



Guyra Gazette

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Magical day as snow blankets the tablelands

The significant winter weather event which swept across the Northern Tablelands on Saturday, August 2nd, will long be remembered as one of the biggest and best.

The region was blanketed in thick snow, drawing widespread attention and attracting snow chasers to the area.

In Guyra, snow began falling in the early hours of the morning and persisted throughout the day, eventually easing around 5:30pm. The most intense snowfall occurred between 10am and midday.

By late afternoon, snow had accumulated to around 30 centimetres in Guyra — making it one of the most substantial falls recorded since the major event of July 3–4, 1984.

The snow also spread south to Walcha and the Moonbi Range, eastward along the Snowy Range to Ebor, and north to Glen Innes and across the Queensland border into the Granite Belt, where light snow was observed around Stanthorpe.

The snow lingered in Guyra into Sunday, 3rd August, before beginning to melt later in the day.

This significant snowfall was caused by a combination of cold upper-level air over northern New South Wales and moist easterly flow associated with a surface trough.

Unlike a typical cold front, this



House covered in snow Sandon Street
Photo Emi Brazier

event was triggered by an upper-level cut-off low to the west and northwest, which allowed a prolonged influx of cold air across the region.

Local weather enthusiast Rodney Wallbridge described the setup as “perfect for snow.”

He noted, “There was heaps of moisture, cold air sitting around 1500 metres, and very little wind below that level. As the rain fell, it pulled more cold air down across a large area. That’s why the snow lasted so long.”

Historical and up to date weather

information for Guyra, including snow events can be found at <http://www.weatherarmidale.com/guyra.html>.

The website is maintained by Peter Burr with local weather data recorded by Jeff Martin.



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Alix McShane and Parker Campbell
Pic Amanda Campbell



Old house at Ben Lomond Pic Adam Thomas



Flick, Cody, Sue and Gemma with their snow family Pic Gemma Campbell



Measuring the depth 30cm at Black Mountain
Pic Francene Logan



Nathan and Ruby Lane Pic Anne Lane



Car covered i n snow Bradley St Pic Daniel Rond

Early commencement program inspires local students

Two students from Guyra Central School are taking their first steps into university life while still completing high school thanks to an early commencement program offered by the University of New England.

The UNE School of Education now offers 50 fully funded scholarships for students to complete a first-year Education unit through its new HSC University Pathways program.

As a result, Year 12 students Annabelle Collins and Treigh Bonser-Karhu have been able to enrol into English Language in Use (ELEE100) during Trimester 2, completely free of charge, while still completing their high school studies.

"It's been amazing to start uni early while still in high school. I think it's one of my biggest achievements this year, and I'm really proud of how far I've come," Annabelle said.

UNE Business Development Manager, Trent Donaldson, has worked with School Principal Tim Lloyd and Head Teacher Administration, Kylie Adams about the opportunity.

"We've always had a good partnership with UNE and this project is just an extension of that," Mr Lloyd said. "It's a golden opportunity for our students to get a head start, complete a university subject, and to de-mystify the whole university process."

The program not only provides students with a taste of university-level study but also offers a potential pathway into UNE's undergraduate teacher education courses. It's part of UNE's commitment to developing future teachers in the New England North West region.

While it might seem difficult to undertake your final year of high school and complete a university level subject, there is plenty of sup-



Above l to r: Tim Lloyd, Sue Gregory, Annabelle Collins, Kylie Adams

port in place for both Annabelle and Treigh.

"The value of it outweighs the challenges, I think," Mr Lloyd said. "That is the advantage of being at a smaller school: we know the kids really well and are able to support them."

"They've got careers advisors, year advisors, myself, classroom teachers; there's lots of people around Treigh and Annabelle to make sure they can succeed to the best of their abilities."

For Annabelle, the program has only reinforced her passion for educating the next generation.

"I've been interested in teaching for a very

long time," she said. "Seeing my teachers come into school passionate about helping other people and supporting students has helped me find my passion."

Mr Lloyd said such efforts 'fills you with a lot of pride in your students'.

"I just feel really proud of Annabelle and Treigh for what they are taking on ... these guys are really talented and could do lots of different things, and for them to want to work with students and be involved in educating fills you with a real sense of pride - and grateful for the opportunity that's been made available to them."

