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New England Antique Machinery Club Rally

15 - 16th November

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Council commits to rail trail study

Armidale Regional Councillors last week voted 6 – 2 in favour of allocating funds towards preliminary works for the New England Rail Trail.

The New England Rail Trail is a proposed 103-kilometre walking and cycling path along the disused Great Northern Railway between Armidale and Glen Innes. Supporters say the trail would boost tourism and local economies, while opponents argue it would destroy the chance to restore freight or heritage rail services.

At the monthly meeting of Armidale Regional Council, which was held on Wednesday October 22nd, Councillor Eli Imad proposed amendments to *Item 9.2 – Delivering the New England Rail Trail Preliminary Works*.

A report to council noted that \$1,083,500 (ex GST) is required to deliver Stage 1 and 2 of the NERT proposal. Stage 1 is limited to the value of Council's currently approved budget (\$497,800); and Stage 2 will not proceed until the additional \$585,700 in external funding has been secured.

Cr Imad proposed amendments which he said were designed to protect the rail corridor and ensure future transport options remain open. He said the motion was likely to pass re-

gardless, but the amendments added crucial safeguards, including a requirement for a formal NSW Government statement on the rail line's long-term status before any irreversible work proceeds.

He emphasised that the corridor remains a State-owned transport asset and that any use, including a potential rail trail, would operate under a Government lease preserving rail priority.

Cr Imad reaffirmed that despite his earlier support for private freight operator David Peters' proposal to reopen the line between Armidale and Llangothlin, no formal application was ever submitted despite Council's willingness to assist.

"With no active freight project before Council, we must consider interim community uses while keeping the corridor legally protected," he said.

"This isn't about taking sides, it's about keeping future options open and acting responsibly for the region."

The amended motion passed with the support of Councillors Coupland, Redwood, Imad, Endres, Taber and Gaddes. Councillors Brad Widders and Susan McMichael opposed the motion, while Cr Dorothy Robinson left the room and did not vote.



Black Mountain Public School Enrolling Now for Kindergarten 2026

Black Mountain Public School offers a quality, individualised, educational experience for your child, in a supportive environment.

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**To enquire about enrolling your child,
please contact the school on 6775 0192**

Kindness Understanding Knowledge Respect Achievement



Bald Blair Students Embrace Wellbeing with Healthy Harold

Last week, students were thrilled to welcome Healthy Harold and the Life Education van to our school. Educator Kira delivered engaging and age-appropriate learning activities across all year groups, promoting essential skills for health and wellbeing.

In Kindergarten to Year 2, students focused on building resilience and understanding how overcoming challenges contributes to their overall wellbeing. Stage Two learners expanded their emotional literacy and developed skills to foster positive friendships. Meanwhile, Stage Three students explored strategies to stay safe and examined how influences such as peers, family, media, and culture impact their decision-making.

The visit provided valuable opportunities for students to grow their knowledge and skills in a fun and interactive environment, supporting their journey towards becoming confident, healthy, and responsible individuals.

Ros Edwards
Principal



Regular dental check-ups are important for your child's health

If your child is aged under 18, and eligible for Medicare, they may get free dental care through the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) at both private and public dental clinics.



Find out if your child is eligible for free dental care at:
www.health.nsw.gov.au/cdbs



Decision to pursue rail trail study 'extremely disappointing'

Two community organisations have voiced strong criticism of Armidale Regional Council's decision to progress preliminary works for the New England Rail Trail, following the council meeting held on October 22nd.

Save and Grow Guyra Ratepayers Inc. (S&GGRI) said it was "extremely disappointed" that councillors voted in favour of *Item 9.2 – Delivering the New England Rail Trail Preliminary Works*.

The group singled out councillors Eli Imad and Rob Taber, saying both had campaigned on reopening the Great Northern Railway north of Armidale, yet supported a motion that advanced the rail trail pro-

posal.

S&GGRI said the decision reflected "a broader problem" within council, claiming major items were being pushed through "with limited opportunity for informed debate or community consultation".

The group called for greater transparency, accountability, and consistency from elected representatives.

Trains North described the vote as "a shambles", questioning how councillors who declared membership in the Friends of New England Rail Trail were still allowed to vote.

The group noted that council funds had been committed to a "lapsed project", despite wide-

spread community division.

Vice-President Margaret O'Connor said councillors had "been duped or bullied" into supporting what she called an unnecessary and wasteful project.

"This is a 'want' project that is far from core council business," she said, adding that the funds would be better spent on essential infrastructure such as roads, water security, and the town's ageing sewerage system.

