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Art show continues to grow

The CWA Evening Branch Art Show, held alongside this year's Guyra Lamb and Potato Festival, has attracted keen interest and a record number of entries.

A total of 109 artworks were entered in the exhibition which is the largest number ever received. Entries came from Glen Innes, Emmaville, Armidale, Guyra and Ben Lomond, showcasing the depth of local and regional talent.

The event also continues to attract new artists with eleven first time exhibitors, which has added to the diversity of works on display.

The official opening on Friday night was well attended, with 21 artworks sold. Throughout the weekend a steady stream of visitors called in to view the works on display.

Art show coordinator Lynda Kagan said planning for the event begins months in advance. Organisation starts in October and ramps up in the lead-up to the festival as entries come in. Volunteers then spend a full day preparing the display ready for opening night.

Ms Kagan praised Kylie Woods, who arranged the artworks to en-



sure the exhibition was eye-catching and inviting for visitors. She also acknowledged the dedicated CWA team working behind the scenes to ensure the show's success.

While the CWA does make a small profit from the exhibition, Ms Kagan said the main aim is to bring people into Bradley Street and support the festival atmosphere. She

also acknowledged GALA for allowing the use of their venue, noting the event would not be possible without their support.

The CWA Evening Branch Art Show remains open daily from 10am to 4pm until Sunday, January 25th, and organisers hope the strong attendance continues through to the final day.

Visitors are encouraged to take

part in the People's Choice Award, with voting open throughout the exhibition. A raffle is also running, offering the chance to win either a crocheted knee rug or a patchwork knee rug.

"Come along and have a look," Ms Kagan said. "There is something for everyone."

A Festival 40 Years in the making

Long serving volunteers were among those recognised at a special 40th anniversary dinner for the Guyra Lamb and Potato Festival.

Around one hundred people attended including ARC Mayor Sam Coupland.

Many of these individuals and groups have been represented since the earliest years of the festival.

Left:

Geoff and Bertha Reeves, Julie Gittoes, Diana and John Presnell



PHOTOS: A Festival 40 Years in the making



Above: Guyra CWA members Noreen Williams, Leigh Ramage, Deidre Youman, Dorothy Every, Chris Smith and Leonie Cox
Top right: Representing Ben Lomond CWA and Hall Committee Dot Every and Don Stride



Right: Llons Club members Steve Mephram, Chris Bell, Geoff Reeves and Graeme Sheils

Mental health is
as important as
physical health



Looking after your mental health and wellbeing helps you stay strong and resilient for the road ahead.

Staying connected with others, keeping active and reaching out when you need support can help you feel strong, grounded and well – no matter what life brings.



For more information to support your mental health and wellbeing, visit www.health.nsw.gov.au/support or call the Mental Health line on 1800 011 511.

PHOTOS: A Festival 40 Years in the making



ARC Mayor Sam Coupland joined festival secretary Julie Gittoes to cut the anniversary cake



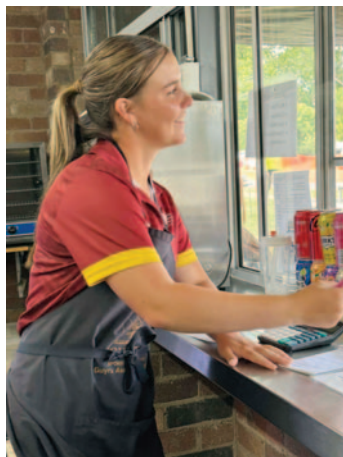
Above l to r:

Festival committee members Steve Mephram, Julie Gittoes, Chris Bell, Bertha Reeves, Vicky Bell, Gwyneth Pearson, Ian Russell, Michelle Stanley, Geoff Reeves, Betty Sheelah, Deborah Little

Left & right:

The next generation

Guyra Central School Seniors joined the volunteer roster for the first time this year.



ACCOUNTS & COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Permanent Part-Time (0.6 FTE / 22.5 hrs per week)

Guyra Adult Learning Association Inc – Guyra / Armidale Region

The Guyra Adult Learning Association Inc (GALA) is seeking a motivated and organised Accounts & Communications Officer to support our finance, marketing and administrative operations across the region.

This varied role suits someone who enjoys working in a community-focused environment and can confidently balance accounts administration with communications, marketing and general office duties.

