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Banbai Rangers celebrate 25 years caring for Country



Twenty-five years of dedication to caring for Country, protecting culture and passing traditional knowledge to future generations were celebrated as the Banbai Rangers marked a significant milestone last week.

The anniversary brought together past and present Rangers, Elders, community members, partners and supporters to recognise the people who established the program and those who have helped it grow over the past quarter of a century.

The Rangers' work is closely connected to the Wattleridge Indigenous Protected Area (IPA), which holds an important place in conservation history as the first Indigenous Protected Area declared in NSW in 2001.

Its declaration helped pave the way for Indigenous-led conservation and cooperative land management in the state, with the nearby Tarriwa Kurrukun IPA later adding to the region's protected areas.

The celebrations reflected on a legacy built around cultural connection, land management and the responsibility of looking after Country for future generations.

Banbai Head Ranger Kane Patterson spoke about his own 15-year journey with the Rangers, describing how the program had shaped him both personally and professionally.

He began as a school-based trainee, which led into a part-time role working alongside the first generation of Rangers, before moving into a full-time position.

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Memorable formal for Year 12 graduates

Guyra Central School proudly celebrated its Year 12 graduates on Saturday November 7th with a formal event marking the end of their secondary schooling.

The event brought together students, families and teachers for a memorable evening of celebration and reflection.

Graduates were recognised for their dedication, resilience, and achievements throughout their school journey. Guyra Central School praised the students for their commitment and growth, acknowledging the support of staff, families, and the broader community in helping students reach this important milestone.

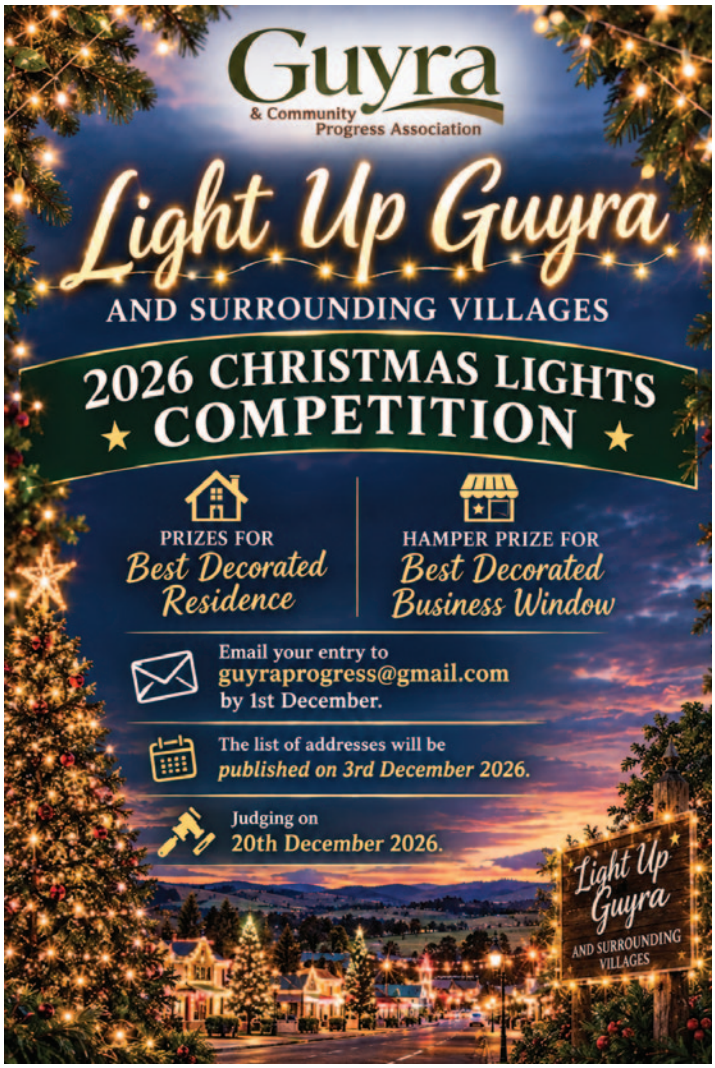
The Year 12 formal is a wonderful opportunity to recognise not just the academic success of students, but also their personal growth and contribution to the school community.

"Guyra Central School is extremely proud of each and every graduate and wish them every success as they take their next steps.



"Guyra Central School extends its congratulations to the Class of 2026 and thanks all who contributed to making the formal a special occasion."

