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Research partnership earns international recognition

A unique long-term research partnership between the Banbai Rangers and Dr Michelle McKemey from the University of New England has achieved international recognition, with their latest scientific paper published in a leading global journal.

The Banbai Rangers, based in Guyra, manage Wattlebridge Indigenous Protected Area (IPA) which was the first IPA declared in New South Wales. Working together since 2014, the team has studied the ecological and cultural benefits of reintroducing cultural burning to long-unburnt landscapes.

Their newest paper, published in the journal *Fire* (<https://www.mdpi.com/2571-6255/8/9/367>), explores how Indigenous rangers and scientists are combining traditional fire knowledge with contemporary ecological research to manage land “the right way.” The findings show that cultural burns can protect threatened species, restore ecosystems, and reconnect people with Country while helping to reduce the risk of destructive wildfires.

“For thousands of years, Aboriginal peoples have cared for Country using fire as a cultural tool, but colonisation disrupted some of these practices and replaced them with Western fire strategies,” Dr McKemey said.

“Our study shows how Indigenous rangers and scientists are now working together to renew cultural burning and build ‘right way’ fire knowledge that blends cultural and scientific approaches.

“These practices protect threatened species, strengthen ecosystems, and revive cultural connections, while also reducing wildfire risks. The research highlights that Indigenous leadership, long-term support, and genuine partnerships are essential for cultural fire management to grow — offering a powerful model for resilience in our fire-prone future.”



Lesley Patterson and Dr Michelle McKemey at Myall Creek cultural burn in September

The partnership between the Banbai Rangers and UNE began after Dr McKemey and Lesley Patterson first met at a conference in Tasmania in 2011. Since then, they have worked side by side at Wattlebridge IPA and across northern NSW, sharing their story with audiences around Australia.

Their collaboration has produced seven internationally published papers and earned national recognition, including the Ecological Society of Australia’s Award for Right-way Science and the UNE Chancellor’s Doctoral Research Medal. Their work has also been featured by Australian Geographic, Wall Street Journal, Time Magazine, ABC News, and Gardening Australia.

“This is a big achievement for our Guyra-based team,” Dr McKemey said. “The lessons from our research, done right here in Guyra, are now being shared around the world — showing what’s possible when Indigenous knowledge and Western science work together with mutual respect.”

The Banbai Rangers continue to lead cultural burning and land management across northern NSW, with recent burns including the Myall Creek Memorial Site. Their ongoing partnership offers a model for how communities can collaborate to care for both people and the environment in a changing climate.

Rotary



Guyra Rotary Book Fair CLEARANCE SALE

Saturday, 11th October
10am - 2pm
at the Old Scout Hall
Cnr. Nincoola & White Streets

Please note that there is no disabled access to the building,
nor any disabled facilities.

These works will be carried out in the next stage of renovations.

“Bag Day”

\$5
per
shopping
bag

TroutFest committee 'thrilled' with success



Winner Youth Photography at the Art Expo.
Carmella Archer 'a very creative photograph'

The TroutFest Committee are thrilled with the success overall of this year's festival.

We are blessed with many generous people in Guyra who contribute to the many aspects of the festival. The official program and the radio thanked many local organizations and sponsors who contributed. Now we would like to publicly acknowledge those contributing behind the scenes.

David Bearup is our tour guide extraordinaire for the Costa tour bus, but he also mowed the grass in front of the Lamb and Potato pavilion so that the hundreds of visitors to Guyra would see our town well presented. He checks in each day to see if there is anything that needs to be done for the festival.

Peter King volunteered to drive the Home Support bus at no cost to TroutFest. Sarah Williams of Costa conducted

the tour and the feedback was 'out of the box positive'.

Beth White judged our children's writing competition and helps hang the school writing and art. She too offers us any extra help needed.

Ian Russell played delightful background music for the festival opening night and prize presentations and is always there for our music program at the markets.

Thank you to SES and VRA volunteers who do the unenviable job of traffic control and especially David Godlonton for those extra bits and pieces we need. Maurice Blair helped with Council signage.

Chris Bell delivers the tables and chairs to the markets. The GuyrARTists group helped out as volunteers for the Art Expo.

We hope Guyra residents and visitors to Guyra enjoyed the weekend.

Lynne Chapman

Window dressing competition brings colour to town

Local businesses once again got into the spirit of Guyra's annual TroutFest by taking part in the festival's popular Window Dressing Competition.

Organisers thanked all the participating businesses for their creativity and enthusiasm, which added something extra to the festive atmosphere throughout the town.

