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Strong results at Finlayson Cup Athletics Carnival

Students from Bald Blair Public School and Black Mountain Public School joined other small schools at the annual Finlayson Cup Athletics Carnival hosted by Chandler Public School on Wednesday, May 6th.

The day featured a range of track and field events including age races, relays, long jump, shot put, discus and high jump, giving students the opportunity to showcase their athletic abilities while competing in a fun and supportive environment.

Bald Blair Public School enjoyed an especially successful carnival, proudly taking home the marching competition trophy for the second consecutive year. Students were praised for their teamwork, school spirit and excellent sportsmanship throughout the day.

Several Bald Blair students were recognised for their outstanding individual performances:

- Grace Schaefer – Senior Girl Champion
- Claudia Evans – Senior Girl Runner-Up
- Dustin Turnham – 11 Year Boy Champion
- Caleb Kopp – 11 Year Boy Runner-Up



- Fergus McFarlane – Junior Boy Champion
- Banjo McFarlane – Sub-Junior Boy Champion
- Ebonee Cruickshank – Sub-Junior Girl Champion

Relieving Principal Mrs Elizabeth Opie congratulated students on their efforts and thanked Chandler Public School for organising another successful carnival.

Students from Black Mountain Public School also enjoyed the opportunity to compete alongside neighbouring schools and were commended for their sporting achievements and positive

Bald Blair (above) and Black Mountain (right) schools enjoyed success at the annual carnival

attitude throughout the day.

Relieving Principal Mrs Justine Eddy thanked Chandler Public School for hosting the event and providing students with a fantastic athletics experience.

Both schools are already looking forward to returning for next year's Finlayson Cup carnival.



PUBLIC FORUM

BARNABY JOYCE

Federal Member for New England

3pm, 16 May 2026

Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club

192 Bradley Street, Guyra



Agriculture Students Shine at Prime Lamb Show

Agriculture students from Guyra Central School recently impressed at the Northern Schools Prime Lamb Show, held in Armidale on Tuesday, May 5th.

The annual event, hosted this year by Armidale Secondary College, attracted competitors from 14 schools across the New England and North West regions.

Guyra Central School students achieved strong results across several categories. Rachael Jackson placed third in Lamb Leading, while Lachlan Cruickshank secured third place in Junior Judging Stage 4.

The school's success continued in Junior Judging Stage 6, with Lacey Cruickshank earning second place and Shilla Remkonkon taking third.

Guyra Central School teams also performed well in the Pen of 3 Lambs competition, finishing fifth and sixth overall.

Agricultural Studies teacher

Miss Grace Collins said the day provided a valuable opportunity for students to connect with others who share a passion for agriculture and livestock showing.

"Our students thoroughly enjoyed meeting peers from across the region and challenging themselves in a competitive, supportive environment," she said.

School staff Gwyn and Ian Pearson were also recognised for their commitment to preparing students for the competition and supporting them throughout the event.

Organisers and teachers agreed the Prime Lamb Show offered students an invaluable experience, helping to build practical skills, confidence and friendships. The school congratulated all participants for representing Guyra Central School with enthusiasm and pride.



Year 9 student Rachael Jackson

CWA celebrate success at State Conference



Above I to r:

Cindy Beaton (Group Handicraft Officer & Guyra Evening CWA), Mary Hollingworth (Glen Innes CWA & 2026 Cookery Judge), Wendy Warner (Delegate Guyra Evening CWA) and Linda Gwilym (Delegate Guyra Evening CWA.)

Guyra Evening CWA were celebrating last week with news from the 2026 CWA Conference Cultural Competition that one their own is a winner in more ways than one.

Branch Treasurer and cookbook convenor Jessira Saunders was announced as an award winning artist in her first showing at State.

Jessira won not one but two firsts from three amazing paintings, while all three of her works have found happy appreciative homes. She was unable to attend, but some of her many friends toasted her incredible success at the conference which was held in Foster.

There are other local successes from the State Competitions which will be reported on soon.

Warm and cold extremes after driest April in decades

Guyra has experienced dramatic weather contrasts in recent weeks, recording both its warmest May day on record and its coldest May morning in seven years, following an exceptionally dry April.

