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## A day of storytelling and connection

There was storytelling at its finest when a group of local women gathered in Guyra on May 27th for the Telling Your Story workshop with author Annabelle Brayley.

"The day had a special feel," said Elizabeth Rosser from Southern New England Landcare.

"Annabelle shared her experience and practical advice on how to shape and share personal stories, sparking thoughtful discussion and reflection among attendees," she said.

Hosted by Women for Food and Fibre and proudly supported by Southern New England Landcare, the workshop created a welcoming space for women to explore the power of their personal and professional stories—particularly around the shared theme of regenerative agriculture.

The event brought together ten women from across the New England region who were eager to reflect on their experiences and learn how to express them with clarity and confidence.

Adding further depth to the day, Norann Voll from Danthonia near Inverell led a session on using photographs and social media to tell the story of her life and community.

"It was an honour to have No-



**Attendees at Women for Food and Fibre Gathering in Guyra**

**Back l to r:** Struan Ferguson, Helen Webb, Karen Zirkler, Jane O'Brien, Jane Mactier, Chris Heitbrink, Elizabeth Rosser, Marlyn McInerney **Front :** Annebelle Brayley & Norann Voll

rann share how she communicates the day-to-day and deeper values of Danthonia through images and storytelling," said Elizabeth.

Workshop participant Chris Heitbrink from Guyra described the

day as "incredibly special," adding, "how blessed we were to have such fabulously gifted presenters like Norann and Annabelle to inspire us all."

Southern New England Land-

care extends its sincere thanks to Annabelle, Norann, and all the participants who made the day so memorable—and to Women for Food and Fibre for bringing the idea to life.

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# Neighbourhood Centre introduces 'Breakfast Bar'

By Zander Lloyd

Have you ever run out of time or supplies for breakfast? Well a new service is hoping to fill the gap as well as fill the stomachs of those who sometimes go without.

The Guyra Neighbourhood Centre (GNC) has opened a 'breakfast bar' which will be available for the public to help themselves at any time during their opening hours.

The centre is now opening its door for breakfast from Monday to Thursday starting anytime from 8am. This service is for anyone who has missed breakfast or is in need of an early morning (or anytime) pick me up.

Basic breakfast foods will be on offer such as toast, weetbix and porridge. It is a self-serve arrangement and includes tea and coffee making facilities. An assortment of condiments, including homemade jams made by the Neighbourhood Centre tops off the selection.

Centre Manager, Sarah Hunt



Centre Manager Sarah Hunt Administration Manager Sonya Shipman enjoying a late breakfast at the Neighbourhood Centre  
Photo by Zander Lloyd

said that they had identified a need for those who did not have stable living arrangements or those living 'rough'.

"Our staff saw that as the winter set in, there were some members of our community needing that little extra assistance," Sarah said

"They also recognised that our current opening time of 9am is too late to wait for some sustenance if you are cold and hungry, so we are trialling opening at 8am for at least the winter months.

"We have set up our 'breakfast bar' so that those wanting to use it can make their own meals and

help themselves to whatever they want. They can also sit in the warmth to enjoy their meal."

The Neighbourhood Centre will still be providing lunch on Tuesdays, so those coming in early for breakfast are able to stay for lunch also. This service has proved popular and is well supported by the community.

"Our Tuesday lunch is always a hot meal followed by sweets, made by our volunteers and staff," Sarah said.

"Any leftover food is packaged, labelled and dated and frozen so that we can distribute to community members needing a meal or meals to get them through those rough periods."

The 'breakfast bar' is available for anyone in the community - you can simply come in and help yourself at no cost. It's being funded thanks to generous donations, however a gold coin donation is optional and will help to support the work done by the Guyra Neighbourhood Centre.

**SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE**

**GUYRA JUNIOR LEAGUE VRA AND DOLLY'S DREAM ROUND AND FAMILY FUN NIGHT.**

- VRA and Dolly's Dream round kicks off at 9am @ Guyra Sporting Complex Vs Glen Innes.
- We invite everyone to come dressed in Blue, Green or Club Colours.
- Free face painting.



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- Over 30 Auction items, kindly donated by local and surrounding businesses.
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# New service station proposed for Llangothlin



A development application has been lodged for a new service station (incorporating the Post Office and general store) at Llangothlin

A development application has been lodged for a new state-of-the-art service station at Llangothlin.

The proposal, submitted to Armidale Regional Council, is being led by local developer and Councillor Eli Imad, who purchased the existing Llangothlin Fuel Stop and Post Office over two years ago.

Mr Imad said the location — the only fuel stop on the New England Highway between Guyra and Glen Innes — offers untapped potential to draw in passing traffic.

The development will include EV super chargers which he believes are lacking as part of current infrastructure.

