



Wednesday February 18, 2026

Aged care transition underway

Inverell-based not-for-profit aged care provider McLean Care has announced plans to transition its operations to a new provider, a move aimed at securing the long-term future of services in regional communities. Among the facilities impacted by the decision is the Kolora Aged Care Facility in Guyra, which has been operated by McLean Care since 2018 under a lease arrangement with Armidale Regional Council.

The decision comes in response to growing pressures facing aged care providers, particularly in regional areas. These include complex compliance requirements, rising operating and staffing costs, labour shortages, and the increasing expense of maintaining and upgrading facilities.

McLean Care Board Chair Manuel Meszaros said the transition was necessary to ensure services remain viable into the future.

"Unfortunately, the pressures on aged care providers, especially in regional areas, mean McLean Care's operations are no longer viable under our current operating model," he said.

The organisation employs more than 700 full-time, part-time and casual staff and operates 370 resi-



The Kolora Aged Care Facility, which has been run by McLean Care since 2018

dential aged care beds across six facilities in Inverell, Guyra and Gunnedah, as well as Oakey and Milmerran. It also provides 82 independent living units co-located with residential facilities, at-home care services across Queensland, NSW and Victoria, and iAge Health, a virtual hub connecting regional and remote residents with healthcare professionals.

Mr Meszaros said residential facilities and home-care services will continue operating as normal during the transition process, with the

organisation working towards a seamless handover. He said potential new providers would be sought who align with McLean Care's mission-led ethos, commitment to high-quality care and resident well-being, and who have the financial capacity to operate sustainably into the future. Residents, families, home-care clients and employees are being kept informed as the process unfolds.

In a separate announcement, McLean Care confirmed CEO Sue Thomson stepped down from the

role on 12 February for personal reasons. Experienced aged care leader Jill Davidson has been appointed Interim CEO to guide the organisation through the transition. Mr Meszaros acknowledged Ms Thomson's contribution over more than 17 years with the organisation, including 12 years as CEO.

The transition process will be led by expert financial and legal advisers with support from the Commonwealth Government as the organisation seeks a new operator to continue services.

**Have a FREE skin check
at the Guyra Show
this Friday & Saturday
20th & 21st February
9am to 5pm**

No booking is required.

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Bald Blair students ready for another year

Bald Blair students have returned to school full of excitement and anticipation for the year ahead. Term One promises to be an action-packed start, beginning with the annual Snow Gums Swimming Carnival this Thursday.

We are thrilled to welcome the return of Paws Up! this term, and our students are eagerly looking forward to our visit from the UNE Voyager Discovery Bus in March, which promises to be an engaging and educational experience.

At the end of term, we are excited to head to Tamworth to enjoy a live production of Peter Rabbit at the Tamworth Capitol Theatre. Closer to home, the annual Snow Gums Cross-Country event will be held at Bald Blair, along with our beloved Easter Hat Parade.

These fantastic events complement the outstanding learning experiences that take place every day at Bald Blair Public School.

For information about enrolling at our school or our Transition to School program, please contact us



on 6779 1578.

We warmly welcome our new students: Acton in Kindergarten, Evelyn in Year Three, and Caleb in Year Five.

Ros Edwards
Principal



Above:
K-2 Very Hungry Caterpillars

Left:
Welcome to Evelyn (Year 3) and Caleb (Year 5)

Program and Entertainment 118th Guyra Show

Wednesday 18th February

8.30am - 4pm Pavilion open to receive exhibit entries

9am Judging of Schools Arts and Crafts

Thursday 19th February

8.30—9.30am Pavilion open to receive exhibit entries

8.30 am Judging of Wool

10am Judging Needlework, Knitting & Crochet section

11am Judging of Craft Section

Friday 20th February

7.30am – 9am Pavilion open to receive entries

9am - 12 noon Judging of items in the pavilion

9am Horse events starts

10am Prime Lamb Judging

Junior Sheep Judging

Junior Wool Judging

2pm Junior Cattle Judging

3pm Junior Cattle Paraders

5pm All Breeds Heifer Show

5.30 Official Opening in the Pavilion

6.15pm Outback Stockman Lachie Cossor

Shearing Guyra V NSW

Men's Cake Champion Presentation at Bar

8pm Pavilion Closed

9pm Outback Stockman Lachie Cossor

Bar & BBQ open until Late both nights

Saturday February 21st

8am Yard Dog Trails start 3rd round of the inaugural Northern NSW Yard Dog Competition (continues Sunday)