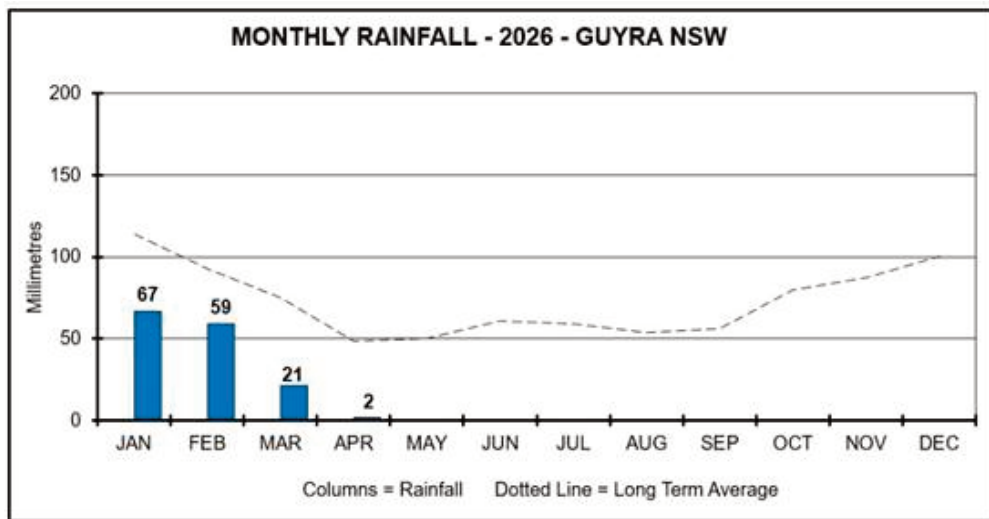
On May 4th, the temperature climbed to 21.7 degrees, narrowly surpassing the previous May record of 21.6 degrees set on May 24, 2016. The unusually warm conditions were driven by strong north-westerly winds pulling warm air into New South Wales ahead of a cold front that moved through the region early on May 5.

Just four days later, on May 8th, temperatures plunged to minus 4.1 degrees overnight, marking the coldest May morning since May 31st, 2019, when Guyra recorded minus 6.0 degrees.

The extreme temperature swings followed what was officially the driest April in 46 years for Guyra.

Only 2.0 millimetres of rain was recorded during the month, falling on just one day. The last drier April occurred in 1980, when only 1.6 millimetres was recorded. The long-term April average rainfall is 49 millimetres.

Despite the lack of rain, temperatures remained well above average throughout the



month. The average maximum temperature for April was 20.5 degrees, compared with the long-term average of 18.1 degrees. Overnight temperatures averaged 6.3 degrees, slightly below the long-term average of 6.9 degrees.

The hottest day of the month reached 26.6 degrees on April 8th, while the coldest daytime maximum was 13.8 degrees on April 25th.

Guyra also recorded four frosts during

April, above the long-term average of 2.5 frosts for the month. The coldest overnight minimum was 0.3 degrees on April 13th.

The recent weather pattern highlights the region's continuing run of dry conditions, combined with significant temperature variability as autumn transitions into winter.

Weather information for Guyra courtesy of www.weatherarmidale.com/guyra

Debate continues over future use of rail corridor

Debate over the future of the disused Great Northern Rail corridor has intensified following the federal government's decision to abandon the Inland Rail project north of Parkes and the launch of community consultation on the proposed New England Rail Trail Framework.

Last week, Armidale Regional Council began public consultation on the proposed framework covering the 67-kilometre rail corridor between Armidale and Ben Lomond. The proposal would see the unused rail line transformed into a recreational trail for walking and cycling under the NSW Government's Rail Trails Framework.

At the same time, rail advocacy group Trains North has renewed calls for major freight rail investment across northern New South Wales and Queensland following confirmation the Inland Rail project will not proceed beyond Parkes.

Trains North president Matthew Tierney said the decision, while disappointing, was not unexpected given the project's escalating costs. He said the original 2006 estimate of \$3.5 billion had proven unrealistic, with recent reviews showing costs had increased dramatically.

Mr Tierney said the cancellation strength-

ened the case for revisiting the historic Main North Line through the Northern Tablelands, linking Werris Creek to Queensland via Tamworth, Armidale and Glen Innes. He argued the existing rail corridor would be easier and cheaper to upgrade than constructing entirely new infrastructure.

Trains North is now calling for a fresh study into the proposal outlined in its paper, The New England Connection, and is seeking community and government backing for renewed freight rail development in the region.

The organisation argues the corridor should remain under consideration for future freight use, saying improved rail infrastructure is critical for economic growth, road safety, lower emissions, fuel security and national transport resilience.

Supporters of the proposed rail trail, however, believe a recently released draft 20-year transport blueprint for the New England North West strengthens the case for transforming the line into a tourism and recreation asset.

The Draft New England North West Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plan (SRITP), released by the NSW Government in late April, outlines proposed

short, medium and long-term transport improvements aimed at strengthening regional connections, supporting industry growth and improving local transport options.

Importantly, the draft report states that "the Australian and NSW governments are not planning to progress reinstatement of the former Main North Line north of Armidale".

