



# Guyra Gazette

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## Old schoolhouse finds new life at Black Mountain

A piece of local history has been given a new lease on life, transforming an historic schoolhouse into unique country accommodation on a Black Mountain Property.

The building originally stood at Mount Mitchell, and was moved to Guyra many decades ago where it was part of Guyra Central School in Bradley Street.

When the school moved to the new site in the 1970s the building was taken on by Guyra Shire. In more recent years it served as the Guyra Men's Shed before eventually falling vacant.

When it was offered for sale, local farmer Adam Jenkyn saw an opportunity to preserve the structure and give it a new purpose. With an ambitious plan to relocate the entire building to the family property, he set about restoring it while retaining its historic character.

"Moving the schoolhouse was no small task," Adam said.

"The timber building was carefully lifted in one piece and transported by truck to its new home with a police escort.

"Once safely in place at Black Mountain, the restoration work began and great care has been taken to maintain the building's



Adam Jenkyn in front of the school building which has been transformed into unique country accommodation.

original charm.

"The timber floors have been restored, sash windows repaired, and many of the small architectural details that reflect the building's early history have been preserved.

"At the same time, modern comforts have been thoughtfully

incorporated so guests can enjoy a comfortable country stay."

The renovated schoolhouse now features four bedrooms, three bathrooms, a spacious light-filled living area, and a fully equipped kitchen and laundry.

An outdoor deck provides a relaxing place to take in the rural

surrounds, while one bedroom and bathroom have been designed to meet accessibility standards, with ramp access from the deck.

The farm stay will soon welcome its first guests, offering visitors a unique countryside retreat where historic charm meets the comfort of modern rural living.



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# Seniors celebrated at Golden Years Lunch

The community gathered at Guyra Bowling Club last week to celebrate NSW Seniors Festival with food, music and good company.

Guyra Home Support Services hosted the Golden Years Gathering, thanks to a \$4,500 grant from the NSW Seniors Festival Grant Program 2026.

Council received the grant to host a special activity for older community members in Guyra, aiming to foster social connection, community spirit, and joy for local seniors.

Guests enjoyed a free two-course hot meal prepared by the Guyra Bowling Club and were entertained by versatile and talented local musician Ian Russell.

Armidale Regional Council Deputy Mayor Todd Redwood attended the lunch and said it was lovely to catch up with some of our region's wonderful seniors over a delicious lunch.

"I appreciated the food, the live music, and especially loved the

chance to chat to so many great people from our community," Cr Redwood said.

"Congratulations to the small but powerful Guyra Home Support Services team for being so warm and welcoming, and for creating this event which perfectly reflected their caring, inclusive and community-driven approach.

"I believe it achieved their aim of encouraging Guyra's older community to get out and about this week - to connect over a wonderful lunch while celebrating NSW Seniors Festival 2026.

"Seniors are the heart and soul of our community. They are mentors and volunteers and keepers of history, and we must remember to keep them in sight!

"Events like the Golden Years Gathering remind us of the importance of inclusion and social connection. It's about creating opportunities for our older residents to live life in colour and know they are valued and supported."



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# Car Club supports BackTrack with Show & Shine donation

The Guyra & District Car Club recently presented a \$2000 donation to BackTrack following the success of their 2026 Show & Shine event.

The club holds regular outings for members who share a passion for older motor vehicles and motorcycles. On one of their outings members travelled to Armidale to visit the BackTrack organisation, which provides holistic youth support including education, accommodation, training, employment opportunities and the support of the BackTrack family to help young people get their lives back on track.

Car Club members were impressed by the encouragement and support the BackTrack staff provide to the young people involved, and said the group received a warm welcome from both staff and participants during their visit.

Members were given a guided tour of the BackTrack complex by staff and the young people themselves, and also had the chance to



Guyra Car Club President Greg Ford handing the donation to BackTrack Officials with members and kids mixing it together.

meet some of the organisation's well-known working dogs.

Each year the Guyra & District Car Club plays a key role in the Guyra Lamb & Potato Festival, hosting their popular Show & Shine display in Bradley Street on the Saturday of the event. The display features a wide range of ve-

hicles including vintage, modified and modern cars, as well as trucks and motorcycles.

