



# Guyra Gazette

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## Heather Starr honoured with CWA Life Membership

Congratulations to Mrs Heather Starr, who has been awarded Life Membership of the CWA NSW Guyra Branch in recognition of 51 years of dedicated service.

Heather continues to be an active member of the Country Women's Association and has contributed extensively at Branch, Group and State levels throughout her membership.

Heather was joined by family members and fellow CWA members at the CWA Guyra Branch's August meeting, where Northern Tablelands Group President and State Executive Committee Member Eileen Mitchell was also present.

Heather was presented with her Life Membership certificate and badge by Mrs Dorothy Every, who also outlined Heather's many achievements and contributions to the CWA over her 51 years of service.

Heather joined the Guyra Branch of the NSW Country Women's Association in March 1975. She became Guyra CWA Branch Secretary in October 1975 and in her 51 years of Membership she has held the position of Branch President or



Northern Tablelands Group President Eileen Mitchell, Life Member Heather Starr, and CWA members Leigh Ramage and Dorothy Every.

Branch Secretary for a total of 38 years. Heather has been a Branch Councillor to Group and Branch Delegate to State Conference a number of times.

Heather has held Northern Tablelands Group Office Bearers positions including Group Presi-

dent, Group Secretary, two terms, Group Vice President, Group Cookery Officer and Group Ag and Environment Officer.

Heather obtained her Land Cookery Judges Badge in 1988 and has judged the Land Cookery State Finals at Conference a total

of twelve times.

The Guyra Branch congratulated Heather on the well-deserved recognition of her commitment and contribution to the organisation and the wider community.

## BALD BLAIR PUBLIC SCHOOL

Is your child starting Kindergarten in 2027?



### Transition Morning Tea & Information sessions

Day 1 Friday 28 August 2026

Day 2 Friday 18 September 2026

Time 9.30am - 11.30am

Children experience a morning in class and meet the teachers while parents relax over a cuppa and chat with our friendly team.

Transition program will be held every Friday in Term 4

For further details or to register please phone the school 6779 1578

# Water treatment upgrades ahead of blue-green algae season

Armidale Regional Council has completed significant upgrades to the Guyra Water Treatment Plant ahead of the upcoming Blue-Green Algae (BGA) season, improving its ability to manage taste and odour impacts associated with algal activity and strengthening the resilience of Guyra's drinking water supply.

As warmer weather approaches and conditions become more favourable for algal growth, Council is also reminding residents to remain aware of BGA risks and to follow any advice issued when alerts are in place.

Deputy Mayor Todd Redwood said Council had taken proactive steps to improve the region's preparedness ahead of future BGA events.

"Council understands the frustration many residents have experienced in the past. Significant upgrades have now been completed at the Guyra Water Treatment Plant to improve our ability to manage taste and odour issues associated with algal activity," said Cr Redwood.

"While the algae is a natural phenomenon, we want to reassure residents that treated drinking water continues to be rigorously tested and managed in accordance with the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines to ensure it remains safe to drink."

Residents connected to the Armi-



Guyra Dam (above) is prone to outbreaks of blue-green algae as the weather warms

dale town water supply should not experience the same taste and odour issues that have affected some Guyra residents during previous BGA events, as the Armidale Water Treatment Plant has ozone treatment infrastructure.

Recent upgrades at the Guyra Water Treatment Plant have now strengthened treatment capability and reduced the likelihood of future taste and odour impacts in Guyra's town water supply.

Residents connected to the Guyra town water supply may still occasionally notice earthy or musty tastes and odours during periods of elevated algal activity. However, while these characteristics can be

unpleasant, they do not necessarily indicate that the water is unsafe. Council advises residents that boiling water will not remove these tastes or odours and may make them more noticeable.

Council reminds residents that untreated raw water should not be used for domestic purposes unless it has been appropriately treated, regardless of whether a BGA alert is in place. During a BGA alert, the risks increase significantly, and affected water may become unsuitable for stock and domestic use. This includes customers connected to the Malpas Dam Raw Water Pipeline. Consuming affected water may cause illness in people, while

livestock can become unwell and, in severe cases, exposure may result in animal deaths.

