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Prestigious scholarship opens door for Guyra raised doctor

A prestigious scholarship is opening the door to cutting-edge research for former Guyra resident Dr Sambavan Jeyakumar, whose ambition is to bring specialist surgery closer to rural communities. He is among 18 Australians named 2027 John Monash Scholars.

Dr Jeyakumar, whose parents Dr Thampapillai and Indrani Jeyakumar operate the Guyra Medical Centre, spent his early years living in Guyra before going on to build a career in medicine.

He has been awarded the Tim Fischer John Monash Scholarship and plans to undertake a Master of Research in Medical Robotics and Image-Guided Intervention at Imperial College London.

His research will investigate how robotic technology could improve access to specialist surgical services for people living outside major cities.

Currently a surgical resident at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney, Dr Jeyakumar has a particular interest in robotic and paediatric surgery.

His passion for medical technology developed during his Honours year at St Vincent's Hospital, where he was introduced to heart failure devices and transplantation.



Dr Sambavan Jeyakumar has won a $300,000 scholarship and will head to London to study robotic surgery

"Watching their work, what struck me was how clearly a clinical need drives the technology: what does this patient need that we can't currently provide?" Dr Jeyakumar said.

"I want to ask that same question for patients in rural and remote communities."

Having grown up in rural NSW and undertaken medical training in Alice Springs, Coffs Harbour and Sydney, he has seen the challenges faced by people who need to travel considerable distances to access specialist care.

Dr Jeyakumar said robotic and remote telesurgical platforms offered exciting possibilities for bringing specialist expertise closer to patients rather than requiring patients to travel to metropolitan hospitals.

Of the approximately 150 robotic surgical platforms in Australia and New Zealand, only 14 are located in rural and remote hospitals.

Through his studies, he hopes to investigate how data-driven assessments of robotic surgery can support standardised, competency-based training, particularly for rural medical centres.

On returning to Australia, he hopes to contribute to the development of a national robotic surgery curriculum and establish partnerships between city teaching hospitals and rural health districts.

"Ultimately, I'd like where a patient lives to matter less to the surgical care they can access," he said.

The John Monash Scholarships are valued at $100,000 per year for up to three years of overseas postgraduate study and are awarded following a highly competitive national selection process.



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New species of Eucalyptus revealed near Tingha

Two Guyra locals have played an important role in the discovery and identification of a previously unknown eucalypt species growing on sacred bushland near Tingha.

Adjunct University of New England (UNE) ecologist Dr Michelle McKemey and Banbai ranger Aunty Lesley Patterson were part of a female-led team that investigated the unusual trees, now formally recognised as a new species, *Eucalyptus bunawanjan.*

The discovery was made during plant surveys on a Mooki and Bassendean Association Inc (MABAI) property on Kamilaroi Country, with the project funded by Northern Tablelands Local Land Services.

With only an estimated 1,000 plants remaining in the wild, the discovery is significant for both botanical knowledge and conservation in the region.

Dr McKemey, who has worked alongside local Traditional Owners for more than a decade, initially conducted surveys with UNE adjunct Professor John Hunter. As the trees were growing in an area subject to cultural restrictions, a specific female-led team was brought together to investigate further.

Joining Dr McKemey and Aunty Lesley were UNE Associate Professor Rose Andrew and master's student Claire Hewitt.

Closer examination and DNA analysis confirmed the population was distinct from other known eucalypts and required a formal scientific description.



The survey team taking samples of the rare species

Traditional Owners gave permission for the species to be named *Eucalyptus bunawanjan,* after the landform where it was found. They have also advised that the area will be managed by local Aboriginal women with connections to Country, in accordance with Traditional Law.

The new species has several unusual characteristics, including pale grey-green foliage and rounded, waxy leaves. It also displays a feature known as neoteny, where juvenile characteristics are retained into adulthood.

Unlike most eucalypts, which develop distinctly different adult foliage, *Eucalyptus bunawanjan* retains its rounded juvenile leaves across most of the tree while producing flowers in small clusters among the foliage.

Associate Professor Andrew said DNA analysis had confirmed the species was unique and highlighted the importance of continuing botanical research.

Specimens have been lodged at the N.C.W. Beadle Herbarium at UNE's Armidale campus, with additional samples sent to herbaria around Australia and overseas for further study.

Further work will be undertaken with Traditional Owners to formally assess the species' conservation status and ensure its presence is considered in future land management decisions.