The Australian Poetry Hall of Fame took out first place for its eye-catching display, while Harvest Collective was named runner-up.

The competition judge praised the winning window for its "excellent detail" and for featuring "many clever references to trout fishing and the local area."



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Big Day Trout makes a splash at Guyra TroutFest

The inaugural Big Day Trout Music Festival hit the right note in Guyra on the weekend, held for the first time in conjunction with TroutFest.

Put together on a shoestring budget with the help of some generous donations, the event drew an estimated 500 people throughout the day, offering a lively mix of music.

The diverse line-up featured acts spanning every genre - from jazz to hard rock and even classical. Local and regional performers including Bitz of Buzz, The Warts, Jhana Allen, Soberphobia, and Euphemystics were all warmly received by the crowd.

Organisers Neil McLeod and Mark Gordon, both with strong

musical backgrounds, came up with the idea and approached the TroutFest committee for support. They were assisted by James Warren in bringing the concept to life.

Mark said they were pleased with the turnout and community support.

“For a first-time event, it was a great success - a good weekend for music and the arts,” he said.

“Thank you to the local community and the Guyra Bowling Club for their support, and a special mention to Gladys Wilson for her enthusiasm and encouragement.”

Plans are already underway for a bigger event next year, with the team looking to secure grant funding to build on this year’s success.



There was music for all tastes from classical to rock and roll



Grants boost community projects in Guyra and across the region

Several Guyra-based projects are among the latest recipients of funding through Armidale Regional Council’s (ARC) Community and Village Grants Programs.

A total of sixteen community groups and organisations have shared in \$50,000 from the Community Grants Program, while two village projects have received support under the first round of Village Grants funding.

ARC Mayor Sam Coupland said that each grant will benefit community members in our region.

“The Community and Village Grants Programs empower local groups to continue the good work

they do, contributing to building stronger, more connected communities,” he said.

“Council is proud to support grassroots organisations through this funding as they play a vital role in enriching the social, cultural, and recreational fabric of our region.

“Even a small grant can be enough to get a great project off the ground!”

Guyra community organisations were well represented among this round’s successful applicants, receiving funding for projects that encourage participation, celebration, and local pride.

• Guyra United Soccer – Sum-

mer Twilight Soccer, \$1,500

• Guyra Neighbourhood Centre – Community Cooked Lunch, \$2,000

• Guyra Show Society Ltd – New stage for Guyra Community Hall, \$4,000

• Guyra Lamb and Potato Festival Committee Inc – 2026 festival \$3,500

In addition, Ben Lomond Landcare Group Inc received \$3,280 for Ben Lomond District Information Days, while the PCYC Empower Project received \$3,500 to deliver programs in Black Mountain, Kelly’s Plains, and Ben Lomond.

The Community Grants Pro-

gram supports initiatives across the Armidale Regional Council area that address community needs while promoting inclusion, cultural engagement, and social connection.

The latest funding round closed on 22 August 2025, with allocations approved at Council’s meeting on 22 October 2025.

Community and Village Grants are offered throughout the year.

More information, including application details and eligibility criteria, is available on Armidale Regional Council’s website: armidale.nsw.gov.au/Services/Support-services/Grants-and-funding

What's HOT

Looking for something to do this weekend? Head on over to Bundarra and cheer on local shearer attempting a world record (details page 12)

Great weather for the locng weekend and good to see so much happening with TroutFest

What's NOT

Taking up a parking spot near the Pharmacy making it difficult for elderly people to access

JOKE of the week

A man walks into a seafood shop carrying a trout under his arm.

"do you make fish cakes?"

"Yes we do" replies the fishmonger...

"Great" says the man, it's his birthday"

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Gyura MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
30	Tues	4.0	23.4	0
1	Wed	12.1	23.2	0
2	Thurs	4.2	18.8	0
3	Fri	1.3	17.4	0
4	Sat	3.5	19.4	0
5	Sun	3.3	21.8	0
6	Mon	9.1	24.2	0

Rain this week	0mm
Sept rainfall	42.4mm
Rainfall YTD	805.0mm
Rainfall last YTD	602.2mm
Ave. rain YTD	695.7mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin,
Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Letters to the editor.....

Take a closer look

We encourage members to have a closer look at the Guyra Bowling & Recreation Clubs financial report for the past year. For those who are unaware, you can find it by going to www.guyrabowling-club.com, click on Admin and more at the top of the page, and then click on 2025 Financial Report. The Club made a record profit for the 2025 financial year, but has the actions of management actually been the reason for this profit?

