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Students begin exciting journey

You don't get much cuter than the Kindergarten students who commenced their educational learning journey at Guyra Central School on Monday, February 2nd. The little learners enjoyed an amazing first day and quickly settled into school routines like seasoned professionals.

Starting "big school" is a significant milestone for both children and parents, marking the beginning of an important chapter in their lives. The Guyra Central School community is proud to support and share in the journey of its smallest students every step of the way.

Adding to the excitement this year is the school's new Assistant Principal, Miss Lee Rose, who is teaching the Kindergarten class. Miss Rose is looking forward to guiding and supporting the young learners as they embark on this important educational adventure.

Guyra Central School warmly welcomes all new students and their families and wishes them a successful and joyful year ahead.



Above l to r: Lucas Morrey, Harriette Bennett, Addisyn Dittman, Ashanti Campbell, Pia Vidler, Violet Lilly, Teacher: Miss Lee Rose
Front: Nash Ketley, Alexander Looker, Archer Eddy **Absent:** Ruby Mayled

Please join us for the Guyra Show Long Lunch

Saturday, 21 February | 12pm
Guyra Show Grounds

Please join us for the Guyra Show Long Lunch. A 3-course meal by Relish Catering. Drinks available for purchase through Josephine Drinks. Proceeds support the Guyra Show Society. Don't miss it! **Ticket sales close 17 February.**

TICKETS: \$120

BOOKINGS:

<https://www.123tix.com.au/event/s/51534/guyra-show-long-lunch-2026>

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Show preparations underway with new faces and leadership

Preparation is well under way for the 118th Guyra Show, to be held on 20th and 21st February, with new President Callan Schaefer taking over from Richard Post. The Guyra Show Committee welcomes fresh faces while also saying goodbye to several long-term supporters.

This year will mark the first time in 50 years that a Presnell will not be working at the show's iconic barbecue. Frank and Mavis Presnell, along with Connie and Bob Newberry, Betty and Col Heagney, Fay and Barry Mayled, Barry Duddy, and Trevor Cook, were the original barbecue committee.

At the 2026 Show, the barbecue will be overseen by Julie and Lynda from the Guyra CWA Evening Branch, joined by Leonie, daughter of Connie and Bob Newberry. The team has added gluten-free options to the menu alongside all the traditional favourites. They are calling for volunteers to help for an hour or two on the barbecue and canteen.

Anyone interested can contact the team at GALA on 6779 2132 or by



Committee members Dot Lockyer, Jessira Saunders, Chris Sole, Richard Post, Callan Schaefer (President) and Anne Starr

emailing your details to admin@guyrashow.guyra.net.

There are also changes in the pavilion. Denise Ramage will take over as Head Steward of the Horti-

culture section from Kris Grills, while Robyn Angus becomes the new Head Steward of Jams and Preserves, succeeding long-term supporter Diane Burey.

The Guyra Show Committee is always seeking volunteers and new members to help make the event a success.

2026 Dance Classes



Classes Commence:

Thursday, 12th February

Guyra Central School Gymnasium

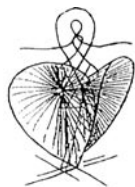
Dance Styles: Classical ballet, Jazz dance, Tap, Creative, Modern, Contemporary, Hip Hop

Other specialty classes include:

Performance classes, Private lessons, Eisteddford & Exam classes

Providers for "Active Kids & Creative Kids"

Australian Dance Enterprises of New England



Principal, Mrs Colette Brazier
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2026 Guyra Show Shearing

Guyra v NSW State Team



**Friday
Feb. 20th
6pm**



Woolhandling Competition

**Saturday
February 21st
Opens,
Seniors, Novice
and
Locals - who have
never competed**

**SATURDAY February 21st
Shearing starts at 9.00am
OPEN, SENIOR,
INTERMEDIATE & LEARNER**

Exciting events and attractions at the 118th Guyra Show

The 118th Guyra Show promises plenty of excitement for all ages. Highlights include the Shearing Section on Friday night featuring a Guyra versus NSW Competition. On Saturday, Maare Foster will run Guyra's first Wool Handling competition as part of the Sports Shear NSW Competition, along with a Guyra Locals Wool Handling event—so get your entries in for a fierce contest!

