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New chapter for Guyra hardware

A new era has begun at Home Hardware in Guyra with Tanya and Brett Bishop officially taking over as owners on December 6th, trading as Bishop's Hardware and Building Supplies.

The transition has been six months in the making, allowing Tanya and Brett to get to know the business under the guidance of long-time owners Tania and Darren 'Dasha' Lennon. This has meant that the changeover has been smooth, and customers are already well acquainted with the new owners.

Tanya and Brett moved to Guyra in 2023 with their daughters, Edith and Olive. Tanya was born in Inverell and returning to the area felt like a natural fit, offering both familiarity and family connections.



Tanya and Brad Bishop with daughters Edith and Olive

Brett brings with him 19 years of service in the Royal Australian Navy.

He made the decision to discharge from the Navy to take on the running of the local hardware store and to be home with his family full-time.

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"Since moving to Guyra, we've really appreciated the acceptance and support of the local community," Tanya and Brett said.

"We can see strong potential for growth and development within the town, and we're excited to be part of that future."

Familiar faces will remain at the counter, with Tania and Dasha continuing in their roles at Bishop's Hardware to ensure continuity for customers.

Bishop's Hardware and Building Supplies extends heartfelt thanks to the community for their ongoing support and wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A Thank You from Tania and Darren Lennon

Dasha's Hardware and Building Supplies has been a trusted part of the Guyra community for 28 years, and as they hand over the reins Tania and Darren Lennon have shared their gratitude for the support they have received from customers and staff.

"We wish Tanya and Brett all the very best in the future at Bishop's Hardware," they said.

"Thank you to our family and friends who have always supported and helped us during our 28-year journey, we couldn't have done it without you."

They also expressed deep appreciation for their staff, Debbie, Leon, Angus, and Noah along with the many others who have contributed over the years.

"To our valued customers, both big business and small, your loyalty has been invaluable throughout our time in business."

The Lennons won't be going far. "We aren't leaving Guyra - it is a wonderful place to live, so you will still see us at Bishop's Hardware," they said.



Bishop's Hardware & Building Supplies has commenced trading

New trading hours:

Monday	7:00am – 5:00pm
Tuesday	7:00am – 5:00pm
Wednesday	7:00am – 5:00pm
Thursday	7:00am – 5:00pm
Friday	7:00am – 5:00pm
Saturday	7:00am – 12:00pm
Sunday	8:00am – 11:00am

Christmas and New Year trading hours:

Christmas Day	CLOSED
Boxing day	8:00am – 11:00am
New Year's Day	CLOSED
Australia Day	8:00am – 11:00am
<i>(All other days – trading as normal)</i>	

Dasha & Tania of Dasha's Hardware and
Brett & Tanya of Bishop's Hardware and Building Supplies
would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support in 2025.
We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
and we look forward to seeing you all in 2026.



Shop Local... Christmas Give-away

- 1st Prize: 3-piece Corden Outdoor Lounge Setting (Valued at \$699)
2nd Prize: 60 Litre Greenleaf Esky (Valued at \$206.25)
3rd Prize: Glow Low Work Fire Pit (Valued at \$75.00)

Just Shop Local – Place your docket in the box for a chance to WIN.
(Winners will be drawn Christmas Eve)

*We have some great Webber BBQ's, Garden Pots and a range of power tools and skins.
Remember, if you don't see an item on the shelves,
just ask our friendly staff and we can order it for you.*



Bishop's Hardware & Building Supplies

61 Ollera Street, Guyra Phone: 6779 2444

Critical upgrade and maintenance for Guyra Water Treatment Plant underway

Armidale Regional Council (ARC) has advised that commencing December 8th, the Guyra Water Treatment Plant will be temporarily out of service to dismantle and install a new Aluminium Sulfate (Alum) dosing unit, a critical component of the water treatment process.

The work is being undertaken to address recent concerns about taste and odour in the town's water supply.

ARC's water team will also undertake a deep clean of the treatment plant while it is off-line. As a result, reservoir levels are expected to drop, and Council is asking for your help to maintain essential supply. Please avoid watering gardens, washing vehicles, filling pools, or cleaning paths during this time.

