



# Guyra Gazette

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## Local wool classer recognised in National competition

Guyra was represented at the 2026 National Graduate Wool Classer Competition, with local entrant Tom Lockyer earning national recognition at the Sydney Royal Easter Show.

Trained through TAFE NSW by Pauline Smith, Tom was selected as a finalist in the prestigious competition held on April 7th.

Following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, Tom has a strong family connection to the wool industry and is passionate about continuing that legacy. He plans to use his skills both on the family property and within the industry as a professional wool classer.

While the coveted Golden Stencil was awarded to Dubbo's Matthew Cox, Tom's efforts were recognised when he was presented with the inaugural Stuart Murphy Legacy Award, introduced by TAFE NSW to acknowledge a student demonstrating outstanding commitment to their training.

The national competition is regarded as the premier event for graduate wool classers and the only competition of its kind in the world. Finalists from across New South Wales, Victoria, South Aus-



Above l to r: Craig Lockyer, Stuart Murphy and Tom Lockyer Tom was presented with the inaugural Stuart Murphy Legacy Award

tralia and Tasmania competed in a series of demanding tasks designed to test their skills across all aspects of wool classing.

These included multiple classing exercises using different wool types, wool valuation, a WoolClip task and an oral presentation to industry judges.

Australian Wool Exchange

(AWEX) CEO Charlie McElhone praised the high calibre of competitors and highlighted the importance of wool classers in maintaining Australia's reputation for producing some of the world's highest quality wool.

For Tom, the experience was not just about competition, but also building on his skills, gaining

industry exposure and connecting with others in the field.

His success also reflects the strength of training provided through TAFE NSW and the dedication of educators like Pauline Smith, who continue to support the next generation of wool professionals.

### Club Grants NSW

#### Applications are open for Club Grants NSW

The Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club, as part of Club Grants NSW, is seeking applications for Category 1 and Category 2 Grants.

**Eligible Category 1 expenditure** is for projects and/or services that contribute to the welfare and broader social fabric of the local community and are aimed at improving the living standards of low income and disadvantaged people.

Applications for this category close at 11.59pm on 31st May 2026.

**Category 2** covers other worthwhile expenditure.

Applications for this category close at 5.30pm on 31st July 2026.

Further details and application process can be found at [www.clubgrants.com.au](http://www.clubgrants.com.au)

Please search for Guyra and complete the application for the Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club.

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# Guyra exhibitors shine in fleece competition at Sydney Royal

Guyra and district woolgrowers have delivered outstanding results across multiple classes in the 2026 Sheep Fleece competition, held at the Sydney Royal Easter Show

Moray Pastoral Co secured first place in multiple ultrafine, superfine and fine categories.

Their consistency across the board saw them awarded Most Successful Exhibitor in the Unhoused and Unrugged Merino Fleece Classes, along with the Cliff Friend Perpetual Award.

Further recognition came with the major honour of Most Successful Merino Fleece Exhibitor, receiving the Thomas Farquhar Hodgson Memorial Perpetual Trophy.

Tangley Grazing Co, Guyra, also recorded strong results, winning both Fine Merino ewe or wether classes and secured first place representing Guyra Show Society in the Country Show Champions Class.

In the District Exhibits section, John and Diana Presnell of Ben Lomond claimed the Ultra-fine class and went on to be awarded Champion District Fleece.

Fellow Ben Lomond exhibitor Sam McLeod won the Fine Crossbred class. Guyra was again represented on the winners list with Thor Burey taking out first place in the Fine fleece class.



**Right:**

AgShows NSW President Jill Chapman with Frank & Pip White, Tangley Grazing Company, Guyra. Winners of the RAS / AgShows NSW Country Fleece.

# Easter cheer for Kolora residents

Spreading Easter cheer, Guyra Fire Brigade members delivered goodies to residents at Kolora Aged Care.

Their efforts are supported by weekly meat raffles held every Friday at the Guyra Hotel, helping fund local community contributions.

In the past, the brigade has proudly supported Can Assist and delivered Christmas gifts to patients at Guyra MPS.



Guyra Fire Brigade members Tim Ellis, Jason Campbell and Randy Mulligan made the delivery

# Hockey Club throws support behind Little Frankie

The Guyra Hockey Club are organising a special fundraiser to support Cody and Alyssa Patterson and their baby daughter, Frankie.

