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Inaugural Thriftmas delivers Winter Boost

Beautiful winter sunshine on Saturday provided the perfect backdrop for Guyra and Community Progress Association's inaugural Thriftmas in July, with a fantastic turnout from locals and visitors alike.

The event came together in just two weeks after the Association identified an opportunity to support local businesses, community service groups and the wider community by encouraging people to get out and about during winter while bringing additional visitors and foot traffic into town.

Association President Sonya Wallbridge said the idea was to create a fun community event that encouraged people to explore Guyra and support local organisations.

"We wanted to give people a reason to get out during winter, discover what Guyra has to offer and create opportunities for our local businesses and community groups," Sonya said.

"To see so many people embrace the event after such a short planning period was incredibly rewarding."

As only Guyra weather can do, Sunday's conditions were a complete turnaround, bringing wel-



come rain and a rather chilly wind factor. Unfortunately, the free community VRA First Aid/CPR education session and the 'Welcome to Guyra' sausage sizzle had to be postponed, as both activities

were planned for outdoors. A new date will be announced shortly.

Despite the weather change, the weekend was an overwhelming success.

The Thrifty Markets, Garage

Sale Trail and Mini Book Fair proved extremely popular, with shoppers delighted to uncover bargains throughout the town. One garage sale sold out and closed early, while several others had so little stock remaining after Saturday that there was no need to re-open on Sunday.

Adding to the community spirit, one garage sale participant will generously donate proceeds from her sale to her chosen charity - a reminder that Thriftmas in July was about more than finding bargains.

"The generosity and community spirit shown over the weekend was wonderful to see," Sonya said. "People weren't just shopping, they were connecting, supporting each other and finding ways to give back."

The Library's Craft, Create and Chat sessions were also very well attended, with organisers describing Saturday as "very busy". The Men's Shed enjoyed a successful weekend showcasing their skills and projects, while several community service groups welcomed enquiries from people interested in volunteering and becoming members.

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Pathfinders and Costa partnership delivers fresh produce to those in need

A new partnership between Costa Group in Guyra and Pathfinders is helping provide fresh, locally grown produce to people experiencing hardship in Newcastle.

The initiative will see Costa donate 100 kilograms of tomatoes each month to Pathfinders, with the produce transported by the Tilbuster Station team to Soul Hub Newcastle, where it will be used to prepare nutritious meals for people facing homelessness and financial hardship.

Pathfinders CEO Alan Brennan recently accepted the first donation before it was delivered to Soul Hub. Staff at the Newcastle service said donations of fresh food have declined in recent months, placing additional pressure on their ability to meet increasing demand. Last year alone, Soul Hub served more than 80,000 meals to people in need.

The monthly donations build on the long-standing partnership between Pathfinders and Soul Hub through the annual Pumpkin Run. Earlier this year, young people and staff from Tilbuster Station travelled to Newcastle to deliver tonnes of pumpkins grown on the property. During the visit, they also volunteered in the Soul Hub kitchen, helping prepare and serve meals before distributing



Alan Brennan CEO and staff Pathfinders, Costa group manager Christopher Cameron (Pic supplied)

pumpkins to people doing it tough across the community.

For more than 12 years, the Pumpkin Run has given young people the opportunity to develop practical agricultural skills while learning the importance of contributing to their communities through hands-on volunteering.

Mr Brennan said the new partnership with Costa would extend that impact beyond the annual event.

“The Pumpkin Run has always been about much more than delivering produce. It creates opportunities for young people to contribute to their communities, develop practical skills and see first-hand the value of giving back,” he said.

“We’re incredibly grateful to Costa Group for helping us extend that impact throughout the year.”

Tilbuster Station Manager Anthony Simmons said the on-

going donations reflected the values at the heart of the program.

“At Tilbuster, young people learn practical skills through agriculture, but they also learn what it means to give back, take responsibility and be part of their community,” he said.

