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A high school teacher inspired Rebecca Williams to become a blood donor, and years later she has reached an impressive milestone of 104 blood and plasma donations.

She made her first donations while living in Camden, south-west of Sydney, where she donated 31 times before moving to the Guyra area.

After a break while settling into the region, Rebecca resumed donating when she discovered opportunities to give blood locally. She initially donated in Guyra when services visited the hospital, but now travels to Armidale for her appointments.

Of her 104 donations, Rebecca estimates 65 have been whole blood donations and 39 plasma donations.

While both are important, the donation process differs. Whole blood donations can generally be completed in less than 10 minutes once the needle is in place, while plasma donations take around 40 minutes.

Rebecca said her donations had generally been straightforward, although she recently experienced a minor problem during a plasma donation. Despite the experience, she remains positive about donating and encourages others to consider becoming donors.

"I just give it because I think it's really good to do," Rebecca said.

She believes donating is a practical



Rebecca Williams has clocked up 104 blood donations

way to help others, with whole blood donations potentially helping three people and plasma being used to produce treatments for a range of medical conditions.

For Rebecca, the refreshments offered after donating are an added bonus. She said that staff at the Armidale donor centre are very friendly and it is always a positive experience.

Her message comes at a critical time for Australian Red Cross Lifeblood, which has reported that blood supplies have fallen by 60 per

cent since June, recently reaching their lowest level in almost a decade.

Blood donations help cancer patients and people undergoing surgery, support mothers and babies during childbirth, and save lives following accidents and emergencies. Plasma is also used to make treatments for a range of medical conditions.

Anyone interested in donating can make an appointment through Australian Red Cross Lifeblood by calling 13 14 95, visiting lifeblood.com.au or downloading the Lifeblood app.



BOOK LAUNCH

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Meet the Author + Book Signing!

Join us for an evening of conversation, connection and celebration with debut author Railene Turner-Rose.



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Local artists shine during TroutFest Art Show

GuyrARTists were very happy with the number and quality of entries in this year's annual art competition held during TroutFest. The show drew compliments from regular exhibitors and judges.

CWA Day Branch added interest and colour as did Neil Donnelly's pre-loved art and art book collection.

Local winners were Carmella Archer (1st in the junior photography), Zander Lloyd (2nd in the junior photography), Wal Chapman equal 1st and Jenny Rogers 2nd in photography, Jessira Saunders 1st in Acrylics/Oils, Sapphire Roller 1st and 2nd in Collage, Louise Pearson 1st and 2nd in both weaving and felt. Kay Smith won the viewer's choice prize. April Mills Thom was second in the Novice section.

Other winners came from across New England from Glen Innes, Armidale and Inverell.

Thank you to our very generous prize sponsors: Guyra Bowling Club, Gawura Gallery Glen Innes, The Organic T Shirt, Sue Ross and Ray White Real Estate Agents, Guyra Pharmacy, Craig and Pen Shepard (Kootingal) and Our Little Gallery.

At the prize presentations on Friday the originators and long-time supporters of TroutFest were acknowledged as was the development of the Tenth Dam with Council and Anglers assistance as a special acknowledgement to trout fishing around Guyra. David Bearup and Laurel Betts cut a cake of thanks to supporters and



David Bearup and Laurel Betts cut the cake on behalf of supporters and artists

Guyra artists.

The TroutFest themed art work created by the children on Saturday under Lloyd Hornsby direction was a huge success, with more than 25 children participating. We will be looking for a permanent place to display this tribute to TroutFest.



Sponsor Lloyd Hornsby congratulates Jessira Saunders winner of the Oils/Acrylic prize.



Sponsor Stephania of The Organic T Shirt and Lynne Chapman congratulate Sapphire Roller as winner of the Collage section



New England Renewable Energy Zone Have your say on the environmental impact statement

EnergyCo is planning the New England REZ network infrastructure project to connect renewable energy projects to the electricity grid and deliver reliable power to homes and businesses across NSW.

The environmental impact statement (EIS) is now on exhibition. It explains how the project could impact people and the environment during construction and once operational.

View the EIS and make a submission via the NSW Planning Portal: planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects and searching SSI-74175972.

Upcoming events

Join a drop-in information session to learn more about the EIS and speak with the project team.

