



Guyra Gazette

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Show time

The 2026 Guyra Show was officially opened on Friday night, with President Callan Schaefer welcoming everyone to the event and acknowledging the enormous community effort behind the annual event.

In his first year as president, Mr Schaefer said he had “big shoes to fill” and proudly described the show as the “true royal of the north”. He thanked the official party and the many volunteers who work tirelessly not only during show week but throughout the year. He noted that while Guyra may be a small town, it consistently “punches above its weight”

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Back l to r: Guyra Citizen of the Year Leigh Ramage, Show Society President Callan Schaefer, ARC Mayor Sam Coupland **Front:** Brendan Moylan MP, Aileen MacDonald MLC, 2025 Junior Young Women Jessica Taylor, 2026 Junior Young Woman Charlie Ward, 2026 Young Woman Reeghan Woods, 2025 Young Woman Colleen Pearson, and 2025 Ag Shows Australia National Rural Ambassador Grace Collins



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Show Time - 118th Guyra Show

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“The show couldn’t run without our volunteers and committee,” he said. “It really shows how great our community is. Well done to everyone involved for another beautiful show.”

Mr Schaefer also acknowledged major sponsor Origin Energy, saying a grant from the company had provided valuable breathing room for the committee. He said one of his personal highlights was having the showgirls accompany him as he made his way around the grounds.

The Junior Young Woman (Showgirl) title for 2026 went to Charlie Ward, who was sashed by ARC Mayor Sam Coupland.

Guyra’s 2026 Young Woman was announced as Reeghan Woods, sashed by Member for Northern Tablelands Brendan Moylan. Outgoing showgirl Colleen Pearson was congratulated on representing Guyra at the Zone finals in Warialda earlier this month.

A special mention was made of long-time life member and steward Graham Marshall, who re-

cently passed away.

The show was officially declared open by Grace Collins, who has recently taken up the role of agriculture teacher at Guyra Central School. In 2025, Ms Collins won the Ag Shows Australia National Rural Ambassador competition.

Ms Collins said she could not think of a better place for agriculture and community to come together than at Guyra.

“Shows serve as a celebration of hard work, resilience, innovation and community,” she said. “They

showcase not just livestock and produce, but the people behind them – the farmers, families, students, volunteers and local businesses that keep rural Australia thriving.”

She added that Guyra is surrounded by some of the most remarkable agricultural land in Australia and that for young people, the show acts as a living classroom.

“This is where students’ experiences spark curiosity, pride and often lifelong careers in agriculture,” she said.



Left: GCS students Amy Tremayne, Clee Beechey, Rachel Jackson, Showgirl Colleen Pearson, Charlie Ward and Harley Ferguson at the Lamb judging



Above: Prizes handed out at the Junior Cattle Judging



A taste of some of the Champions from the Pavilion



Adam Marshall (representing major sponsor Origin energy) with Colleen Pearson, Reeghan Woods, Charlie Ward and Callan Schaefer



Outback stockman a hit at the Show and beyond

Crowd favourite Lachie Cossor brought plenty of personality to Guyra as part of the entertainment for the Guyra Show, but his visit extended well beyond the showgrounds, much to the delight of locals.

On Friday afternoon, perched atop Benson the Bull, Cossor sauntered down Bradley Street, turning heads as he made his way through town - even riding straight through the bar at the Guyra Hotel.

Over the weekend he delivered lively performances for show patrons, with crowds thoroughly enjoying the unique entertainment.

The performances featured Benson the bull, horses, dogs, ducks and other animals and whipcracking, lots of tunes and plenty of laughs.

Cossor then extended his stay, continuing to share his talents around the community. On Sunday he and his entourage dropped into the Australian Poetry Hall of Fame for a spontaneous performance.

By Monday morning they were back out on the streets of Guyra before visiting Kolora Aged Care Hostel, where residents and staff were treated to a special performance.

The extended visit ensured Lachie's time in Guyra was remembered not just as show entertainment, but as a whole-of-town experience.



Lachie Cossor was a hit with young and old including Kolora residents (above) and at the Show



Applications now open for Costa's 2026 Community Grants

The annual Costa Well Grown Community Grants Program for the Armidale and Guyra region is now open for applications.

Now in its fourth year, the program provides practical support for local not-for-profit organisations, sporting groups and schools, to help them deliver projects that make a real difference across our communities.

In 2026 we will be awarding five grants up to a total of \$4000 each, with one grant to

be awarded in each of the following category areas:

- Sporting event/activity which promotes and supports healthy active lifestyles.
- Community event which is aimed at supporting cultural diversity and/or creating strong community connections.
- School project/initiative which enhances education or educational opportunities, particularly in the areas of healthy eating; or nutrition; or sustainability.
- Environmental initiative/ac-

tivity which promotes the enhancement of our environment.

