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Council delivers trio of bridge upgrades

Armidale Regional Council has completed construction on three new bridges - Kaurala Bridge, TwoMile Creek Bridge, and Boundary Creek Bridge - delivering safer and more reliable infrastructure for rural communities and freight operators.

The upgrades are part of Council's broader Bridge Renewal Strategy, which aims to replace ageing timber bridges with modern concrete structures that meet current safety and load standards.

Kaurala Bridge, located approximately 15 kilometres west of Guyra on Old Armidale Road, was upgraded with over \$1.6 million in funding from the NSW Government's Fixing Country Bridges Program. The new bridge improves safety and access for all drivers along this key rural route.

Two-Mile Creek Bridge, situated 23 kilometres north of Armidale on Boorolong Road, was delivered with over \$1.3 million from the NSW Government's Fixing Country Bridges Program and \$214,295 from the Australian Government's Roads to Recovery program. The upgraded structure enhances connectivity for residents and supports the movement of goods and services in the region.

Boundary Creek Bridge, approximately 40 kilometres north-east of Armidale on Rockvale Road, also re-



Pictured at the Kaurala bridge: Kos Weerasinghe (Senior Project Manager, Armidale Regional Council), Armidale Regional Council Mayor Sam Coupland, and Michael Papadopoulos (Senior Manager Community and Place Partner, New England representing Transport for NSW)

ceived over \$900,000 funding from the NSW Government's Fixing Country Bridges Program, and around \$500,000 from the Australian Government. The new bridge replaces an ageing timber structure and includes a temporary sidetrack to maintain traffic flow during construction.

Mayor Sam Coupland said the completion of these bridges marks a significant milestone in Council's commitment to improving regional

infrastructure.

"These projects are about more than just replacing old bridges - they're about increasing load limits to ensure our communities stay connected and our local economy keeps moving," said Mayor Coupland.

"We're grateful for the support from both NSW and Australian Governments in helping us deliver these vital upgrades."

NSW Minister for Regional Transport, Jenny Aitchison said the up-

grades demonstrate the importance of continued investment in regional infrastructure.

"The Minns Labor Government is building better communities across regional NSW, and that includes upgrading critical infrastructure like the Two-Mile Creek, Boundary Creek, and Kaurala bridges."

"Bridges are critical infrastructure in regional communities like Armidale, not just for everyday travel, but for school buses, freight operators and emergency services."

"These upgrades are a win-win; improving safety, cutting travel times, reducing maintenance costs and supporting regional economies. I'm proud to be working with Councils, getting on with the job of delivering the infrastructure our communities deserve."

The new bridges are designed to meet modern engineering standards and accommodate heavier vehicles, improving safety and efficiency for all road users.

In addition to the bridge upgrades, Council has also completed works on the First Culvert along Herbert Park Road under the same funding arrangement, further strengthening our region's transport infrastructure.

Christmas Orders - *now being taken*

**We will be making our own in-house
smoked hams, bacon, chooks ... and more this Christmas**

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Colour run fun at St Marys



The St Mary of the Angels Monty's Colour Fun Run was a truly colourful day, thanks to all who participated. With smiles everywhere and colour flying high, the event was a fantastic display of school spirit!

We extend our sincere gratitude to our amazing volunteers, the

P&F, the Principal, and the staff for their crucial efforts in making the day happen.

A massive congratulations to St Mary of the Angels Year 6 student, Charlie B (pictured left), for achieving an outstanding result in the 2025 Newcastle Permanent Primary School Maths Competi-

tion!

Charlotte earned a prestigious District Award, placing her among the top math students in the entire district, a remarkable achievement. Charlie has received a certificate & Newcastle Permanent voucher.

Service milestones recognised at Can Assist Guyra

At the November meeting of Can Assist Guyra, long-serving members Sue Adams and Lyn Skinner were honoured for their exceptional contribution to the organisation and the local community.

Both were presented with a Member Service Recognition Certificate in acknowledgement of their many years of dedicated service and support to cancer patients in the Guyra community.

Sue Adams has served as Secretary and Patient Support, while Lyn Skinner has fulfilled the role of Treasurer. Their commitment and compassion has been instrumental in ensuring local families receive vital assistance during challenging times.



Lyn Skinner, Wendy Jackson and Sue Adams

Community mourns Rev. Andrew Campbell



The Presbyterian Church communities of Guyra, Ben Lomond and Glen Innes are mourning the loss of their minister, Rev. Andrew Campbell, who died last week in a farm accident near Tingha.

