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Water restrictions tightened amid escalating dry conditions

Armidale Regional Council has implemented Level 2 Water Restrictions in response to continuing declines in dam levels, ongoing dry conditions and increasing pressure on local water supplies.

Council's latest Water Usage and Supply data shows water storage levels have continued to fall, with limited rainfall forecast and warmer conditions expected in the months ahead. While water remains available, the move to Level 2 restrictions is a proactive step to slow the rate of drawdown and help protect the region's long-term water security.

Level 2 restrictions build on the measures already in place and require residents and businesses to

further reduce water use, particularly for outdoor activities. These measures are designed to reduce overall demand and avoid the need for more severe restrictions if dry conditions persist.

Water usage has increased alarmingly, by an average of 41.2% in Armidale and 68.3% in Guyra since Level 1 restrictions were implemented, which has led to the move to Level 2 sooner than anticipated.

ARC Mayor Sam Coupland said the emphasis is on adopting best-practice water use now to protect the region's long-term water security and prevent a "Day Zero" scenario.

Council continues to closely

monitor dam levels, inflows, climate indicators and water consumption across the region. Community cooperation during Level 2 restrictions will play a critical role in maintaining water supply resilience. This means not using sprinklers to water lawns or gardens as we try to go from 180 per person per day at Level 1, to 170 litres per person per day at Level 2.

Residents and businesses are urged to familiarise themselves with the Level 2 restrictions and adjust water use accordingly.

Council encourages residents to take full advantage of any water conservation initiatives currently on offer including water tank re-

bates as a practical way to reduce reliance on town water supplies during dry conditions. With Level 2 water restrictions now in place, installing a rainwater tank can make a meaningful difference in reducing overall water demand while also providing long-term benefits for households.

The rebate is one of several initiatives Council delivers, alongside projects such as the Regional Drought Resilience Planning (RDRP) program, to help the region prepare for and manage drought.

For full details on Level 2 restrictions, current dam levels and water-saving tips, visit: www.armidale.nsw.gov.au

Have your say

Proposed New England Rail Trail

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Armidale Regional Council invites the Guyra community to attend two pop-up consultation sessions for the proposed New England Rail Trail between Armidale and Ben Lomond.

These sessions provide an opportunity to learn more about the proposal, ask questions, and share your views as part of Council's early consultation and investigation phase.

Guyra Pop-Up Consultation Sessions

Outside IGA, Bradley Street, Guyra

1 Session 1
9.00am – 11.00am
Thursday 7 May 2026

2 Session 2
9.00am – 11.00am
Tuesday 12 May 2026

Your feedback matters.

Written submissions

Open until Monday, 1 June 2026

Find out more or make a submission at: yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au

Email: council@armidale.nsw.gov.au

Drop off in person: Armidale or Guyra Council offices.

Make sure your submission is marked *Proposed New England Rail Trail* and please include your name and address.





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Public consultation commences on rail trail framework

Armidale Regional Council (ARC) has commenced public consultation as part of the preliminary works being undertaken on the New England Rail Trail Framework following its endorsement at the October 2025 council meeting.

The New England Rail Trail proposal aims to revitalise the disused Great Northern Rail corridor between Armidale and Glen Innes, transforming it into a safe, off-road recreational route for walking, cycling, and outdoor activity. ARC is responsible for the 67 km section between Armidale and Ben Lomond.

The project is being progressed in line with the state government's NSW Rail Trails Framework, which provides clear guidance on proposal de-

velopment, environmental, cultural and heritage assessment, and long-term operation and maintenance.

Addressing the framework will enable ARC to submit a formal project proposal to the NSW Government and strengthen future external funding applications. NSW Public Works Advisory is undertaking the preliminary studies on behalf of ARC.

Rail trails across Australia have shown strong tourism appeal and long-term community benefit, and the NSW Government supports the development of rail trails where there is demonstrated community support, environmental considerations, and a viable business model.

Chief Officer Planning and

Activation Daniel Boyce said preliminary study work is currently underway along the rail corridor as part of the Rail Trail Framework.

"Community input is essential and will directly shape the project," Mr Boyce said.

"Letters have already been sent to landowners adjacent to the disused rail corridor to advise them of dedicated, landowner-only drop-in sessions. Community drop-in sessions will also be held in Armidale and Guyra, including at the Armidale Farmers' Market, Markets in the Mall and on Bradley Street in Guyra.

"We want to hear from as many community members as possible. If you're unable to attend a session, submissions can be made via the Your Say Armi-

dale website or by mail to Council."

The corridor offers a rare opportunity to create a continuous, scenic experience through the New England high country, rural communities, and historic townships, including some of Australia's most picturesque rail heritage points.