Above l to r:
Brodie Murray, Adaiah Galindo, Robert Ashman, Charlie Ward, Eli Wood, Piper Kempton, Khaleal Iboai, Ryan Saunders, Archie Jackson and Sam Surawski





Elizabeth Rosser receives 2026 John Winter-Irving Bequest

Guyra's Elizabeth Rosser has been named the recipient of the 2026 John Winter-Irving Bequest recognising her outstanding commitment to sustainable agriculture, natural resource management and community leadership.

The announcement was made at the organisation's Annual General Meeting held in Uralla on November 11th. Southern New England Landcare CEO, Karen Zirkler said that Elizabeth's contributions to Landcare and the broader community are extensive and significant and she exemplifies the values of Landcare.

A four-day training event with Graham Sait from Nutritech Solutions is among the projects and capacity-building events Elizabeth has successfully coordinated in the Guyra district in her role as a Local Landcare Coordinator with Southern New England Landcare.

This work has helped reinvigorate the Guyra Landcare Network, previously the Malpas Catchment Group.

Over the last two years in her role, Elizabeth has also supported Uralla Rivercare group to deliver numerous events across the region, delivered a range of capacity-building events for farmers in partnership with the Mulloon Institute, and assisted with delivery of a series of cybersecurity workshops across the region.



Steve Harvey, board member at Southern New England Landcare, presents Elizabeth Rosser with the John Winter-Irving Bequest

Elizabeth also spent 12 months representing staff on the Southern New England Landcare Risk Management Committee. Outside Landcare, Elizabeth works for equity of access to education for all students living in rural and remote Australia by representing isolated students through her role on the NSW State Council of the Isolated Children's Parents' Association NSW.

Mrs Ona Winter-Irving, wife of the late Mr John Winter-Irving, offered her warmest congratulations to Elizabeth, saying she was exactly the type of person the family hoped the award would support.

"We're delighted to recognise and encourage Elizabeth's passion and involvement in sustainable agriculture," said Mrs Winter-Irving.

"Johnno would be delighted to hear of her involvement with natural resource management and her work with and support for Landcare and her generous commitment to community as well.

"It's also lovely to hear that she is young and so passionate about the land and with another generation coming on."

Elizabeth expressed her gratitude for the recognition, saying "I am truly grateful for the recognition."

Banbai Rangers celebrate 25 years caring for Country *(cont.)*

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Working alongside older cousins, uncles and aunties provided invaluable opportunities to learn through hands-on experience, with traditional knowledge and practical skills passed down while working on Country.

Kane thanked the Banbai Elders and community members who helped lay the foundations for the organisation's growth. Now, after 15 years with the program, he said he was proud to stand as Head Ranger and see new Rangers coming through.

One of the newest Rangers Jorja Bull reflected on the significance of reaching 25 years, describing the anniversary as more than a celebration of an organisation, but a recognition of its legacy.

She acknowledged the Rangers who had come before, thanking them for sharing their wisdom, keeping culture strong and passing down their stories.

"Banbai is so much more than a Rangers program. It is about culture, connection to Country, identity and belonging," she said.

She hoped that in another 25 years, a new generation would be celebrating the organisation's 50th anniversary and carrying forward the work of those who came before them.

The anniversary also recognised the many partners, stakeholders and organisations that have supported the Banbai Rangers over the years.

Organisers acknowledged the importance of these relationships, with shared knowledge, guidance and support helping the organisation continue its work.

Fire crews called to house fire at Ben Lomond

Fire and Rescue NSW crews from Guyra and Glen Innes and the Rural Fire Service (RFS) responded to a house fire at Ben Lomond on Saturday afternoon.

Members from the Fire and Rescue NSW Station 315 at Guyra were first on the scene, followed by Guyra RFS and the Fire and Rescue NSW Station 302 crew from Glen Innes.

On arrival, firefighters observed smoke coming from the residence. Crews entered the building and located a smouldering fire in the lounge room, which was quickly extinguished.

Firefighters then carried out a thorough inspection of the roof cavity and adjoining rooms to ensure the fire had not spread.

The fire caused considerable heat and smoke damage to the lounge room.

Following the incident, Fire and Rescue NSW are reminding residents to take care when charging devices containing lithium-ion batteries, which are now commonly found in everyday household items.

Residents are advised to always use the manufacturer's recommended charger, avoid charging batteries on beds, lounges or other combustible surfaces, and never leave devices charging unattended or while sleeping.

Firefighters warn that taking a few simple precautions when charging household devices can help prevent potentially devastating house fires.

What's HOT

Pop the piece of the rosemary you got on Remembrance Day into a planter pot of potting mix to strike and grow - for future Remembrance and ANZAC days -or for culinary purposes

Golf presentations - book your tickets so you don't miss out

Banbai Rangers - 25 years strong. Congratulations to all involved

JOKE of the week

What do you call a hen who is looking at a pile of lettuce?

