of the NSW Government's New England Renewable Energy Zone (NEREZ), according to ARC Mayor Sam Coupland.

The NEREZ - which is proposed to generate 8 gigawatts of renewable energy (the largest planned REZ in NSW by capacity) - is poised to transform Armidale Region into a 'boomtown' by driving rapid economic growth, increased population, and heightened demand for local services and infrastructure.

"While this may sound enticing, the perils of boomtown dynamics have long been recognised and challenges boomtowns frequently encounter include degraded quality of life and social disruption arising when demand for services exceeds

supply, followed by inadequate investment and shortfalls in the necessary workforce to service new community and business needs," said Mayor Coupland.

"We are not asking for handouts - we are asking for smart, strategic investment that will support the economic engine of the New England region.

"We need to build resilience and capacity across the whole New England area. Strategic investment now will pay dividends for decades to come."

Key areas requiring funding include:

- Remediation works to the Oaky River Dam wall to make it operational. This is required to support the NEREZ construction and shore up future water security for the region.

- Upgrade of the Armidale Region Airport runway needed to service the additional FIFO flights and emergency response aircraft required to protect the nationally significant energy generation, storage,

and transmission infrastructure throughout the NEREZ from bush-fire.

- Fast-tracked housing development, including the 130-lot Duval-Grandview site for mixed-tenure, mixed-density housing, including social and affordable dwellings, to ease affordability pressures.

- Construction of a new, larger, purpose-built childcare facility to service the Guyra community and surrounding region.

"The renewable energy transition is coming fast and we're ready to rise to the occasion," said Mayor Coupland.

"But without targeted investment in our infrastructure, training, and housing, we risk being left behind.

"We have done the groundwork. We have the vision.

"What we need now is for election candidates to match our ambition with funding commitments that support sustainable, long-term growth for our region."



## **Councillor's Corner** *For strong regional representation*

**Cr Eli Imad** Contact me: **M. 0404 000 075** **E. Elmad@armidale.nsw.gov.au**

As your local councillor, I was truly heartened to witness the outstanding turnout at this year's ANZAC Day services across our region.

From the moving dawn service to the mid-morning commemorations, it was evident that our shared respect for those who served—and continue to serve—remains as strong as ever. I had the honour of attending the Dawn Service in Guyra, followed by the 9am Service in Ben Lomond, and returned to Guyra for the 10:30am Service, where I proudly took part in the March and had the privilege of officially opening the ceremony.

A particular highlight of the day was the impressive fly-past by No. 1 Squadron of the Royal Australian Air Force—a powerful and poignant tribute that left many in awe.

The pride on display across all generations is a testament to our community's enduring commitment to honouring the sacrifices made in the name of peace and freedom.

Thank you to everyone who participated, supported, and helped organise these important events.

### **Successful Grant Applications**

I am pleased to announce the successful applicants from the Guyra Region in the recent Armidale Regional Council Community Grants program.

Out of 10 applications from 9 local organisations, 6 were awarded grants to support their valuable community initiatives.

These successful organisations include:

- Black Mountain Baptist Church: \$1200
- Guyra & District Pony Club: \$2500
- Guyra Show Society: \$2500
- Masonic Lodge: \$2500
- Guyra VRA Rescue Squad: \$4000
- Rotary Club of Guyra: \$4300

These grants will help further strengthen our local communities and support the important work being done across the Guyra Region.

### **Around the Grounds – April 2025**

- 15th – Met with Larvartto Resources-Hillgrove Mines executives
- 16th – Met with the Hon. Aileen MacDonald OAM MLC to discuss strategies for Guyra and surrounds
- 16th – "WinterFest" Committee meeting
- 22nd – Guest of the Rotary Club of Guyra at their regular meeting, followed by sharing a meal at Rrafters
- 23rd – Armidale Regional Council meeting – celebrated the commitment of 57 Australian citizens at a citizenship ceremony
- 25th – ANZAC Dawn Service at Guyra, 9am ANZAC Service at Ben Lomond and 10.30am ANZAC March and Service at Guyra.

# Costa supports local schools to access kitchen garden program

Guyra Central School is one of ten regional schools in communities across Australia will be joining the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen

Garden Program in 2025 for the first time, as a result of Costa's new partnership with the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation.

These schools are amongst the first to receive support through our three-year partnership, which will see a total of 30 schools or early childhood services welcomed into the kitchen garden community across Australia.