The outdoor trade space will feature new attractions, including a display by the Australian Defense Force (ADF) and our major sponsor, Origin Energy. The Skin Cancer Bus will return, offering free skin checks to attendees on both days.

New to this year is the Farmer's Challenge on Saturday evening. Teams of four will compete in different age groups and categories, with the winning team earning the chance to represent Guyra at the Sydney Royal Easter Show.

Saturday night entertainment will include the Champion Carcasses from the Prime Lamb Competition



Following a highly successful visit in 2025, the Skin Check Bus will be back at this year's Guyra Show

on display in the bar, followed by auctioning by a local agent. The evening will continue with the Demolition Derby, fireworks, and tunes from Guyra's own DJ Electric Postman.

Outback Stockman Lachie Cossor will travel from Longreach,

QLD, to perform on Friday and Saturday nights with his show featuring horses, dogs, ducks, and the famous Benson the Bull.

Dog lovers will enjoy the 3rd round of the inaugural Northern NSW Yard Dog Competition on Saturday and Sunday. Additionally,

visitors can check out the Stud Cattle Hereford Feature and the poultry displays.

The Guyra Show offers a two-day family pass for \$40, giving families access to all events on both days. Passes are available at the GALA Centre.

**WE WELCOME
LACHIE COSSOR
THE OUTBACK STOCKMAN
FROM
LONGREACH
- FEATURING -
BENSON THE BULL,
HORSES, DOGS,
DUCKS OTHER
ANIMALS AND
WHIPCRACKING
PLENTY OF LAUGHS
AND LOTS OF TUNES**



**GUYRA
SHOW
20 & 21
FEBRUARY 2026**

**FIREWORKS
DEMOLITION DERBY
SHEARING
WOOL HANDLING
LAMB SHOW
CATTLE - HEREFORD
FEATURE**

**WOOL, POULTRY, COOKING,
BIRDS, SHOWJUMPING,
HORSE EVENTS,
CATTLE CALCUTTA AND
LOTS IN THE PAVILION**

**ALL THE NORMAL EVENTS
PLUS MANY MORE**

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CALL IN AT GALA**

•Volunteers needed for the Guyra Show - can you spare an hour or two?

•A chance for the whole community to help create a Guyra mural at the show at the GuyrARTist's marquee

• Gazette survey - please complete and drop into GALA

• Winter sports preparing for their season - time to join a local team

It's Not Just You: Community conversation to tackle Perimenopause and Menopause

Women across the New England are invited to a timely and important community event that aims to break the silence around perimenopause and menopause and provide practical, evidence-based support.

Proudly hosted by the CWA Guyra Evening Branch, "It's Not Just You" is a free, multidisciplinary information day to be held on Sunday, 8 March 2026, from 9.00am to 3.00pm at the Gilbert White Memorial Hall, Guyra.

Perimenopause and menopause can be confusing and isolating experiences for many women, with symptoms often misunderstood or dismissed. This event brings together a diverse panel of

experienced health professionals to offer clear information, professional insight and reassurance that women are not alone in navigating this stage of life.

Guest speakers include Dr Mandana Arshi (GP), Chris Connor (Community Nurse), Jenni Jackson (Pharmacist), Marni Hietbrink (Psychologist), Ellen Adams (Exercise Physiologist), Brianna Short (Physiotherapist) and Associate Professor Gal Winter (Registered Nutritionist). Together, they will explore the physical, emotional and lifestyle aspects of perimenopause and menopause, with a strong focus on practical strategies women can apply in their everyday lives.

The day will also feature a resource fair, offering free information and brochures, along with opportunities to ask questions and connect with local services. Morning tea and lunch will be provided, creating a relaxed and welcoming environment for conversation and connection.

This free event is open to women of all ages, as well as partners, family members and anyone wanting to better understand menopause and support those experiencing it.

Registration is essential and can be completed via Stickytickets.

For further information, contact cwaguyraeveningbranch@gmail.com.

