



# Guyra Gazette

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## Sybil Prisk turns 100 – A Life Well Lived

Born on August 8th, 1925 Sybil Prisk has reached a milestone few get to celebrate – her 100th birthday. No one is more surprised than Sybil.

“I never thought I would turn 100,” she says, still slightly in disbelief.

Sybil spent her early life in Inverell, moving to Guyra following her marriage to Jim Prisk. Together they raised three children – John, Julie, and Anne and she credits her family with helping her live such a long life.

Sybil’s early years were shaped by a different time. Life was simple, hardworking, and full of family. Married at 19, Sybil’s life has been, in her own words, “beautiful and wonderful.”

A lover of dancing and dressing up, Sybil remembers with fondness how they always had time to “make ourselves beautiful” and enjoy life.

“In those days, we didn’t go out to work. We worked at home,” she said. Husband Jim was responsible for the day to day operation of Prisk’s Butchery in Bradley Street for many years, and later in life Sybil branched out with her daughter Julie and opened a hairdressing salon.

Sybil has enjoyed good health for most of life and has never really been sick, and says she doesn’t have much to complain about. Her



secret? A positive attitude, kindness to others, and deep gratitude for the life she’s lived.

After Jim passed away, Sybil moved in with daughter Anne and

her family – an arrangement that lasted 34 years. For the past 12 months, she’s been living at the Guyra MPS, where she’s become something of a social butterfly.

“I don’t get much time to watch Stan or Netflix – I’m too busy visiting the other residents and catching up!”

Family is at the heart of Sybil’s life. With 8 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren, she proudly says, “They are all so beautiful. I thank God every night that I am here and I have such a wonderful family. I see more of the kids now than ever – I’m so lucky.”

Family members travelled great distances – from as far as New Zealand and Perth – to celebrate her centenary.

And celebrate, they did. Sybil’s first party at the Bowling Club was one for the history books – not just for the milestone, but for the weather. On the night of her celebration, Guyra experienced its biggest snowfall in over 40 years. Sybil had to be carried into the club through the snow, making the evening all the more memorable.

“It was a night to remember for more reasons than one,” she laughed.

The second celebration, held at the MPS on Friday August 8th, was also one to remember. “You should have seen all the people and the flowers and cards – I was overwhelmed!”

Her one final piece of wisdom: “Just be kind to people. It’s better to be nice than otherwise.”

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# Education Week Celebrations at Bald Blair



Mrs Aimee Lenehan Bald Blair Staff Member of the Year



Ruby Little, Maeve Milmo, Willow Milmo & Ebonee Cruickshank Education Week Award Winners for Enthusiasm & Commitment to Education



Mrs Emily Evans Bald Blair Community Member of the Year

Bald Blair Public School proudly celebrated Education Week with a vibrant Awards Assembly and the much-anticipated Spelling Bee Grand Finale, showcasing the remarkable achievements and talents of our students.

The Awards Assembly, held on Wednesday August 6th, recognised the hard work and dedication of the students. With parents, teachers, and students in attendance, the atmosphere was filled with enthusi-

asm and pride. This year's Education Week theme of 'Ignite your Potential' emphasised the importance of education in shaping the future.

Student awards were presented for 'Enthusiasm and Commitment to Education'. Award recipients were Ebonee Cruickshank for Kindergarten; Willow Milmo for Stage One; Maeve Milmo for Stage Two; and Ruby Little for Stage Three.

Special recognition was given to Mrs Aimee Lenehan, highlighting her extraordinary effort as a teacher and leader. Special recognition was also given to Mrs Emily Evans for her long-term role as a community member, supporting the P&C and coordinating many school functions.

Following the assembly, the grand finalists eagerly participated in the Annual Spelling Bee. Com-

petition was fierce, with participants from all stages showcasing their spelling prowess.

Our Kindergarten champion was Ebonee Cruickshank, and the runner-up was Willow Thornton. In Stage One, our champion was Cooper Turnham and the runner-up was Willow Milmo. Our Stage Two champion was Fergus McFarlane and the runner-up was Brantley Redshaw-Blanchard. Our Stage Three champion was Claudia Evans and runner-up was Elka Chilcott-Geere.

The students were awarded trophies and certificates, along with a perpetual trophy that will remain at the school.

The Spelling Bee not only promoted literacy and a love for language among students but also fostered a spirit of healthy competition and camaraderie.

Parents expressed their pride in their children's achievements and their gratitude for the school's efforts in promoting a culture of excellence.

As we reflect on this successful week, we are reminded of the importance of community, perseverance, and the joy of learning. We look forward to many more events that celebrate our students' talents and achievements in the future.

For more information about our school and our wonderful Transition to Kindergarten program, please contact the school on 6779 1578.



