



# Guyra Gazette

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## Strong local contenders at Lamb Show

The Guyra Lamb Show marked its second year with a bustling shed, drawing approximately 42 pens of lambs and 26 vendors presenting 126 lambs, underscoring the region's depth of prime lamb production and community support.

This year introduced a refined format, with teams exhibiting lambs on the hoof before each producer nominated their top lamb to be processed and judged on the hook. The system provided a complete picture of genetics and management from paddock to plate.

Luke Foster was crowned Overall Champion, securing the title with a combined hoof and hook score of 17 points out of a possible 20.

Four classes were judged — Trade (under 45kg), Export (45–61kg), Heavy Export (over 65kg) and Exotic — with awards presented across both hoof and hook sections.

In the Trade Class, Luke Foster placed first on the hoof with 9/10, followed by Jamie Youman with 8.5/10. On the hook, Eastern Fall Grazing and NT & NE Saunders were separated by a tie-breaker after both scored 8.25/10.

In the Export Class, DA Harbutt & KJ Wildman topped the hoof judging with 9.5/10 ahead of HA Youman on 8.5/10, while Guyra Central School claimed first on the hook with 7.75/10, narrowly edging out Newenden Pastoral Company on 7.5/10 after a tie-break.

The Heavy Export Class saw AJ & JW Lenehan take first on the hoof with 9/10 ahead of E&M Dawson on 8.5/10. On the hook, RS & BJ Williamson scored 8/10 to secure first place,



Luke Foster was awarded Grand Champion at the Show

with AJ & JW Lenehan second on 7.75/10.

In the Exotic Class, E&M Dawson dominated, winning both hoof (8/10) and hook (8/10) sections, and also placing second on the hook with 7.5/10, while Tapa Pty Ltd secured second on the hoof with 7.5/10.

By splitting teams for processing and align-

ing live judging with carcass performance, the show delivered transparent, data-driven feedback for producers and created a practical benchmark of market readiness.

The top carcass in each class was auctioned on Saturday night, with proceeds directed toward future-proofing the Guyra Lamb Show.

A special thanks goes to judges Brian Wellings on the hoof and Demi Lollback on the hook for their expertise and professionalism.

The event's success was made possible through the generous support of Thomas Foods International and Fletchers, along with Te Pari, which supplied an automatic drench gun, and Zoetis, which provided drums of drench, as well as Virbac.

APL Guyra played a key role in handling administration, vendor declarations, payments and feedback — a major contribution that helped the event run smoothly. Additional support came from Elders; Schute Bell Eggert & Co; Grazag; Nutrien Armidale and Guyra branches; NELA; Armitage & Buckley; Black Mountain Nursery; Davidson Cameron; P R Watts & Co; Rob Lenehan Rural Services; Trent Mendes Earthmoving; Ian and Jessira Saunders; Kelso Looker; James Lenehan; David and Joy Saunders; Miramia Merinos; Stephen and Judy Williams; Trevor and Deirdre Tarrant; Sisson Family Meats; The Cottage Armidale; Deano's Trout; and many other local supporters who assisted with the running of the event.

Their backing ensured another smooth, educational and competitive Guyra Lamb Show.



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# Wool Handling competition a standout at Show

The 2026 Guyra Show hosted its first-ever Wool Handling Competition, marking an exciting new addition to the program. With the support of Australian Wool Innovation (AWI), organisers were able to erect a makeshift shearing stand inside the local Pony Club shed to accommodate the event. A total of 45 competitors registered, an outstanding turnout that exceeded expectations.

A highlight of the day was the Local Competition, created specifically to encourage farmers and farmhands from the district to take part without having to compete against professional wool handlers. The event saw local competitors step well outside their comfort zones which was a real credit to each and every one of them.