JOKE of the week

Why did the cow win a ribbon at the show?
Because she was outstanding in her field

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
3	Tues	7.6	20.3	0
4	Wed	10.0	27.0	0
5	Thurs	11.4	30.5	0
6	Fri	12.5	30.3	0
7	Sat	13.1	29.5	0
8	Sun	12.0	26.4	0
9	Mon	15.3	18.9	1.0

Rain this week	1.0mm
Feb. rainfall	23.0mm
Rainfall YTD	90.0mm
Rainfall last YTD	181.2mm
Ave. rain YTD	220.8mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin,
Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Dance classes kick off this week



Australian Dance Enterprises (ADE) is thrilled to announce the return of dance classes in Guyra, starting this Thursday, February 12th, at the Guyra Central Gymnasium.

ADE Director and Principal Colette Brazier said she is delighted to once again offer the specialised preschool program, READY SET DANCE, designed for children aged 2 to 5 years.

This fun and engaging class runs from 3:15pm to 4:00pm.

Following READY SET DANCE, the afternoon schedule includes:

- Ballet (ages 5–12): 4:00pm – 4:30pm
 - Tap (ages 7–12): 4:30pm – 5:00pm
 - Junior Hip Hop (ages 7–12): 5:00pm – 5:45pm
- "Last year, around 18 students

from Guyra took part in our end-of-year dance recital," Colette said.

"It was a fantastic afternoon, filled with joy, confidence and creativity, and a wonderful celebration of the students' hard work.

"Australian Dance Enterprises looks forward to welcoming new and returning dancers for another exciting year in 2026."

Dam levels dropping as hot, dry weather continues

Armidale Region's water storages are beginning to show the impact of ongoing hot temperatures and minimal rainfall, and the community is being urged to stay alert as Level 1 Water Restrictions may soon be triggered.

Recent weather data shows prolonged dry conditions across the Northern Tablelands, with rainfall for the month so far well below the February average.

These warm, dry conditions increase evaporation rates and reduce catchment inflows, causing overall dam levels to trend downward. At the same time, increased water consumption places additional strain on already declining dam levels.

While major storages such as Malpas Dam are still relatively high following previous wet periods, they are no longer receiving the replenishment needed to maintain their levels heading into late summer. Without rainfall, continued drawdown is expected.

Under the Armidale Regional Council Water Restrictions Frame-

work, Level 1 restrictions are introduced when total storage falls below key trigger thresholds, specifically, they are imposed when overall storage levels fall to 90%. These early restrictions focus on moderate water conservation and include limited garden watering hours, restrictions on the use of sprinklers, encouragement of efficient household water use, and rules that prohibit outdoor watering during the heat of the day to reduce evaporation and unnecessary loss. To learn more about the different levels of water restrictions, visit this link: Water conservation Armidale Regional Council (please the water conservation links back to our water tank promotional pages on the website).

These early-stage restrictions aim to reduce demand and slow the drawdown of storages so the community can avoid the need for more severe restriction levels later.

Across NSW, many regions are experiencing similar patterns. According to WaterNSW, statewide

dam storage averages are trending downward, with some valleys already reporting reduced levels due to the dry start to 2026.

Local weather observations confirm that hot days have been frequent in January and early February, with temperatures reaching 36.4°C on 26 January 2026, further influencing evaporation and water loss.

The Council continues to monitor Malpas and Guyra storages closely, and community cooperation during early restriction phases remains essential for long term supply stability.

Residents can support these efforts by reducing outdoor watering, checking for leaks around the home, using water efficient appliances, and staying up to date with Council advice as conditions change. By working together to conserve water during hot, dry periods, the community helps maintain resilience through ongoing climate variability.

As we prepare for the possibility

of water restrictions, it's a great time for residents to take advantage of Council's water conservation initiatives, like the rainwater tank rebates. Simply search 'rainwater tank rebates' on our website to learn more and start your application. Further, Council have also instigated soil rehydration workshops, field days and bootcamps for landholders commencing 19 February 2026 and running until May. These initiatives support the community in strengthening on property water resilience, improving soil moisture retention, and reducing reliance on town water during dry conditions. By investing in rainwater capture and learning practical rehydration techniques, landholders can better prepare their properties for extended dry periods, while also contributing to broader regional water conservation efforts. Visit <https://snelandcare.org.au/landcare-news> for details.