Specialist crews are conducting inspections across key locations and performing targeted water testing to identify and resolve the

issue. These proactive measures include flushing sections of the network and adjusting treatment processes to eliminate the issue and maintain water quality compliance to the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines.

Council assures residents that Guyra's treated water remains safe to drink, and the current work focuses on improving taste and odour standards.

What's Happening?

- Field inspections and sampling at affected sites.
- Laboratory testing to confirm water quality.
- Network flushing and treatment adjustments to remove residual odour.

Armidale Regional Council encourage residents to report any ongoing odour issues using the online form rather than posting complaints on social media. This helps our water team take swift action and resolve problems as

quickly as possible.

Residents can also contact Council's Customer Service team on 1300 136 833 or visit the Council website for more information.

Armidale Regional Council says it remains committed to delivering safe, high-quality water and thanks the Guyra community for its cooperation while these improvements are carried out.



For reporting issues with your water supply scan the QR CODE

One Nation Senator to visit Armidale

One Nation Senator for New South Wales Sean Bell will be attending the Armidale train station on Sunday December 14th at 10am.

He is visiting to meet supporters of the restoration of railway services north of Armidale to Queensland.

All those who wish to show their support for this project are welcome to attend.

2026 Lamb and Potato Festival

The dates for the 2026 festival are January 14th to January 26th.

It will be a significant event, celebrating 40 years since the festival first began.

Keep an eye on facebook for further details about the event, and mark the dates on your calendar to help celebrate this great Guyra tradition.

A BIG THANK YOU!

The Rotary Club of Guyra thanks all who participated in the Guyra Community Christmas Carnival in Bradley Street last Friday evening

Thank You to the Guyra Community for being there.

Thank You to all the Children for coming to meet Santa.

Thank You to Neil Clayton for his presence and presents.

Thank You to the Stall Holders who supported the event.

Big Special thanks to the Council staff who set up and cleaned up.

A Big Thank You to Armidale Regional Council for sponsoring the event, for organising the stalls, the music and the dancers, and the big Christmas Tree.

Members of the Rotary Club would also like to say a very grateful "Thank You" to our wonderful Guyra Businesses for their donations to our Christmas Raffle:

Australian Poetry Hall of Fame, AusCountry Tag Along Tours, Black Mountain Nursery, Black Mountain Roadhouse, Burgess Car Museum, Burst Control, Country Wide Property, Crop Hair, CT Electric, Dasha's/ Bishop's Hardware, David Kanaley, Elders, Eric Fay, Fourways, Grazag, Guyra Cafe, Guyra Bakery, Guyra Pharmacy, Guyra Post Office, IGA Guyra, Kimmy's Kitchen, Mubahay Asian Food, Nutrien Ag, Our Little Gallery, Raigime, Royal Hotel, Scissors & Combs, Sisson Family Meats, Spar Express, Terry's Menswear, The Blind Chef, What's Brewin' and Why Knot Diner.

Thanks also to Sole Taxation for displaying our raffle prizes.

All the members of the Rotary Club of Guyra wish everyone a very Happy & Safe Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

- Guyra MPS, ambos and Armidale Hospital for excellent care provided to patient in need on Monday morning - thanks for your help
- Epic Christmas Light Displays around town - who do you think is the winner?
- Great turn out at the Christmas Carnival last week
- Keep your eye out for Bikie Santa riding around town
- December 17th will be the last Gazette for 2025 - lat chance to get your news in.

JOKE of the week

What do you call Santa when he's on the beach?
Sandy Claus!

Bureau of Meteorology Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
02	Tues	2.6	15.0	0.6
03	Wed	2.5	21.7	0
04	Thurs	5.3	23.7	0
05	Fri	10.2	26.6	0
06	Sat	10.9	28.3	0
07	Sun	15.7	27.1	0
08	Mon	9.9	26.3	0

Rain this week	0.6mm
Dec. rainfall	0.6mm
Rainfall YTD	1010.8mm
Rainfall last YTD	809.4mm
Ave. rain YTD	906.5mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin,
Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Christmas Message

With Christmas around the corner and the year drawing to an end, the Guyra and Community Progress Association members extend heartfelt thanks to the Guyra community, Armidale Regional Council, our partners and sponsors. Your support throughout the year has been invaluable, and we deeply appreciate everything you do to strengthen and uplift our town.