Recreational users are also encouraged to avoid contact with affected waterways and dams when BGA alerts are in place. Swimming, kayaking, canoeing, water skiing and other activities involving direct water contact should be avoided until alerts are lifted. Contact with contaminated water may cause skin and eye irritation, while swallowing affected water can result in stomach illness. Pet owners are also encouraged to keep animals away from affected water bodies during alert periods.

"Blue-Green Algae can develop quickly when conditions are favourable, which is why ongoing monitoring is so important," said Cr Redwood.

"We encourage residents, landowners and recreational users to stay informed and follow any advice issued by Council to help protect themselves, their families and their animals."

Council works closely with WaterNSW, NSW Public Health and other relevant agencies to monitor BGA conditions throughout the region and will continue to provide updates through its website, social media channels and other communication platforms when alerts are issued or lifted.

## Get creative during TroutFest

Guyra will be buzzing with creativity during TroutFest, with a great line-up of art workshops and activities planned for the October long weekend.

The workshops will be held at the Lamb and Potato Pavilion on the New England Highway in conjunction with the GuyrARTists Art Competition and Exhibition.

Entries are now being accepted for the exhibition, with just three weeks until the opening. A wide range of creative categories is available, including junior photography and other junior sections. A new section this year is specifically for First Nations artists, and GuyrARTists is looking forward to seeing the entries.

Entry forms are available by emailing Lynne Chapman at [lynne2chapman@gmail.com](mailto:lynne2chapman@gmail.com), calling into Our Little Gallery in Bradley Street or visiting the Guyra

TroutFest website.

School children will also demonstrate their skills in the beautiful art of calligraphy.

The exhibition will be supported by the CWA Day Branch with a cake stall, while raffles featuring art prizes and some quirky surprises will add to the fun.

### Workshops

Friday, October 2 – Paint and Sip  
Jynsi Hooper will lead a fun Paint and Sip session from 4pm to 6pm. All materials are supplied and no experience is necessary. Participants can unleash their creativity and take home their own artwork.

Bookings are essential, with places limited to 20 people. Phone 0488 755 736.

Saturday, October 3 – Storytelling and Painting for Kids

Children of all ages and abilities are invited to a free storytelling and painting morning from 10am to



An example of the stick or branch weaving you can create during Louise Pearson's workshop

noon while the markets are running.

Acclaimed Aboriginal artist Lloyd Hornsby from Glen Innes will host the session, guiding par-

ticipants in painting a two-metre community canvas inspired by Aboriginal art and stories.

It promises to be a special morning of creativity, culture, storytelling and connection.

Sunday, October 4 – Stick Weaving

Louise Pearson will introduce participants to the art of stick or branch weaving from 10am to noon.

Everything is provided, including materials, tuition and support. Participants can immerse themselves in fibre and create a unique one-off piece.

The workshop costs \$25 per person and bookings are essential. Phone 0428 206 970 or call into Our Little Gallery in Bradley Street.

Come along, have a go and celebrate the creativity of the Guyra community during TroutFest.

# Bill steps down after 25 years of Landcare service

On September 1st, Bill Perrottet stepped down after 25 years as Group Representative for the Guyra Landcare Network (GLN), a sub-group of Southern New England Landcare Ltd, (SNEL) formerly known as the Malpas Catchment Group.

The GLN and SNEL would like to sincerely thank Bill for his outstanding contribution and dedicated volunteer service to Landcare over the past quarter of a century. His commitment has helped shape both the local Landcare movement and the broader landscape of natural resource management across the region.

In addition to his role with GLN, Bill served for 12 years on the SNEL Board, culminating in his appointment as Chairperson in 2023. Throughout his tenure, he has been a respected leader, advocate and mentor, supporting both volunteers and Landcare staff in the delivery of numerous projects and initiatives.

Bill played a key role in a range

of significant projects, including the High Country Urban Biodiversity Project (2009-2012) and the Landscape Rehydration in the Malpas Catchment Project delivered in partnership with the Mulloon Institute (2022-2023).