The discovery is a reminder that there is still much to learn about the region's natural environment, with researchers believing other previously unrecognised plant species may also be waiting to be identified.

Christmas Raffles



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6 Hams
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Raffles drawn at 7.30pm

Can Assist Guyra Branch

Plenty of Christmas cheer coming to town

There will be plenty of opportunities for local families to catch up with Santa around Guyra in the lead-up to Christmas, with several festive events planned.

The Guyra Rural Fire Service will help Santa make an early visit to town on Saturday, November 28th.

The Santa lolly run will begin at White Park in Abercrombie Street at 11am, before moving to Claret Ash Park at approximately 11.30am and Rotary Park at noon.

The fire trucks will be parked at Rotary Park for an hour, giving children plenty of time to meet Santa and a special guest, take photos and enjoy some Christmas treats.

Times are approximate, so families are encouraged to get to each location early.

Bradley Street will be transformed into a festive celebration when the Guyra Rotary Christmas Carnival returns on Friday, December 4th, bringing an afternoon and evening of Christmas entertainment and family fun.

Running from 4pm to 8pm, the carnival will offer something for all ages, with Santa making his much-anticipated arrival at 5.30pm.

Children can enjoy train rides, roving elves and a range of activities, while live stage performances will provide entertainment throughout the afternoon and evening.

Market stalls and food vendors will add to the festive atmosphere, giving visitors the chance to browse for Christmas gifts, enjoy a bite to eat and support local businesses and community groups.



Motorcycle Santa will be cruising around town in the lead up to Christmas

The carnival is a wonderful opportunity for families and friends to come together, enjoy the Christmas spirit and celebrate the start of the festive season in Guyra.

With plenty happening along Bradley Street, families are encouraged to come along, bring the children and make an afternoon of it.

Motorcycle Santa will also be making his way around the streets of Guyra every Sunday afternoon in the lead-up to Christmas.

Santa is expected to be out and about from 4pm on December 6th, 13th and 20th.

Keep an eye out for the motorcycle-riding Santa, give him a wave and ask him to stop for a Christmas photo. Children and families are encouraged to join in and help spread a little Christmas cheer around town.





What's HOT

Lolly run this Saturday - the RFS will be out and about from 11am at White and Rotary parks

Great to see some former locals who are doing great things

Half price sale at the ADRA OP-shop starts Wednesday

What's NOT

Another business closing down

JOKE of the week

What do you call a frenchman who has just been attacked by a cat?

Claude

Bureau of Meteorology Weather WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
17	Tues	7.6	20.1	2.4
18	Wed	9.8	20.8	0
19	Thurs	9.0	21.9	0
20	Fri	9.2	20.9	0
21	Sat	13.1	22.8	0
22	Sun	11.4	26.6	0
23	Mon	14.4	23	0

Rainfall this week	2.4mm
Nov. rainfall	74.6mm
Rainfall YTD	577.3mm
Rainfall last YTD	993.0mm
Ave. rain YTD	794.1mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Changes at Guyra Neighbourhood Centre as Christmas program gets underway

The Guyra Neighbourhood Centre has announced changes to its staffing and opening hours, while confirming that its services and Christmas activities will continue. Centre Manager Sarah Hunt has resigned from her position. The board, staff and volunteers wish her well in her future endeavours.

From now on the Centre will be open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9am to 2pm. With the Centre closed on Tuesdays, community lunches are suspended until further notice. The Centre apologises to those who recently attended for any inconvenience this may have caused. Frozen meals are still available, and visitors are welcome to enjoy a cup of tea in the garden.

The Community Christmas Lunch will be held on Thursday December 10th at 12 noon. Those wishing to attend are asked to ring or call in so catering numbers can be confirmed.

The Christmas Hamper Program will continue, with hampers delivered personally to recipients this year. Anyone who knows of a person who would appreciate a hamper is asked to contact the Centre during opening hours on 6779 1635. The Centre is still accepting donations for hampers and gift giving, and community members are invited to browse the Christmas gift table at any time.

Outreach services remain in attendance and all services previously offered by the Centre are still available, including technical support, information and advocacy. Linda and Sonya are available for anyone needing assistance or simply a cuppa and a chat.

The Centre is also seeking new members and volunteers to help in the garden. Membership is $15 for the first year and $10 for each year after. Forms are available at the Centre or can be emailed on request.