If you look at the individual revenue and cost centres it reads like this. The cost of alcohol was only \$9,302 more than last year, but bar sales were up by

\$67,913. Poker machine revenue was up by \$285,328 which makes up approximately 50% of the profit for the year. With poker machine revenue up substantially there should have been more foot traffic through the door, hence cost of alcohol should have been greater. Correct us if we are wrong?

Green fees for bowls and golf were down by \$1,946 and membership subscriptions were down by \$8199 and 156 people. Bingo and raffles were down by \$3,727, and TAB and Keno were up by \$13,855.

So, in essence, the gaming income makes up more than 50% of the profit for the year. To openly state in the Short-Term Objective (Page 1 of the Financial Report) "to ensure the continuing profitability of poker machines", may not necessarily be in the true spirit of what the Club should stand for, we think it is a given that poker machines make money.

It is disappointing that as a bowling and recreation club, with bowls and golf being the forefront of the organisation, the Club would find satisfaction from where much of the actual profit came from. It is a member-based community organisation and of that \$591,170 profit the Club distributed back into the community through donations \$4,498, almost \$5,000.

Why is bowls and golf revenue dropping? These are the questions the Club needs to answer and ad-

dress or seen to be. The Club should also be promoting our sports to the schools and youth. Why are they not harnessing the experience, knowledge and ability of senior members in both codes?

As a community we are blessed to have our Club and courses in such a great location and should be mentoring our youth. There are grants available, which management could be applying for, that give funding to implement programs (rather than purchasing assets) which could fund youth programs and have pro golfers or bowlers attend to run these programs. You won't receive if you don't ask. Who knows where the next Cameron Smith, Karrie Webb, Josh Walker-Davis or Corey Wedlock will come from?

Thumbs up to the board for looking at other ways to add to their income stream. We hope that as the cabins start to bring revenue to the Club, our management apportion all outgoings involved, including electricity and insurance (outgoings which may well be paid as one account with the Club) so that a return on investment can be made. We are sure the return on investment that management has forecast in their budget will be at least bank interest on \$1.9 million. Prior to the board approving this project, they would have applied at least a five-year forecast of both income and expenses, as well as occupancy rates throughout the year, showing that this was indeed a good investment.

The board also needs to look at the repairs and maintenance needed on their Club venue. There is a manhole on McKie Parkway in which the door has been hanging off the hinges for at least 4 years that we know of, the ceiling within the main Club area is falling apart and looks shabby, the men's toilet leaks from the ceiling when it rains (what sort of structural damage is this causing long term) and the ladies' toilet omits a bad sewage type odour (could this be a leak to drainage pipes under the premises).

Why are the bistro reservations controlled by management, when in fact Sammy leases the space and should be in control of his own business? The Club is advertising

that the bistro is open Monday to Sunday for dinner and Wednesday to Sunday for lunch. Why then have there been occasions where people have wanted to book dinner on a Monday or Tuesday and have been turned away by management. Sammy is either a lessee or an employee, you can't have it both ways.

We also suggest that people do their research and find out for themselves why the Club is losing staff, as the information willingly provided by management to the members is substantially different to what the actual reason is.

The above figures, which are tabled in the financial statement as true and correct, should be of great concern to management. They should be reading into this the actual outcome of individual areas of income and have plans to go forward after the opposition establishment is up and running completely, and word is that there are big things planned for it. The Club is in no way prepared to compete for this patronage.

It might also be a transparent idea for the Club to create and distribute a newsletter each month to all members via email. Ask members to contribute articles and get everyone involved. Canva is a great tool for this application.

Also, as members you are entitled to ask for a copy of the constitution, the By-Laws and the quarterly financial statements. Refer to 29.20 and 39.1 (d) (e) and (f) of the constitution.

We also hope that all board members consider all the above and involve this at board level for discussion to be minuted. Not one of the Short- or Long-Term objectives noted in the financials or the issues in this letter were addressed at the AGM. The AGM is the ONLY time where members get to contribute or ask questions, and of the forty people that attended this year, most were shut down or did not receive an adequate answer to their query. There needs to be changes in all areas of the Club's organisation. To rest solely on the outcome of profit only is not good management.

*Sonya Shipman
and Jon Cumming*

Common-sense reform for farm firefighting vehicles

A move to cut red tape to help farmers and rural landholders protect their communities during bush-fire emergencies has been welcomed. Under new reforms it will be legal and affordable to use Farm Firefighting Vehicles (FFVs) on public roads when responding to nearby fires.

It follows successful trials of around 350 FFVs, confirming the need for a conditional registration scheme. FFVs are typically used on private land, but until now, their use on public roads during emergencies was restricted.