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Snowstorm Stories: from coastal commutes to childhood wonder

Beautiful and magical snow falling

VRA out doing welfare checks on the weekend

The Prograss Association for organising the Snow Ball - they did the work even though they had to call it off

What's **NOT**

Too much snow!!

JOKE of the week

What do you call a snowman with a six-pack?
An abdominal snowman.

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
29	Tues	-1.1	9.8	0
30	Wed	2.6	10.8	4.0
31	Thurs	3.1	8.6	4.8
1	Fri	2.9	9.4	0
2	Sat	0.1	5.1	13.4
3	Sun	-2.7	10.0	7.0
4	Mon	5.5	12.4	26.0

Rain this week	55.20mm
July. rainfall	106.2mm
Rainfall YTD	667.6mm
Rainfall last YTD	723.0mm
Ave. rain YTD	513.2mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin,
Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

As heavy snow blanketed Guyra and the wider Northern Tablelands on August 2, the event became more than just a meteorological milestone — it became a memory-making weekend for locals and visitors alike.

1 Among those drawn to the winter spectacle were seasoned snow-chasers, spontaneous adventurers, and families fulfilling long-held dreams.

Andrew, a visitor from Coffs Harbour, made the trek inland with a friend. Their snow chase began late Friday, battling thick fog near Dorrigo before arriving in Guyra in the early hours of Saturday.

"We got to Guyra around 4am and parked near a truck stop," Andrew shared. "It started snowing lightly around then but picked up heavily by 7am. We were out taking photos and videos—it was magical."

But the conditions were far from easy.

"The roads were slippery, and I almost didn't make it up the hill near the church," he said. "We decided to head back around 10am, doing 50km/h in a 100 zone. It ended up taking us five and a half hours to get home instead of the usual two and a half."

Despite the challenges, Andrew said the experience was unforgettable.

Saturday was wonderful and I was lucky enough to have two differing views throughout the day.

Looking out the back window towards the highway, there were family's enjoying snow fights and taking videos in the snowy playground. One lovely couple took selfies with the snow heart they'd made and others enjoyed looking at the snow covered limbs of the old apple tree. The blue wrens perched on my snow encrusted garlic bed looked fantastic. It was amazing to see so many birds flitting around. The courtyard sparkled; I couldn't bear to disturb the perfect covering.

Out the front door the street

"It was a learning curve—next time I'll pack more blankets and probably book a hotel. But it was worth every second. I can't wait to do it again."

Cheryl McInnes, who grew up in the Snowy Mountains and now lives in the area, described the weekend as nostalgic.

"It brought back great memories. I hope the kids take this weekend with them through life, like I have."

For photographer Matt Walsh, the weekend was the best he's seen in over a decade of visits. "I have been coming to Guyra at least four times a year for the past 10 years and every time it's been a great experience," he said.

"I have always had a love for the snow, and Guyra is like a second home to me. To see it this time with so much snow left me with a lot of great memories and will always have me coming back."

Francene Logan moved to Black Mountain from Brisbane four years ago. She had guests staying with her from Brisbane and Coffs Harbour and said the combined excitement was palpable.

"We were like kids in a lolly shop, frolicking in the snowcone soft, fresh powder, watching the snowflakes that were up to the size of 50 cent pieces at times."

"Our legs used muscles they had forgotten, walking in some knee

deep drifts around our property, and our Shropshire sheep experienced snow, like in their native country.

"We have been wanting to experience an epic snowfall and all our dreams came true. We will always reminisce about snowfall of 2025!"

For newer locals like Daniel Rond, Malia Ashman, and Ron Llewellyn, the snowstorm cemented their love for Guyra.

Daniel, who moved from the Central Coast, said he always knew Guyra can receive snow but this event was truly amazing.

"It was good to see the town been frequented by lots of visitors, it was great for our local businesses."

Malia, originally from Tonga, said her family has embraced the cooler lifestyle. "It's such a change from what we're used to—but we love it. We were so excited to see snow like this."

And for Ron, who moved with his son RJ just seven months ago, the snowfall was a welcome reminder of why they chose Guyra.

"We picked it for the weather and the fishing — and it's been everything we hoped for."

From coastal travellers to new residents and lifelong locals, the snowstorm of August 2 wasn't just a weather event — it became a shared chapter in the story of a region that wears winter with pride.

