



Wednesday August 19, 2026

Education Week - Inspiring excellence at Guyra Central

Guyra Central School proudly celebrated Education Week 2026 under this year's theme, Inspiring Excellence, highlighting the strength, diversity, and achievements of NSW public education. The weeklong festivities brought together students, staff, and community members in recognition of outstanding contributions and achievements across all areas of school life.

Education Week honours the dedication to supporting every student to learn, grow and thrive, with special acknowledgement for high potential and gifted learners. This year's Education Week Awards showcased the exceptional talents and commitment within the Guyra Central School community:

Staff Member Award: Gwyn Pearson was recognised for going above and beyond her expected duties, particularly for her invaluable work at the School Farm and her contributions to the Guyra Show.

Secondary Student Award: Charlie Ward was honoured for her outstanding achievements in sport coupled with her exemplary leadership skills.

Primary Student Award: Ashton Hutton received praise for his courteous nature, willingness to try new things, strong work ethic, and kindness towards peers.

Community Member Award: Rebecca Woods was commended for her engaging work with students through gardening and cooking activities and her encouraging, kind nature.

A highlight of the celebrations was the



Secondary award winner Charlie Ward (Year 12) with Mr Tim Lloyd



Primary Award winner Ashton Hutton (Year 6) and Mrs Annette Callister

reintroduction of the Guyra Central School Hall of Fame, recognising past students who have achieved significant success.

This year, Major Erin Archibald was inducted in recognition of her distinguished military career.

Major Archibald, a proud local from Guyra, has served in the Australian Army

since 2010, undertaking key leadership and operational roles across Afghanistan, Iraq, UAE, and Kuwait. Her exceptional service has been internationally recognised, including receiving the US Defence Meritorious Service Medal

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Major Archibald's dedication to leadership, logistic operations, and training development has made a lasting impact. Her academic achievements include a Bachelor of Arts from the University of New England and a Master of Military and Defence Studies from Deakin University. She balances her professional career with family life, married to Major Cameron Gibbins and together raising two children.

Education Week culminated with the eagerly anticipated running of the 30th Guyra Gift, with Kobie Killen taking first place, Indigo Atkin securing second, and Sam Torrens placing third.

Guyra Central School would like to extend congratulations to all award winners and thank the entire school community for their ongoing commitment to inspiring excellence.



Guyra Gift winners - L-R - Indigo Atkin, Kobie Killen and Samuel Torrens

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New Pharmacist is getting back to her roots

Guyra Pharmacy has welcomed a second pharmacist, with Rebecca Gollan bringing more than a decade of pharmacy experience to the town.

For Rebecca, the career move was a chance to get closer to her country roots. She already had strong connections to Guyra, with her grandparents, Heather and Ray Douglass, living at Black Mountain. She spent many of her school holidays in the area while growing up.

After spending around 15 years 'accidentally' in Queensland, it was her 10-year-old son who helped convince her to make the move to the New England.

The transition from the tropics to the cooler climate has been a big change, but both Rebecca and her son have settled into country life and are loving the area and the weather.

Rebecca said she has enjoyed settling into the busy Guyra Pharmacy and getting to know local patients. She has also had to adjust to some differences between pharmacy practice in Queensland and NSW.

Her previous work was mainly in North Queensland, around Townsville and further north. In recent years, she worked as a pharmacist with the Australian Defence Force.

While many health conditions remain the same, Rebecca said the focus has shifted from managing conditions associated with the heat to dealing with the chal-



Guyra pharmacists Vu Nguyen and Rebecca Gollan

lenges of a colder climate.

One of Rebecca's goals is to expand the services she can offer locally. She is currently completing her accreditation to provide Home Medicines Reviews, which she hopes to begin around October.

The service allows an accredited pharmacist to visit a patient in their home and review their medications, helping ensure patients understand what they are

taking and why.

Rebecca said it can be particularly useful for people taking several medications or who have recently been discharged from hospital.

Guyra Pharmacy owner Vu Nguyen said having another pharmacist was a valuable addition to the business.