Progress on the project had

initially been delayed due to concerns about highway access, with early assessments suggesting that extensive slip lanes would be required in both directions.

However, updated traffic engineering analysis found that based on current traffic movement the slip lanes are not required to the original extent.

The first stage of the project includes the demolition of the current facility and the construction of a modern petrol station, general store and Post Office.

Mr Imad hopes that demolition could begin by late 2025, with full construction underway in early 2026.

"I'll be prioritising local trades and businesses during

construction. If they've got the time, the job will be theirs," he said.

"We're expecting to create four to six full-time jobs once the site is operational, and we're in talks with potential tenants which could lead to even more employment."

The development also includes a large commercial space that could be divided into multiple tenancies, with a car park planned for stage two.

A future stage could include a small motel, further enhancing services for highway travellers. Discussions are ongoing with retail and service chains interested in establishing a presence at the site.

Mr Imad said the local com-

munity is supportive of the proposal, with some already expressing interest in employment opportunities.

"I've developed large commercial warehouses in Sydney, but this project is personal. It's about improving services, supporting local jobs, and investing in this community" he said.

The development application has been lodged with Armidale Regional Council, however final approval will be outsourced to a third party due to the fact that Mr Imad is a sitting councillor.

If approved, the development is expected to transform the Llangothlin stop into a service hub for both locals and travellers alike.

## Weeds management has new home after dissolution

Biosecurity and weeds management for the Armidale Regional Local Government area now has a new home after the official proclamation to dissolve the New England County Council known as the New England Weeds Authority (NEWA), occurred on the 4 June 2025.

Local Government Minister Ron Hoenig suspended the authority's board and appointed an administrator in May last year.

Mr Hoenig said he acted after being "alarmed by reports about the financial mismanagement and governance issues" of the authority.

Interim administrator John Rayner, has spent the past 12 months managing the transfer of jobs, assets and services to the authority's four member councils in the lead-up to its dissolution.

The dissolution marks a significant restructuring of biosecurity and weeds management across the New England as individual councils take that responsibility on.

A division of NEWA's assets is underway amongst the former member councils (Armidale Regional, Walcha Shire, Uralla and Glen Innes Severn Shire councils) as is the transition of

records and IT integration with council's processes.

Armidale mayor Sam Coupland said landowners won't see much change from the regular services they already know and use, that the former NEWA provided.

"Five of the existing staff have moved across to Team ARC and I have full confidence that the transition won't impact the quality of services we provide in managing weeds within our LGA," said mayor Coupland.

"In-fact - I am sure that the dissolution of NEWA will provide better value for money for coun-

cil and a higher degree of governance and financial accountability."

From Monday 16 June contact for services will be through Armidale Regional Council's call centre on 1300 136 833 or you can call one of our biosecurity or weeds officers directly.

The Armidale team will still be located within the existing NEWA office in Rusden Street, Armidale and the old NEWA phone number and email contact points will still be active with prompts to your local council service.



## What's HOT

Heated car seats on a frosty morning

Big day on Saturday for the Junior League raising funds for VRA and Dolly's Dream

Lots of sporting news this week - thanks to all our local contributors

## What's NOT

2025 is almost half over - how did that happen??

## JOKE of the week

How do you throw a party in outer space?  
*You planet*

### Bureau of Meteorology

## Weather

### WATCH

#### Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
10	Tues	1.0	5.4	4.2
11	Wed	1.1	6.2	0
12	Thurs	-2.8	6.6	0
13	Fri	-2.7	6.8	0
14	Sat	-1.2	11.2	0
15	Sun	-1.2	10.9	0
16	Mon	-1.4	10.5	0

Rain this week	4.2mm
June. rainfall	16.8mm
Rainfall YTD	550.6mm
Rainfall last YTD	414.8mm
Ave. rain YTD	452.6mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin,  
Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

# Letters to the editor.....

## Heating fail at Kolora

On Tuesday 10 June 2025, we were advised by local resident John Simpson—whose mother resides at Kolora Residential Care Home—that the facility's hydronic water system had failed, leaving residents without adequate heating during some of the coldest days of the year. Ten days on, there is still no resolution.

Upon receiving this advice, Phil Henry and I attended the site to witness firsthand the conditions our elderly residents were facing. I returned on 11 June 2025 with Councillor Eli Imad, who immediately engaged with Armidale

Regional Council administration to ascertain who was accountable for resolving this critical issue.

Despite a direct commitment from Kolora's Acting Director of Residential Services on Friday 12 June that the problem would be fixed by Sunday 15 June, we are now past close of business on Monday 16 June 2025—and the system remains non-operational.

We have since been advised that the boilers, which underpin the hydronic heating system, have not been serviced since their installation in 2017. This is not merely an oversight—it is a prolonged failure of duty of care.