The plan was developed following consultation with councils, MPs, community groups and more than 500 public submissions, and is the region's first integrated transport strategy in more than a decade.

NSW Regional Transport Minister Jenny Aitchison said community feedback would play an important role in refining the final strategy, while Labor spokespersons Anthony D'Adam and Peter Primrose said the plan would help identify future transport priorities and better connect communities, businesses and freight networks across the region.

Public consultation on the draft transport plan remains open until June 14.

More information on community drop-in sessions for the proposed New England Rail Trail Framework is available through Armidale Regional Council's Your Say engagement hub.

What's HOT

New gardening column on page 8

This week is Neighbourhood Centre week - your place to connect with some great services in the community

Support Australian Made Week by shopping right here in Guyra

What's NOT

Our community spending over a \$1,000,000 on gambling a year.

JOKE of the week

Why don't scientists trust atoms anymore?
Because they make up everything!

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
5	Tues	7.7	17.3	0
6	Wed	7.8	16.2	5.0
7	Thurs	3.0	12.6	0.8
8	Fri	-4.1	12.7	0
9	Sat	-0.4	17.3	0
10	Sun	2.7	19.0	0
11	Mon	6.4	15.4	0

Rain this week	5.8mm
May. rainfall	5.8mm
Rainfall YTD	155.0mm
Rainfall last YTD	472.4mm
Ave. rain YTD	398.9mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Second birthday for the Glen Innes Maternity Group Practice



Guyra mums were among those who enjoyed the celebration

The 5th of May was International Day of the Midwife and so it was totally fitting that the Glen Innes Maternity Group Practice (MGP) should hold a birthday party marking two years of service to the community.

There was a great turnout of Mums and their little ones. 190 women have used the service since it opened. ANZAC park

(Glen Innes) was a terrific venue and morning tea was provided. It was beautiful to see how continuity of care given by the caring midwives, has created a community of women (and their partners) that trust their midwives and are now thriving as parents.

Some Guyra mums made the trip, and speaking to them about their experience of the MGP I

would encourage anyone who is pregnant to check it out. It is like having a private midwife but costs nothing, and 'your' midwife will visit you in your own home for your appointments.

There is an option to have your baby in Glen Innes or your midwife will travel to Armidale and support you there.

Ruth Stace

Have your say...

I was quietly reading the insert in the Guyra Gazette the other day proposing the reintroduction of the railway and wondering if I was reading a child's fairytale. Then the penny dropped and I realised the author was serious. Ye gods, do people actually believe this nonsense? I have visited two rail trails in Victoria and it is obvious to me that the author of the insert has no idea of what he or she is talking about. A rail trail through Guyra would be a great thing for our town.

Don't be fooled by the misinformation and ill informed nonsense in this article folks, because that's all it is!

John Ross



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Community and Village Grants to support local projects

Community groups and organisations from across the region have been awarded funding in the latest round of Armidale Regional Council's (ARC) Community Grants Program, and four new village projects have received support via the latest round of Village Grants funding.

ARC's Community Small Grants and Community Support Grants support groups and services within our local government area to deliver projects that address community needs, while promoting social inclusion and community connection.

Similarly, Village Grants provide financial support for initiatives that benefit the region's village communities.

The latest grant rounds closed on 23 March 2026. According to Mayor Sam Coupland, each grant benefits people and the region.

"By regularly offering Community and Village Grants, Council can assist local groups to continue the good work they do, including delivering projects and programs that help build stronger, more connected communities," said Mayor Coupland.

"I'm proud that we are able to sup-

port grassroots organisations through this funding. They play a vital role enriching the social, cultural, and recreational fabric of our region - and sometimes a little 'leg-up' is all that is needed for a great project to get off the ground and make a big impact!"

At the Ordinary Council Meeting on 22 April, Council approved the distribution of more than \$50,000 under the 2025/26 Community Support and Small Grants program budget to the following groups:

- New England Regional Art Museum for The Short Writers festival - \$5000
- Mad Proppa Deadly Indigenous Corporation for 'Us Girls: Aboriginal Women's Cultural Arts & Wellbeing Program' - \$4800
- 19 for 19 Challenge for Community Event Sustainability (19 for 19 Challenge) - \$5000
- The Armidale and Region Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Keeping Place Inc for NAIDOC Week Community Event - \$5000
- Highlands End-of-Life Project Inc for Highlands Community Hospice Service - \$2500
- New England Dance Eisteddfod