Costa Group CEO Marc Werner said one of the most important things Costa can do is contribute to improved health and wellbeing which reduces the incidence of

chronic disease and morbidity.

"We know that an effective way to do this is through educating children about the benefits of eating a balanced and nutritional diet, which includes regular serves of fresh fruit and vegetables, and we are delighted to be teaming up with the Foundation to support schools in our local communities," he said.

Each of the schools and services will be based in a community where Costa have farms to foster connections between education, agriculture, our workforce and the community.

The first schools to receive support are: Atherton State Primary School and Mareeba State School, QLD, East Devonport Primary

School and Our Lady of Lourdes, TAS, Guyra Central School, and Kelly's Plains Public School, NSW, Nairne Primary School, Nangiloc Colignan and District Primary School, Unity College, and Loxton District Childcare Centre, SA

"Providing hands on gardening and cooking experiences will not only help develop an understanding of plants and nutrition but also provide a safe calming space to nurture student wellbeing." - Guyra Central School, NSW.

Each sponsored site will receive a two-year membership to the Kitchen Garden Program, providing the knowledge, support and inspiration to these educators so they can empower children and young

people to develop lifelong skills in growing, harvesting, preparing and sharing fresh, seasonal food.

An infrastructure grant has also been provided to support their kitchen garden activities. This budget might go towards repairing or building garden beds, purchasing new cooking equipment or adding a compost system or irrigation.

The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation and Costa Group have partnered in a values aligned multi-year agreement that ensures more children and young people from around Australia experience practical, hands on, pleasurable food education.

## Labor candidate supports farm safety and health initiatives

In a bid to enhance safety and healthcare in rural regions, Labor's candidate for New England, Laura Hughes, has thrown her support behind two major policy announcements from the Albanese Government aimed at addressing critical challenges in farming and health services across the electorate.

The first initiative is a \$2.5 million commitment over three years to Farmsafe Australia, reinforcing the National Farm Safety Education Fund. This program seeks to reduce rising fatality and injury rates in agriculture, a sector where one in five workplace deaths in NSW occur. In 2024 alone, 72 lives were lost and 133 serious in-

juries recorded on farms, with risks like quad bike accidents, animal handling, and electrical work being top hazards.

Hughes stressed the significance of safeguarding New England's farmers and mining workers, calling them "the lifeblood" of the region. The additional funding builds on an existing \$125,000 annual contribution toward Farmsafe's educational campaigns, extending their reach to even remote farming communities.

In a separate policy push, Labor announced the creation of 1800MEDICARE, a \$204.5 million national telehealth and urgent care advice line, ensuring 24/7 access to free medical support, in-

cluding GP telehealth consultations.

Set to launch on 1 January 2026 if Labor is re-elected, the service will provide every resident in New England with access to health care at any hour, reducing pressure on emergency departments and improving health equity in rural communities. This new service will complement Labor's existing plan to roll out 50 additional Medicare Urgent Care Clinics, placing most Australians within a 20-minute drive of urgent medical help.

Laura Hughes highlighted the local importance of both initiatives, stating that only a Labor Government would strengthen

Medicare and ensure consistent healthcare access in rural areas like New England. By targeting workplace safety on farms and improving healthcare delivery outside the traditional 9-to-5 model, these policies are designed to directly support regional communities that have often been underserved.

Together, these announcements underscore Labor's commitment to supporting the health and wellbeing of workers and families across New England, addressing both acute safety risks in agriculture and long-standing healthcare access issues in remote and rural communities.

## Gazette Footy Tipping

Winter Wombat	84	Fingerlicking good	68
Farmer Joe	82	Rabidohs	66
BigRus	80	Timmy the Tiger	66
Dip Stick	76	DJFlake69	66
KingGJBW	74	Flip	64
Crazy Cat Lady	74	Bulldog	64
Iggman	74	Scary Bear	64
Wayno	72	3PPP	64
DJ	72	Bundles	64
The Third Player	72	Happy Gilmore	64
The Panther	72	Unbetables	62
Mocak	70	The King	62
Birdie	70	Luigi	60

### Locals Entry Form - Round 10

Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

Name: .....

Phone: .....

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

Bye:  
Roosters





# Gazette's Celebrity Footy Tipping

Celebrity Eli had one of the best scores this week, being 12 points, to bring him within striking distance of leaving the Wooden Spoon position.

Eli is now on 66 points, just two points behind Soley, Vu and Mal who are in equal 4th place on 68 points.