A two-person Ambrose golf day will be held on Sunday, April 26th at the Guyra Golf Course, with a shotgun start. Teams can enter in men's, women's or mixed divisions, and participants are encouraged to wear red to raise awareness for congenital heart defects.

All proceeds from the day will go directly to the Patterson family, who are currently facing an incredibly challenging time as they remain in Sydney by Frankie's side.

A GoFundMe page has also been launched, giving those unable to attend the golf day another way to show their support and help ease the financial pressure of medical, travel and living expenses.

Born on Christmas Eve, Frankie has already shown re-



markable strength in her young life. She was diagnosed with DiGeorge syndrome, a rare genetic condition caused by a small deletion on chromosome

22, which has resulted in complex congenital heart disease.

At just five weeks old, Frankie underwent open heart surgery to help stabilise her

condition, including the placement of a temporary conduit to replace her pulmonary artery. Following the operation, she required a pacemaker to regulate her heartbeat and continues to receive breathing support and ongoing treatment.

Frankie has been in the PICU at Westmead Children's Hospital since she was just two weeks old and is expected to remain there for several more months. She will also require further major surgery at around six months of age.

During this time, Alyssa and Cody have been staying in Sydney, unable to work as they focus on being with their daughter through her treatment and recovery.

The upcoming fundraiser is not only a chance to enjoy a round of golf, but also an opportunity for the community to come together and show its support.

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## What's HOT

Winter sports season has officially started - not too late to sign up

Getting an extra long weekend for Anzac Day

Lots of activity around the dam on the golf course over the school holidays

## What's NOT

Doubling up the footy tipping in last week's Gazette - apologies for omitting the classified page

### JOKE of the week

What's the difference between Dubai and Abu Dhabi?

*The people in Dubai don't really like The Flintstones, but the people in Abu-Dhabi-do*

Bureau of Meteorology

## Weather

### WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
7	Tues	9.4	25.3	0
8	Wed	8.7	26.6*	0
9	Thurs	9.3	27.3*	0
10	Fri	12.3	26.8*	0
11	Sat	14.2	25.9*	0
12	Sun	2.8		0
13	Mon	0.3	18.8	0

Rain this week	0mm
April. rainfall	0mm
Rainfall YTD	147.2mm
Rainfall last YTD	416.0mm
Ave. rain YTD	349.0mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

## Council prepares for potential fuel supply constraints

Armidale Regional Council is undertaking proactive planning to prepare for the possibility of future fuel supply constraints, with some non-essential services potentially impacted if the situation continues.

General Manager James Roncon said there is no immediate fuel issue affecting Council operations, but early preparation is essential to protect service delivery.

"There is no cause for concern at this stage, but sensible planning ensures we're ready if circumstances change," said James Roncon

"Our focus is on maintaining essential services while being honest with the community about what adjustments may be required if fuel shortages persist."

Council is developing a business continuity plan to guide operational decisions, including prioritising critical services and identifying areas where temporary reductions may be necessary.

"If fuel supply issues continue, residents may notice some service levels reduce or projects slow," James Roncon said.

"These changes would be temporary and carefully managed to minimise community impact."

Council is also exploring fuel-saving measures such as optional work-from-home arrangements, reduced travel between sites, and greater use of its electric vehicle fleet.

"These steps help us remain efficient and prepared while continuing to support our staff and community," James Roncon said.

Council will continue to monitor the situation closely and keep the community informed.

## Warmest April spell for Guyra in 40 years

Unseasonably warm conditions swept across the region from April 7th to 11th, marking the warmest April spell Guyra has experienced in 40 years.

The five-day stretch was driven by very warm north-westerly winds from the centre of the continent, funnelling heat into New South Wales ahead of a dry cold front that moved

through late on April 11th.

Unofficial maximum temperatures remained well above average throughout the period, reaching 25.3°C on the 7th, 26.6°C on the 8th, peaking at 27.3°C on the 9th, followed by 26.8°C on the 10th and 25.9°C on the 11th.

The temperature of 27.3°C recorded on April 9th exceeds

the previous April record of 27.0°C set on April 4, 1986. However, the new figure remains unofficial, as measurements were taken using a non-standard instrument due to the regular maximum thermometer being out of order.

Sourced: [www.weatherarmidale.com/guyra.html](http://www.weatherarmidale.com/guyra.html)

## 2026 Anzac Day Services

### Guyra

On Saturday, 25th April, the Guyra RSL sub-Branch will hold the following services to commemorate ANZAC Day:

5.45am – Dawn Service, followed by a light breakfast at the Soldiers' Memorial Hall.