- Community organisation project aimed at supporting disadvantaged youth and/or Indigenous youth projects.

Brett Ryan, State Manager Vertical Farming, said Costa was looking forward to continuing support for local community organisations.

“Our Community Grants program has been running for three years, providing support for more than 30 community organisations, sporting clubs and

schools.” Mr Ryan said.

“We are delighted to again be offering this support for our local community.”

Organisations seeking to apply for funding will need to complete our Expression of Interest form and submit it online by 5pm Friday, March 13.

Information and links to the Expression of Interest are available at Costa's website <http://costagroup.com.au/community-grants> or email samantha.rowbottom@costagroup.com.au

What's **HOT**

Another great Guyra Show - all the results from around the grounds will be in the Gazette over the coming weeks

Water restrictions now in place - watch your water usage
Autumn colour starting to show

What's **NOT**

Lost items at the Show

Beware of speed limit changes around Black Mountain

JOKE of the week

Why do cows have hooves instead of feet?
Because they lactose

Bureau of Meteorology Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
17	Tues	8.9	24.5	0
18	Wed	11.1	26.3	0
19	Thurs	16.3	30.3	0
20	Fri	16.5	27.1	3.0
21	Sat	15.5	28.2	10.2
22	Sun	14.4	28.3	0.8
23	Mon	13.1	28	0

Rain this week	14.0mm
Feb. rainfall	59.0mm
Rainfall YTD	126.0mm
Rainfall last YTD	214.2mm
Ave. rain YTD	220.8mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin,
Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Have your say.....

To Guyra and New England

I believe in New England.
Mum was born in Woolbrook. Nan born in Armidale. I was born in Tamworth and lived near Keepit, between Tamworth and Gunnedah.
To wool growers: if you sent wool to Newcastle during the 1970s I unloaded it for you. It's in my blood.
You choose, am I welcome?
Brian Milton

Guyra Show

What a great Guyra Show 2026! Most of our members volunteer throughout the show- from cattle, the pavilion, poultry, stewarding to serving drinks at the bar.
This year we took over the Show Canteen and with help from CWA members, husbands, other clubs volunteers and friends we had a busy weekend serving hamburgers, steak sandwiches, bacon and

egg rolls, fresh sandwiches and also GF options.
A MASSIVE thank you to everyone who spared an hour to a day to help out, many hands make light work and we are very grateful to all who helped out. Well done and Thank you to Julie-Anne and Lynda for all your hard work before, during and after.

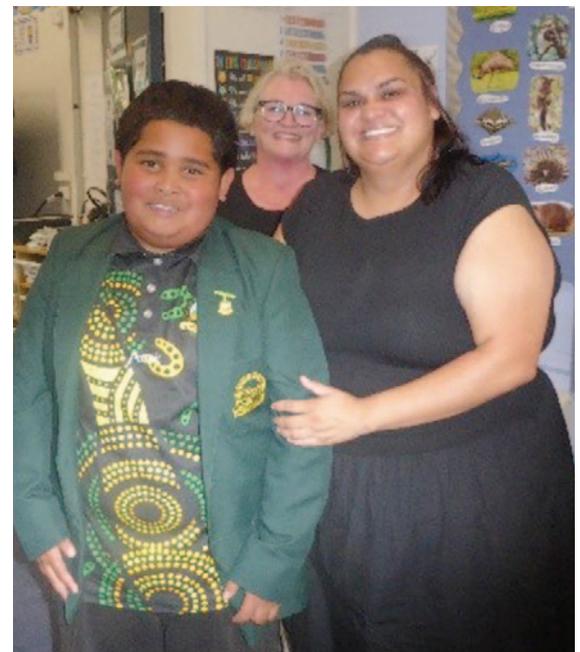
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Evening Branch*