Key responsibilities include:

- Accounts payable/receivable, invoicing and bank reconciliations (Reckon)
- Supporting budgets, reporting and audit-ready financial records
- Managing social media, promotions and community communications
- Designing flyers, posters and the Semester Course Guide
- General office administration and customer enquiries

- A dedicated half-day each Monday supporting the Guyra Gazette

Essential skills and experience:

- Experience in accounts administration and reconciliations
- Strong communication and organisational skills
- Confidence using social media and basic design tools
- High attention to detail and ability to work independently
- Driver's licence and own vehicle

Desirable:

- Experience in community, education or RTO environments
- Skills in Canva, InDesign or similar design software

This is a permanent part-time position under the Educational Services (Post-Secondary Education) Award.

Applications close: COB 30 January 2026

Applications and enquiries: kelso@gala.org.au

Full Position Description: www.gala.org.au

What's HOT

New shop selling locally made Australian wool and cotton T-shirts

Big weekend coming up for Guyra - see you there!

What's NOT

Owners who park in front of shops all day

Near misses with pushbike riders on footpaths

Dog owners who leave behind little 'messages' on the footpaths

JOKE of the week

Why do Aussies love Australia Day barbecues?

Because it's the one day a year when everything is well done - the sausages, the sunburn, and the Aussie Spirit!

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
13	Tues	10.6	27.1	0
14	Wed	12.9	26.8	0
15	Thurs	12.3	28.2	16.0
16	Fri	13.4	29.3	0.4
17	Sat	14.0	24.9	0
18	Sun	13.2	20.8	16.4
19	Mon	11.0	20.6	0

Rain this week	32.8mm
Jan. rainfall	67.0mm
Rainfall YTD	67.0mm
Rainfall last YTD	118.2mm
Ave. rain YTD	119.2mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin,
Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Still plenty happening at Lamb and Potato Festival

There is still plenty to see and do at the Guyra Lamb and Potato Festival this weekend, with a big program of activities lined up for locals and visitors of all ages.

Kicking off the weekend is the popular Guyra Show and Shine, staged by the Guyra Automotive Club on Bradley Street on January 24th, showcasing an impres-

sive display of classic, custom and modern vehicles.

The Antique Machinery Display and Swap Meet will be running on the highway, offering a fascinating look at vintage equipment and a chance to browse collectables and machinery parts.

Visitors can also enjoy a range of indoor displays, with model

trains on show at the Presbyterian Church Hall and the local craft group exhibiting and selling their work at the Anglican Church Hall.

Across the festival precinct, there will be stalls, food and live music every day, creating a lively atmosphere and plenty of reasons to spend the whole weekend in Guyra.



The Show and Shine in Bradley Street always attracts a large crowd.

OPINION: NSW gun laws do not need change

With recent knee-jerk reactions from the Minns State Government regarding so-called gun law tightening and reforms, Save and Grow Guyra Ratepayers Incorporated has received significant strong opposition and rejection of the proposed Firearms Law changes from ratepayers and the wider New England community. The current legislation is more than adequate and the strictest in the world in-

cluding annual safe storage compliance checks by NSW Police Service. These rushed through non-compliant approach to gun legislation with no consultation with rural regional communities. We have engaged our local MP Brendan Moylan asking for guidance and preparation and sponsorship via the NSW Legislative Assembly E-Petition process at this stagehand has indicated his ongoing support.

Furthermore, Save and Grow Guyra incorporated congratulate Brendan on his recent Shadow Ministerial appointments, a wonderful and much appreciated achievement especially after only a short time as a Northern Tablelands MP.

Rob Lenehan
Chairman - Save and Grow
Guyra Rate Payers Inc.

Who will be our Citizen of the Year?



Trevor Tarrant

Trevor is a local livestock carrier who has served the Guyra district for 53 years. Trevor, backed by his wife Deidre, has always supported the Guyra community. Each year Trevor donates his time and trucks to help at local events. This involves carting loads of sheep for the shearing competition at the Guyra Show and many loads of cattle for the annual Campdraft event held in November. It is acts of generosity such as these that make these events such a success. Trevor was honoured this year by having his name placed on the National Road Transport Museum's Wall of Fame in Alice Springs. Trevor would be a worthy Guyra Citizen of the Year.



