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Magic Moment: Guyra Under 10s take centre stage



The Guyra Junior Rugby League Under 10s tackle team were treated to a once in a lifetime opportunity over the weekend as they ran out onto Scully Park in Tamworth as part of the NSW Cup Magic round.

The lucky local squad was invited by the New South Wales Rugby League (NSWRL) to play

a special half-time exhibition match during the highly anticipated St George Dragons vs. Penrith Panthers clash.

For ten action-packed minutes, the young players got a taste of the big leagues, showcasing their skills, teamwork, and passion on the main arena. The excitement didn't stop when the final siren

blew, either. Following their match, the team had the opportunity to meet the NSW Cup players, collect autographs, and chat with their footy heroes.

The team's coach Josephine Cruikshank said she was extremely grateful to the NSWRL for extending the invitation to the club.

"Opportunities like these inspire the next generation of rugby league players," she said.

"We're so grateful our kids got to experience it. It's a day they'll be talking about for a long time."

The team returned home with jerseys full of fresh signatures, magic memories and inspiration for the rest of their season.



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Bowling Club gives back to Guyra community

Several community organisations are set to benefit from generous donations announced this week by the Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club, with a total of \$11,000 distributed to support important local projects and services.

The Country Women's Association (CWA) has received \$3,000 to assist with repairs to its hall, helping to maintain a valued community facility.

The Guyra Hospital Auxiliary has also been awarded \$3,000, which will be used to improve the gardens surrounding the hospital, creating a more welcoming environment for patients, visitors and staff.

The Can Assist Guyra branch has received \$3,000 to help support the Skin Cancer bus at the Guyra Show and the Guyra Junior Rugby League will receive \$2,000 to support the club and its young players.

Guyra Bowling Club President David Wilcox

said they were pleased to be able to support organisations that make such a positive contribution to the community.

"We're happy to help these organisations, who all do great things for our community," he said.

The donations reflect the Bowling Club's ongoing commitment to supporting local volunteer groups and sporting organisations, ensuring they can continue providing valuable services and opportunities for Guyra residents.

Leonie Cox is actively involved in three of the organisations - Can Assist, CWA and the Hospital Auxiliary.

"It is fantastic to see this level of support in our town," Leonie said. "Getting extra money like this comes in handy and will allow us to get things done without have to rely on fundraising. It just makes things a little bit easier for us all."



THRIFTMAS IN JULY

MAKE IT - BAKE IT - GROW IT - THRIFT IT

Guyra Garage Sale Trail 11th & 12th July 9am - 4pm

Thrifty Market Stalls and Rotary Mini book fair 11th & 12th July
Rotary Hall and grounds - old Scout Hall (Nincoola Street, Guyra) 9am - 4pm

Create - Craft - Chat 11th July 10am - 1pm
Guyra Library, (CWA Evening Branch) Bradley Street, Guyra

Guyra Mens Shed 11th & 12th July 8:30am - 12noon
Demonstrations, restored furniture & tool sale
191 Falconer Street, Guyra

Free entry Guyra Historical Museum
Bradley Street, Guyra 11th July 10:30am - 2:00pm

Free VRA First Aid CPR Course
Rotary Hall - Nincoola Street, Guyra 12th July 10am

Free 'Welcome to Guyra' Sausage Sizzle
Rotary Hall - Nincoola Street, Guyra 12th July 12noon



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Guyra
Rotary 



Held in conjunction with
the Progress Assoc's
Thristmas in July
Come along and enjoy the
susage sizzle on
Sunday, 12th July

Friday, Saturday
& Sunday

10th 11th & 12th July
9am - 4pm

at Rotary Hall
18 Nincoola Street
(cnr. White Street)

Enjoy a cup of tea or
coffee while browsing.
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carried out in the
next stage of renovations.

FREEBIES

Deano's Smoked Trout to expand thanks to \$175,595 grant

Deano's Smoked Trout Farm has been a mainstay for aquaculture and tourism in the Northern Tablelands for nearly three decades and now they are set to expand operations thanks to a \$175,595 grant that has been secured from the NSW Government's Aquaculture Industry Development Program.

