



Wednesday September 16, 2026

Students build cultural connections with preschoolers

Guyra Central School Aboriginal Studies students are building stronger community connections through a new partnership with Guyra Preschool and Long Day Care Centre.

The Year 8 and 9 students have commenced fortnightly visits to the preschool, where they share age-appropriate activities designed to help younger children learn about Aboriginal culture, language and traditions.

Preschool Coordinator Flick Williams said the first session was a wonderful cultural learning experience for both groups.

"Alongside their teachers, Mr Lloyd, Mr Patterson and Ms Burns, the Guyra Central School students joined us for a wonderful cultural learning experience," Ms Williams said.

The students demonstrated strong leadership as they mentored and supported the preschool children through traditional art activities, including hand painting and Aboriginal dot painting.

The children also learned words for hello, goodbye and thank you, helping to build an understanding of and connection to local culture and language.

During the visit, students and preschoolers also spent time playing together in the playground, further strengthening the connection between the two groups.

The artwork created during the session will be displayed at the preschool as a lasting celebration of culture and community connection.

Guyra Central School said the Aboriginal Studies students, led by Tremane Patterson, were enthusiastic about continuing the partnership and developing further activities with the younger children.

Future visits will include bush tucker, danc-



Alec Campbell (Year 9) with preschooler Parker Dittman

ing, language and story time, providing opportunities for the children to learn together in an engaging and supportive environment.

Ms Williams said the preschool was proud and excited about what the partnership could offer.

"This first session was the beautiful beginning of our ongoing partnership, and we are so proud and excited for what is ahead," she said.

"We will continue to meet fortnightly with the Guyra Central School students and teachers, sharing rich learning experiences such as bush tucker, dancing, language, story times and more."

She said the partnership was a valuable oppor-



Sherkaya Munro-Davies with preschooler Clancy Rowbottom

tunity for the preschool children to develop a deeper appreciation of Aboriginal culture, language and community.

Guyra Central School thanked the preschool staff and children for welcoming the students and helping create an environment where Aboriginal culture and perspectives can be celebrated and shared.

The partnership provides a valuable opportunity for older and younger members of the Guyra community to learn from each other while building understanding, respect and connections across generations.

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8. Robert Starreveld.

The most recent import into the Guyra Caspers, Rob has proven to be well worth the hefty transfer fee, putting in a solid 120 minutes every week this season. Rob claims to have scored 2 goals this year against Uralla, and yet there's no record of the game even being played. That'll give him all the motivation he needs to get one on the board in the grand final on Saturday.



9. Samundra Adhikari.

Can you smell what Sammy's cooking? It's probably a goal! Sammy is on track to claim this year's golden boot award after finding the back of the net many a time this season. He's assured us that come Saturday, the only thing on the menu at Sammy's Kitchen will be a smorgasbord of goals! Tasty, delicious, goals



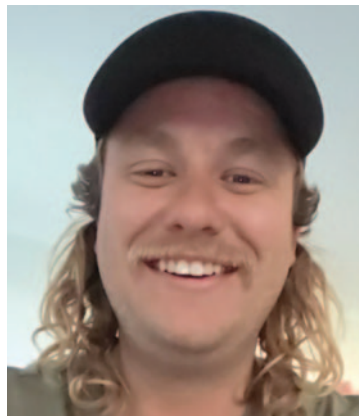
63. Damien Hutton.

Damo used his skills as a tow truck driver to carry the Caspers into the grand final through his heroics in the major semi final penalty shootout. Pretty in pink, Damo's choice of jersey colour between the sticks matches the volume of his voice on the field, LOUD! On Saturday, you'll both see and hear him coming from a mile away!



12. Mathew Simpson.

Known by his teammates as Shimmo for his dazzling shimmy when he's got the ball at his feet, his unpredictability makes him lethal in attack. His kicks across field are part cross, part shot, and he'll let you know which one it was, depending where it lands. A true leader of men, he's taken on coaching duties for the last few seasons, using a combination of bribery and jazz hands to get the best out of the Caspers on their way to the grand final.



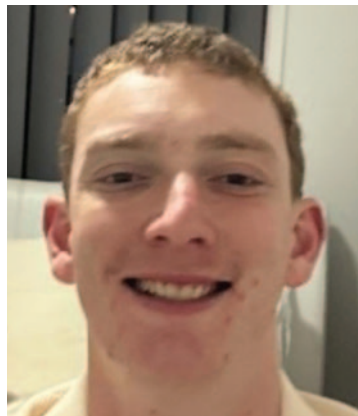
22. Bryn Archbold.

Bryn doesn't have a mullet, he is the mullet. His playing style matches his hair style, which matches his pants. Business at the front, party at the back. Likely to come on in the backline where he'll treat the crowd to a full throated display of defence through attack. There may be casualties.