As our new committee and members look ahead to 2026, we remain committed to connecting with the unsung heroes of our community — you. Many individuals contribute quietly and without recognition, yet each person plays a vital role in shaping who we are, and we look forward to reaching out, meeting and working with more of the Community in the new year.

After we farewell 2025 with New Year's Eve event, our members will take a short break to rest and recharge. We will return for our first meeting of 2026 on 19 February - 6.30pm at the Guyra Neighbourhood Centre.

On behalf of the members, wishing you and your loved ones a very safe, healthy and joyous Christmas season.

Sonya Wallbridge,
President
Guyra & Community
Progress Association

GUYRA RESIDENTIAL CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ENTRIES

356 Falconer Street Guyra
16 Youman Street Guyra
10 Youman Street Guyra
9 Youman Street Guyra
33 Abercrombie Street Guyra
31 Abercrombie Street Guyra
9 Prisk Street Guyra
6 Werruna Street Guyra
18 Werruna Street Guyra
1 Balblair Street Guyra
5 Tenterden Street Guyra
14 O'Donnell Ave Guyra
264 Ben Lomond Road, Llangothlin
1003 Llangothlin Road, Llangothlin

Judging - 19th December by Guyra's very own "Motorbike Santa" (aka Dan McGinty)

Shop locally and support our sponsors

Mayor Sam Coupland and Guyra's 2025 Australian Citizen of the Year, Wayne Mendes, judged the Business Windows at the Carnival on Friday night. There were joint winners: GALA and the Kingdom of Tonga shop (near Regional Australia Bank). Each business will be provided with a hamper sponsored by IGA.

Guyra Lamb and Potato Festival Canteen Duty Roster 2026

Wednesday January 14th

Tenterden Bushfire Brigade
Guyra Central School Seniors

Thursday January 15th

Guyra CWA
Guyra Bowling Club

Friday January 16th

Tenterden Hall Committee
Can Assist

Saturday January 17th

Guyra Show Society
Guyra Gun Club

Sunday January 18th

Seventh Day Adventist Church
Guyra Junior League

Monday January 19th

Veterans Golf
Polocrosse

Tuesday January 20th

Ben Lomond Hall Committee
Women's Catholic League

Wednesday January 21st

Guyra Central School P&C
Guyra Rotary Club

Thursday January 22nd

Save and Grow Guyra
Guyra Neighbourhood Centre

Friday January 23rd

Pathfinders
Guyra Memorial Hall

Saturday January 24th

Guyra Show Society
Guyra Lions Club

Sunday January 25th

Golf Ladies
Save and Grow Guyra

Monday January 26th

Committee
Guyra Pony Club

EACH COMMUNITY GROUP NEEDS TO PROVIDE A MINIMUM OF 10 WORKERS PER SHIFT

FIRST SHIFT: 7.30AM – 2.15PM

SECOND SHIFT: 1.45PM- 8.30PM



Manning the BBQ - Rotarians Jenny Cumming, Aileen MacDonald, Mayor Sam Coupland, Eli Imad and Stephen Fellenberg



Tiny dancers from Australian Dance Enterprises

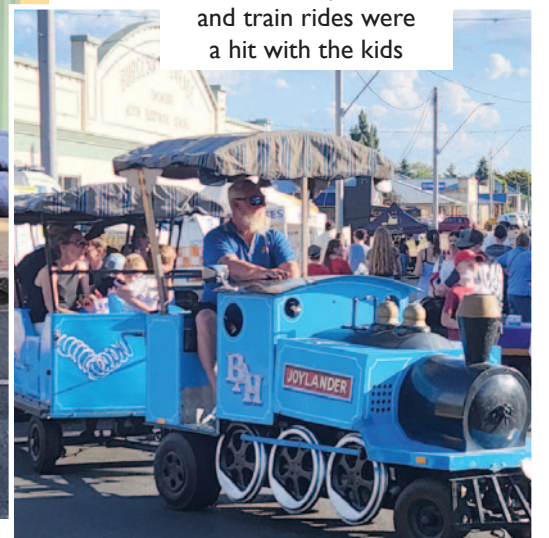


Christmas Carnival

Above: Guyra Central School
Left: Citizen of the Year Wayne Mendes
Below: St Mary of the Angels



