



Wednesday May 7, 2025

## Barnaby back, but still in opposition

Nationals MP Barnaby Joyce has comfortably retained his seat of New England in the 2025 Australian federal election, defeating six challengers and reaffirming his stronghold over the electorate.

Joyce secured a commanding lead with 52.67% of the first preference vote ensuring an easy path to victory. His nearest competitors were Labor's Laura Hughes received 20.38% of the first preference vote and One Nation's Brent Larkham who received 9.87%.

After the distribution of preferences Mr Joyce was a clear winner with 67.14% of the vote ahead of Labor on 32.86. Voting trends in the Guyra district followed a similar pattern. (see table)

New England, has been held by Joyce since 2004 (except for a brief resignation period in 2017). His re-election underscores the Nationals' continued dominance in rural Australia, even as Labor made major gains in metropolitan and coastal seats nationwide.

Nationally, Labor celebrated a his-

	Ben Lomond	Black Mountain	Guyra	Tingha
JOYCE Barnaby	71	86	605	157
WALES Wendy	2	23	41	12
LEDGER Natasha	2	1	27	11
HUGHES Laura	7	30	114	42
MASTERS' Holly	4	2	20	9
JUCHAU Todd	0	7	24	8
LARKHAM Brent	7	14	78	34
Total formal votes	93	163	909	273

toric second-term victory under Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, while Liberal leader Peter Dutton lost his Queensland seat of Dickson in a stunning upset.

Joyce, in his victory speech, thanked New England voters for their

enduring trust:

"It's a privilege to represent this great region. I will continue fighting for the people of the bush."

A day after being re-elected Mr Joyce announced he has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. He un-

derwent surgery on Monday May 5th and will take a break to recover before getting back to work.

He said he kept his diagnosis private during the election campaign as he "didn't want it to be a distraction."

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# Success at Polding winter trials

Last Friday May 2nd, five St Mary of the Angel Students travelled to Bathurst to compete in the Polding Winter Trials. Congratulations to all of the students - Peter Grills (Soccer), Lachlan Rosser (Hockey), Darcie Campbell (Soccer), Hugo Sisson (Rugby League) and Charlie Bavea (Hockey) - for their sportsmanship and efforts on the day, it was fantastic.

**Right:** Charlie Bavea and Hugo Sisson

Hugo Sisson was selected in the NSWPSA Championships team for Rugby League and Charlie Bavea was selected in the NSWPSA Championships team for Hockey. This is an incredible accomplishment, one that Hugo & Charlie have worked very hard to achieve. We can't wait to see what happens next!



## Black Mountain Public School News



At the end of Term 1 our parents and carers joined us for our final assembly for the term and our annual Easter Hat Parade. Students were extremely creative with their designs. Students received Principal Awards and Class Awards for their hard work throughout the term.

It was an honour to participate in the Anzac Day March and commemorations. Thank you to Phoebe and Clayton Peltonen for laying the wreath on behalf of Black Mountain Public School. Thank you to the students and parents who were able to commemorate this important event with the community.

For Australians, Anzac Day is a time for solemn reflection, to express gratitude to the people who have served, and continue to serve our nation, in war, conflict and peacekeeping operations.

**Mrs Justine Eddy**  
(Relieving Principal)

**Right:**  
Principals Awards  
Tallara Patterson (3-6)  
and  
Jamiek Patterson (K-2)





# GuyrARTists plan for their first Art Show

A group of Guyra artists are banding together to stage their first Art Show. The GuyrARTists group was formed at the beginning of this year with a small number of people. Instigated by Lynne Chapman, the group has grown with more artists showing interest and bringing their ideas to the table.

Many of the artists spend time hiding away at home creating works that never get seen by the Guyra community, and now they have bitten the bullet and will bravely set up their first art show to showcase their works to the wider community.

Clare O'hara Cooper is a member of the group who came to Guyra six years ago to begin a new life with her old friend Bill Whitby, settling in 'beautiful' Ryanda Street.

'Guyra is a great place, and I've got to know a few people through the Garden Club and the Anglers Club,' Clare said.

"My new big interest is the GuyrARTists group. We have learnt that there are more than twenty practising artists in Guyra which is encouraging.

"I love that we get to exchange ideas or just sit and chat to other folk we have a lot in common with.

"We discuss different techniques and mediums, be it sculpture, fibre,



Above l to r: Valmai Miller, Lynne Chapman, Terry Boys, Michelle Zbudowski and Clare O'Hara

paint found objects, metal, jewellery, photography or pastels the list goes on, whatever your interest.

"Everyone is encouraged to have a crack at creating their artworks. It can be quite daunting creating art pieces for display to public, but as a group we are stronger and we will learn and develop artistically to-

gether."