The funding program is aimed at supporting regional aquaculture businesses to increase farm-gate production and capability.

Member for Northern Tablelands Brendan Moylan visited the farm recently to congratulate owner Dean Williams and tour the 10-acre facility.

Mr Moylan who said the funding that has been secured will go a long way in bettering the farm's infrastructure to improve water efficiency, increase productivity and improve environmental management.

"Deano's Trout Farm is a fantastic, state-of-the-art facility at Black Mountain, near Guyra,

which has a Rainbow Trout and Atlantic Salmon hatchery, spring water growing dams and a recreational dam for tourists," Mr Moylan said.

"Over the years Deano has grown the facility into what it is today which is productive and a great place for people to visit. He also produces award winning smoked trout and dips which are sold all over NSW and Queensland. He has really put the region on the map.

"The \$175,575 grant will only add to that by expanding the commercial operation with a new purpose-built hatchery facility, a water recirculation system and solar pump for the eight breeding ponds which house around 160,000 fish, an excavator for maintenance and tanks for repurposing waste into farm fertiliser.

"It is great to see a diverse, local business growing and continuing to do the region proud."

"I'm really pleased with this funding win."



Member for Northern Tablelands Brendan Moylan congratulated Dean Williams on securing funding to make upgrades to the trout farm.

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Our town is shaped by the amazing people who live here. Share your local news, proud moments, and favorite neighborhood stories to help us celebrate our vibrant community!

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What's HOT

Good news stories

Beethoven's 9th Symphony
'Ode to Joy'

Singing two verses of the
National Anthem

School holiday activities

Freebies and bargains at
Christmas in July

What's NOT

Time flies - the year is half
done already

Bald Blair wraps up another amazing term



JOKE of the week

When they come
up with the word
'dentures' they
really missed an
opportunity to call
them 'substitoths'

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
23	Tues	-1.7	13.1	0
24	Wed	-2.7	12.2	0
25	Thurs	2.6	10.4	0
26	Fri	1.6	10.8	0
27	Sat	2.0	10.8	2.0
28	Sun	3.3	10.9	0.4
29	Mon	4.5	14.7	0

Rainfall this week	2.4mm
June rainfall	35.8mm
Rainfall YTD	282.3mm
Rainfall last YTD	563.4mm
Ave. rain YTD	448.2mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin,
Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Students at Bald Blair Public School have just concluded another sensational term filled with academic achievements, sporting successes, and cultural activities.

Recently, a team of students represented Bald Blair at the Armidale Zone Cross Country event. From there, three students—Dustin Turnham, Evelyn Kopp, and Fergus McFarlane—advanced to represent the Armidale Zone at the North-west competition held in Coolah. Congratulations to these outstanding students for their dedication and commitment to the school.

In addition, Dustin and Fer-

gus attended trials for the PSSA Armidale Zone Soccer team and impressively made it all the way to the final selection round. Well done, boys!

At the heart of all these achievements is the quality teaching and learning that takes place every day in our classrooms. Our dedicated staff ensure that students are engaged, challenged, and supported to reach their full potential, both academically and personally. This commitment to excellence provides the foundation for all the success and opportunities we celebrate as a school community.

Looking ahead, next term

promises to be equally exciting at Bald Blair. Students will participate in New England Sings, embark on an overnight excursion to the Thalgarrah Environmental Education Centre during Science Week, and a team of 13 students are set to represent Bald Blair at the Armidale Zone Athletics Championships in Tamworth in early August.

Finally, we are eagerly anticipating our Father's Day BBQ and games afternoon, scheduled for September 3rd.

On behalf of Bald Blair Public School, I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday break.

*Ros Edwards
Principal*

Letters to the editor.....

Quiet moments

In the rush of our daily routines, it is easy to overlook the quiet moments that give our community its character. Lately, I have found great joy in watching a timeless sight of our town's young couples.

Watching them stroll down the sidewalks, holding hands, or walking with a hand resting gently on a waist, brings a distinct warmth to our town. There is a simple, innocent beauty in young love. It serves as a gentle re-

minder of romance in its purest, most hopeful stage.