We would like to wish our wonderful Community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Centre will close for the holidays at 1pm on Wednesday, December 23rd and reopen on Monday, January 11th 2027.

Contact: Guyra Neighbourhood Centre, phone 6779 1635 (during opening hours)

Time running out to nominate for Australia Day awards

There are plenty of people in the Guyra district who quietly go about making a difference in their community, often without expecting any recognition. The Australia Day Awards provide an opportunity to say thank you and acknowledge the contribution these people make.

Nominations close on December 11th for the 2027 Australia Day Awards, and residents are encouraged to put forward someone they believe deserves recognition.

Whether it is a long-serving volunteer, a young person making their mark, a sporting achiever or someone who simply goes above and beyond for others, the awards are a chance to recognise the people who help make the community a better place.

There are nine award categories, covering Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen, Community Service, Art, Drama or Music, Environmental Citizen, Sports Person of the Year, Sports team of the Year, Contribution to Sport and Community Group/Event.

Nominations do not need to be for someone well-known or in the public eye. Often the most deserving recipients are those whose efforts are recognised by the people who see their contribution first-hand.

Guyra residents can collect nomination forms from Guyra Adult Learning (GALA), or submit nominations online through the Armidale Regional Council Australia Day website.

Residents are encouraged to take a few minutes to recognise someone who has made a positive difference. A nomination is a simple way to show that their efforts have not gone unnoticed and that their contribution to the community is valued.



Family history archives - Anne Englebrecht

A couple of weeks ago there was a Letter to the Editor of the Guyra Gazette seeking information about Anne Englebrecht who had lived at Llangothlin.

Here is Anne Englebrecht's story, as told by her Great Grandchildren.

Anne Englebrecht- nee Graham.

Anne, the daughter of James and Jane Graham was born at Glendinbrook Singleton in 1852. Later the Graham family moved to Muswellbrook and obtained work at "The Gap" Grasstree Hill near Muswellbrook. Anne met and married Charles Englebrecht at St Alban's Church Muswellbrook in 1874. They lived for a short time at "The Gap" and worked for Peter Ahrens. Charles was a farmer and Anne as a housemaid. Later that same year Charles gained employment on the Permanent Way Branch of the Great Northern Railway as a labourer with a wage of seven shillings per day. Anne and Charles lived in a tent on the work site. The tent, the railway department supplied to married couples free of charge. Anne returned home to her mother in law's cottage at Grasstree Hill for the birth of her first 4 children.



Charles and Anne Englebrecht

In 1880 Anne, Charles and their family, three girls and one boy moved to Ravensworth when Charles became a ganger with a pay increase to nine shillings per day and also a railway house to live in. Here, their fifth child was born (Ada May) in 1882. With the railway moving north Charles, Anne and their family transferred to Uralla were Anne gained employment with the railway as a Gatekeeper. This not only provided Anne, Charles and their family with a house to live in free of rent but also a wage of 15 shillings per week. Charles worked on the railway line between Currabubula and Jennings. As Charles was spending more time working up the line, in 1888 the family now totalling seven - 3 boys and 4 girls moved to Llangothlin. Again, Anne was lucky to be employed by the railway as a Gatekeeper with a wage of seven shillings per week and a house free of rent. The gates were the first set of gates from Llangothlin on the Ben Lomond Road. At Llangothlin another six children were born. Charles and Anne lived in the Gate House at Llangothlin until their deaths. (Charles died 1917 and Anne in 1938).

Anne like so many women of that era made all of her children's clothes. Anne would buy unbleached Calico by the bolt. The girls were sent down to the creek below the house at Llangothlin to wash the Calico. They would unroll the Calico in the creek, put stones on the top end to stop the material drifting down the creek, then spend most of the day running up and down on the material. This washed the dressing out of the Calico and also shrunk the material. They would then get the boys to help to carry the material up to the fence that ran along the railway line and hang the Calico on the fence to dry. When dry, the Calico was rolled up and taken into the house where Anne would iron the material before making into underclothes for her 13 children. Anne always had a big vegetable garden and, in the wintertime, Charles would send sheep down by train to his brothers at Muscle Creek and they in return sent pigs back up. The railway gates are still known as "Englebrecht Gates" by some locals today.