20. Archer Colvin.

Drafted into the team early in the season due to injury, Archer has played in a couple of positions throughout the year. Equally comfortable out wide or in the backline, he'll be a key part of the team on Saturday. And if he kicks a goal, we can all expect to see the arrow come out in celebration!



9. Tom Lockyer.

Tommy has been a stalwart of both grades for the Caspers this season and will take his rightful place in the team on Saturday. Capable of playing up front or on the wing, he's a good chance of scoring a decisive goal at the back end of the game. And he said if he does, he's going to give up the vapes! Good on you Tommy.



11. Lincoln Brown.

The actual other half of the Brown Brothers, Lincoln has had a stellar season in 2026 for the Caspers across both grades. Like his brother, he can run all day, and can play anywhere on the field, although recently his best work has been done at the Newie. A great team player.



3. Ed Collins.

The most junior member of the team, he may also have the most responsibility, working as a cook at the Blind Chef. Using his hands in the kitchen all day seems to have had an impact, and he occasionally gets pinned for handball. Hopefully he keeps his hands down and decides to use his feet instead on Saturday.

Guyra Caspers Player Profiles 2026 Grand Final

Two new defibrillators boost community safety

The Guyra & Community Progress Association (GACPA) is pleased to announce an important new community safety initiative, with the purchase and installation of two new 24-hour, 7-day publicly accessible Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in Guyra's business precinct.

The initiative reflects GACPA's ongoing commitment to improving community safety and ensuring lifesaving equipment is readily accessible when it is needed most.

The two new AEDs have been strategically located outside Guyra Pharmacy and Guyra Post Office, providing the community with access to lifesaving equipment around the clock.

GACPA extends a big thank you to everyone who has been involved in making this important community safety initiative possible and for their invaluable contributions.

In particular, GACPA thanks Chris Gaddes (Guyra VRA) for co-ordinating the project and sharing invaluable knowledge and expertise, and the Guyra Men's Shed for their generous assistance in in-

stalling the AED cabinets.

A special thank you also goes to Vu and Nhu at Guyra Pharmacy, and Kirra and Dave at Guyra Post Office, for supporting this important initiative and allowing an AED to be installed at the external entrance of their businesses, providing the Guyra community with continuous 24/7 access to this vital lifesaving equipment.

To help protect the equipment from vandalism, the AED cabinets are locked and monitored by 24/7 CCTV, with activity recorded if the need arises to retrieve information.

Both public access AEDs have been registered with the GoodSAM Responder system. What does this mean? - When a 000 call is placed for an unresponsive patient, the person logging the call will be provided with an access code for the nearest AED.

The access code for the cabinets is Guyra postcode 2365. An alarm will sound when a cabinet is opened.

Once the AED has been retrieved, that person can begin CPR and use the Defibrillator while



waiting for an Ambulance to arrive.

Over the past couple of years, GACPA has also purchased two additional Automated External Defibrillators.

One AED has been installed in the Guyra Showground Hall, while the other is a mobile defibrillator available for use for community and sporting events.

GACPA extends its sincere thanks to Nutrien Ag Solutions Guyra for their generous support of this initiative. The mobile AED is available through a sign-out/sign-in process at Nutrien Ag Solutions Guyra and can be accessed by

members of the public for community events, sporting activities and other local gatherings where an AED may be required.

Stay tuned for the date of a free community First Aid and CPR training day, including a sausage sizzle.

This practical session will provide community members with the opportunity to learn how to confidently respond in an emergency, perform CPR and use an AED. It will be a great opportunity for the community to gain valuable life-saving skills and build confidence in responding when it matters most.

The Progress Association is also currently working on compiling a comprehensive list of AEDs available throughout Guyra and the surrounding villages. If your business, sporting club, community organisation or other facility has an AED, GACPA would love to include it in the community list.

Please send an email to guyraprogress@gmail.com with the location and relevant details so it can be included.

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What's HOT

The Caspers - get behind the team for a chance at winning the big one. Head on up to the game on Saturday if you can.

Time to start thinking about who to nominate for the 2027 Australia Day Awards.

Supporting local – Shopping locally and keeping Guyra businesses busy.

What's NOT

Bushfire risk – An early start to the fire season is a timely reminder to be prepared

JOKE of the week

Did you know that
10 + 10 and
11 + 11 equal
the same thing?
10 + 10 equals 20
and 11 + 11 is
twenty too!

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
8	Tues	3.1	15.7	0
9	Wed	1.1	16.7	0
10	Thurs	3.9	13.9	0
11	Fri	1.4	15.2	0
12	Sat	4.2	16.0	0
13	Sun	4.1	20.2	0
14	Mon	1.6	20.3	0

Rainfall this week 0mm
Sept. rainfall 1.4mm
Rainfall YTD 353.9mm
Rainfall last YTD 784.6mm
Ave. rain YTD 616.1mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin,
Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

A rediscovered call to Guyra

A piece of Guyra's literary history has recently been re-discovered in the pages of the Guyra Argus.