**Bald Blair Spelling Bee Champions and Runners-up for 2025**  
Cooper Turnham, Willow Milmo, Fergus McFarlane, Brantley Redshaw-Blanchard, Ebonee Cruickshank, Claudia Evans, Willow Thornton and Elka Chilcott-Geere

# Elders grant boosts VRA with life-saving equipment

The Guyra community has received a major safety boost thanks to Elders, with VRA Rescue NSW – Guyra being awarded a \$6,000 grant through the Elders Community Giving Project.

The grant will fund the purchase of a Holmatro T1 Forcible Entry Tool, a compact, hydraulic rescue device designed for rapid access in emergencies. For a regional town like Guyra — where distances, volunteer response, and timely access to critical equipment can mean the difference between life and death — this tool is a vital addition.

The Holmatro T1 will allow Guyra's dedicated volunteer team to respond more efficiently to incidents such as car crashes, structural entrapments, and other rescue scenarios. Its portability and single-operator design are perfectly suited for rural emergency situations where resources are limited and every second counts.

Vice President Vernon Claassen said the equipment would make a real difference to the team's response efforts.

"We're incredibly grateful to Elders for supporting this initiative," Vernon said. "This contribution will help us continue protecting lives across the region."

The funding was presented on Friday by Mark Atkin, Branch Manager of Elders Armidale & Guyra, as part of Elders' long-standing commitment to investing in the regions they serve. The Community Giving Project is a grant program, where Elders supports initiatives that provide sustainable, tangible and long-term benefits with positive outcomes for communities at a grassroots level, further building capacity, longevity, liveability and connection in our regions.



**Above | to r:** Leone Oehlers, Wayne Mendes, Mark Atkin, Vernon Claassen, Edward Ryan, and Jason Jackson.

"It's fantastic to see this grant go towards something that will directly improve emergency response and community safety," Mark said.

The grant is part of a national program that received over 500 applications, with Guyra standing out as a deserving recipient under the Safety First category.

The Community Giving Project selection panel received high calibre applications, demonstrating the dedication and commitment to the continued investment and capacity building across our regions. There is truly great work being done in regional, rural and remote communities and Elders are proud that they can play a part in amplifying this.

## Armidale and Guyra still waiting for disaster declaration following Snowstorm

Disaster assistance has been activated for parts of the New England region following last week's severe snowstorm and heavy rainfall, however it is still unclear if Armidale Regional Council (ARC) will be added to the list.

Federal Minister for Emergency Management Kristy McBain and NSW Minister for Recovery Janelle Saffin announced on Thursday that a Natural Disaster Declaration had been made for five local government areas: Gunnedah, Narrabri, Tamworth, Uralla and Walcha.

Armidale and Guyra, who were among the hardest hit areas, were not included in the initial declaration. ARC has since completed their disaster assistance assessment and are hoping for an outcome by the end of the week, opening the doors to the appropriate funding.

Member for Northern Tablelands Brendan Moylan is also hopeful that ARC will be added to the disaster declaration.

Last week Mr Moylan appealed to the NSW Government for urgent financial support for local residents and businesses after the snowstorms caused significant and widespread damage to infrastructure and services across the region.

Mr Moylan said his electorate offices have been inundated with phone calls and emails from distressed constituents and business owners outlining the extensive damage and losses to their properties.

"There has been a huge amount of devastation and destruction across the eastern side of the Northern Tablelands," Mr Moylan said.

"Thousands of residents were without power for days. They have lost perishables, have been without water and businesses have not been able to trade."

Under the jointly funded Commonwealth-state Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements

(DRFA), the declaration opens the door to a range of recovery measures for individuals, businesses, councils, and community organisations affected by the storm.

Support available includes emergency accommodation and essential items for those in need, grants for uninsured low-income residents to replace essential household items and make structural repairs, and funding for councils to clean up and restore damaged public assets.

Also on offer are concessional loans for small businesses, primary producers and non-profit organisations, grants to sporting and recreation clubs, and freight subsidies to help primary producers transport livestock and fodder. Support is also available to emergency services for disaster response activities.

More information about disaster assistance is available at [www.nsw.gov.au/emergency/recovery](http://www.nsw.gov.au/emergency/recovery) and [www.disasterassist.gov.au](http://www.disasterassist.gov.au)

## What's HOT

- Guyra CWA (day branch) are looking for new members - why not head along to their next meeting.
- Students and teachers at our local public schools - great to see their work recognised!
- Do you have a story to tell? The Gazette is always on the look out for local stories - let us know [news@gala.org.au](mailto:news@gala.org.au)

## JOKE of the week

I dig, you dig, he digs, she digs, we dig, they dig. It's not a long poem, but it's deep.