This year's event attracted more than 150 vehicles and continues to grow each year thanks to the support of local residents and enthusiasts from surrounding districts including Armidale, Glen Innes,

Inverell and Grafton.

Following the success of the 2026 event, club members decided to donate the proceeds of \$2000 to BackTrack, recently travelling to Armidale to present the organisation with the contribution.



## Councillor's Corner

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### Community Update – March 2026

Autumn has arrived in Guyra, bringing the crisp mornings and changing colours we expect at this time of year. Summer was relatively dry, and we now hope autumn will bring the rainfall our region desperately needs. Many farmers across our district are watching conditions closely, while Armidale Regional Council has introduced Level 1 water restrictions.

Despite the dry conditions, there is some positive news for Guyra, with continued investment in local infrastructure and essential services helping strengthen our town and support the community for the future.

#### Guyra's Infrastructure Expenditure Update

Since the beginning of the current Council term, Armidale Regional Council has invested more than **\$15 million** in key infrastructure projects across Guyra, including significant upgrades to essential services. This figure does NOT include the **\$6.6 million** spent on Guyra Sales Yards. Below is a summary of some of the funds already spent and/or projects currently underway:

- Water infrastructure – **\$1.8 million**
- Sewer infrastructure – **\$1 million**
- Road infrastructure – **\$7.6 million**
- Ryanda St Works – **\$2 million**
- Landfill rehabilitation – **\$1.1 million**
- Building upkeep/upgrades – **\$250,000**

#### Updates & Actions

I note the announcement by Armidale Regional Council and its commitment to install an ozone treatment system at Guyra's Water Treatment Plant. While we await the first report on the proposal, early estimates suggest this equipment may cost around \$3 million, a key

infrastructure investment in Guyra. It is great to see the Ryanda Street project progressing. Extensive stormwater installation almost complete, increased parking, concrete footpath, kerb and gutter and resealing to come.

#### Around the Grounds

- **15 March** – I had a productive meeting with the Leader of the Opposition, the Hon. Kellie Sloane, the Shadow Treasurer, the Hon. Scott Farlow, and the Shadow Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, the Hon. Natalie Ward. Key issues facing our region were discussed at length, and commitments were secured for visits to our region.
- **7 March** – I attended the Liberal State Council in Sydney. An opportunity to hear from the party's two new leaders, the Hon. Angus Taylor and Kellie Sloane, about their vision and plans moving forward. Two rail motions of particular relevance to our region were considered, the Inland Rail and the Main North Line, and another for staged recovery and redevelopment of regional railways. Both motions were strongly supported and adopted.

#### Community Grants Announcement

I'm pleased to announce that Armidale Regional Council's "Village & Community" Grants Program is open again and will close on Monday, 23 March. The grants program supports local groups and organisations to deliver projects that benefit the community. Funding can assist with events, facility improvements, and initiatives that strengthen community connection and participation. I encourage everyone to apply. For more information, please visit: <https://www.armidale.nsw.gov.au/Services/Support-services/Grants-and-funding/Community-grants-and-support>

*Thank you for your continued support.  
It is a privilege to serve and represent our strong and proud community.*

Fleece and Fibre Frolic on this Saturday - well worth a look!

Starry skies at the top of the range

Chance for the golfing ladies to win a car if they can aim straight

Home Support Services for organising the Golden Years Gathering

Car Club for supporting BackTrack

**JOKE of the week**

I went to a fleece to fibre workshop...  
By the end of the day I was spinning.

**Bureau of Meteorology**

**Weather**

**WATCH**

**Guyra MPS**

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
10	Tues	12.8	22.8	1.8
11	Wed	10.8	27.5	0
12	Thurs	13.6	29.1	0
13	Fri	14.0	22.8	4.6
14	Sat	10.0	19.7	0
15	Sun	7.1	23.8	0
16	Mon	8.2	26.2	0

Rain this week	6.4mm
March rainfall	15.4mm
Rainfall YTD	141.4mm
Rainfall last YTD	308.4mm
Ave. rain YTD	298.5mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology



A special gathering was held at St Columba's Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 15th to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the laying of the church's foundation stone.

The regular congregation was joined by people from other denominations, a wide cross-section of the community and many with long-standing connections to the church, including families linked to its early days in Wandsworth, Ben Lomond and Guyra. Others attended after hearing the general invitation through the local press, ABC Radio's Australia All Over, and by word of mouth.