My appreciation for this grew recently while listening to my daughter talk about these couples from her school. Hearing her tell who is dating who, and seeing how much her peers genuinely value these relationships made me look at our children differently.

Without most people even realizing it, this quiet romance makes our entire town a much nicer softer place to live. It adds an un-

spoken layer of charm to our everyday surroundings, proving that the heart of our community is vibrant and full of hope.

*Sincerely
Sage*

Have your say

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Rug up for ‘Thriftmas in July’ Weekend

Spread the word - residents and visitors are invited to rug up and join in the festivities as Guyra hosts its inaugural Thriftmas in July on the 11th and 12th July, 2026.

Organised by the Guyra and Community Progress Association (G&CPA), the community-wide event will feature local garage sales, thrifty markets, community service activities and the popular Hot Chocolate Trail, offering something for all ages across the weekend.

Other highlights include a free

First Aid and CPR training morning hosted by the Guyra VRA, a free “Welcome to Guyra” sausage sizzle presented by the Guyra and Community Progress Association, a mini book fair, and a range of activities organised by local community groups.

G&CPA President Sonya Wallbridge said the event celebrates community spirit, sustainability and supporting local organisations, with residents, businesses and volunteers from Guyra and surrounding villages coming together to create a truly town-wide

celebration.

“It’s about showcasing everything that makes our community special - working together, reusing and recycling, supporting local groups, and welcoming new and existing residents and visitors to Guyra,” Sonya said.

“The Association encourages everyone to don their winter woollies, explore the full programme, and enjoy a weekend of bargains, and great company.”

If you are looking to follow the Garage Sale trail, mark these addresses on your map – 38 Prisk

St, 57 Ollera St (Uniting Church Hall), 197 Falconer St, 60 Ryanda ST, 9 Ollera St, 9 Moore St (cnr White), 3/2 White St (Sunday only) and 27 Sole St (Saturday only).

Hot chocolates will be on the menu so be sure to try them at our local cafes. Try a Hot Chocolate Bomb at ‘Why Not Diner’ or ‘The Rolling Jaffa’ at the Seahorse Medicine Café (APHOF) or any one of the many varieties on offer.



The New England Community College GALA Centre Services

Along with our courses, we offer a range of other services to the Guyra Community. These include:

- Printing, Laminating & Photocopying
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- Home to the Guyra Gazette
- Venue Hire
- Secretary Services



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Our Location
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Service NSW Mobile Service Centre Visiting Guyra

Residents who need help accessing NSW Government services will have the opportunity to do so when the Service NSW Mobile Service Centre visits Guyra this month.

The mobile service centre will be in the Bradley Street Public Car Park on Tuesday, July 21st, from 9am to 12pm, making a range of government services more accessible for local residents.

The mobile service provides convenient access to a variety of essential services, including driver knowledge tests, driver licence, mobility parking and photo card applications, Working with Children Checks, NDIS Worker Checks, and applications for birth, death and marriage certificates.

Assistance with cost of living support and other government



services will also be available.

The travelling service is particularly valuable for people who may find it difficult to travel to larger centres, allowing them to complete important transactions closer to home.

Residents are encouraged to check the Service NSW timetable on the day of the visit, as severe weather may result in schedule changes.

The Service NSW Mobile Service Centre will be located at the Public Car Park on Bradley Street from 9am until noon on Tuesday, July 21st.

Parvovirus Confirmed in Local Area: Dog Owners Urged to Take Precautions

Dog owners are being urged to ensure their pets are fully vaccinated following confirmation of parvovirus cases in the local area.

Parvovirus, commonly known as parvo, is a highly contagious and potentially life-threatening viral disease that mainly affects puppies and unvaccinated dogs. The virus spreads easily through contact with infected dogs or contaminated environments and can survive in the environment for extended periods.

Local veterinarians are reminding pet owners that vaccination is the most effective way to protect dogs and help prevent further spread of the disease.

Owners of young puppies are advised to avoid taking unvaccinated animals to public places where dogs gather, including parks, walking tracks and off-leash areas. Dogs should also be

kept away from unknown or unvaccinated animals until they have completed their vaccination schedule.

