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Community out in force for Anzac Day March



Veterans, local schools and community groups took part in this year's march

A cool and drizzly start greeted marchers in Guyra, with many carrying umbrellas as they gathered at Fourways ahead of the Anzac Day march. The weather cleared just in time, with the sun peeking through as proceedings began, setting the scene for the 110th commemorations.

Large numbers of residents and veterans came together to honour generations who have served their country, with strong attendance at both the dawn service and the later morning ceremony at Guyra MPS.

The main march featured a strong contingent of service men and women, joined by family

members of those who have served and are no longer with us. Students from schools across the district swelled the ranks, paying their respects and continuing the Anzac tradition.

The service was held in front of the War Memorial Hall and led by Guyra RSL sub-branch President Hans Hietbrink. Councillor Eli Imad, representing Armidale Regional Council, welcomed those in attendance.

A highlight of the ceremony was the commemorative address delivered by former local, Major Erin Archibald, who paid tribute to her ancestors and the many others from the district who

served.

Members of the catafalque party included 337 Air Force Cadets. The ceremony also acknowledged the ongoing connection between Guyra and No. 1 Squadron RAAF Amberley, whose members maintain a special association with the town. Guyra is the final resting place of two of their flight crew who died in a 1993 F-111 crash.

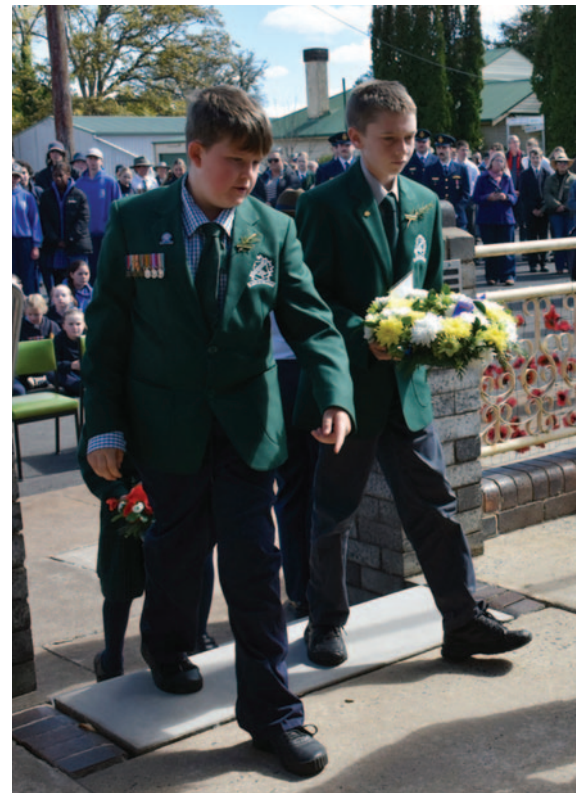
A moving moment came with a flyover by an EA-18G Growler, which passed low over the crowd, briefly breaking the silence of the service.

Local schoolchildren played an important role in the ceremony.

Unaloto Ale from Black Mountain Primary School read the Prayer of Remembrance, Clancy Robinson from St Mary of the Angels delivered the Prayer of Freedom, Guyra Central School captains Adaiah Galindo and Charlie Ward presented the Prayer for the Australian Defence Force, and Claudia Evans from Bald Blair Primary School read the Prayer of Peace.

The service also marked the final Anzac Day for Mr Hietbrink as President, with his contribution acknowledged by the community. Warwick Leven has now stepped into the role.

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2026 Anzac Day Commemorative Address

Delivering the commemorative address on Anzac Day, Major Erin Archibald spoke of her deep connection to Guyra, the town where she was born and raised, and reflected on the enduring significance of the day within the community. She acknowledged the strong tradition of locals turning out each year, prompting her to consider why the day remains important and why future generations should continue to honour it.

In exploring Guyra's service history, Major Archibald turned to records from the Australian War Memorial, researching those who served in the First and Second World Wars, as well as in Korea and Vietnam. Through this, she uncovered more about her own family's military past, highlighting how major events like war shape not only those who serve, but also generations that follow.

She noted that many from Guyra enlisted seeking purpose and adventure, but returned with complex experiences, including lasting physical and emotional impacts. She paid tribute not only to those who served, but also to the families—particularly women and children—who supported them at home, often carrying heavy burdens with limited support.

Major Archibald emphasised the importance of oral history, sharing how conversations with



Major Erin Archibald

her parents revealed stories that official records could not capture. She recounted the service of her great-grandfather, Robert Athol Archibald, who trained horses in Egypt during World War I, and her grandfather, Ronald Heagney, who enlisted at just 17 during World War II and served in various roles, including

overseas deployment in Morotai. She also recognised the wider network of families connected to Guyra's wartime history.