The Reverend Fred Monkton led a commemorative service at the Church, to acknowledge the 100 year anniversary and to challenge us bringing the Christian faith forward into the future. The foundation stone acknowledges Mrs Marjory

Jackson, and members of her family line were present for the occasion.

Scripture readings were given by Mrs Beth White, Mr David Brown and Mr Michael Gresham, while Mrs Anne Campbell led the congregation in the hymns In Christ Alone, Nothing But the Blood of Jesus and Praise Him.

Ms Dorothy Lockyer presented an overview of the church's long history, and guests were invited to view photographs of past caretakers and custodians of the faith displayed in large frames in the vestry. Visitors also had the opportunity to inspect commemorative plaques on the church furniture and tributes contained in the stained-glass windows. Additional items of interest relating to the church are on display at the Guyra and District Historical Society Museum.

Following the service, every-

one was invited to McKie Hall for a generous morning tea, where Mrs Judy Jackson was invited to cut the celebratory cake.

The gathering provided an opportunity for old acquaintances to reconnect, stories to be shared and gratitude expressed for those whose dedication not only saw the church built but sustained worship within its walls over the past century.

**Top left**

Robert and Judy Jackson

**Bottom left:**

Robin Godlonton, Beth White, Anne Campbell and Candace Jochinger

**Bottom right:**

Fred Monkton, Max Handebo, David Godlonton, Allan Fuller, Howard Schaeffer



# Local Students Shine at Aboriginal Dance Workshop

On March 11th, students from Guyra Central School had the opportunity to participate in the Secondary Aboriginal Dance Workshop held at Armidale Secondary College.

Accompanied by Eunice Blair and Miss Woods, the group engaged in a program coordinated by the NSW Department of Education's Arts Unit, with support from the Bangarra Dance Theatre Youth Programs team.

Bangarra Dance Theatre, celebrated both nationally and internationally for its professional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander performers, is renowned for sharing Indigenous culture through the performing arts. The workshop offered students a valuable chance to deepen their cultural understanding and develop artistic skills alongside industry experts.

The participants represented their school with distinction. Notably, some students were chosen to pursue further opportunities



**Above l to r:** Mikyla Patterson, Latai 'Ale, Sherkaya Munro-Davies, LaBron Joyce, Kyara Alefosio

with Bangarra Dance Theatre, while others have been encouraged to submit video applications for continued involvement.

This initiative not only provided enriching cultural and artistic experiences, but also established new pathways for young Indige-

nous dancers to develop their talents and consider future careers in the arts.



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## Fuel Shortages

This month, fuel prices across the region have skyrocketed and independent suppliers are experiencing long periods without anything in their tanks.

Many regional suppliers have contacted me saying they are either being refused supply or being charged through the roof for fuel. These operators report their deliveries have been cut back or cancelled entirely, with indications that supply is being prioritised to large metropolitan operators.

NSW Minister for Agriculture and Regional NSW, Tara Moriarty, admitted last week during budget estimates she had not even contacted her federal counterparts about the growing fuel supply crisis affecting regional communities.

I have made urgent representations to the Federal Minister for Climate Change and Energy of Australia, Chris Bowen requesting they urgently sort this out. Regional NSW should not be left to deal with fuel shortages or opportunistic wholesale prices while governments in Sydney and Canberra pretend nothing is wrong.

## Hospital staff under pressure

The Bureau of Health Information's Health-care Quarterly report revealed an alarming trend of the number of people leaving emergency departments before treatment increasing across the state and that is reflected in the data across the Northern Tablelands.

The numbers show presentations at our local hospitals have increased and more people are leaving emergency departments without treatment due to large wait times right across regional NSW.

The numbers reflect the decline in health services under the Minns Labor Government. We have all been pushing for better health outcomes for a long time, but this data is cold, hard evidence of how under pressure our hospitals are.

Our nurses and health care staff deserve adequate support and resources to provide proper care, but the Minns Labor Government is failing to deliver. If the government is serious about healthcare in regional NSW, there needs to be genuine investment to attract and retain staff to match the demand put on our hospitals. Our hardworking and dedicated staff in public health care deserve



*Member for Northern Tablelands  
Brendan Moylan said regional NSW  
should not be left to deal with fuel shortages*

more support from the state government.