9.00am – Service at the MPS 10.00am – Form up at Four Ways for the March

10.30am – March down Bradley Street

10.45am – Main Service at the Soldiers Memorial Hall

11.00am – F/A 18F Super Hornet fly-past

12.30pm – Lunch at the Bowling Club

Members of No.1 Squadron RAAF Amberley will attend our ANZAC Day services and a fly-past by No. 1 Squadron RAAF is scheduled for 11.00am.

Members of the community are asked to be aware that this fly-past will be quite noisy.

The ANZAC Day Commemorative Address will be given by Major Erin Archibald. Erin was born and educated in Guyra and has a long connection with Guyra's military history through her many family members who have served.

After the official wreath-laying, anyone wishing to lay a memorial tribute is invited to do so.

There will be a 'bucket brigade' with VRA members circulating amongst the crowd during both the Dawn Service and the Main Service to raise much needed funds for the Guyra sub-Branch of the RSL so that the RSL can continue to support veterans and their families.

Lunch will be held at the Bowling Club at 12.30pm where everyone is welcome. Discount lunch vouchers for RSL members and veterans will be available after the main service at the Soldiers Memorial Hall.

The Guyra RSL sub-Branch encourages main street businesses to join in commemorating ANZAC Day by doing a window display of memorabilia.

Hans Hietbrink OAM  
Guyra RSL sub-Branch

### Ben Lomond

On Anzac Day there will be a service and wreath laying at Ben Lomond War Memorial Hall at 9am. Visitors will be most welcome.

Dorothy Every

# Dignity Drive Donations making a difference

Local and long-time volunteer with Share the Dignity, Anne Lane, has once again helped make a meaningful impact in the Guyra community, recently delivering donations from the March Dignity Drive to the Local Guyra Aboriginal Land Council (GALC).

GALC CEO Pauline Ale gratefully received the contributions, highlighting that the donations are not just supporting the local community of the Land Council but are also being shared with the Guyra Food Pantry, helping local residents in need.

Pauline said the support from Share the Dignity has been a consistent and valued resource over many years - not only during the twice-annual Dignity Drives, but also through the "It's in the Bag" campaign held each November, just in time for Christmas.

Share the Dignity is a national women's charity dedicated to ensuring those experiencing hardship have access to essential sanitary products. The organisation supports women, girls, and anyone who menstruates who may be facing homelessness, domestic violence, or financial difficulty.

At its core, the charity aims to restore dignity during challenging times, recognising that access to basic hygiene products should never be an added burden for those already struggling.

"The continued generosity of the Guyra community plays a vital role in making this possible," Anne said.

"A heartfelt thank you goes to everyone who contributed - your generosity makes a real difference in our community!"



Anne Lane delivered a boot load of products to Pauline Ale

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## Street Stalls

April 16, 17, 18 Lions  
 April 23 Can Assist  
 April 30 St Marys  
 May 7, 8 Freemasons

## Church Notices

**St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church** Vigil Mass 6pm Saturday 9am Sunday. Weekday Mass Monday – Friday 9am. **Contact:** 6779 1036

**St. James' Anglican Church** 9am Sunday, followed by morning tea. Doors open from 8:30am. All welcome!  
**Contact:** Rev. Tim Stevens 6779 1111  
**Anglicare Chaplain:** Rev. Daniel Hayes (0428 828 852)

**St. Columba's Presbyterian Church** 9am Sunday followed by morning tea. **Contact:** Session Clerk Howard Schaefer 02 6779 1067