Gladys Wilson

A long term resident of Guyra, 'Our Glad' is a great ambassador for all things Guyra. As she walks everywhere she always greets everyone with a smile and a cheery greeting, whether the person is local or just visiting Guyra. She promotes Guyra in a warm and friendly way that is inviting to all. Gladys is a life member of the Guyra Lamb and Potato Festival Committee and is known to support many activities and functions organised by associations and organisations in the town. Her own elegant writing is supportive of Guyra and district and broadcasts her love for this area she calls home. Her life experience is reflected in her poetry that she is happy to share and is now published.



Leigh Ramage

Over many years Leigh has contributed to sporting and community organisations of the Guyra district. Among the many groups she has served are the Tenterden Tennis Club, the Guyra Delta Club, Guyra Playgroup and Guyra Central School Mothers Club.

She was an inaugural member of the Kolara Aged Care committee and is a long serving member of the Country Women's Association.

Other organisation she has been involved in are St James Anglican Church women's group, the Guyra Adult Learning Association, Little Athletics, and the Lamb and Potato Festival.

Leigh also delivered Meals on Wheels monthly for 25 years.



David Kanaley

David has been nominated for his 'massive' amount of community work over recent years.

In July 2025 he was made a Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of his enormous contribution to the Rotary Club of Guyra in his role as Project Manager for the Rotary Community Hall restoration project.

He has made a significant contribution to the Guyra Community generally through the Guyra Garden Club and projects such as the Mandala Garden, and volunteering at St Vincent de Paul.

What's happening in Guyra on Australia Day 2026

Guyra will mark Australia Day 2026 with a program of community events spread across Sunday January 25th and Monday January 26th, offering residents and visitors a chance to come together to celebrate, reflect and recognise local achievement.

Celebrations will begin on Sunday, January 25th with the Australia Day Dinner and Awards, to be held at the Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club from 6.30pm. Tickets are \$30 and are available from GALA. The evening will feature the presentation of Australia Day awards and provide an opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of local individuals and groups.

On Monday, January 26th, activities will start early with the



2025 Citizen of the Year Wayne Mendes

Ben Lomond Australia Day Breakfast from 7am at the Ben Lomond War Memorial Hall, a popular tradition for the wider district.

A morning tea will follow at 9.30am at the Guyra Historical

Museum, offering a relaxed setting for residents to gather and enjoy the occasion.

The day's official proceedings will conclude with a flag raising ceremony at 11am as part of the Lamb and Potato Festival cele-

brations, marking Australia Day in a fittingly community-focused way.

As well as the formal celebrations, entry to the Guyra Swimming Pool will be free on Australia Day, giving locals and visitors the chance to cool off and enjoy the facilities

Residents are encouraged to attend one or more of the events and take part in Guyra's Australia Day celebrations, which continue to highlight the town's strong sense of community and local pride.

The Australia Day Ambassador for the region - chef and community advocate David Bitton - will attend, sharing his story of resilience and community spirit as part of the proceedings.

Meals on Wheels

Jan 22 Heather Marchant
Jan 23 Kath & Warwick Leven
Jan 26 Peter Thomas
Jan 27 Toni Kirkman
Jan 28 ARC Staff