During the 2019 drought, he worked closely with the Malpas Catchment Coordinator to deliver workshops focused on landscape rehydration and drought resilience.

Over the years, Bill has generously shared his knowledge and practical experience through field days, workshops, farm tours, presentations and numerous written and video case studies.

He has always been willing to open his property to fellow landholders and demonstrate the outcomes of sustainable land management practices.

A passionate advocate for healthy waterways, productive pastures and resilient farming systems, Bill has championed the protection of riparian areas and



Bill Perrottet (pictured presenting at the Guyra Landcare Seasonal Update 2025) has stepped down after 25 years

the benefits they provide to both livestock and the environment.

His innovative approaches to controlling Chilean Needle Grass have attracted wider attention, with his methods being featured by the New Zealand Landcare

Trust as an example for landholders facing similar challenges.

Bill has also been a strong supporter of whole-farm planning and was instrumental in developing the Malpas Catchment Group's five-year action plan, helping to guide strategic priorities and on-ground works across the catchment.

While stepping down from the Group Representative role, Bill will continue to play an active part within the Guyra Landcare Network.

He is succeeded by Michael Colvin, who takes on the role of Group Representative.

Southern New England Landcare and the Guyra Landcare Network extend their heartfelt thanks to Bill for his 25 years of leadership, service and dedication.

His contribution has left a lasting legacy for the region's landscapes, waterways, farming communities and the many people involved in Landcare.



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## What's HOT

Rotary is supporting DV Safe Phone as part of the MHERV visit (Thurs 10th & Fri. 11th Sept.). Accepting old mobile phones for refurbishment and distribution to people experiencing domestic violence.

**Go the Caspers!!** Home Grand Final coming up Sept. 19th, so get behind your team Guyra.

**Council grants** supporting local community groups

## What's NOT

**September winds** making it colder and drying up what little rain we have had

## JOKE of the week

What did the Daddy tomato say to the Baby tomato when it fell behind?  
**Ketchup!**

### Bureau of Meteorology

## Weather

### WATCH

#### Guyra MPS

| Date | Day   | Min  | Max  | Rain |
|------|-------|------|------|------|
| 1    | Tues  | 2.0  | 17.9 | 0    |
| 2    | Wed   | 5.1  | 17.8 | 0    |
| 3    | Thurs | 8.2  | 22.2 | 0    |
| 4    | Fri   | 4.8  | 19.3 | 0    |
| 5    | Sat   | 5.6  | 24.8 | 0    |
| 6    | Sun   | 10.5 | 19.3 | 1.4  |
| 7    | Mon   | 2.6  | 18.7 | 0    |

Rainfall this week 1.4mm  
Aug. rainfall 52.6mm  
Rainfall YTD 353.9mm  
Rainfall last YTD 764.0mm  
Ave. rain YTD 616.1mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin,  
Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

# Small grants making a big difference across Guyra

A number of Guyra organisations have been successful in the latest round of Armidale Regional Council's Community and Village Small Grants, supporting projects that will deliver practical benefits for our local communities.

Successful projects included \$4,000 for Guyra VRA towards vertical rescue capability, \$2,500 for the Anglican Church of Guyra towards community hall seating, \$2,500 for the Guyra Lamb & Potato Festival towards its 12-day live music program, and \$2,000 for the CWA Guyra Evening Branch towards its Grazing Around Guyra cookbook.

Bulldogs Blues also received \$3,000 towards a music event at The Big Day Trout 2026, while Ben Lomond Recreation Reserve received \$2,000 towards an all-weather public picnic area.

Councillor Eli Imad said small grants were particularly valuable for the volunteer organisations that form the backbone of smaller communities.

"They might be called small grants, but they can make a big difference in our towns and villages. A few thousand dollars can help a volunteer group improve a facility, deliver an event or purchase something they otherwise may not have been able to afford," Cr Imad said.

"More importantly, Council's contribution supports the tremendous amount of unpaid work our volunteers already put into their communities. I congratulate all the successful applicants and look forward to seeing these projects delivered."