### Bureau of Meteorology

## Weather

### WATCH

#### Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
5	Tues	0.9	13.8	0
6	Wed	1.2	12.6	0
7	Thurs	-1.1	11.8	0
8	Fri	5.0	7.6	6.0
9	Sat	2.6	10.0	0.4
10	Sun	3.5	10.8	0
11	Mon	3.3	11.5	0

Rain this week	6.4mm
Aug. rainfall	52.8mm
Rainfall YTD	729.4mm
Rainfall last YTD	528.2mm
Ave. rain YTD	563.3mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

# Thank you for your support Guyra community – 2025 Snow Ball

The Guyra and Community Progress Association would like to extend our heartfelt thankyou to the local Community for your understanding following the cancellation of our recent Snow Ball. Unfortunately, due to our contractors being prebooked for other events, we are unable to reschedule at short notice.

Making the difficult decision to cancel something we had all looked forward to was not easy. With the caterer's team and so many ticket holders cut off due to road closures and hazardous driving conditions, the safety of our community was our main priority.

Who would have thought that an unprecedented snow event would cancel the Snow Ball!

On behalf of our team, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude and sincerely thank the dedicated volunteers, Craig, Kay, Candice, Lynda, Denise, Jasmine, Rodney, Caroline and Donna who worked tirelessly to transform the hall into a spectacular high-end event for Guyra.

Craig thank you for your physical labour and working three full days assisting the lighting contractor. Denise thank you for your work behind the scenes with ticket sales, table allocations, the donation of flowers and spending days and late nights/early mornings preparing the arrangements. Denise has also generously donated the floral arrangements to Guyra Hospital/Aged Care and Kolora Aged Care. Our Snow Ball Project Leader, Donna who dedicated hundreds of hours of laborious work behind the scenes and worked tirelessly on the weekend, thank you. Nic for providing your expertise behind the scenes.

And where would we be without our Sponsors who have stood by us, giving so generously for this event. The Sponsors contributions and the Progress Association's previous money raised have enabled us to pay our contractors for works that had been completed prior to the cancellation – thank you;



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Ramage Engineering  
Sissons Family Meats**

Continued thanks are extended to Kay Smith Artist, Mick and Amy Wilson, Ramage Engineering, Dasha's Home Hardware and Donna Davidson for the donation of Auction items. Our next meeting discussion will include the how/where/when this fundraising will take place, so stay tuned!

Guyra community, your willingness to adapt have reminded us of the strength and resilience of our community. We sincerely appreciate your understanding with which you received our announcement.

Though we are disappointed that we could not gather as planned, we are extremely grateful that the overwhelming positive from this experience is this magical Snow event has brought excitement to the community, provided our local businesses with an influx of trade and visitors to our town.

Guyra has certainly been 'put on the map' as a destination town!

Your continued support inspires us with future opportunities as we move forward creating experiences and delivering beautification projects for Guyra. We also look forward to continuing to build on our achievements with Armidale Regional Council and the community.

New members are warmly welcomed to attend our first meeting free, and we are very excited to have recently welcomed new members to our team. So, if volunteering for a proactive community group interests you, please join us at our next meeting - Guyra Bowling Club on 21st August at 5.30pm. Our AGM has been scheduled for 18th September 2025.

Once again, thank you for being understanding and for standing by us. Your encouragement makes all the difference.

**Sonya Wallbridge  
Vice President/Secretary  
Guyra and Community  
Progress Association**

# Ignite your Potential - Celebrating Public Education Week

Guyra Central School last week honoured Public Education Week, embracing this year's theme, "Ignite Your Potential." We took this opportunity to highlight the achievements of students, teachers, and the entire school community at our celebration on Thursday 8 August 2025.

This year, the recipients of the Guyra Central School Public Education Awards were:

**Lillianna Eddy:** Recognised for her dedication and thorough approach to her senior studies.

**Aoife Collins:** Honoured for her leadership skills and supportive nature.

**Hamish Brown:** Acknowledged for his organisational abilities and leadership.

Each year, we celebrate a community member for their contributions to Guyra Central School. This year, Mr. Richard Post received our community award for his incredible support, positive attitude, and dedication as part of our P&C.

Additionally, Mrs. Natasha Roberts was recognised for her professional support across Guyra Central School in various areas.

In a heartfelt gesture following Australia Primary Principals Day in Week 2, Lillianna Eddy created a video featuring many of our students and staff to honour Relieving Principal Mr Lloyd. The video included touching messages of gratitude for his commitment to our staff, students, and the community.

To wrap up our Education Week Celebrations, Guyra Central School hosted our annual event, the Guyra Gift. This tradition started in 1996, initiated by the Year 11 Sport and Recreation class, featuring a 100m handicapped race involving students from K-12, community members, and staff. This year's winners of the Guyra Gift were:

**First Place:** Kailyn Dittman and Ron Llewellyn, **Second Place:** Rose Kliendienst, **Third Place:** Airlie Vidler

Guyra Central School is dedicated to helping every child achieve their full potential, and we would like to extend our gratitude to our students, staff, and community members for their unwavering support of our wonderful school.