Local Competition Placings: 1st Mara Grills, 2nd Casey Foster, 3rd Daniel Stace, 4th Kelly Fletcher, 5th Jarod Schaefer

An Encouragement Award was also presented to a young competitor who regularly attends shows but has yet to secure a placing. The award, designed to support and motivate the younger generation, was proudly awarded to Brooklin Park from Western Bathurst.

The competition attracted entrants from as far afield as Chinchilla and Tara in Queensland, along with Boorowa, Dubbo, Bathurst and surrounding districts, in addition to strong local representation from Guyra and the surrounding area.

## Competition Results:

Novice Wool Handling Final: 1st Lara Duff, 2nd Molly Temple, 3rd (Local) Bridget Foster, 4th Matilda Thompson

Senior Wool Handling Final: 1st Sarah Temple, 2nd Jacinta Blackburn, 3rd (Local) Tom Lockyer, 4th (Local) Brooke Newberry

Open Wool Handling Final: 1st Mel Dye, 2nd Alexander Schoff, 3rd Jack Phillipson, 4th Kimberly Ward

Feedback from competitors and community members alike was overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing their enjoyment at seeing a new and engaging event added to the Guyra Show program.

Organiser Maare Foster said she was truly overwhelmed by the level of interest and support shown. She extended a heartfelt thank you to all sponsors, whose generosity made the event possible and helped ensure its success.



Senior finalists Brooke Newberry, Tom Lockyer, Jacinta Blackburn and Sarah Temple



Encouragement award Brooklin Park



Local competitors Casey Foster and Mara Grills

# Great roll up for Guyra Silvershears contest

A very successful Guyra Silvershears show shearing event was held again this year, with a great roll up of 48 shearers travelling from Victoria to Central Queensland to compete.

Organiser Bruce Reeves has thanked the many sponsors, mostly small local businesses and farms, for their continued support year after year.

Many thanks also to the shearers and draggers who donate their time and skill to shear around 400 rams on a Saturday morning to raise the prize money for this event. Special thanks to the graziers for keeping the rams dry.

Thank you to our small but mighty committee for organising and running a seamless event, and to the judges, roustabouts, penner-uppers, scorer and timekeepers for their efforts on Saturday. Thank you also to those who helped with the crutching of the sheep on the Sunday morning the weekend before the show.

A big thank you to Wayne and Lorraine Jenkyn for the supply of the sheep, to Trevor and Deidre Tarrant for the supply of the truck to cart the sheep to and from the show, and to Phil Saunders for driving the truck on the day.

A lot of volunteered time goes into organising and running this event, and to see the large number of shearers who continue to turn up, along with the impressive crowd who support it all day, makes it all worthwhile. A massive thank you to our committee.

In the Novice section, first place went to Dustin Hilton of Texas, second to Riley Hutchison of Curban, third to Hugo Brazier of Guyra and fourth to Tom Lockyer of Guyra.

The Intermediate title was taken out by Ryan McIntyre of Glen Innes, with Stephen Rodda of Inverell finishing second, Aaron McMaster of

Quirindi third and Bobby Chard of Ben Lomond fourth.

In the Senior event, Jacob Carmody of Rye Park claimed first place ahead of Tess Woods of Parkes in second, Justin Fornasari of Uralla in third and Choppo Schoff of Chinchilla in fourth.

The Open final saw Guyra's Jeremy Newberry take top honours, followed by Luke Foster of Guyra in second, Wil Stanley of Boorowa in third and Jack Lockyer of Guyra in fourth. The Harry Williams Memorial Trophy for the local shearer with the best quality points was awarded to Luke Foster



Above: Novice Dustin Hilton (Texas), Riley Hutchison (Curban), Hugo Brazier (Guyra) and Tom Lockyer (Guyra)  
Left: Open Jeremy Newberry (Guyra), Luke Foster (Guyra), Wil Stanley (Boorowa) and Jack Lockyer (Guyra)

# Substantial investment could see 500+ jobs for Guyra

For more than a decade, New England Innovation & Development Pty Ltd (NEID) has flagged plans to establish a new abattoir in Guyra. Now, in a significant expansion of that original vision, the company has confirmed it is progressing three major manufacturing initiatives that could reshape the town's industrial future.