Santa Claus, presents and train rides were a hit with the kids



Community Noticeboard

Meals on Wheels

Dec 11	James Parker
Dec 12	Golf Ladies
Dec 15	Wendy Laidlaw
Dec 16	Heather Marchant
Dec 17	Bea Velthuis

Street Stalls

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
Anglicare Chaplain: Rev. Daniel Hayes (0428 828 852)

St. Columba's Presbyterian Church

9am Sunday followed by morning tea. **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

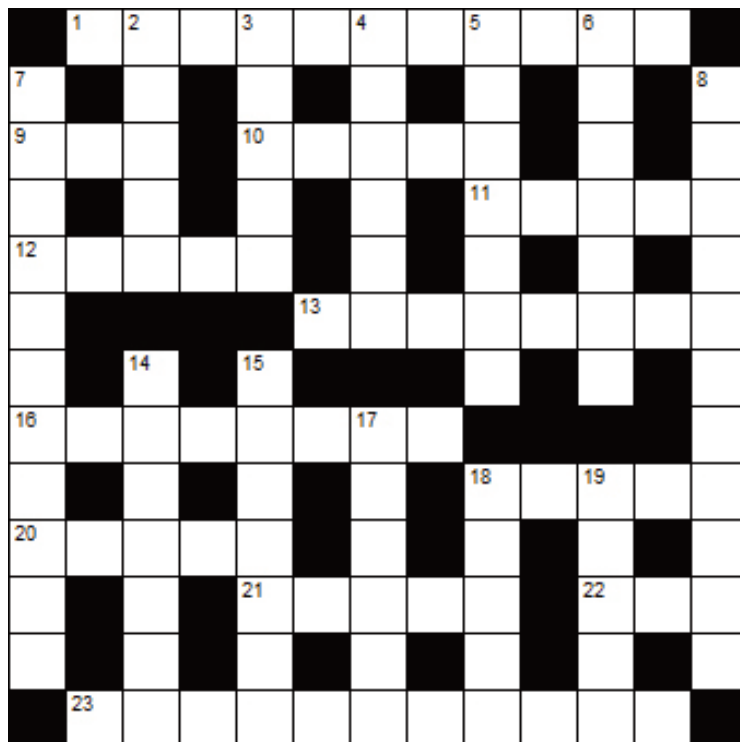
ACROSS

- 1 Coming close to (11)
- 9 Knot with a double loop (3)
- 10 Erased (5)
- 11 Removes moisture (5)
- 12 Anxious (5)
- 13 Make impossible (8)
- 16 Symbols representing musical notes (8)
- 18 Arouse (interest) (5)
- 20 Borders (5)
- 21 Vital organ (5)
- 22 Material from which metal is extracted (3)
- 23 Conventional (11)

DOWN

- 2 Strength (5)
- 3 Raucous (5)
- 4 Seem (6)
- 5 Edible marine fish (7)
- 6 Harmful (7)
- 7 Withdrawal of support (11)
- 8 Atheist (11)
- 14 Walk with difficulty (7)
- 15 Stored away (7)

QUICK CROSSWORD



17 Navigational instrument (6)

18 Paved area (5)

19 Allotted quantity (5)

SUDOKU - Medium

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ACROSS: 1 Approaching 9 Bow 10 Wiped 11 Dries 12 Nerve 13 Preclude 16 Notation 18 Pique 20 Edges 21 Heart 22 Ore 23 Traditional
DOWN: 2 Power 3 Rowdy 4 Appear 5 Haddock 6 Noxious 7 Abandonment 8 Disbeliever 14 Stagger 15 Stashed 17 Octant 18 Patio 19 Quota

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7	1	3	6	9	5	8	2	4
9	8	5	3	4	2	6	1	7

Guyra Lamb and Potato Festival NIGHT Duty Roster 2026

Tuesday January 13th
Pony Club
Wednesday January 14th
Guyra Catholic Church
Thursday January 15th
Guyra Rural Bushfire Brigade
Friday January 16th
Guyra SES
Saturday January 17th
Guyra VRA
Sunday January 18th
Guyra Gun Club
Monday January 19th

Tenterden Bushfire Brigade
Tuesday January 20th
Guyra VRA
Wednesday January 21st
Seven Day Adventist Church
Thursday January 22nd
Guyra Pistol Club
Friday January 23rd
Guyra SES
Saturday January 24th
Guyra Soccer Club
Sunday January 25th

Black Mountain Bushfire Brigade

NIGHT WATCH RE-QUIRES A MINIMUM OF 2 ADULTS PER SHIFT.