Trains North also reminded councillors of New England Rail Incorporated's plans to launch a heritage tourism and passenger service north of Armidale, which it said had already received govern-

ment grant support.

The group argued this project offered "real economic potential" without sacrificing rail infrastructure.

Both organisations called on State and Federal Governments to invest more equitably in regional infrastructure, warning that underfunding was forcing councils to "cling to fringe ideas" like the rail trail.

"The regions produce nearly 40 per cent of the nation's GDP, yet continue to be starved of the essential infrastructure that makes regional living sustainable."

St Marys students Step Up for Socktober



Last Friday, 24th October, St Mary of the Angels (SMOTA) students proudly took part in the annual Socktober initiative, raising awareness and support for people experiencing poverty and homelessness.

Funds raised will be donated to the Socktober 2025 campaign,

helping to drive meaningful change and support for those facing hardship.

Well done to all SMOTA students for stepping up, showing compassion, and making a positive difference - one step, and one sock, at a time!



Australia Day Awards

**Nominations are now open and
CLOSE on Wednesday, 10th December**

- **Forms** are available at the GALA Centre, 136 Bradley St
or by emailing: dorothy@gala.org.au
or online at: www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au
- **Enquiries** should be directed to Rita Williams 6779 1182
or Dorothy Lockyer on 6779 2132.
- **Completed forms** can be posted to: PO Box 170, Guyra,
or emailed to: dorothy@gala.org.au
or delivered in person to GALA.
- **Please mark** completed forms:
"ATTENTION: Australia Day Nomination"

Award Categories are:

- Citizen of the Year (over 25 years)
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Service Award
- Sportsperson of the Year
- Sports Team of the Year
- Contribution to Sport & Recreation
- Art, Drama, Culture or Music Award
- Community Event of the Year
- Environmental Citizen, Group or Organisation of the Year



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What's HOT

Big pat on the back to Mitch Hope for organising a fun and inclusive twilight soccer competition for all ages.

Museum now open
Wednesday, Saturday
and Sunday - call in and check it out!

What's NOT

What a difference a week makes - last week feeling the heat, this week back to winter!

JOKE of the week

What did the pig say on a hot day?

I'm bacon!

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
21	Tues	13.8	30.4	0
22	Wed	15.4	30.4	0
23	Thurs	13.1	26.7	0
24	Fri	6.4	23.2	0
25	Sat	7.1	20.6	0
26	Sun	10.8	26.3	0
27	Mon	14.1	26.0	0

Rain this week 0mm
Oct rainfall 24.0mm
Rainfall YTD 829.0mm
Rainfall last YTD 663.2mm
Ave. rain YTD 695.7mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin,
Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Spooktacular Bush Dance on Halloween Night!

Get ready to step, swing, spook and spin your way through Halloween! This Friday, October 31st, the Australian Poetry Hall of Fame (APHoF) in Guyra is trading sonnets for stomping as it hosts a massive Bush Dance and Line Dance Night.

The evening promises a rollicking good time suitable for all ages, featuring live, foot-stomping music from the highly acclaimed bush band, Swamp

Dawkins.

"This Halloween, we're celebrating Australian culture in true bush style," APHoF Director, James Warren, said.

"It's the perfect, family-friendly way to celebrate the spooky season. Forget the ghosts; we're here for the good, old-fashioned barn dance energy provided by the brilliant Swamp Dawkins!"

Tickets are \$20 per person and

must be purchased in advance via TryBooking at: <https://www.trybooking.com/DDZYT>

Attendees are encouraged to arrive ready for a night of energetic dancing, community spirit, and authentic Australian rhythm. It's the best way to spend a spooky Friday night—no tricks, just treats and tunes!

Don't miss out on the biggest country dance event of the Halloween season!

Bags and Beans: Supporting Women in Need

The Guyra community is invited to come together for a meaningful morning of generosity, connection, and coffee at the Bags and Beans for Dignity event on Saturday, 16th November from 10am at Harvest Collective in Guyra.

Hosted by Anne Lane and Chris from Bean Traveling, the event supports Share the Dignity's "It's in the Bag" campaign, which runs nationally from November 4th to 30th. The campaign encourages people to fill a new or pre-loved (in excellent condition) handbag with essential items to help women, teens, and mums with babies who are experiencing crisis this Christmas.

Attendees are encouraged to

bring along items such as shampoo, conditioner, toothbrush, toothpaste, body wash or soap, roll-on deodorant, and sealed sanitary products (pads/tampons).