The proposal is centred on land just off Falconer Road, adjacent to the Guyra Livestock selling complex, and now incorporates the former Guyra Abattoir site, which NEID has recently purchased. The company intends to redevelop the precinct, beginning with demolition of existing infrastructure and a comprehensive site clean-up.

Information supplied to the Gazette suggest that the projects represent "a substantial investment in the region's future and positions Guyra to become a leader in modern agribusiness and advanced manufacturing."

Proponents say the proposed site has been selected for "its scale, industrial suitability and direct access to established transport infrastruc-



The recent sale of the former abattoir site is part of larger plan that could see construction of a large scale manufacturing complex

ture," and that "re-establishing rail access is considered critical".

The proposed development includes three distinct but complementary projects: a large-scale food processing facility producing premium sheep and cattle products for domestic and export markets; a high-technology processing facility focused on health, wellness and nutraceutical products (described as a "first-of-its-kind operation in Australia aiming to set a new global benchmark"); and a 31-lot indus-

trial subdivision to create an agribusiness hub supporting businesses aligned with food processing and advanced manufacturing.

The two major processing facilities alone promise employment for more than 500 people. NEID is also collaborating with the proponent of "Project Nucleus," to establish a large-scale organic food, health and wellness manufacturing facility at the former abattoir site, which could employ up to 120 local people.

At full capacity, combined production from NEID's facilities is projected to exceed 110,000 metric tonnes per annum. To service domestic markets and export terminals efficiently, the business model integrates road, rail and air freight, with the existing siding into the old abattoir site underpinning the proposed intermodal hub which would be central to moving significant volumes of containerised freight each week.

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FREE event - CWA Evening Branch 'It's Not Just You' on Sunday March 8th

Footy tipping season is underway

Guyra's next event is the Fleece and Fibre frolic on March 21st

Armidale Show this weekend - 150 is a great effort!!

## JOKE of the week

Bugs Bunny and Elmer Fudd break into a distillery. Bugs asks 'Is this whiskey?' Elmer says, "Yeah, but not as whiskey as wobbling a bank."

## Bureau of Meteorology Weather

### WATCH

#### Guyra MPS

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| 26   | Thurs | 14.1 | 23.4 | 0    |
| 27   | Fri   | 12.3 | 22.8 | 0    |
| 28   | Sat   | 13.4 | 23.2 | 0    |
| 1    | Sun   | 12.9 | 23.3 | 0    |
| 2    | Mon   | 11.6 | 24.8 | 0    |

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| Rain this week    | 0mm     |
| Feb. rainfall     | 59.0mm  |
| Rainfall YTD      | 126.0mm |
| Rainfall last YTD | 214.2mm |
| Ave. rain YTD     | 298.5mm |

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

On Monday February 16th, students at Guyra Central School (GCS) welcomed Angus Dawson from Arakoon Performance Genetics to the school farm for a special lamb judging incursion. The visit gave students a valuable opportunity to develop their practical skills in sheep assessment and livestock management, vital areas of knowledge for those interested in agriculture.

Throughout the day, Angus guided students through the process of mouthing sheep to accurately estimate their age, a key technique in animal husbandry. Students also learnt how to evaluate ewes for reproductive and structural soundness, gaining insights into the traits that contribute to a healthy and productive flock.

The highlight of the incursion was the hands-on task of weighing and drafting a pen of lambs. Under Angus's expert supervision, students carefully selected their Pen of 3 entry for the Prime Lamb Hoof and Hook competition at the 2025 Guyra Show. This experience not only reinforced the students' practical skills but also fostered teamwork and decision-making as they worked collaboratively to make informed choices about their en-



Assessing lambs in preparation for the Guyra Show Lachlan Cruikshank and Hamish Brown (Year 7 students)

tries.