8am Horse events

8.30am Beef Cattle Judging

9am Pavilion open (until 5pm)

Entries received for Poultry Show

Caged Birds

Shearing & Wool Handling

Outback Stockman Lachie Cossor

Long Lunch (tickets need to be pre purchased no tickets sold on day - does not include show entry fee)

1.30pm Lolly Cannon

3.30pm Lolly Cannon

4.00pm Grand Parade

4.45pm The Great Lamb Muster (for Children)

5pm Pavillion closed to public

5.30pm Farmer Challenge

6.30pm Outback Stockman Lachie Cossor

7.30pm Auction of Lamb Carcass

8pm Fireworks

8.30pm Demolition Derby

9pm Electric Postman

Bar and BBQ open until late

Rod Halsted brings his raw honesty and Aussie humour to Guyra Library

Author Rod Halsted will bring his raw honesty and Aussie humour to Guyra LT Starr Memorial Library when he appears in conversation on Friday, March 6th at 5.30pm.

The event offers readers the chance to meet the larrikin storyteller behind *Take My Advice, I'm Not Using It!* and hear firsthand accounts of a life that has swung from penthouse luxury to prison time and, ultimately, back to stability.

The community is invited to attend as Halsted recounts wild adventures and hard-earned lessons drawn from a life marked by addiction, crime and redemption, all delivered with the irreverent humour that has become his trademark. Having lived more lives than most, he tells his story with unflinching honesty and charm.

Rod drank with Bob Hawke, was rescued from jail by Charles Waterstreet, and spent time with one of the Great Train Robbers. But eventually it all caught up with him. He has since abandoned drugs and overcome alcohol addiction.

In his memoir, he takes audiences on a rollercoaster through hardship and recovery -



Rod Halsted

all wrapped in the irreverent humour of a true Aussie larrikin.

This event promises an unforgettable evening with a storyteller whose life is as compelling as the voice he tells it with.

RSVP to Guyra Library:

Phone: 6770 7123 or Email: gsclibrary@armidale.nsw.gov.au

New speeds in force around Black Mountain

An 80 km/h speed limit is now in force on a section of the New England Highway around Black Mountain, with the change implemented last week in response to safety concerns in the area.

A spokesperson for Transport for NSW said the reduction was introduced to improve safety for all road users.

The speed limit has been lowered from 100 km/h to 80 km/h from 150 metres south of Thunderbolts Road to 1.25 kilometres north of Springmount Road at Black Mountain. The change is permanent and has been carried out in accordance with the NSW Speed Zoning Standards 2025.

"The speed zone was reduced due to numerous crashes on the New England Highway near the Black Mountain Road intersection," the spokesperson said.

"This section of the highway has a critical crash rate greater than the average for a high-speed undivided road."

New to the Guyra Show in 2026: The Young Farmer Challenge Join us in the Main Arena on Saturday, 21st after the Lamb Muster

Compete in a range of agricultural challenges common to the Guyra Region in what will be one of the richest YFC Competitions in the New England Region!

Two divisions: High School - 12 to 18yrs of age (Must have parental permission) and Open Division - 18 to 35yrs.

Cash prizes in both divisions for First Place. First place teams in the Open will have the opportunity to represent Guyra at the 2026 State Finals at the Sydney Royal Easter Show.

Nominate at the Secretary's Office on the day.

Any enquiries contact Justin Matthews 0427 885 501

2026 GUYRA SHOW YOUNG FARMER CHALLENGE

Saturday 21st Feb - After the Lamb Muster

**HIGH SCHOOL
DIVISION
12-18yrs**

**OPEN DIVISION
18-35yrs**

**Cash Prizes for 1st
Place in Both
Divisions**



**Winners in the Open
will be able to
represent Guyra at
the NSW Finals**

What's HOT

The Firework display at Guyra Show Saturday night at 8pm.