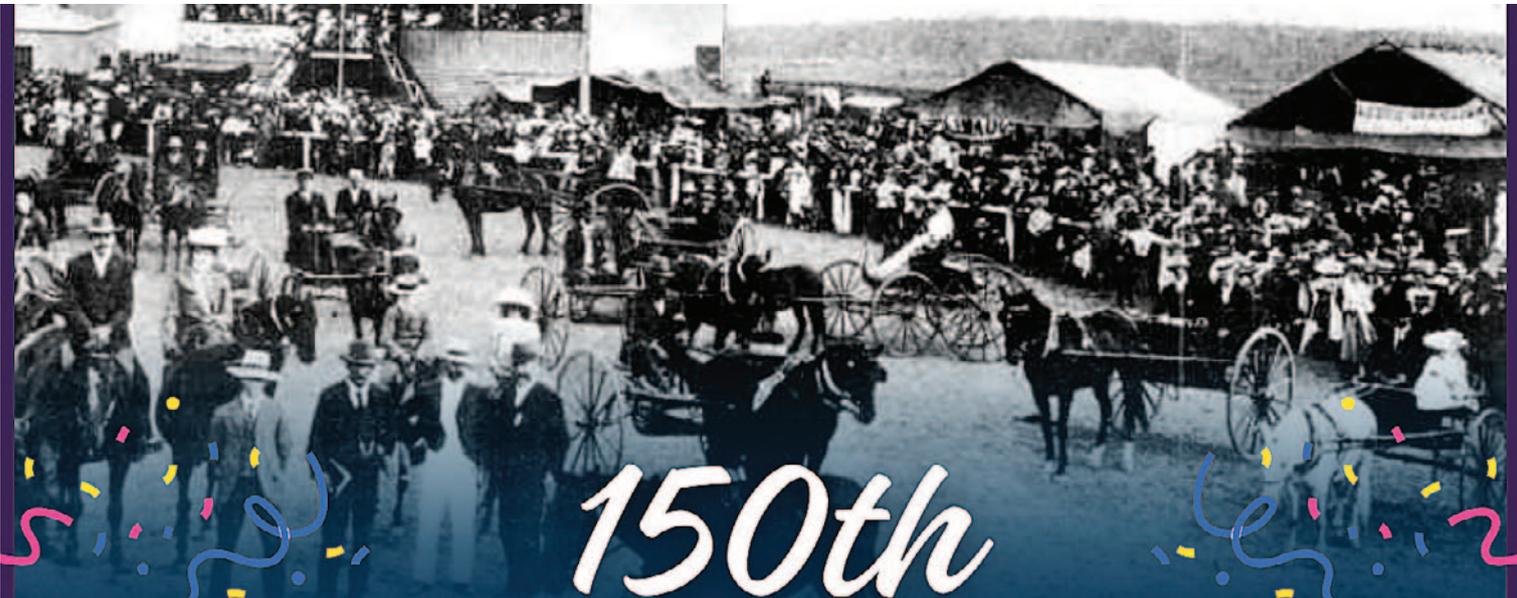


Black Mountain Public School Leaders 2026

We recently held our annual Leadership Assembly. Each year our student leaders receive their badges and address the assembly. The leaders have a range of important roles and responsibilities across the school which they undertake during the year.
Tallara, Una and Clayton proudly received their badges from their parents.
Merit certificates, and awards were also presented. Congratulations everyone!

*Mrs Justine Eddy
(Relieving Principal)*





150th Armidale Show

LOOKING FORWARD, LOOKING BACK



FRIDAY 6TH &
SATURDAY 7TH MARCH



Armidale
Showgrounds

Celebrate a milestone as the Armidale Show marks 150 Shows of community, agriculture, and tradition.

Enjoy two big days of livestock competitions, entertainment, exhibits, food, family activities, and show favourites—honouring our past while looking ahead to the future.



Scan for tickets,
schedules, updates
and more...

Meals on Wheels

Feb 26 Narelle Leven
 Feb 27 Kath & Warwick Leven
 Mar 2 Bob Furze
 Mar 3 Wendy Laidlaw
 Mar 4 Steve Norris

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

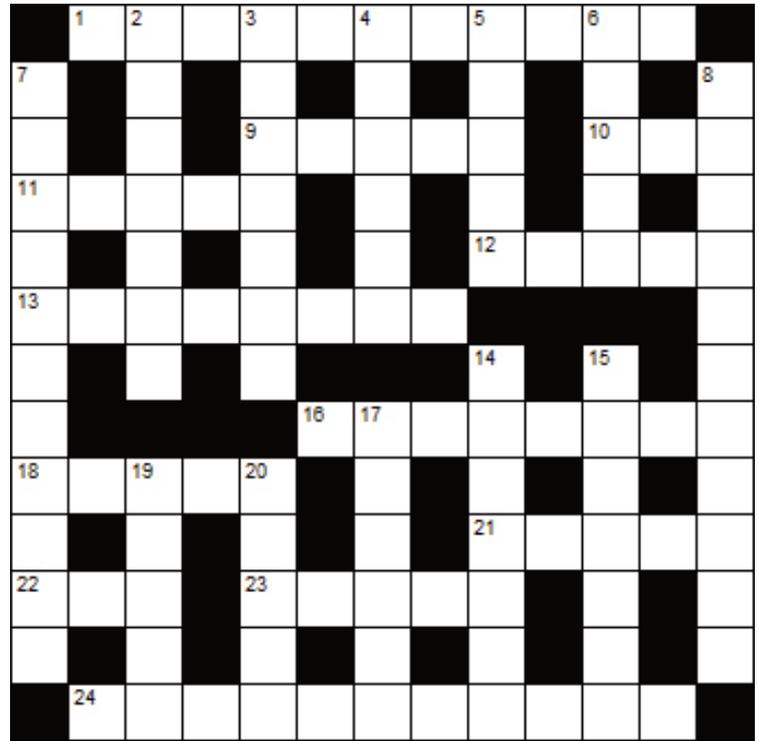
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- 1 Persistent harassment (11)
- 9 Woodwind instruments (5)
- 10 Part of a coat (3)
- 11 Horror film directed by Ridley Scott (5) 1
- 12 Country in northeastern Africa (5),
- 13 Atmospheric gas (8)
- 16 Keep under control (8)
- 18 Ring-shaped object (5)
- 21 Gave out playing cards (5)
- 22 Bashful (3)
- 23 Freedom from war (5)
- 24 Having power (11)