The first GuyrARTist Group Show is called 'Restrospective', consisting mostly of work completed in the past. It will be open next Saturday and Sunday May 17th and 18th in the Lamb and Potato Pavilion on the New England Highway (Malpas St.) Entry is free

and the exhibition will be open 10am to 4pm each day.

The group has regular get togethers which are usually held on the first Tuesday of the month at Rafters. You don't have to be a master of the arts as the group has people at all different levels.

## Keeping New England motorcyclists safer

A 60-page guide called Motorcycling the New England has been produced, with the aim to raise awareness around motorcycle safety in the region and improve rider experiences.

The New England area is one of the most popular places in NSW for motorcyclists to ride, but it is also one with a high crash rate.

Between 2019 and 2023 in New England, there were 325 motorcycle crashes reported resulting in 20 fatal crashes, and more than 170 serious injury crashes.

This is alarming considering motorcycles make up around four per cent of registered vehicles.

A Transport for NSW spokesperson said the comprehensive guide was an expansion of the award winning 'Motorcycling the Hunter' guide previously developed through the Local Government Road Safety Program.

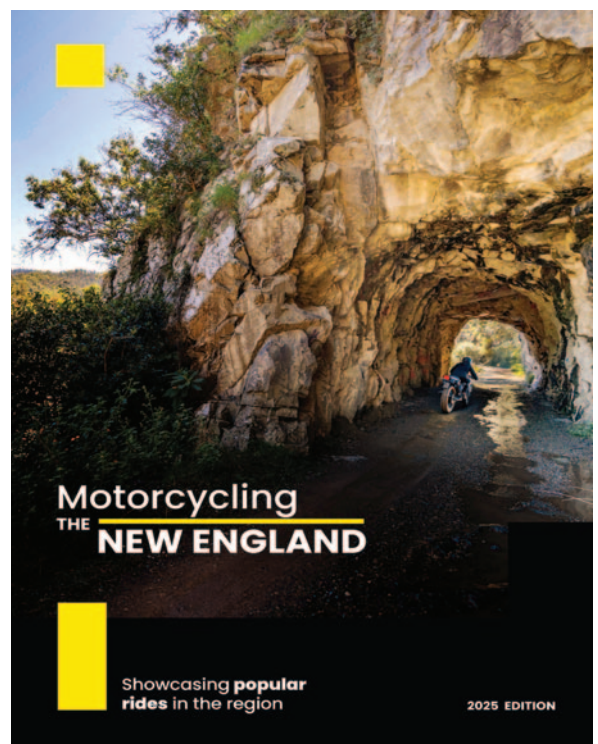
"The New England boasts some of

the state's most picturesque rides – encompassing the plateaus of the Northern Tablelands across ranges, through waterfalls and gorges to the sprawling plains," the spokesperson said.

"Transport staff spoke with local riders to map their favourite routes to produce a guide that combines popular rides with tourism information and an emphasis on road safety.

"Highlights of the guide feature downloadable GPX map files, current first aid for motorcyclists, communication options when mobile services are out of range, and advice for riding in New England's ever-changing weather conditions."

The guide was launched at the Ulysses National Rally in March. Riders can pick up a copy from their local Visitor Information Centres or by downloading the brochure online at <https://qrco.de/bfnbFK>



## What's HOT

Mother's Day this Sunday

Winter sport is back in full swing with some great results for Guyra teams

No more election ads and unsolicited texts (until the next election)

Autumn Open Gardens

## What's NOT

No Ranger in Guyra any more to pick up ongoing stray dog problem!

**JOKE of the week**  
What happens to a frog's car when it breaks down?  
It gets toad away.

Bureau of Meteorology

# Weather

## WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
29	Tues	6.9	18.5	0
30	Wed	6.0	16.7	0
1	Thurs	6.6	11.4	0
2	Fri	6.4	11.9	0
3	Sat	5.0	12.9	0
4	Sun	7.9	16.2	0
5	Mon	10.0	15.2	2.6

Rain this week	2.6mm
Apr. rainfall	91.2mm
Rainfall YTD	471.8mm
Rainfall last YTD	343.6mm
Ave. rain YTD	401.0mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin,  
Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

# Save and Grow Guyra congratulates Barnaby Joyce on re-Election

Save and Grow Guyra Ratepayers Inc. has extended its congratulations to the Hon. Barnaby Joyce MP on his re-election as the Member for New England, following a strong result that saw an increased margin at the polls.

Chairman Rob Lenehan said the result was a clear show of support from regional voters.

"Mr Joyce is a stalwart of the National Party and a passionate advocate for the issues that matter

to our region. His re-election—with an increased margin—is a testament to his deep understanding of the challenges faced not just in New England, but by Australians more broadly," Mr Lenehan said.