GCS is proud of the students' efforts and achievements at the Guyra Show and grateful to Angus Dawson for generously sharing his time and expertise.

His visit supported the school's commitment to providing authentic agricultural learning experiences that prepare students for future opportunities in the industry.

## Applications now open for village and community grants

Applications for the next round of Armidale Regional Council (ARC) grants will open on Friday 27 February 2026. Funding is available for community projects across the region, and also targeted funding for villages.

The grants aim to provide financial support for community projects and initiatives that require modest funding to meet local needs and support the community.

Local not-for-profit organisations and community groups are eligible to apply for:

- Community Small Grants - up to \$2000
- Community Support Grants -

\$2000 to \$5000

- Armidale Regional Village Grants – up to \$3500

Community grants are offered regularly to support projects that may grow community and recreational opportunities, celebrate culture and creativity, ensure environmental sustainability, or support business.

Mayor Sam Coupland encouraged local organisations to take advantage of the opportunity to apply for a community grant.

"Every project funded through our community grants program is a step towards a stronger region," he said. "I have been excited to see so many wonderful initiatives

delivered thanks to funding allocated in past rounds!"

Mayor Coupland said Armidale Regional Village Grants offered clear guidelines and a simple process for LACs and community groups connected to the region's villages to access funding.

"We're keen to ensure more of our region's villages are finding and securing funding support," he said.

This grant round opened on Friday 27 February and closes Monday 23 March 2026. For more and to apply go to the Grants and Funding page on Armidale Regional Council's website [www.armidale.nsw.gov.au](http://www.armidale.nsw.gov.au)

## Do you have a biosecurity or weeds question?

A Council Biosecurity Officer will be available to answer your questions or provide advice and support from the Customer Service front counter each month.

On the last Wednesday each month, a Biosecurity Officer will be at Guyra Civic Administration Building - from 10am to 12noon. (Please note, if you bring a weed sample with you keep it in a sealed bag/container).



### Author talk: Rod Halsted

Join Rod Halsted for an engaging author talk at Guyra Library on Thursday 6 March at 5.30pm. Rod will share insights into his writing and the stories behind his work. RSVP: 6770 7123.

## Level 1 water restrictions now in place

Armidale Regional Council has introduced Level 1 Water Restrictions across the Armidale Region due to ongoing hot, dry conditions and low rainfall.

Water use in the region is currently well above sustainable levels, with daily consumption exceeding recommended targets since November. Council is urging residents and businesses to reduce water use now to protect local water supplies and help avoid stricter restrictions in the future.

Under Level 1 restrictions, rainwater and greywater may be used at any time (provided tanks are not topped up from town water). Lawns and gardens may be watered with sprinklers for no more than two hours and not during the heat of the day.

For more information, visit the Armidale Council website.

## Council Meetings

### The next scheduled council meeting is 24 March 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.

## Rail Trail update: NSW Rail Trail Framework

Residents may soon notice increased activity along the rail corridor as Council progresses the next stage of work required under the NSW Rail Trail Framework.

Following Council's motion late

last year, several detailed studies must be completed before any further decisions can be made. Over the coming weeks, specialists will be on the rail line conducting environmental assessments, Aboriginal heritage impact studies, and a range of other investigations essential to meeting state requirements.

Community members may also see public call-outs for participants to assist with aspects of the Aboriginal heritage assessments. Additional opportunities for broader community consultation and feedback will follow later in the process.

This work has been flagged for some time, but with on-ground activity now beginning, Council wants to ensure the community is fully informed. These studies are a routine and necessary step, and there is no need for concern—people (and horses) may simply notice more movement along the corridor than usual.

Council will continue to provide updates as the project progresses.

Armidale  
**Autumn Festival**  
21 March, 2026  
5:30am – 5:00pm  
Civic Park

**\$1000 parade prize**

Celebrate the colour, community, and creativity of Autumn in Armidale.