Published on December 20, 1945, the poem "New England Call", written under the name "Old Timer", captures the strong sense of home and belonging felt by those returning to Guyra and the New England.

Written in the era when the north-bound daily train was an important link between Sydney and the Northern Tablelands, the poem follows a couple on their journey home, evoking familiar places along the route from Patrick Plains and Muswellbrook through Aberdeen, Murrurundi, Tamworth and Walcha Road.

But it is the final approach to Guyra that gives the poem its strongest sense of place, with references to Llangothlin Road, Mother of Ducks Lagoon, Ben Lomond, the old lagoon and the first signs of a new day over the town.

Nearly 81 years after it appeared in the Guyra Argus, "New England Call" provides a fascinating glimpse of how Guyra and the surrounding landscape were remembered by those who had left, and the powerful pull of home.

We reproduce the poem below as it appeared in the Guyra Argus on December 20, 1945

Share a News Tip

Do you have information about something that is happening in our local community and think that we should be reporting on it?

Submit a news tip now

By email:

news@gala.org.au

or online:

www.guyragazette.com.au

Guyra Gazette

NEW ENGLAND CALL

"We're going home to Guyra,"
were the words he said aloud.
With a long look and a soft look,
as though he saw a cloud
Hanging white above Black Mountain,
where the grass-hid boulders lie,
And the larks in early summer rise
and go to praise the sky.
"The wife is going with me," and
I saw her eyes were blue,
And they had the same look in
them, for she came from Guyra, too;
Came from high and clear New England,
where the air is like champagne,
And they left today for Guyra on
the north-bound daily train.
"We're going home to Guyra—
and we're glad," was his remark,
Four hundred miles of homing
in the daylight and the dark;
With sunset gold on Patrick
Plains, and dusk at Ravensworth,
And shadows long at Muswellbrook,
across the fallowed earth.
They'll have the moon at Aberdeen,
where horsemen still survive,
And white-faced cattle walk the
hills, above the Belltrees drive;
They'll watch the sky to westward
as the frost-white planets change;
With half the journey past, at
Murrurundi in the range.
"We're going home to Guyra -
and we're off this afternoon."
I know the old Llangothlin road
and Mother of Ducks Lagoon;
I know the little river and the
poplars on the rise,
Where the track goes up Ben
Lomond standing bold against the skies.
They'll be running through Quirindi,
with the furnace glowing red,
Against the wall of darkness and
the steam-clouds overhead;
And, as the lights of Tamworth
show, they'll hear the flight of teal,
And smell the lucerne blooming on
the flats along the Peel.
"We're going home to Guyra" -
from Duri to Walcha Road.
And all the way to Glencoe she'll
be struggling with the load;
Climbing up New England Range
when morning lights are grey,
And the homely cry of roosters
rings to greet the coming day,
And blue wood-smoke is rising
from the fires in Guyra town,
As daylight gilds the old lagoon
and beats the shadows down;
And here within the city when
the lonely night is past,
I'll see the sun at morning and
know they're home at last.
"OLD TIMER."
(From "The Bulletin")
printed in the Guyra Argus
20 Dec 1945

Nominate a Guyra community champion

Have you noticed someone in the Guyra community who deserves to be recognised as the next Citizen of the Year?

Nominations are now open for the 2027 Australia Day Awards, with Armidale Regional Council encouraging residents to recognise the individuals and organisations who make a difference across the region.

The awards celebrate people who give their time, energy and passion to strengthen their communities, whether through volunteering, education, health, sport, the arts, environmental work or community service.

Award categories include:

- Citizen of the Year
- Senior Citizen/Elder of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Service Award
- Art, Drama or Music Award
- Environmental Citizen of the Year



Four worthy citizens were nominated in 2026, with Leigh Ramage taking the award.

- Sports Person of the Year
- Community Group/Event of the Year

Deputy Mayor Todd Redwood said the awards were an opportunity

to recognise the people who often work quietly behind the scenes.

“These awards are about recognising the people who work quietly

behind the scenes to strengthen our communities and enrich the lives of those around them,” Cr Redwood said.

Residents are encouraged to think about people in their neighbourhoods, sporting clubs, schools, community groups and local organisations who demonstrate commitment, generosity and community spirit.

“A nomination is a simple but meaningful way to thank someone for the contribution they make and to ensure their efforts are recognised by the wider community,” Cr Redwood said.

Nominations are open for both the Armidale and Guyra Australia Day Awards.

Nomination forms are available from GALA, Guyra, or nominations can be submitted online through Armidale Regional Council’s Australia Day Awards page at www.armidale.nsw.gov.au.



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\$6,000 boost for Guyra seniors

It was great to visit the Guyra Adult Learning Association (GALA) recently to announce a \$6,000 boost through the 2026 Tech Savvy Seniors Program. GALA does a wonderful job supporting the Guyra community and these courses help local seniors build their confidence and skills in an increasingly digital world.

Importantly, the program also provides education around cyber safety and helps people navigate technology safely and confidently.