The Great Northern Rail Line, once extending to the Queensland border, has been disused for more than three decades. Previous studies and planning work have highlighted the corridor's potential, and council is now undertaking the preliminary studies required under the NSW Rail Trails Framework.

For more information on when community drop-in sessions are occurring visit council's online engagement hub at yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au

Celebrate Australian Made Week with The Organic T-Shirt

The Organic T-Shirt is calling on locals to join them in celebrating Australian Made Week, running from 18th to 24th May. Owners Sandro and Stefania Pallotta are proud to be part of this movement.

As a business they recognise the value of supporting local businesses, growers, and manufacturers. This year is especially significant as the Australian Made logo marks its 40th anniversary, continuing to stand as Australia's most trusted and widely recognised country-of-origin symbol.

To mark the occasion, The Organic T-Shirt is offering 15% off Storewide to customers who mention or bring a copy of the coupon from the Guyra Gazette.

"It's our way of saying thank you for supporting local and choosing sustainable, Australian-made fashion," they said.

"Our mission is to revolutionise fashion through sustainability and ethical practices.

"We produce high-quality, environmentally conscious clothing in small quantities, focusing on on-demand manufacturing to reduce waste and overproduction.

"By supporting local suppliers

and maintaining transparent supply chains, we aim to minimise our environmental footprint while delivering stylish, durable, and fairly priced clothing.

"Our commitment to slow fashion ensures that every garment reflects care for both people and the planet. As a proud licensee of the Australian Made Campaign, we believe that choosing locally made clothing is more than a purchase - it's a statement. It supports Australian jobs, strengthens our economy, and contributes to a cleaner, greener future.

"Celebrate Australian Made Week with us and experience the difference of thoughtful, sustainable fashion."

Australian Made Week ambassador Andy Lee highlights the real impact of buying local:

"Choosing to buy locally made goods is a simple habit, but it creates a big impact, from generating and supporting local jobs to boosting local economies," he said.

"There's also an added feel-good factor in supporting Australian businesses, innovators, and entrepreneurs who lead the world in quality and safety standards."



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What's HOT

Don't miss Just a Farmer screening on May 9th

Biggest Morning Tea at ADRA Thursday from 10am

Another great project thanks to the Progress Association

Don't forget Mother's Day this Sunday

What's NOT

Vandalising community projects

JOKE of the week

Why did the bike fall over?
Because it was two-tired

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
28	Tues	4.4	18.0	0
29	Wed	5.9	18.0	0
30	Thurs	6.5	16.6	0
1	Fri	5.9	16.9	0
2	Sat	8.5	18.8	0
3	Sun	6.6	19.2	0
4	Mon	4.9	21.7	0

Rain this week	0mm
April. rainfall	2.0mm
Rainfall YTD	149.2mm
Rainfall last YTD	468.8mm
Ave. rain YTD	398.9mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Community spirit shines through memorial garden



The Guyra & Community Progress Association has extended its sincere thanks to Kolora Aged Care management for providing the space and ongoing support to create a new memorial garden and reflective area for residents, their families, and staff.

The project stands as a testament to strong community spirit, with many locals contributing their time, skills, and resources to bring the space to life.

Central to the effort was Kolora's gardener Sara Hancock who, alongside her children, spent several weeks preparing the site by manually. Sarah's children Grace, Max and Will participated in a school based community service project where they gathered and bagged fresh sheep fertilizer for the gardens and assisted with the preparation and planting of the garden beds.

They were also joined by

Progress Association members Barb and John, who helped plant a vibrant selection of greenery and cottage flowers, adding colour and vitality to the garden.

Further contributions came from Mara Grills, who donated lucerne hay, while Progress members Craig and Rodney provided essential labour, including concreting work and the installation of the garden's sculpture.

The Association also acknowledged Robyn Jackson for her donation of a Kangaroo Paw and the generous donation from the Guyra Garden Club, noting that the contribution played a significant role in the project's success.

The completed garden offers a calm reflective space, highlighting what can be achieved when community groups work together towards a shared goal.

In contrast, the community has recently been left disappointed fol-

lowing the vandalism of a newly constructed stone wall in the NAB car park.

In response, the Association expressed its gratitude to local contractor Paul Kirk, who has volunteered his time and services free of charge to repair the damage. The gesture has been described as another example of the strong community spirit present in Guyra.

The Association has also met with Armidale Regional Council to address concerns about vandalism and graffiti. As a result, a security camera will be installed in the NAB car park and various other locations throughout town, which will be monitored by Council and the local Police, to deter future incidents.