Street Stalls

No street stalls in January

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

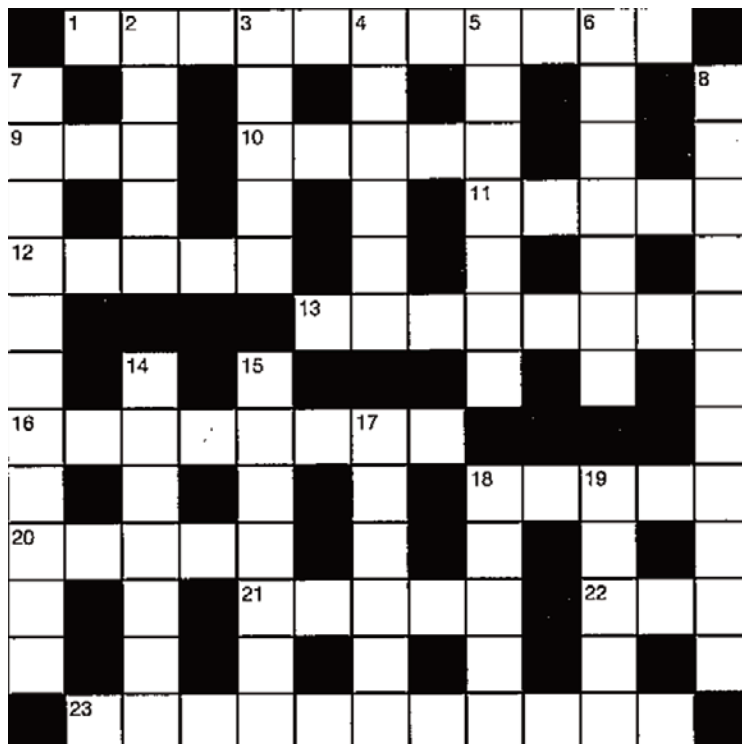
ACROSS

- 1 Well-known sentence (11)
- 9 Away from home (3)
- 10 Single piece of information (5)
- 11 Standpoint (5)
- 12 This date (5)
- 13 Lively dance for two people (8)
- 16 Very small amount of money (8)
- 18 Beauty shop (5)
- 20 Lover of Juliet (5)
- 21 Short bolt or pin (5)
- 22 Flee (3)
- 23 Calamity or great loss (11)

DOWN

- 2 Behaved (5)
- 3 Container for storing items (5)
- 4 Surface film; coating (6)
- 5 Sends back into custody (7)
- 6 Moving forward at speed (7)
- 7 Easily angered (3-8)
- 8 Having greatest importance (11)
- 14 Endurance (7)

QUICK CROSSWORD



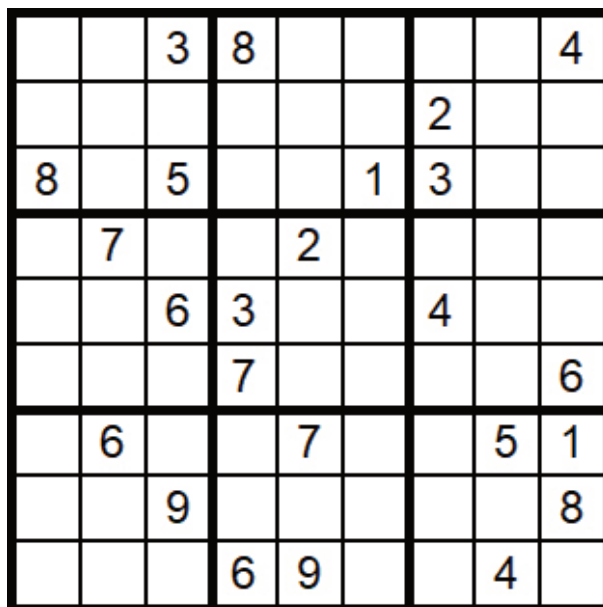
15 Balearic Island (7)

17 Item of neckwear (6)

18 Fight (3-2)

19 Deciduous coniferous tree (5)

SUDOKU - Easy



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tance 18 Salon 20 Romeo 21 Rivet 22
Run 23 Catastrophe
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Mulloon Institute Rehydrating Your Farm Landscape program

Landholders are invited to take part in a fully funded landscape rehydration program running from February to June 2026, delivered by Southern New England Landcare in partnership with the Mulloon Institute.

The program forms part of the Armidale Regional and Uralla Shire Councils' Regional Drought Resilience Plan and focuses on practical, on-farm approaches to improving water cycles, managing erosion, and building long-term landscape resilience.

"This program is very much about learning by doing," said Elizabeth Rosser, Local Landcare Coordinator for Southern New England Landcare.

"Participants will learn how to read their landscape, understand water movement, identify priority areas for action, and then see those ideas applied on the ground."

Valued at more than \$5,000 per participant, the program combines learning and hands-on activities.

It begins with a Field Day on 19th February, followed by a two-day Boot Camp on 18th and 19th March.

From March to June, four landholders will be selected from Boot Camp participants partake in one-on-one mentoring to develop a property-specific Landscape Rehydration Plan.

The program concludes with a Boots on Ground Day on 14th May, where participants will see on-farm works, such as leaky weirs, demonstrated in practice.

Elizabeth said the program is designed to support landholders with practical skills and confidence to plan and implement landscape rehydration works on their own properties, strengthening resilience to drought and dry conditions.

"The program is designed to deliver benefits beyond individual farms," she said.

"Improved water quality flowing into town water catchments benefits the wider community, while drought-resilient farms support stronger rural communities overall."

Southern New England Land-



Above:

Bootcamp participants building leaky weir on "Urandangie" Guyra in October 2023

Right:

The Urandangie Leaky weir in December 2025, 2 years on

care is currently seeking Expressions of Interest from landholders who would like to participate in or host activities as part of the program.