Friday night at Guyra Show Guyra shearers V NSW shearers. Come along and cheer on the locals.

Get your team ready for the Farmer's Challenge at the Show. Great Prize money.

What's NOT

Heads up there will be no ATM at this year's show. Tap and go will be available around the grounds.

JOKE of the week

Why are frogs always so happy?
They eat whatever bugs them

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
10	Tues	15.0	24.7	12.4
11	Wed	12.9	28.7	0
12	Thurs	16.0	27.1	0
13	Fri	12.6	17.4	7.6
14	Sat	12.0	17.7	0
15	Sun	11.5	19.4	0
16	Mon	10.0	20.1	2.0

Rain this week	22.0mm
Feb. rainfall	45.0mm
Rainfall YTD	112.0mm
Rainfall last YTD	202.0mm
Ave. rain YTD	220.8mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin,
Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Stop by for skin check at the Show

The Guyra branch of Can Assist has again provided funds to support the presence of the Skin Check Truck at the Guyra Show this weekend.

The Skin Check Trucks travel across Australia offering free, professional skin checks and raising awareness about skin cancer prevention and to break down barriers to early detection while making skin

health checks accessible to everyone.

These groundbreaking initiatives provide free Skin Checks to communities who otherwise may not be able to access a similar service, while further educating them on skin cancer and how to take preventative measures.

The Skin Check Truck is a fully equipped mobile clinic

bringing free, professional skin cancer checks directly to the community and locals are encouraged to take the time to visit their stand this weekend. No appointment is necessary and depending on popularity, there may be a short wait to access the service.

We encourage everyone to take time to stop by.

Can Assist Guyra Branch

Smalls schools swimming carnival



On Thursday, 12th February 2026 students from Black Mountain Public School travelled to the Guyra Pool to compete in our Snow Gums Small Schools Swimming Carnival.

They enjoyed the day supporting their fellow students and participated in their various age races.

Congratulations to all the students for representing our school with pride.

A special congratulations to Mr Tom Harris who blitzed the field in the teacher/parent relay.

Well done everyone!

*Mrs Justine Eddy
Relieving Principal*

Heritage takes the stage at 2026 Autumn Festival

Heritage skills and lost trades will take centre stage at Armidale's 2026 Autumn Festival, with highlights from the New England Heritage Festival adding a new dimension to this year's event.

Visitors can enjoy demonstrations of blacksmithing, leatherwork and lacemaking, along with

displays of antique trucks and machinery. A major attraction will be Councillor Rob Taber's antique steam traction engine in the Autumn Festival Parade, alongside the New England Antique Machinery Club working threshing machine - offering younger generations a glimpse of early farming innovation.

Armidale Regional Council will host the Autumn Festival on Saturday, 21 March, featuring a colourful street parade, live entertainment, food stalls and heritage displays. Organisers say the expanded program aims to inspire a new audience to appreciate traditional skills and the region's rich history.

St Marys swim champions



On Friday 13th February St Mary of the Angels held their annual Swimming Carnival. It was a wonderful success

and a fantastic celebration of participation, teamwork and school spirit."

Age Champions:
Jr Boy: Jack N, **Jr Girl:** Lulu C, **11 yrs Girl:** Clancy R, **Sr Boy:** Ned N

Runner Up Age Champions:
Jr Boy: Billie C, **11 yrs Girl:** Casey J, **Sr Boy:** Miles F



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Lamb and Potato Festival

It was great to see the Guyra community celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Lamb and Potato Festival in January. I spoke about the festival and its milestone on the floor of Parliament last week through a Community Recognition Statement which is recorded in Hansard, the official parliamentary record:

I recognise the Guyra community, which is celebrating the fortieth anniversary of the annual Lamb and Potato Festival. The event honours two of Guyra's most iconic local industries, spuds and lamb, whilst putting Guyra firmly on the map, drawing visitors from across New South Wales.

I thank past and present committee members, including current members: Steve Mephram, Julie Gittoes, Chris Bell, Deborah Little, Mark Werts, Ian Russell, Jim O'Neill, Betty Sheelah and patron Gladys Wilson.