"Even though it's a small business, I find it quite hard to have just one pharmacist, so with Re-

becca onboard it gives me a bit of relief and gives me a bit of time to concentrate on other things," Vu said.

He said Rebecca's local connections and patient-focused approach made her a good fit for the pharmacy.

"She's like myself, concentrating on talking to the patients and explaining medications, and I think that's a great help for the local community," he said.



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What's HOT

Spring is nearly here!

Guyra bowlers pennants teams head to State play-offs on Thursday.

A new Pharmacist to assist Vu

What's NOT

Who is responsible for the vans picking up green waste and recycle bins at 10-10.30 at night?

JOKE of the week

How do you console a sad English teacher?
There, their, they're

Bureau of Meteorology Weather WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
12	Tues	4.2	12.0	6.8
13	Wed	2.8	12.1	0
14	Thurs	3.2	11.4	1.8
15	Fri	-1.5	15.1	0
16	Sat	2.6	13.6	0
17	Sun	2.0	12.8	0
18	Mon	4.5		4.0

Rainfall this week	12.6mm
Aug rainfall	27.6mm
Rainfall YTD	327.5mm
Rainfall last YTD	731.8mm
Ave. rain YTD	561.4mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin,
Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

New Minister welcomed to Guyra

The Presbyterian Churches of Guyra and Glen Innes gathered at St Columba's Presbyterian Church in Guyra on Sunday, August 9th, to welcome Reverend Paul Seiler and his wife, Carol, who have committed to serving the local area.

Church Moderator Peter Barber from Inverell officiated at the special combined service, which was attended by representatives from Inverell, as well as people from across the Guyra, Glen Innes and district communities.

The service also included the commissioning of Scott Wright as an elder of the Glen Innes Presbyterian Church.

The 2pm service provided an opportunity for members of the two congregations and the wider community to come together and welcome Paul and Carol to the area.

Following the service, everyone was invited to afternoon tea in the McKie Hall, where Paul and Carol cut a cake as a gesture of welcome. The afternoon provided plenty of opportunity for people to meet, greet and enjoy conversation over a generous spread of afternoon tea.

The regular weekly services will now resume, with worship at St Columba's Presbyterian Church in Guyra at 9am and Glen Innes at 11am.



Reverend Paul Seiler and his wife Carol

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THURSDAY	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
FRIDAY	10:00 am - 4:00 pm

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Guyra Vinnies

Ron Vickress awarded region's Highest Honour

Former Guyra resident Ron Vickress has been awarded the Keys to the City of Armidale, recognising a remarkable lifetime of service to the community, the nation and future generations.

The 101-year-old was formally presented with the honour at a special ceremony at Armidale Town Hall on Tuesday, August 11th.

The Keys to the City are among Armidale Regional Council's highest civic honours and recognise individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the community.

Mr Vickress' contribution has spanned public service, education, community development, the arts, social justice and advocacy, leaving a lasting legacy across the New England and beyond.

Born in 1925, Mr Vickress began serving his country as an air raid warden in Sydney during the Second World War before enlisting in the Royal Australian Navy at the age of 17.



Ron Vickress with ARC Mayor Sam Coupland

Serving aboard HMAS Pirie, he witnessed significant moments in Australian and world history, including the aftermath of the bombing of Darwin and the surrender of Japanese Imperial Forces in Tokyo Bay in 1945.

Following the war, Mr Vickress dedicated himself to strengthening communities through teaching, academic leadership, amateur theatre, peace advocacy and work alongside Indigenous communities.

His achievements as a playwright, theatre director, poet and author have also enriched cultural life across Australia.

His connection with Armidale and the University of New England has been particularly significant. He completed a Bachelor of Letters and later a Master of Education with Honours through UNE.

In 2023, he was recognised with the University's Alumni Community Award as its oldest alumnus. That same year, he was named Armidale Regional Council's Senior Citizen of the Year.

Mayor Sam Coupland said the Keys to the City recognised a lifetime dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of others.

"Ron Vickress embodies the very best of community service," Mayor Coupland said.

"The Keys to the City are reserved for individuals whose service and achievements leave a lasting legacy."