There will be a second round of the Small Grants program later this financial year, and local organisations are encouraged to keep an eye out for applications.

Council is also holding a free Grant Writing Workshop on October 8th at NOVA in Armidale to help community groups strengthen their applications and pursue future funding opportunities.

## Guyra Progress reflects on a year of community achievement

The Guyra & Community Progress Association has celebrated a busy and productive year of community projects, advocacy and collaboration at its Annual General Meeting held on 27th August.

The past 12 months has shown what can be achieved when a community works together.

The Association introduced a new annual Financial Year Planning Day, moved to monthly meetings and hosted a range of guest speakers, including Brendan Moylan MP, Councillors Eli Imad and Susan McMichael, National Parks and Wildlife Service Area Manager Mike Greig, Kolora Facility Manager Charmaine Rond and local sculptor Mick Colvin.

Advocacy with Armidale Regional Council remained a strong focus, contributing to projects including the repainting of the Showground Community Hall, replacement of the playground shade sail, graffiti removal and installation of cemetery row markers.

The Progress Association is also continuing to work with Council on the Bradley Street tree lights, Christmas decorations and water conservation improvements around Council-owned facilities.

Community projects featured strongly throughout the year, in-

cluding the Poppy Mural at the Apex Shed by member and local artist Kay Smith and the Kolora Aged Care Reflection and Memorial Garden and Sculpture Project, led by members Barbara and John Ross with support from local volunteers and organisations.

The Association also responded positively when the newly installed stone wall at the NAB carpark gardens was vandalised, with local stonemason Paul Kirk generously donating his time to repair the community asset.

The Progress congratulated member Leigh Ramage, who was named Guyra Citizen of the Year on Australia Day, and Daniel Rond, who was appointed by Brendan Moylan MP as Guyra's new representative on the Armidale Regional Council Transport Advisory Committee.

Community events continued to grow, with 14 homes participating in the annual Christmas Lights Competition and strong attendance at the free Guyra New Year's Eve celebration.

The inaugural Thriftmas in July was another highlight, bringing businesses, residents and community groups together through markets, a garage sale trail, hot chocolate trail and other activities.

The positive response has encouraged Progress members to build on the event next year.

The Association is invested in strengthening links with local businesses by joining the Armidale Regional Chamber of Commerce and continuing to support community organisations through grant support letters.

Two public-access defibrillators were also purchased with the generous assistance of Chris Gaddes. The Progress is now working with Guyra VRA, Guyra Pharmacy, Davidson & Cameron and Armidale Regional Council to determine suitable 24/7 public access installation locations.

At the AGM, Sonya Wallbridge was re-elected President, Craig Smith as Vice President with Lynda Kagan as Secretary and Nic Bourne as Treasurer.

Members, volunteers, local organisations, businesses and Armidale Regional Council have been a tremendous support throughout the year, and I sincerely thank them for their ongoing support, generosity and commitment to our community.

It's been an incredibly busy and rewarding year, and I'm extremely proud of what our members and community have achieved together.

**Sonya Wallbridge, President**

# Tech savvy seniors get a \$6,000 boost at Guyra

Guyra's popular Adult Learning Centre will receive a \$6,000 funding boost to support senior residents looking to up their technology skills Northern Tablelands MP Brendan Moylan announced.

The funding will be delivered through the 2026 Tech Savvy Seniors Program for the Guyra Adult Learning Association (GALA).

The program is a NSW Government and Telstra initiative aiming to increase digital and technology skills for seniors in the community.

"This is a terrific initiative in reducing the isolation of seniors who may not have the knowledge, confidence and capacity to join in the digital world," Mr Moylan said.

"I commend the team at GALA for making the effort to ensure seniors are included in



Member for Northern Tablelands Brendan Moylan MP with GALA's Coordinator Dorothy Lockyer (left) and Joy Saunders (centre).

their programs, and this has been a regular offering over the years.

"One of the really important advantages of the Tech Savvy

Seniors Program is the education around cyber safety and building confidence in the online world."