Under the new scheme, which began on October 7th, eligible landholders can register FFVs for a maximum initial cost of \$209, including inspection and plates. Renewal costs will drop to around \$126 (or \$75 if no inspection is required), subject to CPI and CTP adjustments.



An example of a farm fire fighting vehicle used in the trial.

Picture by Transport for NSW.

Vehicles must meet safety and usage conditions, including biennial inspections, securely attached firefighting equipment, and restricted road use for emergency purposes only. FFVs may operate within 50 kilometres of their garaging address east of the Newell Highway, with no distance limit

west of it.

Minister for Roads Jenny Aitchison said the changes recognise the bravery and contribution of farmers during bushfires.

"Farmers are often the first on scene when fires break out. This reform ensures they can respond safely and legally, side-by-side with

our RFS and emergency services," she said.

NSW RFS Commissioner Trent Curtin welcomed the move.

"Farmers know their land better than anyone, and their quick action can make all the difference," he said. "This reform strengthens the vital partnership between landholders and the RFS."

NSW Farmers President Xavier Martin also praised the change.

"Farmers must have the tools they need to fight fires safely and effectively," he said. "This long-called-for reform allows local responses to local fires and ensures our communities are better protected."

Eligible landholders can apply through Service NSW in person or by calling 13 77 88. More details are available on the Service NSW website.

Creative Streets takes flight with aerial acts

Armidale's creative scene will be taken to new heights this spring with a headline aerial artist showcase and fire and illumination show locked in for the 2025 Creative Streets Festival opening night on Friday October 17th.

Renowned for their breathtaking aerial performances, Big Top Entertainment is set to transform Armidale's main street into a spell-binding spectacle. Their gravity-defying display includes silken aerial skills, daring trapeze acts, dazzling hoop routines, and a magical fire and illuminated show.

Main stage headliner Amaru Tribe is sure to set the festival alive with their folktronica collective blending of traditional Latin American sounds and contemporary beats. Also featuring on the main stage is modern folk duo, The Maes, and award-winning ABC recording artist, Sharny Russell.

The packed night continues as a vibrant series of murals are brought to life across the Armidale CBD, including Janne Birker (Krimstone) who will be painting a live mural on the opening night along the Burger Bulls wall in Marsh Street. Kitsune Jolene will join Krimstone to bring his artwork to life portraying a vibrant, immersive mural celebrating harmony with nature, local identity, and nostalgic Australian suburban life.



East End Mall will also get a new look, as New England Event Services and Phosphorus Visuals light up the mall with their state-of-the-art digital projection mapping display. Utilising cutting-edge 3D projection technology to light up some of Armidale's iconic buildings, the displays will include vibrant animations, immersive storytelling, and interactive light shows.

New England Regional Art Museum will also be bringing their touch of creativity to the festival with a hands-on art activity for kids and families at the NERAM art tent, including popsicle weaving and sparkling suncatchers. Local preschools are also joining in on the creative action by decorating colourful banners which will be displayed throughout the festival.

Festival-goers will be able to

enjoy their favourite venues in a whole new way with local pubs and restaurants spilling out onto the street, transforming the precinct into a vibrant hub of alfresco dining. Additional food trucks and stalls will also be at the opening night, adding even more flavour to the line-up and offering something delicious for everyone.

Armidale Regional Council Mayor, Sam Coupland, expressed his excitement for the inaugural Creative Streets Festival, stating it will be simply unmissable.

"The fusion of creative arts, local business, and the closure of one of our main streets, is sure to bring a memorable experience to the region," said Mayor Coupland.

"This is a prime opportunity for the Armidale region to cement ourselves at the centre of the creative arts scene in the wider region. This will certainly be one not to miss."

The Creative Streets Festival continues with a high calendar of events past opening night which will include vibrant murals, community workshops, live music, and more Friday night Creative Streets CBD activations. The festival is also part of a bumper spring season of events including the Black Gully Festival and the New England Garden Festival, ensuring there is plenty to do as the weather warms up.