The festival is a gift that keeps on giving to the Guyra community; funds raised are distributed to local groups and organisations. I commend all involved in the success and longevity of the festival, and

I thank everyone who has volunteered their time to support the festival. Long may the Lamb and Potato Festival continue. I encourage everyone to visit for a good day out.

It was also great to honour Black Mountain locals Gordon and Pam Youman for 40 years running their nursery!

Guyra Show

The Guyra Show is on this weekend and there is something for everyone on offer. There's shearing competitions, an ADF display, the Farmers' Challenge, Outback Stockman Lachie Cossor's show, yard dog trials, horse, cattle and other livestock events.

Callan Shaefer has taken over as show president this year and I wish him the best of luck.

I would also like to encourage people to volunteer their time. Without volunteers, the show doesn't go on.

Community Building Partnership applications

Applications for the NSW Government's Community Building Partnership program are anticipated to open soon.



I delivered a Community Recognition Statement on the Lamb and Potato Festival in Parliament last week

Now is the time for not-for-profit organisations to start pulling together their applications for community infrastructure projects that deliver positive social, environmental and recreational outcomes while also promoting community participation, inclusion and cohesion.

To sign up for alerts about the next round of CBP funding, please contact my Armidale office or visit: nsw.gov.au/cbp

Meals on Wheels

Feb 19	Toni Kirkman
Feb 20	Kath & Warwick Leven
Feb 23	Peter Thomas
Feb 24	Wendy Laidlaw
Feb 25	ARC Staff

Street Stalls

March 5,6,7	Rotary
March 12, 13	Freemasons
March 19	Hospital Aux.

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

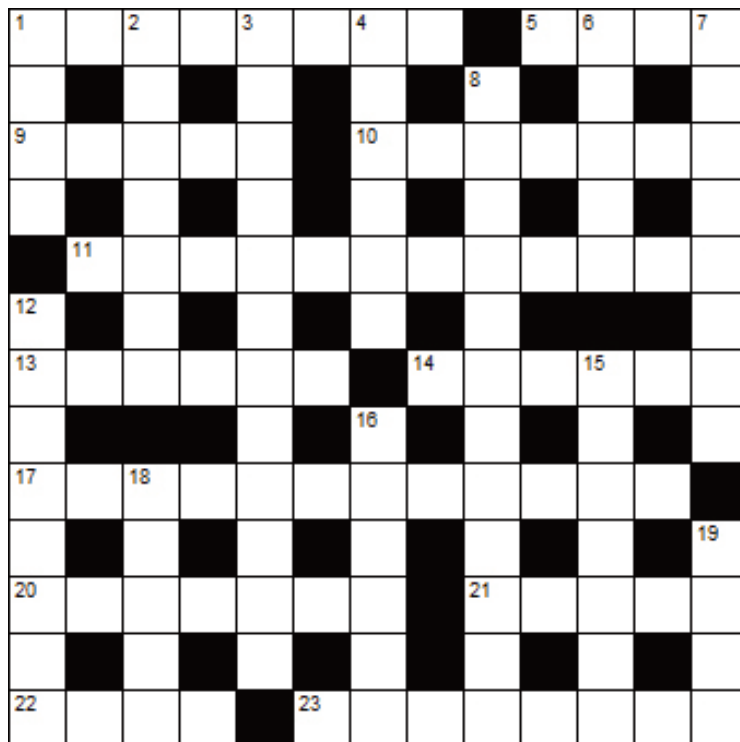
ACROSS

- 1 Rucksack (8)
- 5 Musical composition (4)
- 9 Gave out light 5
- 10 Single-horned creature (7)
- 11 Small garden carts (12)
- 13 Groups of eight (6)
- 14 Absorbent material (6)
- 17 Garments worn in bed (12)
- 20 Having solidified from lava (of rock) (7)
- 21 Neutral shade (5)
- 22 Not odd (4)
- 23 Notes of a chord played in rapid succession (8)