**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

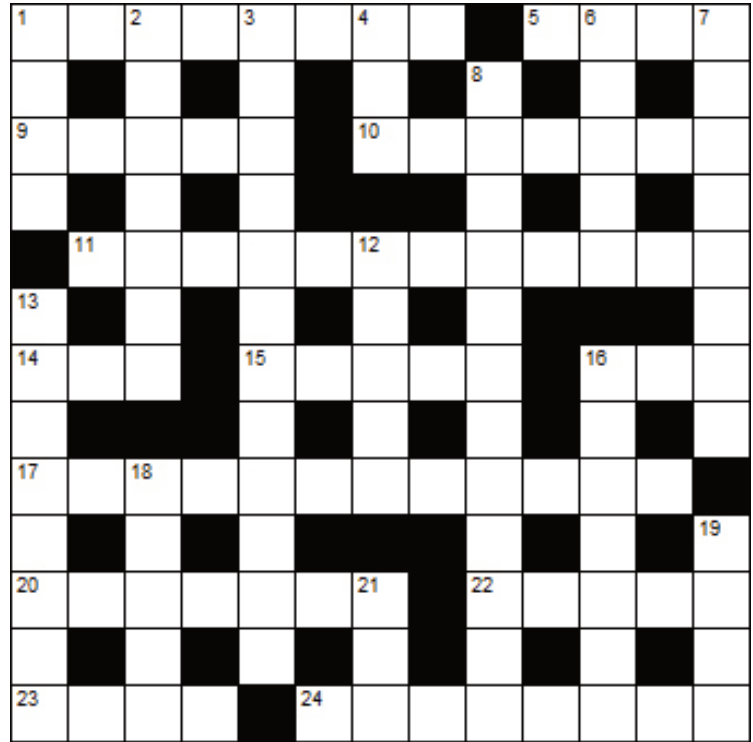
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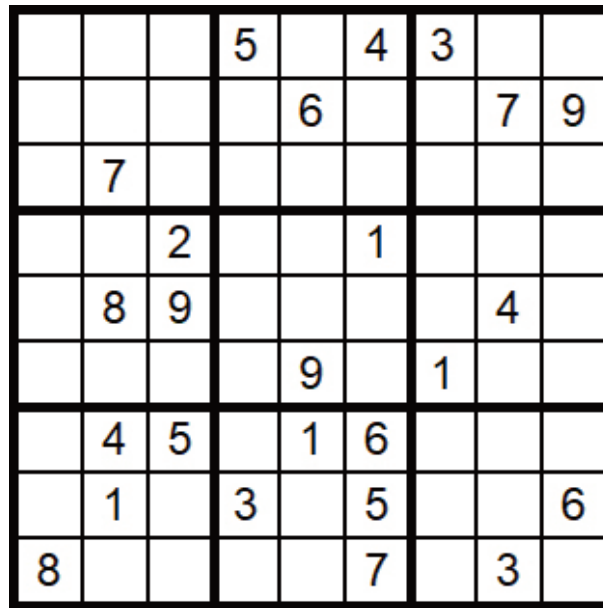
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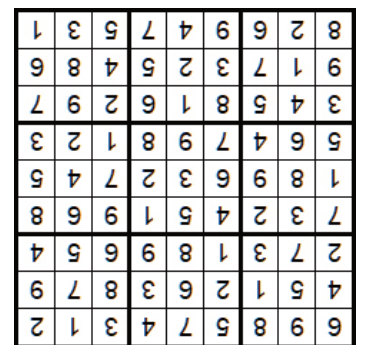


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 21 Unit of energy (3)

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## Council meetings

### The next scheduled council meeting is 22 April 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.

### Project Delivery Lead

Closing 11:30pm, 19 April 2026

### Workshop Foreman

Closing 11:30pm, 19 April 2026

### Team Leader – Waste Operations

Closing 11:30pm, 26 April 2026

To find current vacancies, search Armidale Regional Council jobs in your preferred search engine.

## School holiday activity program 2026

Looking for fun, free activities these 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:

15 April | 10.15am – 4.30pm – Virtual

Reality (half-hour sessions, ages 10+, parental consent required)  
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.

## Council Biosecurity and Weeds Program – April update

Council's Biosecurity Team will be undertaking inspections and spraying activities across the region throughout April as part of council's ongoing biosecurity and weed management program.

Residents are welcome to speak directly with team members at Customer Service:  
Armidale Customer Service – Thursday 16 April (Brent)  
Guyra Customer Service – Wednesday 29 April (Anne)

Inspection and spray works will occur across several locations, including Guyra, Enmore, Castledoyle, Hillgrove, Jeogla, Macleay Properties,



and along Guyra–Ebor Road, Baldersleigh Road, and areas around Armidale.

Spray operations will be undertaken along Guyra–Ebor Road, Baldersleigh Road, and in areas around Armidale.

## In-kind support made simpler for community groups

Community groups and organisations can now more easily access in-kind

support from Armidale Regional Council, thanks to a new, simple and transparent application process.

In-kind support includes non-cash assistance such as access to council equipment, venue hire help, waste services, technical advice and staff expertise, helping reduce costs and support great local projects and events.