The Tech Savvy Seniors courses have been a popular offering at GALA over the years and I look forward to seeing another group of Guyra locals benefit from the program.

Funding for Guyra Anglers

Guyra Anglers Club will receive \$4,000 through the Community Native Fish Stocking Grants Program to help build native fish populations in our local

waterways.

The funding provides \$2 for every \$1 spent by participating clubs and can be used to purchase native fish, including Murray Cod and Golden Perch, for release into publicly accessible rivers and dams.

Fishing is an activity enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities, and local clubs deserve recognition for the work they put into maintaining healthy native fish populations and supporting recreational fishing for future generations.

Clean water for regional communities

Access to clean, reliable drinking water remains a major concern across regional NSW, and Guyra residents know only too well the frustration of turning on the tap to find discoloured water.

I recently joined my NSW Nationals colleagues to announce a \$5 billion, 10-year regional water infrastructure



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

plan under a future Coalition Government.

The proposal would establish a new fund, supported by mining royalties, to invest in infrastructure such as pipelines and treatment plants. Communities like Guyra should be able to expect clean, safe and reliable water from the tap. It is a basic service and one that regional communities deserve.

Meals on Wheels

Sept 17 Bec Broughton
Sept 18 Shobha & Amar Singh
Sept 21 Wendy Laidlaw
Sept 22 Hether Marchant
Sept 23 Bea Velthuis

Street Stalls

September 17 Hospital Aux.
September 18 CWA
September 24, 25 Freemasons
October 1 Wig Stall

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

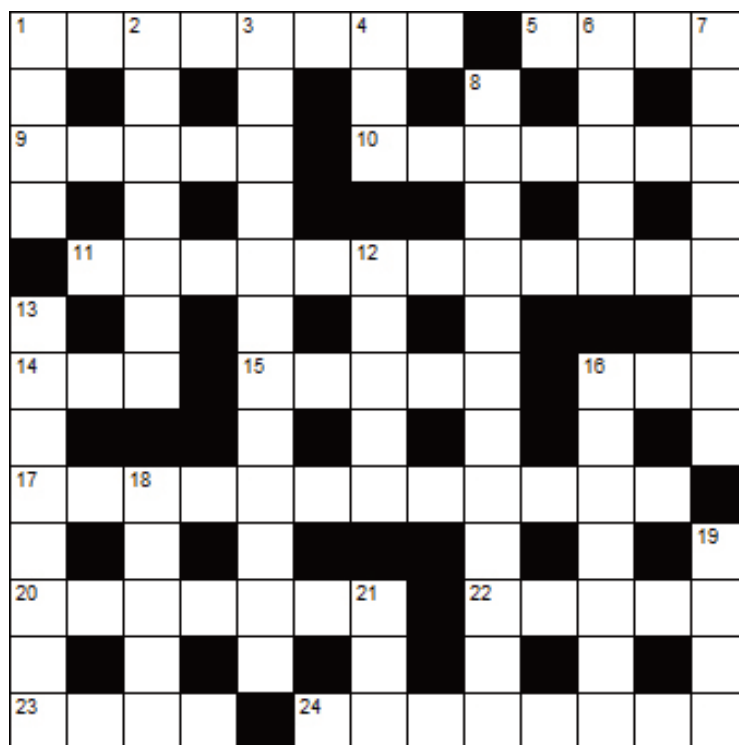
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- 5 Molten matter (4)
- 9 Angry dispute (3-2)
- 10 Writ for an arrest (7)
- 11 Someone skilled in penmanship (12)
- 14 Attempt to do (3)
- 15 Intended (5)
- 16 Man's best friend (3)
- 17 Minimum purchase cost at auction (7,5)
- 20 Found (7)
- 22 Shadow (5)
- 23 Run quickly (4)
- 24 Places of refuge (8)

DOWN

- 1 Book of the Bible (4)
- 2 Fanciful daydream (7)
- 3 Bring together into a mass (12)
- 4 Domestic bovine animal (3)
- 6 Covered with water (5)
- 7 Secondary personality (5,3)
- 8 Productive insight (12)
- 12 Eat grass (5)