Community Noticeboard

Meals on Wheels

Nov	26	Narelle Leven
Nov	27	Steve Norris
Nov	30	Peter Thomas
Dec	1	Warwick Leven
Dec	2	Narelle Leven

Street Stalls

November 27, 28	Freemasons
December 3,4,5	Lions
December 12	Hospital Aux.
December 18, 19	Freemasons

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

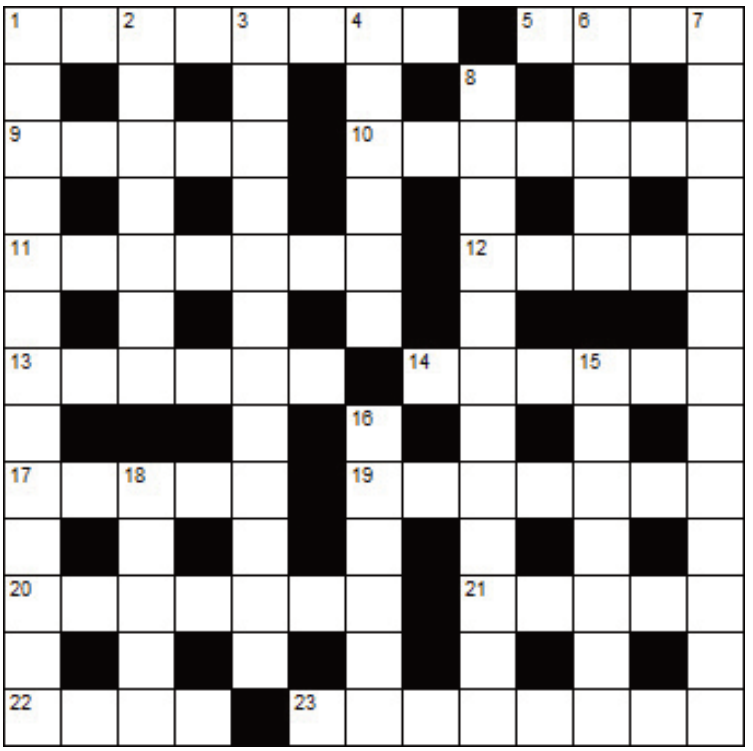
Service Clubs

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

QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Padding (8)
5 Skin mark from a wound (4)
9 Sound of any kind (5)
10 Childish display of temper (7)
11 Twirl (7)
12 External (5)
13 Distress signal (6)
14 Point in an orbit furthest from Earth (6)
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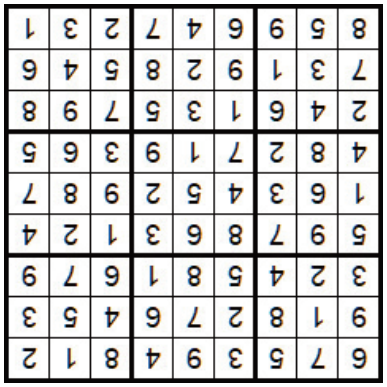
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3 A type of error in speech (8.4)
4 Acquired money as profit (6)
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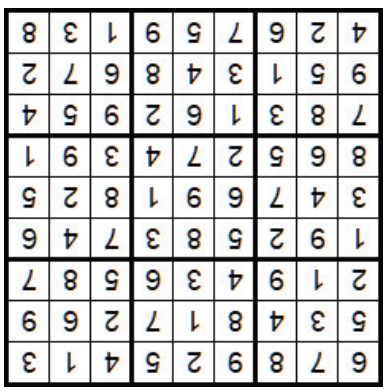


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Farmers invited to connect, share and strengthen farm businesses

Farmers and agricultural industry representatives across the region are invited to come together on Tuesday December 8th for a morning of networking, followed by a practical workshop focused on making confident financial decisions in an increasingly unpredictable farming environment.

Hosted by the NSW Farm Business Resilience Program (FBRP), the day begins with a relaxed Grower and Industry Breakfast from 7.30am to 8.30am at the Glen Innes Showground Tea Rooms.

The breakfast offers local growers, primary producers and agricultural industry representatives an opportunity to connect, share experiences and discuss the challenges and opportunities facing the region.

Clare Belfield from the Farm Business Resilience Program said they know that the farming community across the region is navigating a range of challenges, which is why it's so important for us to be on the ground, listening to their experiences and understanding their needs.