The GALA Centre will be of-

fering the program soon, and the team are excited to receive the support.

"The Tech Savvy Seniors courses are always well-received and popular," GALA's Coordinator Dorothy Lockyer said.

"We are excited to receive this funding and look forward to welcoming tech curious seniors through the door and turning out fully fledged tech savvy seniors at the end of the course.

"It's important that seniors can safely and confidentially navigate technologies for their own wellbeing and social inclusion."

To find out more about this program visit the website <https://www.nsw.gov.au/community-services/seniors-card/tech-savvy-seniors> or contact GALA at <https://www.gala.org.au/> or by phoning 6779 2132.

## Bald Blair Students represent at North-West Athletics Trials

On Friday September 5th, four Bald Blair Public School students – Dustin, Caleb, Cooper and Grace, represented the Armidale Zone in the Nigel Bagley 4x100m relay the at the North-West Athletics Trials in Tamworth. Our students gave their all and although the team didn't progress to the State Championships, the school community is very proud of what they achieved. Special mention should also be made of Fergus McFarlane and Alannah Jackson, who were part of the winning Zone team a few weeks ago, but unfortunately, were unable to run on Friday. We are looking forward to seeing what our team can achieve in 2027.

### Transition Morning Tea

Bald Blair welcomed transition students and their families for a morning tea last Friday. We had a wonderful time in the K-2 classroom followed by a delicious morning tea. Our transition students then enjoyed playing with the big kids at recess.

Our next Transition morning tea will be on Friday September 18th, with our weekly program commencing on Friday October 16th. Please contact the school on 6779 1578 for further details.



**Left:**

Relay team - Grace, Dustin, Caleb, and Cooper

**Below:**

Bald Blair School celebrated Book Week with a parade. Students and teachers dressed up as characters from their favourite books - the school was full of colourful costumes.



## Community Noticeboard

### Meals on Wheels

|         |               |
|---------|---------------|
| Sept 10 | Steve Norris  |
| Sept 11 | Golf Ladies   |
| Sept 14 | Bea Velthuis  |
| Sept 15 | Wendy Laidlaw |
| Sept 16 | Toni Kirkman  |

### Street Stalls

|                      |               |
|----------------------|---------------|
| September 10, 11, 12 | Lions         |
| September 17         | Hospital Aux. |
| September 18         | CWA           |
| September 24, 25     | 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 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 10.00am 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: 10am Prayer meeting: Tuesday 6.30pm Bible discussion: Wednesday 6.30pm  
**Pastors:** Jeff & Sharon Ritchie 0421 847 973 Chaplaincy services: Dan McGinty 0409 399 270

**Black Mountain Baptist Church**  
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



# Black Mountain Public School Book Week Parade

Black Mountain Public School students celebrated Book Week with their annual parade on Thursday, 3rd September 2026. This year's theme was a 'Symphony of Stories'.

Our excited students showed off their favourite book characters with some very creative costumes. Thank you to all parents and students for your efforts in once again making this a successful celebration of reading.

*Mrs Justine Eddy  
Relieving Principal*

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# Spring School Holiday Activity Program 2026



## Guyra Library

MUST BE LIBRARY MEMBER. ALL ACTIVITIES ARE FREE!

| DATE                      | TIME                                      | ACTIVITY                                                                                                                         | BOOKING                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Tuesday<br>29 September   | 2.30pm - 4pm                              | <b>Create Clay Beads:</b> Create your own clay beads and pendants using oven bake clay.                                          | Ages 12+. Bookings essential.   |
| Wednesday<br>30 September | 1.00pm - 2.00pm                           | <b>Reptiles on the Go:</b> Come in close contact with live reptiles and learn about their lifestyle.                             | Ages 4+. Bookings essential.    |
| Thursday<br>1 October     | 10.30am - 11.30am<br>&<br>2.30pm - 3.30pm | <b>Sand Art:</b> Under 8 must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult.                                                   | All ages. Bookings essential.   |
| Friday<br>2 October       | 10.15am - 4.30pm<br>30min sessions        | <b>Virtual reality:</b> Parental consent required.                                                                               | Ages 10+. Bookings essential.   |
| Saturday<br>3 October     | 10.00am - 1.00pm                          | <b>Create Craft Chat:</b> BYO craft project.                                                                                     | All ages. No bookings required. |
| Wednesday<br>7 October    | 10.30am<br>95mins                         | <b>Movie Morning 'Goat':</b> Popcorn and water supplied. Children under 10 MUST be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult. | PG 2026. Bookings essential.    |
| Thursday<br>8 October     | 10.30am - 12.30pm                         | <b>Stop Motion Animation:</b> Use a variety of media from Lego to cardboard to create a short stop motion animation.             | Ages 10-18. Bookings essential. |