- **Kentucky:** Wednesday 28 October, 3-6pm, Kentucky Memorial Hall
- **Gundy:** Monday 2 November, 3-6pm, Gundy Soldiers' Memorial Hall
- **Rouchel:** Wednesday 4 November, 3-6pm, Rouchel School of Arts Hall

- **Scone:** Thursday 5 November, 3-6pm, Scone Motor Inn Conference Centre
- **Muswellbrook:** Friday 6 November, 11am-2pm, Muswellbrook Library Seminar Room
- **Walcha:** Monday 9 November, 4-6pm, Walcha Central School Hall
- **Uralla:** Tuesday 10 November, 3-6pm, Uralla Courthouse
- **Armidale:** Wednesday 11 November, 3-6pm, Armidale Town Hall
- **Tamworth:** Thursday 12 November, 12-2pm, Tamworth Community Event Centre

Learn more

Visit energyco.nsw.gov.au/nerez to view the interactive EIS map, fact sheets, register for our webinars and more.

If you have questions, you can contact our team on 1800 061 114 (toll free) or by emailing nerez@energyco.nsw.gov.au. We look forward to hearing from you.

Guyra author shares personal journey in debut memoir

A bag of liquorice bullets sparked a moment of self-reflection that eventually led Guyra-based author Railene Turner-Rose to write her debut book, *Day One Again*.

Described as a raw and honest memoir, the book explores food, grief, perfectionism and the hidden struggles that can sit behind an outward appearance of success.

Written as a journal over six months, *Day One Again* follows Railene through daily diary entries, weekly reflections and monthly reckonings as she examines her relationship with food and the deeper emotions behind her habits.

Rather than focusing on diets or meal plans, the book delves into the underlying issues influencing behaviour, while exploring identity, music, grief and the pressure to keep performing for others.

It also examines what happens when people stop trying to



Railene Turner-Rose will launch her book in Guyra on November 8

hold everything together and begin questioning who they really are beneath the expectations they have placed on themselves.

"I wrote it for myself," Railene said. "But the more honest



I got, the more I realised this isn't just my story. It's the story of every woman who's held everything together on the outside while quietly falling apart on the inside."

Combining memoir, journal

and personal reflection, the book draws on Railene's own experiences to offer an unfiltered account of confronting difficult questions, recognising personal patterns and finding a way forward.

Published by Healing House Publishing, *Day One Again* is available now.

Railene will officially launch the book at The Blind Chef, 126 Bradley Street, Guyra, on Sunday, November 8, at 6pm.

The free launch event will include a reading and conversation with the author, along with gourmet nibbles and drinks. Signed copies of the book will also be available.

Community members are invited to attend, meet Railene and hear the story behind her first book, which began with a seemingly ordinary moment and developed into a deeper exploration of personal growth, grief and the courage to begin again.

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What's HOT

Racing season is here - Melbourne Cup next week and then the Guyra Cup- November 8th - always a great day out!

Super Spuds AGM coming up November 2nd - support needed

Open Gardens on Friday

Halloween Disco at the Bowlo Oct. 31st

What's NOT

Fireworks going off in the middle of the night!!!

JOKE of the week

What's the difference between a Hippo and a Zippo.
One's really heavy and the other is a little lighter

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
20	Tues	7.6	14.3	0
21	Wed	8.2	16.9	5.6
22	Thurs	10.5	15.3	10.2
23	Fri	9.2	17.3	12.4
24	Sat	10.5	21.3	8.6
25	Sun	13.5	20.0	1.8
26	Mon	12.6	20.7	12.4

Rainfall this week 51.0 mm
Oct. rainfall 87.8mm
Rainfall YTD 470.7mm
Rainfall last YTD 827.0mm
Ave. rain YTD 690.3mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin,
Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