If you want you can add a few luxury and comfort items such as makeup, lip gloss, face wipes, socks, stationery, scrunchies, tissues, small books, gift vouchers, or a handwritten note to share kindness and encouragement.

For Mum and Bub bags consider items such as maternity pads, breast pads, newborn nappies, baby wipes, baby wash, dummies, nappy rash cream, and disposable nappy bags.

All items must be new and in sealed packaging for health and

safety reasons.

Organisers are looking for help to pack donations into bags and share the kindness and fun. Wear something pink to show your support and take part in the Bean Guessing Competition for a chance to win a prize just in time for Christmas.

If you're unable to attend on the day, donations for It's in the Bag can still be dropped off at Bean Traveling/Crop Hair Design or CT Electric until 28th November.

Together, the Guyra community can help ensure that every woman knows she matters - one bag (and one bean!) at a time.

BAGS & BEANS FOR DIGNITY

SUNDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER
TIME: 10AM

THE HARVEST COLLECTION SHOP AT
148 BRADLEY STREET, GUYRA 2365

Join us for a morning of coffee, connection and community as we come together to support Share the Dignity's "It's in the bag" campaign 2025

Let's pack some bags (bring a donation) with purpose, share kindness, and enjoy a brew — all while giving back. ❤️

👗 Dress code: Wear something pink!

🎁 Fun extra: Take part in our Bean Guessing Competition for a chance to win a prize.

Together, we can make sure every woman knows she matters — one bag (and one bean!) at a time.

Let's have some fun, enjoy a morning with like-minded people, and do good — we can't wait to see you there!

Hosted by Anne Lane & Chris from Bean Traveling



Rebates flow for rainwater tanks in Armidale Region

Armidale Regional Council (ARC) has announced the launch of the Rainwater Tank Rebate Program, an initiative designed to promote sustainable water use and reduce reliance on mains water supply. ARC said the program is not just about rebates - it's about building resilience.

“Water security is a major focus for Council,” ARC Mayor Sam Coupland said. “With the increasing threat of future droughts and climate variability, we’re taking proactive steps to strengthen our community’s resilience.

“The expected growth from the New England Renewable Energy Zone (NEREZ) only adds urgency to our efforts to ensure long-term water sustainability.”

“Water conservation remains a priority, even during wetter periods, because securing our water future requires consistent, year-round action.”

The Rainwater Tank Rebate Program is also

one of the action items from the recently endorsed Regional Drought Resilience Plan, developed in collaboration with Uralla Shire Council (USC) and Meridian Urban. This plan outlines a long-term vision for drought preparedness and sustainable infrastructure across the region.

Eligible residents who install rainwater tanks with a minimum capacity of 2,000 litres may receive a rebate of \$250 for tanks between 2,000 and 10,000 litres, or \$500 for tanks exceeding 10,000 litres. To qualify, properties must be located within the Armidale Region, and the tanks must be used for on-site rainwater collection and connected to the property.

Installations must comply with local plumbing and building codes and be completed by a licensed plumber. A one-off rebate is available for new homes that install rainwater tanks above and beyond the requirements of the Building Sustainability Index (BASIX). Only

one rebate is available per existing residential property. Applications start on 3 November 2025. Rebates are subject to funding availability and may close early if funds are exhausted.

To apply, applicants must provide recent rates notice confirming the property’s location, along with photo identification that matches the address on the rate notice. A receipt and invoice clearly stating the tank size must be included, as well as a licensed plumber’s declaration form containing the plumber’s licence number and signature. For payment processing, a completed payment request form with bank account details is also required.

Payments may take up to four weeks to process. Councils may conduct random inspections to verify eligibility. Residents are encouraged to apply early to ensure access to available funding.

Barriers to Trees on Farms: Discussion evening in Guyra

Trees on farms deliver shade, cooler paddocks, soil protection, biodiversity and potential new income – but adoption in Australian grazing country is still low.

Michael Taylor, a sixth-generation grazier from Kentucky and 2024 Nuffield Scholar, has travelled through South America, Asia and Europe studying how farmers integrate trees without losing production. He says the problem isn’t trees. It’s finance, policy and trust.

Farmers recall failed plantation schemes, worry about locking up land for decades, and

face pressure to chase short-term cashflow. Taylor is now working with CSIRO and natural capital accounting to prove trees are not a cost, but an asset.

Come along to the Guyra Bowling Club this Wednesday 29th from 5.30pm to learn more about the land use opportunities, federal government policies and some insights on the barriers to adoption of agroforestry on farms.