The first in-kind support round is open from Friday 13 March to Monday 4 May. Visit council's website to learn more and apply.



## Free microchipping day for pets

Local pet owners are invited to a free microchipping day at the Armidale Companion Animal Shelter on Saturday 18 April, 11am–2pm. The event offers free microchipping, optional pet registration (standard fees apply), free animal supplies while stocks last, information from animal welfare groups and a BBQ lunch. A great chance to help keep pets safe and identifiable.

## Get Grubby Program

Available online, delivered by council in partnership with Dirtgirlworld. The program supports classroom and at-home learning across the Armidale region year-round.

To receive your access link and code, email [communications@armidale.nsw.gov.au](mailto:communications@armidale.nsw.gov.au).

## ARC water restriction: Level 1

Save water at home with simple, practical tips. Visit the Armidale Regional Council website to learn more.

# Pet rabbit owners encouraged to vaccinate against Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease Virus

Northern Tablelands Local Land Services is encouraging local owners of pet rabbits in the Armidale, Guyra, Glen Innes, Deepwater and Tenterfield areas to vaccinate their pets against Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease Virus (RHDV) this month ahead of a planned release of the RHDV biological control in mid-May as part of a coordinated program to manage wild rabbit populations.

Wild rabbits in the Northern Tablelands have bred rapidly over the past 12 months due to favourable seasonal conditions, and the use of biological controls like RHDV is one method that can assist local landholders to manage rabbits in the local environment. However, to ensure owners of pet rabbits are not adversely affected, Northern Tablelands Local Land Services are encouraging pet rabbit owners to speak to their private veterinarian



about vaccination.

RHDV affects only rabbits (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*) and is not harmful to native animals or domestic pets other than rabbits. RHDV is spread by direct contact between rabbits, by insects (such as fleas and flies) and by predator faeces (cat, dog, and fox).

Anthony Elliott, Senior Biose-

curity Officer at Northern Tablelands Local Land Services said that managing wild rabbit populations in the Northern Tablelands is essential to protect local ecosystems, farmland, and native wildlife.

“Wild rabbits are an invasive species in Australia and damage local environments through creat-

ing significant grazing pressure, competing with native animals for food and causing erosion and soil loss,” he said. “Landholders are responsible for controlling rabbits on their property as part of their General Biosecurity Duty in NSW.”

“As a precautionary measure, we are encouraging pet rabbit owners in the community to contact their private veterinarian about vaccination to avoid the chance of their rabbit becoming affected”, said Mr Elliott.

For more information about controlling wild rabbits, landholders can access the Local Land Services website and Northern Tablelands Regional Strategic Pest Animal Management Plan 2024-2028. Landholders can contact their local biosecurity officer on 1300 795 299 for advice on how to manage wild rabbits on their property.

## Ladies' Golf

Last week the Ladies played in very windy weather. We played the 3rd Golf NSW Medal Round.

Jenny Rogers was the winner on a countback from Debbie Heffernan with 74 Nett. Jenny also won the putting competition with 26 putts.

Nearest the pin winners were Belinda Lenahan on the 7th hole. Donna White on the 9th and 18th holes.

This week is a Par Medal. Next week is a 4BBB Stableford NSW Bowl Round.

*Birdie*

## Men's Bowls

Results T Ellis and M Simpson 24 defeated S Campbell and R Cox 18.

Club fours nominations close 26th April with the 1st round to be played on the 3rd May.

## Vets Golf

Last Tuesday we played the Reg Taylor stroke event with Warren McCowen getting the win with 76 nett. Ian Taylor was winner of the gross. Colin Mulligan was the best putter and also got NTP on the 7th. Ray Sweeney got the 10th and Warren McCowen got the

18th. Next Tuesday is an individual stableford.

*Drake*

## Sunday Golf

The final of the 2025 Matchplay will be played between Darrin Towells and Adam Brennan. This will be played in the next couple of weeks

and then we will proceed with the 2026 Matchplay, so keep your eyes out for the draw.

This Sunday will be a 9 hole voucher day run by the Golfers, this is a new thing we are looking at running once a month for something new and try and get some new golfers on board.

The Hockey Ambrose has been moved to Sunday the 26th of April. This will be played on the ANZAC long weekend and we are looking forward to hosting a fun day with proceeds to assist Frankie the beautiful baby of Cody and Allyssa Patterson who has been battling with some health issues.