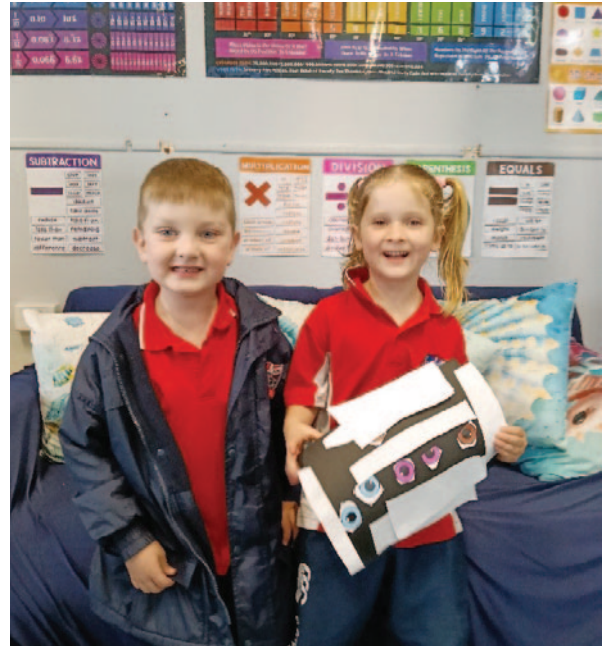
Bald Blair's Transition Program Begins

Bald Blair Public School is delighted to welcome six transition students as they embark on their educational journey. Luca, William, Logan, Wynnne, Alfie and Joe have joined our school community and are quickly settling into their new routine.

As well as regular classroom activities, focusing on fine-motor skills, learning sounds and counting, these young learners have participated in STEM activities alongside the older students, fostering early connections and hands-on learning experiences.

The Transition to Kindergarten program will continue every Friday for the remainder of Term 4. For more information about the program, please contact the school office on 6779 1578.

Ros Edwards
Principal



Explore Racecourse Lagoon

Locals are invited to discover the ecological importance of Racecourse Lagoon and learn about ongoing restoration efforts at a free field day exploring wetlands, wildlife and regional biosecurity.

The Botany, Biosecurity, Bugs and Birds field day will be held on Tuesday, November 17, from 10am to 2pm at Racecourse Lagoon, Uralla.

The event will bring together local knowledge and specialist expertise in wetland plants, birds, beneficial insects, weeds and biosecurity, highlighting the role wetlands play in supporting biodiversity.

The morning program will introduce the Australian Govern-

ment's Natural Heritage Trust Highland Wetlands project and restoration work being undertaken at Racecourse Lagoon through the NSW Environmental Trust's Conservation and Ecological Restoration of Racecourse Lagoon project.

Presenters will discuss wetland habitats, common bird and insect species, local weed threats and general biosecurity practices. Regional issues, including avian influenza and cane toads, will also be covered.

After lunch, participants can join guided field sessions focusing on identifying wetland plants, birds and insects, as well as a walk around the lagoon perimeter to explore revegetation work.

The field day is suitable for landholders, community groups, birdwatchers, families, students and anyone interested in local biodiversity and environmental conservation.

The event is funded by the Australian Government's Natural Heritage Trust and supported by the NSW Environmental Trust, Uralla Shire Council and Southern New England Landcare Ltd, among other project partners.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Participants are asked to bring a chair, hat, sunscreen and sturdy enclosed footwear, and to dress appropriately for outdoor conditions.

Registration is free and available online.



Brendan Moylan MP

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Meals on Wheels

Oct 29	Ann Williams
Oct 30	Steve Norris
Nov 2	Narelle Leven
Nov 3	Kath Barry-Leven
Nov 4	Warwick Leven

Street Stalls

October 29, 30	Freemasons
November 5, 6, 7	Lions
November 12	Hosp. Auxiliary
November 13	CWA

Church Notices

St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church Vigil Mass 6pm Saturday from 3rd Oct. 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

Bringing science to life at Black Mountain

In the K-2 class we have been reading 'The gentle genius of trees' by Philip Bunting.

We have been sorting words into 3 tiers and have enjoyed using our fancy tier 3 words when talking about the amazing things trees can do. We have learnt that trees are very clever and an extremely important resource for us, because they give us food, fun, the homes we live in and the books we read.

Trees are amazing!