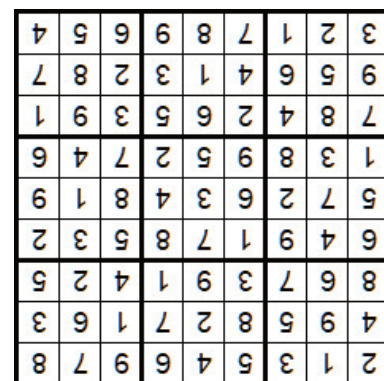
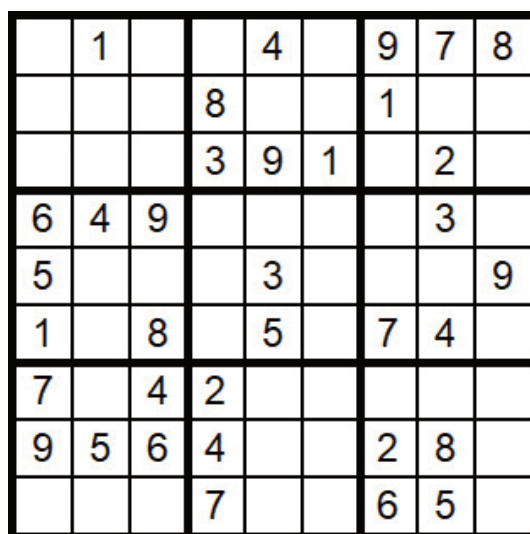
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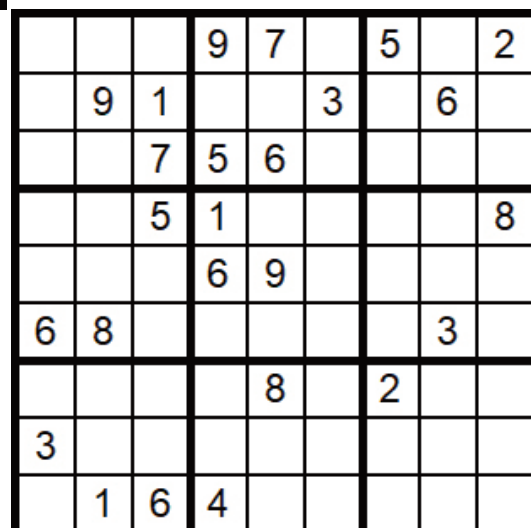
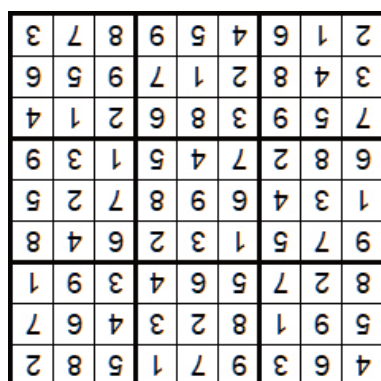
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SUDOKU -Easy



SUDOKU -Medium



Funding to boost native fish stocks across the region

Anglers at Guyra, Moree, Deepwater and Inverell will benefit from funding to help build native fish populations in local waterways through the Community Native Fish Stocking (CNFS) Grants Program.

Member for Northern Tablelands Brendan Moylan welcomed last week's funding announcement, which provides \$2 for every \$1 contributed by participating clubs.

The funding will allow successful applicants to purchase native

fish, including Australian Bass, Murray Cod and Golden Perch, for release into publicly accessible rivers and dams across the region.

Successful applicants include:

- Guyra Anglers Club – \$4,000
- Deepwater Freshwater Fishing Club – \$6,000
- Inverell RSM Fishing Club – \$12,000
- Hardman Outdoor Restock, Moree – \$12,000

"Fishing is one of the most popular sports in Australia and is

one of the few recreational activities that can be enjoyed across all ages and abilities," Mr Moylan said.

"The clubs and enthusiasts that work to maintain healthy fish stocks through this program are to be commended for their efforts in ensuring a healthy native fish population."

Mr Moylan also acknowledged the support the program provides to accredited regional commercial fish hatcheries, from which the fingerling fish must be purchased.

"I'm sure anglers of the local public waterways where these young native fish will be released will be looking forward to happy fishing in the years to come," he said.

The program is administered by NSW Fisheries and Forestry using funding from the NSW Recreational Fishing Licence program. More than 400,000 licences are issued each year, with revenue directed towards enhancing recreational fishing across NSW.

Black Mountain students enjoy after School Activities Program



Black Mountain Public School's after-school activities program was once again well supported this term. Students enjoyed tennis on Mondays with Brandon Burey, PCYC Multi Skills on Tuesdays, and on Wednesday's touch footy sessions provided by PCYC, Armidale. All these sessions were delivered by qualified coaches. This program will run again in Term 4.

When Times Get Tough, Let's Get Together

This year's Mental Health Month theme, "A Little Connection Goes a Long Way" highlights how everyday moments of connection can support mental wellbeing.

Life can throw plenty our way, drought, floods, financial pressures, isolation, family worries or simply the day-to-day grind. When we're under pressure, it can be tempting to keep our heads down and carry on. Staying connected is one of the best things we can do for ourselves and for the people around us.

Research shows that feeling connected can support mental wellbeing by reducing stress, improving emotional balance, and making it easier to cope with challenges. A quick yarn at the gate, a call to check in, or even a wave across the fence reminds people they're not alone. Strong relationships can help catch problems early, share the load, and keep hope alive when things feel heavy. Community isn't just a backdrop, it's essential.

It also pays to know what is available in our own backyard.

Don't wait until things reach breaking point before finding out where to get help. Get to know the local health services, community organisations, counsellors and support groups. Knowing who to contact, having a familiar face or number to call, can make taking that first step a whole lot easier.