You are required to walk around every 10-15 minutes during the night.
NIGHT WATCH STARTS : 8.00pm FINISH: 6.00am

Council News

Council Meetings

The next scheduled council meeting is 10 December 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

Armidale Biodiversity Strategy - Community Survey - Closes 14 December

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

Guyra Water Treatment critical upgrade

From Monday 8 to Friday 12 December,



Council conducts random kerbside bin audits to improve waste practices

We are reminding residents that from time to time, random kerbside bin audits are carried out as part of best practice across all councils to help improve recycling and reduce contamination. These audits are: randomised to avoid influencing how bins are presented, anonymous so

that no personal details are recorded, and compliant as they are carried out according to strict EPA methodology. Council emphasises that these audits are not about targeting individuals but about gathering data to improve waste management for the whole community.

Guyra Water Treatment Plant will undergo a critical upgrade and maintenance. The plant will be temporarily offline to install a new Aluminium Sulfate (Alum) dosing unit, which is an essential part of the water treatment process, and complete a deep clean. During this period, reservoir levels may drop, so we ask residents to help maintain supply by avoiding garden watering, car washing, pool filling, and path cleaning. Council is also addressing recent taste and odour concerns in Guyra's water. Crews are inspecting key sites, conducting laboratory testing, flushing sections of the network, and adjusting treatment processes to meet Australian Drinking Water Guidelines. While the water remains safe to drink, these improvements aim to enhance taste and odour.

Keep an eye out for St John's Wort beetles

St John's Wort (SJW) biological control has been spotted in multiple locations around Armidale. The St John's Wort Beetle is active now while the weather is hot, and will return in autumn to lay eggs on SJW stems. If you see these beetles, please report it to Council! We're collecting them to breed and release in more areas across the LGA in future seasons. **Important:** If you have beetles and plan to spray St John's Wort, the spray will kill their food source and starve the population. Wetting agents in weed sprays can also kill the beetles. What to look for: Beetles are about 5 mm long and appear black or shiny depending on the light. Help us protect our environment by reporting sightings today by calling 1300 136 833.



From the Archives at the Guyra Museum

Compiled by Dorothy Lockyer

Christmas at Guyra 1932.

From the Guyra Argus

On Christmas Eve people flocked into town, the utmost good feeling prevailed, the same old kind sentiments were expressed, and an air of prosperity appeared to dominate the happy throng.

Trade was brisk – everyone bright and merry! All our stores – Pringle's, Hanna's, Beesley's, Stortenbaker's, Robert's, Lackey's, Wilson's, and all other business places – presented a scene of animation. At Pringle's, Santa Claus appeared in person, was there all day, and what a favourite he presented was with the young folk!

Santa Claus was not the only feature presented by Pringle's. The "treasure hunts" created keen interest and treasures for the fortunate ones, and Mrs Hutton's excellent orchestra added just the right vivacity for merry shoppers.

At all other business places there was too, something new that appeared, plenty of bustle to give each and all what they desired, exuberant good feeling, and repeated queries as to who would win a competition or the other, inaugurated for their benefit. A proper spirit – in fact, one that should exist all the year round! The band also contributed to make all happy with appropriate music, and the Salvation Army did likewise.

Great interest was displayed in the letter writing (letter to Santa Claus) and essay (What I Think of Christmas) competitions at Pringle's, and there were numerous entries.

Winner of the Letter writing:

"Dear Santa Claus

Christmas is nearly here, and I hope you visit our home on Christmas Eve. I would like you to leave me a pencil case if you have one; if not, anything will do.