"Events like this give us a valuable opportunity to meet with local producers, to understand and discuss the real issues and build farmers awareness of the support available for their businesses to prepare for whatever comes next," Clare said



Jen is a member of the Farm Business Resilience Program alumni community.

NSW Drought Coordinator Ray Willis will attend the breakfast and the beginning of the workshop, providing an opportunity for local farmers and industry representatives to speak with him directly.

Ray's role involves connecting with drought-affected communities, identifying emerging challenges and ensuring local concerns and experiences are communicated back to the NSW Government.

Following the breakfast, farmers are encouraged to attend the Financial Decision Making workshop from 9.30am to 2.30pm at the Rest Point Motor Inn, Glen Innes.

Designed for livestock and mixed-enterprise producers, the workshop will explore practical strategies for managing financial uncertainty, particularly as seasonal conditions, market prices and operating costs continue to influence farm business decisions.

Facilitated by Bianca Morrison from The Farming Coach, alongside Local Land Services, the interactive session will cover livestock gross margins, cash flow management, budgeting and identifying key decision points before financial pressures escalate.

Participants will gain practical tools to assess their business position, explore different financial scenarios and make more informed decisions about the season ahead.

Both events are free to attend, with breakfast provided at the morning gathering and morning tea and lunch included at the workshop.

Registrations are essential (for catering), and farmers and agricultural industry representatives are welcome to attend either or both, free events.

Register online:

• Grower and Industry Breakfast: https://events.humanitix.com/grower-and-industry-breakfast-gleninnes

• Financial Decision Making Workshop: https://events.humanitix.com/financial-decision-making-gleninnes

The Farm Business Resilience Program is jointly funded by the Australian Government's Future



A gift under the tree for every child: Christmas toy drive

Families across New England are being encouraged to spread some Christmas cheer by supporting The Salvation Army's annual Christmas Toy Drive, helping ensure children experiencing hardship have a special gift to unwrap on Christmas morning.

Now in its 38th year, the appeal is once again being supported by Greater Bank and Newcastle Permanent, with donations of new, unwrapped gifts accepted at all branches from Monday, November 23 until Friday, December 18.

Last year's appeal collected 5,600 gifts through branches, continuing a tradition that has helped local families celebrate Christmas for nearly four decades.

The Salvation Army Auxiliary Lieutenant Bernie Muendel said Christmas could be a particularly difficult time for families already struggling with everyday expenses.

"For parents who are already stretching every dollar to cover the essentials, finding money for Christmas presents can feel impossible," Lieutenant Muendel said.

"A gift might seem like a small gesture, but for a child who might otherwise go without, it can mean the world. It also takes some of the pressure off parents who just want to give their children a happy Christmas."

Gifts for children of all ages are welcome, with teenagers often among the hardest groups to cater for.