*Mrs Simone Lord
Acting Principal*



Black Mountain Public School K-2 Class - Bringing Science to Life

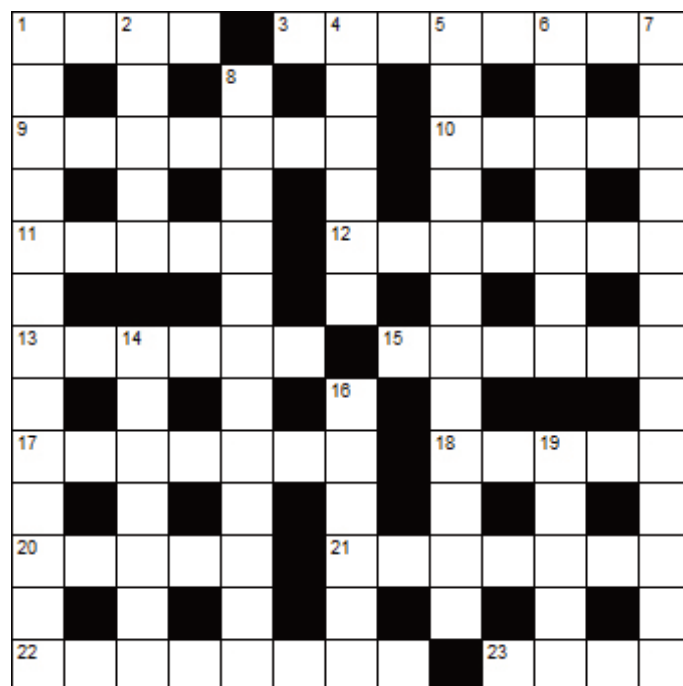
ACROSS

- 1 Doubtful (4)
- 3 Renounce (8)
- 9 Abandon one's principles (4,3)
- 10 Unit of heat (5)
- 11 Sweeping implement (5),
- 12 Pompous person (7)
- 13 Teaches (6)
- 15 Strong-smelling bulb (6)
- 17 Bring up; rear (7)
- 18 Bird claw (5)
- 20 Balearic party island (5)
- 21 Male chicken (7)
- 22 Recently (8)
- 23 Examine by touch (4)

DOWN

- 1 Flimsy (13)
- 2 Leaf of parchment (5)
- 4 Move faster than (6)
- 5 Contentment (12)
- 6 Look something over closely (7)
- 7 Device for changing TV channel (6,7)
- 8 Corresponding proportionate (12)
- 14 Aerial rescue (7)
- 16 Oceanic seabird (6)
- 19 Shaping machine (5)

QUICK CROSSWORD



SUDOKU - Easy

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Classifieds Trades & Services

MEETING NOTICES

GUYRA NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE AGM Tuesday, November 10, 6pm at 160 Bradley Street, Guyra. All members are welcome.

GUYRA RUGBY LEAGUE AGM Monday, November 2nd, Guyra Hotel from 6.30pm. All positions vacant. Anyone interested in joining the committee or contributing to the club is encouraged to attend. Enquiries to secretary via email at guyrarugbyleague@gmail.com.

FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry at The Chapel
66 Llangothlin Street, Guyra

OPEN this FRIDAY

9am-12pm

Contact: 0455 232 073

COURSES AT NECC

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Thursday, 12th November

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Level 1 (Armidale)

Tuesday, 17th November

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Level 2 (Armidale)

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Max Handebo and family wish to thank all those who sent cards, flowers and made phone calls on the sad loss of Beverley.

Also special thanks to the nurses, doctors and staff at the MPS, to Pastor Jeff Ritchie for bible readings and prayers that he shared with Beverley, to the Rev. Tim Stephens and to Piddingtons for their professional service and care.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.

AUSTRALIA DAY NOMINATIONS

Australia Day nominations ARE NOW OPEN

Forms are available online at:
<https://www.armidale.nsw.gov.au/Our-region/Events/Council-events/Australia-Day>

Or the forms are available at GALA.

Categories are:

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

**Nominations must be submitted by
11th December.**

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3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
Guyra SnowFest Inc,
Monthly meeting 3pm, Royal Hotel

WEDNESDAY, 28th OCTOBER
Information evening with the
Guyra Show Society
6.30pm Guyra Bowling Club
Volunteering, exhibiting and more
RSVP 6779 2132 by Friday 23/10

SUNDAY, 8th NOVEMBER
Guyra Cup at Armidale Racecourse.

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

FRIDAY, 4th DECEMBER
Guyra Rotary Christmas Carnival
in conjunction with
Armidale Regional Council
Markets, food stalls, Rotary BBQ,
raffles, entertainment
SANTA will be there

SATURDAY, 5th DECEMBER
Black Mountain Baptist Church
Christmas BBQ & Service
BBQ commences at 6:00pm
Service to commence at 7:30pm

FRIDAY, 11th DECEMBER
Closing Date for
Australia Day nominations
Forms available from GALA or
Armidale Regional Council or
online at:
<https://www.armidale.nsw.gov.au/Our-region/Events/Council-events/Australia-Day>