So grab a partner and come along for what should be a great day with prizes for Mens, Ladies, Mixed and Juniors. Hope to see you there

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# A year of growth and confidence for 2025 Young Woman



Colleen Pearson at the Zone Judging in Warialda (left) and at the 2026 Guyra Show with Brendan Moylan and 2026 Young Woman Reeghan Woods

Guyra Show Society's 2025 Young Woman, Colleen Pearson, has wrapped up a rewarding and transformative 12 months, describing the experience in three words - challenging, eye-opening and growth.

Colleen represented Guyra at Zone level twice during her year, first travelling to Barraba with just three weeks to prepare, before returning this year at Warialda with a full 12 months of preparation under her belt.

"The second time around was so much better," she said. "Having that time to prepare really made a difference."

The Young Woman program focuses on developing participants to benefit not only themselves, but also their local show societies and communities. Along the way, entrants build skills in public speaking, interviews and networking - areas Colleen admits once pushed her well outside her comfort zone.

"I entered the program to grow, and it's definitely brought me out of my shell," she said. "Speaking in front of people is something I

couldn't do 12 months ago."

Colleen said the experience also gave her a deeper appreciation for the work behind the scenes at the local Show. Her parents have always heavily involved and she continues that connection as head steward of the Lego section.

Throughout her time in the role, Colleen represented the Show Society at a range of community events, including laying a wreath on Anzac Day and attending Australia Day celebrations.

At the Zone finals in Warialda, she was one of 14 competitors and valued the opportunity to meet and connect with other young women.

"You get to know everyone really well. The interviews can be daunting, talking about yourself, but I'm proud of how far I've come," she said.

Despite not progressing further in the competition, Colleen said the experience was incredibly worthwhile, even with a memorable hiccup on the night when her table collapsed.

"It was still such a good experience," she said. "What you put into it is what you get out."

Now 23, Colleen attended Bald Blair Public School and Guyra Central School, and works as a team leader at the Elm Street tomato farm. She credits the program with helping build her confidence not only socially, but also in the workplace, and says it has even inspired plans to travel more.

Colleen has now passed the baton to 2026 Young Woman Reeghan Woods, while Junior Young Woman Charlie Ward is also gaining valuable experience.

She also believes programs like this are vital to the future of local shows.

"Just have a go and put your hand up," she said. "There's only a handful in my age group who are involved and it would be great to see more."

"It's really important to get new blood and new ideas into the show to keep it going for generations," she said. "New generations bring fresh energy."

## Gazette Footy Tipping

## Locals Entry Form - Round 8

Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

Mocack	58	Nicko	52
Winter Wombat	58	Iggman	50
Happy Gilmore	56	Wayno	50
Timmy the Tiger	56	Farmer Joe	50
Queen B	56	Birdie	48
Dip Stick	54	Bundles	44
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Fred	52	Bulldog	44
Luigi	52	SuperJeff	44
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Cowboys	vs	Sharks
Broncos	vs	Bulldogs
Dragons	vs	Roosters
Warriors	vs	Dolphins
Storm	vs	Rabbits
Knights	vs	Panthers
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**FRIDAY & SATURDAY,**  
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**Mini Book Fairs will also be held** on the 2nd weekend of July, August and September

**FRIDAY - MONDAY**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

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## RETURN THANKS

**MARTIN; Vera Evelyn**  
23.12.1934 - 19.3.2026

The family of Evelyn Martin would like to thank the staff at Kolora and Piddingtons for their care, comfort and support at this sad time.

We thank everyone for your flowers, condolences, cards and cooking after the passing of our dearly beloved Mother.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.

*Anne, Phillip, Robert, Janette and their families*

## FUNERAL NOTICE

**WRIGHT; BETTY JUNE**  
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Of Llangothlin Street, Guyra

Dearly loved wife of Joe (dec'd).  
Loving mother and mother-in-law of Evan & Margaret, Lexwood and Caroline & Arthur.

Much loved grandmother of Thomas.

**Aged 89 years**

A service will be held at St Columbus Presbyterian Church, Guyra on Tuesday 21st April, 2026 at 2pm followed by interment at the Guyra Lawn Cemetery.



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# Gazette's Celebrity Footy Tipping

A top score of 12 points sees Winter Wombat claim top spot on the Locals Leadboard, shared with Mocack, both now on 58 points.

However, we dare not reveal who scored 0 points, zero, nada this week! Our silence has a price!