DOWN

- 1 Shrub: uncultivated land (4)
- 2 Type of handicraft (7)
- 3 Formal introduction (12)
- 4 Round and plump (6)
- 6 Camera image (5)
- 7 Ominous (8)
- 8 Discreditable (12)
- 12 Period when a machine is out of action (8)

QUICK CROSSWORD



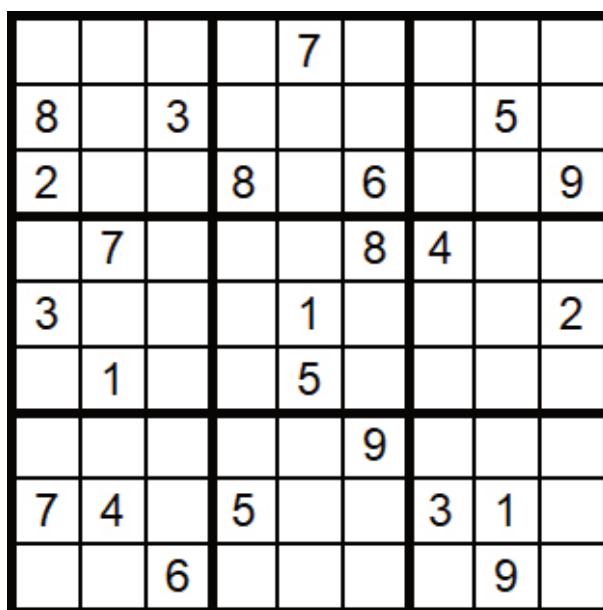
15 Requiring (7)

16 Nearer (6)

18 Variety or kind (5)

19 Short note or reminder (4)

SUDOKU - Hard



ACROSS: 1 Backpack 5 Opus 9 Shone 10 Unicorn 11 Wheelbarrows 13 Octets 14 Spongy 17 Nightclothes 20 Ignominious 21 Beige 22 Even 23 Arpeggio
DOWN: 1 Bush 2 Crochet 3 Presentation 4 Chubby 6 Photo 7 Sinister 8 Disreputable 12 Downtime 15 Needing 16 Closer 18 Genre 19 Memo

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Council News

Council Meetings

The next scheduled council meeting is 18 February 2026.

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 opportunity at ARC

Council is currently looking for:

- **Senior Ranger – Closing 11:30pm, 22 February 2026**

To apply, visit Council's website and search "Jobs" to view all current opportunities and submit your application.

Rainwater Tank Rebate: apply now!

Did you know you can still claim Council's Rainwater Tank Rebate? Eligible Armidale Region residents installing a rainwater tank of 2,000 litres or more can receive a \$250 rebate for tanks between 2,000–10,000L, or \$500 for tanks over 10,000L. Funding is limited, so now is the perfect time to take advantage of this opportunity. Visit Council's website for more information.



Meals on Wheels

Volunteers needed in Guyra

Meals on Wheels, delivered through Armidale Regional Council – Guyra Home Support Services, is seeking caring and reliable volunteers to help support the health and wellbeing of local residents, Monday to Friday. Just

a small amount of your time can make a meaningful and lasting difference. We are also looking for Transport Volunteers to assist community members by driving them to medical appointments in Guyra and surrounding towns. This vital service helps ensure residents can safely access the care they need.

Police Check screening and a Working With Children Check are required.

If you enjoy meeting new people, want to stay connected to your community, and would like to be part of a friendly and supportive local team, we would love to hear from you.

To find out more or to get started, please contact Bec or Toni at Guyra Home Support Services on 6770 7127.



NBN network upgrades in Guyra

Eligible homes and businesses in Guyra are now benefiting from nbn upgrades to the fibre and fixed wireless networks. More than 650 premises can access full fibre upgrades, delivering faster and more reliable internet, while the local Fixed Wireless network has also been enhanced under nbn's Fixed Wireless Upgrade Program. These upgrades support smoother

video calls, improved streaming, faster online performance, and better connectivity for multiple devices, benefiting families, students, and local businesses.

Eligible customers can upgrade to full fibre by ordering a high-speed plan (minimum 100 Mbps download) through their internet service provider. To check eligibility or learn more, visit www.nbn.com.au/CheckRegional or contact your telco.