## Feral pig control

The NSW Government has announced..... wait for it..... yet another "review" into feral pigs.

Because obviously what millions of 100-kilo breeding machines tearing up regional NSW really fear is a discussion paper in Macquarie Street.

Here's a simple benchmark for success: fewer pigs on the ground and fewer government media releases.

This problem is out of control. We don't need another review; we need real action and more dead pigs.

## Meals on Wheels

Mar 19 Toni Kirkman  
 Mar 20 Kath & Warwick Leven  
 Mar 23 Toni Kirkman  
 Mar 24 Wendy Laidlaw  
 Mar 25 ARC Staff

## Street Stalls

March 19 Hospital Aux.  
 March 20 CWA  
 March 26, 27, 28 Lions Club

## 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. **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

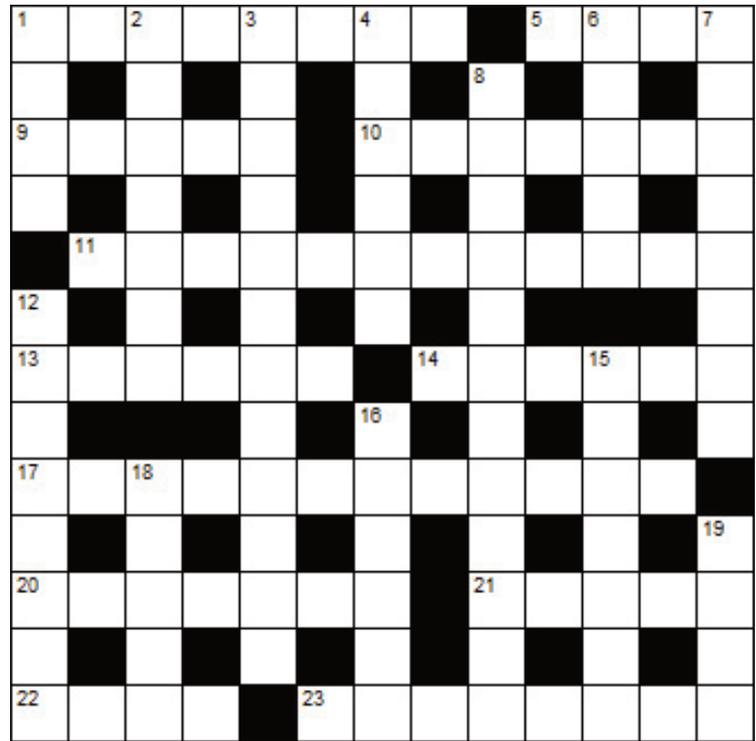
## ACROSS

- 1 Shows (8)
- 5 Animal's den (4)
- 9 Strength (5)
- 10 Phrasing (7)
- 11 Formal announcements (12)
- 13 Get-up-and-go (6)
- 14 Dull (6)
- 17 Major type of food nutrient (12)
- 20 Keepsake; reminder (7)
- 21 Health professional (5)
- 22 Relax and do little (4)
- 23 Planned (8)

## DOWN

- 1 Deciduous trees (4)
- 2 Cleanliness (7)
- 3 Place of conflict (12)
- 4 Showy and cheap (6)
- 6 Friend (Spanish) (5)
- 7 Official list of names (8)
- 8 Bump (12)
- 12 Recent arrival (8)

## QUICK CROSSWORD



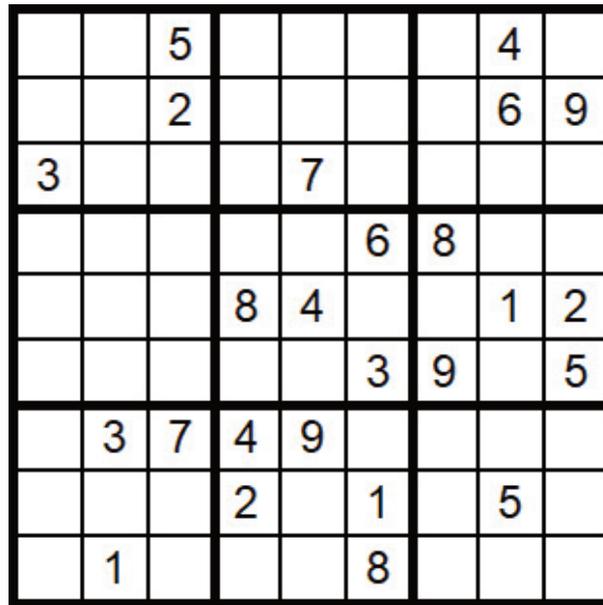
15 Expressed audibly (7)