The initiative is expected to provide reassurance to residents and help protect community infrastructure moving forward.

*Sonya Wallbridge
President,*

Community Invited to Biggest Morning Tea

Residents are warmly invited to come together for a cuppa and a cause this Thursday, May 7th, as the ADRA Shop on Aboomala Street hosts a Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser.

Starting from 10am, the event is part of Cancer Council Australia's Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, a nationwide initiative that brings communities together to raise vital funds for cancer research, prevention and support services.

Guests can look forward to a welcoming morning featuring fresh scones, homemade cakes, tea and coffee, along with a coffee van on site. Organisers say the event is as much about connection as it is about fundraising.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea is one of the country's largest annual fundraisers, helping provide support for Australians affected by cancer. With almost one in two Australians diagnosed with cancer

by the age of 85, events like these play an important role in funding research and delivering services to those in need.

Everyone is welcome to attend, with locals encouraged to drop in, enjoy a treat, and make a donation if they can.

Organisers say they are looking forward to seeing familiar faces and new visitors alike for a morning of generosity, friendship and community spirit.

Just a Farmer screening to lead into Accidental Counsellor course

Just a Farmer, a national award-winning film, is helping to spark conversations that can save lives.

The powerful film tells the story of a farming family navigating grief, silence and the ripple effects of suicide in rural Australia.

Through authentic storytelling and raw emotional truth, it highlights resilience, connection, and the reality that behind every farmer is a family, and behind every loss, a community is forever changed.

The community screening is being hosted by the CWA Guyra Evening Branch. It will be held on May 9th at 5.30pm in the Guyra Central School Gymnasium. Entry is by gold coin donation.

“By screening Just a Farmer and involving support services

like RAMHP and local psychologists, we can ensure the community is supported while engaging with these confronting topics,” said Kate Matthews, CWA Guyra Evening Branch President.

The evening includes supper, sweets, the film screening, and a Q&A session with New England Family Support and local psychologist Marni Hietbrink.

The following week, New England Community College (NECC), in partnership with Empowered Minds Training and Consultancy, is bringing an Accidental Counsellor course to Guyra on May 14th.

The course is part of a broader community focus to strengthen practical skills for those supporting others through difficult times.

It complements the screening of the award-winning Australian

film Just a Farmer.

NECC CEO Kelso Looker said many people are increasingly providing informal support to others.

“Across our communities, particularly with ongoing drought, rising living costs and fuel prices, many people are finding themselves in the role of an ‘accidental counsellor’ — supporting others at work, at home and in everyday life,” he said.

Mr Looker said the initiative reflects NECC’s commitment to building stronger, more resilient communities across the New England region.

Accredited by Suicide Prevention Australia, the workshop is designed to build confidence and equip participants with the skills to recognise signs of emotional distress and respond safely and effectively.

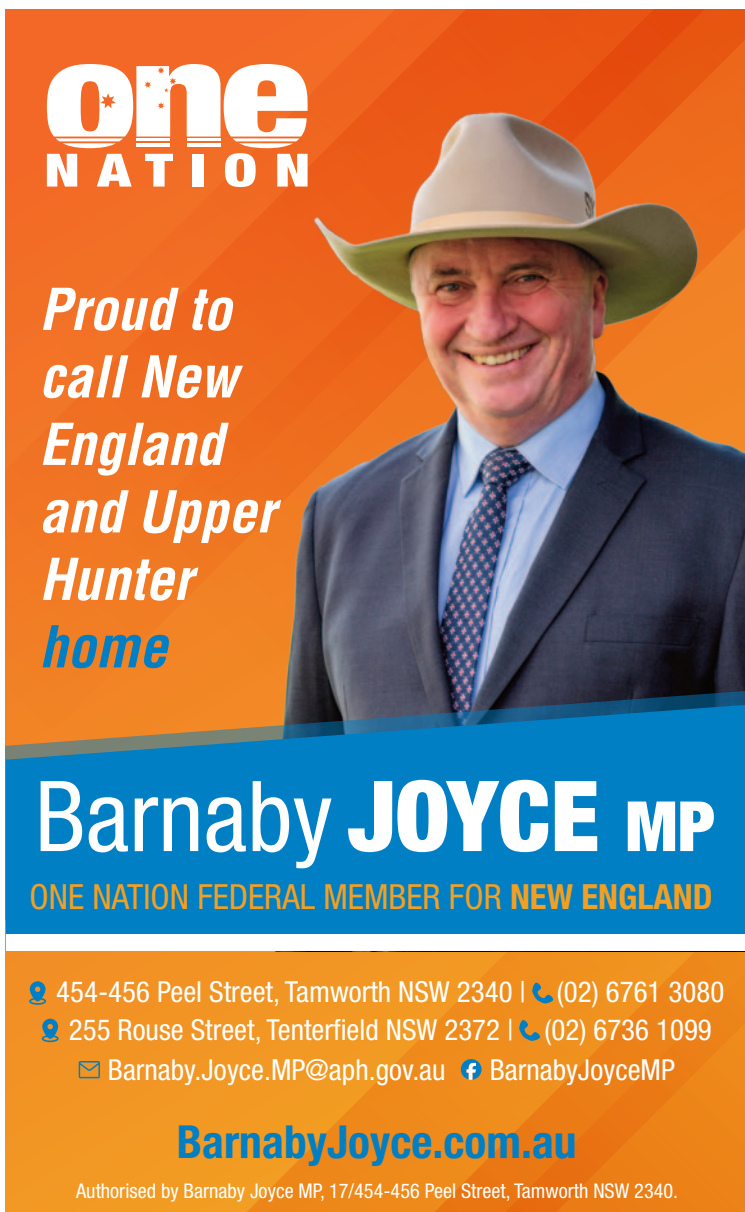
It also covers practical approaches to having difficult conversations, maintaining appropriate boundaries, and connecting people with professional support services.