Author Rod Halsted
in conversation about his book



Come along and join us!

Friday 6 March, 5:30pm
Guyra Library

Please RSVP in person, or phone
6770 7123

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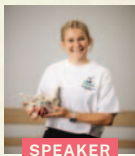
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SPEAKER
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SPEAKER
Chris Connor

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

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Sun, 8th March
2026

9:00 - 3:00
AM PM

Gilbert White
Memorial Hall
Dutton Parade,
Guyra

Nominations open to recognise our region's unsung heroes

Member for Northern Tablelands Brendan Moylan is encouraging residents to put forward the names of remarkable volunteers for the 2026 NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards.

Launched in 2007 by The Centre for Volunteering, the awards recognise the six million Australians who give their time to support organisations and communities.

Mr Moylan said the Northern Tablelands is rich with people who selflessly contribute to community life and deserve formal recognition.

"Recognising and celebrating our volunteers is incredibly important because, without them, many organisations, charities, events and sporting clubs couldn't operate," he said.

"Although they don't do it for recognition, these awards pro-

vide an opportunity to thank and acknowledge how valuable they are."

Award categories include Young Volunteer, Adult Volunteer, Senior Volunteer, Volunteer Team, Emergency Volunteer, Volunteer Leader and Not-for-profit Voluntary Governance.

Nominations can be submitted for Recognition Only, with recipients receiving a certificate and invitation to a regional ceremony, or for Judging, where nominees may progress to regional and state honours.

Nominations opened on 11 February and close at 5pm on Friday, 29 May 2026. Submissions must be completed online via The Centre for Volunteering website, with nominee consent required. Volunteers and volunteer managers cannot nominate themselves.

Rural Market Reports

Guyra Sheep and Lamb Sale

February 10th - At the Guyra Sheep and Lamb Sale on February 10th, agents yarded just under 7,500 sheep and lambs, with strong competition across most categories.

A new lamb operator entered the market and "put the cat among the pigeons", helping drive prices higher. The best lambs were up to \$20 dearer, topping at \$363.

Heavy lambs sold from \$280 to \$320, while an outstanding run of store lambs attracted very strong demand at around \$5.50/kg. Light store lambs reached \$175.

Heavy crossbred ewes sold to \$270, Merino ewes reached \$245, and Merino wethers topped at \$275. Light sheep were up to \$30 dearer, selling to \$160.

APL Guyra/Armidale

Armidale Cattle Sale

February 12th - Armidale penned 1187 head with an increase in quality through the young cattle. The regular buyers attended and operated to a dearer market for most categories.

Light weaners under 200kgs much dearer for steers 400c to 535c/kg and cheaper for heifers 320c to 430c/kg both to background competition. Light yearling background steers gained slightly 446c to 486c/kg.

Medium backgrounders much dearer 458c to 528c/kg the feeders gaining 28c/kg 420c to 520c/kg. Feeders to 480kgs lifted 11c/kg 350c to 492c/kg and heavy processors slightly dearer 430c to 444c/kg.

Light heifers to background cheaper 336c to 368c/kg. Medium feeders significantly dearer 370c to 436c/kg and similar backgrounders also dearer 388c to 422c/kg. Heavy feeder

heifers dearer 432c to 425c/kg. Similar processor heifers averaged 427c/kg.

Grown steers to process cheaper averaging 429c/kg similar heifers 400c to 428c/kg. Cows mostly dearer three and four score cows selling 332c to 390c/kg. Heavy bulls cheaper 340c to 388c/kg. Yearling bulls to feed 270c to 386c/kg.

Stephen Adams MLA

Weekly Wool Market

February 13th - The Eastern market indicator closed this week at its highest level since July 2019. The Northern region indicator climbed 18 cents on the first day of sales and added a further 2 cents on the final day.

The 16.5 micron indicator was the only category that failed to gain ground, but it is also highly impacted by the quality of the offering on a weekly basis. The Eastern market indicator in now 40% higher than the opening

week of the 2025/26 season.