Expressions of Interest close on 30 January 2026.

This program is proudly funded by the Australian Government and NSW Government through the Future Drought Fund, in association with Armidale Regional Council and Uralla Shire Council, and delivered by Southern New England Landcare under the NSW Landcare Enabling Program.

For more information or to submit an Expression of Interest, visit their website <https://snelandcare.org.au> or call 02 6772 9123.



Steven Sole Memorial Fours Carnival

The Steven Sole Memorial Fours Carnival was successfully held over the weekend, with strong competition and community support throughout the day.

First place was awarded to T. Lee (Kempsey), G. Clark and M. Johnson (Hat Head), and B. Presnell (Guyra).

Second place went to D. Skinner, M. Dury, R. Beanie and M. Shiner from Campbelltown.

All funds raised through raffles on the day will be donated to the Melanoma Foundation, with thanks extended to everyone who supported the event and contributed to its success.

Members are advised that a bowls meeting will be held on Sunday, 1st February at 10am, to elect new pennant selectors and match committee members, followed by the bowls presentation.



Right: Winners G Clark T Lee B Presnell and M Johnson

Guyra Pony Club Shines at Zone Jamboree

Guyra Pony Club has recorded one of its strongest Zone Jamboree performances in recent history, returning home with an impressive list of team and individual achievements across multiple age groups.

In the overall club results, Guyra finished as the second highest scoring club for riders under 17 years and was named the highest scoring club overall for Associate riders, highlighting the depth of talent and consistency across the club.

Team performances were a standout feature of the Jamboree. Guyra's Junior Team of Fours claimed first place, while also being awarded the Highest Aggregate Junior Team Pointscore. This achievement marked a significant milestone for the club, as it is a trophy that has never previously been won by a Guyra team since its inception in 1959.

Adding to the strong team results, the Sub Junior Team of Fours secured second place, further demonstrating the strength of Guyra's younger riders.

Individual riders also enjoyed remarkable success across all age divisions. In the Under 7 Girls category, Lucy was awarded Reserve Highest Point Score, while Thea claimed the Highest Point Score for 7 and Under 9 Girls.

Jackson delivered an exceptional performance, winning the 9 and Under 11 Boys Highest Point Score and also being named Overall Highest Junior Point Score for riders aged 9 to under 13 years.

Continuing the run of success, Grace Schaefer was awarded Highest Point Score in the 11 and Under 13 division, and Abbie claimed Highest Point Score for 13 and Under 15 Girls. In the Associate ranks, Charlie was named Associate Ladies



Above:

Junior team of Fours Grace Schaefer (11), Jackson Gerrie (9), Isabelle Wyatt (11), Jessica Fletcher (12) after being presented their Highest Junior Team of Four Aggregate Pointscore Trophy and Sashes

Right:

Max Piddington (4) placed 1st in his bareback class after cantering bareback for the first time ever



Highest Point Score.

The Jamboree also saw a special mention for Max, the youngest rider at the event at just four years of age, who confidently competed throughout the competition and embodied the spirit of Pony Club participation.

Ladies' Golf

Welcome to a New Year of Ladies Golf. It's going to be a busy year with a lot of golf over the next few months.

Last week the ladies played a 4BBB Stableford. The winners with 46 points were Wendy Jackson and Belinda Lenehan. Runners up were Pip White and Wendy George with 43 points. Pip also won Nearest the Pins on the 7th and 9th holes. Wendy Jackson and Wendy George shared the Nearest the Pin on the 18th hole.

This week is a Par medal Round. Next week is a Graham Betts Round.

Birdie

Vets Golf

A great field of 17 players last week for our stableford event on a course that's playing magnificently if recent scores are any indication. Robert Moore had a blinder to start 2026 scoring 39 points to record the win, followed by Jon Cumming just one point away on 38. Best putters were shared by Jon and Colin Mulligan and the NTPs went to Wal Chapman and Terry Varley. Welcome to Peter Mulligan who joined us for a game.

Next Tuesday is pennants in Armidale and we hope to have a good crew support this to start off our campaign in style.

Drake.

Midweek Golf

Good to see lots of golfers back in the swing of things after the Christmas break.

Top team score for the week went to Balderleigh Bashers with 88 points, followed by That's a Gimme on 80, Pitch Purrfects 77 and Green Grass 76.