I have some little brothers and a sister, and lots of friends at school, and I hope you can visit all them, especially a little boy called——— because his father is poor and cannot afford to buy him many sweets and goodies for Christmas.

Mother always leaves a bottle of ginger beer and a piece of Christmas cake on the kitchen table for you on Christmas Eve.

Wishing you a Happy Christmas.

From Your Loving Friend.

Tom Davidson"

Winner of the essay:

"I think that the Christmas season is the best of all the year. And that Christmas Day is the most enjoyable day of all.

For weeks prior to the great day preparations are made for the festive season. Homes are made beautiful, shops are decorated with gay



Above: Bradley St, Guyra 1934

Below: Ready for Christmas at Guyra Anglican Church



paper garlands, Christmas bells and balloons and delightful toys are displayed in the windows.

All kiddies love Christmas morning they awake and see that Santa has been and has filled their stockings with treasures. What a noise there is then! Trumpets and whistles blowing; drums beating; tops spinning; children shouting and laughing – there is great joy and everyone is merry.

I think it is beautiful to go to church on Christmas morning to hear the story of the Birth of Christ, and to sing the glorious hymns, "While

Shepherds Watched Their Flock by Night" and "Hark The Herald Angels Sing."

Christmas is a time when we should all be friendly all year round, as that is what Jesus wished us to do. On the night that He was born bands of angels came down from heaven singing "Peace on Earth, Goodwill Towards Men."

Cecil Halloran, "Felton" Guyra (aged 12 years).

**Guyra Historical Museum is open on
Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from
10.30am to 2.00pm.**

Ladies' Golf

Last week the Ladies played a Bisque Par and Par Medal Round. We had perfect golfing weather and our course is looking magnificent. Thank you to Shane and his helpers.

Jenni Jackson was the winner with +8 on a countback from Wendy George. Nearest the pin winners were, Donna White on the 9th hole, Debbie Heffernan on the 18th hole.

Congratulations to Debbie Heffernan and Shona Mulligan won the Tamworth Ladies Open on Sunday

This week is a Stableford. Next week is a Stroke.

Birdie



Winners of the Tamworth Ladies Open
Debbie Heffernan and Shona Mulligan

Vets Golf

Last Tuesday was our stroke event. Windy, cold and atrocious conditions didn't deter 13 very keen players.

Nett winner on the day went to Warren McCowen with Greg Constantine getting the gross. Ian was the best putter and also picked up two NTPs with Paul getting the 3rd.

Next week is a stableford.

Drake

Sunday Golf

The pennants team were unsuccessful with their bid to bring home a pennant but a great day was had by all on an extremely challenging course.

I had the junior / senior day set for this weekend but it will be delayed until the following Sunday the 21st of December.

This weekend is a busy one, on Saturday

the annual challenge of Ladies v Men will take place. Then on Sunday the long awaited second round of the Shire cup will take place in Guyra. It will be an Irish Foursome alternate shot event on with a maximum of 6 points up for grabs, with the Guyra side trailing 5-1 at the moment. The team is hoping that the home course advantage will help reduce the margin.

Also don't forget the Boxing Day Ambrose, it is always a big day so come along and enjoy our beautiful course and Club facilities.

HAPPY GOLFING S.K.

Midweek Golf

Good weather and some great scores this week. That's a Gimme top scored again with 91 followed by Green Grass and Baldersleigh Bashers on 80 points. Sultans of Swing has 77 and Birdies and Pitch Purrfects had 76.

High individual score this week went to Linley Ryan with 26 followed closely by Brenton Jackson with 25 then Jenni Jackson and Brock Laybutt on 24 and Katri Virtanen on 23. Well done.

This week is the last week before the Christmas break so the accumulated points will be published next week. Recommence on 12th January.

Middy

Alcohol-related crashes on regional roads are almost twice as likely to end in death or serious injury.

**Say "Yeah...NAH"
to drink driving.**





Classifieds Trades & Services

TENDER - GREENKEEPER

Tender Contract for Greenkeeper at Guyra

Tender Applications close at 5pm on 1st January, 2026.

The tender will be for the maintenance of an 18 hole grass green golf course at Guyra.

The tender will be for a period of three (3) years.