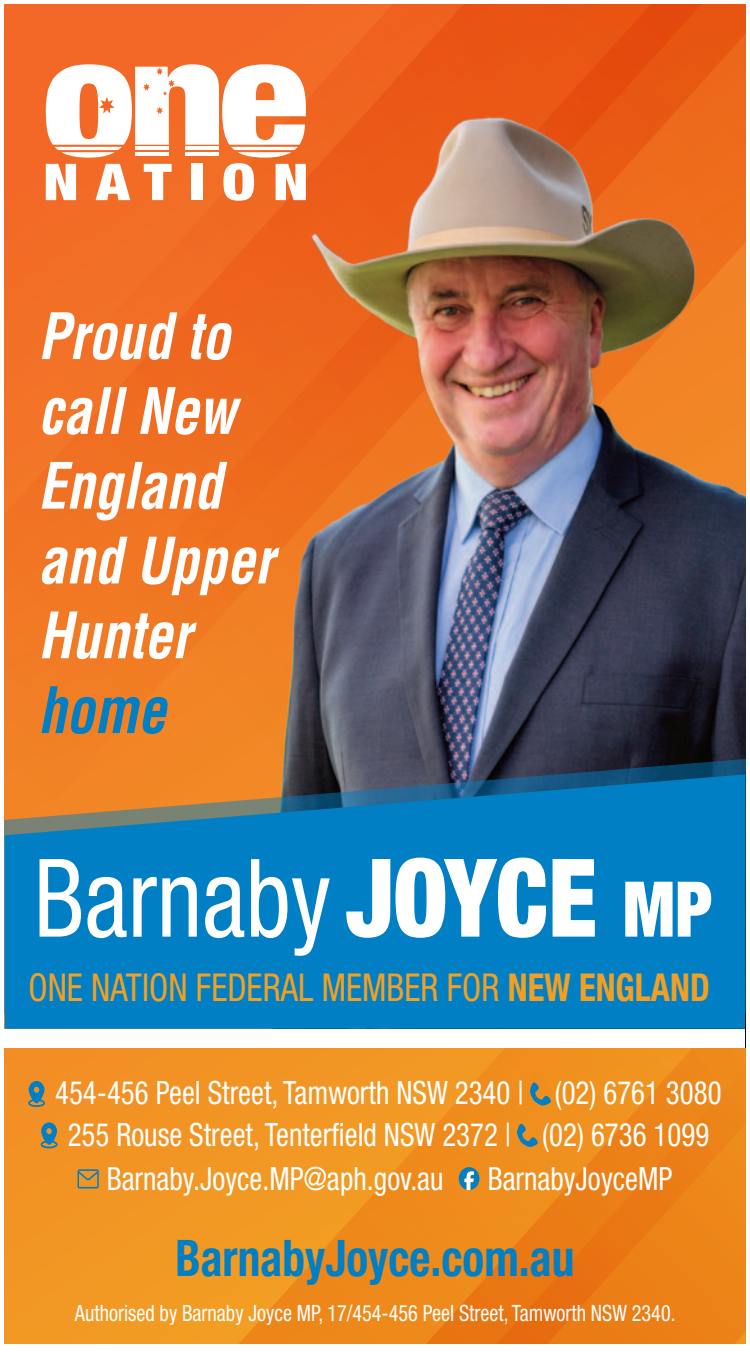
"Gift vouchers, sports equipment and beauty products are great options for teenagers, while toys, books and games are always popular with younger children," Lieutenant Muendel said.

NGM Group Head of Community and Sustainability Kirrah McClelland said the appeal was an important part of the organisation's longstanding partnership with The Salvation Army.

"For nearly 40 years, this appeal has brought our employees, customers and communities together to support local families at Christmas, and it's a tradition we're incredibly proud to continue," Ms McClelland said.

NGM Group employees will also volunteer their time to sort and prepare donations to ensure gifts reach families before Christmas.

Community members are encouraged to add one extra present to their Christmas shopping and drop it into their local Newcastle Permanent or Greater Bank branch.



Black Mountain Public School Remembrance Day Ceremony

The K-2 students at Black Mountain Public School united in commemorating those who died or suffered during their service in wars, conflicts and peace operations in a Remembrance Day Service on Wednesday, 11th November 2026 at 11am. For more than 100 years, Australians have understood the cost of war. Veterans, families, friends and loved ones know firsthand the grief, pain and suffering that can come because of service. This global conflict saw almost one million Australians enlist to serve their nation on the home front and overseas. The ceremony was led by Mrs Simone Lord, Classroom Teacher as we paused in silence to acknowledge the sacrifices made in service of our country. On this day and always, we remember them.

Mrs Elizabeth Opie
Relieving Principal



Strong farmer interest in biochar solutions at Guyra workshop

More than 30 farmers attended a Biochar in Agriculture Workshop hosted by Guyra Rural Services last week, highlighting growing interest in ways to improve soil health, reduce input costs and boost farm productivity.

Presented by Melissa Rebbeck, Business Development Lead for Metamorf Engineering, the workshop explored two key applications for biochar: feeding it to livestock and incorporating it into agricultural inputs to improve their effectiveness.

With graziers, croppers and dairy producers well represented, much of the discussion centred on the potential benefits of using biochar as a livestock feed supplement.

Ms Rebbeck explained that feeding biochar at less than 0.5 per cent of total feed intake has been shown to improve body weight gain by at least five per cent through better feed conversion efficiency.

Biochar's high surface area and cation exchange capacity can help support rumen function, regulate pH and create a more stable digestive environment, allowing animals to make better use of nutrients.

Its benefits also continue after passing through the animal. Biochar remains in the manure and is returned to the paddock, where it can contribute to soil carbon, nutrient retention, biological activity and improved long-term soil health and pasture production.



Around 30 farmers attended the workshop last week

The second major application discussed was blending biochar with fertilisers and other farm inputs to improve nutrient efficiency and potentially reduce costs.