A room with a view

positively heaved with traffic, people and cars. I was soon playing spot the local, and only managed 3!! It wasn't long before Bradley Street was covered in mush. Everyone still enjoyed themselves. One man walked along kicking the snow up in front of him with a great smile on his face while one young girl threw snow over the bonnet of her Dad's car just so she could watch the wipers get to work. Later, when the slush had frozen, young men were sliding along the footpath. Even the cars that just cruised up and back had windows down with people trying to catch snow. Two young women exited their car in thongs and then had a

slippery, giggly walk to the other side of the road. My toes burnt with imaginary frostbite for them.

One preschool lad came to the end of his patience, but that would've been fixed by a snooze in a warm car going home and my sympathy goes out to our hard-working Council street sweeper. They would have started early on Friday morning to sweep Bradley Street when they could have put their feet up in the crew room at the depot, kept warm and done the job Monday. Never mind guys, it looked tidy as usual on Saturday morning before it all started.

Submitted

Moylan visits Guyra to inspect Mother of Ducks

State Member for Northern Tableland Brendan Moylan visited Guyra this week, joining Councillor Eli Imad and Rob Lenahan to observe firsthand the ongoing challenges involved in rehabilitating the iconic Mother of Ducks Lagoon.

During his visit, MP Moylan was briefed on the efforts so far by Councillor Imad, who has been a driving force behind the lagoon's rehabilitation. They toured the site and explored potential solutions and avenues that would assist in funding the initial consultations and the overall rehabilitation.

"It's inspiring to see the community's commitment to reviving this vital historical environmental asset," said MP Moylan. "Projects like this not only enhance biodiversity but also strengthen community bonds and boost local tourism."

Councillor Imad highlighted future plans to further enhance the re-

serve, strengthening the site's connection to its indigenous heritage, improve visitor infrastructure including observation platforms, cycling tracks and picnic areas, and expand conservation measures aimed at protecting vulnerable bird species.

"The support from State MP Brendan Moylan is incredibly valuable," said Councillor Imad. "Securing ongoing state support will be crucial as we continue our efforts to achieve the rehabilitation of the lagoon. There has been tremendous support from Guyra behind this initiative."

MP Moylan committed to advocating for state funding and support, acknowledging the importance of environmental preservation projects like the Mother of Ducks Lagoon in promoting ecological resilience and community wellbeing.



Rob Lenahan, President Save & Grow Guyra Ratepayers Inc.
Cr. Eli Imad, Brendan Moylan, MP Northern Tablelands



Councillor's Corner

For strong regional representation

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

As winter brought the most serious snowfall our region has seen in years, it serves as a reminder of the seasonal magic that makes Guyra and its surrounding communities so unique. The picturesque landscapes and crisp air encourage us all to reflect on community spirit, resilience, and the warmth we share.

It was heartening to see the town abuzz over the weekend with visitors from out of town, and witnessing the smiles and joy on the faces of children was truly rewarding.

Community Grants Announcement

I'm pleased to announce that Armidale Regional Council's "Village & Community" Grants Program is open again and will close on Friday, 22 August. With the recent success of many local groups and organisations, I encourage everyone to apply. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.armidale.nsw.gov.au/Services/Support-services/Grants-and-funding/Community-grants-and-support>

Around the Grounds

- 24-27 June – Attended the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) Conference in Canberra.
- 4 July – Attended the Stanthorpe Snowflake Festival and met with local organisers.
- 5 July – Visited Brisbane's Snow4Kids event, met with suppliers, and toured the operation.
- 17 July – Attended the Parliamentary Inquiry in Armidale into the "Impact of Renewable Energy Zones on Rural & Regional Communities".
- 25 July – Attended Legacy Armidale's luncheon for veterans' widows and families.

Infrastructure Improvements

Armidale Regional Council has completed the phased upgrade works on the Guyra Water Treatment Plant. These upgrades will ensure stricter monitoring and quality checks, helping to avoid major issues that have affected the system in recent years. I am pleased to report that since the upgrades commenced in late 2024, only one complaint has been registered in December.

Council continues to make steady progress on Guyra's watermain pipe replacement and upgrades, with works in Ryanda Street section now completed.