### HSC STUDY RETREAT

|                        |                  |                                                                                                                                                         |                                 |
|------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 6 October - 9 October  | 10.00am - 5.00pm | <b>HSC Study Retreat:</b> The library will provide snacks, drinks & free printing in a quiet study room to all HSC students. Come and go as you please. | HSC students only. No bookings. |
| Saturday<br>10 October | 10.00am - 1.00pm |                                                                                                                                                         |                                 |



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

**Find out more and book your spot in person at the library or phone 6770 7123**



Activities held at Guyra LT Starr Memorial Library

158 Bradley Street, Guyra

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## Junior Soccer

**Under 6 Caspers** had their final game of the season on Saturday against the Demon Knight Daggers. The Daggers gave our team a good challenge but with some great teamwork the goals started to add up. They also showed some great defensive skills to keep the other team away from the goal. Well done and thanks to Connor, Reggie, Liam, Aleeah, Hugo, Will, Edie and Ruby for a fun season!

**Under 6 Phantoms** played their final game this weekend against the DK Dragons in Guyra. The Phantoms finished their season just how they started, having a lot of fun and showing great sportsmanship to their opposition. We were grateful to the Dragons for making the effort to come up for the final game even though they only had 3 players, so Ed, Lani, and Wynnie all had a turn to play with the DK kids. The Phantoms have improved a lot this season, with all the kids trying their hardest and developing their skills. We're looking forward to the 2027 season! Huxton got the Players Player award for being such a great teammate and Ed got the Coaches Award for listening to his coach (most of the time)

**Under 7s** had a fantastic last game of the season with some of their best plays this year. Thank you to all the parents and everyone behind the scenes for a cracking season - here's to 2027!

**Under 8 Goosebumps** played North's Snakes this week. The team were exceptional in both defence and attack, the boys were unlucky to lose in the final minutes. The whole team have developed in all areas of the game this season they were impressive to watch on Saturday. Well done boys, especially Jacob for the goal he scored, Jack, Oscar and Fletcher's team work. Thanks team.

**Under 10 Phoenix** played North Armidale Red Frogs in Guyra for the last game of the season. In a back-and-forth game Guyra started strong with some excellent passing leading to a goal from Penny and not long after Kayden W scored. Norths hit back scoring either side of half time then Cooper W put Guyra back in front with Norths hitting back again. With not

long left Nathan L made a big save in goal to deny Norths a goal. Well done to all players for an excellent season and congratulations to Harbour and Vinnie getting Coaches and Player's Player awards.

## Ladies' Golf

Ten Guyra lady golfers went to Inverell last Wednesday for the New England District ladies 4BBB Championships. Two teams from Warialda won the silverware. Pip White and Tina Skipper combined well to bring home a second consolation prize.

Today is the monthly Par Medal. Next Wednesday we play a Stableford.

The last round of the southern district Pennant is at Walcha on Saturday 12th September – best of luck to our girls there.

There are a load of Open Days coming up in towns to our West. Names to Wendy Jackson if you are interested!!

*Birdie.*

## Vets Golf

Last Tuesday was our regular stroke round in glorious conditions. Jon Cumming was the winner on the day with 73 nett. Mick Jackson won the gross with 82 and he and Terry Mulligan were the best putters with 27 each. NTPs went to Terry on the 7th, Paul Reddon on the 10th, and Mick on the 18th. Next Tuesday is a stableford.