She reminded the audience that many present are directly descended from those named on the Guyra Soldier Memorial, and that their legacy continues to shape the community. For Major

Archibald, Guyra's true strength lies in its people—past, present and future—rather than just its well-known local industries or landscape.

She described what makes ANZAC Day in Guyra uniquely special: the volunteers handing out rosemary, the schoolchildren marching, the dedication of RSL members, and the visible acts of remembrance from families and veterans. These traditions, she said, reflect the strong sense of community that defines the town.

Reflecting on her own life since joining the Army in 2010, Major Archibald spoke of the privilege of growing up in a close-knit community where support is constant and personal connections run deep. Despite living in many places since, she said Guyra will always be home.

She concluded by stressing that ANZAC Day remains relevant because of the community's willingness to show up for commemorations and for one another. Whether at sporting events, celebrations or times of loss, participation strengthens community bonds.

Major Archibald thanked those in attendance for taking the time to be there, reinforcing that it is this shared commitment that keeps the spirit of ANZAC Day alive in Guyra.

Lest we forget.

Costa supports local community organisations

Costa is pleased to announce the recipients of our 2026 Well Grown Community Grants Program, which aims to support local initiatives and projects that enhance the wellbeing and development of our region.

A total of five organisations including community and sporting groups and schools in the Armidale and Guyra region will receive funding through the Grants Program.

State Manager of the Costa glasshouses, Brett Ryan, said the grants program, which is now in its fourth year, continued to attract

a large number of applications.

Through the program funding is provided across the five categories of: sporting event/activity; community event; school project/initiative; environmental initiative/activity; and a community organisation or project aimed at supporting disadvantaged youth and/or Indigenous youth projects.

"We are proud to be supporting our local community through this program. We were delighted to see so many strong applications from groups working hard to make a difference across the region, and it certainly made the

final selections a challenge," Mr Ryan said.

"To make sure the process was fair and transparent for every applicant, we engaged an independent assessor to review submissions against the program criteria. We're proud to partner with a diverse range of local organisations and schools to help deliver tangible benefits for people across our community," Mr Ryan said.

"I'd like to thank every organisation that took the time to apply. We wish all groups every success with their activities, and we look

forward to sharing updates on the progress and community impact of these projects throughout the year," Mr Ryan said.

The recipients for 2026 are:

- Sporting event/activity: Guyra Junior Rugby League.
- Community event: Scouts Association of Australia (NSW) Branch 2nd Armidale Scouts.
- Community Project: New England Regional Art Museum.
- School project/initiative: Guyra Central School.
- Environmental initiative/activity: Guyra Neighbourhood Centre.

What's **HOT**

Produce Swap at the Neighbourhood Centre this Saturday

Community screening of 'Just a Farmer' at Guyra Central Gymnasium Sat. May 9th, 5.30pm

Great effort by the Hockey Club raising funds for a family in need

What's **NOT**

Fake news on social media - don't fall for sensational headlines

JOKE of the week

A ham sandwich walks into a bar and orders a beer. Bartender says "sorry we don't serve food here"

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
21	Tues	2.7	16.5	0
22	Wed	4.3	15.9	0
23	Thurs	5.7	15.9	0
24	Fri	5.6	17.3	0
25	Sat	8.9	13.8	0
26	Sun	6.4	17.1	0
27	Mon	6.1	17.6	2

Rain this week	2.0mm
April. rainfall	2.0mm
Rainfall YTD	149.2mm
Rainfall last YTD	465.2mm
Ave. rain YTD	347.7mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Letter to the Editor.....

Thank You Guyra

On behalf of the Guyra RSL sub-Branch, I thank the people of Guyra and District for their attendance and participation in the ANZAC Day services on Saturday and for their generous donations to support the work of the Guyra RSL sub-Branch in helping veterans and their families.

I particularly thank Major Erin Archibald, for her commemorative address at our main service.

Thanks also go to Rev Tim Stevens for his excellent contribution to the three services on the day.

I thank Dean Heagney and Warren Tribe for again providing jeeps and Ethan Tribe and Darcey Heagney for driving the vehicles in the march.

It was wonderful to see the schools from our immediate region represented and I thank all the students, parents, and teach-

ers for participating in the march and the service.

As always, it was wonderful to see veterans and service personnel participating in the march. A special thanks to 337 Sqn Australian Airforce Cadets for their contribution to the service.

I extend a special thanks to the ladies from the Guyra CWA Evening Branch for kindly donating their time to prepare and present the dawn service breakfast, and to the Guyra and Community Progress Association for the magnificent display of poppies along the front fence of the hall.