Rev. Campbell had served as minister of St Columba's Presbyterian Church in Guyra since 2017. His leadership, pastoral care and warm presence made him a highly respected and much-loved figure across the region.

Beyond his church duties, Rev. Campbell was active throughout the wider community. He regularly conducted services at Kolara Aged Care, participated in ANZAC and Christmas Carol services, and supported local events.

He was a member of the Guyra combined churches choir and contributed his time to the Costa Tomato Exchange Community Reference Group, offering a thoughtful and compassionate voice.

A Memorial Service will be held in Inverell at 10am on Wednesday, December 3rd.

For those unable to travel, St Columba's Presbyterian Church in Guyra will host a livestream viewing of the service.

Community members are warmly invited to attend, with seating requested before 10am.

Rev. Campbell's passing is deeply felt across the district, and the many lives he touched will remember him with gratitude and affection.

Bank Merger given green light by members

Regional Australia Bank and Summerland Bank will proceed with a merger after members approved the move at their Annual General Meetings last week.

Summerland's members met on November 19th with more than 96 per cent of the members voting in favour of the merger, whilst the Regional Australia Bank members voted on November 20th with also more than 96 per cent approving the move.

The merger will officially take effect from July 1st, 2026. Once merged, the combined entity will manage assets of over \$5 billion and service over 130,000 members with 49 locations across a large area of regional NSW and southern Queensland.

As part of the proposed merger, both banks reaffirmed that there will be no branch closures, no staff losses and accounts, services, and support will continue as usual.

Speaking following the outcome of the vote, Regional

Australia Bank CEO, David Heine said they were thrilled that members have embraced this merger.

"Today's vote reinforces our commitment to regional Australia by growing our ability to serve more towns and communities throughout regional NSW and into Queensland," Mr Heine said.

Summerland Bank CEO, John Williams said that Summerland Bank and Regional Australia Bank share the vision and values as a community-focused customer-owned bank.

"By approving the merger our members will enjoy more branches, greater support for local communities, a wider range of products and better services," he said.

"Resilience will be supported through shared infrastructure, broader geographic reach, and increased financial capacity, allowing us to continue delivering personalised service while adapting to changing market conditions."

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CHRISTMAS DONATIONS
2025

You can help families that are having a tough time this Christmas by donating:

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What's HOT

- ADRA Op Shop sale for next two weeks
- Christmas Carols at Ben Lomond Hall 7.30pm 8th December
- RFS Santa's Lolly run stopping at local parks around town on Saturday Nov. 29th
- Keep your eye out for Santa riding his motorcycle - first outing will be Sunday Nov. 30th between 4pm and 6pm
- Super Spuds meet and greet at the Bottom Pub this Saturday from 4pm

JOKE of the week

Why did the pony ask for a glass of water?

It was a little horse

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
18	Tues	4.8	23.0	0
19	Wed	7.5	24.2	0
20	Thurs	10.2	25.8	0
21	Fri	10.0	23.	2.8
22	Sat	12.1	20.4	7.4
23	Sun	13.0	23.4	1.4
24	Mon	12.3	29.0	1.0

Rain this week	12.6mm
Nov. rainfall	137.0mm
Rainfall YTD	994.0mm
Rainfall last YTD	764.6mm
Ave. rain YTD	798.6mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin,
Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Firies seeking spare change to help young burn survivors

Guyra locals are being asked to throw their support behind the 2025/26 Beat The Burn Campaign, with a dedicated donation helmet now set up at the Guyra Hotel.

It is one of around 120 decommissioned helmets which have been turned into donation vessels and distributed to fire brigades across NSW.

Local Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) firefighters are urging community members to drop in their spare change and help raise vital funds for young burns survivors across NSW.

Now in its 21st year, Beat The Burn raises funds for the Burns Unit at The Children's Hospital at Westmead. It is a



The donation helmet can be found at the Bottom Pub (aka Guyra Hotel)

year-round initiative promoting burn-prevention messages, supporting families, and raising critical funds for treatment and recovery.

Over the past two decades, FRNSW firefighters have helped raise more than \$1.65 million for the Burns Unit. This year, the goal is to raise \$400,000 to continue improving functional and cosmetic outcomes for children who suffer serious burns.

Local firefighters hope the Guyra community will embrace the opportunity to contribute, helping ensure children living with life-changing burns receive the best care and support possible.

Residents can donate at the Guyra Hotel - special thanks to the Guyra Hotel for acting as a donation point and backing this important cause.