Meals on Wheels

Oct	9	James Parker
Oct	10	Golf Ladies
Oct	13	Toni Kirkman
Oct	14	Regional Bank
Oct	15	Bea Velthuis

Street Stalls

Oct 9,10,11	Rotary
Oct 16,17,18	Lions
Oct 24	Hosp. Auxiliary
Oct 30, 31	Freemasons

Church Notices

St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church Vigil Mass 6pm Saturday 9am Sunday. Weekday Mass Monday – Friday 9am. **Contact:** 6779 1036

St. James' Anglican Church

9am Sunday, followed by morning tea. Doors open from 8:30am. All welcome! **Contact:** Rev. Tim Stevens 6779 1111 **Anglicare Chaplain:** Rev. Daniel Hayes (0428 828 852)

St. Columba's Presbyterian Church

9am Sunday followed by morning tea. Ben Lomond, 2pm October 5th **Contact:** Rev. Andrew Campbell 0447 724 536

The Chapel: 66 Llangothin Street: Sunday Service: 10am

Food Pantry Fridays 9am -12pm

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 6pm at The Blind Chef Ph: Hans Hietbrink 0402 044 891

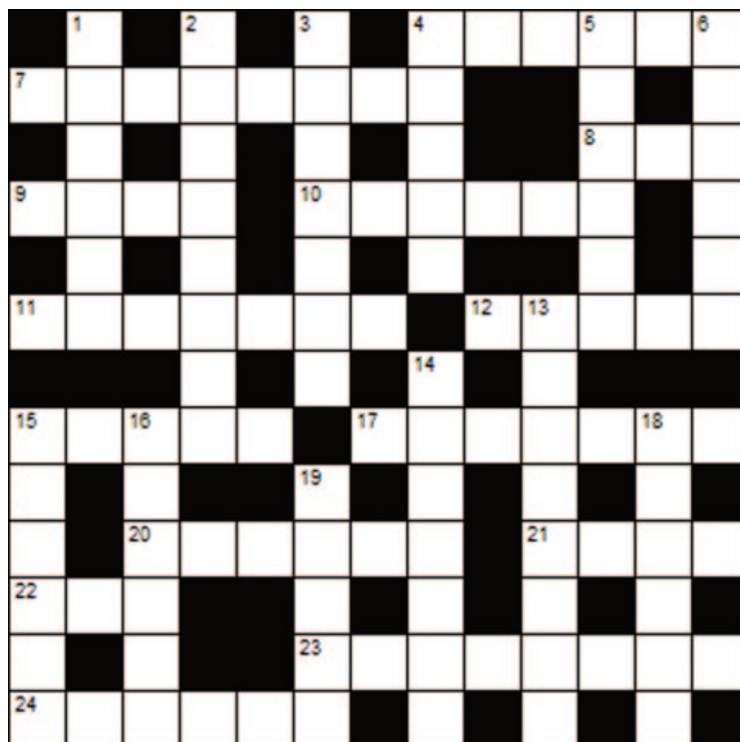
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- 7 Closure of a system or factory (8)
- 8 Relations (3)
- 9 Period of 365 days (4)
- 10 Injure (6)
- 11 One who breaks the rules (7)
- 12 Dubious (5)
- 15 Parts of the cerebrum (5)
- 17 Perform magic tricks (7)
- 20 Parrot sound (6)
- 21 Tear down (4)
- 22 Mud channel (3)
- 23 Foliage (8)
- 24 Glasses contain these (6)

DOWN

- 1 Beat as if with a flail (6)
- 2 Study the night sky (8)
- 3 A child beginning to walk (7)
- 4 Foe (5)
- 5 Becomes alert after sleep (6)
- 6 Lightly (6)

QUICK CROSSWORD



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14 Pamphlet (7)

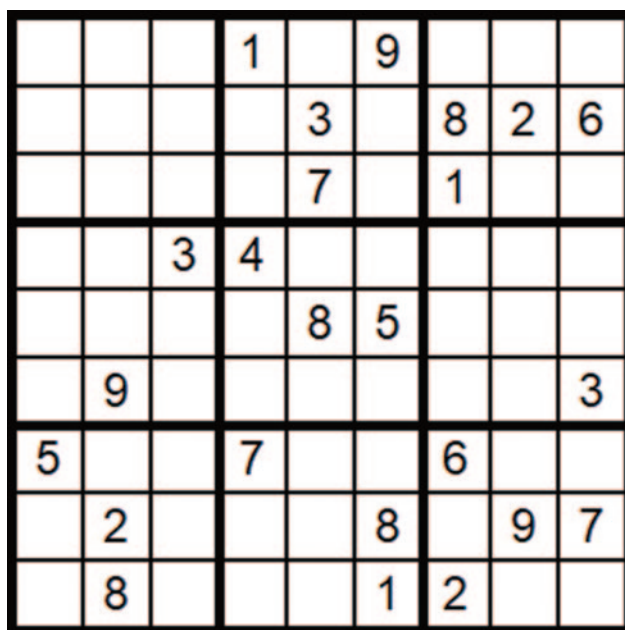
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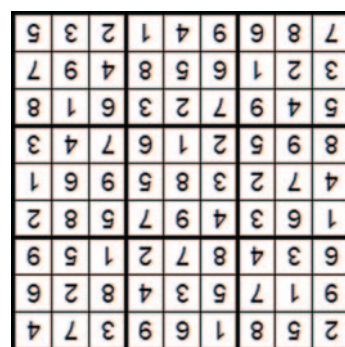
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Black Mountain Public School wraps up a busy Term 3

Students and staff at Black Mountain Public School have enjoyed a lively and successful Term 3, filled with sport, learning, and community connection.