Three New England programs have teamed up with local halls to host events where rural people can have an evening of fun, food and entertainment and most importantly, a chance to check in with each other.

New England Family Support Service, Rural Adversity Mental Health Program and ASPIRE are sponsoring a free Band and BBQ Family Fun day at:

Local session will be held at Tenterden Recreation Reserve on October 10th, 5pm start please RSVP tenterdenrecreationreserve@outlook.com and Ben Lomond Soldiers Memorial Hall: on October 24th, 5pm start please RSVP Dorothy Every 0448 689 171

Andy Daley (RAMHP)

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Free workshop to help groups secure grant funding

Individuals, community groups, clubs and organisations across the Armidale Region are encouraged to build their funding skills and bring their project ideas to life through a free Community Grant Writing Workshop hosted by Armidale Regional Council.

The practical, hands-on workshop will be held on Thursday 8 October at NOVA, 122 Faulkner Street, Armidale, and is designed to support anyone interested in sourcing and applying for grants to fund projects, initiatives and community activities.

The workshop will be delivered

by Margot Davis from Unearthed Prosperity, an experienced economic development practitioner, marketing specialist and place-making expert who has successfully secured grants, tenders and project funding for a wide range of organisations and communities.

Participants will learn the fundamentals of successful grant writing, including project planning, defining outcomes, preparing compelling applications and managing grants once funding has been secured.

A key focus of the workshop will be identifying practical funding op-

portunities for rural and regional communities.

Attendees will work through real-world examples and practical exercises, supported by templates and resources that can be applied to future grant applications. The workshop will also explore how artificial intelligence (AI) tools can assist with grant writing by saving time, improving structure and strengthening applications while maintaining an authentic community voice.

By the end of the session, participants will have developed a draft project summary, gained a stronger

understanding of funder expectations and learned practical strategies for reporting and grant acquittal requirements.

The Community Grant Writing Workshop is delivered and funded by Armidale Regional Council.

The event builds on the success of previous grant writing workshops held in 2023 through the NSW Reconstruction Authority Community Recovery Program, then in 2024 and 2025 through Council funding.

Register for the Community Grant Writing Workshop via council's at www.armidale.nsw.gov.au

Sam Piddington takes top funeral industry role

Funerals Australia has announced the appointment of Sam Piddington from Piddingtons Armidale as the new NSW/ACT Divisional President, representing funeral professionals across New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.

Sam brings more than 25 years of industry experience to the role and has been an active contributor to Funerals Australia through four years of service on the NSW/ACT Divisional Council.

He is the Managing Director of Piddingtons Armidale, where he has worked full-time for the past 18 years, and is recognised for his commitment to professional standards, education and advocacy within the funeral profession.

As Divisional President, Sam

will work closely with members, industry stakeholders and the Funerals Australia National Council to strengthen professional standards, support education and workforce development, and advocate on issues affecting funeral professionals and the families they serve.

Sam said his priorities would include increasing member engagement and involvement across NSW and the ACT, supporting practical and effective regulation, strengthening relationships with industry stakeholders, and expanding education and professional development opportunities for members.

"I am deeply honoured to be appointed NSW/ACT Divisional President of Funerals Australia. Piddingtons has been an active member of the Association for

more than 90 years, and I look forward to working with members to strengthen engagement, raise awareness of the value our Association provides, support professional standards and regulation, and create greater opportunities for education and development across our industry."

"By working together, we can build a stronger, more connected and accountable profession that continues to deliver the highest standards of care to the families and communities who rely on us."

Funerals Australia National President Asha Dooley welcomed the appointment and said Divisional Presidents play a vital role in ensuring the views and experiences of members are represented.

The appointment comes at an im-

portant time for the profession, with changing community expectations and ongoing discussion around professional standards, regulation, workforce development and education.

Sam said he was looking forward to working with the NSW/ACT Divisional Council and members throughout his term.

"I'm looking forward to giving back to a profession that has provided so much reward and purpose throughout my career. By working together through greater awareness, stronger relationships, ongoing education and personal accountability, we can continue to strengthen our profession and better support the families and communities who rely on us."

Ladies' Golf

Ten golfers took on the Par Medal round on September 9th. Cold and windy again and welcome back Donna.

Wendy George prevailed on the day from Binna Lenahan. NTP's to Shona on the 9th and Binna on the 18th.

Today is Stableford. Next Wednesday is the Associates Cup sponsored by Neil and June Paine. We play a Canadian Foursomes, draw for partners.

Last week Wendy Jackson played at the Sawtell Spring Tournament, she managed to win a ball over the 2 days, it was a very well-run event – one for the calendar next year.

Guyra's run in the New England Pennant is over for this year. Walcha was the successful team from the southern division with the final rubber being at Walcha on Sat-

urday the 12th of September. Many thanks to Vicki Reeves for organizing the ladies Pennant team and thanks also to all the players. Best of luck to Walcha and Inverell who will meet in the final.