Be scam smart as you shop

As Australians prepare for Black Friday and Christmas bargains, NGM Group – the customer-owned organisation behind Greater Bank and Newcastle Permanent – is urging shoppers to stay alert as the festive shopping season ramps up.

The ACCC reports more than \$259 million has already been lost to scams in 2025, with activity expected to rise as online spending increases. Last November alone, Australians spent more than \$37 billion, creating ideal conditions for scammers to take advantage of distracted or rushed shoppers.

Jason Veltruski, Fraud Operations Manager at NGM Group, said scammers deliberately mirror the hype surrounding Black Friday.

"They copy the look and language of trusted brands, send fake delivery updates, and run social media ads that appear genuine," Mr Veltruski said.

"Even careful shoppers can be caught off-guard, which is why small precautions matter."

Scams to watch include:

- Fake online stores posing as major retailers.
- Delivery scams demanding small "release fees."
- Bank impersonation texts claiming suspicious activity.

- Social media bargains requiring direct transfers.
- High-pressure tactics pushing rushed decisions.

NGM Group urges shoppers to: buy from trusted sites, verify business details, keep receipts and tracking numbers, and monitor accounts closely.

If you suspect a scam or have shared payment details, report it to Scamwatch and contact your bank immediately.

"Shopping safely is simple," Mr Veltruski said. "Take your time and trust your instincts."

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Local group raises concerns after asbestos-containing parts found in wind turbines

ReD4NE (Responsible Energy Development for New England) Chair Susan Newey says the organisation is deeply concerned by emerging reports that wind turbines operating in Australia may contain asbestos-affected components.

The issue has sparked alarm among communities in the New England region, where several large-scale wind projects are already operating and many more are proposed.

The concerns follow national news reports that white asbestos has been detected in lift brake pads inside wind turbine generators (WTGs) at the Cattle Hill Wind Project in Tasmania,

prompting urgent calls for safety reviews across the country's wind industry.

According to those reports, the asbestos was found in lift components supplied by 3S Industry—described by the ABC as one of only a few brake pad suppliers to the Australian wind sector. This raises the possibility that a significant proportion of turbines nationwide may be affected.

A spokesperson for Goldwind Australia, which operates the Cattle Hill project, confirmed that staff access to any turbines containing 3S lifts has now been restricted “across the entire Goldwind Australia fleet.”

Ms Newey said the situation

warrants immediate clarification from wind farm operators in the New England region.

“Given the limited number of suppliers for these brake pads, it is reasonable to question whether local projects are impacted,” she said.

ReD4NE has formally requested comment from companies running wind farms in the area. Ms Newey also noted that public statements issued to date fail to address potential risks to host landholders, neighbouring properties, livestock, or soil—particularly if asbestos-affected components were present during construction.

ReD4NE is urging landholders

and residents living near existing or proposed wind projects to ask operators directly whether their turbines use components sourced from 3S Industry.

The organisation is also encouraging anyone with concerns about asbestos exposure or safety standards to lodge an enquiry with SafeWork NSW.

The SafeWork NSW customer enquiry form is available at:

<https://www.safework.nsw.gov.au/resource-library/list-of-all-forms/html-forms/customer-service-centre-enquiry-form>

“Submitting a report is quick,” Ms Newey said, “and SafeWork NSW must investigate all enquiries.”

NAIDOC Week Activities

Black Mountain Public School travelled to the Guyra Local Aboriginal Lands Council to join in activities with the community to celebrate NAIDOC Week. This year's theme is ‘The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy’. Thank you to the LALC for providing the bus, morning tea and a sausage sizzle lunch.

This was a fantastic day celebrating culture, community and connection.

*Mrs Justine Eddy
Relieving Principal*



Funding to celebrate Seniors in Guyra

Local seniors in Guyra will be treated to a warm, welcoming celebration next March, with a special NSW Seniors Festival event. Thanks to funding from the NSW Seniors Festival Grant Program, up to 50 seniors will enjoy a free two-course hot meal, drinks, and live “old-time tunes” musical entertainment, all aimed at fostering social connection, physical activ-

ity and community spirit.

The event is part of the statewide Seniors Festival, running from March 2nd to 15th 2026. Member for Northern Tablelands Brendan Moylan said he was delighted that Armidale Regional Council successfully secured \$4,500 to host the catered event in Guyra, ensuring local seniors can celebrate close to

home.

“The NSW Seniors Festival is about showing older people across the state that they are valued, and we appreciate the way they contribute to our communities,” Mr Moylan said.