“Being able to continue making regular donations like this means those lessons continue long after the Pumpkin Run has finished.”

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What's HOT

Great to see people out and about in Guyra over the weekend

Sponsor's Day at the New Red Hill this Saturday - see all three Guyra teams in action

What's NOT

Pouring used cooking oil down stormwater drains

Not so pleasant inside the toilets in volunteer park - such a shame when visitors are admiring the murals

JOKE of the week

Why are pediatricians so ill tempered?
Because they have little patience

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
7	Tues	4.1	11.7	1.2
8	Wed	3.1	10.9	0
9	Thurs	2.3	11.2	0
10	Fri	-1.2	11.6	0
11	Sat	1.4	12.4	0
12	Sun	2.5	12.7	3.6
13	Mon	0.2	11.7	0

Rainfall this week	4.8mm
July rainfall	14.4mm
Rainfall YTD	296.7mm
Rainfall last YTD	589.4mm
Ave. rain YTD	508.2mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin,
Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

New stops and news services for NSW Trainlink passengers

Guyra residents are now have direct public transport access to the Armidale CBD following changes to the NSW TrainLink coach network.

The changes took place on July 1st, allowing travellers from Guyra to take advantage an additional coach stop in Armidale, with passengers now able to board or alight from the Trainlink bus in the city centre in addition to the railway station.

A new Armidale-Port Macquarie return coach service has also been instigated, creating a direct public transport connection between the New England and the coast for the first time.

The service operates on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, with onward train connections at Wauchope to Coffs Harbour, Grafton, the Northern Rivers, the Gold Coast and Brisbane.

The NSW government says the changes provides residents with greater transport options for med-

ical appointments, holidays, visiting family, business travel and education, without the need to drive the entire journey.

The announcement forms part of a \$290 million investment over the next nine years, representing a 36 per cent increase in funding for the NSW TrainLink coach network. Minister for Regional Transport Jenny Aitchison said the changes were designed in response to extensive community consultation and would strengthen connections for people living in rural and regional areas.

"We know that our NSW TrainLink coach services are crucial, connecting our rural and regional communities to health, education, family and friends," she said.

Most services will now be operated by modern, wheelchair-accessible coaches equipped with a seating, seatbelts, onboard toilets, mobile phone charging points and defibrillators, improving comfort and safety for passengers.

Letters to the editor.....

From the Council meeting of 29th June 2026:- Water:-

I appreciate the planning, cost and implementation of the extensive water infrastructure system upgrades in Guyra to date, while noting still further stages are planned. Water is important to us. We listen with interest to the banter about a Malpas Dam Wall extension and the acquisition of Oaky Dam to supplement our growing water needs.

I am confounded by the ARC water policy that does not promote practical, conservative water use, nor does it educate for, plan for, promote or reward wise water use. All consumers have the capacity to modify their water consumption, equally the big water consumers connected to the supply and the small water consumers, all of whom have a water budget as one practical measure to help manage financial budgets.

I am disappointed to learn that although we live in an essentially dry continent, the current water policy cannot afford to promote

everyday water conservation practices, because to do so will challenge the commercial viability of the water fund which as a commercial operation may not, by regulation, operate in deficit.

If 'the water fund' cannot withstand reduced water usage, what is wrong with the policy?

From the Council Meeting in the abbreviated words of the Chief Officer :-

...our water fund ... struggled when drought, peaked in 2019. ...We started seeking to reduce the volumes that people were consuming, so they stopped having to pay for water.

We implemented some changes into our water fees and charges, which uplifted those charges immediately as a ... response to cover a systemic and broken ... water revenue structure.

So may I advise all who are connected to Guyra water and sewage, please prepare for this:-

The next piece of information that will be we conducted is ... what we call 'willingness to pay.'

Precautionary Evacuation at Costa Glasshouse

A precautionary evacuation was carried out at Costa's New England glasshouse on Thursday July 9th, following an issue with boiler equipment.