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- Armidale Legacy Club for Armidale Veteran Community Social Support Luncheons - \$4029
- The Musicians of Armidale Inc for Mentoring performers, building audiences - \$5000
- Thread Shed Armidale for Nina Gbor Re-styling Workshop and Clothes Swap - \$3000
- The Armidale Playhouse for Power supply to storage shed - \$2000
- Guyra Central School for Guyra Recreation Ground mural - \$2000
- Southern New England Landcare - Armidale Urban Rivercare Group for Revitalising AURG's equipment trailer - \$1500
- Guyra RSL Sub-branch for Guyra RSL Support - \$1000
- ANTaR for Youth Dance Armidale - \$2500
- Armidale Youth Orchestra for Providing instruments to students - \$2500
- Police Citizens Youth Clubs NSW Ltd for EmpowHer Juniors (Primary school Initiative) - \$3952
- 2nd Armidale Scout Group for Creative Skills Camp - \$2000

At this meeting, Council also approved the distribution of \$17,000 of the available Village Grants funding for 2025/26 to:

- Police Citizens Youth Club NSW for EmpowHer Juniors Village Outreach - \$3,500
- Kellys Plains Dangarsleigh Branch of the CWA for Kellys Plains Dangarsleigh Branch 100th Birthday Celebration - \$1000
- Wongwibinda Progress Association for Wongwibinda Hall Tank upgrade - \$3500
- Armidale RSL Sub-Branch for ANZAC Day Commemoration Ceremonies - \$500
- Wollomombi Local Area Committee for Wollomombi Local Area Support - \$3500
- New England Conservatorium of Music for New England Sings - \$5000

Community and Village Grants are offered throughout the year. Details are available via council's website: <https://www.armidale.nsw.gov.au/Services/Support-services/Grants-and-funding/Community-grants-and-support>



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Meals on Wheels

May 14 Bea Velthuis
 May 15 Steve Norris
 May 18 Toni Kirkman
 May 19 Bec Broughton
 May 20 Bea Velthuis

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

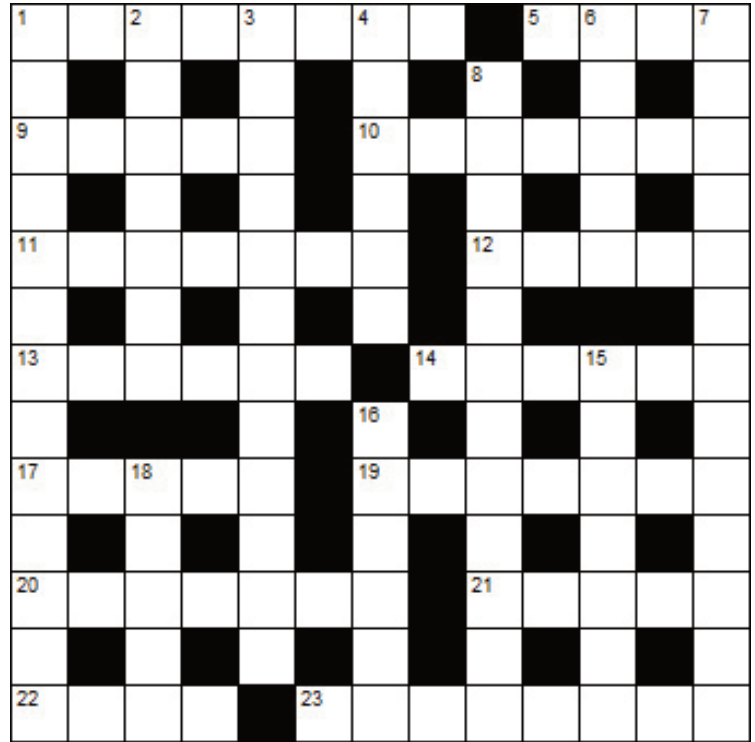
ACROSS:

- 1 Circumspection (8)
- 5 Coalition of countries (4)
- 9 Mother-of-pearl (5)
- 10 Variant of a thing (7)
- 11 Rattling noise (7)
- 12 Big Cat (5)
- 13 Walk stealthily (6)
- 14 Grinned (6)
- 17 Embed; type of filling (6)
- 19 Colossal (7)
- 20 Retaining (7)
- 21 Doctrine, system of beliefs (5)
- 22 Home for a bird (4)
- 23 Great adulation (8)