Guyra's overnight temperatures routinely dip below zero. Our eld-

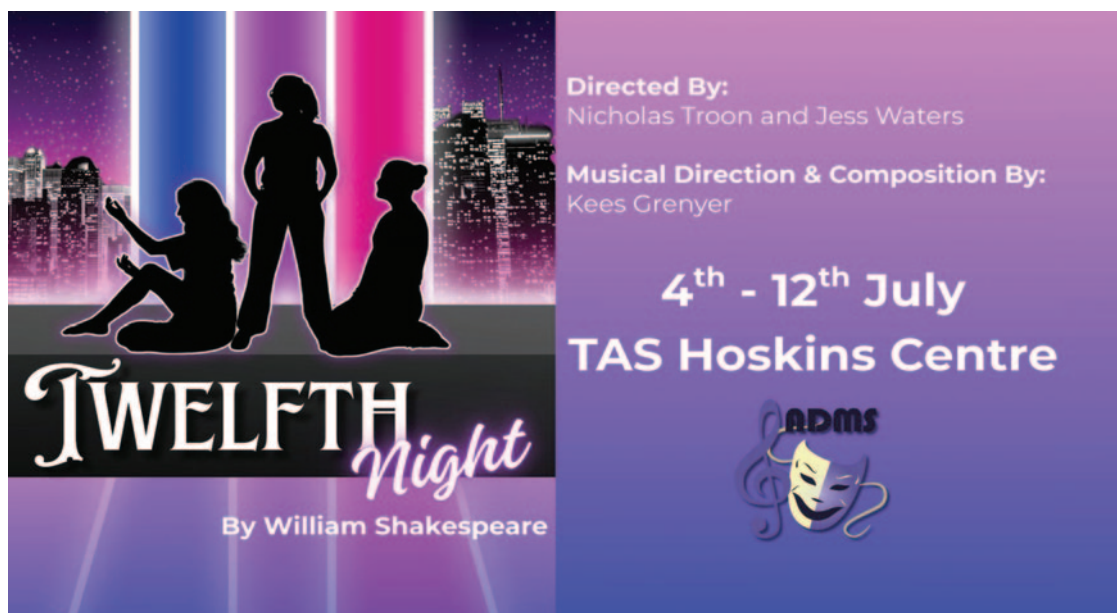
erly residents deserve better than excuses and inaction. They deserve warmth, dignity, and protection.

I call on McLean Care or Armidale Regional Council—irrespective of whichever organisation holds responsibility—to take swift and decisive action. Our most vulnerable should not be left to suffer due to bureaucratic inertia or blurred lines of accountability.

Enough is enough.

**Rob Lenehan**  
*Chairman, Save and Grow Guyra Ratepayers Inc.*

**John Simpson**  
*Guyra Resident, and Concerned Son*



Directed By:  
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Musical Direction & Composition By:  
Kees Grenyer

4<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> July  
TAS Hoskins Centre

**TWELFTH** *Night*  
By William Shakespeare

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## Where have all the “T’s” gone

English is an evolving language. Very few people would understand spoken or written Old English. Even Victorian English is so cumbersome to us, these days. This is how it should be as we have an changing culture. There are so many words that I have to Google the meaning of, as I have no idea what they mean because language is changing so fast. The words sometimes are familiar, eg woke, but now it means something else. Thank goodness for Google. The basic home dictionary certainly can't cope with the quick changes. However, as an older Australian I am having dif-

ficulty coping with modern reporters and commentators, {or,reporders and commentators}, as proper pronunciation has disappeared. I'm as lazy as the next person but I have difficulty listening and understanding items that say the following:

- “tonighs test”
- “add melted budder to the badder”
- “the baddle for Kyiv”
- “add the potadoes and tomadoes”

You might have guessed I'm mostly annoyed with the news and cooking show people. My favourites, Jeremy Fernandez

and Rob Douglas, are wonderful. So easy to listen to, and they seem to have really studied what they want to say.

No one wants to go back to the fake upper class English accents that used to be heard on the media as Australia is, luckily, still a country that has accepted all countries, all classes, all religions, but surely our paid professionals could take the time to read their script pre presentation and practice their diction. They might even get the commas and full stops in the right place. However, that's another story.

*Submitted*

# St Mary's news

On Wednesday the 11th June, three students from Stage 1 at St Mary of the Angels School Stirling, Haidee & Lulu received their Sacrament of First Reconciliation.

These students had been studying about reconciliation and the act of forgiveness through this healing sacrament in their classes in preparation for receiving this sacrament. Students were joined by their families and teachers to celebrate their Reconciliation and we con-

gratulate them all on this achievement.