Costa activated its onsite emergency procedures, with all staff safely evacuated while emergency services attended the site.

Following an assessment, the situation was deemed stable and safe.

A Costa spokesperson said the evacuation was undertaken purely as a precaution while the issue was assessed.

"The health and safety of our people is our highest priority, and the evacuation was undertaken as a precaution while the matter was assessed," the spokesperson said.

No injuries were reported, and normal operations resumed once the site was declared safe.

... that's the ... term for ... considering our levels of service and their perceived value by the community. What ... levels of service ... are provided, how often you go into water restrictions, how long sewage chokes go unattended. ..compared... to the ... needs of the community in terms of their water and wastewater supplies. (and the affordability.)

A response to this 'willingness to pay' consultation deserves to be well-considered, based on your present and potential future experience, of supply, service and an informed understanding of the difference a part funded or unfunded Malpas Dam wall construction or Oaky restoration will make.

Beth White

Have your say

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Think your a local - put yourself to the (road) test

If you have lived in Guyra for many years, the names below may bring back memories. However, a recent conversation highlighted that some of our newer residents, and perhaps the younger generation, may not be familiar with these unofficial landmarks that have become part of local folklore.

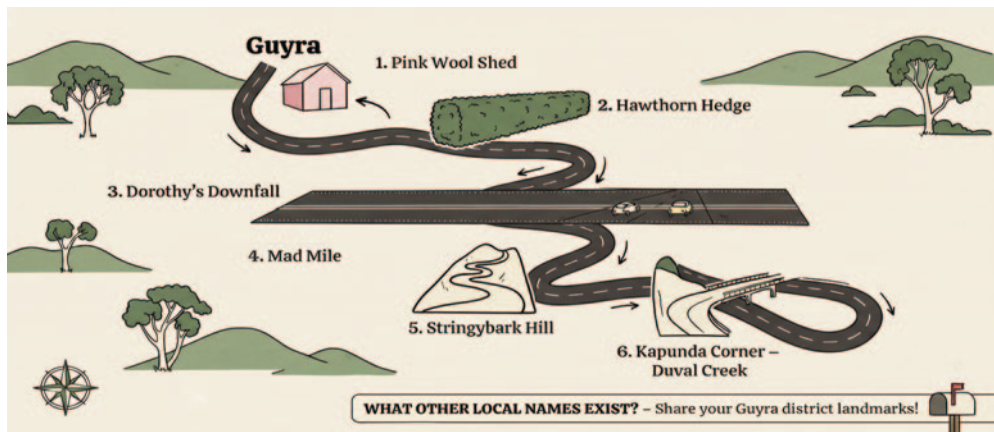
So, if someone told you they were heading past the Pink Wool Shed, the Hawthorn Hedge, Dorothy's Downfall, the Mad Mile, Stringybark Hill or Kapunda Corner - would you know where they were going? If I mentioned heading down the Pinch that would probably give it away.

It is of course the road that links Guyra with its southern suburb of Armidale, a journey of around 40 kilometres or 25 miles in the old vernacular. This stretch of road has changed dramatically over the years and was once a very different drive - narrow, winding and without the overtaking lanes we know today.

It was (and probably still is) a road where many newly licensed drivers tested their skills, and where plenty of "heroic" stories were shared about record times between the two towns.

For those who need a refresher:

Pink Wool Shed - the old pink wool shed, now the white woodshed at the bottom of the Pinch.



Hawthorn Hedge - located on the eastern side of the road when travelling south, just after the Sunnyside turnoff. It only partially remains, the victim of highway upgrades.

Dorothy's Downfall - notorious spot along the journey, although the exact location is a bit of a mystery.

Mad Mile - a section of road remembered as a testing ground for drivers and their machines (not something we would condone)

Stringybark Hill - another well-known landmark along the highway, where the overtaking lanes (recently upgraded) pass the property of the same name.

Kapunda Corner - the notorious corner leading towards Duval Creek, which was later im-

proved and straightened.