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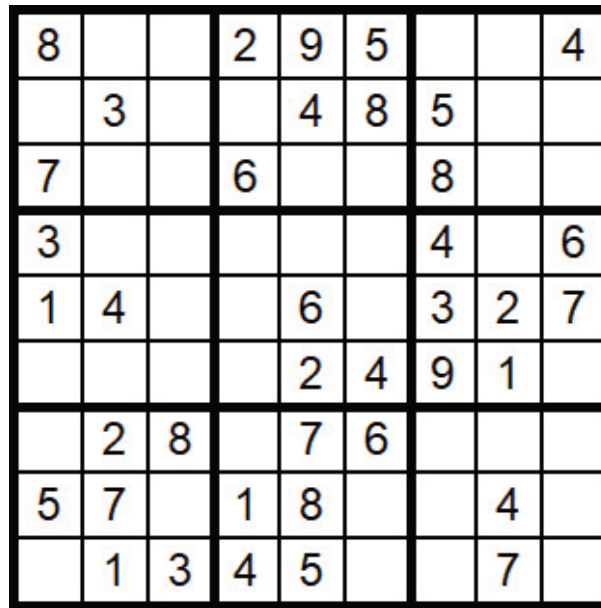
- 1 Scared (5-8)
- 2 Unfasten (7)
- 3 Decomposition by a current (12)
- 4 Conceals with a cloth (6)
- 6 Reclining (5)

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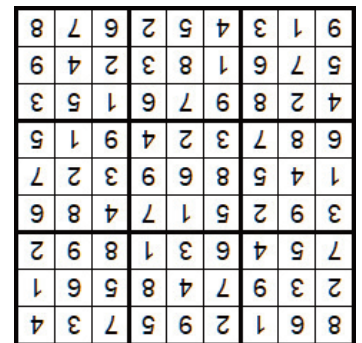


- 7 Mutually inconsistent (13)
- 8 Relating to numeric calculations (12)
- 15 Opposite of shortest (7)
- 16 Put on a production (6)
- 18 Lines (anag.) (5)

SUDOKU - Easy



ACROSS: 1 Prudence 5 Bloc 9 Nacre 10 Version 11 Clatter 12 Tiger 13Tiptoe 14 Smiled 17 Inlay 19 Titanic 20 Keeping 21 Credio 22 Nest 23 Idolatry
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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.

Executive Officer – Closing 11:30pm, 17 May 2026

Concrete Works Crew – Guyra and Armidale – Closing 11:30pm, 31 May 2026

Road Network Renewal Team – Guyra and Armidale – Closing 11:30pm, 31 May 2026

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

Have your say on the Proposed New England Rail Trail Framework

Council has commenced public consultation as part of preliminary works for the New England Rail Trail Framework, following Council endorsement in October 2025. The proposed rail trail aims to revitalise the disused Great Northern Rail Line, creating a safe, off-road shared path for walking, cycling and outdoor recreation between Armidale and Glen Innes. ARC is responsible for the 67-kilometre section from Armidale to Ben Lomond.

The project is being progressed in line with the NSW Rail Trails Framework, which guides environmental, heritage and community assessments and

supports future funding applications. Preliminary studies are currently being undertaken by NSW Public Works Advisory on behalf of Council. Community members are invited to attend drop-in sessions in Armidale and Guyra or provide feedback online via the Your Say Armidale website or by mail to Council.



National Simultaneous Storytime 2026

This year's official book for the Australian Library and Information Association's National Simultaneous Storytime 2026 is Luna Roo: The Kangaroo Baller, written by Adam Jackson and Adrian Lloyd and illustrated by Jake Minton. To celebrate, Guyra Library will host a

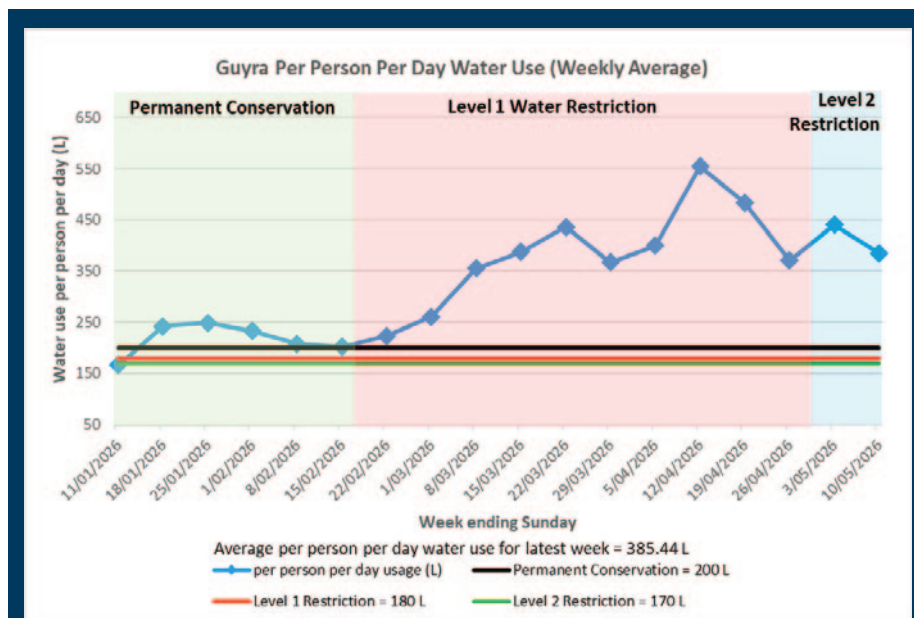
book reading by special guest reader Cr Todd Redwood on Wednesday 27 May, with an 11.45am arrival for a 12 noon start at Guyra Library. The event is open to all ages, bookings are essential, and registrations can be made by contacting Guyra Library on 6770 7123.