Relieving Principal Mrs Justine Eddy said the term had been full of positive energy and participation.

The school’s after-school activities program was again well supported, with tennis on Mondays, hockey on Tuesdays, and touch football on Wednesdays. Each session was delivered by qualified coaches from the PCYC in Armidale.

“All the sessions were delivered by qualified coaches,” Mrs Eddy said. “The program will return in Term 4, and students are already excited.”

On Friday, September 19, the school held its Final Assembly for Term 3 combined with NAIDOC Week celebrations. Students received Principal’s, Class, and NAIDOC Week Awards, and the K-2 students performed a song titled What I Am. Families enjoyed a barbeque lunch and morning tea to mark the occasion.



Paws Up visited the school throughout the term

Throughout the term, the Back Track PAWS UP team and their dogs also visited, helping students build communication skills and resilience through hands-on activities.

“This program helps our stu-

dents to develop their communication skills and resilience. Back Track’s dogs encourage reading engagement and wellbeing,” Mrs Eddy said.

“The students also had the opportunity to participate in some

basic dog training and build on their understanding and friendship with the dogs.”

Mrs Eddy wished everyone a happy and restful break, with students returning on Tuesday, October 14th.



3-6 Awards

Tallara Patterson, Lucas Alexander and Phoebe Peltonen



K-2 Awards

Izaiah Kennedy, Aniya Patterson, Solomone ‘Ale & Milarni Patterson

From the Archives at the Guyra Museum

Compiled by Dorothy Lockyer

Introduction of Trout into Australia

The first successful shipment of trout into Australia occurred more than 150 years ago, in April 1864, when several thousand fertilised brown trout eggs managed to survive a three-month journey across the seas from England packed between layers of damp moss and ice.

Most of the fertilised eggs would hatch a month later in the Plenty River in Tasmania, and these first baby brown trout would later become the source stock for trout fisheries across Australia and New Zealand waters.

Several decades after the arrival of brown trout, a shipment of rainbow trout, originally from North America, was brought to Australia via New Zealand in 1894.

Trout were first introduced into New South Wales in 1873. They were Brown Trout (*Salmo trutta*) brought up from Tasmania.

Guyra's L.P. Dutton Trout Hatchery

An article from the Guyra Argus on 17 March 1926 states:

"The Fisheries Department has decided to establish a trout hatchery at Guyra, on Mr L.P. Dutton's Urandangie station, four miles from Guyra. Only two hatcheries have been set up by the Fisheries Department in this State, one at Prospect and the other at Thredbo on the Monaro. The location of the Guyra hatchery is considered by the department experts to be particularly favourable.

The requisite land, as well as the spring, has been given by Mr. Dutton, who will also supervise the work on behalf of the department. It is hoped to start operation with trout in July, and to hatch at least 100,000 this winter. The number can easily be doubled next winter, and the whole of the output will be made available for distribution in northern waters. Actually, under



Breeding Ponds



Releasing trout fry into a local stream

favourable conditions, it takes from 60 to 65 days to develop fry from the egg to the liberation stage."

The hatchery covered an area of 20 acres and included a number of dams. It was officially opened in June 1926.

At the annual meeting in September 1941, the Guyra Argus reported:

"I feel that some real progress has been made this year," said Mr. L.P. Dutton in his presidential report submitted at the annual meeting of Northern Acclimatisation Societies (Urandangie) held at Urandangie during the week-

end. Mr Dutton enumerated the work done in remodelling the hatchery, erection of a caretaker's cottage and storage room, planting several hundred flowering shrubs, preparation of ground for sowing artificial grasses, and general improvement to the hatchery plant."

In late 1949–early 1950, the L.P. Dutton Trout Hatchery was transferred to its present location on the Serpentine River near Ebor, to ensure a more reliable water supply. The hatchery was officially opened in 1952.

WA Mechanic visits on his year off

Troy Boromini, from Cunderdin in Western Australia's wheat and sheep belt - about 156 kilometres east of Perth - is travelling across the country in his left-hand drive 1957 two-door hardtop Ford Fairlane 500.