"We particularly appreciate Mr Joyce's vocal opposition to large-scale renewable energy developments in rural areas, and his consistent advocacy on the cost-of-living crisis that continues to

impact families and communities across the region."

Save and Grow Guyra has also extended an invitation for Mr Joyce to visit Guyra during this new term to engage with locals on issues of importance.

"We look forward to constructive dialogue and ongoing engagement throughout this term and wish him all the best in the years ahead," Mr Lenehan said.

## Letters to the editor....

### Anzac Day

Once again the wonderful Guyra Community stepped up to deliver a heartfelt and moving 2025 Anzac Commemoration Service.

The generous collaboration of individuals, community organisations and schools ensured the event was heartfelt, dignified and memorable.

Particular thanks must go to the Guyra RSL members, and dedication of the president Hans Hietbrink OAM - we are very grateful for your ongoing endeavours.

*Mary "Poppins"  
Guyra Evening CWA*

### Election over

Well, the Federal Election is over and done with for the next term. The results may please some people and others not so much. That is the way that these things work out. Now that the

dust is ready to settle I would like to express my opinion on a couple of things that marked this campaign.

I was very dismayed to see the level that some candidates stooped to when campaigning. Their campaign consisted mainly of untruths, denigration of their opponents and fanciful promises and policy. Unfortunately there has been a trend in this direction over a number of elections past and it is time that somehow this should be brought to a halt.

If we, the general public, fill out a job application form and we are so careless with the truth on our application or resume we can, and should, face repercussions. These can include dismissal and even legal proceedings. What sets our politicians apart from the man in the street? How this can be achieved I do not know as it has

always been relied on the integrity of the candidates to tell the truth and the electorate to decide what is right or wrong. It is becoming so convoluted with half truths and misinformation that electors (especially the young) don't know which way to turn.

However, I do hope that we come out of this term of Government better off than we are at present and the politicians who say anything to get re-elected have a look in the mirror.

*Ray Mulligan.*

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# CWA gather in Guyra for Group judging

CWA Guyra Evening Branch had the honour of hosting the CWA NSW Northern Tablelands Group meeting, Group level Handicraft judging and Group level Land Cookery judging on Saturday March 29th.

The Northern Tablelands Group consists of seven branches and just over 150 members from Guyra, Armidale, Deer Vale, Kellys Plains-Dangarsleigh, Glen Innes and Ten-terfield.

Despite the weather the Gilbert White Memorial Hall at the Guyra Showground transformed into the ideal space for such an event.

Over 60 attendees enjoyed a yummy selection of morning tea and a delicious lunch - all cooked by our clever members. Our Handicraft officer Cindy stewarded the handicrafts, and our Land Cookery officer Jacqueline stewarded the Land Cookery judging and no doubt both ladies got a lot of tips, hints and experience out of the day.

From sign in table, raffles, delegates, kitchen helpers, set up and pack down our branch, as always had a fabulous day meeting new friends and catching up with old. Recipes were swapped, congratulations given to those entries heading to CWA NSW State Conference in May at Wagga Wagga and learning more about the ins and outs of



Judging took place to select the best Cooking and Handicraft

CWA events made this day a great one for our branch.

A big thank you to Armidale Regional Council for giving us the opportunity to showcase our beautiful town and facilities, our CWA friends far and wide, those who travelled and our group committee, judges and stewards.



## Big Chill Festival 2025 kicks off with free launch party

The countdown to the Armidale region's chilliest music festival has officially begun and to kick off festivities, the Big Chill Festival is throwing an unmissable free launch party at the Armidale Showground on Friday, 16 May 2025.

Live music, local food and brews, and a vibe that just won't quit is what you can expect at this free event. The pre-festival warm up is bringing high-energy performances and infectious indie-pop anthems, headlined by Marvell bringing its signature sound to the Big

Chill stage.

Joining Marvell in the entertainment line-up is Goldheist, who is quickly becoming one of the most exciting names in the Australian music scene, and hailing from the heart of the New England region, local legend Sam Buckley is bringing a unique mix of folk and indie music that resonates with local and international audiences alike.

Armidale Regional Council Mayor Sam Coupland said the launch party is an appetiser to the main event.

'We're kicking off the festival in true Big Chill style, with a laid-back warm-up event full of great local food, music, and vibes. It's the perfect way to bring the community together before the big day and give them a taste of what's to come.'

'Whether you're a long-time festival-goer or a newcomer to the Big Chill vibe, this event is the perfect chance to immerse yourself in the region's vibrant culture,' said Mayor Coupland.

Don't miss out on another unforgettable Big Chill experience and join in on the free festi-

ties at Armidale Showground from 4pm to 8pm. Bring your friends, family, and all your good vibes. Numbers are limited so make sure you're there early with bells on!