SUNDAY, 13th DECEMBER
Brockley Church
Service at 2.30pm

SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER
at 7:30pm

The **Guyra Community Choir**
invite you all to join with them for a
celebration of christmas carols at
the **Guyra Presbyterian Church**
in Tenterden St

MONDAY, 14th DECEMBER
at 7:30pm

The **Guyra Community Choir**
invite you all to join with them for a
celebration of christmas carols at the
Ben Lomond War Memorial Hall

WEDNESDAY - SUNDAY
13th - 24th JANUARY 2027
Lamb & Potato Festival

9th - 11th JULY 2027
Guyra SnowFest

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31ST OCTOBER 2026
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AT THE GUYRA BOWLING & RECREATION CLUB

CHILDREN MUST BE PRESENT WITH A CAREGIVER.

PRIZE TO BE WON FOR

- BEST DRESSED
- BEST DANCE MOVES
- PEOPLE CHOICE AWARD (EVERYONE VOTES)
- ADULTS BEST DRESSED

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Ladies Golf

Last week was a bit full on for some of the lady golfers. After two days of Veteran's events at home we held our own 2 person Ambrose on the 21st of October. Maintaining her form, Jenny Rogers teamed up with Deb Heffernan to win the day from Vicki Reeves and Wendy Jackson.

NTP's on the 7th Kerry Bull, and the 10th Vicki Reeves.

Ten ladies travelled to the Walcha Open 4BBB last Saturday. Jenny Rogers teamed up with Belinda Lenehan to win the Cup. It was a splendid day – with their course looking absolutely fantastic and their wonderful hospitality.

Next Weekend is the Armidale Jug – good luck to all those entered. No Golf at home the following Wednesday.

Birdie.



Belinda Lenehan and Jenny Rogers won the Walcha Open

Men's Bowls

J. McIlwain (25) defeated R. Mulligan (13), while R. Walls (25) defeated W. Reeves (11).

Matches will be played on Sunday, November 1, at 1pm.

In the Open Singles, D. Wilcox will play M. Simpson, with R. Mulligan as marker. In the Minor Singles, T. Ellis will play L. Beechey, with N. Brennan as marker.

Set Play Pairs will com-

mence on Wednesday, November 4. Everyone is welcome to participate in the box draw competition, which will run over four weeks. Put your name on the board at the club to enter

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Veterans Open Tournament successful despite the rain

Guyra Veterans golfers hosted their two-day open tournament last week, with almost 40 players taking part in Monday's 4BBB Open, which was combined with the District 4 Ball Championships.

Les Heffernan, partnering with David Brown, took out the event with 46 points. Robert Moore and Wayne Archibald finished runners-up with 43 points.

Nearest the Pin prizes went to Robert Moore on the 7th, Shona Mulligan on the 9th, Dave Brown on the 10th and Terry Mulligan on

the 18th.

The tournament was supported by generous sponsorship from Guyra Bowling Club, Elders of Guyra, Jones, Cracknell and Starr, and Costa Tomatoes, whose contributions help make the events possible.

Day two featured the Guyra Open, with wet weather leading to several last-minute withdrawals and a reduced field. Despite the conditions, the competition went ahead with a ladies' division and two men's divisions, with most players manag-

ing to avoid getting too wet.

Jenny Rogers won the ladies' division with 31 points, followed by Leonie Taylor on 30 points and Wendy George on 27 points.

In the men's first division, Neil Paine claimed the Guyra Open title with an impressive 38 points. Greg Constantine finished second with 37 points, while Ian Taylor placed third with 33 points.

Ron Starr won the men's second division with 36 points, followed by David Elder on 35 points and Phil Devlin on 34 points.

Nearest the Pin winners were Jenny Rogers and Bob Baker on the 7th, Helen Heath on the 9th and Graham Price on the 10th.

Organisers acknowledged the considerable preparation and effort involved in running the tournament, thanking everyone who contributed, as well as the Guyra locals who supported the event.

While visiting players are an important and appreciated part of the tournament, local support remains vital to the continued success of the club's golfing events.



Wal Chapman with ladies winner Jenny Rogers



4BBB winners David Brown and Les Heffernan with Greg Constance President of New England Vets



Men's Div. I winner Neil Paine with Wal Chapman



Watson, McNamara & Watt

Guyra Cup Day

Sunday 8th November 2026

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Names to be put on the list at the pub.**

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