16 Magnate (6)

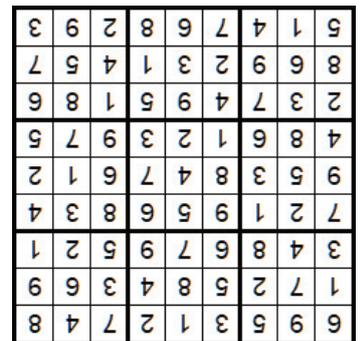
18 Slopes (5)

19 Sell (4)

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**ACROSS:** 1 Exhibits 5 Latr 9 Might 10 Wording 11 Declarations 13 Energy 14 Obtuse 17 Carbohydrate 20 Memento 21 Nurse 22 Rest 23 Intended  
**DOWN:** 1 Elms 2 Hygiene 3 Battleground 4 Tawdry 6 Amigo 7 Register 8 Protuberance 12 Newcomer 15 Uttered 16 Tycoon 18 Ramps 19 Vend



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# Council News

## 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.

## Current opportunities at ARC

Here is a list of all the current opportunities available at ARC.

**Events and Activation Role** -Closing 11:30pm, 15 March 2026

**Manager Governance** -Closing 11:30pm, 29 March 2026

**General Hand Water/Wastewater** – Closing 11:30pm, 29 March 2026

Search Armidale Regional Council jobs in your preferred search engine

## Bradley Street water main renewal works planned

Council will commence the Bradley Street water main renewal project from 24 March 2026, weather permitting. The works, between Moredun Street and Mackenzie Street, will replace ageing water infrastructure that has reached the end of its design life.

The upgrade includes installation of a new water main, renewed property connections and smart water meters to improve reliability and water pressure. Temporary disruptions may occur during construction, with the project expected to be completed by 30 April 2026.

## Easter School Holiday activity program 2026

Looking for fun, free activities these

Armidale  
**Autumn Festival**

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

**Paul Bennet Air Show**  
Flyovers, 11:40am & 2:00pm

**\$1000 parade prize**

school holidays? The Easter School Holiday Activity Program 2026 at Guyra LT Starr Memorial Library has something for everyone!

Kids aged 10+ can step into exciting Virtual Reality experiences, while younger children and families can enjoy Chocolate Bingo and get creative with Play-Doh Creatures to take home.

- All activities are FREE
- Bookings required
- Participants must be library members
- Children under 10 must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult.

### What's on:

9 & 15 April | 10.15am – 4.30pm –

Virtual Reality (half-hour sessions, ages 10+, parental consent required)  
10 April | 10.30am – 11.30am – Chocolate Bingo (all ages)  
16 April | 10.30am – 11.30am & 2.30pm – 3.30pm – Play-Doh Creatures (all ages)

Bookings are essential, so secure your spot early and enjoy a fun-filled Easter break at your local library.

## Water Restrictions Update: Level 1 remains

Residents are reminded to continue using water wisely and follow current restriction requirements to help conserve local water supplies. Council thanks the community for their ongoing cooperation and commitment to responsible water use.

# Aboriginal communities join the fight to save endangered Bell's turtles

Local Aboriginal communities in the Northern Tablelands are this year lending a hand to release more than 450 tiny Bell's turtle (*Myuchelys bellii*) hatchlings into Northern Tablelands waterways, marking another critical step in the fight to save one of Australia's endangered freshwater turtles from extinction.

This work is funded by the Australian Government Natural Heritage Trust and delivered by Northern Tablelands Local Land Services, a member of the Commonwealth Regional Delivery Partners panel.

Northern Tablelands Local Land Services, in partnership with the University of New England, have been incubating Bell's turtle eggs each year since 2016. This year some hatchlings will be released on Indigenous Protected Areas in collaboration with Traditional Custodians and community members.