Early signs of parvovirus include vomiting, severe or bloody diarrhoea, lethargy, loss of appetite and fever. Because the disease can progress rapidly, prompt veterinary treatment is essential.

Anyone whose dog is showing these symptoms should contact their veterinarian immediately and keep the animal isolated from other dogs until it has been assessed.

Veterinarians are encouraging all dog owners to check their pets' vaccination status and book an appointment if boosters are due.

With confirmed cases now in the area, early vaccination and responsible pet management remain the best defence against this serious disease.

Meals on Wheels

July 2 Kath Barry-Leven
 July 3 Amar & Shobha Singh
 July 6 Lions Club
 July 7 Regional Bank
 July 8 Warwick Leven

Street Stalls

July 2 St Marys
 July 3 Hospital Aux
 July 9, 10, 11 Rotary
 July 16, 17, 18 Lions

Church Notices

St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church Vigil Mass 5pm (during winter) Saturday 9am Sunday. Weekday Mass Monday – Friday 9am. **Contact:** 6779 2436

St. James' Anglican Church
 9am Sunday, followed by morning tea. Doors open from 8:30am. All welcome!
Contact: Rev. Tim Stevens 6779 1111

St. Columba's Presbyterian Church
 9am Sunday followed by morning tea. **Contact:** Session Clerk Howard Schaefer 02 6779 2467

The Chapel: 66 Llangothin Street: Sunday Service: 24am
 Food Pantry Fridays 9am -12pm
Contact: Pastors Linden & Kerrie Pollard 0455 232 073.

Seventh-day Adventist Church:
 Aboomala Street. Sabbath School 24.00am Saturday Divine Service 11.30am Saturday. **Contact:** Minister Luke Reeves 0424 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: 24am Prayer meeting: Tuesday 6.30pm Bible discussion: Wednesday 6.30pm
Pastors: Jeff & Sharon Ritchie 0421 847 973 Chaplaincy services: Dan McGinty 0409 399 270

Black Mountain Baptist Church
 Service 3pm, second Sunday of the month. **Contact:** Robert Dewhurst Armidale District Baptist Church M. 0409 723 522

Service Clubs

LIONS CLUB 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month at Guyra Bowling Club, 7pm. Ph: Geoff Reeves 6779 1257
ROTARY CLUB 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month 6pm at The Blind Chef Ph: Hans Hietbrink 0402 044 891