- Autumn Festival Grand Parade
- Breakfast with the band
- Campus to city center
- Skywhales
- Heritage lost trades display
- Yard dogs demonstration
- Paul Bennett air show
- Kids zone in Civic Park
- Food vendors & markets stalls
- Entertainment for all ages!

EDWARDS AVIATION AUSTRALIA



Reading landscapes in an eroded gully

## Meals on Wheels

Mar 5 Wendy Laidlaw  
 Mar 6 Steve Norris  
 Mar 9 Bea Velthuis  
 Mar 10 Regional Bank Staff  
 Mar 11 Toni Kirkman

## 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

On Thursday February 19th, Southern New England Landcare hosted a Landscape Rehydration Field Day in partnership with the Mulloon Institute at Kentucky.

The event marked the first in a series of activities under the Armidale Regional Council and Uralla Shire Council Regional Drought Resilience Plan, funded through the Future Drought Fund.

More than 30 landholders attended from across the region, including one participant who travelled from Sydney. Landscape planners Shari Pike and Annabel Manning from the Mulloon Institute facilitated the day.

“It was great to see such strong attendance and interest,” said Elizabeth Rosser, Local Landcare Coordinator with Southern New England Landcare.

“The distance people are travel-

ling reflects the growing interest in landscape rehydration and its role in whole-farm planning.”

The day began at Kentucky Hall with an introductory presentation, before participants headed to Kentucky Creek for a field walk focused on developing practical skills in reading the landscape.

In the afternoon, the group visited Ted and Sonia Williams’ property, ‘Wilhelmschoe’, to inspect on-ground works undertaken along their creek and chain of ponds system. Attendees compared sections previously supported through Landcare grants with areas more recently acquired that have not yet undergone improvement works.

“The property provides a practical demonstration of the impact thoughtful intervention can have,” Ms Rosser said.

“The contrast between treated

and untreated sections of the creek is clear.”

The project continues on March 18th to 19th with a two-day bootcamp at the CSIRO Chiswick Research Station. Tickets are available via the Southern New England Landcare website.

Further activities under the Regional Drought Resilience Plan include a two-day workshop in April with David Hardwick from Soil Land Food on Restoring Rural Landscapes, followed by a ‘Boots on Ground’ construction day in May with the Mulloon Institute, focused on building practical structures to support landscape rehydration outcomes.

Community members can stay informed about upcoming activities by subscribing to the Southern New England Landcare newsletter.

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# Celebration of Leadership and Achievement

Guyra Central School's first Primary Assembly of 2026 was a memorable occasion, highlighting the importance of leadership, achievement, and community spirit within the school.

A special moment was the presentation of leadership badges to the newly appointed Student Leadership Team. Proud parents, carers, and loved ones joined the ceremony to pin badges on their children, marking the start of their leadership journey for the year. The school extends congratulations to all leaders for stepping up to represent their peers with pride and dedication.

The Primary Captains leading the way this year are Grace Atkin and Hugh Kliendienst. Student Representative Council (SRC) mem-

bers include Orlando Hodgens (Year 2), Violet Atkin (Year 3), James Hassett (Year 3), Isla Lenehan (Year 3), Lachlan (Year 4), Olivia Bennett (Year 4), Jackson Atkin (Year 5), Laura Jackson (Year 5), Jackson Griffin (Year 6), and Jaearla Landsborough (Year 6).

Sports leadership is overseen by Ivy-Rose Brazier (Malpas Captain) and Jero Remkonkon (Malpas Vice Captain), Hunter Melmeth (Chandler Captain) and Airlie Vidler (Chandler Vice Captain), and Ashton Hutton (Nincoola Captain) alongside Ariella Galindo (Nincoola Vice Captain). Additionally, Olivia Seaton is serving as Technology Captain, Lakia Cutmore as Creative Arts Captain, and Jack Munro-Davies represents the school as Junior AECG Representative.