Bell's turtles are found only in

the Northern Tablelands of New South Wales. While adults can live for many decades, their nests are highly vulnerable to fox predation, with entire breeding seasons often lost before hatchlings ever reach the water. This year's program combines laboratory incubation of eggs, protection of wild nests, and the release of hatchlings back into priority catchments to rebuild population structure from the ground up.

"Without intervention, these populations are heading towards extinction," said Dr Lou Streeting, Postdoctoral Fellow, University of New England.

Rangers from several Local Aboriginal Land Councils have installed fox-exclusion fencing to protect nests and have facilitated the boosting of juveniles by getting involved in the hatchling release program. Guyra, Amaroo and Glen Innes Local Aboriginal Land Councils have been involved, in addition to the



450 tiny Bell's turtle (*Myuchelys bellii*) hatchlings will be released into Northern Tablelands waterways

Boorabee Aboriginal Corporation.

"Support and hands-on involvement from landholders, community members and Indigenous rangers have been very important to the success of this long-term conservation project,"

said Anya Salmon, Senior Land Services Officer, Northern Tablelands Local Land Services.

"To see some of the hatchlings released back into the care of the Aboriginal land managers is incredibly special," Anya said.

## Have your say.....

### Anonymous Black Mountain Postie

To the person that dropped off an anonymous note in my mailbox suggesting that I drive over the speed limit within the Black Mountain area, I invite you to come over and discuss your issue with me. You know who you are and which mailbox you dropped the note into. If you want people to do the right thing by you, then it is only appropriate that you do the right thing by them by giving them the opportunity to talk the matter over with you. That's the good neighbourly Australian way.

I look forward to inviting you into my home soon. And, if you have dropped a similar note into multiple mailboxes, maybe their owners will also be happy to have you drop by to say G'day! After all, driving safely within the neighbourhood is for the good of everyone in the Black Mountain community. Thank you.

*Andrew Tims*

## OPINION: Feral Pigs run riot while the Government runs another review

I almost have to laugh. The Minns Labor Government has announced.....wait for it..... a "review" into feral pigs.

Because obviously what millions of 100-kilo breeding machines tearing up regional NSW really fear is a discussion paper in Macquarie Street.

Last week I drove from Armidale to Moree at night, about 250 kilometres of quality agricultural country. Between Bundarra and Bingara alone I counted 21 deer.

Across the full trip? Nine foxes and at least 50 pigs.

Between Bingara and Gravesend the pigs were so thick in places they were impossible to count, as dad used to say in the yards at home, I'm a shocking counter.

And I'll admit: this wasn't a departmental survey or a funded monitoring program. It was just me looking out the windscreen into the beam of the

driving lights.

If that's what you see on a single trip, imagine what's out there breeding unchecked.

While the government congratulates itself on "coordination frameworks" and "strategic reviews," pigs are multiplying at a rate that would make Treasury blush.

They're tearing up crops, destroying pastures, fouling waterways and creating serious biosecurity risks and regional communities are left to carry

the cost.

But don't worry, the Minister has announced a review.

At this point, the only thing growing faster than the feral pig population is the stack of government paperwork about them.

Farmers and regional communities don't need another consultation session in Sydney. We need helicopters in the air, targeted, coordinated aerial shooting and drastically expanded baiting programs.

We need serious funding and sustained operations that actually reduce numbers, not just manage headlines.

Here's a simple benchmark for success: fewer pigs on the ground and fewer government media releases. This problem is out of control. The government's response is not good enough. We don't need more reviews. We need real action, and a lot more dead pigs.

*Brendan Moylan*

Have your say

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# Accessing the Best of Both Worlds!

Black Mountain Public School is leading the way integrating technology into the classroom, by providing students with innovative learning experiences. One stand-out example is our weekly Microsoft Teams writing lesson with Ms Simone Hirsch, Assistant Principal Curriculum Instruction, every Monday.

This online session allows students to participate in collaborative writing. The interactive nature of these lessons fosters critical thinking, communication

skills, and activities that enrich student engagement in writing.

Our students are so creative! Last Friday, our intrepid Master Chefs produced lunch for everyone, selecting fresh, seasonal produce including tomatoes, potatoes and salad greens for a pasta dish. It was a great way to incorporate literacy and numeracy into meaningful and exciting learning experiences – from paddock (veggie patch) to plate.