**Above:**

Lillianna Eddy (Year 12 student), Mr Ian Reeves (Director Educational Leadership)



**Right (l to r):**

Guyra Gift winners  
Airlie Vidler, Rose Kliendienst,  
Ron Llewellyn, Mr Ian Reeves

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Aug 14 James Parker  
 Aug 15 Steve Norris  
 Aug 18 Bea Velthuis  
 Aug 19 Heather Marchant  
 Aug 20 Toni Kirkman

## Street Stalls

Aug. 15 Can Assist  
 Aug 16 Rotary  
 Aug 21,22,23 Rotary  
 Aug 28 Hosp. Auxiliary

## 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. 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

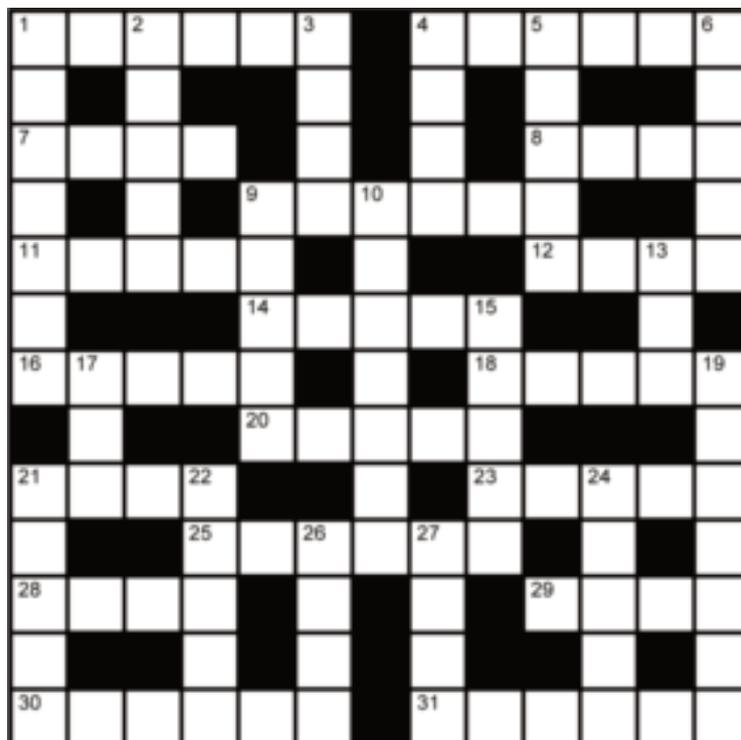
## ACROSS:

- Diarist, \_\_\_ Pepys (6)
- Hindu yogi (6)
- Charter (4)
- SW England county (4)
- Story in parts (6)
- Direction symbol (5)
- Slothful (4)
- Agree [anag] (5)
- Peace pact (5)
- Take up and use (5)
- Claw (5)
- Employer (4)
- Bedtime drink (5)
- Tie on (6)
- Bang (4)
- German composer (4)
- Famous Hollywood dog (6)
- The \_\_\_, Joe Cocker song (6)

## DOWN:

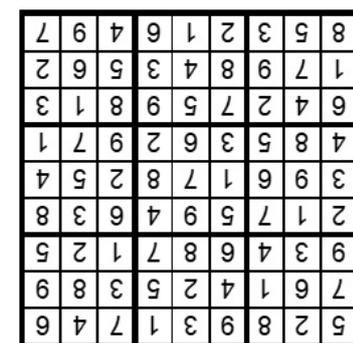
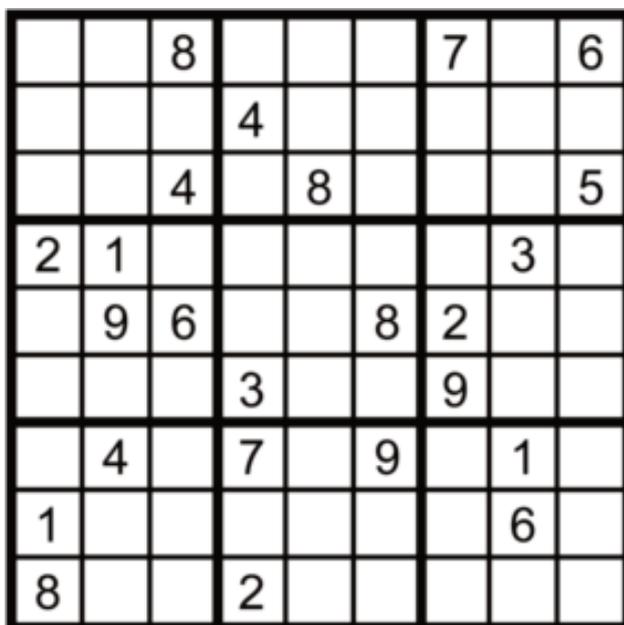
- Retainer (7)
- Country house (5)
- Queue (4)
- Long skirt (4)
- Trivial (5)
- American confectionery (5)
- \_\_\_ Talkin' Guy, song, (5)
- Symbols of office (7)