Kim at Kimmy's Kitchen is still in the lead on 80 points, having a reasonably lead over Robert who is in 2nd place on 74 points.

Next in 3rd spot on 72 points are Sue and our lovely lads at Four Ways.

Winter Wombat was one of the few who managed 12 points this week and has sole position on top of the Locals Leaderboard on 74 points.

Farmer Joe's tipping system also achieved 12 points to overtake BigRus who could only manage 8 points.

Dip Stick has been scoring consistently well this season to be rewarded with 4th place on 76 points. Watch out for Bundles who is quietly moving up the Leaderboard.

Good luck with your tips for round 9 and please don't forget to get your tips in on time!

## Sue's Tips

Sharks  
Dolphins  
Rabbits  
Warriors  
Dragons  
Bulldogs  
Broncos  
Raiders



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Bulldogs  
Broncos  
Storm



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## Robert's Tips

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Warriors  
Tigers  
Bulldogs  
Broncos  
Storm



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**Score: 74**

## Mal's Tips

Sharks  
Roosters  
Rabbitohs  
Warriors  
Tigers  
Bulldogs  
Panthers  
Storm



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**Score: 68**

## Kim's Tips

Sharks  
Dolphins  
Rabbits  
Cowboys  
Dragons  
Bulldogs  
Broncos  
Raiders



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### Kimmy's Kitchen

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**Score: 80**

## Eli's Tips

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Roosters  
Knights  
Warriors  
Tigers  
Bulldogs  
Broncos  
Storm



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## RAFFLE RESULTS

**HOSPITAL AUXILIARY** raffle won by Michelle Meed. New members always needed. Thank you to all for your support.

## MEETING NOTICES

**GUYRA SHOW SOCIETY** meeting TONIGHT, Wednesday 30th April 7pm at Guyra Showground.

**BEN LOMOND RFS AGM** TONIGHT, 30th April, 6pm at the RFS station. Members and the community are invited to hear reports and discuss the way forward. Barbecue, Tea & Coffee provided. Information B White 02 6733 2014; A Willis 02 6733 2076.

**GUYRA ANGLERS CLUB** next meeting 5pm (earlier start time) on Saturday 3rd May at the Guyra Bowling Club. Raffles will be held. We look forward to seeing you there.

**WARDS MISTAKE BUSHFIRE BRIGADE** will hold their AGM on Sunday 4th May at 4pm at the fire shed.

### "WinterFest" Committee Meeting

3rd Wednesday of the month  
6pm, The Royal Hotel, Guyra  
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**Next Meeting: 21st May**

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## DEATH & FUNERAL NOTICE

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Beloved husband of Nadine Youman.

Loving father of Austin and Kelsie Youman.

Loved brother of Terry-Anne, Peta and Andrew.

Loved son-in-law of Harold (dec) and Poppy Stanley.

Loved brother-in-law, uncle, great-uncle and cousin of his family.

**Aged 61 years**

A Funeral service to be held at St Mary of the Angels Catholic Church, Guyra Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 commencing at 11am.



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**SANDRA KLIENDIENST**  
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# Tough day out at Tingha for Spuds

Guyra is back at home this Saturday against old foe Warialda after a tough trip to Tingha last Sunday.

Both Guyra teams enter Saturday with 1-1 records after bowing to premiership favourites Tingha, but only after a brave effort.

Tingha has been virtually unbeatable in leaguetag for several years and proved too good in a 34-nil win.

Sophie Mitchell was players' player and earned two club points,

Taneika Dailey took three points and Kiarna Landsborough one.

The A grade game also looked like one-way traffic early, but the Super Spuds showed some starch to fight back.

The Tigers shot out to an 18-nil lead before the Spuds got on the board through a Bailey Wilson try.

Wyatt Spiteri-Roberts made it back to back tries for Guyra to cut the margin to six, but Tingha scored just before halftime to lead 24-12.

That became 28-12 after the break, but once again the Spuds fought back through tries to Ock Atkin and Archie Dowden and at 28-22 it was game on.

Unfortunately the home side sealed it with one more try late in the game to finish 32-22 in front.

Skipper Ben Vidler led the way with three club best and fairest points, Archie Dowden picked up two and Bailey Wilson one, while Ock Atkin was players' player.

A big home crowd would lift the

two Guyra teams this Saturday when the Wombats come to town.

Warialda is the reigning champion in A grade and has also started the year with a win and a loss.

Entry is only \$5, kids get in free and the bar and canteen will be open.