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- ✔ Join us at one of four workshops as we host **Rachel Lawrence, Natural Capital Adviser**, Northern Tablelands Local Land Services. Build your understanding of how to maximise opportunities via interactive discussions hosted by local, trusted organisations in our community.
- ✔
 - Key terms and drivers
 - Markets vs financial recognition
 - Links to sustainability and regeneration
 - View your farm through an agro-ecological lens
 - How to follow up on opportunities

Cost: \$25 pp includes supper.
Time: 5.30 - 9.00 pm.
Click a link to book via Humanitix:

1. Uralla - 18 February 2026
2. Walcha - 19 February 2026
3. Armidale - 25 February 2026
4. Guyra - 26 February 2026

Enquiries to Southern New England Landcare on 02 6772 9123.

Rehydrating Your Farm Landscape

Field Day: 19 Feb 2026
Bootcamp: 18-19 March 2026
Mentoring: March to June 2026
Boots on Ground: 14 May 2026

How to catch water and restore landscapes on your property

Learn how to apply simple strategies to improve productivity and drought resilience, optimise water cycling and restore landscape function.

Armidale Regional Council, Uralla Shire Council, Southern New England Landcare and Mulloon Institute invite you to join us for some, or all stages of the program, to restore a functional hydrology to your landscape.

Field Day: 19 February 2026
Introduction to Landscape Rehydration. Learn practical approaches to restoring degraded land through water cycling.

Bootcamp: 18-19 March 2026
A skills-based course about harnessing the water cycle to improve landscape functions. Apply and practice procedures to plan and implement restoration interventions on your property

Online Mentoring: March to June 2026
For graduates of the Bootcamp. Undertake 6 one-on-one mentoring sessions with hydrology expert to support you in your farm project.

Boots on Ground Day: 14 May 2026
Visit a property to see how projects are made achievable and effective. Share a meal, help build and learn practical skills while having fun

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Presenters

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Landscape Planner
Mulloon Institute

Tony Wells
Landscape Planner
Mulloon Institute

Annabel Manning
Landscape Planner
Mulloon Institute

Penny Cooper
Landscape Planner
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Meals on Wheels

Feb 12	Bec Broughton
Feb 13	Golf Ladies
Feb 16	Wendy Laidlaw
Feb 17	Bea Velthuis
Feb 18	Steve Norris

Street Stalls

Feb 12, 13	Freemasons
March 5, 6, 7	Rotary
March 12, 13	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 Mar 8. **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

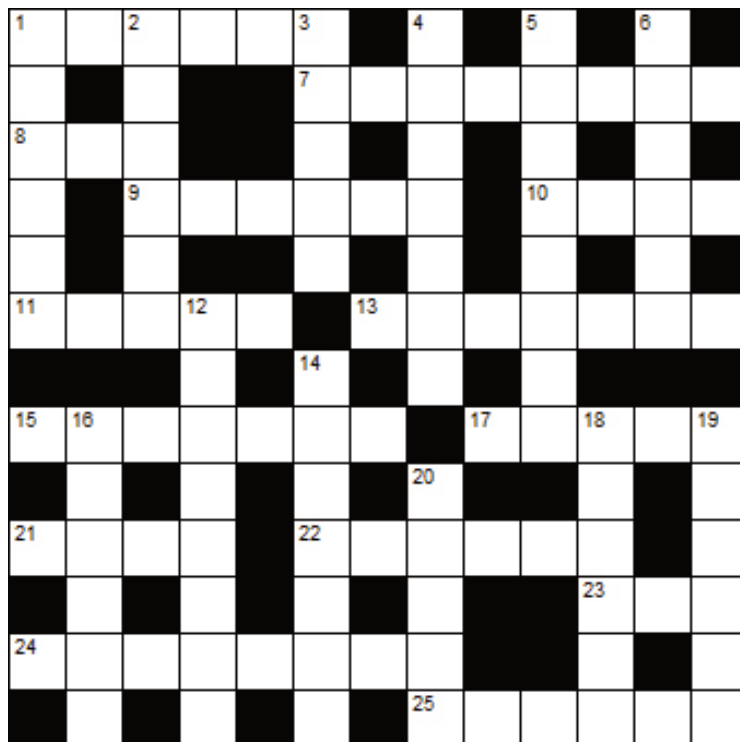
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- 7 African country (8)
- 8 Happiness (3)
- 9 Lethargy (6)
- 10 Entice (4)
- 11 Domesticated (5)
- 13 See (7)
- 15 Feeling of hopelessness (7)
- 17 Gaped (anag.) (5)
- 21 Crazy (informal) (4)
- 22 Confirm (6)
- 23 Hog (3)
- 24 Postponement (8)
- 25 Inferior (6)