And these are just the names attached to one stretch of road. There are sure to be many more unofficial landmarks scattered across the district, places that may mean nothing to outsiders but instantly tell a local exactly where you are talking about.

What other local names are out there? Perhaps there is a bend, hill, creek crossing, gate or paddock that has its own story and nickname known only to locals.

We'd love to hear from readers. What are the local landmarks and road names that have been passed down through generations in the Guyra district?



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THRIFTMAS IN JULY

As everyone knows, the Guyra and Community Progress Association held their inaugural Thriftmas in July at the weekend, and it is safe to say it was a huge success!

The community came together with stalls and markets, a garage sale trail, live music and poetry, and a mini book fair.

From what I saw on Saturday, the event was really well supported and the town was buzzing.

The weather saw a few parts postponed but overall, it was a great event and I was grateful to be part of it.

\$175,895 SECURED FOR

DEANO'S SMOKED TROUT FARM

Deano's Smoked Trout Farm is a fantastic part of the Black Mountain area, and it was great to have a \$175,895 grant secured for upgrades to water efficiency, productivity and improving environmental management.

For nearly three decades Deano has grown the aquaculture and tourist facility into what it is today, and this funding will go to

ensure the local business continues to thrive.

Congratulations to Deano for securing this funding!

NSW BUDGET

The 2026-27 Budget was handed down late last month and presented a mixed picture for the Northern Tablelands and wider regional NSW.

Across the region, the redevelopment of the Moree and Glen Innes hospitals has been secured with funding allocated, and a new public preschool for Inverell has been planned.

There's also been \$100 million allocated for roads in addition to the usual road maintenance budget, \$5.5 million for the Pindari Dam cold water pollution project, \$6 million for social housing and continued funding secured for the Moree Special Activation Precinct.

Although there are positives, crime and agriculture missed out with \$157 million being cut from Local Land Services (LLS) and the Rural Assistance Authority (RAA). Only \$16.3 million has been allocated for



Member for Northern Tablelands,
Brendan Moylan with Wendy Mulligan at
Guyra Rotary's book fair and the market stalls
supporting the inaugural Thriftmas in July

feral pig control and pest management which is nowhere near enough to put a dent in the numbers.

The varroa mite incursion is escalating rapidly and there has been no mention of a concentrated control program to stop the spread in the budget.

Nearly half of NSW is drought affected but the Minns Labor Government has again failed to provide any meaningful drought support to farmers.

Meals on Wheels

July 16 *Bec Broughton*
 July 17 *Amar & Shoba Singh*
 July 20 *Lions Club*
 July 21 *Toni Kirkman*
 July 22 *Heather Marchant*

Street Stalls

July 16,17,18 *Lions*
 August 13, 14,15 *Liona*
 August 20 *Hosp. Auxiliary*
 August 27,28 *Freemasons*

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

ACROSS

- 1 Comment (6)
- 7 Makes remote; cuts off (8)
- 8 Mammal with a bushy tail (3)
- 9 Pictures (6)
- 10 Pull (4)
- 11 Droopy (5)
- 13 Blank page in a book (7)
- 15 Mercury alloy (7)
- 17 Moves slowly (5)
- 21 A group of three (4)
- 22 Walked quickly (6)
- 23 Won (anag) (3)
- 24 Act of sticking together (8)
- 25 Vitreous (6)