Our thanks go to 1Sqn RAAF at Amberley for their continued association and contribution to the Guyra ANZAC Day services, and to 6 Sqn RAAF for the flyover by a Boeing EA-18G Growler during the service.

Thanks to Brad Lane (CT Electric) for providing the PA

system, to the members of the VRA for their assistance and to Council staff for performing the road closures.

Thanks also to Dorothy Locker for producing and printing the limited-edition programs for the service and to those members of the community who in different ways contributed to the services to help make the day a success.

More than anything, I thank you all for coming together at both the dawn service and the march and main service to remember and pay tribute to all the men and women who paid the supreme sacrifice in all conflicts throughout the world, while at the same time saluting those currently serving in our armed forces and ancillary services both at home and abroad.

*Warwick Leven
President*

Guyra RSL sub-Branch

North West Beef Producers Forum 2026 offering timely advice on remaining productive during dry times

With dry seasonal conditions and a fuel shortage creating challenges for beef producers in the North West this year, advice on offer at the 2026 North West Beef Producers Forum in May will focus on helping producers navigate the season ahead.

Tailored for beef producers, the event will feature an update on global beef markets, seasonal forecasts, advice on drought strategies and herd decision-making, new ag technologies, as well as insights into supply chain requirements with Teys Australia. The event will be held on Wednesday 13 May at the Tamworth Jockey Club.

Naomi Hobson, North West Local Land Services Team Leader Land Services Sustainable Agriculture said this year's event will provide much needed advice

about the seasonal outlook and herd decision making, while also featuring insights into new innovation such as virtual fencing.

"We are especially looking forward to hearing from Simon Quilty," she said. "A deep dive into beef markets in Australia and globally will be a great asset to beef producers looking to make some tough decisions in the coming months.

"Nutrien's Senior Science Fellow Eric Snodgrass will also provide a detailed climate forecast tailored for the North West and surrounding regions to give producers a better understanding of where the season is headed."

This year the event will feature presentations from Simon Quilty, Market Analyst at Global AgriTrends, Eric Snodgrass, Senior Science Fellow at Nutrien,

Ellie Bennet, Representative from Halter Virtual Fencing, Gus Rose, University of New England's 'Decide and Thrive' Project, and Ethan Mooney, Livestock Strategic Operations Manager at Teys in addition to insights from the Local Land Services Sustainable Agriculture team. Teys Australia are generously supporting this event.

Throughout the day, attendees will also be able to explore a trade fair, with exhibitors on site showcasing products, services, and practical solutions for beef producers. Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

The event is free, but registration is essential. To register for the event visit the North West Local Land Services website at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/local-land->

Dot's lifetime of service recognised

A pillar of the Guyra Neighbourhood Centre was honoured last week, as Dorothy "Dot" Vickery OAM was celebrated for more than two decades of dedicated service.

Friends, colleagues and community members gathered on Thursday, April 23rd to recognise Dot's extraordinary contribution, particularly her long-standing involvement with the Centre, where she recently stepped down as Treasurer of the Board after more than 20 years of service.

The celebration, kept a closely guarded secret, saw ARC Mayor Sam Coupland present Dot with a plaque honouring her Lifetime Membership to the Centre. Alongside GNC Manager Sarah Hunt and Chairperson Madan Narayanamurthy, Mayor Coupland acknowledged

Dot's tireless work, unwavering commitment and deep care for the Guyra community.

"I am so thankful for the support Dot gave to me when I began working here at the Centre, and ever since. It has been invaluable," Ms Hunt said.



Standing l to r: Centre Manager Sarah Hunt, ARC Mayor Sam Coupland, Chairperson Madan Narayanamurthy, Sonya Shipman
Seated: George and Dot Vickery

"We wouldn't have a neighbourhood centre without Dot."

Long-time friend Bev Mitchell also spoke warmly, reflecting on a lifetime of friendship and Dot's enduring community spirit.

Dot was presented with a rhododendron from staff, and guests shared a morning tea to mark the occasion.

"This came as a total shock to

me," Dot said. "But I am absolutely deeply honoured. Thank you."

Dot's contribution to the Neighbourhood Centre is just one chapter in a lifetime of service. In 2018, she was named Guyra Citizen of the Year at the Australia Day Awards, recognised as tireless, hardworking and a passionate advocate for her town.

In 2020, Dot's service was formally recognised when she was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia as part of the Australia Day Honours.

Despite stepping back from her formal role with the Neighbourhood Centre, Dot's impact will continue to be felt across the Guyra district.

What's Happening at the



NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE WEEK

Neighbourhood Centre Week (NCW), is a nationwide initiative to celebrate the role of neighbourhood centres in local communities across the nation.

It is a time to recognise the people, projects, and everyday moments that bring communities together and make neighbourhoods stronger,

kinder, and more connected.