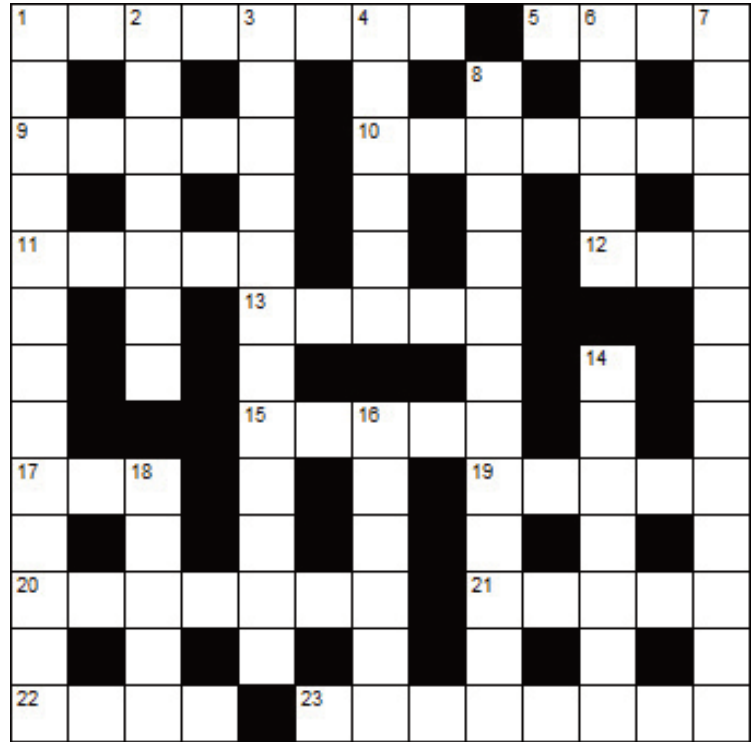
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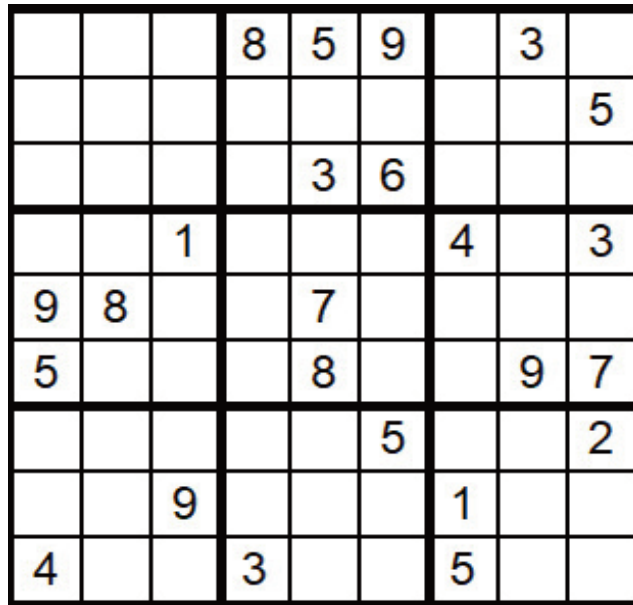
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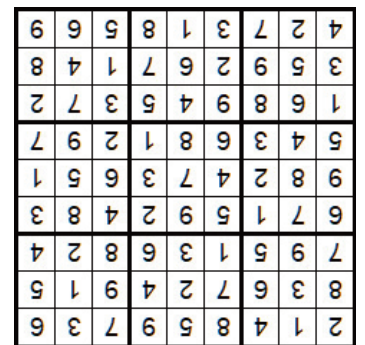


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July School Holiday Activity Program 2026



Guyra Library

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DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	BOOKING
Monday 6 July	ALL DAY	Free play LEGO	All ages. No bookings.
Tuesday 7 July	ALL DAY	Free play LEGO	All ages. No bookings.
Wednesday 8 July	10.30am - 12.30pm	<p>Clothing Upcycling/Embellishment: This workshop encourages creativity in applying surface decoration to existing garments. This could be adding embroidery, decorative patches with running stitch (similar to Sashiko and boro techniques), using fabric markers etc.</p> <p>Participants are encouraged to bring a garment they would like to revive. Or participants can choose a garment from the rack (for free) or fabric.</p> <p>All materials will be provided for these workshops, including thread, needles, scissors, fabric etc.</p>	Ages 12-25 Bookings essential.
Thursday 9 July	10:30am - 1.00pm	Stop Motion Animation (Claymation): Create your own clay characters and bring them to life.	Ages 10-16 Bookings essential.
Friday 10 July	10.15am - 4.30pm	Virtual Reality For library members (membership is free).	Ages 10+ Bookings essential.
Tuesday 14 July	2.30pm - 3.30pm	Sand art Make your own sand art picture to take home.	Ages ages* Bookings essential.
Wednesday 15 July	2.30pm - 3.30pm	Crafternoon Smorgasbord of Mixed Crafts available to enjoy.	Ages ages* Bookings essential.
Thursday 16 July	2.00pm - 3.30pm	DIY Zine Workshop: Learn how to design, write, and collage your own mini self-published booklet using simple materials and big ideas.	Ages 12+ Bookings essential.
Friday 17 July	10.15am - 4.30pm	Virtual Reality For library members (membership is free).	Ages 10+ Bookings essential.

*Children under 10 MUST be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult.

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ICPA-NSW Takes Rural Education Priorities to Parliament

The Isolated Children's Parents' Association of NSW (ICPA-NSW) has taken the concerns of rural, regional and remote families directly to government during its annual parliamentary deputation in Sydney.

Twelve State Councillors travelled from across regional NSW on June 23 and 24 to meet with ministers, MPs, education agencies and key stakeholders, advocating for practical improvements to education for geographically isolated students.