*Mrs Justine Eddy  
Relieving Principal*



## Rural Market Reports

### Guyra Sheep and Lamb Sale

**March 10th** – Yarding of 7015 including 2564 lambs, 230 hoggets and 4221 sheep.

No market report available

### Armidale Cattle Sale

**March 12th** - Armidale penned 2775 good quality cattle 297 extra. The regular buyers attended and operated to a dearer trend for the most part with extra competition from Victoria for young light cattle. Cows were much dearer. Weaner steers to 280kgs slightly cheaper 240c to 543c/kg heifer drafts gained 17c/kg 390c to 426c/kg both to background. Yearling steers to 280kgs much dearer 476c to 504c/kg while medium feeders gained 14c/kg 442c to 528c/kg. Heavy feeders 520c/kg. Yearling heifers to 280kgs considerably dearer 388c to 415c/kg. Light background heifers significantly dearer 380c to 436c/kg. Medium

heifers to feed were firm 392c to 412c/kg. Heavy feeders gained 29c/kg 434c to 454c/kg. Grown steers to feed made to 450c/kg the heifers much dearer 390c to 415c/kg. Processor steers 458c to 462c/kg similar heifers dearer 416c to 456c/kg. Prime heavy cows to 11c/kg better 385c to 408c/kg. Two and three score cows 346c to 396c/kg cows back to the paddock 330c to 346c/kg. Heavy bulls to 5c/kg dearer 380c to 421c/kg.

*Stephen Adams MLA*

### Weekly Wool Market

**March 13th** - Overall, it was another largely positive week for the wool market. However, looking at the Northern region in isolation doesn't tell the full story with both the Southern and Western regions failing to follow the Norths strong start to the week.

The Northern market opened the week on Tuesday and rapidly continued to gain ground. By the end of the day the Merino fleece micron indica-

tors were 50 to 70 cents dearer.

The Western region selling after the North had closed, could only manage around one third of those gains. This led to a more subdued market on Wednesday with around 20 cents of Tuesdays gains lost.

The Southern region continued sales on Thursday with the Eastern Market Indicator reported as down 3 cents. This was the first downward movement in the indicator since late January.

42,216 bales were sold nationally for the week with the passed in rate climbing to 7.2%. Major buyers included Techwool, PJ Morris and Sequoia, purchasing over 50% of the national Merino fleece offering between them. This week closing level is the highest since June 2019 in both local currency and in US dollars. 43,000 bales are expected to be on offer next week before dropping below 40,000 bales the following week.

*Schute Bell Wool*

### Vets Golf

Last Tuesday we played a stableford event. Dave Brown was an easy winner with 38 points. The next closest and runner up was Colin Walls on 34. NTPs went to Wal Chapman on the 7th, Colin mulligan on the 10th and Col Walls on the 18th. The best putter with just 26 was Tex Varley.

Next Tuesday is our 4BBB trophy day. Also if anyone is interested next Tuesday is the Deepwater open.

*Drake.*

### Men's Bowls

Guyra's pennant side defeated Armidale City 91 - 29 on the weekend. Strong wins across all secured the result, with D. Wilcox winning 35 - 11, D. Kennedy taking his game 28 - 10 and J. McIlwain finishing with a 28 - 8 victory.

The win sees Guyra progress through to the regional play-offs, scheduled for May 16th - 17th, with the venue still to be decided.

Guyra still has one round remaining and will take on Glen Innes at Guyra on March 28th.

## NRL Gazette Footy Tipping

Happy Gilmore	24	SK	20
Mocack	24	DJ	20
Timmy the Tiger	24	Wayno	20
Dip Stick	22	Bulldog	16
Birdie	22	Nicko	16
Iggman	22	Farmer Joe	16
Bundles	20	Luigi	16
Fred	20	Lilley	16
Winter Wombat	20	SuperJeff	16
Queen B	20		

### Locals Entry Form - Round 4

Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

Name: .....

Phone: .....

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

Bye:  
Rabbits



# Classifieds Trades & Services

## RAFFLE RESULTS

**GUYRA ROTARY CLUB** raffle was won by Eric Faye. Our thanks to all who supported us and special thanks to Fourways for providing the fuel voucher.