While the film may evoke strong emotional responses, it also underscores the importance of awareness and community support.

The Accidental Counsellor course aims to build on that awareness by equipping participants with practical skills.

Additional courses will also be delivered in Armidale and Glen Innes.

For course details, including fees and registration, visit the NECC website or call 02 6779 2132 to register.



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COMMUNITY EVENT
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GUYRA CENTRAL SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
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TIME: 5.30PM, 6PM SUPPER,
6.15PM GUEST SPEAKERS
TARRA SWIFT & NIGEL FORSYTH (NEFS)
SCREENING STARTS AT 7PM
FOLLOWED BY Q&A PANEL
COST: GOLD COIN DONATION

Meals on Wheels

May 7 Heather Marchant
 May 8 Golf Ladies
 May 11 Bob Furze
 May 12 Regional Bank
 May 13 Kath Barry-Leven

Street Stalls

May 7,8 Freemasons
 May 14,15,16 Rotarys
 May 21,22,23 Lions
 May 30 Hospital Auxiliary

Church Notices

St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church Vigil Mass 5pm (during winter) 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

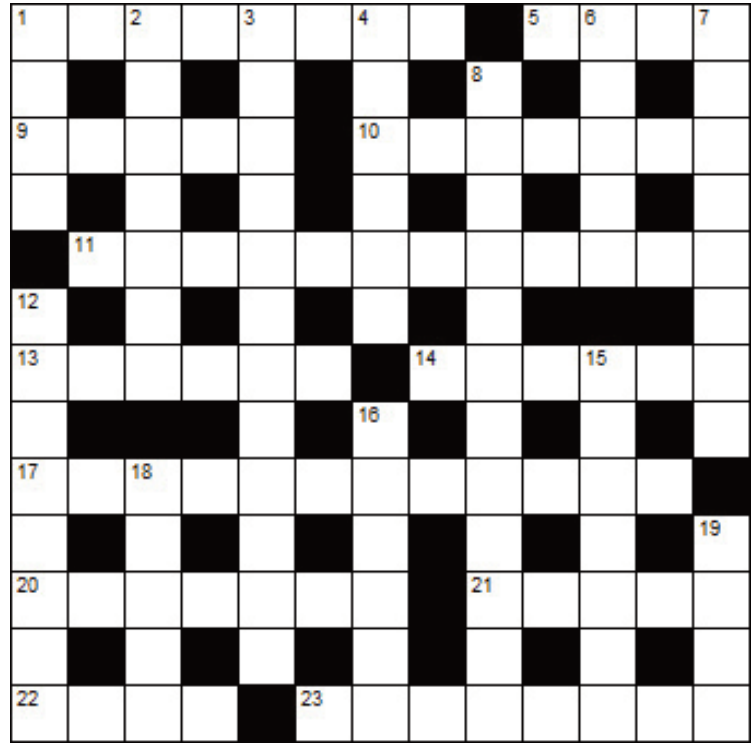
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- 5 Where one finds Tehran (4)
- 9 Small primate (5)
- 10 Eighth sign of the zodiac (7)
- 11 Not staying the same throughout (12)
- 13 Waterproof overshoe (6)
- 14 Cut up (6)
- 17 Imitator (12)
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- 21 Nationality of Oscar Wilde (5)
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- 23 Deadlock (5-3)