His goal: to follow the good weather, sun, and surf while enjoying a well-earned year off from teaching in the automotive section at the Western Australian College of Agriculture in Cunderdin.

Troy's Fairlane, with its American drag racing history, was imported before he purchased it in Perth earlier this year. Behind it, he tows a 1994 Roadmaster Caravan, a combination that certainly turns heads wherever he goes. Despite the high fuel bill, he says he's loving every minute behind the wheel.

From Western Australia he headed east all the way to Cairns and then explored the Atherton Tablelands and also had stops at Crater Rock, Innot hot springs, Tindari Dam all in the '57 Fair-



From WA to Guyra - Troy Boromini chats to Brian MacDonald outside Burgess Garage Car Museum last week

lane 500 and caravan.

Heading south along the coast he turned inland to Kilcoy to get the sun and continued south to Ashford, then Inverell, Glen Innes, Guyra and on to Uralla to

head to Tamworth. From there he plans to visit friends at Mudgee and will also take the opportunity to visit the Bathurst 1000 car race for the first time.

While in Guyra he visited the

Burgess Garage Car Museum, where he was amazed at the variety of items collected - a fitting stop for a man with a deep passion for motoring history.

Rural Market Reports

Weekly Wool Market

October 3 - Week 11 of a rise, and it matched the levels of last week's performance. AWEX data indicates that it's the longest unbroken run up since 1987 with the cumulative gain in the Eastern market indicator the largest in 45 years.

The impressive and overdue run up has now eclipsed post Covid highs. It's smashed the 2003 peak and gone well past the 2011 peak and both of those came from sustained upward rises. The next hurdle is to consolidate at these levels which it did for over 7 months prior to Covid.

The rise has drawn held wool onto the market with over 40,000 bales expected next week. That's not a large volume by any stretch of the

imagination in a solid market, but it just may test the appetite of the trade. In US dollars the market has reached a level of resistance that has held since December 2019.

To be fair the Eastern market indicator hit 2116 cents in August 2018 so that becomes the target. It was called by a few in the industry a "Super Cycle" back then.... 32,091 bales were sold nationally for the week with just 1.9% passed in.

Competition was fierce with Techwool, Endeavour and PJ Morris dominating, with the top 4 buyers purchasing almost 66% of the national Merino fleece offering. It's a decent market now but it has also become susceptible to some highly gyrating movements in either direction.

Schute Bell Wool



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RAFFLE RESULTS

ST MARY'S PARISH LADIES held Thursday 2nd October 2025. Raffle winner Sue (re-donated). 100 Club 1st Dee Tarrant, 2nd Rhonda Lawler, 3rd Terry Varley. Thank you for your support.

MEETING NOTICES

GUYRA SUPER SPUDS RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB invites all players, members, supporters, and community members to attend our 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 9th October 6.30pm at the Guyra Hotel.

GUYRA SHOW SOCIETY meeting Wednesday 29th October 7pm at Guyra Show Ground

MEETING ROOM FOR HIRE

Conference/Meeting Room available for hire

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PROBUS NOTES

Our next meeting is on next Monday, 13th October. It will be held at the **Guyra Railway Museum**.

Please bring a mug for morning tea. Any visitors wishing to come would be most welcome to join us.

Judy Jackson

FOOD PANTRY

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SATURDAY, 25th OCTOBER
Guyra Community Services Dinner
6pm at Guyra Recreation and Bowling Club. Hosted by the Guyra and Community Progress Association

FRIDAY, 31st OCTOBER
6pm **Aussie Bush Dance** and Line Dance Night with Swamp Dawkins tickets:
<https://www.trybooking.com/DDZYT>

SUNDAY, 9th NOVEMBER
GUYRA CUP at Armidale Racecourse

FRIDAY, 5th DECEMBER
ROTARY CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL
From 4pm. Markets, food stalls, entertainment, Santa will be there

WED 14th - MON 26th JANUARY 2026
Lamb and Potato Festival

9 - 12 JULY 2026

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BOOK FAIR CLEARANCE

Guyra Rotary Book Fair
CLEARANCE SALE

Saturday, 11th October
10am - 2pm, Old Scout Hall
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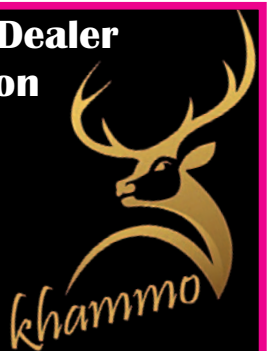
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Guyra girls part of winning PLC teams



Guyra local (and 2024 Guyra Young Citizen of the Year) Brianna Marshall was part of the PLC Armidale representative Junior Hockey Team, which won the Division One Grand Final in the Independent Girls' Schools Association (IGSA) competition in Sydney recently.