## QUICK CROSSWORD



- Quick-fastener (3)
- Stock-farm (5)
- \_\_\_ Lobo, John Wayne film (3)
- Coach (7)
- Herb (5)
- Emma \_\_\_, actress (5)
- Sea-map (5)
- Roofing slate (4)
- Fossil fuel (4)

## SUDOKU - Easy



**Across:** 1. Samuel, 4. Mystic, 7. Rent, 8. Avon, 9. Serial, 11. Arrow, 12. Lazy, 14. Eager, 16. True, 18. Adopt, 20. Tailor, 21. Boss, 23. Cocoa, 25. Attach, 28. Slam, 29. Bach, 30. Lassie, 31. Letter.  
**Down:** 1. Servant, 2. Manor, 3. Line, 4. Maxi, 5. Small, 6. Candy, 9. Sweet, 10. Regalia, 13. Zip, 15. Ranch, 17. Rio, 19. Teacher, 21. Basil, 22. Samms, 24. Chart, 26. Tile, 27. Coal.

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# Black Mountain Public School – Celebrates Education Week

Last week, we celebrated Education Week with Ben Lomond Public School and Chandler Public School. We held our annual public speaking competition. The quality of speeches was excellent and congratulations to Rivah Kennedy who won the Early Stage One Public Speaking Award for our school.

Our special guest was Mr Ian Reeves, Director Educational Leadership, who presented

the awards. A special thank you to Mr Greg Mills and Mr Harris who adjudicated our competition, and to our fantastic P&C who catered for lunch on the day.

Thanks to PCYC for running a footy workshop and congratulations to students for joining our Mega Band to play three pieces of music on the day.

Congratulations to our Education Week

award recipients, Mikyla Patterson (Year 6 Leader), Mrs Simone Lord (K-2 Classroom Teacher) and Mrs Simone Hirsch (ACP&I) who also received a Teaching Scholarship Award last Friday. Our school truly appreciates their commitment and dedication to supporting student learning and achievement.

*Mrs Justine Eddy  
Relieving Principal*



**Above:** Rivah Kennedy won the Early Stage One Public Speaking Award

**Right:** Mr Ian Reeves, (Director Educational Leadership) presented the Education Week awards



## Hockey reports

**Juniors** - After having two previous rounds cancelled due to weather events the Guyra Juniors finally took to the field on Saturday.

The **Under 8 Geckos** once again showed grit and determination, taking on United with only five players. Their dedication and growth as a team is remarkable, and their ability to work together is a testament to their success. A 2-0 win was a well-earned reward.

The **Under 12 Goats** faced NEGS Red, whose strong midfield—led by local Austin Kelly—dominated play and produced seven goals. The Goats responded well, using the width of the field and sharp passing to allow Lachie R and Will N to each put one away. Plenty of positives to take from this performance as the team continues to work together.

The **Under 12 Galahs** met United in a fast-

paced clash. Improvement was evident in their passing game and in creating space from free hits, giving players room to run onto the ball. While they didn't find the back of the net this time, they fought hard—especially Will N, who wasn't intimidated by United's big-hitting players in the circle. A great team effort all round.

**Seniors** -The 2nd grade women drew the late 6 pm slot on Saturday to face the Flamingoes. Puffa jackets were reluctantly shed—though plenty kept their hoodies on to play. From the first whistle, the match was played with good-spirited intensity that lasted the full hour.

Early on, the umpire made his expectations clear to our resident card holder, which unfortunately led to a few other teammates spending questionable minutes in the chair.

The scoreboard stayed locked at 0-0 until

the final two minutes, when the Flamingoes flocked to their attacking circle and cheekily broke through Guyra's defence.