We continue bringing people together and offering a warm, safe place where support is shared by our community.

PROGRAMS

All GNC programs are running, including our weekly Cooked Lunch, which has featured flavours from around the world this year. Requests for food and financial help remain steady, and our Digital Assistance is still in strong demand. Services Australia, Centrelink and room bookings also stay busy.

GENERAL MEETING

14th May 2025 10am to 11.00am

GNC general meeting is open to all members of Guyra Neighbourhood Centre come discuss our plans for 2026-27

and hear about all the wonderful things we are doing in our community.

INFORMATION DAY 14th May 2025 11.00am to 1.30pm.

Once again GNC will be celebrating Neighbourhood Centre Week by hosting our annual Information Day in GNC community garden.

It's an opportunity for Service Providers to network with other Providers and gives the community a chance to come and see what Service Providers that outreach to the Neighbourhood Centre can do for them.

If you are a service or community support group and would like to participate, please contact Linda on office@guyranc.org.au to book a table.

PRODUCE SWAP

GNC PRODUCE SWAP is on May 2nd this will be the last swap until September, come along and enjoy our community garden, the produce on offer and the opportunity to sell buy or swap any produce you may have. Tables are available on the day.

RESOURCES

- Disability Access
- Adult Change Table
- Washing Machines & Dryers
- Vegie Garden
- Showers
- Rooms for Hire & Refreshments
- Electric SMART Board
- Breakfast & Coffee Bar

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Meals on Wheels

Apr 30 Wendy Laidlaw
 Apr 1 Amar & Shobha Singh
 Apr 4 Wendy Laidlaw
 Apr 5 Warwick Leven
 Apr 6 Wendy Laidlaw

Street Stalls

April 30 St Marys
 May 7,8 Freemasons
 May 14,15,16 Rotary
 May 21,22,23 Lions

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
 No service in May. Next service 3pm Sunday June 14th. **Contact:** Robert Dewhurst Armidale District Baptist Church 0409 723 522