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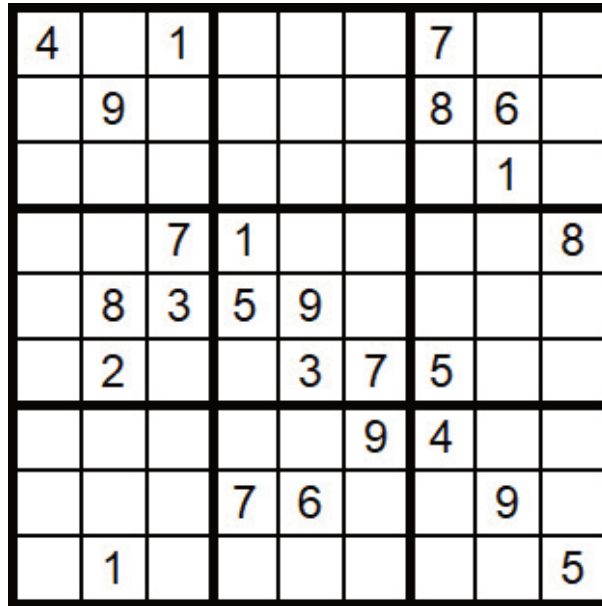
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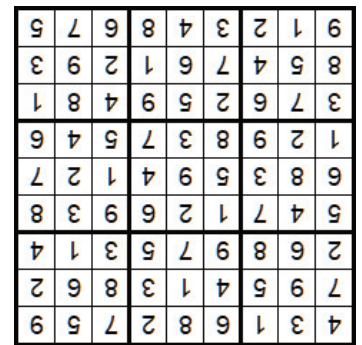


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- 18 First Pope (5)
- 19 Cook (4)

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Club lands a goal with new life-saving device

The Guyra Polocrosse Club is one of the strongest in the region and now competitors, organisers and spectators can venture to the Bald Blair grounds with more peace of mind thanks to the club securing an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) through the Local Sport Defibrillator Program 2025-26.

The club hosts big numbers for their regular carnivals at their grounds 10 kilometres east of Guyra and Member for Northern Tablelands Brendan Moylan said having a defibrillator on-hand is essential for organisations, particularly ones who are based so far away from medical services.

“Guyra Polocrosse Club’s carnivals can attract large numbers of people, and they can vary in age,” Mr Moylan said.

“We know that cardiac arrest can affect anyone at any time and a person’s chance of survival can double, or even triple, if a defibrillator is used in conjunction with CPR.

“The closest hospital is 10 minutes from club’s grounds and that time is vital, so having an Automated External Defibrillator on-hand following cardiac arrest could be the difference between life and death.

“It is great news for the Guyra Polocrosse Club, and the entire community east of the



Guyra Polocrosse Club president Dan Klabe, Member for Northern Tablelands Brendan Moylan and Guyra Polocrosse Club secretary Sara Hancock at the Bald Blair Recreation Reserve.

town, to have access to another defibrillator.”

The defibrillator has been installed within the clubhouse and Guyra Polocrosse president Dan Klabe said it is a comfort to the committee and club members to have one available, should they need it.

“Our club caters to people of all ages, plus you get retired polocrosse players turning up to support the events and carnivals,” he said.

“It is definitely handy to have a defibrillator located at the club grounds should anyone ever need it.”

Black Mountain Public School Transition Program



Our transition students have had a great start to learning this term with their transition leader Mrs Sapphire Roller. Last week, students enjoyed choir with the K-2 students and then produced some wonderful animal habitats with play dough, enjoyed painting with watercolours and participated in literacy and numeracy activities.

At Black Mountain Public School, transition students learn through creative play and hands on learning activities, to prepare them for Kindergarten, the following year.

Each Friday transition students partic-

ipate in activities with our K-2 Echidna’s class as well as other school activities such as assemblies and cultural events. The wellbeing and care of all our students is our highest priority. Ensuring a smooth transition to Kindergarten means a great start to school.

If you have a child who is four years of age or turning four and would like to know more about our transition program, please contact the school on 02 6775 0192 to speak to our experienced executive teachers and teaching team.

Mrs Justine Eddy
Relieving Principal

Voices of New England

Voices of New England has officially relaunched with a new campaign celebrating the people, places and shared values that define the region.

Its first initiative, Love New England, invites residents to share what they value most about living, working and raising families across the electorate. From short commutes and scenic roads to national parks, strong community networks and resilient towns, the campaign highlights the positives shared from Muswellbrook to Tenterfield.