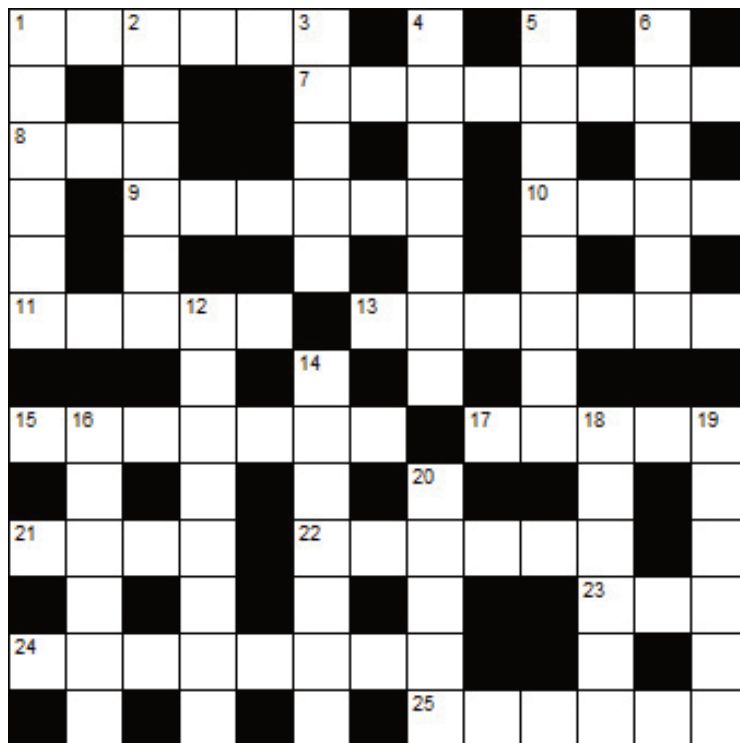
DOWN

- 1 Alludes to (6)
- 2 Jumbling up (6)
- 3 Male monarchs (5)
- 4 In a relaxed manner (7)
- 5 Man who has never married (8)
- 6 Source of caviar (6)
- 12 Moved at a fast canter (8)
- 14 Civil action brought to court (7)
- 16 Correspond to (6)

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- 19 Margin of safety (6)
- 20 Come to a place with (5)

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Council News

Council meetings

The next scheduled council meeting is 22 July 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.

Supervisor Facilities - Closing 11:30pm, 19 July 2026

Senior Governance Office - Closing 11:30pm, 19 July 2026

WHS Officer (Full time) - Closing 11:30pm, 19 July 2026

WHS Officer (4 Week Opportunity) - Closing 11:30pm, 19 July 2026

Mechanic Fitter - Closing 11:30pm, 26 July 2026

Tradesman/ Fabricator/ Fitter - Closing 11:30pm, 26 July 2026

Community Services Support Officer - Closing 11:30pm, 26 July 2026

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

Have a weeds question?

A Weeds Officer will be available at the Guyra Office on Tuesday, 29

July, from 10am to 12pm to answer your weed management questions and provide advice on identification, control and best practice management. Drop in and have a chat with the team.

Weed Alert: Harrisia Cactus

If you have seen a cactus that looks like the one on the picture, please contact Armidale Regional Council and report it!



Regional Infrastructure Strategy: Levels of Service and Perceived Value

Community consultation on future of water services

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Armidale Regional Council is inviting residents and businesses to have their say on the future of water, wastewater and stormwater services through the Regional Infrastructure Strategy: Levels of Service and Perceived Value consultation.

Commences from 13 July to 13 August 2026, the consultation forms part of council's Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan (IWCM), which will help guide water and wastewater planning, management and investment over the next 30 years.



Pop-up sessions:

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|------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| • 23 July 2026 | 10am-2pm | Outside Guyra IGA |
| • 26 July 2026 | 8am-1pm | Markets in the Mall |
| • 30 July 2026 | 10am-2pm | Armidale Central |
| • 9 August 2026 | 8am-1pm | Armidale Farmer's Market |
| • 13 August 2026 | 8am-1pm | Outside Guyra IGA |

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Inaugural Thriftmas delivers Winter Boost (cont.)

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The Hot Chocolate Trail proved another highlight, with customers enjoying a range of inventive sweet treats. The title of Guyra's Best Hot Chocolate was awarded to Why Knot Diner for its creative and delicious 'Hot Chocolate Bomb'.

"The Hot Chocolate Trail was a great way to encourage people to visit local businesses and enjoy a winter treat," Sonya said.