There are three Locals in 2nd place on 56 points: Happy Gilmore, Queen B and Timmy the Tiger. Following just another 2 points behind on 54 we have Dip Stick.

The scores this week for both the Locals and the Celebrities were 4 and 6 points with a couple of 8's.

Soley reclaimed some ground with a score of 10, but he maintains the Wooden Spoon position. Only 2 points ahead, though, is Vu on 46 points.

Leading our Celebrities is Sue on 54 points, followed closely by Marie, Robert and our lovely lads at Fourways on 52 points.

It's a close game for the Celebrities as Kim and Eli are just another 2 points behind in 3rd place on 50 points.

Happy tipping everyone!

## Sue's Tips

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Storm  
Panthers  
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Dragons  
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Panthers  
Warriors  
Rabbits  
Broncos  
Roosters  
Bulldogs



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**Score: 46**

## Robert's Tips

Cowboys  
Storm  
Panthers  
Warriors  
Rabbits  
Broncos  
Roosters  
Bulldogs



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Bulldogs



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**Score: 52**

## Kim's Tips

Cowboys  
Raiders  
Panthers  
Warriors  
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Bulldogs



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**Score: 50**

## Eli's Tips

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Storm  
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**Score: 50**

# Spuds give Inverell a scare in first outing

Guyra did not have the best start to the 2026 Group 19 season on Saturday on the scoreboard, but the Old Boys Day crowd made it a big success off the field.

The crowd greeted the 2006 first grade premiership side as it celebrated its 20-year reunion and also to see Guyra field its first reserve grade team in 10 years.

The A grade was the main event and saw the Super Spuds give reigning champions Inverell a scare before going down 34-24.

It was 12-all at halftime after Samuel Briggs-Andrews and Robert Sisson scored tries that cancelled out Inverell's 12-nil lead.

The Hawks re-established that lead with two tries to make it 24-12 early in the second half as the wind played havoc with the kick-offs and general play kicking.

Billy Youman and captain-coach Ben Vidler showed strength to run in two tries to get Guyra back level, but Inverell finished stronger with two more tries.



Archie Dowden was Guyra's best and fairest

Archie Dowden not only booted four from four conversions, he was also named players' player and took home the three

club points.

Tommy Ryan scored two points in a strong official Spuds debut and Sisson picked up one point.

In the first game of the day, the Spudettes found the going tough as Inverell ran away to a 40-4 success.

Kayla White scored Guyra's only try and also received two best and fairest points.

Paige Vickery scored three points and Alli Burey one, while Taylor Waters was voted players' player.

The reserve grade clash saw Inverell lead 4-nil before Blake Phillips dived over in the corner for Guyra to level at 4-all.

Two tries before halftime gave the Hawks a very handy 16-4 lead, but Guyra scored all the second half points as Corbi Byers and Brendon Williams crossed on opposite sides of the field.

It wasn't enough though as Inverell held on to win 16-14.

Anthony Dittman was players' player and scored three club points, Matt Simpson took two and Tom Starr one.

This Sunday the Spuds travel to Glen Innes for the first away games of the year.

## Soccer kicks off for 2026

Senior soccer returned last weekend, with both grades playing in Armidale. A new look 4th grade side took the field on a warm and windy day. They were grateful for those from 3rd grade who filled the bench spots, if anyone is still interested in playing or is new to town and who like to meet some new people, training is on Thursday evenings at the soccer fields.

It was a good match up against Norths who were also finding their feet, Guyra's Ash Holt narrowly missed the goals with ball hitting the post and bouncing back in. That was the best chance either side had on the day despite a number of breaks from Guyra's young and enthusiastic forwards, only to be shut down by experienced Norths backs. The game ended in a nil all draw with plenty to build on in the coming weeks.

Third Grade took to the field afterwards also against Norths with

a few new faces but a lot of returnees from last season. The game was tight in the early going with both sides feeling each other out. This was broken by Sammy who, with some good lead up, got a ball on the frontline to take it up field and score.

It was 1 to 0 in favour of Guyra at half time and this was as close as it got with one way traffic in the second half. That seen Malachi, Cooper and Tom all scoring goals and a further two from Sammy for a 3 goal game, the score ended up 6 to nil.

This coming weekend sees both grades at home against Glen Innes, with the 4th grade game kicking off and 1pm and the 3rd grade kicking off at 3pm.

The junior season is set to kick off on the 2nd May, with the first training on 29th April. There is still time to get registration and we are seeking players in the older age groups.

Casper

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