*Drake*

## Sunday Golf

This weekend will be an individual Stableford Club Sponsored to kick off a big season of golf.

It would be great to see some players out there to enjoy the weather and the pristine golf course.

Don't forget that the first round of Matchplay must be played by 27th of September.

You can check out the draw on our Facebook page and also in last week's paper.

A junior day is in the pipeline so keep your eyes open for that

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## Gazette Footy Tipping

### Congratulations to our winners!

Iggman has maintained good tipping form over the past couple of months and is the winner for our 2026 footy tipping season and claims First Prize of \$100.

Second Prize of \$50 goes to DJ,

Third Prize of \$30 goes to Bulldog and the Wooden Spoon Prize of \$20 goes to Farmer Joe.

Please contact GALA on 6779 2132 or call in to the office for details on how to collect your prize.

## Our Locals Final Leaderboard 2026

|               |     |                 |     |
|---------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| Iggman        | 266 | Queen B         | 242 |
| DJ            | 262 | Lilley          | 238 |
| Bulldog       | 260 | Wayno           | 236 |
| Birdie        | 256 | Happy Gilmore   | 232 |
| SK            | 252 | Timmy the Tiger | 230 |
| Fred          | 252 | Broncos         | 220 |
| Winter Wombat | 250 | Luigi           | 220 |
| Nicko         | 248 | Bundles         | 204 |
| Dip Stick     | 246 | Farmer Joe      | 182 |
| Mocack        | 244 |                 |     |



# Gazette's Celebrity Footy Tipping

## Support Guyra's Local Businesses

We are testing the tipping prowess of our Celebrities this season by continuing the competition through all the finals games.

Just to make it a bit more interesting (and difficult perhaps), we are including the AFL finals games.

Celebrity Marie has increased her lead over our Local Butcher Robert and is in the winning spot 260-256.

Sue did not have a good week, but is still in 3rd place

alongside Kimmy on 250 points. Soley is keeping the Wooden Spoon spot but Vu is only 6 points ahead.

Our Locals finish up this week with Iggman taking out First Prize of \$100.00.

DJ has claimed 2nd place for \$50.00 and Bulldog maintained good form over the last few weeks to reach 3rd place and \$30.00. Farmer Joe's tipping "system" took her to the Wooden Spoon and claims \$20.00.

### Sue's Tips

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### Robert's Tips

#### NRL:

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Warriors  
Sharks  
Panthers

#### AFL:

Fremantle  
Brisbane Lions



### Opening Hours:

**Monday to Friday:**

**8.00am to 5.30pm**

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### Marie's Tips

#### NRL:

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#### AFL:

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### Kim's Tips

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Sharks  
Panthers

#### AFL:

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### Eli's Tips

#### NRL:

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Sharks  
Penrith

#### AFL:

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Lions



### Cr Eli Imad

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## RAFFLE RESULTS

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## FOOD PANTRY

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### Responsible Service of Alcohol (Guyra)

Monday, 28th September

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## FUNERAL NOTICE

**KISTENMACKER; KERRY JOHN**  
06/02/1938 - 04/09/2026  
Of Guyra

Dearly loved husband of Lynda.

Loving father and father-in-law of Todd, Julia & Robert, Mark & Maysa, Troy & Erin.

Adored Gramps of Joe, Trudy, Raneen, Adam, Jamie, Hayden, Cody, Kyle and loved great-grandfather of Ridley, Darcy, Kaytlin, Robert, Benjamin, Georgia-James.

Much loved brother and brother-in-law of Jane & David Ollerenshaw and a loving uncle and great-uncle of their families.

Aged 88 years

A funeral service will be held at St James Anglican Church, Guyra on Monday 14th September 2026 commencing at 2pm followed by interment at the Guyra Lawn Cemetery.