“Armidale Regional Council will hold a special event in Guyra featuring a hot meal, drinks and musical entertainment to encour-

age older people to remain active, healthy and engaged. It's an excellent initiative, and I hope the community embraces it.”

In addition to the Guyra celebration, Glen Innes Severn Council received \$10,000 to run ‘Re-Wired’, a two-week multi-venue program featuring cultural, artistic, creative and wellbeing activities across the district.

Meals on Wheels

Nov	27	Steve Adams
Nov	28	Sue Adams
Dec	1	Narelle Leven
Dec	2	Kath Barry-Leven
Dec	3	Warwick Leven

Street Stalls

Nov 27,28	Freemasons
Dec 4, 5, 6	Lions
Dec 18	Hosp. Auxiliary
Dec 19,20	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
Anglican Chaplain: Rev. Daniel Hayes (0428 828 852)

St. Columba's Presbyterian Church

9am Sunday followed by morning tea. Ben Lomond, 2pm October 5th
Contact: Session Clerk Howard Schaeffer 0267791067

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 Dec 7th
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

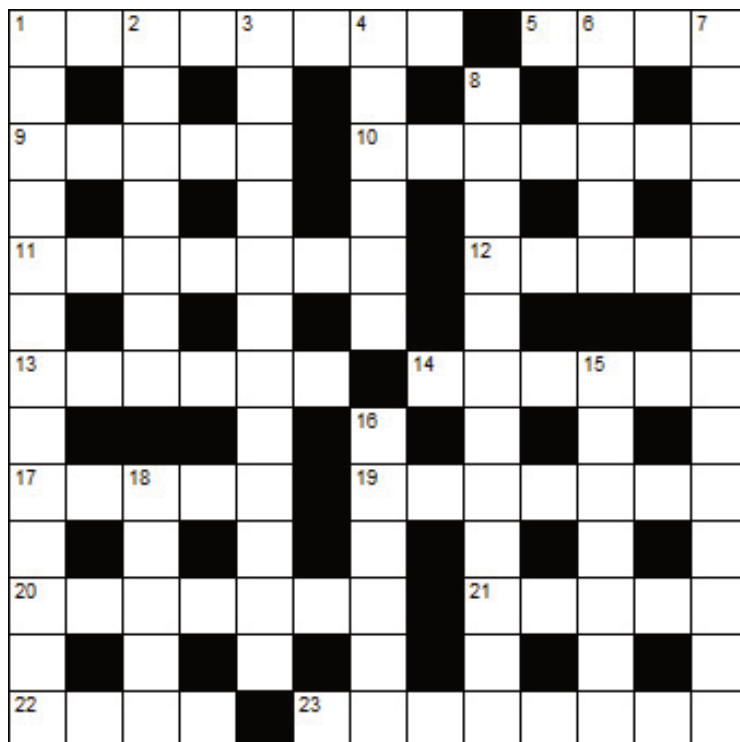
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- 5 Long poem (4)
- 9 Sweet-scented shrub (5)
- 10 Clever but false argument (7)
- 11 Issue forth (7)
- 12 The papal court (5)
- 13 Arrangement of flowers (6)
- 14 Italian sausage (6)
- 17 Looking tired (5)
- 19 Insect body segment (7)
- 20 Pierces with something sharp (7)
- 21 Business proposal; playing field (5)
- 22 Men (4)
- 23 Person in second place (6-2)

DOWN

- 1 25th anniversary of marriage (6,7)
- 2 Plunder (7)
- 3 Bewitchingly (12)
- 4 Small box (6)

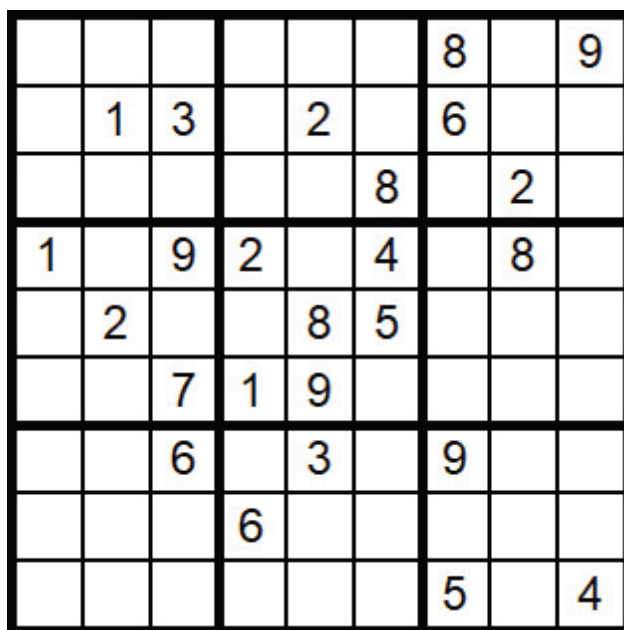
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- 6 Earlier (5)
- 7 Friendship (13)
- 8 Spotless (5-3-4)
- 15 Device that measures