Chicken sees-a-salad?

Bureau of Meteorology Weather WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
10	Tues	3.3	20.8	0
11	Wed	8.4	24.6	0
12	Thurs	11.3	26.7	8.4
13	Fri	11.9	24.6	30.0
14	Sat	13.5	22.3	0
15	Sun	13.3	23.6	4.0
16	Mon	8.0	21.6	7.0

Rainfall this week	49.4mm
Nov. rainfall	72.2mm
Rainfall YTD	576.9mm
Rainfall last YTD	981.4mm
Ave. rain YTD	794.1mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Time to light up for Christmas



Guyra residents and businesses are being encouraged to register their Christmas displays for the 2026 Guyra and Surrounding Villages Christmas Lights Competition.

The competition will again feature residential Christmas lights and business Christmas window displays, with plenty of prizes up for grabs.

Prizes include Guyra IGA vouchers, a Sisson's Butcher voucher, a fuel voucher, a YETI esky and more.

Entries close on Tuesday, December 1, with registrations to be emailed to guyraprogress@gmail.com.

The competition is supported by local sponsors Guyra IGA, New England Building, Nutrien Ag Solutions Guyra and Bishops Home Hardware Guyra.

Organisers have encouraged the community to support local businesses, whose contributions help make community events such as the Christmas lights competition possible.

Buddy Knox Talent Quest opens doors for emerging Aboriginal musicians

The Buddy Knox Talent Quest will return to the Tamworth Country Music Festival in January 2027, moving to the larger Tamworth Town Hall and introducing a new age category to encourage even younger performers.

Following its successful launch in 2026, the second annual competition will feature a live backing band, professional sound and lighting, and a panel of judges, giving emerging Aboriginal musicians the opportunity to showcase their talent on a major festival stage.

Supported by ArtsNW, Aboriginal Regional Arts Alliance NSW and the Aboriginal Employment Strategy, the Quest will offer four categories: 10 years and under, 11–14 years, 15–18 years and open.

The competition is driven by Tamworth musician Buddy Knox, who has spent almost two decades mentoring young Aboriginal performers and helping them gain experience through



schools, NAIDOC events, CAPERS and Schools Spectacular.

Buddy said the aim was to give talented young musicians opportunities to perform and develop their identity as artists.

"There's so much talent around today and they are so good, it's just all about getting them the opportunity to show it off. We're trying to find the next Jessie Mauboy or Troy Cassar Daly," he said.

The benefits are already evident, with 2026 competition winner Nahri Slater-Saunders continuing to build her musical career. After winning the 15–18 years category and receiving the Buddy Knox Encouragement Award, Nahri has performed solo at NAIDOC events and in her community.

She recently organised her debut solo performance at a pub in Armidale, attracting a strong audience and positive response.

Buddy hopes the Quest will become a lasting pathway for Aboriginal musicians to develop their skills, gain confidence and connect with opportunities in the music industry.

The 2027 Buddy Knox Talent Quest will be held at 10am on Saturday, January 16, at Tamworth Town Hall as part of the Tamworth Country Music Festival.

Entries are now open: *https://forms.gle/kPTfd12fFfJWo3fY6*

Guyra students shine at Beef Bonanza

Guyra Central School Agriculture students have returned from the 2026 Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza in Scone with several impressive results after showcasing their cattle and skills.

Six students represented the school at the event, taking part in a range of competitions and educational activities, including meat judging at JBS Scone, junior judging and paraders competitions.

The students also participated in educational rotations, learning about innovative industry practices such as virtual fencing and the role of artificial insemination in cattle production.

Months of preparation paid off, with the school achieving two placings with its heavyweight steer Pepper, which secured second place in the Heavyweight Class and fourth place in the Carcase Class.

Jessica Fletcher also achieved fifth place in the 12–13 Years Paraders Competition.

With 33 classes and more than 400 cattle entered, the results were a rewarding outcome for the students and their school.

Beyond the competition, the event provided opportunities for students to develop their agricultural knowledge, build friendships and strengthen connections with others involved in the industry.

Guyra Central School thanked Armidale Secondary College for sharing campsite facilities, equipment and transport arrangements, highlighting the value of cooperation between schools.

Special acknowledgement was also given to the Macrae family of Kingstown, who bred the steers exhibited by the school. Macca was thanked for his expertise, guidance and support throughout the preparation process.

Gwyn and Ian Pearson were also recognised for their ongoing care and dedication to the school farm, which provides valuable opportunities for students to gain practical agricultural experience.

The school congratulated all six students on their hard work, sportsmanship and enthusiasm, saying their achievements reflected the value of its agricultural education program.