Some good individual scores were recorded with the top score of 24 going to Ron Starr. Congratulations. Next on 23 was Pip White, Roger Cox and Neil Paine followed closely by Katri Virtanen, Ian Brown, Leonie Taylor and Archie Dowden on 22 points. Good Golfing everyone.

Sunday Golf

The Shire Cup is going down to the wire after the Armidale team defeated Guyra 4-3 which makes the overall score Guyra 10 Armidale 9. There is one round left to be played in Guyra which will be 14 individual Matchplays, so there are 14 points still up for grabs. The last round of Shire Cup will be played on the 15th February.

This weekend will be a 4bbb Stableford open to all golfers, if you don't have a handicap we will give you one for the day. This will be the last chance for the next round of Matchplay games to be played. HAPPY GOLFING.

S.K.



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Talk to a local

Rural Market Reports

Guyra Sheep and Lamb Sale

January 13th - Yarding approx. 7,000. No market report available

Armidale Cattle Sale

January 15th - The number of cattle penned at Armidale remained relatively high at 2,116 head. Overall quality was good to useful.

There was a large yarding of over 100 bulls and a mixed quality line up of cows. The bull market generally remained firm and cows continued to meet strong competition.

Young cattle suited to feed and restockers were keenly sought after. A full gallery of buyers was present and active in the market.

Light weight yearling steers under 200kg made to 548c to average 525c/kg. Yearling

steers in the 200 to 280kg range to restockers averaged 517c and made to 554c/kg. Medium weight yearling steers to feed made to 518c to average 506c/kg. Heavy weight yearling steers to feed made to 506c to average 477c/kg.

Well bred very light heifers sold to restockers at a top of 570c with most of the light weight heifers around 461c/kg. Medium weight yearling heifers to feed averaged 439c and sold to 464c/kg. Heavy weight yearling heifers averaged from 445c to 446c with sales to 460c/kg.

Bullocks made to 456c to average 448c/kg. Medium weight 3 score cows averaged 375c/kg. Heavy weight 3 score cows averaged 382c and the best of the cows made to 397c to average 392c/kg. Heavy weight bulls made to 404c/kg.

This market was captured re-

motely with data supplied by the Armidale saleyards.

Weekly Wool Market

January 16th - Auctions returned after a three week recess setting a blistering pace. History tells us that we rarely see a selling week stronger than this.

Prices were dearer upon Tuesdays opening with the Northern region indicator gaining 74 cents for the day. Not to be content with the initial surge the market gained a further 43 cents on the final day. The market closed the week at its highest level since January 2020.

All types and categories were well supported with the largest rises occurring between the 18.5 to 19.5 micron types. 36,585 bales were sold nation-

ally for the week with an almost non-existent passed in rate of just 1.3%.

Major buyers included Techwool, PJ Morris and Sequoia with widespread support from the trade. This week's surge has led to an increase in next week's national offering with over 43,000 bales expected. To put that in context is important because the same sale last season was a 50,000 bale offering!

AWTA test data for the first half of the season is showing an 8.4% reduction in the weight of wool tested nationally. The Australian Wool Production Forecasting Committee released an update to its 2025/26 estimate during the recess with a 12.6% decline in production expected. Concerns about upcoming supply availability would be at the forefront of the mind for most in the trade.



Classifieds Trades & Services

AUSTRALIA DAY

Australia Day Dinner & Awards

Sunday, 24th January
6.30pm, Bowling & Rec. Club
Tickets \$30 from GALA

Ben Lomond Breakfast - 7am

Ben Lomong War Memorial Hall

Morning Tea - 9.30am

Guyra Historical Museum

Flag Raising - 11am

Lamb & Potato Festival

GUYRA SHOW

The Guyra Show will be holding a
Demolition Derby on
Saturday 21st February at 9pm.

Entries for the
Photography Section will close
on Wednesday 11th February.