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FUNDING – Local Sport Grant Program

Community sporting organisations across NSW are being urged to get their boots on, with the Minns Labor Government throwing open applications for \$4.65 million in Local Sport Grant Program funding.

Grants range from \$2,000 to \$20,000, with up to \$50,000 available in each electorate. Applications close 1pm, Monday, 24 August.

Visit www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding for further information and to apply.

Ron Vickress honoured in Armidale

Celebration for an outstanding resident kicked off in the Armidale Town Hall on Tuesday as Ron Vickress was honoured with the Conferral of the Keys to the City of Armidale.

The Keys to the City is among the highest honours Council can bestow, recognising individuals whose service, achievements and dedication have made an enduring contribution to the community.

Ron has achieved many peaks during his 101 years, as a returned serviceman still active in the RSL, active in education, the

arts, social justice and the wider community. His contributions over many years have helped shape Armidale and the wider New England region.

I was delighted to join the community to applaud his achievements.

Call for police drone rollout

On the back of a hugely successful trial run, I am calling on the NSW Government to commit to making the Moree police drone trial permanent, as well as rolling out this technology right across regional areas.

There is strong evidence that the technology is improving community safety, strengthening frontline policing, and earning overwhelming support from residents and officers. The drone trial has delivered exactly what the Moree community hoped it would, faster responses, better intelligence, and safer outcomes for our community and our police.

Local Police officers are telling me they want this technology to stay, and residents are telling me they feel more secure in their homes.



There's still time to submit a funding application under the Local Sport Grant Program

The drones have supported Moree officers and the community, and it makes complete sense to make this permanent.

Police have used the drones to monitor stolen vehicles, support search operations, gather intelligence during pursuits, and provide aerial oversight during disturbances such as break and enter offences.

With results that are so clear, consistent, and compelling, the remote drone response is something that should be available to all regional and remote communities.

Meals on Wheels

Aug 20 Bec Broughton
Aug 21 Amar & Shobha Singh
Aug 24 Bea Velthuis
Aug 25 Steve Mephram
Aug 26 ARC

Street Stalls

August 20 Hosp. Auxiliary
August 27,28 Freemasons
September 3,4,5 Rotary

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

St. Columba's Presbyterian Church
9am Sunday followed by morning tea. **Contact:** Beth White Ph 02 67 332 014

The Chapel: 66 Llangothin Street: Sunday Gathering at 10am. Afterwards Morning Tea mingle.
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

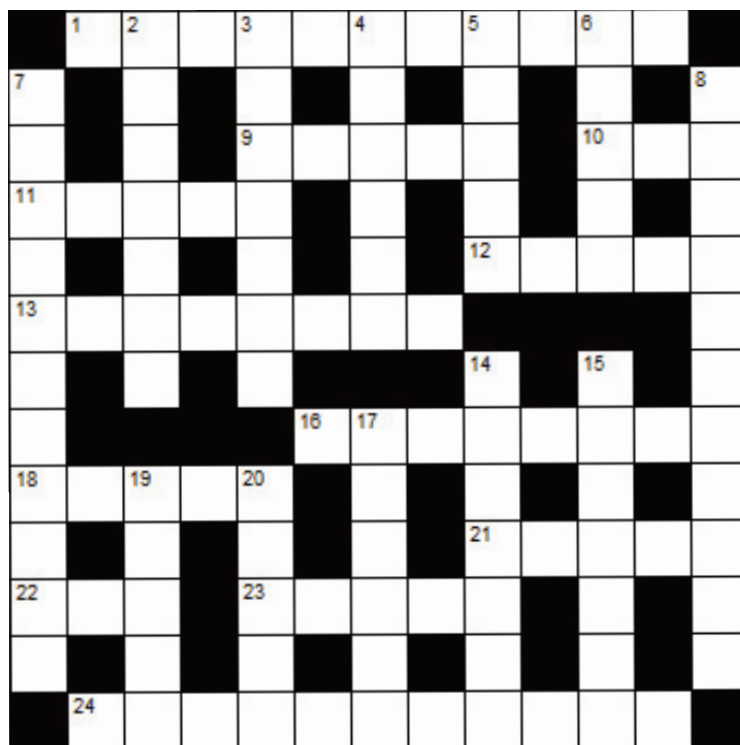
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- 10 Container (3)
11. Path or road (5)
- 12 Type of military operation (5)
- 13 Inopportune (5)
16. Not ripe (of fruit) (8)
- 18 Object on which a bird roosts (5)
- 21 Staple (5)
- 22 Close-fitting hat (3)
- 23 One-way flow structure (5)
24. Attention-grabbing (3-8)