Convenor Adam Blakester said the campaign offers a timely reminder of common ground. He noted that while politics can feel divisive, community-driven conversations focus on shared priorities such as wellbeing, safety and connection.

“Love New England is about what connects us — our communities, landscapes and the pride we share in this region,” he said.

Communications lead Joanne Stead described the campaign as a positive entry point for engagement, encouraging people to reconnect through shared pride while opening broader discussions about the region’s future.

Community members are encouraged to follow Voices of New England on Facebook, Instagram or LinkedIn and contribute their own stories, favourite places, bucket-list destinations and reasons they love living in the region.

The group says the campaign marks the beginning of wider community engagement as it builds momentum ahead of the 2028 federal election.



Gazette's Celebrity Footy Tipping

A bit of a lack lustre weekend for our tipsters after a couple of weeks of high scoring with some major upsets in the competition. With mid-range scores across the board, the movement in the ladder was minimal.

Farmer Joe and Lilley tied for this week's wooden spoon but that wasn't even enough to elevate Bundles from the bottom of the barrel where they are still 6 points behind Broncos.

Timmy the Tiger and Dipstick continue to lead the charge though Queen B has buzzed her way up to equal first on 88. Its still anyone's game at this point in the season, however and

there are only 4 points separating first and third place with nearly half our tipsters falling into the top three places.

Our celebrity tipsters continue their tight competition though Sue relinquished the top spot this week, leaving fellow real estate guru Marie and Smokey the Butcher holding firm to the top spot, and joining Councilor Eli in 2nd place.

Vu's mid-range tipping moved him up the ladder a rung, with Soley still clinging to the bottom despite a decent score of 12.

Happy tipping everyone!

Sue's Tips

- Dolphins
- Roosters
- Cowboys
- Knights
- Rabbits
- Broncos
- Tigers
- Panthers



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Soley's Tips

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- Roosters
- Cowboys
- Knights
- Rabbits
- Sea Eagles
- Tigers
- Raiders



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MCLS' Tips

- Dolphins
- Roosters
- Cowboys
- Knights
- Sharks
- Sea Eagles
- Storm
- Panthers



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Score: 76

Vu's Tips

- Dolphins
- Roosters
- Cowboys
- Dragons
- Rabbits
- Broncos
- Storm
- Panthers



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Score: 76

Robert's Tips

- Dolphins
- Roosters
- Cowboys
- Knights
- Rabbits
- Broncos
- Storm
- Panthers



Opening Hours:

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8.00am to 5.30pm
Saturday:
8.00am to 12pm



105 Bradley Street
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Score: 84

Marie's Tips

- Dolphins
- Roosters
- Cowboys
- Knights
- Rabbits
- Sea Eagles
- Tigers
- Panthers



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Score: 84

Kim's Tips

- Bulldogs
- Roosters
- Cowboys
- Knights
- Rabbits
- Sea Eagles
- Storm
- Raiders



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120A Bradley St,

Score: 80

Eli's Tips

- Bulldogs
- Roosters
- Cowboys
- Dragons
- Rabbits
- Sea Eagles
- Tigers
- Panthers



Cr Eli Imad

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Score: 82



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RAFFLE RESULTS

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MEETING NOTICES

BALDERSLEIGH BUSHFIRE BRIGADE will hold their AGM on Sunday, 24th May at 1.30pm at the Baldersleigh Fire Shed. Tea & coffee provided. Enquiries 0428 953 602.

HISTORICAL MUSEUM

GUYRA HISTORICAL MUSEUM is open on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays 10.00am to 2pm. 190 Bradley Street, Guyra

FOOD PANTRY

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CLAIM THE DATE

THURSDAY, 7th MAY
Australia's Biggest Morning Tea will be held at ADRA, Aboomala Street, Guyra

FRIDAY & SATURDAY,
12th & 13th June

Rotary Mini Book Fair 10am - 3pm at Rotary Hall, 18 Nincoola Street (Cnr. of White Street)
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The family of Betty Wright would like to thank the Guyra Ambulance and Piddingtons for their care, comfort and support at this sad time.

We thank everyone for your flowers, condolences, cards, food, cooking, people that phoned and dropped in for a cuppa and chat; also our close family and friends.

Please accept this as our personal thank you.

*Caroline, Arthur & Thomas Atkins
Lex, Evan & Margaret Wright*

TRAINLINK BOOKINGS

Regional Coach Bookings
from 1st July 2026

As part of ongoing improvements to regional travel, NSW TrainLink will introduce a revised coach timetable from 1st July 2026.

Timetables for the updated routes are still being finalised and, as a result, bookings for coach services after 1st July 2026 have been delayed but should be available from early May.