A colouring competition will also be held, open to Guyra children aged 4 years to Year 2, with entry forms available from the library and entries closing on 19 May.

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.



Guyra water watch

As of 10 May 2026, the Armidale Region is under Level 2 water restrictions, with recommended usage of 170 litres per person per day. Guyra residents' actual water

usage per person is 385.44 litres, which is 215.44 litres, or 126 per cent, above the recommended usage. We encourage everyone to conserve water to help avoid day zero, which occurred in 2019.

Salvos call on community to support Red Shield Appeal

The The Salvation Army is encouraging residents across the New England North West to support this year's Red Shield Appeal, with funds raised locally helping people experiencing hardship in the region.

Now in its 62nd year, Australia's largest and longest-running door-knock appeal aims to raise \$41 million nationally to fund community programs and emergency support services.

Major Bruce Harmer, External Communications Manager for NSW, said cost-of-living pressures are placing many individuals and families under significant strain.

"We know that people are doing it really tough in our community right now," Major Harmer said.

"We know that many are on the edge of breaking point as they struggle to make ends meet.

"That is why we are calling on those in the New England North West to dig deep, get involved in the Red Shield Appeal, and be the hope our community desperately needs right now."

Funds raised in the region will stay in the local community to support programs and services.

In Armidale, donations from last year's ap-



The appeal will culminate in Red Shield Weekend on May 30 and 31, with locals encouraged to volunteer at collection points

peal helped provide Christmas food and toy hampers, community meals, food vouchers, back-to-school assistance and free family events.

Funding also supported welfare services and the employment of a staff member focused on expanding community support programs.

The appeal will culminate in Red Shield Weekend on May 30 and 31, with locals encouraged to volunteer at collection points, or-

ganise workplace or school fundraisers, or make a donation.

Major Harmer said volunteers and donors play a crucial role in helping the Salvos continue their work.

"We can't do our work in the community without you," he said.

For more information, to donate or volunteer, visit The Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal or call 13 SALVOS.

Sustainable Guyra Gardening

May is firmly upon us and the cold has definitely settled in for the last month of autumn. A couple of heavy frosts over the weekend have really started to show their impact, especially on tender perennials such as dahlias.

If anyone still has pumpkins in the ground, now is the time to harvest them before harder frosts arrive. Once picked, allow them to cure in a warm, dry, sunny spot for around a week or two. This helps harden the skin and improves their keeping quality. When storing, make sure they are kept in a cool, dry, well-ventilated space — moisture is their biggest enemy, although that may not be too much of a problem this year.

Around town I've noticed plenty of people busy sweeping and raking leaves and cutting back old growth in the garden. While it's tempting to tidy everything up, it can be worth holding off a little longer on pruning some perennials. In colder cli-

mates like ours, a layer of old growth can provide protection for plant crowns and the soil beneath them.

For frost-sensitive plants such as dahlias, it's best to wait until after frost has fully blackened the foliage before cutting back. Timing is important as cutting back too early in damp conditions can sometimes leave plants more vulnerable to rot while they are dormant.

Fallen leaves are one of your greatest autumn assets in the garden. Not only do they insulate garden beds and protect soil from frost, they also conserve moisture, slowly break down, and return valuable nutrients to the soil. If they're piling up on paths or patios, they're also an excellent carbon source for compost or a ready-made mulch for overwintering beds. A thin layer on lawns can also help protect grass from frost, but thick layers should be avoided as they can block light and airflow.

One important exception is under fruit trees. While leaves are generally valuable in the garden, fallen leaves (and especially fallen fruit) beneath fruit trees should be removed rather than left in place, as pests such as codling moth can overwinter in this debris. Clearing it away helps reduce pest pressure in the following season.

Leaves can also be collected in cages or containers for later use. Letting them break



An example of a leaf mould cage

down in an old feed bag, wire cage, compost bin, or directly in garden beds creates a wonderful product called leaf mould — a fungi-dominated soil conditioner that improves soil structure, moisture retention, and microbial activity.

Basically, fallen leaves are your autumn garden gold.

Happy gardening!



Gazette's Celebrity Footy Tipping

Iggman caught Timmy the Tiger firmly by the tail and pulled him down to join second placed Queen B, Mocack and DJ.