The IGSA competition attracts more than 110 teams and 1,500 players, with many participating schools more than eight times the size of PLC Armidale. The team rose to the challenge, defeating Ascham who had been undefeated throughout the season.

Brianna said she was proud of how well the team played.

"The competition this year was tough, with every school giving it their all," she said.

"We went in confident but focused on playing our best rather than expecting to win. Our success came from strong teamwork, trust, and consistent effort in training. This victory is something our team will always remember."

Head of Sport, Mrs Lucy Donaldson, described the victory as historic on the back of a local win in the weeks prior.

"To come up against schools many times our size in IGSA and come out on top is truly outstanding."

Closer to home, the College also celebrated a 2025 Championship win by its Reserve Grade Football team in the Armidale Women's Premier competition (a team which includes Guyra local Kate Ward).



Top: The PLC Armidale Junior Representative Hockey Team won both the IGSA Division One competition and the New England Hockey Association Un16s Grand Final. Guyra's Brianna Marshall (3rd from left)

Bottom: Reserve Grade Football Team with Guyra local Kate Ward

Ladies' Golf

Last week the ladies played a Par Medal in clear skies but very strong winds. The winner was Pip White. Runner Up was Leonie Taylor on a countback from Wendy Jackson. Wendy George won the nearest the pin on the 18th hole.

This week is the Guyra Welding Works 4BBB Championship over 27 holes. Next week is a Stableford.

Birdie

Guyra Open and Shire Cup this weekend

The Guyra Individual Open is being played this weekend and we are hoping for a good turnout. There are prizes for each grade A, B and C grade with the prizes proudly sponsored by Elders.

The second round of the Shire Cup will be played in conjunction with Guyra being represented by Darrin Towells, Steve Kliendinst, Tyson Burey, Steve and Bailey Wilson, Ian Taylor, Neil Paine, Don and Dom Hill, Harry and Mick Purvis and Scott Mendes.

This will be an Individual Matchplay with 12 points up for grabs. Guyra are currently trailing 5-1 the boys will be hoping to make up ground this weekend on a strong Armidale contingent.

HAPPY GOLFING

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Results from the Boost-a-Bass RedFin RoundUp included:

- Biggest Redfin:
 - o Sub-Junior: Beau M
 - o Junior: Kayne B
- Most Redfin from the bank: Kayne & Noah B with an impressive 35 fish
- Most Redfin on a boat: The Macraes with 3 fish
- Effort Award: Harley F

A huge thank you goes to the Guyra Anglers Club Committee, members, and supporters for their hard work and dedication. Special thanks to OzFish Unlimited Northern Tablelands Chapter for running the Kids Fishing Clinic, which helped young anglers develop their skills and love for fishing.

The event's success was made possible through generous sponsor-

ship and support:

- Squadron Energy – for their major sponsorship and community partnership.
- NSW DPI – whose grant provided rods, tackle bags, and lures for every child participant.
- Sissons Family Meats – for the delicious BBQ lunch.
- Guyra FourWays, Dasha's, Khammo, Deano's Smoked Trout, and the Guyra Bowling & Recreation Club for their continued local sponsorship.

The weekend was filled with laughter, learning, and plenty of fish tales shared among friends old and new.

The club had a great day with a beautiful sharing of fishing knowledge and camaraderie. See you all again next year!

Guyra Anglers Club

Big weekend for the opening of trout season



The opening of trout season in Guyra saw anglers of all ages hitting the water for a series of fun and friendly competitions. The spirit of community and camaraderie was on full display.

This year's John Wilcox Trout Classic attracted a strong

field of 39 entrants, with some impressive catches recorded.

- Senior Creek Trout was taken out by Coco S, landing a cracking rainbow trout measuring 51.5cm.

- Runner-up went to Justin P with a close 50cm entry.

- Junior Creek Trout honours went to Noah B, who reeled in a lovely 33cm rainbow which also earned him the Mystery Length prize.

There were no impoundment entries this year, but plenty of enthusiasm and good-natured

competition.

Gone Fishing Day, proudly sponsored by Squadron Energy, drew 99 registered participants and provided great family fun on the banks and boats alike.

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ELDERS GUYRA PLANT & MACHINERY CLEARING SALE

Cobram Farms / Glen Park, NSW

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