The club would like to thank Mick Wilson for completing the new bar area at the ground.

## Success for Guyra shooters



**Top:**  
Fletcher Richardson  
**Below left**  
Ben Rumbel  
**Below right:**  
Charlie Ward

Following on from his recent success Guyra shooter Fletcher Richardson has made another Australian World Cup Junior Team.

He travelled to Melbourne a couple of weeks ago for a final qualifier in a different discipline, Universal Trench. He shot very well to secure his position in this team which will travel to Rome at the end of July.

Fletcher is the only Junior to make both the trench and Universal Trench teams this year.

Guyra shooters have also achieved good results at the nationals held in Perth recently.

Ben Rumbel was part of the Australian Glen Cup team against New Zealand, unfortunately didn't come away with the win. He did however win Best Back Marker in the Handicap Event.

Charlie Ward received the Olympic endeavour Junior Ladies encouragement Award and came 2nd in Ladies for Champion of Champions. Charlie also shot in the Skeet Nationals and made the Junior Australian postal team in this along with 2nd in Ladies Commonwealth championship, 3rd in Ladies 28 gauge, first in C grade doubles, 2nd in Ladies Doubles and 2nd in juniors.

### Ladies' Golf

Ladies golf last week was a Stroke and Putting competition. We all deserved a medal for playing in such crazy weather! The winner was Wendy Jackson with 76 nett. Runner up was Pip White with 79 nett. Nearest the pin winners were Shona Mulligan on the 9th hole and Kerry Bull on the 18th hole. Debbie Heffernan won the putting comp with 29 putts on a countback from 3 other players.

This week is a 4BBB Stableford. Next week is a Par Medal.

Birdie

### Men's Bowls

Matches set down for Saturday the 3rd of May starting at 12 o'clock are:

In pairs Robert Moore and Paul Johnson will play Mallie walls and Logan Beechey, Phil Kliendienst and Mathew Simpson will play Scott Campbell and Graham Starr.

In open singles David Wilcox will play Robert Walls with Randy Mulligan to mark and Anthony Bull will play Dan Kennedy with Tim Ellis marking. The starter and umpire for the day is David Wilcox.

Jack

### Mixed Keno qualifier

This weekend is a mixed 2 person ambrose for KENO. This is usually a big event with the winners qualifying for the next round to be played at a venue to be announced, usually Tamworth.

The mixed event is a stand alone event in Guyra this year so we ask all the ladies and men that are interested to grab a partner and enjoy the day, there will be great prizes on offer.

Next weekend will be the Mens KENO qualifier 2 man ambrose so keep that date free.

**HAPPY GOLFING**





# Vets take home the Pennant for 2025



**Back l to r:** Ron Starr, Shona Mulligan, Donna White, Mick Jackson, Wendy George, Belinda Lenehan, Ian Taylor, Peter Jackson, Colin Walls, Warren McCowen, Neil Paine, Len Stanley, Scott Mendes, Ray Sweeney, John Cumming, Wal Chapman  
**Front:** Debbie Heffernan, Leonie Taylor, Lynley Ryan, Wendy Jackson, Pip White, Kerry Bull, Dave Bearup, Phil Devlin, Jenny Rogers.

After five rounds in five different towns the Guyra Vets have proven just how versatile they are. Fast greens, slow greens or sand greens we adapt and we have come out the victors.

With a healthy mixture of ladies and men's vets we went into the final round in Walcha in equal first place with Armidale.

There was over one hundred

players from throughout the district and the weather for the first half was atrocious. We held it together though and at the end of the day we finished just 15 points in front of Armidale to bring the pennant home. Congratulations one and all that played in all or any round of our campaign.

It was a fantastic effort. For the final round we were successful in

all grades. The ladies had a runner up in each grade with Wendy Jackson getting one and Deb Heffernan getting another.

For the men Michael Jackson won A grade, Jon Cumming won B grade, with Wal Chapman getting the C grade. Linley Ryan, Wendy Jackson and Wal Chapman had NTP or longest drive trophies.

Also an outstanding effort from

Scott Mendes winning the overall champion for the five rounds. Brilliant effort. If I have missed anyone my apologies. I will catch up next week.

Last Tuesday's local winners were Ian Taylor and Len Stanley with Neil Paine and Dave Bearup runners up.

*Drake.*

**We advise our customers that we will be CLOSED this Friday, 2nd May from 10.30am - 12.30pm in order to attend a funeral.**

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Scott Mendes (right) was overall champion