On the same day, Matthew and Hugo travelled to Sydney to represent the Armidale Diocese in the NSWCPSS Cross Country. Both students ran very well and gave it their best. Matthew placed 33rd & Hugo finished 10th overall (1st for Armidale) with a personal best running 3kms in 12:21. We are super proud of you both, what an amazing effort.



**Above:** Lulu, Stirling, and Haidee with father O'Shea  
**Left:** Hugo and Matthew



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## New England Highway repairs

I have been continually advocating for the Minns Labor Government to deliver more resources and funding to repair the New England Highway, which has become a pothole-ridden danger zone for motorists.

After record-breaking floods hit the coast of NSW in May, traffic was diverted to the New England Highway which resulted in serious damage to the road.

I met with Minister for Roads Jenny Aitchison in Parliament two weeks ago to push for urgent assistance to repair the highway.

She agreed to road crews being relocated to the New England Highway but it has been limited and there's still more work to be done.

I will continue to push for more repairs and upgrades to ensure motorists travelling through Northern Tablelands can do so safely.

## More action needed on feral species

Feral pigs are a huge problem across Australia and have a huge impact on farmers, particularly in the Northern Tablelands after a run of good seasons in recent years.

Although that is great for our farming communities, it has meant the population of feral pigs has exploded. Large numbers of feral pigs have been destroying farming land, harming livestock, and wreaking havoc on the region's roads. They are causing absolute carnage and destruction.

They are causing widespread devastation with attacks on livestock, such as lambs and calves. They also get into crops and cause huge amounts of damage.

Current control measures are failing to keep up with the growing number of pigs.

We are losing the battle. Unless we cull around 80 per cent of the population per year, we will not get on top of the problem.



**I met with Minister for Roads Jenny Aitchison requesting urgent assistance to repair our roads.**

I have urged the NSW Government to increase funding for control programs and adopt more localised and targeted approaches to combat the rise in feral pig numbers, because once the shooters come through and the baiting and trapping are done, the pig populations breed back up faster than any of us can handle.



# Community Noticeboard

## Meals on Wheels

June 19	Bea Velthuis
June 20	Steve Norris
June 23	Toni Kirkman
June 24	Bec Broughton
June 25	ARC

## Street Stalls

June 19,20,21	Rotary
June 26,27	Freemasons
July 3	ST Mary's

## Church Notices

### St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church

Mass 5pm (during winter)  
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. Booroolong & Nincoola Sts.)

Sunday worship: 10am Prayer meeting: Tuesday 6.30pm Bible discussion: Wednesday 6.30pm  
**Pastors:** Jeff & Sharon Ritchie 0421 847 973 Chaplaincy services: Dan McGinty 0409 399 270

## Service Clubs

**LIONS CLUB** 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

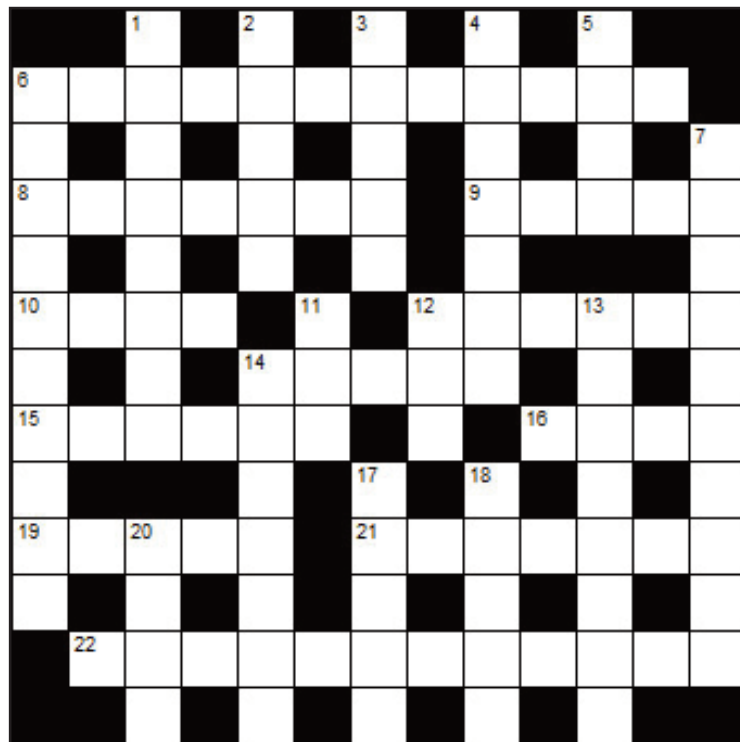
## Across:

6. Lit Paris suit [anag] (12)
8. Implore (7)
9. Direction symbol (5)
10. Casserole (4)
12. Part of the head (6)
14. Previous (5)
15. Fortification (6)
16. Sea creature (4)
19. Number (5)
21. Certificate (7)
22. Quarrel (12)

## Down:

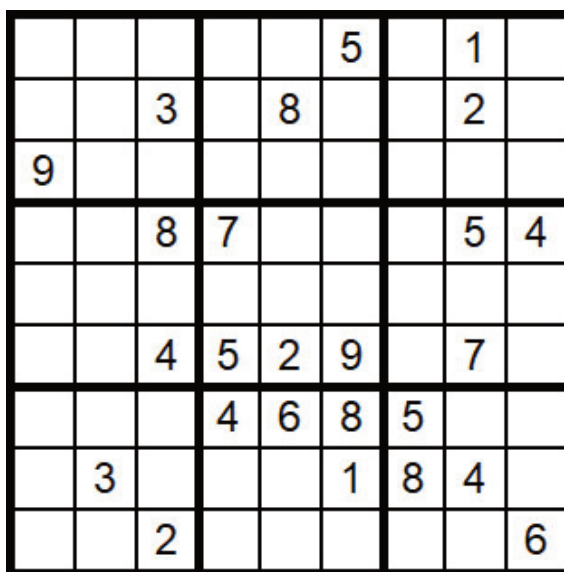
1. Lethargic (8)
2. Blender (5)
3. Window sealant (5)
4. Smoked herring (7)
5. Old Russian ruler (4)
6. Thin crinkly fabric (10)
7. Goodnight \_\_\_, TV comedy series (10)

## QUICK CROSSWORD



11. Mineral deposit (3)
12. Pull (3)
13. Hostage (8)
14. Tableland (7)
17. Idolise (5)
18. Wild fling (5)
20. Profit (4)

## Sudoku - Medium



Across: 6. Spiritualist, 8. Entreat, 9. Arrow, 10. Stew, 12. Temple, 14. Prior, 15. Castle, 16. Fish, 19. Eight, 21. Diploma, 22. Disagreement.  
Down: 1. Listless, 2. Mixer, 3. Putty, 4. Bloater, 5. Tsar, 6. Seersucker, 7. Sweetheart, 11. Ore, 12. Tow, 13. Prisoner, 14. Plateau, 17. Adore, 18. Spree, 20. Gain.

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# Ben Lomond RFS welcomes new Fire Truck

A new era of firefighting capability has arrived in Ben Lomond, with the delivery of a new fire truck to the local Rural Fire Service (RFS) brigade.

The official handover of the new vehicle took place on May 24th at a ceremony held at the New England Fire Control Centre in Armidale. NSW Rural Fire Service Commissioner Rob Rogers formally presented the truck to Ben Lomond Fire Captain Andrew Willis.

On Sunday, June 15th, members of the Ben Lomond Rural Fire Service gathered at the local fire station for a detailed induction and familiarisation session. The new truck's advanced safety features were demonstrated, including sprayover and underspray protection systems, heat curtains, and enhanced hose recoil mechanisms. Improvements in pump switching and clearly visible tank level indicators were also highlighted.

The truck's design not only improves efficiency but also boosts comfort for firefighters. It is built for both performance and practicality—even featuring a small fridge.

The vehicle's increased capacity will significantly enhance the



Ben Lomond Fire Captain Andrew Willis (2nd from left) at the handover ceremony

brigade's operational capabilities, providing the Ben Lomond community with stronger frontline fire protection.

The RFS is encouraging new

volunteers to join their local brigades. Those interested in serving their community can apply online at [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/volunteer/joi](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/volunteer/joi)

n-the-nsw-rfs or contact Captain Andrew Willis on (02) 6733 2076 or Beth on (02) 6733 2014 for more information.

## Calls for return of Discovery Train Pass

The Hon. Aileen MacDonald MLC, has renewed calls for the NSW Labor Government to immediately reinstate the 3 and 6 month NSW TrainLink Discovery Passes, describing the removal as a "quiet cut" that disproportionately hurts regional communities.

Speaking in the Legislative Council last week, Ms MacDonald moved a motion highlighting the significant impact of the change on regional students, seniors, and families, and condemned the lack of public consultation or explanation.

"These passes weren't a luxury," Ms MacDonald said "They were essential, used by students to get home from university, by older residents staying socially connected, and by working peo-

ple accessing health care and services in regional hubs.

To remove them without warning and call it a 'pause' is a cost-of-living hike by stealth."

The six-month Discovery Pass, previously available for \$420, offered unlimited travel across NSW TrainLink's regional train and coach network. It has now been scrapped, leaving only more expensive 14-day and 30-day options, effectively doubling the monthly cost for many users.