Birdie.

Sunday Golf

The comp set down for last Sunday was cancelled as Shane and his volunteers were busy for the 2 days with coring of the greens and other work. This work was very important and the overall outcome is looking very successful.

The club would love to thank Shane, his family and all of the volunteers who helped for the weekend and also those who offered assistance through the days.

This leads into this weekend's comp which is the first round of the Shire challenge to be played at

Guyra. The Armidale side are stewing and are planning an out and out attack after the Guyra team's victory last year, but the Guyra boys are keen to retain the trophy.

Other events on the horizon are the very popular Brian Lennon Memorial Day, a 2 person Ambrose and also a Junior event.

Keep an eye on the Gazette and our Facebook page for more info of upcoming events.

HAPPY GOLFING

Men's Bowls

Saturday, September 19th, box draw pairs. Names by 12 noon and matches starting at 12.30pm.

Club pairs matches set down for Saturday, September 26th, from 12 noon. D Wilcox / R Mulligan v R Walls / R Cox, C Peardon / M Bourke v T Ellis / M Simpson, S Brennan / K Brennan v M Walls / L

Beechey and J Varco / A Bull v D Kennedy / B Walls.

Players are reminded that the rules for the Club Pairs have changed, with the competition now brought into line with State rules. Matches will be played over 18 ends instead of 21.

Vets Golf

Last Tuesday we played a stableford event in pretty good spring weather. Colin Mulligan came in a comfortable winner with 34 points to runner up Wal Chapman on 31. Jon Cumming was the best putter with 27. NTPs went to Phil Devlin on the 7th, Neil Paine on the 10th and Col Walls on the 18th. Next Tuesday is a stableford.

Drake



Gazette's Celebrity Footy Tipping

Support Guyra's Local Businesses

Who will win the Wooden Spoon?
This year we have a real Wooden Spoon to present thanks to the excellent work of our local blokes at the Men's Shed.

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MEETING NOTICES

GOSPEL MEETING

Sunday, 20th September
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163 Bradley St, Guyra. 3pm-4pm
All welcome. Kate 0421 022 360

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Guyra Golf Course Drainage Works

Expressions of interest are invited for drain cleaning works to be carried out on the Guyra golf course.
Must include excavator hire, hourly rates, and truck hire hourly rates.
The works must be able to be commenced immediately.

For further details contact
Darrin Towells on 0402 226 450.

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Food Pantry at The Chapel
66 Llangothlin Street, Guyra
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Contact: 0455 232 073

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Dearly loved wife of Jim (dec'd).
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Christy, Amanda, Matthew, Jane, Anna
and their partners.

Loved great-grandmother of Jessica,
Claudia, Tom, Sam, Milly, Olivia, Ella,
Harrison, Darcy, Hugo, Evie, Dylan,
Lachlan, Nicholas, Oliver, James, Isabelle
and Poppy.

Aged 101 years

A funeral service will be held at
Piddingtons Funeral Home, Armidale
on Saturday, 19th September 2026
commencing at 10am.



PUBLIC NOTICE

Feral Rabbit Control Notice

Please be advised that 1,080 baited
carrots will be laid on Monday, 21st
September 2026, for the control of feral
rabbits at: 34 Suttons Lane, Guyra.

Please be aware that roaming pets
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SUNDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER

Voice of the Viola featuring
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3.30pm at the Australian Poetry
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FRIDAY - MONDAY 2nd - 5th OCTOBER

TroutFest - 10th anniversary
Market stalls, Art Show,
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WEDNESDAY, 28th OCTOBER
Information evening with the
Guyra Show Society
More details to follow.

SUNDAY, 8th NOVEMBER
Guyra Cup at Armidale Racecourse.

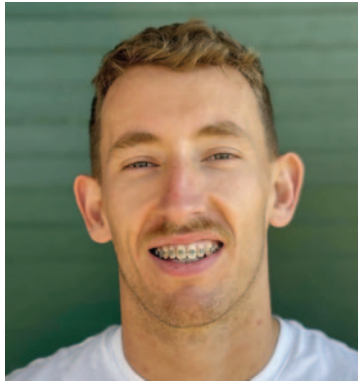
SATURDAY, 5th DECEMBER
Fiori Musicali present "Gloriana"
3.00pm at the Australian Poetry
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SATURDAY, 5th DECEMBER
Black Mountain Baptist Church
Christmas BBQ & Service
BBQ commences at 6:00pm
Service to commence at 7:30pm



15. Adam Litherland.

The senior citizen of the team. He wandered out of Kolora and down to the training fields a few years ago and has been a part of the current Caspers setup ever since. Fun fact; he played his first grand final with the original Guyra Ghost back in 1921. He should be good for a few minutes off the bench on Saturday, probably between naps.