Down:

- 2 Migratory grasshoppers (7)
3. Repositories of antiques (7)
- 4 Go from one place to another (6)
- 5 Ancient harps (5)

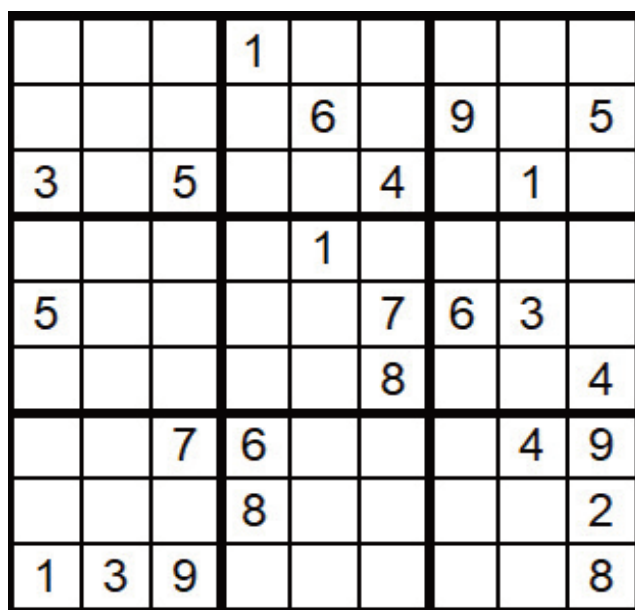
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- 14 Shakespeare play about

- a Scottish nobleman (7)
- 15 E.g. from Moscow (7)
- 17 A cereal (6)
- 19 Answer (5)
- 20 Total disorder (5)

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Future clearer for Kolora as McLean Care merges with Respect

Inverell-based not-for-profit aged care provider, McLean Care is set to transition its six residential aged care homes and 82 co-located independent living units to Respect, following a structured process to secure the organisation's future.

Respect will take control of McLean Care, including Kolora in Guyra, on September 1, 2026. The transition will initially occur through a transfer of control of the existing McLean Care entity, with McLean Care expected to formally transfer into the Respect Group later this year.

The agreement will see Respect take over McLean Care's residential aged care operations in Inverell, Guyra and Gunnedah in northern NSW, as well as Oakey and Millmerran in southern Queensland.

McLean Care announced in February that it was seeking a new provider after financial pressures facing the aged care sector, particularly in regional areas, made its existing operating model no longer viable.

At the time, McLean Care Board Chair, Manuel Meszaros cited rising operating costs, labour shortages, complex compliance requirements and the cost of maintaining and upgrading facilities among the challenges fac-



New gardens, including a memorial garden, were established earlier this year with willing workers from the Guyra Garden Club

ing regional providers.

"This is one of the most significant decisions in McLean Care's history. After a comprehensive process, the Board is confident that Respect is the right organisation to ensure the future of care across our communities while continuing McLean Care's legacy," Mr Meszaros said.

Respect, a not-for-profit organisation with a 100-year history, operates aged care homes, retirement villages, independent living communities and home care services across Australia. Its acquisition of McLean Care will expand its aged care operations to 47 homes.

Respect Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, Jason Binder said the organisation was honoured to continue McLean Care's legacy and saw opportunities to strengthen services in regional communities.

At Kolora, residents will keep their rooms and security of tenure, with the same staff continuing to provide their care. Staff will transition to Respect's systems and operating model, with support provided throughout the process.