DOWN:

- 2 Atoned for guilt (7)
- 3 Financial supporter (7)
- 4 Select (6)
- 5 Tries out (5)
- 6 Seeped (5)
- 7 Fault-finding programs (11)
- 8 Dogmatic (11)
- 14 Learner (7)
- 15 Island in the West Indies (7)

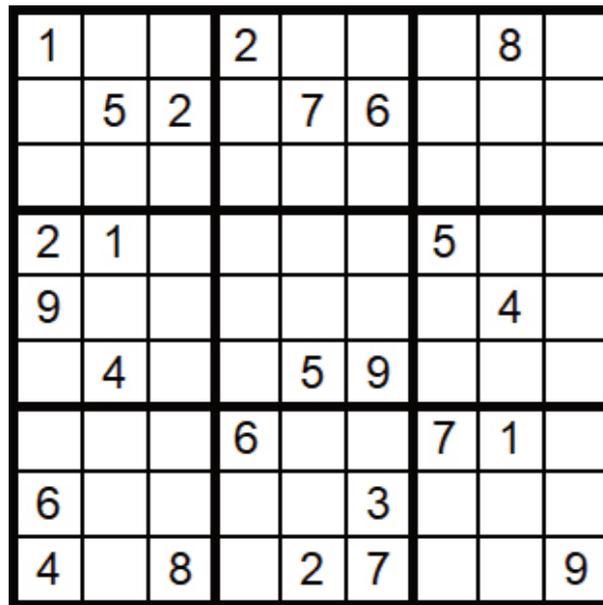
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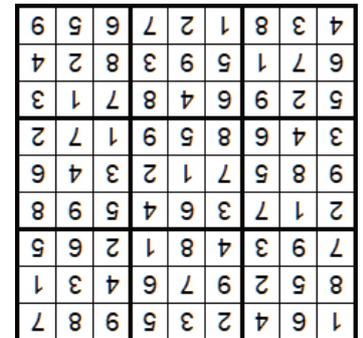
- 17 Get away from (6)
 19 Synthetic fabric (5)

20 Flower part (5)

SUDOKU - Easy



ACROSS: 1 Persecution 9 Oboes 10 Zip 11 Alien 12 Sudan 13 Nitrogen 16 Re-strain 18 Torus 21 Dealt 22 Coy 23 Peace 24 Influenza
 DOWN: 2 Expire 3 Sponsor 4 Chosen 5 Tests 6 Oozed 7 Diagnostic 8 Opinion-ated 14 Student 15 Jamaica 17 Escape 19 Rayon 20 Sepal



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Level one water restrictions now in place

Armidale Regional Council (ARC) has declared Level 1 Water Restrictions in response to ongoing hot temperatures and minimal rainfall across the region.

Under normal conditions, the average recommended water consumption is around 200 litres per person per day. When Level 1 Water Restrictions are in place, this target reduces to 180 litres per person per day to help protect water supplies during dry periods.

Recent data shows water use in the Armidale region is significantly exceeding both benchmarks. These consumption figures are based on water use by both residents and businesses connected to the town water supply. Between 1 November 2025 and 9 February 2026, daily water use exceeded the Level 1 target every day. The highest consumption was recorded on 1 February 2026, reaching 588.8 litres per person per day, which is 227.1 per cent above the ideal Level 1 usage limit.

Mayor Sam Coupland said the figures highlight the need for immediate action.

“Hot, dry conditions and low rainfall are increasing pressure on our water storages, and current water use is well above sustainable levels,” Mayor Coupland said.

“Level 1 restrictions are about encouraging everyone to cut back now so we can protect our water supply and avoid tougher restrictions later.”



Guyra Dam is currently at 81.1%

Under Level 1 water restrictions, rainwater and greywater can be used at any time, provided rainwater tanks are not topped up from the town water supply. Lawns and gardens may be watered using sprinklers, but only during approved watering times and for no more than two hours. During daylight saving time (now until Sunday 5 April 2026), watering is permitted between 6–

8am or 6–8pm, and is not allowed during the heat of the day between 9am and 5pm. Outside daylight saving time (from Sunday 5 April 2026), watering is permitted between 5–7am or 5–7pm, with no watering during the heat of the day between 10am and 3pm.