- electric current (7)
- 16 Capital of The Bahamas (6)
- 18 Sufficiently (5)

SUDOKU - Hard



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GUYRA CHRISTMAS

CARNIVAL

Friday 5 December, 4.00 – 8.00pm
Bradley Street, Guyra

From the Archives at the Guyra Museum

Compiled by Dorothy Lockyer

The village of Falconer

The first recorded white man to reach the New England area was John Oxley, who really discovered it by accident in 1818. But that's another story.

From 1832 settlement of the New England area really began in earnest H.C Sempill was the first, and he took his stock from the out-station 'Ellerstone' (near Scone) and formed a station in the upper Apsley Valley, which he named Walcha.

It was in 1835 that James and Alexander McDougall and Alexander Campbell set out to examine the other unexplored areas of the New England. Alexander Campbell took up Gyrah (Guyra) run as the agent for a Scotsman, Peter McIntyre, who lived in Maitland area. Leaving men and stock there as a staging post before heading north west they then took up Byron Plains (near Inverell) and Waterloo (near Inverell) also for Peter McIntyre.

John Falconer was a ticket-of leave stockman who was left in charge of the stock at the staging post at the river on the 'Gyrah' run, thus Falconer Plains.

It was from Falconer Plains that Patrick Leslie and his companion Peter Murphy marked the first line to the Darling Downs. They return from their trip satisfied that they had found a suitable route. On April 14th 1840 Patrick Leslie's cavalcade drew slowly out of Falconer Plains for the marked line to the Darling Downs. I quote from Patrick Leslie's diary:

"We went by easy stages to 'Bready Plains', 'Waterloo' to McIntyre's station at 'Byron Plains' and continues till we reached the Condamine River; good traveling all the way so numerous a company, when tracks for the teams and drays had to be cut in advance."

In the party there were 22 ticket-of-leave men assigned convicts, 3 drays, 10 saddle horses, 2 teams of bullocks, (24 in all) 5000 sheep and 100 rams, the first to enter Queensland. Their destination was 'Canning Downs' an area of 90,000 acres on the Condamine River.

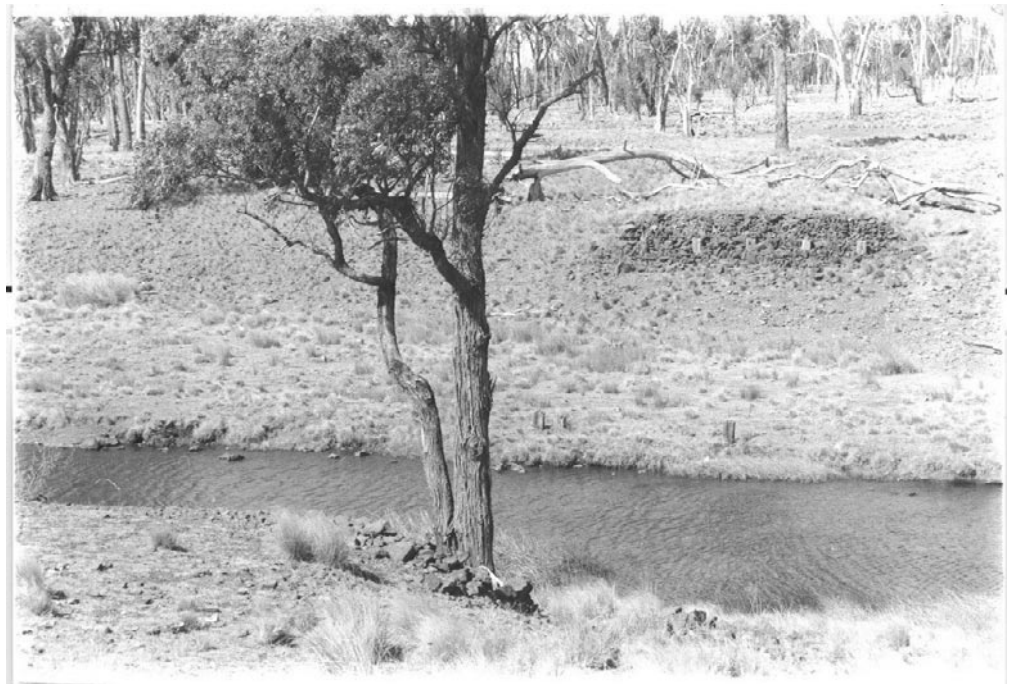
Also, in 1840 Richard Craig guided, down the first party of drays and livestock, from the Falconer Plains to the Clarence along a route to the east of Armidale-Grafton road. The party had to cut away through thick scrub and wind around the huge trunks of the forest canopy, while on dangerous sidings the drays, which frequently capsized, had to be lowered down by block and tackle. It was an epic journey