DOWN

- 1 Showing utter resignation (6)
- 2 Sense of musical time (6)
- 3 Long flower-stalk (5)
- 4 Entangle (7)
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- 6 Stashes away (6)
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- 14 White and lustrous (hair) (7)

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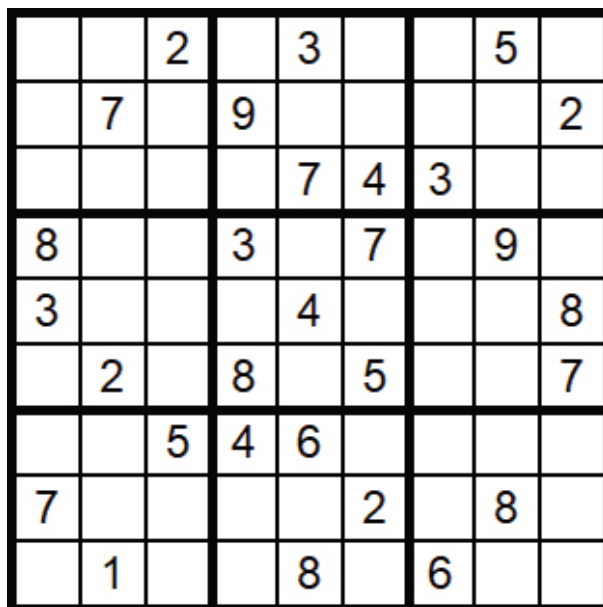
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BreastScreen NSW Mobile Unit Coming to Guyra

Local women are being encouraged to take advantage of a free, potentially life-saving health service when the BreastScreen NSW mobile screening unit visits Guyra in March.

The mobile clinic will be operating from 4th to 11th March at the Public Car Park, 131 Bradley Street, Guyra, providing free mammograms for eligible women.

Breast cancer remains one of the most common cancers affecting women in New South Wales, with one in seven women diagnosed during their lifetime. Importantly, nine out of ten women who develop breast cancer have no family history, highlighting the importance of regular screening for all women, not just those considered at higher risk.

Early detection is key. A mammogram can detect changes in breast tissue well be-



fore they can be seen or felt, greatly improving treatment options and outcomes. The screening process is quick, simple and carried out by experienced

health professionals in a supportive environment.

Appointments can be made online through BreastScreen NSW or by calling 13 20 50.

With the mobile unit only in Guyra for a limited time, local women are urged not to delay and to make breast screening a priority.

Rural Market Reports

Guyra Sheep and Lamb Sale

February 3rd - Yarding of approx. 6300. No market report available. Sales are being conducted weekly.

Armidale Cattle Sale

February 5th - Armidale reduced numbers from previous sale by 314 head to 1350 mixed cattle. The regular buyers attended and operated to generally subdued trends for most categories.

A stand out offering of limited early weaner steers sold to 512c/kg the heifer portion making 431c/kg. Light background yearling steers 390c to 470c/kg while a draft of steers to 330kgs were dearer selling to 476c/kg.

Medium background steers slipped 15c/kg 330c to 456c/kg. Similar feeders marginally cheaper 420c to 488c/kg. Processor steers over 480kgs made to 443c/kg.

Light yearling heifers to 280kgs down 20c/kg 350c to 420c/kg.