Entry is free and free and you can RSVP to Michael Taylor - 0412 332 484 or Kerri Pearson -0400 992 551



Look after your child’s teeth with NSW Health

NSW Health is encouraging families in regional and rural areas of New South Wales to make sure they are taking advantage of the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS).

The CDBS, which started in 2014, is a national program that provides eligible children with a capped benefit for basic dental services.

Up to \$1,132 in benefits over two calendar years can be accessed per child, covering most general dental services.

A child may be eligible for this benefit if they have a Medicare card, are aged 0 to 17 years, and they are part of a family that receives Family Tax Benefit Part A or the child receives an Australian Government payment.

The CDBS can be used at most private den-



Eligible families can access up to \$1,132 per child in dental care under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

tists, public dental clinics, NSW Health school-

based dental services, and some Aboriginal community-based health organisations.

Looking after your child’s teeth through regular dental check-ups is important for your child’s wellbeing, and is always a priority for NSW Health.

So even if a child is not eligible for CDBS, uses up their full CDBS amount or needs treatment that isn’t covered by the schedule, there are still no costs for care at NSW public dental clinics.

Parents and guardians can visit health.nsw.gov.au/cdb for more information and to check if your child is eligible.

Meals on Wheels

Oct	30	Sue Adams
Oct	31	Steve Adams
Nov	3	Narelle Leven
Nov	4	Kath Barry-Leven
Nov	5	Warwick Leven

Street Stalls

Oct 30, 31	Freemasons
Nov 1	Rotary
Nov 6, 7, 8	Lions
Nov 14	Can Assist

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. Boorolong & Nincoola Sts.)

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

Black Mountain Baptist Church

Service 3pm, second Sunday of the month. Next Service, Sunday Nov. 9th
Contact: Robert Dewhurst Armidale District Baptist Church 0409 723 522

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

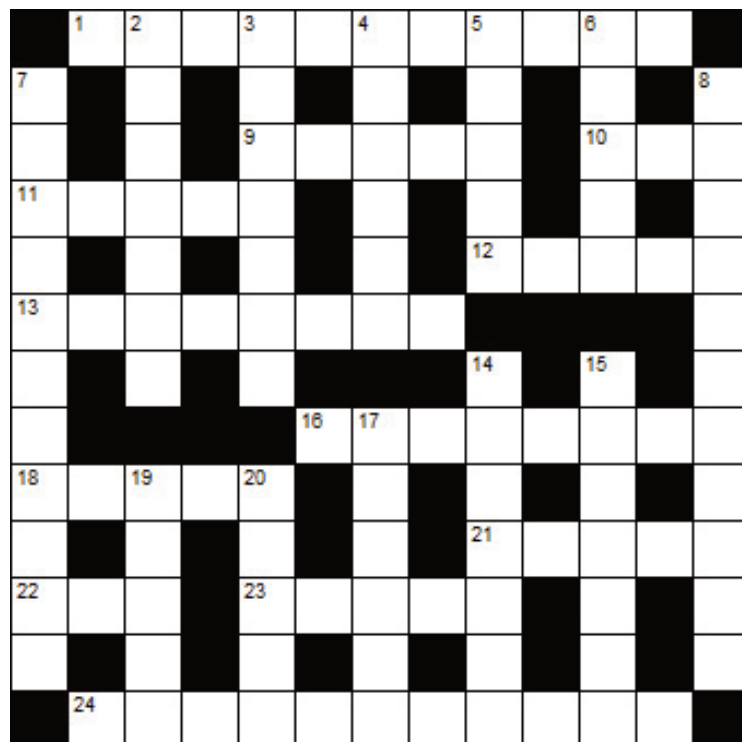
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- 9 From the capital of Italy (5)
- 10 Be nosy (3)
- 11 Utter repetitively (5)
- 12 Engross oneself in (5)
- 13 Holder of invention rights (8)
- 16 Each tour (anag.) (8)
- 18 Snug and nice to wear (5)
- 21 Currently in progress (5)
- 22 Your (poetic) (3)
- 23 Part of the human body (5)
- 24 Quantification (11)

DOWN

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- 3 Boxes (7)
- 4 Wander without a route (6)
- 5 Holding or grasping device (5)
- 6 Immature insects (5)