Mother of Ducks Lagoon Update

My efforts continue with various stakeholders to secure the funding necessary for initial consultancy reports. I recently met with our State MP Brendan Moylan, who visited Guyra last week to inspect the Lagoon firsthand.

He was provided a tour and brief history of the site and was taken aback by what he learned. Mr Moylan has pledged his support and committed to raising the project with the State Government.

Updates & Actions

Armidale Regional Council General Manager, Mr James Roncon, has agreed to continue in his role under a new five-year contract. The next phase of works in Ryanda Street, including stormwater upgrades, kerb and guttering, and road resurfacing, will commence shortly. These works were slightly delayed due to inclement weather events and other emergency priorities.

Thank you for your continued support.

It's an honour to serve and represent our resilient and vibrant community.

Meals on Wheels

Aug 7	Heather Marchant
Aug 8	Golf Ladies
Aug 11	Toni Kirkman
Aug 12	Regional Bank
Aug 13	Wendy Laidlaw

Street Stalls

Aug. 7,8,9	Lions
Aug. 15	Can Assist
Aug 16	Rotary
Aug 21,22,23	Rotary

Church Notices

St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church Vigil 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 October 5th **Contact:** Rev. Andrew Campbell 0447 724 536

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

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

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

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

Service Clubs

LIONS CLUB 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

Australian bush poet Paddy O'Brien, who once picked potatoes in Guyra, will return to headline the Guyra TroutFest on Friday, October 3rd. The performance, held at the Australian Poetry Hall of Fame, is a homecoming for O'Brien, who recently won the NSW Bush Poetry Performance Championship in Guyra in 2023.

O'Brien's performance will be particularly special as he will be supported by award-winning bush poet David Melville, and together they will open for the legendary Australian comedian, Austen Tayshus.

Paddy O'Brien's has a lifetime connection to Guyra, and his poem "Guyra Spuds" written in 2000, reflects his time working in the area in the late 1960s.

This unique event, Austen Tayshus and the Bush Poets com-



Bush Poet Paddy O'Brien loading spuds in the 1960s

bines comedy and comedy bush poetry for a memorable evening of laughs celebrating Australian talent and local heritage.

Tickets are available at <https://www.trybooking.com/DDVVW>

"Guyra Spuds" by Paddy O'Brien

Spud picking in the sixties
Seasonal work was a way of lief
I learnt to save money
No family, no thought for a wife.

There were pickers from everywhere
Big George came from the south
Ricardo and Clancy somewhere up north
Them days we surely got about

I came from the Tweed
Like a lot of other blokes
We'd meet at the pub for a good old yarn
That's where we learnt most of our jokes

Spud picking was a hard old game
We worked then in bare feet
Made our camp beside a gully
Our nearest neighbours a flock of sheep

We set our galley on the waterhole
There we washed and cooked our meals
The sun set low and chilly
Shadows creeping across potato fields

Gordon put on the camp oven
The galley fire started to glow
Kevin Looker turned up the tilley lantern
Coffee cup and plates all there in a tidy row

Spuds always with our main meal
Lamb chops, steak or snags
We'd sit around the galley fire
On a log covered with one of Williamsons' bags

Now the quietness of the night
Except for a call from an owl
Maybe a flock of ducks flying overhead
Or a possum just scurrying about.

And so the campfire died, now cold
The tilley lantern long turned out
A few snores from the old weathered tent
No street lamps about

Yes another day in the boiling hot sun
Can't wait until we get back to the tent
We live like millionaires out here
Not like those city mugs, they're all payin' rent.

Guyra Central honours Principal Tim Lloyd

Students and staff at Guyra Central School came together on Friday to honour Relieving Principal Mr. Tim Lloyd as part of Australian Principal Appreciation Day, a national event recognising the dedication and impact of school leaders across the country.

Spearheaded by the Australian Primary Principals Association, the

day provides a special opportunity for school communities to celebrate the vital role principals play in education. "We're delighted to have the opportunity to acknowledge them and share our appreciation for the incredibly valuable work they do every day," the association said.

Primary students presented a canvas filled with delightful illustra-

tions of Mr. Lloyd, Staff hosted a morning tea to show their appreciation for his dedication, support, and guidance.

They thanked him for his unwavering commitment to fostering success and creating such a positive learning environment at Guyra Central School.

Council News

Council Meetings

Our next scheduled council meeting is 27 August 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

Trainee Guyra Water & Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator - Closes 17 August.