Medium heifers to background cheaper 376c to 416c/kg. Feeder heifers over 480kgs gained 7c/kg 360c to 404c/kg. Processor heifers over 480kgs 418c to 434c/kg.

Heavy grown steers were dearer 380c to 400c/kg similar heifers 380c to 405c/kg. Restocker cows 337c to 353c/kg. Heavy three and four score cows 338c to 378c/kg. Heavy bulls dearer 370c to 410c/kg.

Stephen Adams MLA

Weekly Wool Market

February 6th - Another positive market this week, despite upward pressure on the Australian dollar following the Reserve Bank's 0.25% interest rate rise on Tuesday. In a clear sign that demand for wool has improved, the stronger exchange rate did little to dampen competition in the sale room. Buyers—particularly those supplying the Chinese domestic market—were keen to fill existing orders and continued to push prices higher.

All micron indicators finished

in positive territory, with the exception of the 28-micron indicator. Passed-in rates remained low again this week as growers continue to take advantage of the recent price rises.

Major buying support was spread across the large trading companies, with Techwool, Endeavour, PJ Morris and Sequoia leading the way. We are fielding a growing number of enquiries from buyers regarding likely sale quantities over the coming weeks.

The first four selling weeks of the New Year have all offered close to 40,000 bales, and with passed-in rates remaining low, the trade is keen to gain clarity on the forward flow of wool.

Next week's offering is slightly smaller than this week, before we move into a one-week recess for Chinese New Year. The Chinese trade has been pushing for some time to introduce a recess, and this year marks the first trial to assess the impact of holding it so soon after the Christmas break.

Schute Bell Wool

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Talk to a local

New exhibition for local artist

A new exhibition by Guyra based artist Clare O'Hara Cooper, *Two Souls One Caravan*, is currently on show at the Armidale Art Gallery.

Clare's work is inspired by journeys through the Australian bush drawing on the vivid colours of the landscape. She captures the sensory richness of travel and place - red earth, yellow fields, golden wattle, vast blue skies, fog, clouds and wild oceans.

At the heart of the exhibition are themes of partnership, the Australian landscape and life on the road, with the caravan becoming a central motif. The works reflect a particularly happy and formative time in the artist's life, sharing personal experiences with warmth, honesty and vulnerability.

Embracing individuality and authenticity, her paintings celebrate her quirks and resist conformity, staying true to her unique artistic voice and inviting viewers to connect with both the journey and the joy behind the work.

Two Souls One Caravan is on show at the Armidale Art Gallery until March 7th.



Pig Control Efforts 'Not Enough'

Shadow Minister for Agriculture and Member for Northern Tablelands Brendan Moylan has criticised the Minns Labor Government's response to the state's growing feral pig problem, calling current control efforts inadequate.

Mr Moylan said that between July 2024 and June 2025, just 83,207 feral pigs were culled across NSW, despite population estimates exceeding 100 million.

He warned feral pigs are causing widespread damage to farms and the environment, destroying native vegetation, attacking livestock such as lambs and calves, and damaging crops and soil.

Mr Moylan said existing control methods, including aerial shooting, baiting and trapping, are failing to keep pace with rapidly increasing pig numbers. He is calling for increased funding and locally targeted, ongoing control programs, arguing that a one-size-fits-all approach will not be effective.



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GUYRA SHOW

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

Entries for the
Photography Section will
close TODAY,

Wednesday 11th February.

Entries can be left at GALA

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

CLAIM THE DATE

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

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

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

SUNDAY, 8th MARCH
It's Not Just You: A Multidisciplinary
Conversation on Perimenopause
and Menopause.

9am – 3pm at Guyra Community Hall.
FREE. More information on registering
a seat will be available soon.

Keep an eye out!

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

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to subscribe for information.

FUNERAL NOTICE

GARNISS; DOREEN HELEN
29.05.1930 – 06.02.2026
Of Llangothlin Street,
formerly of 'Little Plain', Guyra

Dearly loved wife of Peter (dec'd)
Loving mother and mother-in-law of
Suzanne, and Michael & Tanya.

Much loved grandmother and great-
grandmother of their families.