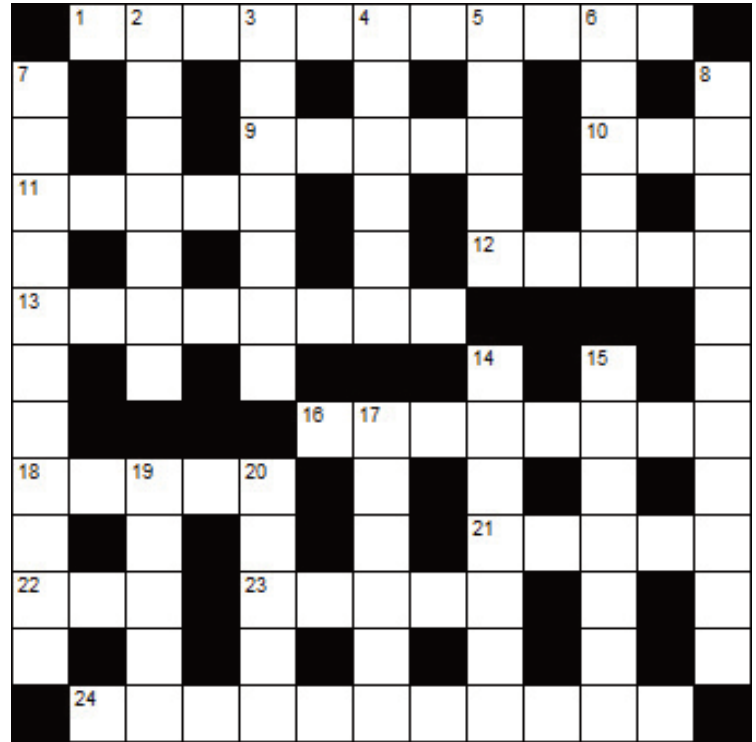
Service Clubs

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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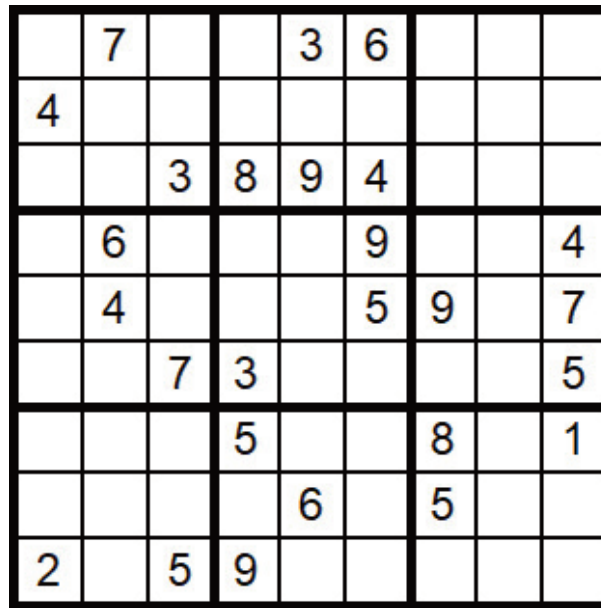
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 - 11 Elevators (5)
 - 12 Hank of wool (5)
 - 13 Boating (8)
 - 16 Soak; drench (8)
 - 18 Flour and water mixture (5)
 - 21 Discourage (5)
 - 22 High ball in tennis (3)
 - 23 Later (5)
 - 24 Perplexing situation (11)
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 - 3 Throb (7)
 - 4 Discernment (6)
 - 5 Seven (anag.) (5)
 - 6 Small woodland (5)
 - 7 Pamper (11)

QUICK CROSSWORD

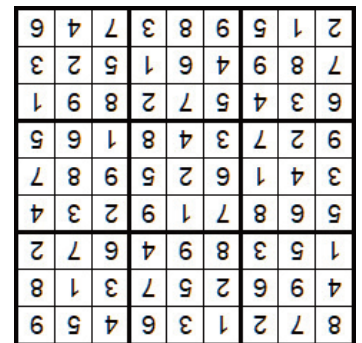


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Council meetings

The next scheduled council meeting is 27 May 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.

Operator – Heavy Combination
Closing 11:30pm, 3 May 2026

Operator Multi Skilled Regional Roads – Closing 11:30pm, 3 May 2026

Revenue Officer – Closing 11:30pm, 3 May 2026

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

Libraries invite community feedback

Council is seeking community feedback as part of a review of local library services across the region. Residents are encouraged to complete a short survey, available on Council’s website, to share how they use library services, what they value, and where improvements could be made.

Feedback is open until Monday 11 May 2026 and will help shape the future of local libraries.

Guyra water use higher than target

Guyra Dam current storage: 666 ML or 48.4%

People in Guyra are currently using much more water than the Level 1 target of 180 litres per person per day.

Cutting back a little each day can make a big difference to protecting local water supplies.

Get Grubby Program

Schools, educators, homeschoolers and childcare services across the Armidale region are invited to sign up to the Get Grubby online waste education program. Delivered by Council in partnership with Dirtgirlworld, the program supports classroom and at-home learning—email communications@armidale.nsw.gov.au for access.

Biosecurity drop-in at Guyra Customer Service

Residents are warmly invited to drop in and chat with Anne from Council’s Biosecurity team at Guyra Customer Service on Wednesday 29 April 10am-12pm

Soil, land and food workshops

Reading rural landscapes - 2 day workshop

09:00 AM - 04:00 PM, Tue, Apr 28 - Wed, Apr 29, Dangarsleigh Hall

Join this hands-on, two-day workshop to build your skills in reading rural landscapes and understanding how water, soil, vegetation and land use interact across the landscape.

Participants will learn how to identify key landscape features, recognise signs of degradation, and explore practical ways to improve land health and resilience. This workshop is ideal for landholders, community members and anyone interested in sustainable land management.

Regenerating rural landscapes - Online workshop series

Wed, May 20 - Wed, Jun 10 07:30 PM - 09:00 PM

This online workshop series will dive deeper into practical approaches for regenerating rural landscapes. Across multiple sessions, participants will explore strategies for improving soil health, water retention and ecosystem function, with real-world examples and expert insights. The flexible online format makes it easy to join from home.

Register now! For mor information, contact Southern New England Landcare.



Fairer fees proposed in Draft 2026–27 Budget

Council is proposing fairer and more equitable changes to water, sewer and waste charges as part of its Draft 2026–27 Budget, now on public exhibition.

Proposed changes include weight based charging at the Armidale Waste Management Facility to improve accuracy and transparency, and a new approach to water and

sewer access charges based on meter size, so customers who use more pay more. The draft budget and supporting documents are on exhibition from 23 April to 20 May 2026 on Council’s Your Say Armidale website, with hard copies available at Armidale and Guyra customer service centres.

Fairer fees proposed in Draft 2026-27 Budget and Operational Plan

A fairer and more equitable change to the way water and sewer access charges, and user-pay waste charges, are applied is being proposed as part of Council's Draft 2026-27 Operational Plan, Budget and Fees and Charges.

At its Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 April 2026, Council endorsed for public exhibition a suite of documents that outline the projects and initiatives designed to deliver on the community's aspirations. These include:

- Draft Operational Plan and Budget 2026-27
- Draft Revenue Policy 2026-27
- Draft Fees and Charges 2026-27
- Long Term Financial Plan 2026-27 to 2035-36

The most significant proposed changes relate to the Long-Term Financial Plan, including the introduction of weight-based charging at the Armidale Waste Management Facility. Weight-based charging provides a more accurate and transparent method of calculating fees using certified weighbridges, removing the guesswork associated with estimating waste loads.