Above l to r: Charlotte Auld, Kate Campion, Tessa Roberson, Lacey Cruickshank, Rachael Jackson, Jessica Fletcher



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New Funding for Apprentices, Cadets and Trainees

I'm encouraging Guyra locals to apply for traineeships, cadetships and apprenticeships through Armidale Regional Council's 'Pathways to Employment' program.

The council has received $781,152 for the program, which looks to address skills gaps and an ageing workforce.

It opens the door for locals to take up new roles in their local council and build a prosperous and rewarding career.

Young people are especially encouraged to apply to learn new skills and bring fresh ideas to the councils.

Breach Bail, Go To Jail

I'm backing NSW Coalition plans to legislate a breach bail, go to jail policy.

Known as Luke's Law, the legislation ensures anyone on bail who is then charged with another serious crime will not be eligible for bail and will remain behind bars.

The law honours the life of Luke Manassa, who was allegedly murdered last year in a mistaken identity case. Under Luke's Law, the Bail act will be amended to ensure:

- Adults on bail charged with a serious indictable offence will have their bail automatically revoked and bail refused for the new charge.
- Any young person on bail charged with a serious children's indictable offence (SCIO) will have their bail revoked and be refused bail for the new charge. This will include the Liberals and Nationals' expanded list of SCIOs under our Adult Crime, Adult Time laws.

Breach Bail, Go to Jail laws form part of the NSW Liberals and Nationals' plan for Safer Streets, Stronger Communities, which includes:

- Adult Crime, Adult Time laws
- Anytime, Anywhere knife wanding laws.
- Creating new offences of using a violence broker or acting as a violence broker with a maximum penalty of 16 years or 20 years if a child is involved.
- Doubling the funding to the NSW Crime Commission to allow it to identify more participants in organised crime and confiscate their unexplained wealth.
- Extending unexplained wealth orders so they apply to anyone reasonably suspected of acting as or using a violence broker.
- Proposed laws to protect children from extremist grooming and radicalisation.



Member for Northern Tablelands, Brendan Moylan MP

Community Noticeboard

Meals on Wheels

Nov	19	Bec Broughton
Nov	20	Ann Williams
Nov	23	Bea Velthuis
Nov	24	Ann Williams
Nov	25	ARC

Street Stalls

November 20	Can Assist
November 27/28	Freemasons
December 3,4,5	Lions
December 12	Hospital Aux.

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 Llangothlin 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

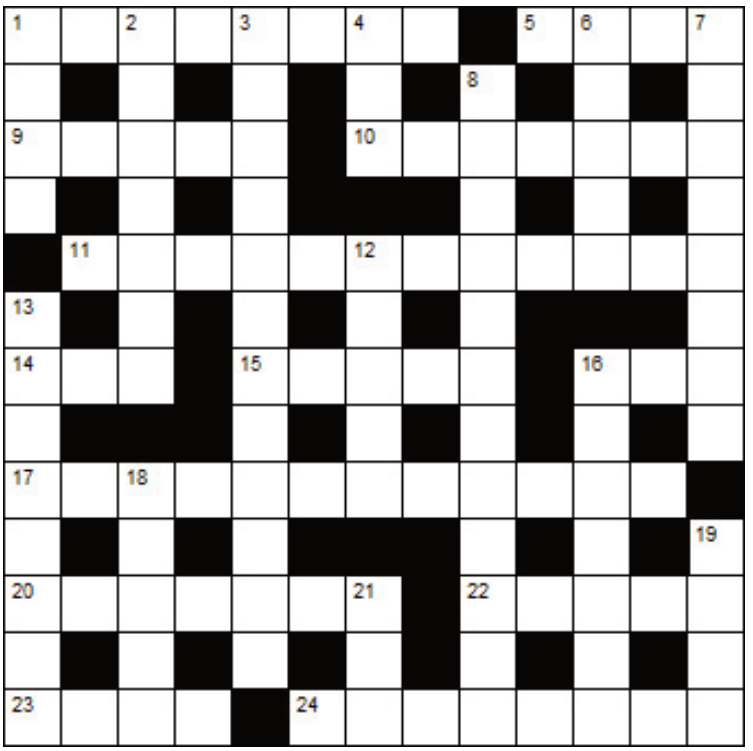
Service Clubs

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 Having pains (4)
9 Shield of Zeus (6)
10 Search through (7)
11 Generally accepted (12)
14 Mountain pass (3)
15 Leaves (5)
16 Bristle-like appendage (3)
17 Scientific research rooms (12)
20 Pig's foot (7)
22 Quick and active (5)
23 Rank (4)
24 Always in a similar role (of an actor) (8)