Alexander Hodgens presenting Orlando Hodgens with his SRC Badge

## Show Art Awards

Congratulations to all Black Mountain Public School students who entered artworks at the recent Guyra Show. A big congratulations to Arwyn Sampson who was awarded Reserve Champion for her Year 5 artwork.

Also, Una 'Ale was awarded First Prize, Clayton Peltonen, Second Prize and Jamie Patterson, Second Prize for his Kindergarten painting. Well done everyone!

*Mrs Justine Eddy  
Relieving Principal*



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## Rural Market Reports

### Armidale Cattle Sale

**February 26th** - Armidale penned 1977 good quality cattle 504 extra than the previous week. All the regular buyers attended to a mostly dearer market through all categories. Included in the offering was a good selection of prime heavy cows as well as the start of early drafts of well-bred weaner calves.

Weaner steers under 200kgs 350c to 528c/kg to backgrounders. Light weaner steers to 280kgs much dearer 432c to 538c/kg. Medium feeder steers marginally dearer 401c to 496c/kg backgrounders to 498c/kg. Feeders to 480kgs gained 39c/kg 420c to 498c/kg.

Weaner heifers to 280kgs slipped 10c/kg 350c to 409c/kg. Similar yearling heifers gained 26c/kg 320c to 420c/kg. Medium feeder heifers significantly dearer 380c to 456c/kg. The background

drafts 390c to 419c/kg. Grown heifers to feed dearer 340c to 416c/kg similar processors also dearer 370c to 388c/kg. Heavy cows dearer 340c to 373c/kg prime heavy cows 4c/kg dearer 359c to 389c/kg. Heavy bulls gained 8c/kg 370c to 408c/kg.

*Stephen Adams MLA*

### Weekly Wool Sales

**February 27th** - Sales resumed after a one week recess for Chinese New Year. The pause in weekly selling led to the largest national offering seen in over three years. A 50,000 bale offering could easily have halted the markets progress, but pent up demand remained strong, and the offering was absorbed by the trade.

In the Northern region the indicator climbed 2 cents on the first day of sales and a further 13 cents on the final day. The Southern region required three days of sales

and in a good sign for next week the market continued to climb higher on the final day.

The Merino carding indicator came under renewed focus this week jumping 8%. Cardings had been lagging behind the other sectors of the market since the run up began with this week's result seen as playing catch-up. 48,598 bales were sold nationally for the week with a passed in rate of 4.1%.

Major buyers included PJ Morris, Tianyu and Techwool. The average price paid per bale for all the Merino fleece wool that was sold across the country this week was closing in on \$2500 or \$13.88 c/kg in what was a total turnover of \$88 million. Next week's national offering drops back to 38,000 bales. The total offering for the season to date is tracking around 5% below the previous season.

*Schute Bell Wool*

### Men's Bowls

Guyra has recorded a strong victory over Glen Innes in week-end pennant bowls action, winning 9 and a half to half.

John McIlwain claimed a 23-17 win, while D. Wilcox secured a tight 19-17 victory and R. Moore finished with a draw.

The pennant teams will now travel to Uralla for their next fixture.

Teams travelling to Uralla:

Team 1:

J. McIlwain, R. Moore, J. Varco, A. Bull

Team 2:

D. Kennedy, S. Campbell, S. Brennan, A. Sparke

Team 3:

D. Wilcox, P. Johnson, M. Bourke, R. Cox

Cars will depart Guyra at 11.15am.

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# Classifieds Trades & Services

## PROBUS NOTES

Our Annual meeting is next Monday, 9th March, 10am at the Bowling Club .

Any new members would be welcome to attend and after the meeting we will have a movie.

**Wendy Jackson**

## POULTRY FOR SALE

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

## ADRA NOTICE

**ADRA OP SHOP** is NOT taking clothes donations again until May. We just need a little break to catch up with the sorting. All other donations are being accepted.