"It was fantastic seeing people moving around town, exploring different activities and supporting our local operators."

Guyra was buzzing with activity as visitors explored the town, attended events and discovered hidden treasures. Even travellers free camping at Mother of Ducks Lagoon joined in after spotting the event program on the community noticeboard.

The Guyra Historical Museum also opened its doors, offering visitors a fascinating glimpse into the district's rich history and celebrating the stories of generations past. Brendan Moylan MP also took time out of his busy schedule to visit, say hello and enjoy some shopping.

Guyra and Community Progress Association extends its sincere thanks to local businesses, community organisations, volunteers, market stallholders, garage sale hosts and everyone who supported the inaugural event.

"The feedback has been incredibly positive, and we are so grateful to everyone who helped make the weekend such a success," Sonya said.



Much of the action centred around the Rotary Hall, but there were also plenty of people out and about at garage sales

With such strong community support, plans are already underway for Thriftmas in July 2027. Organisers have identified opportunities to improve signage, venues and expand the event program, but are delighted with what was achieved in just two weeks of preparation.

"We already have lots of ideas for next year and hope to build Thriftmas in July into a regular event on Guyra's social calendar," Sonya said.

Residents of Guyra and surrounding villages who are think-

ing about holding a garage sale next year, whether as an individual household, sporting club or community group, are encouraged to start collecting their treasures now.

"A garage sale is a great way to declutter, recycle, connect with the community and make a few extra dollars," Sonya said.

"Thank you, Guyra, for embracing this new event and supporting your local community. We are truly humbled by your enthusiasm and generosity. This weekend showed just how much our town has to offer."



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Gazette's Celebrity Footy Tipping

Support Guyra's Local Businesses

Our Local Birdie returned to form this week and has claimed 2nd place on 174 points, leading a group of four by just 2 points: DJ, Dip Stick, Fred and SK all on 172.

Winter Wombat has also had a late resurgence (166) and, along with Queen B and Bulldog, have the potential to claim a podium spot at the end of the season.

Iggman has a good grip on top of the Leaderboard on 182, while Farmer Joe still claims the Wooden Spoon.

Even though Soley had the best score of the week (12 points), he remains in the Wooden Spoon position.

Marie claims the top Celebrity spot with consistent scoring to have a 10 point lead over Smokey the Butcher and Kimmy who share 2nd place on 168 points.

Just 2 points behind we have our lovely lads at Fourways in 3rd place on 166 and our local councillor Eli is another 2 points back on 164.

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MEETING NOTICES

GUYRA SHOW SOCIETY AGM will be held at the Guyra Bowling Club Saturday 18th July at 9.30am followed by a general meeting.

GARAGE SALE

SUNDAY, 19th July from 9am to 4pm
at 3/2 White Street, Guyra.
Kitchen gear, household goods,
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DEATH & FUNERAL NOTICES

LOFTS; COLIN BRUCE ("POPEYE") 28.2.1937 - 6.7.2026

It saddens our hearts to announce the passing on 06.07.26 of Colin Bruce Lofts (Popeye) aged 89 at Kanwal Gardens.

Colin (formerly of Guyra) is survived by his wife Joy Lofts (nee Chapman), sons Steven, Dale, Glenn, Gregg, Stuart and their partners Karen, Michelle, Denise, Karen and Kath; 9 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; brothers Ian and Robert and their partners Christine and Barbara.

Colin will be missed by all who knew him.

Funeral service will be held at Bowden Family Funerals Chapel, 365 Pacific Highway, Wyong on 14th August, 2026 commencing at 11am.

A wake will follow the service at the Bowden Family Funerals Function Rooms.

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3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

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FRIDAY - MONDAY

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Market stalls, Art Show,
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SATURDAY, 5th DECEMBER

Black Mountain Baptist Church
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BBQ commences at 6:00pm
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Ladies' Golf

Last week a small field played a 4BBB Aggregate. The weather was a bit nasty at first but did improve through the morning.