Under Council’s Drought Management Plan, Level 1 water restrictions remain in place until total water storage returns to 95 percent. Once this level is reached, restrictions can be released, with the region returning to Permanent Water Conservation measures.

To help protect our water supply, residents and businesses are asked to avoid washing vehicles with a hose during heat of the day periods and to aim to keep water use to around 180 litres per person per day.

ARC is proactively monitoring dam levels and water use, communicating early with the community, and continuing to support watersaving initiatives such as rainwater tank rebates and landholder programs that improve water resilience.

Council urges all residents and businesses to save water wherever possible by reducing outdoor watering, fixing leaks, and being mindful of daily water use. For more information on how you can save water, visit this link <https://www.armidale.nsw.gov.au/Services/Water/Water-saving-tips>



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COMMUNITIES FORCED TO FUND LABOR’S BOTCHED ENERGY ROLL OUT

Member for Northern Tablelands Brendan Moylan has said the evidence is undeniable; the Minns Labor Government has lost control of energy resources and costs in NSW.

Families, farmers and small businesses in the Northern Tablelands, and right across regional NSW, are now being forced to fork out millions of dollars to cover additional levies and increased bureaucrats’ salaries.

The Australian Energy Regulator (AER) has approved a nearly \$600 million additional levy on all NSW electricity bills over the next financial year to pay for so called “administration and other costs associated with REZs”.

It was also revealed Essential Energy has nearly doubled the number of senior managers on the pay roll in the last two years.

“The botched roll out of renewable projects in the New England is dividing

communities, and creating huge uncertainty,” Mr Moylan said.

“Our communities and farmers have been stuffed around enough. They have had transmission corridors changed, and timelines blow out without any clear communication or consultation.

The \$600 million levy follows on from an unrelenting rise in regional power bills. In the last two years alone, the average power bill in the Northern Tablelands has increased by 21 per cent.

Essential Energy blamed the rising costs on government taxes that “go towards addressing climate change and promoting the energy transition for a lower emissions future”.

In addition, the number of senior bureaucrats employed by the state-owned Essential Energy has nearly doubled since the last state election.

“People in regional NSW shouldn’t be paying higher power bills to fund a

blowout in bureaucrats and cover for the government’s botched renewable energy roll out,” Mr Moylan said.

“Energy policy in NSW needs a reset. We need an energy plan that prioritises fairer costs.

“The current government’s approach to focus purely on renewables unfairly burdens regional NSW with all the heavy lifting and we are clearly seeing the evidence of that.

“Our energy future should not have to depend on bulldozing massive power lines across prime agricultural land and dividing communities.

“Local communities, landowners and businesses should help decide how we get our energy.

“We need a common sense approach to renewables, put them where they are actually wanted and where they make economic and practical sense.”

New manager lands at Armidale Regional Airport

Experienced aviation operator Peter Friel has landed in Armidale and commenced work as the new Airport Manager at Armidale Regional Airport.

“We are excited to welcome Peter to the airport, the council team, and also the region,” said Armidale Regional Council Mayor Sam Coupland.

“The airport is one of our most important assets. It plays a major role in enhancing the economic viability and liveability of Armidale region, providing an integral transport hub.

“Annual passenger numbers through Armidale Regional Airport exceed 120,000. The precinct is also home to an increasing number of significant aviation businesses, amplifying its strategic importance and opportunity to the broader region.

“Peter brings considerable experience, knowledge, and expertise. We look forward to working with him!”

Peter is pleased to have made the move to Armidale region, and after settling in through January said he is feeling at



New Armidale Airport Manager Peter Friel

home already.

“I grew up in New South Wales and have strong ties to this region. The cooler climate is also a welcome change after many hot and humid years in Queensland, most recently in

Gladstone,” said Peter.

Since beginning his career, Peter has worked at seven airports across Australia, from Tasmania and Far North Queensland to the Kimberley and the Cocos Islands.

He has now relocated to Armidale with his family and is pleased the region offers great educational opportunities, community, and beautiful places to explore.

“I had also heard positive things about Council’s organisational culture, which made the decision to accept this role even easier. Now here, I’ve felt welcomed and quickly part of Team ARC.

“There are great people on board already at the airport. I’m looking forward to working alongside them, building the team, mentoring the next generation of airport professionals – and together growing this region’s airport.”

Peter brings experience, expertise and a clear vision for what’s possible. He is keen to connect and learn, and enthusiastic to work alongside the community and for Armidale region.

“I am excited for what’s ahead!”

Rural Market Reports

Guyra Sheep and Lamb Sale

February 17th – Total yarding of 7,324 comprising 1959 XBred Lambs, 1520 Store Lambs, 100 Merino Lambs, 155 Hoggets, 3565 Sheep and 25 Rams.