While the Government claims the change only affects tourist users, Ms MacDonald challenged that characterisation.

"You can call it a tourist product, but real people, regional people used this pass to live their lives affordably and now they're

left without answers.

Meanwhile, metro passengers can tap on and off with regular options, while regional travellers are told to 'just buy six 30-day passes in a row'. Regional people shouldn't have to beg for services that are taken for granted in the city."

In debate, Government members confirmed that no consultation or impact modelling was undertaken before removing the passes. Ms MacDonald called for transparency and fairness in future decisions.

"If the Government is serious about regional equity, it will reinstate the Discovery Pass, fix the broken booking system, and guarantee no further cuts to services."

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# Caspers head in different directions with mixed results

This past weekend once again seen the two senior teams split with Guyra 3rd Grade side heading to Glen Innes and the 4th Grade side playing in Armidale against Souths.

The **4th Grade team** played a much more senior South Armidale side in what was nearly a full-strength Guyra team.

It was very even in the early going with the first goal coming from Souths in the 23rd minute from a cross in which landed straight on the much taller South players head. This didn't put the Guyra team off, and they played very well at the back end of the

second half against a weary Souths.

The Guyra strikers continue to be unlucky with a late second half raid seeing a good shot that the keeper fumbled, then the follow through seen the ball hit the bar and the third attempt deflected off Souths to just go wide.

Guyra started slow in the second half with three goals from Souths in the first ten minutes. Guyra was confident they could get a goal on the board and a wide strike from Eunice, and chances to Jake and Noah, the net could not be found however for a 4-0 score.

It was a second versus third on the ladder when the **3rd grade** Guyra Side took on Glen Innes. This was the closest match the team has played in all season with there being nothing in the first half other than some varied calls from the umpire that went against and for both sides.

When Guyra played how they trained, finding the pass and playing the early ball, they were all over the Glen team but a few shots either going wide or over the top of the net.

With an inspired talk at half time from coach Simpson they came back out invigorated. A po-

sitional change from the backs to the forwards for Charlie White seen him land Guyra's first goal of the game just moments after Glen landed theirs. This took the game to 1 all and with what became a shortened game (Glen Crowd).

With Guyra on the attack the score would remain 1 all and the teams holding the same position on the ladder as they took into the game.

The points this week went to Blake Handebo 3, Tristan Brown 2 and Tyson Burey 1.

*The Friendly Ghost*

## Junior Soccer

The **Under 6 Phantoms** were in Guyra this weekend and took on Easts Green for the second time this season. Last time they played it was a pretty one-sided affair, but the Phantoms held their own this time around and made it a pretty even contest, showing just how much the team are improving. This time the boys really did well, with Edmond Smith leading the charge all game and Bryce Lennon and Acton Litherland also getting into the thick of it and going in for the ball. We also welcomed our newest Phantom, Alfie Mitchell, who had a great first game in the orange and black.

DK forfeited close to the game time so **Under 6 Caspers** were all at the fields - they had a game between themselves and did so

well practicing and trying new skills - they were also very good at cheering each other on!

The **Under 7s** were again in Armidale this week as their draw is stacked with Walcha sides. This week the team was one short and had Hadiee Hope fill in from the other side. The boys led the way again with great pressure and goal shooting from Frazer McLennan and Fletcher Cleaver.

The **Under 8 Goosebumps** played South Armidale Swordfish in a home game on the weekend. Guyra had a few players out this week, but it didn't stop Guyra from playing great in defence and they were also unlucky in attack, hitting the post a couple of times.

**Under 10s** had the bye this past weekend but will look to shake for the rust in this upcoming weekend when they head to

Armidale to play Westside.

The **Under 12s** played Norths in Armidale this week. Guyra started a little flat this week due to not playing any games for a while, which soon resulted in Norths taking an early lead. This seemed to awaken the Guyra side and they soon started playing like they normally do. With a chat at half time they started the 2nd half much more positively. A few good opportunities weren't quite finished but eventually a good individual goal from Jack got the scores levelled up. Guyra held strong in defence to end the game as a 1-1 draw. It was a good result, unlucky not to get the win. This week standouts were Jack Marshall, Matthew Sauer in defence, Oscar Laing and Charles Gordon in midfield and Harry McRae had a solid game as

striker. Well done

The **Under 14s** were also in Armidale where they played yet another TAS side. This game though was a much more even contest. With help from a couple of the 12s the team put on a strong display where Kayne Brennan landed a great goal just six minutes into the first half. Less pressure from the TAS side enabled the Guyra side to work the ball around and this saw the score 4 to 0 at the end of the first half. The break didn't do the side any favours as TAS came out strong and pushed a couple passed through the Guyra Defence, they didn't panic and defused the situation keeping a clean sheet for a 5 to 0 win. The three goals from Taharn and two to Kayne.