In addition, Council is implementing best practice water and sewer management in two stages across FY2026/27 and FY2027/28 and is proposing a fairer and more equitable approach to levying water and

sewer access charges across residential and business categories. Under the proposal, both water and sewer access charges would be applied based on the size of the meter servicing each property.

Armidale Regional Council Mayor Sam Coupland said the proposed changes align with best practice and deliver a dual benefit, improving fairness across Council's charging structures while ensuring sufficient financial resources are available to maintain existing water and sewer infrastructure.

"Currently, the way our water and sewer access charges are applied is essentially a one-size-fits-all approach," Mayor Coupland said.

"For far too long, residential

water and sewer customers have been paying the same access charges as larger business users. We are proposing to change these so customers with larger diameter pipes pay more for their service. Customers that use more, pay more."

Customers using the Armidale Waste Management Facility will also be required to sort their waste prior to arrival, with proposed fees and charges varying by waste type.

"Customers will also be given the option to sort waste on site and weigh waste types separately if they wish to reduce their charges," Mayor Coupland said.

"These proposed changes are consistent with state, federal and international best practice for sus-

tainable waste management and support the accurate reporting of waste tonnages to the NSW EPA."

The 2026-27 financial year is a pivotal one for Council and the community. The proposed budget has been prepared to consolidate Council's significantly improved financial position while laying the foundations for future growth and development.

Council's long-term vision is to retain future generations in the region and attract new residents, supporting sustainable population growth. This growth is critical to achieving the scale required to unlock major infrastructure investment from all levels of government.

A strong and resilient financial position underpins Council's ability to deliver on this vision. The 2026-27 Budget builds on the financial improvements achieved in 2025-26, ensuring Council is well placed to support community priorities, invest in essential services and plan confidently for the future.


The Suite of budget documents are available to view on council's Your Say Armidale online engagement hub for 28 days from Thursday 23 April to Wednesday 20 May 2026. Hard copies are also available to view in the Armidale and Guyra customer service areas of the council buildings.



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Gazette Footy Tipping

Locals Entry Form - Round 10

*Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on **Wednesday 6th May***

Timmy the Tiger	78	Froggo	74	Name:	
Dip Stick	78	Fred	72	Phone:	
Mocack	76	SK	72		
Winter Wombat	76	Birdie	72	Dolphins vs Bulldogs	
Queen B	76	Wayno	68	Roosters vs Titans	
Iggman	74	Farmer Joe	68	Cowboys vs Eels	
Happy Gilmore	74	Lilley	66	Dragons vs Knights	
Luigi	74	Bulldog	64	Rabbits vs Sharks	
DJ	74	Broncos	62	Sea Eagles vs Broncos	
Nicko	74	Bundles	56	Storm vs Tigers	
				Bye: Warriors	Raiders vs Panthers



Gazette's Celebrity Footy Tipping

Another Local tipster achieved a complete round of 16 points this week — Froggo, one of our new additions to the competition. Congratulations!

This has meant a leap from near the bottom of the field to equal 3rd place. Mind you, there are also 5 other tipsters on 74 points.

Timmy the Tiger and Dip Stick are now the two new leaders of the Locals on 78 points, displacing Mocack and Winter Wombat who are sitting in 2nd place on 76 points along with Queen B.

It's still a tight competition among our Celebrities. We have three squeezed together on top of the Leaderboard on 74 points: our real estate gurus Sue and Marie, along with Smokey the Butcher.

Very close behind is our local Councillor Eli on 72 points and a further 2 points down the line in 3rd place we have Kimmy (who does a great coffee) and our lovely lads at Fourways on 68 points.

Vu and Soley are vying for the Wooden Spoon. Happy tipping everyone!

Sue's Tips

- Cowboys
- Dolphins
- Titans
- Warriors
- Broncos
- Rabbits
- Tigers
- Panthers



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Soley's Tips

- Cowboys
- Dolphins
- Raiders
- Warriors
- Roosters
- Rabbits
- Tigers
- Panthers



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Score: 60

MCLS' Tips

- Cowboys
- Dolphins
- Raiders
- Eels
- Broncos
- Rabbits
- Tigers
- Panthers



Fourways Service Centre
Maxxis Tyres
& other leading brands
Mechanical repairs
Log book servicing
Rego inspections



87-89 Bradley Street
6779 1284

Score: 68

Vu's Tips

- Bulldogs
- Dolphins
- Titans
- Warriors
- Roosters
- Rabbits
- Sharks
- Panthers



Guyra Pharmacy Trading Hours

Mon-Fri 8am - 5.30pm
Saturday 9am - 12pm
Closed on
Sunday & Public Holidays

102 Bradley Street, Guyra 6779 1192



Score: 66

Robert's Tips

- Cowboys
- Dolphins
- Raiders
- Warriors
- Broncos
- Rabbits
- Tigers
- Panthers



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Monday to Friday:
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First taste of success for Super Spuds

The Super Spuds marked Anzac Day with contrasting wins in A grade and reserve grade on Saturday to taste their first success of 2026.