## FOOD PANTRY

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

## MEETING NOTICES

**NSW FARMERS AGM** Tuesday, 10th March at the GALA rooms, 136 Bradley St., 7am for 7:30am Breakfast Meeting. RSVP by 06/03/26 to Michael Collins 0439 958 163. Come, discuss issues with our members and our guest, NSW Farmers President, Xavier Martin.

## CLAIM THE DATE

**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  
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**THURSDAY, 7th MAY**

**Australia's Biggest Morning Tea**  
will be held at ADRA,  
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The foundation stone of St Columba's Presbyterian Church in Tenterden Street, Guyra was laid on 31st March, 1926.

To acknowledge the 100 year anniversary, we extend an invitation to individuals, the families and the communities of Guyra and District to join us in a commemorative Church Service led by Reverend Fred Monkton. The service will commence at: 9:00am on Sunday, 15th March, 2026.

Morning tea will follow in the McKie Hall on the church grounds. All are Welcome.

## 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](mailto:guyadmin@arm.catholic.edu.au).

## COURSES AT NECC

**Chemical Course (Full & Refresher)**  
Wednesday, 11th March

**First Aid**  
Tuesday, 24th March

**Forklift Course**  
Thursday & Monday  
16th & 20th April

**Bookings essential at**

**New England Community College**

(RTO#90145)

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**E: admin@gala.org.au**

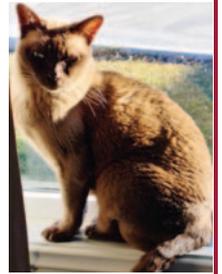
## LOST

**Have you seen Coco?**

Our much loved Coco is missing from the Nincoola/White Street golf course area.

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# Gazette's Celebrity Footy Tipping

A big welcome to all our tipsters, both Locals and Celebrities, for our 2026 footy tipping competition.

We especially welcome our new Celebrity joining the fray this year: Marie Lawson of Country Wide Property.

Because of the two matches in Las Vegas last Sunday and the rest of Round 1 commencing on Thursday, everyone is starting with 4 points for the Sunday games.

Prizes for the Celebrities are: 1st half page ad, 2nd and 3rd a quarter page ad and we'll think of something for the last place wooden spooner.

At the time of going to press, we have ??? entries for the Locals competition, all having a wide variety of interesting *noms de plume*.

Prizes for our Locals include gift vouchers from our very generous local businesses. We will highlight their contributions over the coming year.

Happy tipping everyone. Let the games begin!

**The deadline for Celebrity tips is no later than 10.00am on Tuesdays so that we can meet our print deadline.**

**Sue's Tips**  
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Sharks  
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For strong regional representation  
**Score: 4**

## Sunday Golf

The Guyra united Soccer club staged their 2 person Ambrose for 2026 and it turned out to be a great success. The day turned out brilliant and the course was presented brilliantly which attracted a bunch of great scores.

Winners for the day were: Longest Drive - Braith Kliendienst, Nearest the Pins 7th - Mark Robinson, 10th - Matt Simpson and 18th Steve Kliendienst.

Junior winners were Noah and Kane Brennan. Mixed Runners Up were Adam and Nikki Brennan. Mixed Winners were Owen and J Presnell. Nett Runners Up - Chris Duthie and Jack Kliendienst. Nett Winners - Tyson Burey and Matt Simpson. Gross Runners Up - Braith and Corby Kliendienst. Gross Winners - Steve Wilson and Steve Kliendienst.

A great day was had by all so congratulations to the Soccer Club on a very well organised day.

This weekend is the Guyra 4bbb Open, these are always enjoyable with visitors from other clubs also taking part. The Guyra Open will have prizes for A, B and C Grade so grab a partner and come along. Tee off times begin at 10 am so we ask all teams to book in a time.