## Gazette Footy Tipping

Winter Wombat	147	Mocak	125
Dip Stick	141	Crazy Cat Lady	123
KingGJBW	141	Bulldog	121
BigRus	135	Timmy the Tiger	119
The Panther	133	Birdie	119
Iggman	131	Scary Bear	119
Farmer Joe	129	Luigi	117
3PPP	129	Bundles	117
The King	129	Flip	115
DJ	127	Rabidohs	115
Fingerlicking good	125	DJFlake69	113
The Third Player	125	Unbetables	113
Wayno	125	Happy Gilmore	105

## Locals Entry Form - Round 17

Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

Name: .....

Phone: .....

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

Bye:  
Roosters





# Gazette's Celebrity Footy Tipping

A perfect score of 10 for our Celebrity Mal this week. This takes him into 2nd place, just 2 points behind Celebrity Leader Kim who is on 137 points. There were mostly scores of 6 or 8 points and our local butcher, Robert, is now in 3rd place on 131 points. The lovely lads at Four Ways are holding onto 4th Place on 129 points. The top score achieved by our locals was 8 points, with a couple scoring just 2 points. Winter Wombat, on 147 points, has a 6 point lead over Dip

Stick and King GJBW who are sharing 2nd place on 141 points on our Locals Leaderboard.

In 3rd place we have BigRus who is on 135 points and The Panther is steadily remaining in the top position, now claiming 4th place on 131 points.

Happy Gilmore scored just 2 points and is now sitting happily (we hope) in the Wooden Spoon position on just 105 points.

Good luck with your tips this week and please don't forget to get your tips in on time!

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Dolphins  
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Sharks  
Cowboys  
Eels



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**Score: 131**

## Mal's Tips

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Warriors  
Dolphins  
Storm  
Broncos  
Roosters  
Eels



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## Kim's Tips

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## Eli's Tips

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Beloved husband of Debbie Sole.

Loving father and father-in-law of Braden Sole & Karlee McMillan.

Loved grandfather of Archie.

Loved brother of Michelle Forrest.

Loved uncle of Carson & Harvey.

**Aged 58 years**

Steven's relatives and friends are invited to attend his funeral service to be held at St James Anglican Church, Guyra on Friday, 20th of June 2025 commencing at 12 noon.

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# Nail biting win for Spudettes, while wounded Spuds go down

The Super Spuds are back at home on Sunday after a bruising trip to Moree last Saturday and contrasting games for the two Guyra teams.

The Spudettes began the day with a last-minute match-winning try. A defensive first half saw Guyra take a 4-nil lead into half-time after Kiarna Landsborough's kick and chase try the only points.

Moree scored first in the second half before Taneika Dailey cut through the defence to score her first try and put Guyra 8-4 up.

The Boomerangs continued the tit for tat scoring but this time they booted the conversion to take a 10-8 lead with not long to play.

It took a kick and chase try from Dailey with less than 60 seconds on the clock to steal the 14-10 win for the Spudettes.

Dailey (3), Justine Green (2) and Landsborough (1) scored club points, while Danielle Sutton was players' player.

The A grade was a tight tussle early but Moree eventually used its size advantage to run in two tries to lead 10-nil.

Skipper Ben Vidler got one back for Guyra, but the home side scored two more tries to lead 20-



Angus Brazier charges into the Moree defence.

6. Archie Dowden ensured Guyra finished the half well with his first try and it was 20-12 at halftime.

The Rangs ran in three more tries in the second half, but the Dowden brothers gave the Spuds some joy with a try each.

Archie scooted over from dummy half for his second while

Guyra's best try of the day came when Vidler chip-kicked to Blake Phillips, he passed inside to Harrison Dowden and he beat a tackle on his way to the line.

It finished 36-22 - a respectable result for a wounded and short-handed Spuds.

Angus Brazier capped his best game of the year with three club

points and the players' player award, Garth Walls ran hard all day to pick up two points and Cormack Hume scored one.

It was another big effort from the young Guyra sides, who will host Glen Innes for Sponsor's Day on Sunday from 12 noon.

Entry is \$5 and the bar and canteen will be operating.

## Women's Hockey

**2nd grade** returned to the field after weeks of no scheduled matches. The rest did not take away from their ability as they quickly stepped up moving the ball around & defending the big hitting Harlies team. Tegan Clarke was perfectly placed to score off a cross through the circle which put Guyra in the lead. Harlies found the goal box in the next quarter to level the match at a 1-1 draw.