No market report available. Sales are being held weekly. Contact your preferred agent.

Armidale Cattle Sale

February 19th - Armidale penned 1473 plainer quality cattle with the exception of a good offering of prime heavy cows. The yarding increased by 286 head overall. The regular buyers attended and competed to subdued trends for the most part. Light background weaner steers 404c to 526c/kg similar weaner heifers were cheaper 375c to

410c/kg. Light yearling steers to background much cheaper 350c to 400c/kg. Medium feeders slipped 13c/kg 380c to 502c/kg background drafts considerably cheaper 436c to 464c/kg. Heavy feeders re-grouped lifting to considerably dearer trends 428c to 498c/kg. Light background heifers gained 7c/kg 318c to 374c/kg. Medium feeders significantly cheaper 340c to 420c/kg. Heavy feeder heifers firm 370c to 420c/kg. Cows were cheaper three scores 340c to 374c/kg. Prime heavy cows down 7c/kg 365c to 385c/kg. The heavy bull market gained 17c/kg 363c to 398c/kg yearling feeder bulls 300c to 370c/kg.

Stephen Adams MLA

A promotional graphic for a 'BBQ After Golf' event. The background is a blurred image of a golf course. At the top, there is a circular logo for 'GUYRA UNITED SOCCER CLUB' featuring a cartoon character with a soccer ball. Below the logo, the text 'TWO PERSON AMBROSE' is written in large, bold, black letters on a white banner. At the bottom, the text 'BBQ AFTER GOLF' is written in white on a black banner. Below that, the date '1ST MARCH 2026' is written in large, bold, black letters. To the right of the date, the word 'PRIZES' is written in bold, black letters. Below 'PRIZES', the categories 'Mens', 'Womens', 'Mixed', and 'Jnr' are listed in bold, black letters. At the bottom left, the text '10:30AM SHOT GUN START!' is written in bold, black letters.

Crowd cheers as Guyra defeats NSW



The Guyra Silver Shears committee kicked off their show program with a local competition on Friday night, drawing a strong crowd despite the wet weather.

Supporters turned out to cheer on the local competitors, creating a great atmosphere.

The highlight of the evening came when Guyra's top two qualifiers earned the opportunity to shear against NSW representatives Jeremy Newberry and Zac Mallise.

In a thrilling contest, Guyra's own Brett Mayled and Erick Klabe rose to the challenge, ultimately pipping the boys in blue to claim bragging rights.

It was a fantastic night of competition and community spirit, with a great time had by all.

Partner with the Guyra Gazette

2026 NRL Footy Tipping Competition – Business Opportunity Put Your Business Front-and-Centre All Season

The Guyra Gazette Footy Tipping Competition is a well-known local fixture that runs throughout the NRL season starting from next week, 4th March.

It attracts consistent weekly engagement from locals who actively follow results, tips, ladders, and commentary.

For 2026, we're offering local businesses a simple, cost-effective way to gain repeated brand exposure, community goodwill, and direct engagement with local customers.

Why Get Involved?

- Ongoing visibility across the entire NRL season
- Association with a trusted local publication
- Regular mentions, not just one-off advertising
- Positive community and sporting alignment
- Low cost, high return promotion

This is about being seen regularly, not running a single ad and hoping people remember you.

Voucher or Prize Partner

We're seeking local businesses to contribute vouchers or prizes for weekly rounds, special tips, or end-of-season awards

What Your Business Gets:

- Your business name promoted with prize announcements
- Recognition as a prize partner throughout the season

• Positive word-of-mouth every time a prize is awarded

• Association with a popular, community-driven competition

Vouchers of any value are welcome. Smaller vouchers used regularly often generate more recognition than a single large prize.

If you are interested in getting involved with our footy tipping this season, please call and have a chat with Kelso Looker on 6779 2132.

Gazette Footy Tipping

Welcome to the Gazette's 2026 Footy Tipping competition.

NOTE: due to the timing of the matches on 1st and then 5th March, everyone will start with 4 points for the USA matches on Sunday, 1st March and your tipping starts from Thursday, 5th March.

Our prize packages this year will include gift vouchers from our generous local businesses.

Good luck and have some fun!

Name:
(Not for publication - if you wish)

Nom de Plume:
(For publication in the Locals Leaderboard)

Phone:

Locals Entry Form - Round 1

Tips must be submitted to the Gazette office
by 4.00pm on **Wednesday 4th March**

Storm	vs	Eels
Warriors	vs	Roosters
Broncos	vs	Panthers
Sharks	vs	Titans
Sea Eagles	vs	Raiders
Dolphins	vs	Rabbits

Bye: Tigers



POULTRY FOR SALE

LAYER PULLETS, 20 weeks, Isa & all breeds, delivered to Guyra on Friday, **27th March**. Call Jim 0428 194 105.