Tickets for Saturday's Big Chill Festival are on sale now, and with such an exciting line-up and program of events, they're sure to sell out fast. For more information on any of the events and to purchase tickets, please visit [www.bigchillfestival.com.au](http://www.bigchillfestival.com.au)

# Community Noticeboard

## Meals on Wheels

May 8 Toni Kirkman  
May 9 Golf Ladies  
May 12 Lions Club  
May 13 Regional Bank  
May 14 Kath Barry-Leven

## Street Stalls

May 8,9 Freemasons  
May 15,16,17 Rotary  
May 22, 23,24 Lions

## 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 Polard 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

## ACROSS

1. Machine's opening for coins
5. Hamburger meat
9. Corrodes, as iron
14. Car with a meter
15. Decorate anew
16. Loosen, as shoelaces
17. Located above
18. Black-and-white cookie
19. Not fresh, as bread
20. Sheet of glass
21. Tinkly noisemakers that play in a breeze
23. Sensible
25. Lends a hand
26. Red-nosed circus performers
29. Small earring
31. Speed \_\_ (road maximum)
32. Do laps in a pool
33. Vanish into \_\_ air
37. Prayer's conclusion
38. Athletic squads
39. Travelled on a horse
40. Ping-\_\_ (table tennis)
41. Rabbit's relative
42. Gal at a ball
43. College student's residence
44. Followed, as advice
45. Set of steps between floors
48. Sound of relief
49. Homes for hatchlings
52. Seep slowly
56. Workers' organization
57. Neighbour of Vietnam
58. Lyft's ridesharing rival
59. Range of view
60. Kingly title
61. Fly high
62. In an irritable mood
63. Stately sources of shade
64. Snakelike fishes

## DOWN

1. Cease
2. Volcano's flow
3. Plough-pulling animals
4. Swaying seat made from an

## Sudoku - Medium

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auto wheel

5. Hash \_\_ (breakfast potatoes)
6. Spooky
7. Eve and Adam's garden
8. Anything edible
9. Moved quickly
10. No later than
11. Postage purchase
12. Kitchen flooring pieces
13. Catches sight of
22. Pals
24. Bug that builds hills
26. Applaud
27. VIP's long vehicle
28. Prophetic sign
29. Group of bees
30. One at a \_\_ (individually)
32. Char on a grill
33. Play area built between branches

34. Clasp in your hand

35. Just sitting around
36. Require
38. Rose's sharp part
42. Ask urgently
43. Walt who created Mickey Mouse
44. Sounds from angry cats
45. "Well, \_\_ you asked..."
46. Three-person bands
47. Get a pet from a shelter
48. Thundery weather
49. Sculpted head
50. "What \_\_ is new?"
51. Travel by boat
53. Clarinet relative
54. Great enthusiasm
55. Makes a mistake

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ACROSS: 1. Slot 5. Beef 9. Rusts 14. Taxi 15. Redo 16. Untie 17. Over 18. Ore 19. Stale 20. Pane 21. Windchimes 23. Same 25. Helps 26. Clowns 29. Stud 31. Limit 32. Swim 33. Thin 37. Amen 38. Teams 39. Rode 40. Pong 41. Hare 42. Belle 43. Dorm 44. Heeded 45. Stair 48. Sigh 49. Birdsnests 52. Ooze 56. Union 57. Laos 58. Uder 59. Scope 60. Sire 61. Soar 62. Testy 63. Elms 64. Eels **DOWN:** 1. Stop 2. Lava 3. Oxen 4. Tireswing 5. Browns 6. Eerie 7. Eden 8. Food 9. Rushed 10. Untie 11. Stamp 12. Tiles 13. Sees 22. Chums 24. Ant 26. Clap 27. Limo 28. Omen 29. Swam 30. Time 32. Sear 33. Treehouse 34. Hold 35. Idle 36. Need 38. Thorn 42. Beg 43. Disney 44. Hisses 45. Since 46. Trios 47. Adopt 48. Storm 49. Bust 50. Elise 51. Sail 53. Oboe 54. Zeal 55. Errs



# Virtual fencing now legal in NSW

Farmers across New South Wales have welcomed the state government's decision to legalise virtual fencing for cattle, hailing it as a breakthrough for agricultural innovation and livestock management.

NSW Agriculture Minister Tara Moriarty confirmed the approval, following a parliamentary inquiry into the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Amendment (Virtual Stock Fencing) Bill 2024.

The inquiry recommended legalising the technology for commercial use, citing benefits such as improved pasture and grazing management, reduced need for physical infrastructure, enhanced labour efficiency, and greater safety during natural disasters.

Virtual fencing uses GPS technology and sensor-equipped collars to guide livestock without the need for traditional physical barriers. The collars emit mild audio cues and small electric pulses to train and guide animal movement within designated zones.