The A grade was a one-sided affair with Guyra dominating the visitors from Warialda in a 10-try scoring spree, led by three from Billy Youman.

Three tries to Samuel Briggs, Riley Campbell and Seb Pianko in the first half set up a handy 18-4 lead at the break.

Jackson Coote flashed through straight after halftime and Guyra went ahead 24-4, but more importantly Guyra stepped on the gas and never looked back from this point on.

Youman crashed through for his first, Robert Sisson charged through a gap to add the next and Youman hit the Wombats with a two-try combo in quick time to post his hat-trick.

That made it 46-4 and the game was over as a contest.

Warialda fired back with a couple of tries in the last 15 minutes, but the Spuds added two more of their own via Archie Dowden and



Jackson Coote scored one of Guyra's 10 tries on Saturday.

Dylan Sutton to secure the 54-14 win.

Dowden booted seven goals, was voted players' player and also bagged three club points.

Youman (2) and Ben Vidler (1) were the others to gain points, but it was a strong performance across the Park from the home side.

Earlier the reserve graders

picked up their first win with a three tries to one success against the Wombats.

Will Archibald opened the scoring and Brett Beard followed up with a second to give Guyra an early 8-nil lead.

Warialda hit back before halftime to leave it 8-4 at the interval, but Tom Starr crashed over soon

after the resumption to push Guyra's lead to 14-4.

Neither side could add to the score in the last 25 minutes so the Spuds took the spoils.

Beard was chosen as players' player while he also took three clubs points, Starr polled two and Jason Mowbray picked up one on his Guyra senior debut.

The Spudettes almost made it three from three for Guyra, but gave up a 20-6 lead to go down 24-20.

Anna Jackson and Irene Pianko scored in the first half to give Guyra a 10-6 lead.

Further scores to Kayla White and Lorissa Wilson after halftime extended the lead, but Warialda finished the stronger with three tries and booted all of its goals to pinch the win.

Players' player couldn't be split between Pianko and Ella Clews, Paige Vickery scored three clubs points, Pianko took two and White one.

This Sunday the Guyra teams make the trip to Barraba to take on the Bulldogs.

Ladies' Golf

Last week the Ladies played a 4BBB Stableford in cold windy weather.

The winning team was Tina Skipper and Wendy Jackson with 47 points. Runners up were Shona Mulligan and Belinda Lenehan.

Nearest the pin winners were, Debbie Burey on the 7th and 18th holes. Shona Mulligan on the 9th and 10th holes.

This week is the Foursomes Championships over 27 holes.

Big thank you to Carmichael Wool Co. for their generous sponsorship and support for the ladies golf.

Next week is a Par Medal.

Birdie

Men's Bowls

Club 4s Sunday 3rd May 12pm. Starter umpire R Walls

W Reeves, T Ellis, R Mulligan, S Campbell verse G Starr, G Mitchell, C Stanley, D Kennedy

J Varco, R Walls, J Jackson, P Kliendienst verse A Sparke, B

Presnell, D Wilcox, J McIllwain. All games play or forfeit.

Club Pennants will be played 16th, 17th May at South Tamworth. Teams will be in next week's paper.

Vets Golf

Last Tuesday was a pretty social day for the Vets with a two person Ambrose. Paul Redden and Ian Taylor were the winners to runners up Col Walls and Phil Devlin. NTPs went to Ian and Greg. Next week is our stroke event.

Drake

Hockey Report

Guyra 2nd grade faced Albies in a midweek clash. With youth and speed on the Albies side Guyra came prepared with plenty of subs to combat the onslaught.

Taking hold of the game early, and with Nat Mendes as a defensive mid turning any Albies attack around, Guyra was able to secure the lead.

Credit to the Albies goalie who

put in a solid performance to keep Guyra ladies to only one goal. A card was given out at this match but not to a Guyra player, our record remains clean for 2026. Special mention to Racheal, our newest Guyra supporter and bearer of oranges.

Reminder Junior Hockey starts their hockey competition this Saturday 2nd May. If anyone is interested in playing come to training on Wednesday 3.30-4.45pm at the Showground Hall and discuss with Aimee Lenehan or Sarah Cox.