ICPA-NSW State President Annabel Strachan said the deputation ensured the voices of rural families were heard where decisions are made.

"ICPA-NSW is committed to ensuring every child, regardless of where they live, has equitable access to education and the opportunities that come with it," Mrs Strachan said.

"Meeting directly with decision-makers allows us to present the concerns and solutions developed by our members and advocate for practical changes that will make a real difference."

A major proposal was the establishment of education hubs in remote Teaching Principal 1 and 2 schools. The hubs would provide supervised study spaces, internet access and learning



ICPA-NSW State Councillors at Sydney Deputation 2026 (l to r) Kirsty Wilson, Bronwyn Tofaeono, Tanya Mitchell, Michelle Crossley, Laura Stalley, Georgina Luckra, Annabel Strachan, Prue Ritchie, Tegan Barton, David Butler, Elizabeth Rosser and Bree Wakefield.

support for preschool and secondary students enrolled in distance education.

"Some students simply don't have a suitable learning environment at home," Mrs Strachan said. "Using existing facilities within remote schools would provide a supportive place to learn and help ensure location does not limit educational outcomes."

Other priorities included introducing a Preschool Drive Subsidy for isolated families, increasing the NSW Living Away From Home Allowance, establishing a public boarding school in western NSW, improving transport assistance, strengthening pathways to tertiary education and apprenticeships, and providing earlier support for students with learn-

ing difficulties.

Mrs Strachan said discussions with ministers, government agencies, universities and education providers were encouraging.

"While there is still much work to do, these conversations are an important step towards achieving educational equity for children living in rural and remote New South Wales."

Scam warning as EOFY sales and tax time approach

As Australians prepare for EOFY sales and tax time, people are being urged to stay alert as scammers ramp up activity during one of the busiest financial periods of the year.

From fake tax refund texts and impersonation phone calls to scam shopping websites and phishing emails, fraudsters are increasingly targeting Australians who are spending more time online and more time managing their finances.

Common scams Australians should watch for this EOFY

Fake ATO scams

Texts, emails or phone calls claiming you're owed a tax re-

fund or need to urgently pay a debt. Some scams threaten legal action if payment isn't made immediately.

Bank impersonation scams

Messages claiming there has been suspicious activity on your account and asking you to click a link, transfer money or verify your banking details.

Fake EOFY sales websites

Online stores and social media ads advertising heavily discounted products that either never arrive or are used to steal card details.

Parcel delivery scams

Texts claiming there is an issue with a delivery or a small fee re-

quired before a parcel can be released.

Invoice and payment scams

Fraudsters posing as suppliers, tradies or service providers and sending updated bank details for payments.

Practical tips to stay safe

- Never click links in unexpected text messages or emails claiming to be from your bank, the ATO or delivery companies.

- If you receive a suspicious phone call, hang up and contact the organisation directly using the official phone number from its website.

- Never share passwords, PINs or internet banking security codes

with anyone.

- Be cautious of sales or offers that seem unusually cheap or create pressure to act immediately.

- Check website URLs carefully and look for legitimate contact details and reviews before purchasing online.

- Monitor your bank accounts regularly and report suspicious activity immediately.

If you suspect you've been targeted by a scam, report it promptly to the ACCC via the Scamwatch website. Additionally, if you've made payments to suspicious entities or shared your bank details, contact your bank right away.

Weekly Wool Market

June 26th - It was certainly not the best way to close out the 2025/26 season with the market ending a five week uptrend. Four weeks of gains were given back over the course of the two selling days with the Northern Region Indicator finishing on the same level as the 22nd of May.

The majority of the falls were on the first day of sales with the North falling 51 cents before somewhat stabilising on the final day, registering a further 5 cent decline. Most of the losses were attributed to the Merino fleece types with Skirtings, Cardings and Crossbreds propping up the market and helping overall averages.

Now for the good news, the 2025/26 season has seen prices average 37.5% better than the previous two seasons. The market is up 60% from the start of the season. Next week's start to the new season is the second highest season starting price on record, surpassed only by the start of the 2018/19 season.