**3rd grade** women seems to have caught the same AWL bug that the Guyra men have had lately!! Thankfully a few Guyra players backed up and helped out. As we watched the young energetic NEGS side warm up to the newest beats we were concerned fitness may be a worry. Again the older and wiser game method played off and Tegan Clarke quickly found the

back board off a penalty corner. The game was sealed at a 4-0 win when our Mackie defender switched to the forwards and got her first goal ever. Well done and thank you again to those who helped out.

## Junior Hockey

**Under 8 Geckos** played a great game considering how short they were due to illness. Thank you to some extra Guyra players who jumped on the field to give them a hand.

**Under 12 Goats** was the game to watch on Saturday morning as they played an extremely defensive match against United Under 12. The score might have meant a loss, but they were definitely the winning team with their never give up attitude. Elka G really stepped up as a back with the support of Lachie R. William N

had a mammoth game as goalie giving it his all. Their defence and goal coverage was amazing!

The Goats are a great group of supportive kids all playing their best!

**Under 12 Galahs** played PLC in an end to end even match. The draw meant both Guyra teams played at the same time, therefore the Galahs played with only six players. All the players did not stop running for the full forty minutes. Huge mention to Mia W who had the sidelines cheering as she saved two challenges one on one as goalie. Arlie R was the first to score in a well-executed penalty corner. A 2-2 draw was a great result for the Galahs.

## Ladies' Golf

There was no golf played again last week because of the weather conditions. This week

we hope to play a Stroke and Putting Competition. Next week is a 4BBB Stroke sponsored by Nutrien Ag Guyra.

*Birdie*

## Men's Bowls

Games set down for Saturday June 21st.

Open Pairs: John McIllwain and Roger Cox versus Col Stanley and Tim Ellis, Scott Campbell and Graham Starr versus David Wilcox and Randy Mulligan

Minor Singles: Jason Varcoe versus Logan Beechey (Marker Andrew Sparke)

On behalf of the board, staff and members of the club, I would like to send our sympathy to the family of Steven Sole. He was a great friend to us and a great club member for bowls and golf.

*David Wilcox*



# Polocrosse season in full swing



Guyra had a hugely successful weekend at the recent Bunnan carnival



Guyra Polocrosse Club had members kicked off their season in January at the “Berragoon Annual Production Sale”. The week was full of polocrosse and campdrafting.

The 2025 Club season was to start with the Inverell carnival, unfortunately due to wet weather it was called off. The following weekend was Guyra’s home carnival which was also called off due to wet weather.

Walcha had more luck though with a great weekend to start the club season off. Guyra came away with A grade runners up and also B grade winners.

Guyra also had Sub juniors playing at Sydney show - Grace Schaeffer, Angus Falconer and Pat Bourke rode at Sydney Show in the Sub Junior exhibition competition. Pat and Grace’s team won three out

of four games and Pat was awarded Best No. 1.

The weekend to follow was the Albury carnival. Guyra had members playing in the Silver Stirrup, Silver Spur and Bronze bit. Guyra had junior club members playing for NSW in the under 16 and under 12 competitions. Albury results for Guyra Players:

- NSW Sub Junior 2 with Dion, Grace, Gus and Pat came 3rd overall, going down by 1 goal to WA in a semi-final.
- NSW 1 Juniors with Anna Benson unfortunately lost their semi-final. Anna was awarded player of the NSW/VIC game.
- NSW 3 Juniors with Josh Bourke won division 2. Josh was awarded Best ASH Male Rider.
- Carlie Grills team won the Silver Stirrup.

• Abbott Grills team won the Silver Spur with him winning best player.

• Steph Cochrane’s team won the Bronze Bit with her taking home Best no.3.

Warwick Polocrosse “Barastoc Series” was next up with plenty of NSW representation from the Guyra club.

- NSW Junior Girls (Anna Benson) - Runners-up
- NSW Junior Boys (Josh Bourke) - Winners
- NSW Under 26 Men’s (Tim Finlayson) Runners-Up
- NSW Open Women’s (Abby Finlayson) Winners
- NSW Open Men’s (Abbott Grills) Runners-Up
- NSW Masters (Matt Grills) Winners.
- Champion Player in Barastoc

Series - Abbott Grills.

Guyra’s most recent carnival, Bunnan, held at Muswellbrook was a huge success for the club

• Sub juniors runners up, Dion best number 1, Angus Falconer best number 2, Dion Champion sub junior player.

• Guyra 2- E grade winners Best number 1 -Josh Bourke Best number 2- Will Schaefer Best number 3 - Max Schaefer

• A grade Women Winners Best number 1 Carlie Grills, Best number 3 Steph Cochrane,

• Abbott won A grade open - best number 3.

• Matt Grills played in the Masters competition and his team won their division. We are just over half way through the season with plenty more polocrosse ahead of us.

*Ella Waugh*