Sunday Golf

On Sunday a large and generous crowd competed for the Hockey Ambrose in conjunction for a Fundraiser for Frankie Patterson, the daughter of Cody and Alyssa Patterson. This turned out to be a big success with conditions perfect and the crowd out for a good time. *(for results see back page).*

Thank you to the Guyra Bowling Club for donating the Green

fees for the day which was an awesome donation and a very kind anonymous donation by a local person which is very much appreciated plus other kind donations.

Thank you to all the businesses that donated all the prizes for the day and to everyone who participated and donated for the day it really says a lot for our community. This is a great town and when there is a local in need we always seem to band together and help out in any little way that we can.

To Frankie, Cody and Alyssa and all of your families, good luck with everything that lies ahead and know you are in the thoughts and prayers of everybody in Guyra

This Sunday is a Junior Day so we ask all children Under 18 with or without a handicaps to come along. Tee off will be 10.30 am Sunday

HAPPY GOLFING

Guyra Hockey raises \$5000 for little Frankie

When our community comes together for a cause, it truly knows how to step up. With 58 players turning out for the Golf Ambrose fundraiser for little Frankie Patterson, along with countless others contributing in different ways, Sunday was a tremendous success.

The day featured moving speeches about Frankie, her current care at Westmead Hospital, and the gratitude Cody and Alyssa feel for the incredible support surrounding them. This heartfelt moment was followed by presentations and a much-anticipated celebrity ice bucket challenge.

On the course, Terry and Randy Mulligan claimed victory in the Men's Ambrose, with Graham Hutton and Bailey Wilson finishing as runners-up. In the Women's event, Belinda Lenehan (Bob) and Sally Gilder took out the win, ahead of Sheree Clarke and Sarah Gwilym. The Mixed Ambrose was won by Nat Mendes and Copper Brennan, with Adam and Nikki Brennan placing second.

Longest drive honours went to the Mendes family, with Nat winning the women's and Trent the



Taking part in the celebrity Ice Bucket challenge - Cr Eli Imad, Braidie Vidler, Cr Sam Coupland Ricky Ellis and Robert Sisson

men's. Nearest-to-the-pin winners included Adam Brennan (7th), Belinda Lenehan (9th), Ian Taylor (10th) and Stevie Kliendienst (18th), while Heidi Wilson claimed the second shot prize. The Mulligan Award went to Les and Tanya Perrett, closely followed by Brett and Jamie Maylard. Adding to the fun, the best dressed couple—Thing 1 and Thing 2—was awarded to Lachie Brazier and Callum Morse.

A highlight of the day was the celebrity ice bucket challenge, featuring Cr Sam Coupland, Cr Eli Imad, Bradie Vidler, Rikki Brazier and Robert Sisson, all of whom surpassed the \$200 target to take part. The crowd enthusiastically cheered as each braved a bucket of icy water. A sincere thank you to these good sports for helping raise vital funds.

The fundraising continued with Cody Clarke auctioning four do-

nated lambs, raising over \$1,500 thanks to the generosity of community members.

The Guyra Hockey Club extends its heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported the event and contributed to such a memorable day, with a total of \$5,000 raised to assist little Frankie. And a very special mention to our president Tegan Clarke for your time and efforts to create a successful day.

Guyra Central students shine at PSSA North West Rugby League Trials

Several students from Guyra Central School have made their mark at the PSSA North West Rugby League trials held on Thursday, April 23rd. With a total of 10 zones represented and 140 boys competing, the event proved to be a highly competitive opportunity for young athletes aiming for selection in the Opens Boys and Girls Tackle Rugby League squads.

Guyra Central's Ashton Hutton impressed selectors during the intense trials, eventually earning a spot in the possible/probable game and being named a shadow reserve for the North West team. Ashton's dedication and performance were applauded, with the

school community hopeful that he will get the chance to participate in the upcoming PSSA State Rugby League Championships later this term.

On the girls' side, Indigo Atkin, Jacarla Landsborough, and Airlie Vidler showcased their skill and determination throughout the day. Indigo and Airlie advanced to the final selections possible/probable game, with Indigo Atkin named half back for the North West girls team and Airlie Vidler appointed as Reserve. Their achievement is particularly notable as they will now travel to Cronulla to participate in the first ever PSSA Girls Opens Rugby League Carnival.

Guyra Central School congrat-



Indigo Atkin, Ashton Hutton and Airlie Vidler

ulate all participants on their outstanding effort and sportsmanship, highlighting their positive representation of the school community.

As the students look ahead to

state-level competition, the Guyra Central School community extends its best wishes to Ashton, Indigo, and Airlie for their upcoming sporting challenges.