Even more impressive is the 51% jump in the EMI when looked at in US dollars. The current EMI at 1205 cents in US dollars represents the top 10% of prices received over the past 30 years. 35,417 bales were sold nationally for the week with a passed in rate of 5.1%.

Major buyers included Techwool, PJ Morris and Endeavour Wool with widespread support from the rest of the trade. A one week recess in wool sales will take place next week to allow for Chinese New Year.

This is the first time the industry has agreed to this as adding an extra recess week can cause a build-up of volume on offer upon resumption of sales. With the national woolclip expected to be down 12.6% this season fears of a large build up due to an extra recess week should be somewhat allayed. This report will recommence on the 27th

Schute Bell Wool

Welcome to the Guyra Show

Past Presidents of the Guyra Show. 1904 to 2025



Mr. A.W. Everett
1904–1937
Mr. R. Williams
1937–1948
Mr. T.A. Everett
1948–1968
Mr. Frank Bragg
1968–1970
Mr. Richard White
1970–1977
Mr. Basil Rice
1977–1986
Mr. Angus Bennett
1986–1989
Mr. Graham White
1989–1994
Mr. Brian Fitzroy
1994–2000
Mr. Robert Lenehan
2000–2003 & 2006–2007
Mr. Frank White
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Mrs. Rita Williams
2007–2011
Mr. Chris Sole
2011–2014
Miss Ellen Newberry
2014–2018
Mr. Richard Post
2018–2025

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Wednesday, 11th March

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Tuesday, 24th March

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RETURN THANKS

NEWBERRY; GRAEME ROBERT
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The family of Graeme Robert Newberry would like to thank Guyra Medical Centre, Westpac helicopter service, the doctors and nurses in the Tamworth ICU for the care given to Graeme.

Thank you for the flowers, cards, cooking, phone calls and visits after Graeme passed away.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.

*Jenny, Rachael & Heidi,
Barry, Leonie & Joy and families*

MEMBERS NEEDED

Parents & Friends Association Call for Members

St Mary of the Angels School invites parents, carers and friends of the school to join our Parents & Friends Association.

The Association supports the school community through connection, encouragement and fundraising initiatives that benefit our young people, our families and our community.

All volunteers must complete a Volunteer Induction and hold a current Working With Children Check (Volunteer). Assistance will be provided.

For further information, please contact the School Office or Principal,
Mrs Zoe Nugent on 02 6779 1661 or
guyadmin@arm.catholic.edu.au.

BUSINESS TRADING TIMES

GALA and New England Community College will be closed from 12.00noon this Friday, 20th February due to staff working at the Show.

MEETING NOTICES

GUYRA SHAMROCK HOCKEY Club
AGM Tuesday, 24th February 2026,
6pm at The Royal Hotel. New players
most welcome. A general meeting will
follow to discuss the upcoming season.

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.
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Soccer

Winter sport may seem miles away but team nominations aren't. The play football site now has the link to the Guyra registration page for sign up.

The senior competition will kick off on the 12th of April and we invite anyone interested in playing in the senior competition to be at training tomorrow the 19th February to see how many numbers the club has.

If you played last year and aren't returning, could we please have your shirt back. Either drop in at training or to the Royal Hotel.

Junior soccer won't start until 3rd May but please don't leave registration to the last minute.

Twilight soccer continues Wednesday afternoon at 4.30pm for juniors. If you want to bring new kids for a come and try before the winter season you are more than welcome.

Mitch Hope

Midweek golf

Apologies to everyone for no midweek report the last few weeks. Highlights of two weeks ago are firstly an amazing 27 points to Katri Virtanen. Congratulations to one of our newest midweek golfers. On 25 points was Lachlan Brazier, with Lee Rose 24 and on 23 we have Cooper Brennan, David Brown, Roger Cox, Richard Ward.

Team score for the week went to That's a Gimme on a massive 96 points. Followed by Green Grass on 87 and Shire Sharks 85. Some great scores and plenty of run on the course.

Last week top score went to Sharon Vickery with 27 points. Fantastic. Closely followed on 26 was Ollie White. Next highest was Belinda Williamson on 23. Team score once again went to That's a Gimme on 85, then on 80 were Birdies and Pitch Purrfects.