## CLAIM THE DATE

### 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

**Guyra SnowFest Inc,**

Monthly meeting 3pm, Royal Hotel

**SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**Art Exhibition and Sale**  
**by Judy Baxter**

Lamb & Potato Festival Pavilion  
New England Highway, Guyra  
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**SUNDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER**

**Voice of the Viola featuring**  
**Robert Harris and Robert Manley**  
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**FRIDAY - MONDAY**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

**TroutFest - 10th anniversary**  
Market stalls, Art Show,  
Rotary Book Fair, Music

**WEDNESDAY, 28th OCTOBER**

**Information evening with the**  
**Guyra Show Society**  
More details to follow.

**SATURDAY, 5th DECEMBER**  
**Fiori Musicali present "Gloriana"**  
3.00pm at the Australian Poetry Hall of Fame.

## PROBUS NOTES

Our next meeting is on Monday, 14th September at 10am at the Bowling Club. After the meeting we will have a movie, "Fackham Hall".

We will organise our trip to Tingha Museum on Thursday, 17th September and will have dinner at the Tingha Hotel afterwards.

If you can't make the meeting, ring Judy on 6779 1409 for the trip. We will car pool.

New members are most welcome.

**Judy Jackson**

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# Caspers tough it out to host home Grand Final

It was a game worthy of the grand final on Saturday when Guyra, who finished minor premiers, took to the field against Glen Innes. It has been a close tussle all season between the two sides and neither has had a real advantage despite the win to Glen earlier in the season.

The game was close for the full 120 minutes with the game going to extra time then to a very tense shootout to decide the victor. Des-

perate saves from both keepers in the first half the sides went in at nil all and again one goal looked like it would win the match.

After the break Guyra controlled the ball extremely well and pressured Glen, whose defence stood up to the challenge. Guyra did face its own problems in the middle, but fresh legs and a huge defensive effort kept Glen at bay. After 90 minutes the two teams couldn't be separated and we went into extra

time (total 30 minutes).

The first half of extra time seen the Glen striker bust through Guyra's defence and slot a goal past the keeper, his celebration fitting of a world cup win. Guyra dashed his hopes with a light-footed Angus S dancing through Glen backs before providing a cross to Aidan B who for the second week in a row landed the equaliser.

Again all locked up at full time

it went to a shootout, with Guyra's form not great in a shootout the pressure was really on. When Glen missed their first and Damian H saved the second the pressure was really on Glen. Guyra went on to land 4 goals to the Glen's 3 earning them a week off and a spot in the Grand Final.

I'm led to believe this will be the first ever in Guyra and we hope to get a good crowd there to cheer the boys home on the 19th September.

## Guyra Central represented at State titles



### 14s Rugby League

**Back (l to r):** Mr Tremane Patterson, Darius Torrens, Ryan Vidler, Flynn Byers, LaBron Joyce, Fletcher Gardner, Brax Hutton, Samuel Ashman

**Middle:** Seth Patterson, Kayne Brennan, Zion Torrens, Jake Artz

**Front:** Sam Torrens

Guyra Central School has been proudly represented in both the Small Schools and Central Schools State Finals this year.

The 14s Rugby League team recently travelled to Bathurst to compete in the Small Schools Knockout finals.

The team put in a fantastic effort, fighting hard throughout the

competition. Although they went down 46-14 in the final, qualifying for the State Finals is a huge achievement and a testament to their hard work and teamwork. The players should be incredibly proud of reaching this level.

Last week, the 16s Rugby League team travelled to Dubbo to participate in the Central



### 16s Rugby League

**Back (l to r):** Chase Seaton, Noah Brennan, Liam Hutton, Beau Wilson, Will Hutton, Malarhye Joyce, Riley Brown, Adrian Cameron

**Front:** Jack Beard, Arahkye Levy, Lincoln Atkin

School Knockout Competition Gala Day. The team managed to win all their games to make it to the finals, showcasing great skill and determination.

In a closely contested match, the team went down 22-14 in the final, but their outstanding performance and sportsmanship throughout the day was impres-

sive.

Guyra Central is extremely proud of both teams and congratulate all players, coaches, and supporters who made these achievements possible. Representing Guyra Central School at this level is a remarkable accomplishment – well done to everyone involved!

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