Iggy is now perched precariously at the top of the Locals Leaderboard along with Dip Stick, but there is no room for a misstep with only 6 points separating the top 11 tipsters.

The Melbourne Storm broke their losing streak but Bundles can't seem to drag themselves out of the fog. It must be thick at the bottom of that ladder because they

can't seem to work out which way is up.

Bulldog and Iggman get the golden egg this week for best tipping – but don't crack too soon!

Queen Marie and Smokey the Butcher are still reigning supreme in our celebrity tipping, while poor old Soley can't seem to get those numbers to add up. But no one should get complacent as Sue, Kimmy and Councilor Eli are in hot pursuit.

Happy tipping everyone!

Sue's Tips

- Sharks
- Rabbits
- Tigers
- Roosters
- Storm
- Knights
- Broncos
- Panthers



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Soley's Tips

- Sharks
- Dolphins
- Sea Eagles
- Roosters
- Eels
- Knights
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MCLS' Tips

- Sharks
- Rabbits
- Sea Eagles
- Roosters
- Storm
- Titans
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- Panthers



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Vu's Tips

- Bulldogs
- Dolphins
- Tigers
- Cowboys
- Storm
- Titans
- Broncos
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To all the people who sent flowers, cards, phone calls, food and drinks and condolences, thank you.

To my sons, what a wonderful support to me. I could not have done without you both.

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Senior Hockey

The third grade women were matched against the young, well drilled ladies of PLC. With good pre match preparation we came prepared with plenty of subs and allocated positions. It started fast and that is how it stayed for the full 60 minutes. Emily 'extravaganza' Evans who was back on the field after a few weeks away, came out firing. A remarkable deflection in a penalty corner saved Bernadette from a direct shot. PLC still managed to score a goal each quarter though, it was suggested that our missed shots at goal were equal to the score so the team felt they really were actually drawing at 1/2 time!! A tough game but well played.

Second grade celebrated Mother's Day with a midday game against Robb College. They quickly took control of the ball and shut down any Robb attack. Maz did not miss on our first penalty corner to put Guyra in the lead. Sarah Cox continually shut down the efforts made by Robb to get the ball out and when they did she made a quick dash (even sprinted past her DM and backs) to cover our goalie with an impressive back stick manoeuvre whilst on her knees. Guyra came away with a 5-0 win which was a great team effort by all

Junior Hockey

The **Under 10s** took on United over the weekend and went down 2 - 0 in a competitive match. Every player showed great effort and determination throughout the game. Emma J

and Dallas were involved throughout the match. Evie and Georgie C combined well up front and were unlucky not to find the back of the goal, after creating some strong attacking chances.

Guyra **Under 12s** had plenty of cheering supporters as they played PLC on Saturday. What a game to watch and couldn't be prouder of these kids who pulled everything together from years of training to come away with a 1-0 win.

Charles G was our everywhere man who ran the ball in attack and was quick to turn around to defend. Casey J scored the winning goal by been in the perfect spot and Mia W and Will S stepped up in defence to meet the ball and clear it well. I'm excited for our season ahead, well done kids.

Senior Soccer

The two Guyra teams had their first weekend apart with 4th Grade playing in Armidale against DK dads, and 3rd Grade in Guyra playing Westside White. The 4th grade team had a minor injury riddled game which seen them play a man down for 15 minutes. A few mistakes and the numbers advantage seen DK go ahead for a 2 to nil half time lead. Guyra never gave up and hit back with the goals to Clem and Archie J, this brought the score to 2 all. DK had to send in the reinforcements off a large bench to slow Guyra's charge. This brought about two goals to DK, one from a dubious call that led to a penalty shot. In a never

die game for Guyra they took it right to the wire with Tom L scoring in the last minute. Another five minutes and the result may have been different but DK won on the day 4 to 3.

The 3rd Grade team looked to take a win at home against the University Westside team. It was the first real challenge of the season for the Guyra side who have had the speed and teamwork advantage over sides in previous weeks. Westside were well coordinated and had the speed advantage in most positions. It was an exceptional game for the backs and keeper to keep Guyra in the game. It was a rough start after a penalty led to a direct kick in the opening minutes and a 1 nil score. This brought about a positional change with workhorse Ash H jumping into the backs after playing the full game in goals in the 4th grade game. Two goals to Guyra weren't enough to pull back the lead and trailed all game. The last 15 minutes got messy with a number of penalties from both sides. Westside took the win 5 to 2 in the end, and Guyra will look to rebuild in Inverell this weekend.