DOWN
1 Examine quickly (4)
2 Reasonably to be believed (7)
3 Break up into pieces (12)
4 Soft animal hair (3)
6 Loud resonant noise (5)
7 Submissive (8)
8 Limitless (12)
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13 Person who shapes stone (8)
16 United States (7)
18 Puff up; swell (5)
19 Comedy sketch (4)
21 Beam of light (3)

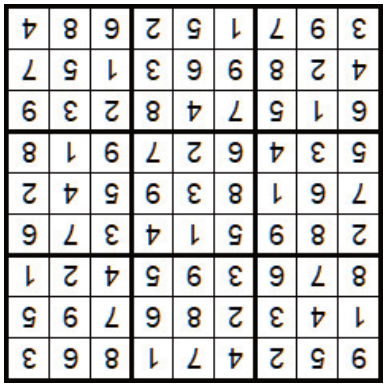


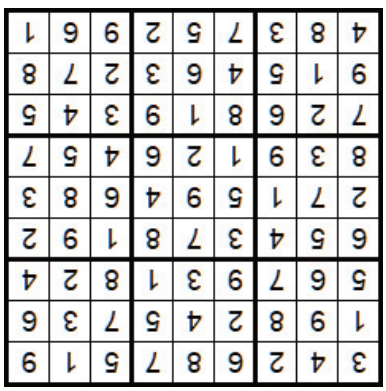
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Southern New England Landcare celebrates 25 years

Southern New England Landcare Ltd (SNEL) marked 25 years as a company at its Annual General Meeting on November 11, welcoming a new chairperson and recognising the contributions of long-standing members.

The organisation, which previously operated as the Southern New England Landcare Coordinating Committee Inc from 1992, celebrated its 25th AGM as a not-for-profit company.

Emeritus Professor Nick Reid stepped down after three years as Chairperson, with long-serving board member David Steller elected to take over the role. Nick will remain on the board as Vice-Chairperson to assist with the transition.

Chief Executive Officer Karen Zirkler said David, who represents the Armidale Tree Group Inc, brought considerable experience to the position.

The organisation also achieved a milestone, with Karen noting it was the first time in its 25-year history that the board had its full complement of 10 members.

Robert Sieben was re-elected Treasurer, while returning board members included Bev Stubberfield, Steve Harvey, Dr Brooke Kennedy, Dr Andrew Lawson and inaugural board member Shane Andrews. New members Agness Knapik and Rowena Childs also joined the board.



Janet Hodge received the Coordinator's Choice Award

Following the AGM, members gathered for the biannual Member Muster, which provided an opportunity for local Landcare groups to share their activities and achievements.

Michael Colvin attended his first Muster as the new Guyra Landcare Network representative, taking over from Bill Perrottet, who had represented the network for 25 years and also served on the SNEL board, including several years as Chairperson.

Bill described the gathering as one of the best Musters in 25 years, particularly enjoying the opportunity for groups to exchange ideas and learn from each other.

Guest speakers included Emily Sims from Uralla Shire Council, who discussed the Renewable Energy Zone and Council's engagement with EnergyCo, and Keith Walker from the New England Landcare Network and Dr Julian Prior, who outlined a feasibility study exploring future natural capital investment opportunities in the region.

The evening concluded with the annual awards presentation. Janet Hodge received the Coordinator's Choice Award and the John Winter Irving Memorial Bequest was awarded to Local Landcare Coordinator Elizabeth Rosser

The project was supported by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal through funding from the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund.





$13.5 million boost for Aboriginal-led land management

Aboriginal communities across NSW will receive $13.5 million in funding to lead the protection and restoration of Country, with the Banbai Rangers and Guyra Local Aboriginal Land Council's successful work helping pave the way for the statewide initiative.

The NSW Government is investing $11.8 million through the NSW Environmental Trust, with a further $1.7 million contributed by project partners, to support six Aboriginal communities to develop Whole-of-Country Management Plans.

The plans will be followed by 18 months of on-ground implementation, bringing together traditional cultural knowledge, local experience and western science to improve biodiversity and deliver long-term benefits for Country and communities.

The initiative builds on an earlier successful project involving the Banbai Rangers and Guyra Local Aboriginal Land Council, which demonstrated how Aboriginal-led planning can strengthen cultural authority, improve collaboration between land managers and deliver practical environmental outcomes.

The new program will be led by the Natural Resources Commission and regional Aboriginal organisations, with Aboriginal communities taking the lead in planning, designing and delivering local land management projects.

NSW Environmental Trust Director Katie Robinson said the investment recognised the important role Aboriginal people played in caring for Country.