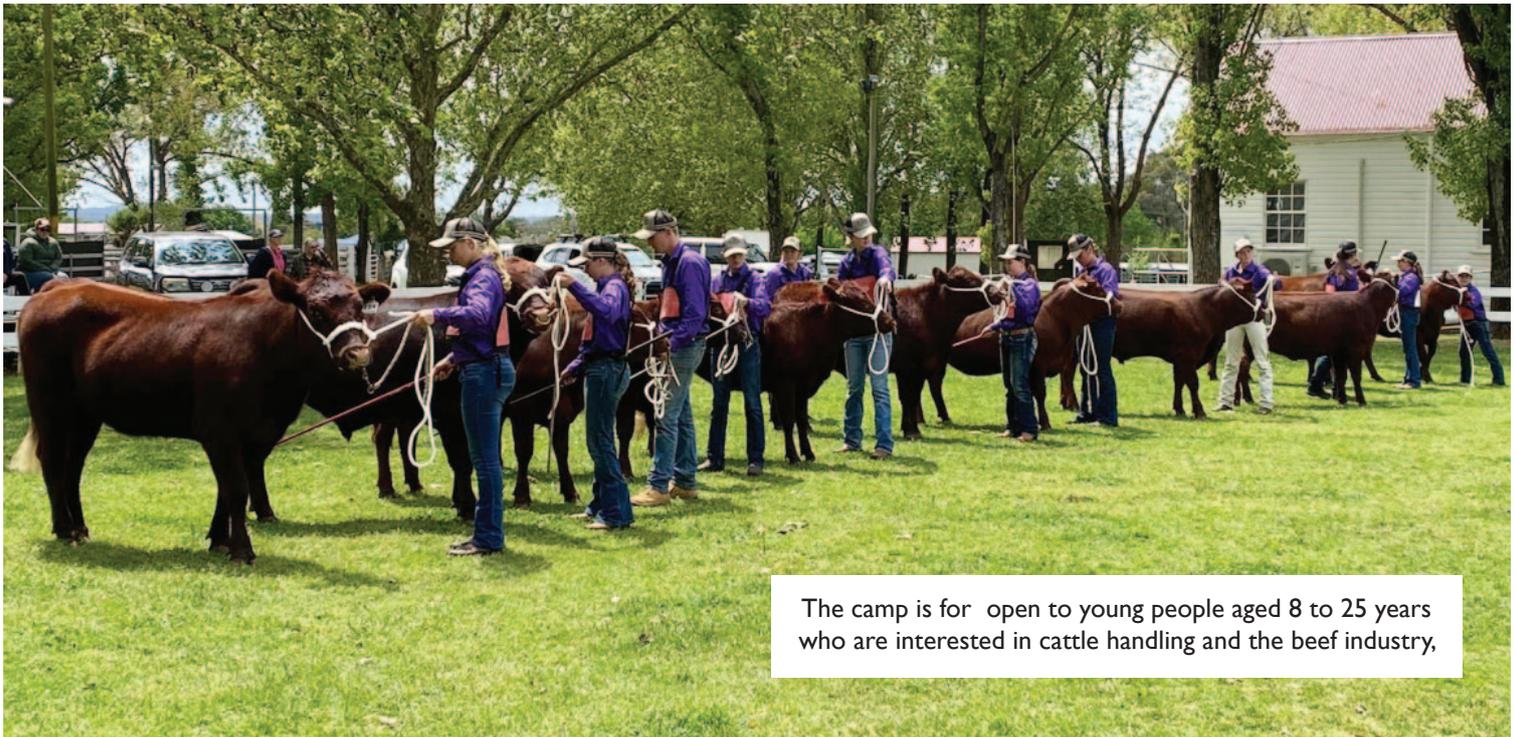
It ended in a narrow 0-1 loss, but the team walked away knowing they played a great game.

Guyra men faced a tough challenge on Sunday, going up against a red-hot UNE team while playing one player short.

Despite the disadvantage, the squad dug deep, working hard to support each other and keep the game competitive. A massive thanks to Paul Gellie, who stepped into goals and delivered a brave, composed performance under constant pressure.

It was a tough day on the scoreboard, but the effort, teamwork, and resilience on display show this team's spirit is still strong heading towards the business end of the season.

# Young cattle enthusiasts invited to hands-on camp



The camp is for open to young people aged 8 to 25 years who are interested in cattle handling and the beef industry,

Once again, the Northern New South Wales / Queensland region will be proudly hosting the National Red Poll Youth Camp, to be held from Friday 10th to Sunday 12th October 2025 at the Glen Innes Showgrounds.

Open to young people aged 8 to 25 years who are interested in cattle handling and the beef industry, the camp offers a unique mix of hands-on activities, cattle showing experience, and engaging industry tutorials. Whether you're just getting started or already have some experience, this camp has something for everyone.

Led by a team of experienced cattle breeders and handlers, the camp is designed to be fun, prac-

tical, and educational — in a relaxed and supportive environment. We pride ourselves on running a small, hands-on camp that is enjoyed by all.

The cost is \$225 for non-members and \$200 for ARPCBI members, covering accommodation, all meals (from 10am Friday to 4pm Sunday), instruction, and loan cattle.

Participants under the age of 10 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Parents are welcome to visit the Glen Innes Showgrounds at any time during the camp.

Applications close Friday, 22nd August 2025, and entries are taken through the website:

[www.redpoll.au](http://www.redpoll.au). Don't miss your chance to be part of this rewarding and memorable weekend.

Support the Future of the Industry

As in previous years, we're also reaching out for support to help run this great event. Whether you're a local business, past participant, cattle producer or supporter of youth in agriculture, your contribution helps us keep the camp affordable and impactful.

To make a donation, please visit the Donations area on our website: [www.redpoll.au](http://www.redpoll.au). In the comments section, include your name and let us know if there's something specific you'd like your

contribution to support.