A full copy of the job description is available by contacting the club or Elevana People Solutions.

We are happy to discuss the role with any potential applicant.

Please contact either:

Betty Bourke or David Wilcox on
02 6779 1499

or Elevana People Solutions at:
info@elevanapeoplesolutions.com.au



FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry at The Chapel
66 Llangothlin Street, Guyra
OPEN this FRIDAY 9am-12pm
Contact: 0455 232 073

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

BROCKLEY Christmas Church Service 2pm Sunday, 14 December
Afternoon tea will be served afterwards at the Church.
Please join us for community fellowship.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

WARD'S MISTAKE CHRISTMAS PARTY this Saturday, 13th December
starting 3pm at the tennis courts.
Santa arrives 5pm. BBQ available.
All welcome. BYO.

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE



Vinnies would like to advise that the **Care and Support Conference** in Guyra has gone into recess over the holiday period effective immediately.

If you require assistance during our closure, please get in touch with:

Vinnies Assist on 13 18 12

We will advise our opening date in the New Year.

The retail store's last trading day will be Friday, 19th December and will reopen on Tuesday, 20th January.

Wishing you peace and joy over the Christmas period.

CLAIM THE DATE

WEDNESDAY, 31st DECEMBER
FREE family-friendly NYE Celebrations at Guyra Recreation Ground.
5:30pm to 9:00pm. Hosted by Guyra & Community Progress Assoc.

2026

WED- MON 14th-26th JANUARY
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.
www.trybooking.com/DGKEE

FRI-SAT, 20th & 21st FEBRUARY
Guyra Show

WEDNESDAY, 25th FEBRUARY
Save & Grow Guyra Ratepayers Inc
AGM 6pm at Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club

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
125th anniversary tour feat Gregory North
www.trybooking.com/DGWQO

9 - 12 JULY 2026

Guyra SnowFest

Visit www.guyrasnowfest.com to subscribe for information.

POSITION VACANT

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OUTREACH SUPPORT OFFICER

Permanent Part-Time – 0.8 PTE (30.4 hrs/week) - New England Community College (NECC)

New England Community College (GALA) is seeking a motivated and community-minded person to join our team as a Community Engagement Outreach Support Officer.

The role supports disadvantaged and vulnerable learners across the region by promoting Adult and Community Education (ACE) and Foundation Skills programs, strengthening referral pathways, and engaging with local community groups, services, and organisations. Regular travel throughout the New England region is required, and applicants must have access to a reliable, roadworthy vehicle.

Key duties include:

- Attending community events, expos, and interagency meetings.
- Building culturally respectful relationships with local communities.
- Promoting learning opportunities to disadvantaged groups.

- Developing and maintaining partnerships and referral pathways.
- Recording outreach activities and completing required reports.
- Supporting culturally safe learning approaches.

Essential criteria:

- Experience in community engagement, outreach, or partnerships.
- Strong communication and organisational skills.
- Cultural competence, including working respectfully with Aboriginal and CALD communities.
- Ability to work independently and manage competing priorities.
- Digital literacy (email, Microsoft Office, reporting systems).
- Strong written communication skills.
- Current Working With Children Check and driver's licence.

- Access to a reliable, roadworthy vehicle for work use.

Desirable:

- Knowledge of ACE or Foundation Skills programs.

Employment conditions are under the Educational Services (Post-Secondary Education) Award.

A 3-month probation period applies.

Travel expenses are reimbursed in accordance with organisational policy.

How to Apply:

Please submit a resume and cover letter addressing the selection criteria to:

Kelso Looker, Executive Officer
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For a detailed Position Description, please visit: www.gala.org.au

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Competition and Camaraderie at annual Bowls Carnival

The greens were full at the Guyra Bowling Club for their annual Carnival which was held last week. Bowlers from across the region gathered for the competition, with players travelling from Glen Innes, Inverell, Tenterfield, Kew, Broadbeach, Mona Vale, Evans Head and Iluka. The atmosphere was friendly but competitive as players battled it out across multiple categories.

In Ladies' competition, the standout trio of A. Carter, P. Wilson and S. Orvard claimed top honours for Glen Innes. They were closely followed by runners up A. Souter, G. Anderson and D. Ross representing Inverell Sporties.