Loved sister of Mary (dec'd), Leonard
(dec'd), Patricia (dec'd), Suzanne (dec'd)
and Yvonne.

Aged 95 years

Funeral mass will be held at St Mary
of the Angels, Guyra on Friday, 13th
February 2026, at 12pm followed by
interment at the Guyra Lawn Cemetery.



MEETING NOTICES

TROUTFEST AGM Monday, 9th March,
5.30pm at Guyra Bowling Club. New
members most welcome.

GUYRA SHAMROCK HOCKEY Club
AGM Tuesday, 24th February 2026,
6pm at The Royal Hotel. Welcome all
members and anyone interested in play-
ing hockey to join. A general meeting will
follow afterwards to discuss the upcom-
ing season. The seniors first round will be
on Saturday 21st March, whilst Juniors
will start Saturday 25th April.

COURSES AT NECC

Chemical Course
(Full & Refresher)

Wednesday, 11th March

Accidental Counsellor
Workshop

A one-day, evidence based
workshop accredited by
Suicide Prevention Australia
Wed. 13th May - Armidale
Thurs. 14th May - Guyra
Fri. 15th May - Glen Innes

Bookings essential at
New England
Community College

(RTO#90145)

Phone: 6779 2132

E: admin@gala.org.au

FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry
at The Chapel
66 Llangothlin Street, Guyra

OPEN this FRIDAY

9am-12pm

Contact: 0455 232 073

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- Odd Jobs done
- Painting
- Lawns
- Demolition
- Rubbish Removal
- Gardening ... + more

Call Roger 0473 656 686

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RJ & KA Hammond
HAMMOND PLUMBING
67 Ollera St, Guyra
Ph: 6779 1434

Hockey

Guyra Shamrock Hockey club will hold an AGM on Tuesday, 24th February 2026, 6pm at the Royal Hotel. Welcome all members and anyone interested in playing hockey to join. A general meeting will follow directly afterwards to discuss the upcoming season. The senior's first round will be on Saturday 21st March, whilst Juniors will start Saturday 25th April.

Prue Post

Vets Golf

Last Tuesday was our stroke event and congratulations to Ray Sweeney on his magnificent win. Ray had a brilliant score of 64 nett to completely blitz the rest of the field. Mick Cox had nett 71 that would be a winning score most days. Robert Moore was gross winner and NTPs went to Colin Mulligan, Phil Devlin and Jon Cumming. On Thursday we travelled to Walcha to contest the district penants. Walcha had a record score to be very comfortable winners and although just two strokes separated the next three placings we came in fourth. Dave Bearup was the only individual winner in Walcha getting runner up in C grade. We are now sitting in last spot but if we can pull

off a win on our home course next week we are right back in it. Go Guyra.

In other exciting news, Wal has got miscore up and running. This is a phone app that enables you to score from your phone and the results go straight into the system. Amazingly easy to use and minimises the massive job for scorers especially after big days. This is by no means compulsory and the card system will always be there. If you decide to go ahead and do it and need help setting up Wal or I are happy to assist.

Drake

Ladies' Golf

Last week the Ladies played the 1st Golf NSW Medal Round. Our winner was Julie Walker with 71 Nett. Jenny Rogers was runner up on a countback from Jenni Jackson and Wendy Jackson with 73 Nett. Jenni Jackson won the nearest the pin on the 9th hole. Wendy Jackson won the nearest the pin on the 18th hole as well as the putting competition.

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

Birdie

Spuds in training for season 2026



Oscar Atkin and Archie Dowden in action at training last week.

The Super Spuds are hard at it ahead of the 2026 season. Training is on every Tuesday and Thursday from 6pm at the Guyra Sporting Complex for A grade, under 18s and women's leaguetag teams.

There are a number of new faces at the club and most of last year's A grade side is also back.

The club has finalised uniform sponsors for the season and will be announcing them soon, but it

is not too late for other sponsors to come on board.

One sponsor that can be revealed is the Guyra Hotel, who will be the club's major sponsor and home base again this year.

The Group 19 competition will begin in April but the club plans to play in pre-season games in March, so time is running out for new players to get some training runs under their belt before the first games.