NSW Farmers Animal Welfare Committee Chair Rob McIntosh



Member for Northern Tablelands Brendan Moylan has welcomed news that the NSW Government will legalise virtual fencing.

praised the move, saying it marked a major step forward for farmers in the state.

"Across Australia and the world, virtual fencing is already proving its value," Mr McIntosh said.

"This technology can save lives by allowing stock to be moved safely during floods or bushfires, without risking human or animal welfare. It also offers enormous potential for cost savings and bet-

ter land management."

McIntosh emphasised the urgency of rolling out regulations to support rapid implementation and expressed optimism that the technology could eventually be expanded beyond cattle to other livestock.

"These fences are a game changer. Tools like this unlock productivity gains that help us grow more food locally and sus-

tainably," he said.

Member for Northern Tablelands Brendan Moylan, who has been campaigning for legalisation for over six months, also welcomed the announcement.

"Legalising virtual fencing is a commonsense decision that will bring NSW agriculture in line with global best practice," Mr Moylan said.

"It improves farm efficiency, supports environmental protection, and enhances animal welfare."

He added that the pulses used in virtual fencing are far milder than those from traditional electric fencing, offering a more humane approach to stock control.

As farmers prepare to adopt the new technology, there is growing anticipation about the long-term impact it could have on reducing fencing costs, managing noxious weeds, and boosting resilience against climate-related threats.

"This is the kind of smart innovation we need to future-proof our farming industry," Mr Moylan said.

## Support The Salvation Army's 61st Red Shield Appeal

The Salvation Army in New South Wales is calling on the community to sign up for this year's Red Shield Appeal, raising local funds to support people who are struggling most in our region.

Across Australia the Salvos are aiming to raise \$38 million for Australia's largest and longest-running door-knock appeal, the 61st annual Red Shield Appeal.

The funds raised in New South Wales for the Red Shield Appeal will stay in the local community and will be used to meet the specific needs faced by the most disadvantaged and vulnerable.

Earlier this year, The Salvos released their Social Justice Stocktake; a survey which polled over 16,000 Australians and provided national, state and electoral reports highlighting the biggest issues faced by communities. Within New South Wales it was found that

68.8% of people identified the issue of housing affordability and homelessness as the top concern for the community, with the second being mental health (57.5%)\*.

The Red Shield Appeal culminates in the Red Shield Weekend (May 24 and 25), and there are a number of ways to get involved throughout the month of May- volunteering by collecting at local shopping centres and other locations, door knocking, online fundraising, organising a collection at your workplace, school or sporting event and making a donation.

Please reach out to your local Salvos to find out more about volunteering opportunities by visiting the website [salvationarmy.org.au/red-shield-appeal](http://salvationarmy.org.au/red-shield-appeal)

Across Australia last year, through The Salvation Army's net-

work of over 400 centres and 2,000 services in areas such as homelessness, family and domestic violence, youth, drug and alcohol rehabilitation, financial hardship and much more, the Salvos provided:

- Assistance to one person every 17 seconds

- More than 1.76 million sessions of care to over 250,000 people in need

- Over 1.1 million bed nights to those who needed accommodation

- More than 1.5 million meals to those who accessed our homelessness services.

To donate or volunteer for The Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal or if you need support from the Salvos, visit [salvationarmy.org.au](http://salvationarmy.org.au) or call 13 SALVOS. You can also donate at any Salvos Store.

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## Ladies' Golf Report

Last week the ladies played a 4BBB Stableford. The winners with 41 points were Belinda Lenehan and Debbie Burey. Runners up were Vicki Reeves and Jenny Rogers with 37 points. Nearest the pin winners were Pip White on the 7th and 18th holes. Kerry Bull on the 9th hole.

This week is a Par Medal. Next week is the Ladies Lets Play Keno Ambrose. Players need to find a partner for this competition.

*Birdie*

## Vets Golf

Last Tuesday we played our 4BBB stableford. After a lot of rain it was pretty tough going with a score of 37 points winning and this went to Ian Taylor and Paul Redden. We welcomed visitors Greg Constantine and Russell Evans and they came in runners up. NTPs went to Len Stanley and Greg Constantine. Next week is a stableford.

This week we said goodbye to a very good friend and fellow vet.

Jim Betts will be sadly missed by us all on our regular golf events but he will also be missed so much in our little town. A great man with a community spirit like no other. RIP Jim.

*Drake*

## Men's Bowls

Results of games played over the weekend were:

In open singles Dan Kennedy defeated Anthony Bull 31-29 and David Wilcox was too good for

Robert Walls 31-16.

In pairs Scott Campbell and Graham Starr defeated Phil Kliendienst and Mathew Simpson 28-12.