Kolora will retain local leadership and staff while gaining access to Respect's broader operational, clinical, quality,

workforce, finance, technology, learning and development and property resources.

While staff may use different systems and processes, Respect said the day-to-day care provided to residents would remain the priority, including medications, meals, cleaning and clinical care.

Respect operates its homes under a consistent model designed to support high-quality care, with specialist teams providing clinical governance, quality and compliance support.

Major capital works are not anticipated at Kolora, which is already a modern and contemporary facility and is owned by Armidale Regional Council.

Respect intends to undertake significant redevelopment of the Killean and Mackellar Apex Road facilities, along with smaller refurbishment works across other sites.

The two organisations have established transition teams to support residents, families and staff through the change.

McLean Care's in-home aged care services have already transitioned to Australian Unity, while its virtual healthcare service, iAge Health, closed in June, with allied health services transferred to Plena Healthcare.

MP browned off over neglected water quality across electorate

Member for Northern Tablelands Brendan Moylan has called for urgent State and Federal government intervention needed to fix failing regional water infrastructure and deliver household water security for residents across the electorate.

Addressing parliament recently, the MP called for immediate and substantial investment from the State and Federal Governments to ensure communities including Glen Innes, Uralla, Wyallda and Guyra have year-round access to clean water.

"An urgent and formidable challenge for my electorate is the poor quality of the drinking water in a number of towns and villages across this region, and without urgent investment and updating of

infrastructure it will continue to deteriorate," the MP said.

"Communities and councils are being left with ageing infrastructure for which there is no way possible they can afford to update without substantial financial assistance."

Mr Moylan said residents across his electorate are being forced to tolerate water quality issues that would be unacceptable anywhere else in New South Wales.

In his address to State Parliament, he said water in Glen Innes has repeatedly turned brown due to sediment shedding from a century old pipe network laid close to the surface.

"The discolouration worsens in summer as the pipes heat up, leaving households with stained cloth-

ing, damaged sinks and bathtubs, and a standard of living simply not good enough in 2026," he said.

"The cost of replacing the network is incredibly expensive and the NSW Government should not leave such a burden to the local councils alone.

"Guyra faces similar problems with an ageing pipe network and limited water security, further south in Uralla, residents continue to experience discoloured water with many resorting to bottled water."

"Gwydir Shire also faces recurring water quality issues and confronted PFAS contamination in late 2024, forcing emergency bottled water distribution and reliance on temporary bores."

Mr Moylan said the situation re-

flects decades of neglect from both Canberra and Macquarie Street, leaving regional communities with water infrastructure that desperately needs updating.

"Clean drinking water should not be a luxury for rural and regional residents in 2026," Mr Moylan said.

"The Northern Tablelands contributes significantly to the NSW economy, yet our communities are left hoping our water stays clear in summer.

"Unless Canberra and Macquarie Street pull their socks up and help, it will be beyond the ability of our councils to fix.

"We need help to ensure we have the clear, safe and reliable drinking water we deserve."

Funding to design shared path in Guyra

Guyra has been included in the NSW Government's latest round of active transport funding, with Armidale Regional Council receiving \$113,000 to design a shared path linking South Guyra with the Guyra CBD.

The funding follows community consultation undertaken by Council in November last year, when residents were asked to provide feedback on the proposed pathway and demonstrate the level of local support for the project.

The proposed Guyra Shared Path – New England Highway will run along a 2.7-kilometre

section of the highway between Cameron Street and Tenterden Street.

Council described the project as a key component of its Active Transport Strategy, with the pathway intended to connect South Guyra with the town centre and provide links to important community and recreational destinations, including the tourist park, lookout and dog park.

The \$113,000 grant comes through the NSW Government's 2026/27 Get Active program, which is providing funding to 48 councils across the state through the Get NSW Active and Get

Kids Active initiatives.

The Guyra project will develop the design for a three-metre-wide shared path, including accessible facilities aimed at making the route safer and more welcoming for people walking and riding.

The project is also intended to provide a foundation for future pathway connections throughout Guyra.