In the 1850's the government decided that



Above: Falconer Bridge about 1900

Below: What remains of Falconer Bridge today



a village should be established on Falconer Plains. Allotments were surveyed on the village reserve and were put into auction. However, bidding was extremely dull. There were some small farms established but the village did not grow. (Map of the Allotments can be view at Museum)

From a "For Sale" notice in an Armidale Express dated 1858 "a store in the village of Falconer containing a fair stock of goods suitable

for the bush" was noted.

In 1865 at the Village of Falconer there were the Falconer Hotel, a store and a Blacksmith shop. Cobb & Co Coaches travel the road three times a week and Thomas Rae the Hotelkeeper operated a private mailbag service for farmers in the district.

Today it is difficult to find traces of this early village.

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

Development Application - 747 Puddledock Road, Tilbuster - Closes 15 December, 2025

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

Bookings now open for the Guyra street stall 2026

If you're interested in holding a street stall or appeal in Bradley Street, apply to host a Guyra Street Stall in 2026!



Critical upgrade at Guyra Water Treatment Plant

Armidale Regional Council is asking the Guyra community to be mindful of water usage between 5 December 2025 and 16 December 2025. During this period, the Guyra Water Treatment Plant will be temporarily out of service to dismantle and install new Aluminium

Sulfate (Alum) dosing units, a critical component of the water treatment process. As a result, reservoir levels are expected to drop, and we need your help to maintain essential supply. Please avoid watering gardens, washing vehicles, filling pools, or cleaning paths during this time.

Submit a written application to council by 4pm Thursday 18 December 2025. Applications should be posted to Armidale Regional Council, PO Box 75A, Armidale NSW 2350, or emailed to council@armidale.nsw.gov.au. Please note: Stalls will be available for Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Be sure to nominate your first and second preferences for dates! For more, please call 1300 136 833.

Emergency maintenance at Guyra wastewater treatment plant

Armidale Regional Council will undertake critical emergency works at the Guyra Wastewater Treatment Plant from Tuesday 25 to Thursday 27 November 2025. This maintenance is necessary to replace vital equipment and prevent untreated sludge from entering the tertiary ponds. The EPA has been notified, and strict safety and environmental procedures are in place. Residents may notice some odour and noise as wastewater and sludge are transferred between storage ponds. Council is committed to completing this work promptly and safely to protect local waterways and the community. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this essential work.

Get festive at Guyra Library - Christmas craft & cardmaking



Feeling creative and ready to embrace the festive spirit? Guyra Library invites you to join their Christmas Craft and Cardmaking workshops – a perfect way to make something special for the holiday season. The next workshop will be held on Saturday 6 December from 10am to 1pm. It's completely FREE, and all ages are welcome (children must be accompanied by an adult). Come along to design beautiful cards and decorations, share ideas, and enjoy a fun, relaxed atmosphere. Whether you're a seasoned crafter or just starting out, this is a great opportunity to add a personal touch to your Christmas celebrations. Bookings are essential, so secure your spot today by contacting Guyra Library on 6770 7123.



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HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The Museum is open
Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday
from 10.30am to 2pm.
188 Bradley Street

CLAIM THE DATE

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

SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER
3pm at Aust. Poetry Hall of Fame
Fiori Musicali Armidale present
"This Endris Night" Christmas Chorale
music with guitar interludes.

WED- MON 14th-26th JANUARY
2026

Lamb and Potato Festival

FRIDAY, 6th FEBRUARY
7pm at Aust. Poetry Hall of Fame
Gwyn Ashton presents "A Night of Guitar" - an upmarket theatre show
from acoustic folk roots, blues to
electric blues, rock and beyond.
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FRI-SAT, 20th & 21st FEBRUARY
Guyra Show

FRIDAY, 20th FEBRUARY
Guyra Lamb Show and Sale
at Guyra Show Ground

FRIDAY, 27th MARCH
2pm at Aust. Poetry Hall of Fame
Life & Rhymes of Banjo Paterson
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IN MEMORIAM

TONY WALLS

It only seems like only
yesterday that we said
our last goodbyes to you,
but 12 months have
passed us by already.