"Aboriginal people have cared for Country for tens of thousands of years, and this investment will support communities to lead that work into the future," Ms Robinson said.

She said the Whole-of-Country approach would bring cultural knowledge and science together across different land tenures to improve outcomes for nature and local communities.

Natural Resources Commission Executive Director Bryce Wilde said the program would give Aboriginal land managers a stronger voice in decisions about how Country was planned, funded and managed.

The $11.8 million project is one of five major environmental initiatives being delivered under the NSW Environmental Trust's 2024–2029 Strategic Plan.

The Trust is investing $39.1 million across the five projects, with combined partner contributions expected to deliver more than $62 million in environmental, cultural and community benefits across NSW.

The other successful projects include the Darling Baaka River Health project, IndigiGrow's ACHIEVE project, the Seed and Culture Conservation project on Bundjalung Country, and Western Sydney University's Climate Adaptation Trials.

Level crossing upgrade on track for completion

An upgrade to the level crossing on Markham Street in Armidale is on track to be completed before the end of the year.

UGL Regional Linx is undertaking the work on behalf of Transport for NSW to install boom gates at the crossing.

Member for Northern Tablelands Brendan Moylan said the upgrade would improve safety for motorists and other road users on one of Armidale's major thoroughfares.

"The active level crossing is currently equipped with flashing lights and signage," Mr Moylan said.

"Concrete foundations and lights were installed in August, followed by the boom gate structures a month later.

"Final testing is still to be completed before the upgrade is operational."

The Markham Street project is one of four regional New South Wales level crossing upgrades scheduled for completion before the end of the year.

Mr Moylan said the crossing was heavily used by a wide range of road users.

"The Markham Street crossing is used every day by local motorists, tourists, heavy vehicles and farmers," he said.

"Collisions at level crossings between trains and vehicles can have devastating consequences for families and communities, so I hope this upgrade will help ensure such tragedies never occur."



Life Education Van Visits Black Mountain

On Thursday, 5th November 2026 the students at Black Mountain Public School were visited by the Life Education Van and Healthy Harold. This Life Education program empowers students to thrive, by teaching them the skills they need to make safe and healthy choices. The junior student's module for this visit was 'My Body Matters'. In this module the students learnt about the importance of personal hygiene and choosing foods that contribute to health, energy and growth. The senior student's modules were 'The Inside Story' and 'Think Twice'. These modules investigated functions of the body systems; digestive, respiratory, circulatory and understanding the impacts of alcohol on individuals and communities. The senior students ended their module by spelling the word 'Team' with their bodies.

Mrs Elizabeth Opie
Relieving Principal



Fee-free ATM access for Greater Bank and Newcastle Permanent customers

Greater Bank and Newcastle Permanent customers can now withdraw cash without paying fees at more than 2,100 atmx locations across Australia, following a new partnership.

The expanded network gives customers greater choice and convenience, particularly in regional communities where access to banking services can be limited.

In the New England region, atmx machines are available in Tamworth, Armidale, Inverell, Manilla and Guyra, including the machine at Guyra IGA.

The partnership comes as cash continues to play an important role in everyday spending, despite the growth of digital payments.

Reserve Bank of Australia research found around 15 per cent of consumer payments were made using cash in 2025, up from 13 per cent in 2022. Around half of Australians still use cash in a typical week, while approximately 1.5 million people rely mainly on cash for everyday payments.

Newcastle Permanent and Greater Bank are both part of NGM Group, one of Australia's largest customer-owned banking organisations.

NGM Group Chief Operating Officer Stuart Hall said cash remained important to many customers, alongside digital payment options.

"Whether it's helping people stick to a budget, making everyday purchases or simply having cash on hand when they need it, we know our customers value having different ways to pay," Mr Hall said.

He said the additional fee-free locations would provide greater flexibility for customers banking locally or travelling.

The atmx network complements the banks' existing ATM networks, providing another option for fee-free cash withdrawals.

Customers can find their nearest machine through the ATM locator at atmx.com.au.

What's going on in the vege patch?

Everything is really growing well with this weather; a blend of warmth, rain, storms, add a flash of lightning for nitrogen. Even the plants 'nipped' with that frost show signs of recovery.

Watching the planted seed burst from the soil and grow and grow; is tempered by the challenge of keeping up with weeds.

Rhubarb is for picking any time now until late autumn. It cooks well given the amount of water feeding the stems. Carrots, corn and beetroot are all growing. Strawberries are super productive - some in the freezer for future jam.

Onions are bolting – it is time to harvest them now for best keeping quality.

Garlic can be harvested once the outer leaves yellow off – the long stems, plaited, make bunches to hang in a dry airy place - or wait to abide by the traditional method to get it right - all of the time.