Accountant Cadet - Closes 17 August.

Cadet Town Planner - Closes 17 August.

Enterprise Risk Management Coordinator - Closes 17 August.

Trainee Educator - Closes 17 August.

Trainee WHS Officer - Closes 17 August.

Celebrating 40 years of service to Guyra

Congratulations to David Leitinger for an extraordinary milestone — 40 years of service to Council! Based in Guyra throughout his career, David's



Have your say of Guyra's Open Spaces!

We are developing a new Open Space and Recreation Strategy—and we want to hear from you! As our community grows, we're planning for the future of parks, reserves, trails, and recreation facilities across the region. This strategy will guide how we plan, acquire, develop, and manage public open spaces over the next 15 years. It will also help ensure these spaces are inclusive, accessible, and aligned with local

and state planning frameworks—supporting healthy lifestyles and responding to challenges like climate change and biodiversity. **How to share your feedback:** Fill out our online survey for a chance to win one of ten \$200 local sports retailer gift cards! Plus, you'll have the opportunity to nominate your favourite local sports club—whichever club receives the most nominations will win a \$1000 prize! Visit Your Say Armidale to find out more!

commitment, leadership, and integrity have left a lasting impact on both the Guyra Shire Council and ARC. Congratulations, David, and thank you for your decades of service to the Guyra community!

Free library services for housebound residents

Guyra library is offering a valuable free service for residents who are housebound. This is available to people of all ages who are unable to visit the library due to poor health, disability, chronic illness, or frailty. Carers and residents living in care at the MPS or Maclean Care Kolora are also eligible. All library materials are available for home delivery, including books, large print books, talking

books, DVDs, toys and games, cake tins and access to a wide range of electronic resources. To access this service, simply contact the Guyra library. Our friendly staff will arrange weekly deliveries to your home on a day that suits you best.

Weather conditions impacting road works

Recent weather conditions have caused slight delays to our grading and other road maintenance programs. We appreciate your patience as crews work to catch up and ensure safe travel across the region. We also remind all drivers to take extra care and drive to the conditions—whether on sealed or unsealed roads—to help keep our community safe.

Biosecurity and Weeds Management update

The Biosecurity team will be conducting high-risk inspections throughout August at various locations including rest areas, truck stops, landfills, saleyards, and quarries. Targeted private property inspections will focus on priority weed infestations in the following areas: Guyra region (high-risk sites, travelling stock routes, and the Tenterdon area), Aberfoyle & Ben Lomond (additional



Ladies' Golf

Last week the Inverell Sapphire Cup was washed out and has been postponed to a later date.

The Guyra course is still to wet to play on as well.

If golf is played this week it will be a 4BBB Multiplier.

Next week is a Par Medal.

Birdie

Men's Bowls

Saturday 9th August 12 pm.

Open singles T Ellis versus R Moore marker B Walls, D Wilcox versus D Kennedy marker R Walls

Sunday 10th August 12pm

Open pairs S Campbell and G Starr versus J Mcilwain and R Cox

Major minor pairs A Bull and J Varcoe versus C Stanley and Greg Mitchell

David Wilcox

Sunday Golf

After the big beautiful snowfall our course will be shut for a little while now while it dries out we will keep everyone informed of postponed and upcoming events as soon as we know more.

The Shire Cup will be the next event for our club golfers, this was to be played this weekend but will also be rescheduled to a later date.

On a different note my apologies to the Progress Association for having to cancel the Snow Ball for this year.

A lot of hard work and organising went into this event and I know how much the people were looking forward to it.

To Donna, Sonya, and the Progress Association committee keep up the great work you are doing for our town of GUYRA.

S.K.

Council seeks community input

Armidale Regional Council (ARC) is inviting community members to help shape the future of parks, reserves, and recreation facilities across the region through its upcoming Open Space and Recreation Strategy community consultation period.

As Armidale's population grows, Council is committed to developing a long-term plan to guide the planning, acquisition, development, and management of public open spaces. These include parks, natural areas, sports and play facilities, and off-road trails. The strategy aims to ensure these spaces continue to meet the needs of residents over the next 15 years.

The strategy will align with local and state planning frameworks, support healthy and active lifestyles, and address challenges such as climate change and biodiversity. It will also

explore ways to improve accessibility and ensure open spaces are inclusive and fit for purpose.