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Senior Hockey

Second grade faced off with a very young, fit and drilled TAS team on Saturday. The opportunities were there, but we just couldn't get a score on the board.

Poppy Post shut down her school mates in the mids, and made their defence work hard. The game was made interesting with a penalty stroke caused by Maz - we had full faith in our GK, Carla who kept the score as 0-0 right to the end.

Third grade took on Harlies, just being defeated 1-nil. It was a great game and both teams showed strong defence and attack with the game moving from one end to the other, constantly with many chances had by both teams.

Guyra connected many shots on goal either being saved by the goalie or hitting the posts but unfortunately not finding the back of the goal.

Harlies snuck through with a goal due to some miscommunication on a short corner which 3rd grade are again showing their enjoyment for many short corners, but rest assured when Jenny hears the word go she is ready to go.

While it was a loss there were still many great improvements and great teamwork on show showing the growth and strength of this team as they go into the 2026 season.

Junior Hockey

The junior hockey teams took an exciting step forward this week as both age groups adapted to new formats.

The **Under 10s** played their

first match on a half field. It was fantastic to welcome new players Will and Dallas, who quickly got involved. The increased space demanded plenty of running, but the team rose to the challenge, with all players contributing to an enjoyable game. Despite going down 5-0, the scoreline was no reflection of the team's effort.

Meanwhile, the **Under 12s** faced their own milestone, taking to a full field for the first time. While adjusting to the larger playing area will take some time, the team showed strong effort and commitment throughout. Clancy Robinson provided stability through the middle, while Casey and Arlie worked hard to drive the ball forward. In defence, Will and Charles stood firm under pressure.

Encouragingly, the team demonstrated a willingness to learn and apply positional play, and it will be exciting to watch their progress as they build confidence in the weeks ahead.

Junior Soccer

Junior soccer has returned for the year and as a club Guyra United are very happy with the number of returning and new faces across the teams.

The **Under 6 Phantoms** played their first game of the season this weekend, travelling down to Armidale to take on the Norths Red Rhinos. After losing a few key players from last year, the Phantoms had to recruit well in the off season. And that they did, bringing in the progeny of some of the Caspers best, with Lottie

Burey and Wynafred Starreveld making their long awaited debuts. All the kids put in a massive effort and played on the field the entire game. Lottie kicked her first goal with a level of nonchalance that suggests there could be many more to come. Great game by all the Phantoms and their supporters!!

The **Under 8 Goosebumps** got off to a great start this season with a win against East Armidale. They were all impressive with their team work and ball skills. Fraser, Jack and Nathaniel all played well contributing to the win.

It's a big team in the **Under 10s** this year but everyone was happy to have their first run. They took on Westside, where the Williams twins couldn't be held back both getting goals, along with Vinnie. Guyra was all over Westside and had a lot of near misses as well. They look forward to playing at home this weekend.

The **Under 14s** took the field and is Guyra's only competitive junior team this year. That means there are players playing well above their age group. That didn't deter them against a much older Norths team. They started out strong but Norths movement lead to a goal, this was quickly followed up by a second, for 2 to nil score line at halftime.

The team took the field for the second half and were much better in the early stage, going with a couple of great saves from the keeper and excellent defensive efforts. However norths finished strong and run out 4 to nil win-

ners.

There is plenty to build on at training and look to bounce back against Easts on Saturday.

Vets Golf

Last Tuesday we played our 4BBB Stableford. A field of 22 contested this event boosted with five visitors from Tamworth. Robert Moore and Wayne Archibald had a great win with 46 points. Close behind on 45 was Don Campbell and Len Stanley getting the runners up on a count-back from Neil Paine and Dave Brown. NTPs went to Wal Chapman, Don Campbell and Colin Mulligan. Next week is an individual Stableford.

Drake

Ladies' Golf


Last week the Ladies played the Foursomes Championships over 27 holes. A big thank you to Carmichael Wool Co. for their generous sponsorship. The Lady golfers appreciate your support!

The Gross winners were Wendy George and Kerry Bull. Gross Runners up were Donna White and Debbie Burey. Nett Winners were Jenni Jackson and Belinda Lenehan. Nett Runners up were Vicki Reeves and Suzanne Towells.

Nearest the pin winners were, Tina Skipper on the 7th hole. Leonie Taylor on the 9th hole. Pip White on the 10th hole.

This week is a Par Medal. Next week is the 4th Golf NSW Medal Round,

Birdie



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Happy Gilmore	86	Bulldog	76
DJ	86	Farmer Joe	74
Luigi	84	Lilley	72
Froggo	84	Broncos	72
Winter Wombat	82	Bundles	66

Bye:
Raiders

Spuds feel the heat against Barrabra

The Super Spuds almost blew a big lead before clinging to a six-point win in very hot conditions at Barraba on Sunday.