Games set down for this Saturday the 10th of May at 12 o'clock are:

In minor singles Andrew Sparke will play Wayne Reeves with Jason Varcoe to mark.

In open singles Dan Kennedy will play Colin Stanley with Robert Moore marking.

*Jack.*

# Rural Market Reports

## Guyra Sheep and Lamb Sale

**April 29th** - A larger yarding of approximately 5,000 sheep and lambs was presented at the Guyra sale on April 29th. The increased offering included good numbers of both trade-weight and store lambs, as well as a strong representation of mutton.

### Lambs

• Export lambs reached a top of \$252, reflecting strong demand for heavier weights suited to export orders.

• Domestic trade lambs sold in a range of \$180 to \$220

• Store lambs peaked at \$146, with the bulk selling between \$80 and \$140, depending on weight and condition.

### Mutton.

• Heavy ewes reached a top of \$256, with most of the better heavy lines selling from \$220 to \$240.

• Medium-weight crossbred ewes sold between \$80 and \$120, depending on condition and skin value.

• Heavy Merino ewes, with skin,

topped at \$140.

• Medium-weight Merino ewes sold from \$120 to \$140, while lighter Merino ewes made between \$80 and \$120.

### Rams

• The best of the rams made up to \$30

## Armidale Cattle Sale

**May 1st** - Armidale penned 1375 mixed quality cattle marginally down on the sale before Easter. There was a very good offering of yearling feeders and backgrounders and processor cows.

The regular feeder and background operators competed strongly on yearling categories however the cow market waned considerably from the last sale three weeks ago.

Light weaner steers sold 10c/kg better 452c to 482c/kg the heifers slipped 26c/kg. Steers under 280kgs to background gained considerably 418c to 438c/kg.

Medium steers to feed also selling to strong trends gaining 29c/kg and ranged 330c to 428c/kg.

Feeder steers over 480kgs lifted 5c/kg to top at 394c/kg. Light heifers to background significantly dearer 320c to 360c/kg. Medium feeders slipped 12c/kg in a quality correction. Heifers under 330kgs to process were much dearer 280c to 345c/kg. Heavy feeder heifers were 7c/kg better selling 352c to 366c/kg. Grown heifers sold to cheaper trends for the most part with heavy feeders losing 10c/kg and processors slipping 4c/kg selling 268c to 281c/kg. Medium cows shed 11c/kg while heavy cows lost up to 29c/kg with the top drafts making 262c to 287c/kg. PTIC cows went back to the paddock at 302c/kg. Heavy bulls sold to 9c/kg lower to top at 300c/kg.

## Weekly Wool Sales

**May 2** - Wool sales resumed on Wednesday after a brief one week recess. Just over 40,000 bales were on offer nationally for the week and prices settled into the same downward pattern that was experienced just prior to the recess.

The Northern region indicator

lost 20 cents on the opening day followed by a further 9 cents on the final day of sales.

Signs of a halt to the downward pressure were evident on the final day in certain micron categories particularly around the 19 micron types. When looked at in US dollars the Eastern market indicator was only down 7 cents for the week and at current levels is still trading above its 12 month average.

33,922 bales were sold nationally with resistance to price falls sending the passed in rate to 15.8%. Major buyers included PJ Morris, Tianyu and Endeavour Wool.

AWTA test data for the season to date is showing a 10.4% decline in the weight of wool tested across the country with all states registering a decrease. The Australian Wool Production Forecasting Committees update has been issued today with the 2024/25 season production expected to be down by 11.8%. The first forecast for the 2025/26 season is for a further 8.4% reduction.



## Gazette Footy Tipping

Winter Wombat	90	Fingerlicking good	76
Farmer Joe	90	Scary Bear	76
BigRus	88	3PPP	76
Dip Stick	88	Timmy the Tiger	74
KingGJBW	86	DJFlake69	74
Iggman	84	Rabidohs	72
Crazy Cat Lady	82	Flip	72
DJ	82	Bulldog	72
The Panther	80	The King	72
Wayno	78	Bundles	70
The Third Player	78	Unbetables	70
Mocak	78	Happy Gilmore	68
Birdie	78	Luigi	68

## Locals Entry Form - Round 11

Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

Name: .....

Phone: .....

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

Bye:  
Panthers





# Gazette's Celebrity Footy Tipping

Winter Wombat did not do very well last week, scoring only 6 points. But Farmer Joe achieved 8 points and they are now joint leaders of our Locals on 90 points.

12 points was the highest score and one of those was Dip Stick who has resumed his position in 2nd place along with BigRus on 88 points.

In 3rd place we have KingGJBW, also scoring 12 points, moving up two places on the Locals Leaderboard.

There was quite a bit of movement in the tail end of the Locals field and Happy Gilmore is not so happy this week!