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A MULTIDISCIPLINARY
CONVERSATION ON
PERIMENOPAUSE &
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**IT'S NOT
JUST YOU**

Sun, 8th March
2026

9:00 - 3:00
AM PM

Gilbert White
Memorial Hall
Dutton Parade,
Guyra

FREE EVENT: REGISTER
VIA STICKYTICKETS QR
CODE HERE

SPEAKER
Jenni Jackson

SPEAKER
Brianna Short

Information & Education
This FREE information session
brings together a team of
experienced health
professionals to provide
practical, evidence-based
support for women navigating
perimenopause and menopause.

SPEAKER
A/Professor Gal Winter

SPEAKER
Ellen Adams

SPEAKER
Marni Hietbrink

Guest Speakers
Dr Mandana Arshi - GP
Chris Connor - Community Nurse
Jenni Jackson - Pharmacist
Marni Hietbrink - Psychologist
Ellen Adams - Exercise Physiologist
Brianna Short - Physiotherapist
A/Professor Gal Winter - Registered
Nutritionist

Resource Fair
Free information and brochures.

MORNING TEA AND LUNCH PROVIDED

SPEAKER
Dr Mandana Arshi

SPEAKER
Chris Connor

For more information please email cwaguyraeveningbranch@gmail.com

Ram Sale Dates 2026

Pollambi Performance Proven Ram Sale
Sale | Friday 13th February, 2pm
On-Property

Palana Poll Dorset Ram & Ewe Sale
Sale | Wednesday 25th February, 1.30pm
Guyra Showgrounds

Yasloc Poll Dorset & White Suffolk Ram Sale
Sale | Friday 6th March, 1pm
On-Property

Contact the team at
Elders Armidale & Guyra
PH: (02) 6775 4500

The Elders logo is in the top right corner. Below it is a photograph of a sheep in a pen.

Good field for mixed championships

A great field of local players competed in the mixed Championships. With the course presented beautifully, and the weather pristine, scores were always going to be good and this proved the case with six teams finishing within 5 points of each other.

The overall winners for the day were Paul and Chris Gellie with a brilliant score. This proved to be a very popular result with all involved. Runner Up was shared between the teams of Mick and Wendy Jackson and also another popular result of Tom and Tina Skipper.

Nearest the pins were 7th and 18th Darrin Towells, 10th Shona Mulligan and 9th Kerry Bull.

It was great to see everybody enjoy the day and some new players getting involved.

This weekend is the Final Round of the Shire cup with 14 individual Matchplays. The morning will kick off at 9.30 am with a light breakfast for the play-



Winners Christine and Paul Gellie with Darrin Towells

ers before the competition starts. We would like to thank Darrin and Suzanne Towells of New England Autos for the proud sponsorship of this new event

which I think will only get bigger every year.

The following weekend is the first and second round of the Men's Championships which is

sure to attract plenty of interest.

We are also asking for the next round of Matchplay to be completed by the 7th of March.

Matches are Robert Moore v Peter Jackson, Darrin Towells v Steve Kliendienst, Neil Paine v Ian Taylor and Adam Brennan v Noah Brennan.

Last but not least the Annual Golf Presentation will be held this Friday night with a 6 for 6.30 pm start at the Guyra Bowling Club. Tickets are to be purchased at the Bowling Club by 6pm Thursday night for catering purposes.

A cost of \$35 which puts you in the draw for a free golf membership for the 26-27 season and entertainment supplied by local talent Shane Garrett.

We ask all to come along, presentations include all winners for the past season and the past two Midweek winners also to receive their awards on the night. Hope to see you there

HAPPY GOLFING

**Export & Trade sections
Pens of 3**

**DROP OFF 10am - 3pm
Thursday
19th February 2026
Entries close 13/2/2026**

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**Guyra Show 2026
Lamb Show & Sale
Judging Friday 8am**

1 Pen per class per PIC
\$30 Per Pen

Champion Carcass's
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Night at the Show

45kg - 51kg
52 kg - 65kg
65Kg +
School Pen

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Entry forms available at
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or

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Judging Friday Morning