You are so loved and dearly missed by
Mary, Gavin, Desie, Brit, Kye,
Nikki, Chels, Megan and Megan



MEMORIAL SERVICE

ANDREW DONALD CAMPBELL

A Memorial Service for Rev.
Andrew Donald Campbell will be
held in Inverell at 10:00am on
Wednesday, 3rd December in the
year of our Lord 2025.

The Guest Book invites people to
attend the service in person or view
by livestream.

*Comments or memories may be
shared to the guestbook on:*

<https://bit.ly/revandrewcampbell>

The Livestream link is at:

bit.ly/revandrewservice

Please note that in Guyra, St.
Columba's Presbyterian Church will
welcome anyone to view the live-
stream of the Memorial Service
together in the church. Please be
seated before 10am.

FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry at The Chapel
66 Llangothlin Street, Guyra
OPEN this FRIDAY 9am-12pm
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COURSES AT NECC

RSA & RCG (Armidale)
Tuesday & Wednesday
2nd & 3rd December

Bookings essential at
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Ladies' Golf

Last week the ladies played a 4BBBAM. The winners were Debbie Burey and Wendy Jackson. Runners up were Debbie Heffernan and Shona Mulligan. Nearest the pin winners were Wendy Jackson and Kerry Bull.

This week is a Stoke and Putting Flag Competition. Next week is a Bisque Par.

Also last week the Ladies Pennants Team played Tenterfield in the NEDGA Final at Glen Innes.

Our team came away with a fantastic result winning all our matches! Guyra has had to wait a while to get a win. Our last final win was in 1993!

Thank you to Vicki Reeves for organising the teams through the year and thank you to all the girls who played Pennants through the year to get us into the finals. We couldn't have done it without you! Well done girls!

Birdie



Ladies Pennants team (l to r) Leonie Taylor, Debbie Heffernan, Jenny Rogers, Wendy Jackson and Belinda Lenehan

Vets Golf

First up a big congratulations to the Guyra lady golfers. They won the Pennants against Tenterfield,

played in Glen Innes, bringing home the trophy for the first time since 1993. Great work to all involved.

For the Vets last Tuesday the

weather was beautiful and attracted a great field of 17 players. Robert Moore struggled with a very uncooperative golf cart but still posted an impressive 36 points to come in the winner. Dave Bearup was just off the pace with 35 to claim runner up and NTPs went to Wal Chapman, Ian Taylor and Len Stanley. Custard and Fitz were the best putters with 28.

Next week is our stroke event.

Drake

Men's Bowls

Final – Club Singles: David Wilcox claimed the Guyra Club Singles Championship, defeating R Moore 31–25. Congratulations to David on being crowned the 2025 Club Champion.

Handicap Singles Final: C. Stanley defeated L. Beechey 31–26 in a hard-fought match.

Matches – Saturday 29 November 12:00 pm start

Major Singles D. Wilcox vs C. Stanley, Marker: D. Kennedy

Thanks and good bowling to all involved.

Rural Market Reports

Guyra Sheep and Lamb Sale

November 18th - A total of 6,500 sheep and lambs were yarded at the Guyra sale, with a good-quality yarding throughout.

The offering included 2,600 lambs, with heavy lambs reaching a top of \$420. A number of pens made over \$400, marking a clear improvement on recent weeks.

New season lambs sold consistently from \$230 to \$260.

The mutton yarding totalled 3,900 head, presenting as a very good quality run. Heavy mutton topped at \$260, while Merino ewes with skin made from \$170 to \$190.

Store Merinos were also in demand, selling from \$110 to \$130.

The next Guyra sheep and lamb sale will be held on December 12th.

New England Livestock Agents

Armidale Cattle Sale

November 20th - Armidale penned 1836 cattle, 404 more than the previous market. It was a reasonable quality yarding with a good supply of cows, steers and large numbers of heifers to suit backgrounders and restockers. There was strong competition on a larger offering of bulls with processors paying up to 430c/kg.

Prime young cattle were firm to slightly dearer for the better quality lines. All of the regular buyers were in attendance and operating in a market that sold to a dearer trend on the majority of cattle. Young cattle to the trade were 20-30c/kg dearer, with the prime vealers and yearlings selling from 370 to 482c/kg.