Celebrity Kim had an 'off' week, managing only 6 points but still retains top spot of the Celebrities on 86 points.

This was not the lowest score among our Celebrities with Soley achieving just 4 points, to take over the Wooden Spoon position from Eli.

Our local butcher, Robert scored 10 points to remain in 2nd place on 84 points with Sue and the lovely lads at Four Ways in 3rd place on 80 points.

Good luck with your tips for round 10 and please don't forget to get your tips in on time!

## Sue's Tips

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Knights  
Broncos  
Raiders  
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Dragons  
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Storm  
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Broncos  
Raiders  
Warriors  
Panthers  
Storm  
Sharks



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## Mal's Tips

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Knights  
Broncos  
Bulldogs  
Warriors  
Panthers  
Storm  
Sea Eagles



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Our next meeting is on Monday 12th May at 10.00am at the Bowling Club.

Anyone wishing to join our club would be welcome at the meeting.

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*Judy Jackson*

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# Caspers win one, draw one against Glen Innes

The Guyra Caspers travelled to Glen Innes to take on last year's grand finalists the Highlanders. Guyra 3rd grade started strong, with Braith Kliendienst scoring a great free kick from just outside the box, followed by Angus Shephard delivering a brilliant corner which returning player Tyson Burey made sure found the back of the net, making it 2-0.

Glen Innes then scored a goal against the run of play making the score 2-1 at half time. The second half began and Glen Innes scored

mid-way through making it 2-2. The Caspers then fought hard and showed great defensive resilience.

The game was in the balance before Ash Holt provided a great delivery to Man of the Match Adam Litherland who delivered a fabulous finish, putting Guyra 3-2 up which was the final score.

Three points this week went to Adam Litherland, 2 points to Braith Kliendienst and the 1 point to the ever reliable Charlie White.

Guyra's 4th grade kicked off the

day in Glen in a cleaner more confident game as a team. Glen Innes opened the scoring but it didn't deter the Guyra side which went back to what they have been doing at training.

Noah Brennan opened the scoring for Guyra with his speed going past the Glen defence. The second scorer for Guyra was Archie Jackson in his return game after missing last year's season.

Guyra took the lead in the second half 3 to 2 with Samundra Adhikari putting it away with as-

sistance from Noah. Unfortunately Guyra couldn't hold out some fresh Glen Innes legs who scored again for the game to end a 3 all draw.

Three points this week go to Robert Waters, 2 to Noah Brennan and 1 to Lincoln Brown.

This coming weekend the juniors play away games, with the Casper senior sides returning home to face Demon Knights in both grades.

*Mitch Hope*

## Juniors kick off year with a home game

**Under 6 Guyra Caspers** had a cracker start to the season on Saturday against TAS tigers. They all played so well and worked together to score three goals, I can't wait to see how they continue to improve this season.

The **Under 6 Phantoms** all played their first ever game of soccer on Saturday morning and we all had an absolute blast! We started the game running straight at goal, albeit the wrong one, and didn't stop running for the rest of the game. It was a real goal-athon against the Norths Red Pandas, and ended up being about 1000 all draw. We can't wait to do it all again next week!!

The **Under 7 Spooks** played a strong TAS team, Roy, Jack,

Oscar, Fletcher and Frazier had a great first game of the season. Our team showed great sportsmanship and resilience. We are looking forward to a fun season of soccer.

The **Under 8 Goosebumps** played well for the first game of the season a big thank you to Elinor, Haidee, and Eli who played for Armidale City to help them out as they were very short on players.

**Phoenix 10s** played very well against TAS on Saturday. Being our first game back with new players, bigger field and limited training, I was very impressed.

**Under 12s** Soccer season has kicked off this weekend with the Guyra side taking on Armidale

west side. This team has moved up to the big sized field this season for the majority of them this was their first time playing on it. They started well with some nice back and forth play before a combination of passing found Oskar Laing in front of the goals which he put away.

The back end of the first half saw Westside score two unanswered goals. Second half started well but tired legs and some inexperience let Wests score two more goals to round the final score out to 4-1 to Wests.

Top performers this week were. Jack Marshall in defence, Matthew Sauer in defence and Harry McRae up front fought hard all game.

**The Under 14s** took on TAS White in the first game for the season. With a new coach and new players the team started slow finding their rhythm slowly in the first half.

It was back and forth for most of the first half with a few goal scoring opportunities until Charles Drew opened the scoring for Guyra to be 1 to 0 at half time.

The second half was a different story the new look Guyra team breaking the game wide open with a corner from George Hope, a shot from outside the box from Taharn Purvis, a cross at the front from Taharn to Flynn McFarlane all finding the back of the net for Guyra to run away 6 to 0 winners.

## Big field for mixed Keno Ambrose

On Sunday a big group took part in the mixed Keno Ambrose. With the course in great condition and the weather holding off the scores were bound to be close and competitive.