Midweek competition finishes on Sunday 1st March. A bit earlier than planned. So only this week and next week to go.

Thank you to everyone who plays and supports the midweek competition. We need the great combination of new and existing golf players to even out the playing field.

Middy

Vets Golf

Last Tuesday our Vets played a stableford event that attracted 14 players. Phil Devlin struck the ball well to record the win with 39

PHOTOS: Golf presentations



Above l to r: Baldersleigh Bashers - Ron Starr, Ian Brown, Wal Chapman, Peter Mulligan, Derek Smith, Jon Cumming



Above right: Co Cooper Brennan and Trent Mendes

Left: Leonie and Ian Taylor with Darrin Towells

Right Darrin Towells and Steve Kliendienst



Ladies' Golf

Last week the Ladies played a Graham Betts Stableford Round. Jenny Rogers was the winner with 38 points. Runner up was Leonie Taylor on a countback from Jenni Jackson with 35 points.

Nearest the pin winners were

Suzanne Towells on the 7th hole. Pip White on the 18th hole.

This week is a Par Medal. Next week is the First Round of the Ladies Championships sponsored by Leanne Sweeney. Good luck all!

Birdie

Men's Bowls

Guyra recorded a strong win over Uralla in Pennants, finishing 62-48 overall. Dan Kennedy led the way with a decisive 25-12 victory, while John McIlwain secured a solid 20-15 win and David Wilcox fought hard but went down narrowly 18-17.

Guyra will play Armidale City Bowling Club on Saturday, 21 February at Armidale. Cars leave Guyra at 11:45am for a 12:45pm start.

Team 1: J. McIlwain, A. Bull, R. Mulligan, R. Walls

Team 2: D. Kennedy, R. Moore, S. Brennan, N. Brennan

Team 3: D. Wilcox, P. Johnson, M. Bourke, R. Cox

David Wilcox

Ram Sale Dates 2026

Palana Poll Dorset Ram & Ewe Sale
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On-Property

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Golf championships kick off this week

The first round of the local Championships begin on Saturday this weekend with the second round to be played Sunday. This will leave the final round where the top players will be seeded for each Grade to compete for the title to be played on Sunday the 15th of March.

This should see a very close championship for the 2026 season with many players hitting their peak just at the right time.

Don't forget to at least play one round to qualify for the Matchplay Competition. The Caspers Soccer 2 person Ambrose will be played on 1st of March with some great prizes up for grabs.

Prizes are for Mens, Womens, Mixed and Juniors so grab a partner and come along and enjoy a great day. Then on the 8th of March we have the Guyra 4bbb Open proudly sponsored by Elders which usually brings a few visitors to the Club. So a very busy couple of Months on the way for Golf.

Guyra Golf hosted its Golf Presentations for season 2025 on Friday night.

A large group was on hand to enjoy a great meal supplied by Sammy and his very efficient staff and to see all the major winners presented with their prizes. Then we were treated to some great music supplied by Shane Garrett.

A special thanks must go to Darrin and Suzanne Towells and the people that assisted in setting up. Darrin and Sue went above and beyond to ensure a great night was had by all.

The first Shire Cup Competition was completed on Sunday at Guyra with the local Guyra side com-



Shire Cup -Tim Murray and Darrin Towells (with trophy) and the winning Guyra team

ing away convincing winners in the Individual Matchplay format. Only one Armidale player was able to win his match and 3 games were drawn leaving Guyra very proud winners 19.5 to 11.5.

We are sure that the Armidale side will be looking for revenge next time around but for the moment the Guyra side will enjoy their time in the sun with the Guyra name being the first name etched on the perpetual shield proudly sponsored by New England Autos.

Thanks to Tim Murray for organising his Armidale teams for all the tournaments.

A big thanks to Sue and Sheree for cooking all the competitors a beautiful Breakfast. And also to Darrin Towells, Tyson Burey, Mick Jackson, Scott Mendes, Steven Wilson and all the other men who have come to the meetings and organised all the Sunday Golf. Keep up the good work.

HAPPY GOLFING

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