FOOD PANTRY

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

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.

LOST

Coco

Our much loved Coco has been missing since the weekend from the Nincoola & White Street golf course area.

She has been with us for 13 years. Coco is a soft caramel colour with dark points.

If you see her, would you please call:
0429 950 158



POSITION VACANT

STATION HAND at Bald Blair
contact 0427 722 908

CLAIM THE DATE

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

THURSDAY, 7th MAY

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea
will be held at ADRA,
Aboomla Street, Guyra

9 - 12 JULY 2026

Guyra SnowFest

Visit www.guyrasnowfest.com
to subscribe for information.

COURSES AT NECC

Chemical Course (Full & Refresher)

Wednesday, 11th March

First Aid

Tuesday, 24th March

Bookings essential at

New England Community College

(RTO#90145)

Phone: 6779 2132

E: admin@gala.org.au

PUBLIC NOTICES

Proposed Road Disposal Section 152D Roads Act 1993

In accordance with section 152D of the *Roads Act 1993*, notice is hereby given of the proposed sale of the Crown public roads listed in Schedule 1. If a sale proceeds, the road(s) will cease to be a public road upon transfer of the road to freehold land in accordance with section 152H of the Act.

Schedule 1:

- Crown roads at Wandsworth within and adjoining 10030 Guyra Road. (File ref: 19/03992, Cluster: 681540)

All interested persons are hereby invited to make submissions concerning the proposal via the email address below or to Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure - Crown Lands, PO Box 2215, DANGAR NSW 2309 within twenty-eight (28) days of the date of this advertisement.

Any person is entitled to make submissions with respect to the sale or disposal of the road. Please note that submissions may be referred to third parties (such as council or the applicant) for consideration in accordance with the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*.

For the Manager, Divestments

For further enquiries please visit the website roads.crownland.nsw.gov.au or contact Megan McCullough by email at megan.mccullough@crownland.nsw.gov.au or on T: 02 6640 3928 quoting file references above.

Expression of Interest - Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment

NSW Public Works (PW) has been engaged by Armidale Regional Council (ARC, the proponent) to prepare an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) and undertake Aboriginal community consultation as per the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010* (ACHCRs, DECCW 2010) for the Armidale to Ben Lomond New England Rail Trail (NERT; the project).

The project area consists of the disused section of the Main Northern Railway between Armidale railway station and Ben Lomond railway station. The purpose of the NERT is to turn this disused railway line into a shared pedestrian and bicycle trail. The study area is in the Armidale Local Government Area.

We are inviting Aboriginal groups or individuals who are interested in being consulted under the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010* to register as Registered Aboriginal Parties for the project.

This consultation will assist the proponent in the preparation of an ACHAR. The ACHAR will be used to support a Review of

Environmental Factors (REF) for the project, as well as to determine to whether an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) application is required. If necessary, the ACHAR will also assist Heritage NSW in their consideration and determination of any AHIP application.

If you hold cultural knowledge relevant to the project area and determining the cultural significance of Aboriginal objects or places in the project area, please register your interest. Registrations can be made by contacting NSW Public Works by email (alyce.cameron@pwa.nsw.gov.au) or post (Alyce Cameron, NSW Public Works, PO Box 73, Shop 9/21-27, Conway Street, Lismore, NSW 2480). For general enquiries regarding the project please contact the Project Manager, Rhys Callaghan (rhys.callaghan@pwa.nsw.gov.au). All registrations should be received no later than close of business Friday 13 March 2026.

Please note that if you choose to register for this project, your details will be shared with the Local Aboriginal Land Councils and Heritage NSW, unless you advise us that you do not want your details released.

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Sunday Golf

The Guyra Golf Championships kicked off on Saturday and continued Sunday to complete the first two rounds. A competitive field assembled and all grades are close with the final round to be played on Sunday the 15th of March.

Results for the Saturday event proudly sponsored by Country Fresh Bakery, many thanks to the ongoing support of Colin and Kylie.

Nearest the pins 7th - Bailey Wilson, 10th - Scott Mendes and 18th - Steve Kliendienst

Nett Winners were C Grade- Beau Orchard, B Grade - Tyson Burey and A Grade- Darrin Towells.

Results for second round proudly sponsored by Troy at Fourways Service Centre, thank you so much for your support.

Nearest the pins 7th - Ian Taylor, 10th - Chris Newberry and the 18th was not won.

Nett Winners C Grade - Beau Orchard, B Grade - Tyson Burey and A Grade - Mick Jackson

The overall leaders for each Grade are C Grade Beau Orchard leads Trent Mendes by 20,

B Grade Tyson Burey leads Peter Jackson by 6 and A Grade Darrin Towells leads Adam Brennan by 2 with Mick Purvis another 1 behind Adam.