"Sow on the shortest day; Harvest on the longest day!"



Lots of "nibbles" among the leaves with no certainty about the culprit/s?

We share a natural Garlic Spray – for garden use to deter aphid, chewing insects and free feeding birds.

Chop / crush two (2) full garlic knobs. In a jar, add two teaspoons of paraffin or vegetable oil.

Stand 48 hours to allow the oil to become infused with garlic. Shake occasionally.

Add 600mls of clean water. Mix well. Strain out and discard the solids. Store remaining liquid in a sealable container. Add a pinch of soap or dash of detergent as a 'wetter'.

To use:- Mix 10mls of the liquid mixture into 1 litre of water Spray using a general purpose garden sprayer or hand held atomiser. Apply as required (or 'search' online for other recipes.)

Remember:- always wash vegetables to remove traces of spray / dirt before consumption.

B&B Ben Lomond Landcare

Classifieds Tradies & Services

MEETING NOTICES

BEN LOMOND LANDCARE Group AGM will be held on 25th November, 6:30pm, Ben Lomond War Memorial Hall.

GUYRA HISTORICAL SOCIETY AGM will be held on Saturday, 28th November, 10am at the Guyra Museum. New members welcome.

LADIES GOLF

GOLF PRESENTATION NIGHT
Friday, 20th November
At Guyra Bowling & Rec. Club
6pm for 6.30pm start
$30 — 2 course meal
Includes Men's, Veterans and Midweek presentations
Tickets to be purchased by 18th November for catering numbers

FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry at The Chapel
66 Llangothlin Street, Guyra
OPEN this FRIDAY
9am-12pm
Contact: 0455 232 073

COURSES AT NECC

Responsible Service of Alcohol - RSA (Armidale)
Tuesday, 24th November

Responsible Gambling Services - RCG (Armidale)
Wednesday, 25th November

Combined Traffic Controller & Implement Traffic Controller - New Entrant Training (Armidale)
Tuesday & Thursday,
1st & 3rd December

Upcoming Courses
Call for more info.
Guyra, Glen Innes & Armidale

Certificate III in **Business**
Certificate II in **Workplace Skills**

Bookings essential at
New England Community College
(RTO#90145)
Phone: 6779 2132
E: admin@gala.org.au

IN MEMORIAM

ANGIE GARRETT
21.5.1976 - 13.11.2018



Of all the things
You were supposed to be
A memory wasn't one of them
Forever in our hearts.

FUNERAL NOTICE

MULLIGAN; LILA
25/08/1927 - 14/11/2026
Formerly of 'Hillsborough', Guyra

Dearly loved wife of Leo (dec'd).
Loving mother and mother-in-law of Bonnie & Greg Mulder and Roger & Denise Mulligan.
Loved grandma of Scott & Felicia and a much loved great-grandma of Archer & Nate.

Aged 99 years

A Funeral Service will be held at Piddingtons Funeral Home on Tuesday, 24th November 2026 commencing at 2pm.

Piddingtons Est. 1899
Funeral Directors & Monumental Craftsmen
ARMIDALE · WALCHA · GUYRA · URALLA

MEETING ROOM FOR HIRE

Conference/Meeting Room available for hire
- Reasonable rates
- Zoom meetings arranged
- Smart Board or Data Projector
- Catering arranged on request
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SATURDAY, 5th DECEMBER
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SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER
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Sunday Golf

On Sunday a team of twelve travelled to Armidale for the second round of the Shire Cup. The competition was competitive but friendly as the rivals slugged it out for 18 holes in an alternative shot competition.

The two teams could not be separated at the end of the day with 2 wins, 2 losses and 2 draws for the day which takes the overall standings to Armidale leading by 7-5 with two rounds remaining.

The Guyra side will be looking for a good result in the next round at home on a date to be announced.

Don't forget the Annual Golf Presentations for the Men is being held this Friday night at the Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club.

Tickets must be purchased by Wednesday night for catering numbers so if you have not yet purchased a ticket please come along and enjoy a great night of awards and entertainment supplied by Nate Marks from Tamworth.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

HAPPY GOLFING

Ladies' Golf

Back on the course at Guyra, after our Annual Tip, and found the greens short and speedy and a bit of a struggle for everyone! Lovely to have Nancy Prisk back for a game, twelve players was a good field.

In our Par Medal Final for 2026 Wendy Jackson prevailed over the other qualifiers; Kerry Bull, Wendy George and Deb Heffernan. Jenni Jackson and Donna White did not play in the final.

Debbie Burey won the day to qualify for next year's final with -1 on a countback from Wendy Jackson.