If you have any questions or would like to support the camp in other ways — such as sponsorship, volunteering, or providing resources — please contact one of our organisers:

\* Rachael Constable – 0432 581 493

\* Tim Light – 0458 744 552

\* Briony Looker – 0488 527 949

This is more than just a camp — it's an opportunity to inspire and educate the next generation of cattle handlers. We look forward to welcoming you to Glen Innes this October!



## Gazette Footy Tipping

KingGJBW	229	Crazy Cat Lady	203
Winter Wombat	225	Birdie	201
Dip Stick	221	Flip	201
BigRus	219	DJFlake69	199
The Panther	217	Timmy the Tiger	199
Fingerlicking good	213	Bulldog	197
DJ	213	Rabidohs	197
3PPP	211	Scary Bear	189
Mocak	209	Bundles	185
Iggman	209	Happy Gilmore	183
The King	207	Unbetables	181
The Third Player	205	Luigi	179
Wayno	203	Farmer Joe	179

### Locals Entry Form - Round 25

Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August**

Name: .....

Phone: .....

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

Bye:  
Sharks



# Gazette's Celebrity Footy Tipping

Our Celebrity comp is heating up as the season heads towards the pointy end!

Mal, ever the proud Roosters tragic, is still out in front on 221 points, but Kim from Kimmy's Kitchen and Councillor Eli are hot on his heels, both tied now on 213.

Robert, our trusty butcher, is keeping his knives sharp at 209, just ahead of Sue, our savvy real estate agent, on 207.

The lovely lads at Fourways are still in the race with 205, followed by Vu, our ever-helpful pharmacist, on 201. Soley, our number-crunching accountant, rounds out the field in

the Wooden Spoon spot on 191.

It's anyone's game as bragging rights (and maybe a little friendly trash talk) are on the line.

The Locals Leaderboard is still ruled by KingGJBW on 229 points while Winter Wombat slipped a bit this week and is in 2nd place on 225.

There could be a tussle for 3rd place with Dip Stick holding the spot on 221, but BigRus is only 2 points behind on 219.

The real battle, though, is who will take out the Wooden Spoon prize? There are five likely contenders.

**Sue's Tips**

Storm  
Warriors  
Bulldogs  
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Sharks  
Broncos  
Eels  
Tigers  
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Sharks  
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Cowboys



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**Kim's Tips**

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Warriors  
Bulldogs  
Sharks  
Broncos  
Eels  
Sea Eagles  
Cowboys



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**Eli's Tips**

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Sharks  
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Eels  
Tigers  
Cowboys



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# Classifieds Trades & Services

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## DEATH & FUNERAL NOTICES

### MARTIN; ALEXANDER JAMES 'JIM' 5th August 2025

Of Tenterden Road, Tenterden

Beloved husband of Evelyn Martin.  
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## Junior Soccer

It has been a few weeks since junior soccer has seen any play due to wet weather. The past weekend there were two games played in the competitive age groups with both the under 12s and 14s sides playing Demon Knights sides in Guyra.

The under 12s showed the effect of no games practice and started slow and messy. They kicked into gear halfway through the first half but were already trailing by one. It was nearly the best passing performance from the team of the season as they worked their way up the field with ease until they met the

DK defence which shut them down at every goal shooting opportunity. They narrowly went down in the game unable to make up for the slow start.

The under 14s game was a different story and the Guyra side looked refreshed after their long break. They soon took the lead with a goal to Taharn Purvis from the edge of the goal box. Then the game took a twist and DK put together 5 minutes of good play from out of nowhere. Great saves from keeper Kayne Brennan kept them goalless. Guyra clicked back into gear and Taharn landed another before half-time. The second half seen Guyra's

dominance continue as Peter Grills put one in the goals to seal the game a 3 to nil win.

## Senior Soccer

Senior soccer teams have also seen limited play over the past few weeks, but when third grade took to the field against the top of the table Glen Innes side but they were missing nothing but a bit of match fitness. With returning stars and injuries rested it was nearly a full strength Caspers side.

It took 20 minutes for the first points of the game which came from Angus Shepherd giving Guyra a one nil lead. It looked like they would take that to the half time break until Glen managed one in the 43rd minute of the first half.

The break did Guyra a favour and shortly after Sammy landed in the back of the net for Guyra. From there they controlled the play and Guyra possession overwhelmed the Glen Innes team and went on to score another three times in the game.

That's not to say Glen didn't have their chances with Guyra keeper Damien Hutton having a great game and keeping them out. He went on the take 3 points this week with the 2 points going to Angus Shepard and the 1 to Sammy.

The 4th grade side played East Armidale in Guyra on the weekend. It was a much closer contest given the position of each team on the

ladder. The deciding factor in the game was players from different grades filling in for Easts. Like always the Guyra side played well in patches but were let down by a lack in concentration or a wayward pass. That seen East Armidale take home the win.