So it is shaping up to be an exciting last round. I will post the time sheet for the Final Round next week.

This weekend is the Guyra United Soccer Club 2 person Ambrose with a 10.30 shotgun start, this means you must be at the club before this time. The following weekend is the Guyra 4bbb Open which is always popular.

We are also looking into having the Vets Stableford Championship on the same day as the final Round of the Club Championship if the interest is there.

Busy time at the moment but another Junior event will be organised as soon as possible so all the kids I will keep you posted.

HAPPY GOLFING

Anglers Club

Guyra Anglers Club will hold its Annual General Meeting and Presentation Day on Sunday March 15th, starting 11am at the Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club. We welcome our Life Members to join us.

All positions on the Committee will be declared open. If you want to be on the Committee, or become a member, please

come along. A BBQ lunch will serve as a break between our meetings and presentation – please RSVP with numbers by March 7th.

Don't forget that memberships are due on the day. We thank our amazing sponsors - Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club, Khammo, Sisson's Family Meats, Deano's Smoked Trout, Four Ways Service Centre, and Dasha's, now Bishop's, Home Hardware.

Ladies' Golf

Last week the Ladies played a Par Medal. Kerry Bull was the winner on a countback from Donna White with +3. Wendy George won the nearest the pins on the 7th and 9th holes. Wendy Jackson won on the 18th hole.

This week is the 1st round of the Ladies Championships. The 2nd round is on Saturday and the final round is next Wednesday. Good luck ladies!

Birdie

Men's Bowls

Guyra recorded a strong 60-46 win over Armidale City in weekend pennants action. John McIlwain won 27-12, while D. Kennedy won 21-16 and D. Wilcox went down 16-11, Attention now turns to this Saturday's matches at Glen Innes. The selected teams are: Team 1: J. McIlwain, A. Bull, R. Mulligan, R. Walls. Team 2: R. Moore, S. Campbell, S. Brennan, J. Varco. Team 3: D. Wilcox, P. Johnson, M. Bourke, R. Cox. Players will depart Guyra at 11.30am.

Midweek golf

Midweek finishes this Sunday, 1st March 2026. Once again the team with the highest score was That's a Gimme on 87 points. Very consistent team and most weeks all the players hand in a card. Next on 79 were Blue Sky closely followed by Baldersleigh Bashers and Full House.

Individual highlights this week went to Sharon Vickery with 25. Well done once again Sharon. On 24 was Harrison Dowden and Michael Jackson. 23 points for Ian Brown, Belinda Williamson and Brock Laybutt. On 22 points were heaps of players – Gus Redgrove, Ollie White, Bailey Wilson, Roger Cox, Ian Taylor, David Brown and Callum Morse.

Will publish final results at end of March. Looking forward to our next comp in October. Good golfing everyone.

Middy

120 players contest Vets Pennants

A record number of golfers turned up in Guyra to contest the third round of District pennants. So many helpers on the day and I'm not going to try and name you all but thank you. A special mention though to Wal Chapman who coordinated it all and the day ran smooth as silk. Also a special Mention to Betty and her crew from the Bowling Club. The help and support they give us certainly make our job so much easier.

The home club advantage saw Guyra get the win to bring us from last place to third just four points off the lead and two rounds left to play, the next in Uralla and finishing in Glen Innes.

Lots of individual winners, first to our Vet ladies. Over 30 of them was fantastic and the boost they give to Vets golf is brilliant. In ladies B the winner was Shona Mulligan to runner up Sue Kelly from Armidale. In ladies A grade the winner was Rosie Price to Runner up Deb Heffernan.

In the men the large field enabled us to run four grades and the winners were: A grade Peter Jackson, B grade was Duncan McClean, C grade Scott McLeod and D grade went to Ron Starr. The respective runners up were A, David Sweeney, B, Duncan Hutchinson, C, Terry Varley and, Ray Sweeney.

Congratulations to all the winners in what was a very successful day. There were also many minor prize winners with NTPs and raffles. Well done to you all. Our next big event is the week of golf starting on Sunday the 29th of March, but in the meantime next Tuesday will be a stroke event.

Drake.



Ladies B grade winner
Shona Mulligan with Wal Chapman



A Grade winner and runner up
Peter Jackson and David Sweeney



D Grade winner and runner up
Ron Starr and Ray Sweeney



Ladies A Grade runner up Deb Heffernan

Ram Sale Dates 2026

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

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On-Property

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Costa Well Grown Community Grants Program

Applications are now open for the Costa Tomato Exchange Well Grown Community Grants Program 2026.

Not-for-profit community organisations, sporting associations and schools in the Guyra and Armidale regions can submit an Expression of Interest for funding via the QR code below.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY MARCH 13, 2026
For information and to apply visit:
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