NTP's; 7 Pip White, 9 Wendy Jackson and 18 Deb Burey.

Today we are playing a 4BBBAM – should be a laugh and next week a Stroke round and putting comp.

Birdie

Midweek Golf

Another fine week dodging storms but heaps of score cards handed in.

Great team effort from Full House this week with 89 points, then on 80 points were Pitch Purrfects. On 77 points we had Sultans of Swing and Baldersleigh Bashers followed closely by Green Grass on 76, with That's a Gimme and Blue Sky on 75.

Some big individual scores this week. Peter Mulligan and Lachie Ellis had 26 points, Deb Heffernan 25, Ian Taylor 24, and on 23 were Melinda Atkin, Scott Mendes, Heidi Wilson, Joey Cameron, Tyson Burey. On 22 points were Tina Skipper and Neil Paine.

Don't forget Presentation Night this Friday. 6pm for 6.30pm start. This is an invitation to all our golfers and supporters. New and old. If you have only just started playing we would love to have to attend this function. Tickets to be purchased by Wednesday 18th November.

Vets Golf

Last Tuesday we payed a stableford event over 18 holes. Ian Taylor had 2 under par on the front nine to set up his win with 41 points. Next closest and runner up was Paul Redden with 36. Paul was also the best putter with just 24. Terry mulligan got 2NTPs and and Robert Moore got the 3rd.

Drake

Men's Bowls

Results from the weekend saw R Walls defeat D Wilcox 25 - 19, A Bull defeat J Varco 25–12, and S Brennan defeat W Reeves 25 - 6.

Saturday, November 21, 1pm start

Open Singles - T Ellis v D Kennedy (Marker: D Wilcox) and A Sparke v R Moore (Marker: J McIlwain)

Minor Singles - M Simpson v R Cox (Marker: S Brennan)

The annual Brian Vickery Ham Day will be held on Sunday, November 29, starting at 12.30pm.

The event will be a box-draw pairs competition, with entry costing $10 per player. Everyone is welcome. Names must be placed on the board by 12 noon. If there is an uneven number of players, the last names entered may miss out.

The annual bowls carnival runs from December 1 to 6. Players are reminded to check whether they are included in a team.

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Big weekend of Pony Club competition at Guyra

It was a huge weekend for Pony Club at Guyra Showground, with almost 200 rider nominations across two interclub gymkhanas hosted by Kingstown and Guyra Pony Clubs on 14th and 15th of November.

Guyra Pony Club hosted its annual interclub on Sunday, attracting 110 nominations, the club's biggest turnout in many years and one of the largest interclub events in Zone 13. Riders travelled from across the zone and beyond, with strong competition throughout the day.

The standard of riding was excellent, with many individual events and several age group pointscore results decided by the narrowest of margins. There were some terrific horses and riders on display, along with plenty of encouragement, sportsmanship and good Pony Club spirit.

Sunday was also the final event in the Southern Zone 13 interclub series, with cumulative club pointscores tallied across the season. Guyra Pony Club finished as the highest pointscoring club for Under 17 riders, claiming the Busby Shield after narrowly moving into the lead following the weekend's results.

It was a fantastic result for Guyra's junior riders, whose combined efforts throughout the season secured the win. Congratulations also to Bundarra Pony Club, who took out the Southern Zone 13 Associate Club Pointscore.



Guyra Pony Club riders celebrate winning the Busby Shield for the highest-scoring Under 17 club in the Southern Zone 13 interclub series, following a closely contested finish at Guyra on Sunday. *Photo by Prue Post*

The weekend began on Saturday with Kingstown Pony Club hosting its first interclub in approximately eight years. With a new committee, enthusiastic young riders and plenty of familiar faces returning to help, Kingstown attracted an impressive 85 riders for its comeback event.

Guyra Pony Club assisted Kingstown in getting its event back on the calendar, and the two clubs worked together across the weekend. Having both events at Guyra Showground encouraged families to travel for the full weekend, benefiting both clubs.

Saturday evening's dinner was another success, with nearly 100 people gathering for a meal and a chance to catch up away from the competition. The Guyra Showground was looking spectacular for the weekend, and despite a few threatening storms, the weather mostly cooperated.

The strong nominations for both events were encouraging to see, particularly with so many young riders and families getting involved in Pony Club across the region. A huge amount of volunteer effort goes into running these events, from preparing the grounds and organising entries to judging, running the canteen and keeping the competition moving. Guyra Pony Club extends its thanks to everyone who contributed over the weekend, and congratulations to Kingstown on a successful return to the interclub calendar. It was a fantastic weekend for both clubs and a great way to finish the Southern Zone 13 interclub season.



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