The Friendly Ghost

Junior Soccer

The **Under 6 Caspers** had a great game on Saturday against North's Red Rhinos. We have some very eager new players and they are starting to work well together as a team. Lots of shots were taken at the goal and there was some very good defence for a young group. Well done team!

The **Under 6 Phantoms** had


their first home game this weekend, hosting a young Souths FC team. The Phantoms were at full strength, with Lani Vidler returning and Huxton Brazier making a spectacular debut and kicking a few goals. The whole team played well, scoring some terrific team goals and getting back with some excellent defence. The Phantoms also showed great sportsmanship, allowing Souths a bit of space to get into the game as well, making it more enjoyable for all involved. Great job Phantoms!

Under 7 Spooks had a great game, they are a completely new team this year and are learning to work together as well as new skills. Looking forward to the 2026 season for this team.

The **Goosebumps** continued their good form this week with a win over TAS. It was great to see everyone turn up for the game and give it their best. Fletcher and Orlando scored a few goals each and Jackson supported well in defence. Great work team.

The **Under 10s** played a great game against TAS, they are picking up on passing and working as a team to score goals, great game by everyone in this big team.

Under 14s played East Armidale who looked to improve on their big win over TAS. Guyra was looking to get their first win up for the season. It was a close game all the way through with both teams evenly matched. It was 2 to 1 at half time with Guyra in the lead. In a goal for goal game Guyra always just managed to keep their head in front and took the game win at 4 to 3.



Gazette Footy Tipping

Dip Stick	100	Birdie	94
Iggman	100	Luigi	92
Timmy the Tiger	98	Fred	92
Queen B	98	SK	92
Mocack	98	Wayno	92
DJ	98	Bulldog	90
Froggo	96	Lilley	82
Happy Gilmore	94	Farmer Joe	80
Winter Wombat	94	Broncos	78
Nicko	94	Bundles	74

Locals Entry Form - Round 12

Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on **Wednesday 20th May**

Name:

Phone:

Raiders	vs	Dolphins
Bulldogs	vs	Storm
Dragons	vs	Warriors
Sea Eagles	vs	Titans
Cowboys	vs	Rabbits

Byes: Broncos, Eels, Knights, Panthers, Roosters, Sharks, Tigers

No joy for Spuds against Magpies

The Super Spuds went down in a high-scoring try-fest at the New Red Hill on Sunday after starting badly against Glen Innes. The Magpies ran in four tries before Guyra knew what hit it.

Archie Dowden eventually pulled one back for the Spuds with a last-tackle try, but all it did was interrupt the Glen scoring as it soon pushed the lead out to 42-4.

Seb Pianko crashed over for Guyra's second try with a few minutes to go in the half and then Billy Youman pounced on a dropped bomb in the Glen in-goal right on halftime to make it 42-16.

Youman then added his second to start the second half and the score looked more respectable at 42-22.

However, the Magpies halted any comeback with another easy try.

Samuel Briggs-Andrews plunged over for Guyra's fifth try and Youman finished the sixth for his hat-trick, but at the other end the points kept coming for the visitors as they rounded out a 70-34 win.

Youman (3), Pianko (2) and Dylan Sutton (1) scored club points while Pianko was players'



Riley Campbell takes on the Glen Innes defence.

player.

In the leaguetag the Spudettes also went down heavily, but put up a much better fight than the last time they met the Magpies.

It finished 34-nil this time, down from 60-nil three weeks ago.

Paige Vickery (3), Kayla White

(2) and Anna Jackson (1) were the club points winners while Dakota Vickery was voted the best by the players.

Reserve grade had a bye.

This Saturday Guyra travels to Inverell to face the Hawks in all three grades.

Vets Golf

Last Tuesday the Vet golfers played the Reg Taylor Stroke round. The winner was Paul Redden with nett 69. Colin Mulligan and Richard Burey shared the gross honours both with 86. Richard got two NtPs with Tex Varley getting the 3rd. Next week is a stableford.

Drake.

Ladies' Golf

Last week the Ladies played a Par Medal. The winner was Donna White. Leonie Taylor was the runner up on a countback.

Nearest the pin winners were, Debbie Burey on the 7th hole. Donna White on the 9th hole. Debbie Heffernan on the 18th hole.

This week is a Stroke and Putting Golf NSW Medal round. Next week is the Let's Play Keno Ambrose Round.

Birdie

Men's Bowls

Pennant play off at South Tamworth Saturday 16th May, 8 45am Guyra verse Walgett.

Team 1 A Sparke, R Mulligan, A Bull, J Mcilwain. **Team 2** N Brennan, S Brennan, S Campbell, D Kennedy. **Team 3** R Walls, M Bourke, R Moore, D Wilcox. **Manager:** J Varco **Reserves:** P Johnson R Cox, J Varco.

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