## POULTRY FOR SALE

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

## MEETING NOTICES

**TROUTFEST AGM** adjourned meeting will be held on Monday, 30th March, 5.30pm at Guyra Bowling Club. New members most welcome.

## ADRA NOTICE

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## HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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# Gazette's Celebrity Footy Tipping

So, the Eels finally won a game! Only one — just one — of all our Locals and Celebrities tipped the Eels!

Our new Celebrity, Marie has sprinted to the top of the Leaderboard and now shares top spot with our local Councillor Eli, both on 22 points.

Next in line and reaching for the top we have Sue, Vu and Smokey the Butcher on 20 points, followed by Soley and Kim just another 2 points behind on 18.

Holding onto the Wooden Spoon are our lovely lads at Fourways on 16 points.

Our Locals are diminished in numbers this year and we have room for a few more.

For a *ONCE ONLY OFFER* — if you would like to join in the fun and games send in your tips for next week and we will start you off with the same score as the tail end of the Locals field.

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

## Sue's Tips

- Raiders
- Panthers
- Broncos
- Warriors
- Sharks
- Rabbits
- Eels
- Cowboys



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- Storm
- Knights
- Sharks
- Rabbits
- Dragons
- Cowboys



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**Score: 20**

## Robert's Tips

- Bulldogs
- Panthers
- Broncos
- Warriors
- Sharks
- Rabbits
- Eels
- Cowboys



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## Marie's Tips

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- Panthers
- Broncos
- Warriors
- Sharks
- Tigers
- Dragons
- Cowboys



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**Score: 22**

## Kim's Tips

- Bulldogs
- Panthers
- Storm
- Warriors
- Sharks
- Rabbits
- Eels
- Cowboys



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**Score: 18**

## Eli's Tips

- Bulldogs
- Roosters
- Storm
- Knights
- Sharks
- Rabbitohs
- Eels
- Cowboys



## Cr Eli Imad

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*For strong regional representation*

**Score: 22**

# New men's Golf Champion crowned

The final Round of the 2026 Guyra Golf Championships were completed on the weekend in beautiful conditions.

Third Round results sponsored by Fourways service Centre were:

C Grade nett winner - Trent Mendes, B Grade - Tyson Burey, A Grade - Adam Brennan

Nearest the pins were:

7th-Beau Orchard, 10th-Scott Mendes and 18th-Michael Jackson.

Thanks again to Troy for his continued sponsorship. It is much appreciated.

Overall winners for the Championships were:

C Grade Champion - Beau Orchard, B Grade Champion - Tyson Burey and the new Club Champion for 2026 is Adam

Brennan.

This was a tight last round with Adam prevailing by two shots over Mick Purvis and Darrin Towells one more shot behind.

Thank you to Shane Brennan for his continued brilliant work on the course, your work is always appreciated.

Thank you to Wendy George and Phil Devlin for helping us out with all the computer work

Congratulations to all the winners and a big thank you to all the players who competed.

Good luck to the Ladies and Vets who have 2 big weeks of Golf coming up.

Keep an eye out for events coming up plus some Junior events as well.

**HAPPY GOLFING**



2026 Club Champion Adam Brennan with Darrin Towells

## Car up for grabs at NEDGA Tournament

Coming up this weekend the Guyra Ladies are hosting the NEDGA Tournament. The event is held over three days and we are expecting almost 100 players. Our cabins are booked out and it's a fantastic opportunity to welcome visitors to our town.

In the tournament there is a Hole in One Prize of a brand-new Kia car. A big thank you to Armidale Kia and Armidale Automotive Group for your generous sponsorship of the NEDGA Tournament in Guyra.

I know of at least 97 ladies who will be trying their hardest to win a Kia Picanto car! Good luck all!

Last week the ladies played a Graham Betts Round in beautiful sunny weather.

The winner on a countback was Vicki Reeves with 37 points. Donna White was the runner up. Nearest the pin winners were, Jenni Jackson on the 7th hole. Julie Walker on the 9th hole. Donna White on the 18th hole.

This week is a Par Medal.

*Birdie*



Eyes on the prize - Dom George with Kerry Bull with the brand new Kia on offer for a hole in one at the NEDGA Tournament

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