@leisure Planners will be conducting interviews with key informants, interest groups, and target population groups in the coming weeks. Site inspections and stakeholder workshops are also scheduled for early August.

"This is a vital opportunity for the community to have their say on the future of our outdoor spaces," said Armidale Regional Council General Manager, James Roncon.

"We want to know what facilities people value most, what improvements they'd like to see, and how we can better support a growing and diverse population."

A draft strategy—complete with a vision, recommendations, and priorities—is expected to be submitted to

Council in mid-way through 2026.

How to Get Involved:

Community members are encouraged to share their feedback through the Armidale Your Say page, where they can contribute detailed ideas and use the interactive map to pinpoint parks and facilities they visit—highlighting what they value most and where enhancements are needed in specific areas. Participants in our online Open Space and Recreation Strategy survey will also have a chance to win one of ten \$200 gift vouchers to local sports retailers, and \$1000 towards a local sporting club of their choice!

Fill out the survey here: Open Space and Recreation Strategy | Your Say Armidale

Staying in sheep - what the numbers are saying

While the Australian sheep industry has faced its fair share of challenges over the decades, switching enterprises isn't always the best move. Sheep producers are invited to take a clear-eyed, practical look at the future of the sheep industry at a series of free workshops across the Northern Tablelands this August.

Hosted by Northern Tablelands Local Land Services, 'Staying in sheep: what the future holds' workshops will run on 13 and 14 August in Walcha, Guyra and Glen Innes. Designed for sheep producers, whether they're all-in on sheep or considering their options, the workshops will explore what's really driving profitability in sheep enterprises.

AgriStar's Jess Paton will walk participants through benchmarking data that compares the financial performance of sheep against other enterprises

and highlight the key factors that are driving enterprise performance.

"There's a lot of speculation around the future of the wool industry. This workshop is about giving producers the facts and figures to help make confident, informed decisions," said Jess Paton, Consultant, AgriStar. "It's not about talking the industry up or down - it's about being clear on where the value is, and what it takes to capture it."

Camilla Stokes, Senior Biosecurity Officer with Northern Tablelands Local Land Services, said producers will also hear about tools for assessing their own performance and making practical changes to improve outcomes.

"No two farms are the same but having a handle on how your business stacks up, and what the top performers are doing differently, is where the

value lies," said Ms Stokes.

Workshops will also feature a session on Ovine Johnes Disease and on-farm vaccination safety, presented by Local Land Services District Veterinarians and Zoetis' Dr Thomas Burke.

"Ovine Johnes Disease is present across the Northern Tablelands and is something local producers need to understand. This session will focus on what's relevant, what works and how producers can manage the risks," said Ms Stokes.

The workshops are free to attend, but registration is essential as places are limited.

To register, visit the Northern Tablelands Local Land Services Facebook page or register online. You can also call your local office on 1300 795 299 for more information.

Gazette Footy Tipping

KingGJBW	217	The Third Player	191
Winter Wombat	215	DJFlake69	191
Dip Stick	209	Birdie	189
BigRus	209	Bulldog	187
The Panther	209	Timmy the Tiger	187
Fingerlicking good	201	Flip	185
3PPP	201	Rabidohs	185
DJ	201	Scary Bear	181
Mocak	199	Bundles	177
The King	197	Unbetables	175
Iggman	195	Luigi	175
Wayno	195	Happy Gilmore	171
Crazy Cat Lady	193	Farmer Joe	171

Locals Entry Form - Round 24

Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on **Wednesday 13th August**

Name:

Phone:

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

Bye:
Raiders



Gazette's Celebrity Footy Tipping

The tension is rising in our Locals competition, with Winter Wombat closing the gap on KingGJBW to now be just 2 points behind 217-215.

Dip Stick had a bad week and is sharing 3rd place with BigRus and The Panther, all on 209 points.

Bundles is leaving Happy Gilmore behind near the tail end of the Leaderboard and Farmer Joe had another shocker to end up in the Wooden Spoon spot.

With just a few rounds to go, our local Celebrity footy tipping comp is heating up! Mal is still holding onto the top spot

with 209 points, but Kim from Kimmy's Kitchen is hot on his heels, closing the gap by 2 points this week to sit on 205.