The winners for the day with a brilliant score of 63 nett were Steven Wilson and Jenny Rogers, closely followed by Darrin and Susanne Towells.

The mixed comp was a big success and we have some more ideas in the pipeline so keep an

eye out.

Good luck to Steve and Jenny who will go on to represent our Club at the next level.

This Sunday is an individual stroke event for the club in conjunction with the Monthly Mug.

Then we ask all the males with an official club handicap to grab a partner for the Keno 2 man Ambrose to be held on Sunday 17th of May.

**HAPPY GOLFING**

**Right:** Steve Wilson and Jenny Rogers will represent Guyra at the next level



# Spuds steal a last minute win over Warialda

An extraordinary finish to Saturday's A grade game gave the Super Spuds an unlikely win over reigning Group 19 premiers Warialda at the New Red Hill.

Trailing by four with a minute to play, Ock Atkin followed up some ad-lib play from Corey Torrens to run away and score to the left of the posts, leaving Wyatt Spiteri-Roberts a tricky kick in the windy conditions to steal the game.

He stepped up and slotted the kick to send the home crowd away happy 32-30 winners.

Warialda opened the scoring before a dominant middle of the first half saw Cormack Hume, Torrens and newcomer Chad Dewson score for the Spuds to establish a 14-4 lead.

The home side was on top, but gave the Wombats a sniff before halftime and they ran in two tries of their own to level it at 14-all at the break.

It was all Warialda for most of the second half as Guyra made every mistake in the book, leading to three tries to the visitors and a 14-30 scoreline.

It took a bizarre penalty tap try from Dewson, who ran straight through the sleepy Warialda line to score his second, to get Guyra back into the game.

When skipper Ben Vidler reached out from dummy half to plant it down and cut the score to 26-30 there was less than three



Fullback Ock Atkin stole the game for Guyra in the last minute

minutes on the clock.

The winning try came from a breakdown in play, with Torrens toeing a loose ball ahead before picking it up and putting Atkin in the clear.

Atkin was players' player and scored three club points, Dewson picked up two points in his debut and Torrens polled one point.

Earlier in the day the Spudettes were far too good for an understaffed Wombats in the leaguetag.

Kiarna Landsborough put two

tries on the board in no time, the first from a kick from Taneika Dailey that hit the goal post pad and bounced perfectly.

Abby Davies then added the third Guyra try before Dailey ran in two of her own, including a grubber kick and re-gather effort to make it 24-nil.

Warialda pulled one back before halftime, but in the second half captain-coach Danielle Sutton skipped through the defence to score another Guyra four-

pointer and Davies added her second to make it 34-4.

The Wombats added a consolation but the final score was a deserved 34-8 to the Spudettes.

Dailey (3), Davies (2) and Sutton (1) took the club points, while Davies was also voted players' player.

This Saturday the Guyra teams head up the highway to Glen Innes to face the Magpies in another tough test for both sides.

## Guyra battles hard under lights against United

Under the lights and under pressure, the Guyra Men's hockey team faced off against a sharp United Hockey Club side last Tuesday night. United struck early with two quick goals, setting the tone for a tough match.

Despite having no reserves, Guyra dug deep and held strong, showing resilience and teamwork to keep the final score to a respectable 3-0.

There were flashes of brilliance up front, with some slick link-up play creating solid chances in the opposition half—but unfortunately, the finishing touch just wasn't there.

After a well-earned bye last Sun-

day, Guyra will be fresh and fired up for their next clash this Sunday at 10:30am. Expect a strong response.

### Juniors take to the field

Saturday saw the start of junior hockey with Guyra nominating three teams across the under 8 and under 12 competition. All the juniors supported each other in the first round as we navigated our new teams and built on what we had practiced at training. A special mention to Anthony Bull for his help on skill development at training, and to

Trevor Brown of Armidale ESC for helping the club put a second goalie kit together. It was wonderful to see the kids practice channelling a player when defending after only learning this skill last week. It shaping up to be a great season as the kids learn and have fun together.

### 3rd Grade women continue to grow

3rd grade women had a strong performance against Flamingoes as the team continues to improve. Jenny Atkin and Bernadette Jackson joined the side after numerous years away, and they stepped up as

if they had never stopped playing. Strong defensive play by both these ladies meant the score was nil all until the last two minutes, when a 2 on 1 with the goalie resulted in a goal. Eyewear issues for the goalie (Prue Post), resulting in her taking the fuzzy vision view, may have resulted in a different outcome. She thinks contacts may be a better eyewear option next time she plays GK!!!

2nd grade women got a sleep-in when their opponent United requested a deferral from our Sunday, 9am match. No one is complaining here and look forward to our contest in coming weeks.