The original proposal was put to the community in late 2025, with Council seeking feedback to help guide the detailed design and strengthen its application for funding to deliver the pathway.

Council's project description

states that the future pathway would create new opportunities for walking and riding between South Guyra and the CBD, while supporting community health and providing infrastructure that can be extended in the future.

Across NSW, the Get Active program is funding projects ranging from planning and design through to construction and upgrades of walking and cycling infrastructure.

The full list of 2026/27 Get Active grants is available through the NSW Government's Transport website.

Future-Ready Farm Dams Project Launched

Southern New England Landcare has launched its first Revive & Thrive: Future-Ready Farm Dams project, aimed at supporting healthier farm dams, cleaner water, stronger biodiversity, improved livestock outcomes and greater farm water security across the region.

"Farm dams are vital to productive and resilient farming systems," said Southern New England Landcare Local Landcare Coordinator Struan Ferguson.

"With practical improvements such as better stock access management, revegetation, off-stream watering and improved water planning, dams can support cleaner water, healthier stock, more native habitat and stronger drought preparedness."

The project will deliver a series of activities over the next 12 months, with farmers, landholders, Landcare members and agricultural advisers invited to participate.

Upcoming activities include a WaterWise Farms: Stock, Storage & Security workshop at Kentucky on Friday, August 28, followed by a Dam Good Water: Enhancing Farm Dams workshop at Uralla on Thursday, September 3.

A Farm Dam Enhancement and Pondi Monitoring Train the Trainer workshop will also be held on Friday, September 4 for Landcare, natural resource management and industry advisers.

Landholders can also apply to host a Farm Dam Enhancement Demonstration Site, with Expres-

sions of Interest closing on August 31.

Selected properties may receive support for eligible materials including fencing, native plants, plant guards, off-stream watering infrastructure and materials for a hardened stock access point. Landholders will contribute labour and in-kind support.

The project also provides opportunities for landholders to have greenhouse gas emissions from their farm dams measured using Pondi loggers as part of RMIT University's Ripple Effect work. The low-cost floating loggers measure carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide emissions from dams.

Monitoring opportunities will be available throughout the project, subject to site suitability, safe

access, consent, equipment availability and research timing.

Supported by the NSW Government through the Landcare Enabling Program Phase 3 Innovations and Partnerships Grant Program, the project combines practical workshops, demonstration sites and research partnerships.

Farmers, landholders and community members can join Southern New England Landcare to stay informed about local events, funding opportunities, workshops and projects.

For information, event registrations or demonstration site Expressions of Interest, contact Southern New England Landcare on 02 6772 9123 or visit snelandcare.org.au.



Gazette Footy Tipping

Iggman	234	Queen B	214
Birdie	232	Happy Gilmore	212
DJ	230	Lilley	210
Bulldog	226	Wayno	208
SK	224	Timmy the Tiger	204
Winter Wombat	224	Luigi	194
Fred	222	Broncos	190
Dip Stick	220	Bundles	174
Nicko	220	Farmer Joe	164
Mocack	216		

Locals Entry Form - Round 26

Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on **Wednesday 26th August**

Name:

Phone:

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

Bye:
Raiders



Gazette's Celebrity Footy Tipping

Support Guyra's Local Businesses

This year's footy tipping season will be extended into the finals. Accordingly, dear readers, who will get to enjoy the tussles and tensions of who will make it to a podium finish for a few extra weeks.

Will Marie be able to hang onto the Celebrity Lead until the end? There are only 4 points (or 2 games) in her lead over our favourite butcher, 232-228.

Kimmy and Cr. Eli are next in line, jointly sharing 3rd

place on 224 points. Then we have Sue and our lovely lads at Fourways on 220. And the big question: who will take home the Wooden Spoon?

The Locals Leaderboard has tightened up with Igman having quite a dreadful week to have Birdie just 2 points behind, 234-232.

Dip Stick has fallen away and the one to watch is Winter Wombat striving for a podium finish.

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Guyra bowlers head to State playoffs

Guyra's pennant bowlers will travel to Figtree this Thursday to compete in the State 5s Play-off, with cars leaving Guyra at 5am.