Entries can be left at GALA or posted
to PO Box 37, Guyra 2365

Guyra Show Schedules
are available at the GALA Centre.
Ph: 6779 2132

LINE DANCE CLASSES

New beginners class starting
Thursday, 22nd January, 6pm
at Guyra Bowling Club
Enquiries 0428 791 028

FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry at The Chapel
66 Llangothlin Street, Guyra

OPEN this FRIDAY
9am-12pm

Contact: 0455 232 073

COURSES AT NECC

First Aid

Sunday, 15th February

Chemical Course (Full & Refresher)

Wednesday, 11th March

Bookings essential at

**New England
Community College**

(RTO#90145)

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E: admin@gala.org.au

IN MEMORIAM

RAYMOND DOUGLAS MARSHALL

19.3.1938 - 20.1.2025

One year ago you left us, Dad
We love and miss you dearly



In Our Hearts

*We thought of you today
But that is nothing new
We thought about you yesterday
And days before that too
We think of you in silence
We often speak your name
Now all we have are memories*

*And your picture in a frame
Your memory is our keepsake
With which we'll never part
God has you in his keeping
We have you in our hearts.*

*John, Susan, Alison & Steven
and their families*

POULTRY FOR SALE

LAYER PULLETS, 20 weeks, Isa & all
breeds, delivered to Guyra on Friday,
13th February. Call Jim 0428 194 105.

MEETING NOTICES

GUYRA SHOW SOCIETY meeting
Wednesday, 28th January, 7pm at the
Secretary's office Guyra Showground

CLAIM THE DATE

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

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Complete the survey on our new online portal

Visit energyco.nsw.gov.au/nerez (or scan the QR code below) to explore how we're working to balance project impacts and benefits for local communities, then share your feedback through a survey. The survey is open until Friday 30 January 2026 and will take around 10 minutes to complete.

You can also contact our team on the details below if you prefer to receive a paper copy.

Your input will help shape our plans – now and into the future – and ensures the REZ delivers real and lasting benefits for the region.

View the New England regional major infrastructure studies

To support the consultation period, EnergyCo has released a series of studies which address priority topics for REZ delivery including workforce accommodation, water and wastewater security, training and skills, local supply chain and waste and circular economy.

They consider the impacts of major projects in the New England region, including renewables and other industries, as well as opportunities that may arise from this significant investment in regional NSW. These studies are not intended to provide all the answers. They provide a common data point that will inform future strategies to address challenges and maximise opportunities.

The studies are the result of several months of consultation with councils, government agencies and industry to assess existing conditions and priority issues for the region.



For more information

To read the studies and complete our survey, visit the online portal at energyco.nsw.gov.au/nerez or scan the QR code. You can get in touch with our team at nerez@energyco.nsw.gov.au or by calling 1800 061 114 (toll free). We look forward to hearing from you.



Successful annual camp for Guyra Pony Club



The Justin Schaefer Memorial Trophy for Champion Guyra Pony Club Rider was Grace Schaefer presented by Howard Schaefer

The Guyra Showground was filled with energy and excitement the annual Guyra Pony Club Christmas Camp, welcoming riders and families from across the region and beyond.

A total of 70 riders, aged from just three years through to 19, nominated for the camp, with participants travelling from as far afield as the Sunshine Coast, Gunnedah and Manilla to take part. This year's camp placed a strong emphasis on junior and developing riders, with six full troops dedicated to children under the age of 12. The result was a large, enthusiastic group of young Pony Clubbers enjoying a positive and encouraging environment.

Programs were carefully tailored to rider ability, focusing on confidence, horsemanship, safety and enjoyment alongside skill development. Activities throughout the camp included flatwork, jumping, sporting events, campdrafting, mounted games and horsemanship education.

A positive mentoring culture was evident throughout the camp, with older riders actively supporting and encouraging younger members, reinforcing the strong sense of community that Guyra Pony Club is known for.

The camp concluded with a Pony Club gymkhana and prize-

giving, which attracted six visiting Pony Clubs from neighbouring zones. Outstanding performances were recognised, with Champion Hack (Pony or Galloway) awarded to Jessica Fletcher riding Storm. The win was particularly pleasing as Storm is a new horse for Jessica this season, and the partnership continues to develop.

The Champion Guyra Pony Club Rider award was presented to Grace Schaefer riding Priscilla. This award is the Justin Schaefer Memorial Trophy and was presented by Howard Schaefer, Justin's father and Grace's grandfather, creating a moving and memorable moment during the presentations.

During the prizegiving, Guyra Pony Club also recognised one of its most dedicated members, awarding Life Membership to Jenny Hiscox. Jenny has been involved with the club for decades and is widely known for her unwavering support of junior riders. She is often seen helping young and nervous riders with encouragement, practical assistance and good humour.

Jenny has supported countless camps, rally days and Jamborees over many years and is regarded as a much-loved and positive presence within the Guyra Pony Club community.

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Jenny Hiscox
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