Ms Rebbeck explained that combining biochar at around 20 per cent with fertiliser products such as urea could deliver yield increases of up to 13 to 15 per cent compared with urea alone.

Similar benefits have been observed when biochar is incorporated with organic materials such as manure and compost. It can also be used alongside lime and gypsum as part of broader soil improvement programs.

The workshop prompted lively discussion, with producers keen to learn how biochar could be incorporated into their existing livestock, pasture and cropping operations.

Responding to growing local interest, Guyra Rural Services is now stocking biochar and offering producers access to product supply, advice and support.

Campbell Wolfenden of Guyra Rural Services said he was excited to be among the first distributors in the region to stock Metamorf Engineering's premium-grade biochar.

"We're pleased to be able to offer farmers access to a consistent, high-quality biochar product at wholesale pricing," Mr Wolfenden said.

"The workshop reinforced just how many opportunities there are for producers to improve productivity and soil health.

"Whether it's applied with fertilisers, compost, manure, lime or gypsum, or fed through livestock, biochar offers multiple on-farm productivity, cost-saving and soil health benefits."

Guyra Rural Services is encouraging interested producers to find out more about how biochar could fit into their farming systems.

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

GUYRA SHOW SOCIETY meeting Wednesday 9th December at the Secretary office, Guyra Showground at 7pm.

POULTRY FOR SALE

LAYER PULLETS, 20 weeks, Isa & all breeds, delivered to Guyra on **Friday 18th December.** Call Jim 0428 194 105.

FOOD PANTRY

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CLOSE on Friday, 11th December

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

MEETING ROOM FOR HIRE

Conference/Meeting Room available for hire
- Reasonable rates
- Zoom meetings arranged
- Smart Board or Data Projector
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For your function or meeting
Contact: The GALA Centre
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CLAIM THE DATE

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

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

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

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

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SUNDAY, 13th DECEMBER
Brockley Church
Service at 2.30pm

SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER
at 7:30pm
The **Guyra Community Choir**
a celebration of christmas carols at the **Guyra Presbyterian Church**
in Tenterden St

AND ALSO ON

MONDAY, 14TH DECEMBER
7:30pm 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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Ladies' Golf

Congratulations to Leonie Taylor for taking out the Annual May Mitchell Memorial Match Play. Leonie prevailed over Wendy George in the final – they both made hard work of it!

A 4BBAM was played on the18th of November. It was a convoluted day with two partners and an individual round for handicapping in conjunction. Deb Burey and Shona Mulligan winning the BAM from Deb Burey and Deb Heffernan.

Debbie Heffernan had the best individual score for the day with 35 points. NTP's; 7 Deb Heffernan and 18 Deb Burey.

Next Wednesday is the very popular Bisque Par.

Birdie

Men's Bowls

Results: R Cox 25 defeated M Simpson 21, R Moore 25 defeated A Sparke 18, D Kennedy 25 defeated T Ellis 9.

Upcoming games: Saturday 28th November Brian Vickery Ham Day. Names by 12pm, games start at 1pm. Cost $10 to play - all welcome. Box draw pairs, last names in will miss out if uneven amount. Players bowls shirt to be worn if possible

Midweek Golf

Congratulations to the 2025/2026 Midweek winners. Team winners That's a Gimme, team runners up Baldersleigh Bashers. Individual winner Brock Laybutt and individual runner up Katri Virtanen. Thanks to everyone who supports the midweek competition whether you have good or bad days it's great to see everyone having a go.

This week's highest team score went to That's a Gimme on 84 points with Pitch Purrfects on 81. Quite a lot of teams in the 70's – Westerners and Full House on 78, Par then Bar and Growlers on 76, Blue Sky and Birdies on 75.

Individual score went to Deb Heffernan on 24, followed closely on 23 by Pip White, Scott Mendes and Brock Laybutt. On the countdown we have on 22points - Mark Atkin and Archie Dowden, on 21 Debbie Burey, Katri Virtanen and Les Heffernan and on 20 points were Oscar Atkin, David Brown, Belle Lenehan and Shona Mulligan. Must have been a good week for golf.

Middy

Vets Golf

Last Tuesday 16 players competed in a stableford event. Ian Taylor is on a roll and continued his winning streak with 34 points and first place getter. Phil Devlin had 33 points to come in the runner up. Ian was the best putter with 28 and also NTP on the 7th. Col Walls was closest on the 18th. Next Tuesday is a stroke.