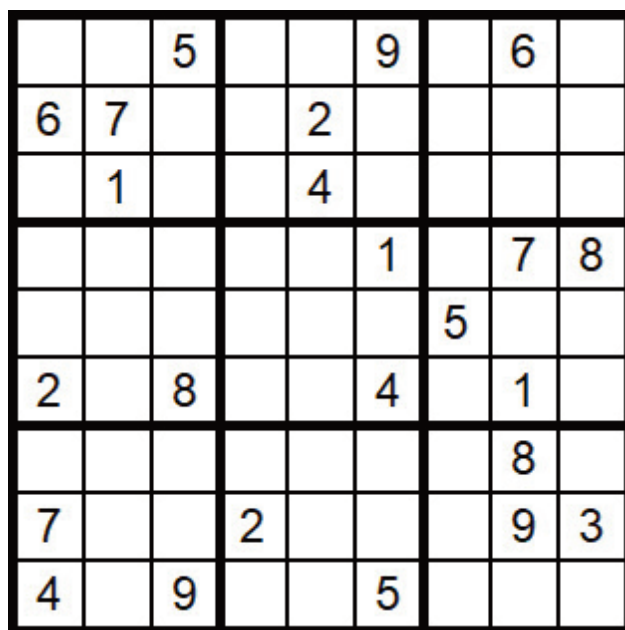
QUICK CROSSWORD



- 7 Give in return (11)
- 8 Compassionate (11)
- 14 Error in printing or writing (7)
- 15 E.g. chlorine or bromine

- (7)
- 17 Less attractive (6)
- 19 Perhaps (5)
- 20 Inhales open-mouthed when sleepy (5)

SUDOKU - Medium



ACROSS: 1 Triceratops 9 Roman 10 Pry 11 Chant 12 Sleep 13 Patentee 16 Outreach 18 Comfy 21 Afoot 22 Thy 23 Waist 24 Measurement
DOWN: 2 Royalty 3 Cartons 4 Ramble 5 Tongue 6 Pupa 7 Reciprocate 8 Sym- pathetic 14 Erratum 15 Halogen 17 Uglier 19 Maybe 20 Yawns

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Council News

Council Meetings

Our next scheduled council meeting is 26 November 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, or attend in person.

Current Vacancies

Casual Swimming Pool Job Register - Closes 1 March.

ARC Customer Service - Casual Register - Closes 21 December.

ARC General Hand - Casual Register - Closes 21 December.

Public Exhibitions

Draft Code of Meeting Practice - Closes 20 November, 2025

Search **'Your Say Armidale'** to submit your feedback.

Guyra sewer de-sludging works

Residents of Guyra are advised that de-sludging, or de-watering, and maintenance works will be carried out at the Guyra Wastewater Treatment Plant from mid-November through December, weather permitting. These essential works are part of Council's ongoing commitment to maintaining and improving its wastewater infrastructure. During this period,



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and Meridian Urban. Applications open 3 November 2025. Funding is limited so make sure you apply early! Water conservation remains a priority, even during wetter periods, because securing our water future requires consistent, year-round action. To find out more and apply, visit the Armidale Regional Council website and search 'Rainwater Tank Rebate'.

residents may notice intermittent odours in the vicinity of the treatment plant. These odours are a natural consequence of the de-sludging process and are expected to vary depending on weather conditions, particularly temperature and wind direction. These works are expected to enhance the long-term performance of the wastewater treatment system, reduce future maintenance needs, and support environmental compliance under the EPA monitoring requirements.

Need a quiet place to study or work?

Guyra Library has you covered with public computers, free Wi-Fi, printing, scanning, and photocopying facilities. There's a meeting room available for group activities, and plenty of seating, whether you need a desk or a comfy chair. The library is also accessible and inclusive, with large print and talking books for those with visual needs. Inter-library loans and access to the Armidale Library collection ensure you can find even the rarest resources. For residents who are housebound, the Home Library Service delivers directly to your door.

Watch out for Serrated Tussock - Now in season

Have you spotted this weed?



Serrated Tussock is currently in season and poses a significant threat to our local environment. What to look for: Grows in upright tussocks up to 45 cm tall and 25 cm wide. Changes colour with the seasons. **Spring:** Light green with brown leaf tips **Late Spring/Early Summer:** Purple tinge as seed heads emerge **Summer:** Remains green when other grasses turn brown **Winter:** Turns golden yellow after frost. Leaves are very narrow, tightly rolled, upright, and stiff, with a whitish base (like shallots). Serrated edges can be felt when you run your fingers along the leaf. If you think you've seen Serrated Tussock, please contact our Council Biosecurity team by calling 1300 136 833.

From the Archives at the Guyra Museum

Compiled by Dorothy Lockyer

The Guyra Museum

A public meeting chaired by Councillor Joe George was held at the Guyra Shire Council Chambers on 7th November 1986. From this meeting The Guyra and District Historical Society was formed. The committee were elected, President Royce Newbury, Secretary Madge Sole and Treasurer Cathy Lockyer.