The sides traded tries in the middle of the first half with Jackson Coote pouncing on a Ben Vidler kick that hit the post for Guyra's try.

Barraba's hit-back gave it a 6-4 lead before Vidler and Coote combined again, this time leading to a break and a Tommy Ryan try.

Archie Dowden converted for a 10-6 lead.

The Bulldogs returned serve again to lead 12-10 at halftime but Vidler drifted across field and dummied his way through the defence to put the Spuds back in front early in the second half.

That started a dominant period for Guyra with Archie Dowden finishing the next raid and Robert Sisson finishing a great break from Rave Brazier.

When Billy Youman crashed over after a break by Bailey Wilson the Spuds had forged a 34-12 lead.

It should have been an easy finish from there but Barraba had almost all of the ball in the last 20 minutes as penalty after penalty marched them downfield and 34-12 soon became 34-28 and Guyra was on its heels.

Barraba went within a metre of scoring what could have been the levelling try but the Guyra de-



17-year-old Hugo Brazier on the charge for the Spuds

fence did just enough and it finished 34-28.

Coote was players' player and scored three best and fairest points.

The other points went to Sisson (2) and Youman (1) while Hugo

Brazier had his best game from the bench and Rave Brazier was dangerous in open space before being sent off after the siren.

Earlier the reserve graders missed out by just two points when Barraba scored late to steal

that game 22-20.

Mark Robinson scored two tries for the Spuds, while Anthony Dittman picked up one – all in the second half after Barraba took a 8-nil lead at halftime.

The club points went to Dittman (3), Brett Beard (2) and Kingi Kerr-Watene (1) while Beard was players' player.

The leaguetag game also started with Guyra conceding a lead.

Barraba raced to 12-nil before the Spudettes slowly fought their way back into the contest.

Paige Vickery scored the first of her three tries to cut the margin to eight.

The Bulldogs went further in front before Vickery scored her second from a wild bounce at it was 18-10 at the break.

Barraba scored first in the second half before Vickery's best of the day – a long, slicing run and try from 50m out.

Astasia Marr converted to make it 24-16 and after defending well in the dying stages that was how the score stayed.

Vickery (3), Lorissa Wilson (2) and Kayla White (1) polled club points while Vickery was also players' player.

Guyra is back at home this Sunday against Glen Innes.

It is Mother's Day and the club will also hold its annual Ladies' Day with two grades in action.

Mixed results for Caspers against Uralla

The Senior Caspers travelled south this weekend to take on the knitted cardigans of Uralla United.

First up was 4th grade, with Guyra looking to build on the solid performances of the last few games. Uralla were a couple of players short at the start and even had a young kid filling in, who appeared to only be between the ages of 6 and 9.

Guyra started well and opened the scoring through a rampaging Lincoln Brown. Guyra's celebrations were muted, as they knew there was more to do.

It was at this stage that Uralla brought on reinforcements with one of their 3rd grade players join-

ing the game up front and kicking a hat-trick of goals before half time. Uralla scored again just after the break, making it 4-1.

Lincoln kicked his second goal shortly after as the Caspers got their second wind, and continued to play hard right to the end. Alas a Guyra hat-trick was not forthcoming, with the final score being 4-2 to Uralla.

In 3rd grade, the Caspers were taking on a renewed Uralla outfit after they rejoined the 3rd grade competition after a few years out. The Caspers were a few short this week and were thankful to have a few of the 4ths players backing up, including Ash Holt who played

180 minutes across both games.

The 3rd grade started at a frenetic pace, with both teams trying to get on the front foot to gain the ascendancy. Guyra scored first, with Aidan Brown making it a memorable day out for the Brown Brothers and putting one in the back of the net through one of his many well timed runs at goal.

The middle part of the game proved to be a tight contest, but the Caspers were able to apply pressure at key moments by holding the ball and maintaining possession.

The Caspers next two goals came off the sparkling left boot of Rob Starreveld, giving much

needed hope to the farmers out there that when it rains, it might just pour. Adam Litherland tried hard to leave his mark on the game, but with ageing legs could only manage to do that literally, taking a large chunk of dirt out of the Uralla pitch, providing some comic relief towards the end of the second half.

The ever reliable Angus Hickey then shepherded in yet another Guyra goal to bring the final score to 4-0 to the Caspers, who now sit at the top of the table.

Next week the Caspers take on Westside White at home in the 3rd grade, while 4ths have the bye.