The winners were Debbie Heffernan and Wendy George with 66 points. Jenny Rogers and Wendy were the runners up with 65 points. Wendy also won the nearest the pin on the 18th hole.

Also last week a few of our ladies played in a two day tournament down at Safety Beach Woolgoolga.

Wendy Jackson won the second day of the tournament of the event with 35 points. Well done Wendy!

This week is a Golf NSW Medal Round. Next week is a Par Medal Round.

This is my final report for the Gazette I am taking a break after a few years. Our new reporter will be keeping golfers and families up to date.

Birdie

Men's Bowls

A pennant roll-up will be held on Sunday, July 19th, commencing at 10.00 am. A trial game will take place at Armidale City Bowling Club on Sunday, August 9th, with play beginning at 10.00 am.

The State Pennant Play-offs will be held at Figtree from 20th – 25th August. Players travelling from Guyra are advised that cars will depart the club at 4.00 am on Thursday, August 20th.



Gazette Footy Tipping

Iggman	182	Timmy the Tiger	164
Birdie	174	Nicko	162
DJ	172	Lilley	160
Dip Stick	172	Wayno	160
Fred	172	Happy Gilmore	160
SK	172	Luigi	152
Queen B	168	Bundles	140
Bulldog	166	Broncos	136
Winter Wombat	166	Farmer Joe	128
Mocack	164		

Locals Entry Form - Round 21

Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on **Wednesday 22nd July**

Name:

Phone:

Eels	vs	Panthers
Knights	vs	Roosters
Rabbits	vs	Storm
Raiders	vs	Tigers
Bulldogs	vs	Warriors
Cowboys	vs	Broncos
Dragons	vs	Titans
Sea Eagles	vs	Sharks

Bye:
Dolphins

Spuds come from behind to defeat Tingha

Guyra returned from Tingha with two of the best wins of the season last Saturday and is looking forward to this Saturday's clash with Barraba at home.

Battling a raft of injuries the A grade game looked over within 15 minutes as Tingha ran in three tries to have the Spuds reeling at 16-nil down.

However, the Spuds didn't concede another point for the last 65 minutes and chipped away at the lead, before pouncing in the last 15 minutes.

Archie Dowden scored Guyra's first try to cut the score to 16-4 but that was the only time Guyra bothered the scorers in the first half.

After the break Will Archibald finished off a good try to bring Guyra closer at 16-10.

Rave Brazier then finished the next try to leave the Spuds just two points adrift.

It took a spilled bomb off the boot of reserve grade half Anthony Dittman and Billy Youman scooping up the loose ball to finally get Guyra in front, 18-16.

Youman then completed the job with his second from a penalty tap and the Spuds went 24-16 in front with less than 10 minutes to play.

That remained the final score and completed a remarkable effort from a Guyra side that started the game with only 11 fresh players.

Seb Pianko was players' player and scored



Brad Waters scored three tries for the reserves and backed up in A grade.

two club points, Youman picked up three points and Dittman one.

Earlier in the day the reserves piled on a half century to record their biggest win of the year.

Brad Waters scored three tries and Dittman two as the Spuds ran up a 50-2 scoreline.

Other try-scorers for Guyra were Brock Laybutt, Matt Simpson, Angus Brazier and Luke

Allsopp, with Dittman booting seven goals.

Waters was players' player and earned three best and fairest points, Erick Klabe received two points and Dittman one.

Barraba's visit doubles at Sponsors' Day on Saturday and sees all three grades in action in another important set of fixtures for Guyra teams.

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SALE DAY - 3rd August 2026, 1pm

Bald Blair Angus

OPEN DAY - 2nd August 2026, 10am-2pm

SALE DAY - 4th August 2026, 1pm

Eastern Plains Angus

BULL WALK - 29th July 2026, 1.30pm-3.30pm

SALE DAY - 5th August 2026, 1pm

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