The Mixed event saw strong representation, with a composite team representing Guyra/MonaVale C. Peardon, S. Starr and M. Afford taking the winners' title. Runners up were D Williams, K Arandale and R Shannon from Glen Innes.

Pairs action offered plenty of drama as well. S. Clark and J. McIlwain a Guyra/Broadbeach combination, secured the win. The runners-up were P. Collins and G. Chorley from Kew and Tenterfield.

In the Triples, it was G. Martin, P. Wrice and P. White representing Kew/Evans Head/Iluka who rose to the top. Runners up were S. Campbell, A. Bull and I. Jacobs a Guyra/Kootingal composite side.

With plenty of friendly rivalry, old mates catching up, and new friendships formed on the green, the carnival proved once again why it's a highlight on the local bowls calendar.

The fun continues with the Brian Vickery Ham Day coming up on Sunday 13th December. All bowlers are welcome, with box draw pairs and names to be in by 11:30am for a 12:30pm start.



Winner pairs S Clark and J McIlwain



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Record success, and historic firsts at 2025 Campdraft

The 2025 Guyra Timepiece Campdraft has been hailed as one of the most successful drafts in the event's proud history, with record entries, exceptional cattle, landmark achievements and overwhelming community support.

Held across the fourth weekend of November, the event once again showcased Guyra's reputation as one of Australia's most vibrant and well-run country drafts. This year's draft made history with the first-ever presentation of custom trophy buckles, proudly sponsored by the Royal Hotel Guyra.

The unveiling of the buckles generated enormous interest on social media in the lead-up to the weekend, and their presentation in the arena

was met with huge applause from competitors and spectators alike. The buckles are set to become a cherished annual tradition.

Local sponsorship again proved the backbone of the event. Businesses from across the Northern Tablelands and New England regions rallied strongly behind the Guyra Campdraft Club, with more than 60 sponsors contributing to prize money, cattle donations, infrastructure, and volunteer support. The club's Facebook page saw unprecedented engagement, with thousands following updates throughout the weekend and celebrating the achievements of local riders.

A major highlight was the fiercely contested Northern Tablelands Earthmoving \$10,000 Open Draft, which drew elite combinations from across the state. After a thrilling final round, the event was won by Millungeras Moon Beam, capably piloted by Luke Bennett. Their outstanding run quickly became one of the most talked-about performances of the season, earning widespread praise across social media and setting a new benchmark for the event.

The 2025 draft also featured a deeply meaningful moment with the conferring of Life Membership upon Blake and Helen Finlayson. Both have served the Guyra Campdraft Club with decades of dedication, leadership, and hands-on commitment. Their life membership ceremony, held centre-arena, was a moving tribute to two people who have contributed enormously to the club's growth and community culture.

Despite volatile weather patterns across the region, Guyra was fortunate to miss the worst of the storms, allowing the program to run smoothly and safely. The club worked tirelessly behind the scenes to maintain excellent ground conditions, and competitors praised the cattle quality, organisation, and steady flow of events across all classes.

The Guyra Campdraft Club extended heartfelt appreciation to:

- Cattle donors, whose generosity ensured top-quality runs throughout the program
- Competitors from across NSW and QLD, many travelling significant distances

• Local businesses and major sponsors, whose financial and in-kind support make the event possible

• The hardworking committee, whose planning and teamwork delivered another standout draft

• Truck drivers, who ensured safe and timely delivery of cattle

• Volunteers, without whom a draft of this scale cannot succeed

President and committee representatives said the 2025 draft demonstrated "the best of Guyra - community pride, horsemanship excellence, and the spirit of the Australian campdrafting tradition."

With growing numbers, increasing sponsorship, and the introduction of the trophy buckles, the Guyra Timepiece Campdraft continues to build momentum as a premier regional event. The club looks forward to welcoming competitors and supporters back in 2026.

Submitted



Life members Blake and Helen Finlayson



Winner of the Open Draft Millungeras Moon Beam ridden by Luke Bennett



Guyra Campdraft Club is building for the future
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Catering team Jane Mactier, Laura Vidler and Liz Rogers