At the next meeting of a letter was sent to the Guyra Shire Council requesting the use of the Old Shire Council Chamber for meeting and housing of historical items. The approval was granted for the Society to occupy the four rooms in the north-east corner of the former Council Officers. The Guyra Museum was officially opened in May 1988.

A stroll through the museum will reveal so much of how Guyra came to be. For the older generation, it brings back so many memories. One room can be described as "Grandmas Kitchen". The appliances are a far cry from the modern kitchenalia used today.

Guyra's religious history is well documented and displayed with a variety of relics from the small country churches in the district.

The Museum also is home to some of the original Council Chambers furniture including the large oval desk that was built in Armidale and when arrived at the Council Chambers it was too big to get inside the doors, so it had to be cut in half.

During the past 39 years the Historical Society members have written and published over 14 Journals that recorded the history of Guyra and surrounding districts.

The Museum is now open on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 2pm or by appointment.

Come Join us for Morning or Afternoon Tea on Saturday 8th November. Join in the fun and see if you can name the mystery item and what they were used for.



The Museum is housed in the former Guyra Shire Council Chambers



The museum features rooms dedicated to local history such as the kitchen (above), a music room (below left) and shearing history (below right)



Twilight Soccer

Twilight soccer has commenced for both Seniors and Juniors. Hopefully everyone is having a bit of fun and we are very grateful for the level of support shown.

In the senior competition it is a three way tie for first place with three teams been undefeated in the first two rounds. It is good to see that everyone is involved and playing the games in the right spirit, with all teams having a chance for the win.

The junior games, while not being scored, are a great opportunity for kids to develop their soccer and teamwork skills. It's not too late to bring Junior players along (Under 12s down). Weather depending games are on at 4.30pm Wednesday afternoons.

The soccer club is also holding its AGM tonight at 7.30pm at the Royal Hotel. In the event of rain it may be moved to 6.30pm.

Casper

Women's Bowls

On 21st October, a good turn out was recorded for the women bowlers. Old friend Paavi was there, Jenny and Jill were back,

Dottie, Colleen and Lisa all braved the Guyra heatwave, and new friend Candi was welcomed. Hope to see Candi back as a regular! Final scores unknown, but lots of fun was enjoyed by the group.

All new players – and old – welcome. Tuesdays 10am if you would like to come for a roll up. Instruction, help, and bowls supplied if needed!

Leis Gordon

Ladies' Golf

Ladies' golf last week was centred around the Veterans' successful week of golf in Guyra. Wednesday was a rest day; a welcome reprieve from hot temperatures! Members and guests appreciated the historical display at the Club. Thank you to ladies for the research and building collections for display; generating interesting discussions and good memories.

This week is the Tee- Off for Breast Cancer Flag Event. Think Pink!

Next week we're looking forward to the Annual Golf trip.

Birdie

Midweek Golf

Another good week of golf for everyone. Some good scores from the newest recruits and the regulars.

Top team score for the week went to Denzels Frothingtons with 95 points. Extra points for everyone playing and some high scores in there. Next on 81 points were Any Hole, then on the countdown were Sultans of Swing 77, Pitch Purrfects 76, Green Grass 75, Full House and Hillbillies on 74, Birdies 73, Baldersleigh Bashers and That's a Gimme on 72, Westerners 70, Shire Sharks 69, Grip-Rip-Sip 67, Blue Sky 66. Most teams had all their players put a score card in this week. Well done.

Individual top scorer was Archie Dowden with 26, then Billy Youman 25, Jenni Jackson and Heidi Wilson 23, Robert Sisson 22, Matt Jackson and Richard Ward 21. On 20 points were a lot of players Brock Laybutt, Michael Jackson, Craig Waters, Jodie Stewart, Derek Smith, Les Heffernan, Debbie Burey, Neil Paine, Bailey Wilson, Oscar Atkin, Linley Ryan, Matt McFarlane, Tom Skipper and Gus Red-

grove. Great job everyone.

Don't forget to pay at the bar, get your handicap for the week, put team and your name on the card. Hit off from the yellow markers.

Have a good week golfing everyone.

Middy

Senior Cricket

Due to a lack of players Guyra Cricket Club has withdrawn from the ADCA senior competition.

Thanks to Craig Lockyer and Simon Brown who have contributed hours of time to ensure that Guyra could field sides in this and previous seasons.

This year's side, as had previous season's sides, had the club's full unconditional support. However a committee mandate of paying unpaid subs to play this season was made because of the financial and litigation risks to Guyra Cricket. Of this, we make no apology.