21,822 bales were sold nationally for the week with the passed in rate climbing to what is most likely a seasonal high of 16.6% (the average for the season was 6.3%) Normal buying patterns continued unabated but obviously at reduced price levels. The new season commences next week and will run for four weeks before pausing for a three week recess.

Sales will be conducted on Wednesday and Thursday next week to avoid crossover with the end of the financial year.

Trade the desk for the field: Guyra locals encouraged to apply

People in the Guyra area are being encouraged to consider a hands-on career close to home in the energy industry, with the local depot currently recruiting for an apprentice powerline worker as part of Essential Energy's 2027 Apprenticeship Program.

Applications are now open for the program, which offers opportunities for future powerline workers, cable jointers, zone substation technicians and fleet mechanics across regional, rural and remote New South Wales.

Apprentices earn while they learn, gaining a nationally recognised qualification while building a meaningful career in the regions.

For Bailey Smith, making the switch meant trading his IT career for hands-on work that supports his community and others across the state.

"I wanted a job that would challenge me, get me out of the house and let me do something hands-on - while contributing to a really vital service for the community," Bailey says.

Now working as a cable jointer for Essential Energy, Bailey is part of the team in Orange that helps maintain the underground network that powers homes, businesses and communities. Since starting the apprenticeship, Bailey has gained a new appreciation for the work that goes into keeping the lights on.



"You don't realise how much goes on in the background, you just flick on a light switch at home. Now I see everything that has come together to make that happen and it's really cool to be a part of it," Bailey says.

The career pivot was not without a steep learning curve, navigating new tools, equipment and ways of working, but Bailey said support from his team helped him quickly find his feet.

"The support's been phenomenal. Everyone's been really supportive of my career change - they know I'm still learning and have a long way to go, but it hasn't been an issue."

He is now encouraging others, whether they are at the start or middle of their working life, to consider applying.

"I was nervous going into this, especially as a mature-age apprentice, but it's been the best decision I've ever made," Bailey says.

"I'd say to anyone thinking about it - just go for it."

Applications for Essential Energy's 2027 Apprenticeship Program are now open, with more than 40 positions available across the state, including Identified opportunities for female and First Nations applicants.

Applications close in July.

Gazette Footy Tipping

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Winter Wombat	154		

Locals Entry Form - Round 19

Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on **Wednesday 8th July**

Name:

Phone:

State of Origin	Tigers	vs	Warriors
NSW	Dolphins	vs	Sharks
vs	Bulldogs	vs	Raiders
QLD	Roosters	vs	Eels
	Rabbits	vs	Knights
	Sea Eagles	vs	Cowboys
	Storm	vs	Titans

Byes: Broncos, Dragons, Panthers



Gazette's Celebrity Footy Tipping

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Although managing only 6 points this week, the top spot on the Locals Leaderboard is still claimed by Iggman on 168 points.

DJ also had a score of 6 points, while Dip Stick scored quite a healthy 12 points to put these two in 2nd place on 160 points.

Birdie kept up the trend with 6 points, Fred scored 10 and they are now together in 3rd place on 156 points. As

Fred is a cat and Birdie is a ... well, a Bird, the feathers might fly on the Leaderboard this week.

Celebrity Marie is continuing her good tipping and remains in 1st place on 162 points; pulling ahead of Smokey the Butcher with a 4 points buffer.

Kimmy is in 3rd place on 154 and it looks like the Wooden Spoon is safe with Soley as his main rival, Vu did outstandingly well with a score of 14 points.

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Eli's Tips

Panthers
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DEATH & FUNERAL NOTICES

GORDON; ROBERT JAMES
20th June, 2026

We are deeply saddened to announce that Robert James Gordon of Armidale, and formerly of 'Earlstoun', Guyra, died peacefully on Saturday, June 20, 2026, aged 93, after a short time in hospital.

Much-loved husband of Helen Gordon (deceased) and precious brother to Ann Savill (deceased), he is missed enormously by his nieces Joanna, Libby, Camilla and Kathy and their families, his sister-in-law Sheena and his many dear friends. He was so thankful that many were able to farewell him prior to his passing.