Councillor Eli isn't far behind on 201, while Sue and Robert, our favourite butcher, are neck and neck at 199.

The lovely lads at Fourways are revving things up on 195, Vu from the Pharmacy is showing steady form on 191, and Soley, our ever-diligent accountant, is crunching numbers and scores at 183.

With just a few perfect rounds, it could be anyone's game. Stay tuned and keep those tips sharp!

Sue's Tips

Broncos
Panthers
Raiders
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GUYRA CENTRAL SCHOOL P&C meeting 6pm, Tuesday 12th August in the main staff room. Everyone welcome to attend.

RAFFLE RESULTS

BLACK MOUNTAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL 2025 winter wood raffle was won by ticket Red B95. Congratulations Jo.

PROBUS NOTES

Our next meeting is on Monday, 11th August at 10am at the Bowling Club. Any visitors would be welcome to attend.

After our meeting, we will go to the Blind Chef for dinner at 12.30pm.

If you haven't got your name down for dinner, please contact Judy on 6779 1409 or 0428 791 408 by this weekend.

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Car Museum Truck, and Snowmen, supporting VRA Rescue - Guyra (left) and Guyra Police (right)
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Fun in the snow for some of the many visitors who were in town Pic Kelso Looker



Sammy-Rose Dowden, Lincoln Atkin, Oakley Brazier and Elsa Kliendienst
Pic Louise Dowden



Hilda Bennett at Llangothlin
Pic Jypsi Bennett



Brisbane family enjoying the snow



RJ Llewellyn and friend Sth Guyra
Pic Ron Llewellyn

Delight and disappointment as winter storm hits

The snowstorm brought a flurry of visitors to Guyra to enjoy time in the snow. For many, including locals, it was once in a lifetime opportunity to experience such a significant fall.

A major disappointment for the community was the cancellation of the 2025 Guyra Snow Ball. Organisers were initially excited that the forecast snow arrived to coincide with the event, however as the day progressed they were forced to reevaluate their plans.

After initially postponing to the following day, the extended road closures left them with no option but to cancel.

It was a major blow for the Guyra and Community Progress Association who had put many months of planning into the event.

The sheer volume of snow and visitors tested local businesses who stepped up to meet demand. A lot of visitors came from north of the border, with Brisbane and the Gold Coast accounting for many of the visitors.

At the Guyra Bowling Club, staff served 270 lunches on Saturday alone. "We were inundated," a rep-



Aerial shot over the Mother of Ducks Picnic Shelter Pic by Matt Walsh

resentative said. "Some people became stranded, and around 25 ended up staying the night — sleeping on chairs or the floor. That included 13 university students from Armidale."

The Royal Hotel also experienced a surge, serving about 280 meals and quickly reaching full accommodation capacity and having to turn people away.

The Blind Chef reported being

"non-stop busy" throughout the day. "We had enough stock to manage," they said, "but when the network went down, it caused problems — most people don't carry cash these days."

Emergency services put to the test

Emergency services were put to the test during the weekend's snow event. As the day wore on the sheer volume of snow led to road closures and damage to power infrastructure. Mobile phone and internet services were also impacted due to increased traffic and poor conditions.

Vehicles were stranded and many homes across the region were left without power as trees began dropping limbs on overhead lines.

Guyra Road heading towards Ebor was closed on Saturday morning as vehicles had difficulty gaining traction in the icy conditions and trees started falling. Traffic also became stranded on the New England Highway which was closed between Moonbi and Glencoe, remaining closed until after midday on Sunday.

The Guyra RFS and VRA reported assisting with approximately 50 to 60 stranded vehicles across the region, including about 10 along the road to Ebor.

On Sunday morning 11042 homes in the region were still with-



Guyra RFS and VRA-Rescue crews were called out to assist stranded motorists on the Ebor Rd Pic Jenifer O'Rielly

out power, mainly in the Armidale and Uralla areas with some rural areas around Guyra also impacted.

Essential Energy advised that due to the high volume of damage, crews were unable to reach some of

the locations where the network had been impacted. In some of the hardest hit areas, helicopters were being used to identify problem areas and extra crews were brought in.

Power was progressively restored, however many were still without power on Tuesday, with 2700 customers in Armidale, Walcha, Guyra, Bendemeer, Tamworth affected.