Those players that have paid season subs, will be reimbursed. Any issues please contact Craig Lockyer on 0427 013 312.

Rural Market Reports

Guyra Sheep and Lamb Sale

October 21st - A total yarding of 7,465 head, comprising 5,450 lambs and 2,015 sheep.

The overall market remained strong to firm, with heavy crossbred lambs and quality mutton attracting the most interest. The sale peaked at \$370, with an overall sale average of \$221.52.

In the lamb section, crossbred lambs dominated, reaching a top of \$370 and averaging \$250.40, as well-finished, heavier drafts drew strong competition. Merino lambs sold to \$230, averaging \$173.21, with mixed quality leading to steady bidding. Exotic lambs were limited in number, topping at \$200 and averaging \$158.67.

The hogget yarding presented with even quality, with Merino hoggets reaching \$166 (avg \$136.92), while crossbred types performed strongly at \$345 (avg \$243.00). Exotic hoggets averaged \$173.36, topping at \$180.

Merino ewes reached \$206, averaging \$182.00, while crossbred

ewes topped at \$254, averaging \$186.10, with top-quality lines achieving premium results.

In the wether category, Merinos were in solid demand, selling to \$250, with an average of \$147.00. Crossbred wethers made to \$160 and averaged \$158.00, supported by strong processor buying for heavier pens.

Rams met limited demand, with Merino rams topping at \$80 (avg \$70.00) and crossbred rams making up to \$120 (avg \$65.00), with buyers remaining selective on lighter or secondary lines.

The next Guyra Sheep and Lamb Sale will be held at 9:00 am on Tuesday, 4th November 2025.

Armidale Cattle Sale

October 23rd - Armidale yarded 1471 cattle, an additional 100 head from the previous market. It was a mixed quality yarding with a solid run of black Angus heifers around 270kg going to backgrounders that sold from 374c to 422c/kg. All the regular buyers were in attendance and operating. Price trends varied with mixed quality cattle. Weaner

steers under 200kg to background 420c to 600c/kg. Light yearling steers 370c to 510c/kg. Feeder steers to 330kg 342c to 484c/kg and similar weight backgrounders 350c to 448c/kg. Medium feeders sold to strong competition from 396c to 482c/kg. Heavy feeders 406c to 472c/kg. Light heifers to background 302c to 422c/kg and similar feeders to 390c/kg. Medium heifers to background were in stronger demand, 340c to 426c/kg. Similar feeders sold to 370c/kg. Heavy feeders made 300c to 362c/kg. Grown steers to process 350c to 408c/kg. Similar heifers sold cheaper from 378c to 394c/kg. Heavy cows were also cheaper 365c to 393c/kg. A good yarding of heavy bulls sold from 345c to 384c/kg.

Peter Dundon MLA Armidale

Weekly Wool Market

October 24th - The market continued to backtrack this week however the rapid pace in movements slowed down noticeably.

The national offering was rostered for 40,000 bales but just 33,727 were offered after almost

11% of the catalogue was withdrawn prior to sale. In the Northern region the indicator lost 13 cents on Tuesday and a further 20 cents on Wednesday.

The finer Merino types suffered the largest falls. 29,404 bales were sold nationally for the week with a passed in rate of 12.8%, falling considerably compared to last week's 25%. Major buyers included Techwool, PJ Morris and Endeavour Wool.

The Eastern market indicator closed the week 18% higher than the opening level of the 2025/26 season. Upcoming national weekly offerings appear to be remaining below the 40,000 bale figure. When this figure has been breached in recent times the trade has been able to become more selective with purchases resulting in declining prices.

Demand is obviously superior to what we have seen the past few years but still needs more depth and consistency to continue to point the market in the right direction.

Schute Bell Wool



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Tenders are invited for the Cleaning Contract at the Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club.

The Cleaning contract will commence on 1st December 2025 and go for 3 years.

A copy of the contract and schedule of works can be obtained from the Club or by email to:
info@elevenapeoplesolutions.com.au

All tender applications are to be sent to:
info@elevenapeoplesolutions.com.au

Applications close:
5pm on Friday 7 November 2025

RETURN THANKS

NEVILLE RAMAGE

Shirley, Stephen, Rodney, Craig and their families would like to thank everyone for your heartfelt condolences and messages of support following the recent passing of Neville.

Your compassion during this difficult time has meant so much to our family.

We would especially like to thank Dr. Jey and the staff at the Guyra MPS and the wonderful, kind, caring and supportive staff at Kolora McLean Care.