The following Sunday will be the completion of the 2026 Club Championships and also the Vets Stableford Championships. A busy month ahead, hope to see you out there.

**HAPPY GOLFING**



# Gazette Footy Tipping

## Locals Entry Form - Round 2

Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

- Bundles 4
- Birdie 4
- Happy Gilmore 4
- Farmer Joe 4
- Dip Stick 4
- Lilley 4
- SuperJeff 4
- Winter Wombat 4

Note that you all start with 4 points for the games in Las Vegas on Sunday

*\*We have room for more Locals.\**

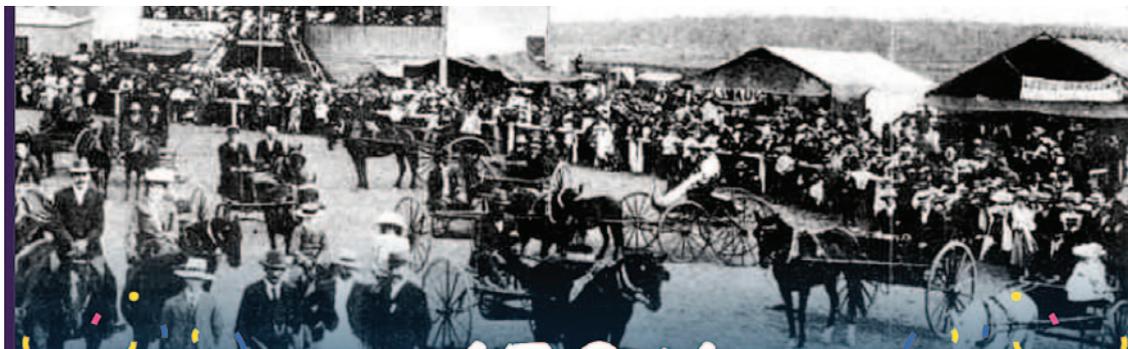
**NOTE: Tips for Round 1 MUST be submitted to the Gazette office by 4pm today**

Name: .....

Phone: .....

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| Broncos    | vs | Eels    |
| Warriors   | vs | Raiders |
| Roosters   | vs | Rabbits |
| Tigers     | vs | Cowboys |
| Dragons    | vs | Storm   |
| Panthers   | vs | Sharks  |
| Sea Eagles | vs | Knights |
| Dolphins   | vs | Titans  |

Bye:  
Bulldogs



# 150th Armidale Show

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FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> & SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH



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## Ladies' Golf

Last week the Ladies played the First Round of the Championships. We had a great field of 16 players in perfect weather. The daily winner was Debbie Burey with 67 Nett. Suzanne Towells was the runner up with 68 Nett. Belinda Lenehan won the putting competition. Nearest the pin winners were Jenni Jackson on the 7th hole. Leonie Taylor on the 9th hole. Wendy George on the 18th hole.

After the first round the A Grade leader is Deb Heffernan. B Grade is Deb Burey, C Grade is Suzanne Towells. This week is the final round.

Next week is a Stableford Graham Betts Round.

*Birdie*

## Vets Golf

Last Tuesday the 24th was our 4BBB event with 17 players taking part. The course is playing very good with all scores being on the high side. None better though than Dave Bearup and Jon Cumming who scored 45 points to be the winners. Ian Taylor and Paul Redden scored 44 to come in runners up. Paul got two NTPs with Mick Cox getting the third.

Next Tuesday is a stableford event. Great weather at the moment and the course is great, let's keep enjoying it before it gets too cold. See you all on Tuesday.

*Drake*



## Guyra Show Society

would like to thank all our very generous sponsors and supporters who helped make our 2026 Guyra Show such an outstanding success.

Your ongoing support is very much appreciated.

Without our Stewards and Volunteers the Guyra Show would not be possible.

The President and Committee of the Guyra Show Society appreciates the hard work and many hours our members and friends put in each year to enable the best Show in the district to continue.



### For information:

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