Feeder steers were much dearer while the feeder heifers were firm to slightly cheaper. Feeder steers sold from 404c to 540c/kg while the feeder heifers made from 314c to 456c/kg.

Young cattle to the restockers finished up to 45c/kg dearer, with young steers selling from 395c to

568c/kg while the larger supply of young heifers to restockers sold from 382c to 472c/kg.

Grown steers and heifers were firm to dearer for the better lines with prime grown steers selling from 364c to 470c/kg and prime grown heifers from 370c to 442c/kg. Cows were firm with 2 and 3 scores to the processors selling from 292c to 398c/kg. Prime heavyweight 4 score cows sold from 406c to 425c/kg. Heavy bulls to process were dearer, selling to 430c/kg.

Peter Dundon MLA Armidale

Weekly Wool Market

November 14th - The green shoots of last week continued, with the market once again finding some solid support. For whatever reason the month of October is more often than not unkind and hopefully can be put behind us.

The recovery in the mid micron Merino prices was the standout this week, and whilst 21 and 22

micron price guides were not reported in the Northern region due to lack of volume, they certainly responded positively down South. So much so that just 14 cents separates the 20-22 micron indicators. Sales reverted back to the Tuesday, Wednesday format with gains made over both days. Tuesday saw an 11 cent gain in the indicator followed up with a further 19 cent jump on Wednesday.

Crossbred and Carding prices remaining flat held the overall market indicator back from being quoted even dearer. 28,522 bales were sold nationally for the week with both the passed in rates and withdrawal rate dropping considerably. Major buyers included PJ Morris, Techwool and Sequoia. With the top 2 dominating the Merino fleece offering. A similar quantity is on offer nationally again next week and whilst it hovers between 30-35,000 bales per week the trade

Schute Bell Wool

Large field for memorial day

On Sunday a large field took part in the Brian Lennon Memorial two person Ambrose.

With the morning starting off very windy it looked like conditions would be tough for scoring, but the day improved and scoring became a little bit easier. The scores were close and competitive with all teams performing well.

Winners for the day were:

Gross winners - Steve Wilson and Steve Kliendienst with 70

Gross runner up - Brett Bishop and Neil Paine with 71

Nett Winners - Jack and Corby Kliendienst with 66 (winners by countback)

Nett runner up - Tyson and Peter Burey with 66

Nearest the pins were 7th - Terry Mulligan, 10th - Corby Kliendienst and 18th - Harrison Dowden. Longest Drive - Brett Bishop

Junior Winners were Noah Brennan and Liam Hutton. Encouragement Award to Zach Kelleher and James McLean

An enjoyable day was had by all and we will try and organise a few more of these days for everyone to join in.

It shows how well respected the Lennon family are with the numbers that turned out.

The Lennon family raised an extra \$490 for the day and kindly donated this to Can Assist which is a great organisation for our town so thank you to all the family.

This weekend will be an Irish Foursomes competition in conjunction with the 2nd round of the Shire Cup.

There is also two weeks left to play the second round of Matchplay, so please check the draw at the club and organise your matches.

The following weekend is the Men's Pennants to be played at Emmaville so please let Mick Jackson or Steve Wilson know if you are available.

HAPPY GOLFING S.K.



Gross winners Steve Kliendienst and Steve Wilson with Darren Lennon (centre)



Nett winners Jack and Corby Kliendienst

Guyra Shines at 2025 Armidale Regional Sports Awards

Guyra athletes and sporting teams were strongly represented at the 2025 Armidale Regional Sports Awards, held on Thursday, November 20th at the Armidale City Bowling Club. The event celebrated outstanding sporting achievements across the region, with several Guyra nominees and winners taking centre stage.

Two Guyra Junior Rugby League teams, the Senior League Tag and Intermediate League Tag squads, were joint winners of the Regional Junior Team of the Year.

Guyra was also represented among the individual finalists. Local nominees included Charlie Ward (Skeet Shooting), Fletcher Richardson (Shooting), Ashleigh

Richardson (Sevens Rugby), and Mitchell Woods (Cricket).

Fletcher Richardson was crowned the 2025 FM 100.3 New England Trophies Junior Sports Star of the Year. Fletcher enjoyed an exceptional season in shooting, representing Australia overseas in Germany and Italy. Ashleigh Richardson, was named the 2025

Regional Senior Sports Star for her achievements in Sevens Rugby.

The broader awards night showcased outstanding talent across the region, honouring athletes in netball, hockey, cricket, gymnastics, rifle shooting, and more.



Above l to r: Fletcher Richardson, Snr & Jnr League Tag girls and Ashleigh Richardson