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Excellent start for junior cricketers

Junior cricket kicked off this week with a strong performance and a big home-ground win to launch the season.

Guyra batted first and had a shaky start, losing a few early wickets before Billy Cox (4 runs) and George Hope (17 runs) combined to steady the innings. Late in the order, Rylan Wilson produced a blazing unbeaten 35, helping Guyra reach a solid total of 101.

In the field, Guyra got off to a great start with an early wicket from Chaise Martin. The opposition briefly gained momentum, scoring more freely, before Noah Chapman swung the game back with two wickets in a single over. Chaise returned to the attack and added two more wickets to finish with outstanding figures of 3/2.

The winning moment came when Thomas Laing claimed his first-ever wicket, sealing a convincing 50-run victory for the Guyra side.

Well done, lads—an excellent start to the season



Rylan Wilson on his way to an unbeaten 35

Vets week of golf a great success



Peter Taylor (NSW Vets Golf Assoc.) with Col Walls



Peter Taylor with Ian Taylor



Sarah Williams (Costa) with Scott Mendes and Mick Jackson



Tina Skipper, Sarah Williams, Donna White



Wendy George, Wendy Jackson and Jenny Rogers



Wendy George and Peter Taylor

Vets week of golf a great success



Our week of golf is done and dusted and what a huge success. Averaging just under 50 players each day, our numbers were a little down on what was expected but most visitors complimented us on our friendly club and picturesque course - thank you green keepers.

There are so many people to thank, I don't think there were too many vets, either men or ladies that didn't help in some way.

Our lady vets, Wow, you girls are amazing. And what about the 100 years' memorabilia display from Jenny and her troops - brilliant. Thanks to all vets and others that made our week so good.

Then we have our sponsors. The Guyra Bowling Club - you guys offer us so much support financially as well as personally. David was there every morning doing his bit and Betty and her staff couldn't have been more cooperative. Add into that the meals served to us by Sammy's Bistro, beautiful. Thank you.

Costa tomatoes again supported us as

they always do with lovely fresh tomatoes. Sole Taxation were also on board and what an asset to our town they are. Advantage Pharmacy - how lucky are we to have Vu and his crew on board. The personal service in this chemist is second to none. Wendy loved the flowers.

Our coffee man, Bean Travelling also supported us. Deano's Trout farm also gave us so much support. The smoked trout was yummy and then the BBQ after the Wednesday tour was great. Thanks Deano.

The NSW Vets Golf Association represented by Peter Taylor also gave us tremendous support. We also had a couple of golfing pro's with a display of merchandise that many people utilised. Thank you Kieren. Thank you all and if I have missed someone I will catch up next week.

The first day, Monday was a 4BBB and some great scores recorded. Col Walls and Phil Devlin had a very impressive 49 points to come in winners to

Wal Chapman and Jon Cumming also impressive with 47. For the ladies and mixed John and Allyson Weaver were winners with 46 points on a count back to Wendy George and Jenny Rogers. Impressive scores all round.

Tuesday and Thursday there were around 44 prizes handed out. I will try and condense that by naming just the winners. Stableford winner in ladies was Leonie Taylor and scratch Sue Gilchrist. Men's Div 1 winner was Wayne Brennan to scratch Robert Moore. Div 2 winner was Graham Ball with scratch Danny Wolfe.

Wednesday was rest day and thanks to organisation from Lyn and Wal Chapman a tour was organised for our visitors. They visited potato and sheep farms, tomato and trout farms and finished with a luncheon at Deano's. Brilliant.

Thursday winner for the ladies was Jenny Rogers and scratch was Diane Wolfe. Men div 1 winner was Peter Taylor and scratch was Mick Jackson.

Div 2 winner was Michael Miller and scratch winner Brian Stringer.

The main event was Tuesday and Thursday combined for a 36 hole event. Ian Taylor and Col Walls were locked together with a countback giving Ian the win. Congratulations to you both. For the ladies congratulations to Wendy George getting the win and also to runner up Pip White.

Friday was a social day with a 2 person Ambrose. Mick Jackson and Scott Mendes won the men's division with Donna White and Tina Skipper winning the ladies and the mixed went to Graham Ball and Sue Gilchrist.

The week was topped off with Ian Taylor achieving every golfer's dream with a hole in one. Great stuff Ian. There were also two eagles recorded so all in all, with all the recent negativity in the world, this is a good news story. Next year will be even bigger and better.

Drake

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Guyra Cup Race Day Sunday 9th November

*Watson McNamara & Watt, sponsors of the Guyra Cup,
and Armidale Jockey Club
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