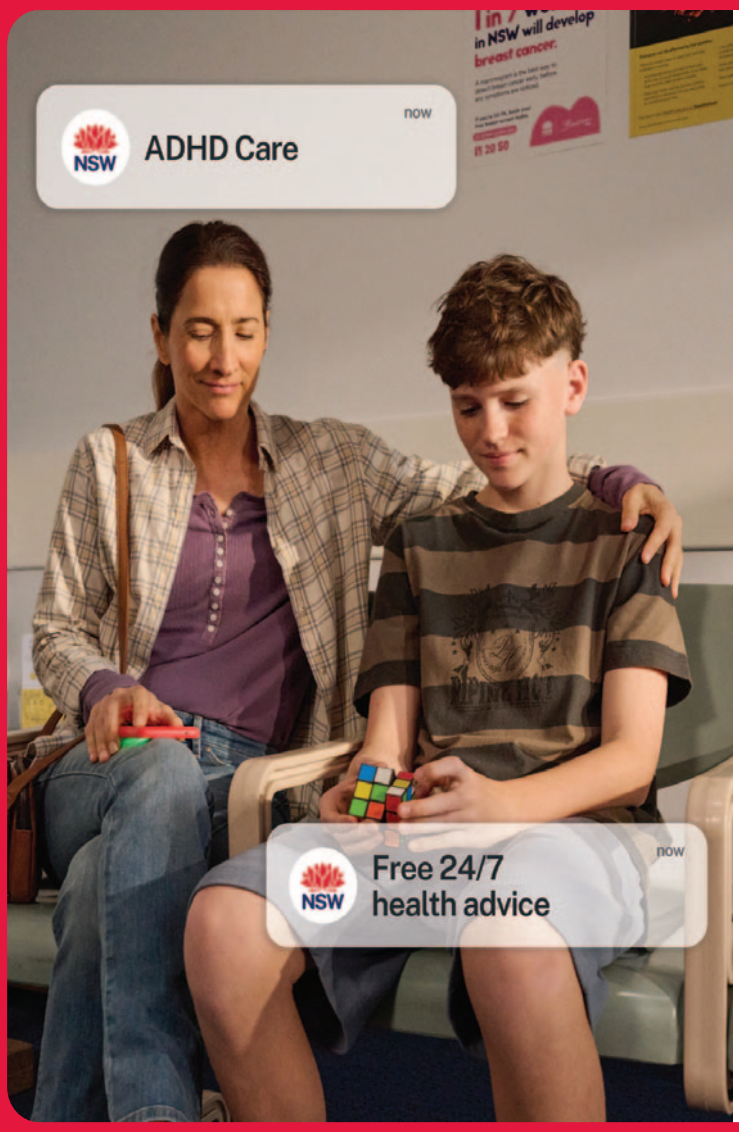
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We know things are tough right now, but the NSW Government is helping with everyday health expenses.

Health

- NSW GPs with additional training can now prescribe and manage ADHD medication for people aged 6 years and over.
- Free 24/7 health advice from a registered nurse.
- For urgent but not life-threatening illnesses or injuries, you may be able to access urgent care. Some services offer extended hours, no out-of-pocket costs for eligible patients, or booking options.

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NSW GOVERNMENT

Guyra boys take out national golf title

Two golfers with Guyra connections have claimed the national title in the Fujitsu Tradie Series, finishing on top after a competitive final at Tasmania's renowned Barnbougle Dunes.

Kyle Oehlers and Darren Kennedy, who learnt the game while growing up in Guyra, represented Team Sparkies.

They travelled from Queensland to compete in the nationwide amateur competition, which celebrates Australia's tradie community through a two-person Ambrose format.

The victory has earned Kyle and Darren an impressive prize package and a trip to South Australia, including 18 holes at The Cliffs on Kangaroo Island, where they will be among the first pairs in the country to play the course.

Their prize also includes tickets to day one of the Adelaide Test, with corporate box hospitality, followed by another round of golf at the prestigious Royal Adelaide Golf Club.

Flights and accommodation are also included, making it a memorable reward for the Queensland-based pair, who have retained their Guyra connections.

The Fujitsu Tradie Series brings together tradies from across Australia, combining competitive golf with camaraderie and a celebration of the hardworking people behind the country's trades industry.



Right:
Kyle Oehlers and Darren Kennedy clebrating their win