18. Tristan Brown.

Much like the energizer bunny, Tristo will just keep going, and going, and going. This Brown from another town will vie with his brother from another mother, Aidan, for most run meters on the field on Saturday. And you know that after a solid game at the back, he'll be straight down to the Royal celebrating with a nice cold half strength diet coke, no ice.



23. Charlie White.

"Our Ginger is better than your Ginger." Those immortal words from many days ago are now the motto that Chaz lives and plays by. After winning the first battle of the ginger in the major semi final, we know that come Saturday, Chaz will do everything he can to be the best red head on the field. He's odds on favourite to end up on (carrot) top.



21. Aidan Brown.

Rumour has it that Bruce Springsteen's classic 'Born to Run' was playing at full volume one night in Guyra back in January of 2009. 17 and a bit years later and Aidan will be taking the field at Ted Mulligan Oval, doing what he was born to do, and what he's been doing all season, running. The grand final will top off what has been a remarkable debut season, with Guyra soccer looking to have a bright future



27. Norman Miniti.

The prodigal son returns. After leaving for the big city lights and a significant payday to play for Norths and Inverell in previous seasons, this year, Normy realised the error of his ways and returned to his beloved Guyra Caspers. Good thing he did too, as he looks to play a central role for the team on Saturday.



32. Ashley Holt.

They call him Flash for a reason. He's fast. He dresses fancy. Also, to be honest, it's probably because Flash rhymes with Ash. Whatever the reason, expect Ash to live up to the name on Saturday. The ultimate clubman, Ash has been instrumental on and off the field this season, and he's a big part of why the Caspers have made the grand final.



34. Tyson Burey.

The scientist of the team, Tyso seems to have all day with the ball at his feet, probably because he's contemplating its molecular structure rather than just kicking it. But rest assured, when he kicks it, it stays kicked, whether that be the ball or an opposition player. In hindsight, we probably could have just rhymed Burey with Fury for his profile. Because he's got a temper.



24. Angus Shepherd.

Mr. Twinkle Toes, Gus has some fancy footwork that he will certainly use to great effect on Saturday. Whilst he's known for his skill with the ball on the field, he has recently developed a reputation as the Casper's meme factory, harnessing the power of AI to entertain the team. Playing what will likely be his last game in the orange and black, Gus will be out to impress.



19. Mitchell Hope.

El Presidenté. Another great season from the guy in charge of the whole show, Mitch has decided to take a back seat for the game on Saturday and will instead take charge of keeping the punters happy in the stands. If he serves you at the BBQ or gets you a drink, maybe thank him for everything he's done for the club this season.



30. Blake Handebo.

As captain of the team, Blake is more than handy bo. He will be the rock at the centre of the backline, marshalling the troops and doing everything within his power to keep another clean sheet. Blake plays the game hard and his soccer career is littered with injuries; some his, some inflicted on others. Come Saturday, you can expect nothing less, he'll definitely give 100%.

Countdown is on for historic Guyra soccer grand final

The countdown is on, Guyra, with history set to be made this Saturday when the first-ever soccer grand final is played in Guyra.

And there is even more reason for locals to get behind the big day, with the Guyra Caspers taking on the Glen Innes Highlanders in the grand final at Ted Mulligan Oval.

The local boys have worked hard to earn their place in the decider and will be looking to make the most of home-ground advantage as they go head-to-head with Glen Innes once again, this time with the biggest prize of them all on the line.

The action gets underway at 12.30pm, with Souths taking on Westside, before the main event

kicks off at 3pm.

The Caspers are calling on the Guyra community to turn out in force, make some noise and show their support as the team fights for grand final glory.

With a full bar and canteen operating at the ground, there will be plenty of reasons to make a day of it and soak up the atmosphere.

So, Guyra – are you ready?

Get down to Ted Mulligan Oval this Saturday, September 19th, and get behind the local boys.

INSIDE (pages 2 & 11):

Player Profiles - see who will be playing in the decider this weekend.



Golf Cart Donation keeps family legacy rolling

Debbie, Annette and Evan Sole have very generously donated the family golf cart previously used by Evan and his son Steven.

They recently handed over the keys of the cart to the Guyra Golf Club represented by Veterans Golf President - Wal Chapman, President of the Ladies Golf - Kerry Bull and President of the Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club - David Wilcox.

In the past, Evan and Steven were both avid golfers with Steven being both Club Champion and Club Captain. When mentioned that the cart could possibly have many stories to tell, Debbie agreed but thought it best that they remain untold.

The cart has had a major overhaul and clean up with replacement batteries being installed along with a new on board computer console. This was possible through the donation of funds by the Guyra Veteran Golfers, Guyra Lady Golfers and the Top



Above l to r: Phil Devlin, Kerry Bull, Wal Chapman, Debbie Sole, Annette Sole, David Wilcox, David Bearup

of The Range Tournament.

A huge thank you to Darrin Towells of New England Autos

who organised for the replacement parts and donated his time and experience to restore life to

the cart. In the future the cart will be available for hire through the Club.