Three points this week to Noah Brennan who got Guyra on the scoreboard this week two to Bryn Archbold and one to Archie Jackson.

This coming weekend sees an Old Boys day at the grounds with a bar and Canteen operating. The club would love to see as many spectators as possible to cheer on the sides. Seniors kick off at 1pm and juniors all play in Guyra from 9.30. Then join us back at the Royal Hotel for live music and a Black and Gold theme night.

## Men's Bowls

Results:

- D. Wilcox (30) defeated D. Kennedy (28)

- S. Campbell / G. Starr (24) defeated J. McIlwain / R. Cox (21)

Upcoming Matches – Saturday 16th, 12 PM

Open Pairs

- C. Peardon / M. Bourke vs. R. Moore / P. Johnson

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Minor Singles

- R. Cox vs. A. Sparke (Marker: R. Mulligan)

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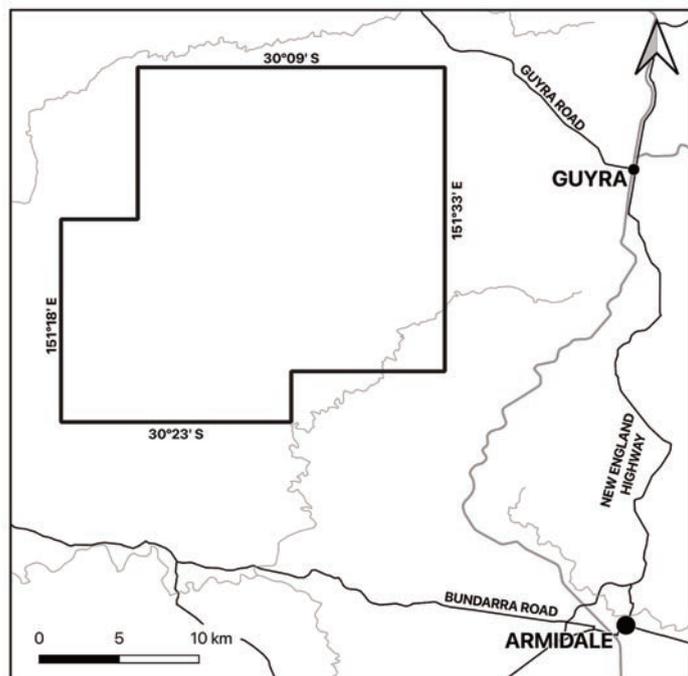
### Exploration licence application

Notice is given in accordance with Section 13A of the Mining Act 1992 and clauses 15 and 89K of the Mining Regulation 2016 that exploration licence application number ELA 6938 (Act 1992) for Group 1 (Metallic Minerals) has been lodged with NSW Resources by Magnet Exploration Pty Ltd (ABN 65 623 568 918), over an area of about 180 units (540 square kilometers) which is located about 23 kilometers West North West of the town of Guyra, as described on the plan below.

Information regarding this application can be obtained from EARTH AI, phone number 0450 071 194.

Information regarding landholder's rights is available at <https://regional.nsw.gov.au/landholder-access>.

Please note that exploration including early stage investigation of outcropping rocks, is only permitted once the application is granted and will only be sought in selected parcels where an access arrangement has been agreed to by the relevant landholders.



# Spudettes still kicking as Spuds bow out

The Super Spuds hit the wall in their 2025 season challenge on Saturday, but the Spudettes are still kicking after a strong showing in the elimination semi-final.

Facing Narwan at a warm Warialda, the Spudettes started well and soon had first points via a try to Justine Green and conversion to Taneika Dailey.

They then had to wait until late in the half to add to the score when Kiarna Landsborough dived in under sticks for a 12-nil lead.

Narwan hit back in the shadows of halftime and then scored again straight after the break to cut the score to 12-10.

Guyra's second wind saw Mia Cornish slide over to make it 16-10 and skipper Danielle Sutton made it back to back scores soon after when she finished a great break from Green.

At 22-10 Guyra was in good shape but Narwan hit back late and the Spudettes had to stay focused to seal a 22-14 win.

Green (3), Sutton (2) and Abby Davies (1) earned club points while Green was also players' player.

They will face Moree in the minor semi-final this Saturday at Uralla.

It was a very different story for the Super Spuds in A grade as Warialda made them pay dearly for early errors. The home side skipped out to a 22-nil lead as Guyra barely touched the



ball in the first 20 minutes.

Ock Atkin hit back to make it 22-6 at halftime but the Spuds were behind the eight ball. The Wombats only accelerated in the second half with six tries in a row punishing the young Spuds.

Cameron Waters scored one for Guyra but the

last try of the day gave Warialda a 60-12 win.

The club points went to Atkin (3), Robert Sisson (2) and Riley Campbell and Dylan Sutton (1 each) while Sisson was voted players' player.

The result means the Spuds finish the season in fifth place despite only finishing a win behind second.



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