Guyra will face Penrith, St Johns Park and Hat Head in the opening rounds. If successful,

the team will progress to the quarter-finals on Saturday afternoon, followed by the semi-finals and final on Sunday.

The Guyra teams representing the club are:

Team 1: J McIlwain, A Bull, R Mulligan and P Johnson

Team 2: D Wilcox, R Moore, M Bourke and R Walls

Team 3: D Kennedy, S Campbell, S Brennan and N Brennan

The club wishes all three teams the best of luck and is confident they will represent Guyra proudly at the State play-

off.

Final Major/Minor Pairs

The final of the Major/Minor Pairs was also played, with C Stanley and G Mitchell recording a 21-20 victory over M Bourke and R Mulligan.

Senior Soccer

The Caspers took on Inverell in both grades in Guyra last Saturday. Fourth grade were looking to restore some pride in the rematch, with the first game blowing out to Inverell. This game did that showing how far the team has come and bonded since the early season game.

Guyra defended very well in the first half keeping the opposition to two goals, numbering up on key Inverell players and scrambling back to help out. The second half shaped to be a blow out with Inverell extending their lead to four in quick succession after the break.

A cross from out wide rebounded off the post and keeper to see Tom L nudge it in to get Guyra first goal. There were a number of shots that just missed from the Guyra team in a short period where Guyra looked on top. Inverell got one back on Guyra to go 5 to 1 but as the game ended a run from Mitchell H seen another Guyra goal (his first for the season) to end the game 5 to 2.

The 3rd grade side looked to overtake Inverell on the ladder

with a win, but knew it would never be easy. They welcomed back players who have been out the last few weeks, slotting back in seamlessly for another solid Guyra performance.

The first half was a close and tight fought half with neither team able to get the advantage despite a number of attempts from the Caspers. The swarming Inverell defence seen the mid field unable to maintain any possession forcing the team wide. Half time was nil all and shortly after the break Normi M caught the Inverell side out and scored for Guyra.

Big games for Blake H in the backs and a sick Angus S in the mid field who both took home point this week seen the Caspers hold out Inverell winning by the narrow margin. This coming Saturday will see both teams face Souths where a win for 3th grade will see them take the top spot on the ladder.

Junior Soccer

The Under 7s were overwhelmed by the opposition on Saturday. They did have periods of success leading to goals,

brought about by much improved teamwork and passing developed through the season.

The Under 8 Goosebumps played Norths Goalseekers this week. The team played very well with plenty of passes and shots at goals. The boys scored four goals to win the game. Fraser scoring a few with Jack, Jacob and Jackson playing great games. Well done team.

The Under 10s played in Armidale over the weekend in their most resilient effort of the season. Cooper W continued his streak getting Guyra's goal, but in a very evenly matched game Norths struck back with luck and bounce of the ball on their side. It continued the same with neither team getting the upper hand and playing out a draw. The team is looking forward to the rematch in a few weeks on home turf.

The under 14s played TAS on the weekend, TAS warmed up extremely well and caught the Guyra team off guard in the first three minutes of play scoring off a raid down the left side. This kicked Guyra into gear and an overconfident TAS seen Zac R push through the middle off the kickoff in a tremendous solo ef-

fort in the 4th minute to level it up for Guyra. He again scored with some help from the middle for the game to be 2 to 1 at half time. TAS wasn't out of the game but straight after half time Taharn P broke the TAS side landing another goal. The game was iced off with a late Guyra goal to Oscar L, hopefully the side continues the momentum this weekend against Westside.

Ladies' Golf

Eight hardy souls took to the fairways last Wednesday for a Par Medal Round.

Deb Heffernan prevailed in windy and cold conditions, winning the comp with -2 from Binna Lenehan with -3. Deb also took two NTPs on the 7th and 9th, the 10th went to Wendy Jackson and the 18th for Wendy George.

Next Wednesday is a Stroke and Putting comp.

Leonie Taylor and Deb Heffernan competed at the Longyard Open 4BBB last weekend – a good time but too many better golfers on the day.

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