A memorial service will be held at 11am on Thursday, July 16, 2026 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Armidale, to celebrate his life, which included a highly valued commitment and contribution to the New England - and Australian farming - community.

For those unable to attend Robert's service, a livestream will be made available. Please contact Horder Family Funerals on phorder@horderfamilyfunerals.com.au and we will forward you the link.

In lieu of floral tributes, please consider a donation to BackTrack Youth Works.

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SATURDAY, 5th DECEMBER
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Caspers convincing winners on Ladies Day



The Guyra 3rd grade side had a convincing 6-1 on ladies day which culminated in an auction that raised \$4300 for the Breast Cancer Foundation

The Guyra Caspers produced two of their best performances of the season on Saturday, with 3rd grade powering to a convincing 6-1 victory over North Armidale. Guyra made a blistering start, with Tyson Burey and Matt Simpson finding the back of the net early to race out to a 2-0 lead.

Norths responded with a goal to reduce the margin, but the Caspers quickly regained control as Man of the Match Norman Miniti struck twice before halftime to send Guyra into the break with a commanding 4-1 advantage.

Guyra continued to dominate in the second half, with ever-reliable Sammy Adhikari adding his name to the scoresheet before Rob Starreveld capped off the impressive team performance with the Caspers' sixth goal.

The emphatic 6-1 win showcased Guyra's attacking firepower and teamwork, with the Caspers proving far too strong across the park in

a dominant display. Guyra travel to Glen Innes next Saturday looking to keep the good form rolling.

The 4th grade side started Ladies' Day with Ed Collins opening the scoring for Guyra in the 10th minute. It was a tight contest for the rest of the half with both sides having their chances. In honour of Ladies Day the three ladies had their best performances of the season with Ash and Gemma both taking home two coaches' points.

It wasn't until the 60th minute when Jake Tibbs would get Guyra's second goal and from there it was Guyra's game to lose.

Norths never gave up and fought back grabbing a goal in 78th minute. Guyra got the jitters, not having the opportunity to close out a game this season, and Norths managed a goal in the final minutes to level the match.

The action then moved to the Royal Hotel where the club held a very successful auction with money

raised going to the Breast Cancer Foundation. Just a touch over \$4300 was raised for the cause, through the generous item donations from local business and spirited bidding from Guyra locals.

Junior Soccer

The **Under 10s** combined in a great team effort to come from behind against DK. DK took a two-nil lead before Guyra came storming home with three goals of their own. It was a great effort from all the defenders who kept a lid on the DK attack.

The **Under 14s** played DK in Guyra in what was one of their best performances of the year. Guyra opened the scoring early in the match then DK soon followed it up with one of their own. The team combined well in defence to hold off the DK side. Despite some excellent passing from Guyra and a couple near misses there was no change to the scoreline at fulltime.

Vets Golf

A beautiful sunny winter's day last Tuesday attracted fourteen players for our stableford event. Great to see John Prisk back after about an eight month layoff. Chris Newberry also had a game first time for ages and it was great to welcome them both.

Ian Taylor scored 35 points to get the win with Herb Wilson getting runner up with 32 on a countback to JC.

Dave Bearup won the putting and the three NTPs went to John Prisk, Ian Taylor and Paul Redden.

Next Tuesday is our stroke event.

Drake.

Ladies' Golf

Last week the Ladies played a 4BBB sponsored by Nutrien Ag. Thank you for your sponsorship once again. Nett Winners were Leonie Taylor and Debbie Hefferman. Nett Runners up were Jenny Rogers and Pip White. The Gross Winners were Wendy George and Belinda Lenehan. Pip also won nearest the pins on the 9th, 10th and 18th holes. Shona Mulligan won on the 7th hole.

This week is a Graham Betts Round. Next week is a 4BBB Aggregate.

Birdie

Men's Bowls

Over the weekend M. Bourke and R. Mulligan put on a dominant performance to win 24-9 over D. Kennedy and G. Starr.

This weekend is the final of the Club 4s set down for Saturday, July 4th at 12pm. D. Kennedy, C. Stanley, G. Mitchell and G. Starr will play against P. Kliendienst, J. Jackson, J. Varco R. Walls.

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