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Soldiers Memorial Hall



Rotary Park playground on the New England Highway

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The Guyra District is unique because it is situated on the uppermost plateau of the Great Dividing Range in northern New South Wales; from which land falls away to both east and west.

As a point of interest, all rivers east of the Great Northern Railway Line, which run through Guyra, flow towards the Pacific Ocean and all rivers east of the line flow westwards to converge ultimately in the Murray River at Wentworth on their long journey to the Great Southern Ocean.

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The area is thought to have been occupied by the Anaiwan Aborigines prior to white settlement. The town's name derives from an Aboriginal term though its meaning is uncertain.

Peter McIntyre is said to have occupied the land around the townsite in 1836. At any rate his brother Donald was listed as the lessee of the 'Guyra' property by 1840. 'Ollera', north-west of town, was selected in 1838.

By 1848 Guyra had extended to 15 000 acres and was leased by Charles Marsh. However the town did not come into existence until the railway arrived in the 1880s. Consequently the area was opened up to selectors with 40-acre farms surveyed around the present townsite but these proved untenable and the wealthier farmers bought up the land consolidating it into larger blocks. The village was gazetted in 1885.

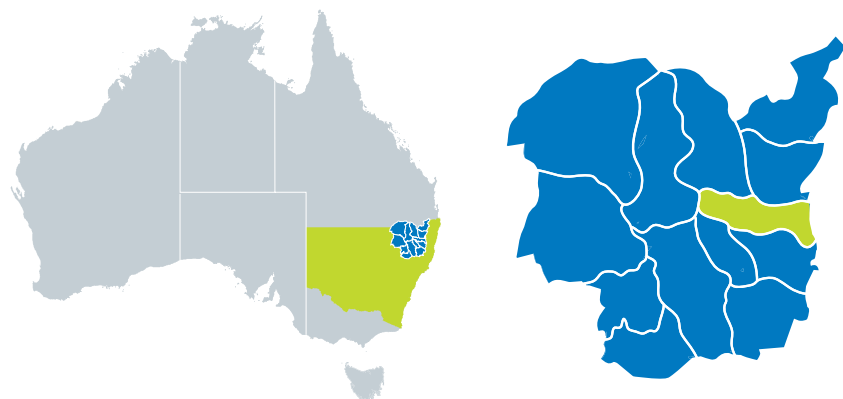
The Guyra district has been long famous for its wool, lamb, beef and potatoes and while these are still mainstays of the Shire, new industries are evolving every day. New industries such as aquaculture, horticulture, metal manufacturing and electronics are breathing new life into Guyra and new residents are arriving weekly.

Guyra is unique in terms of its position on the 'Top of the Range'. Guyra Shire is fortunate to have access to a spring fed water supply which provides ample supply to the town and has not been subject to any water restrictions in recent years.

In 1986, Royce Newbury and Frank Presnell, members of the Guyra Rotary Club, decided that the major products of Guyra, then being prime lamb and potatoes should be promoted with a week long festival to be held in January.

The first Guyra Lamb and Potato Festival was held in January 1987 in Rotary Park

Guyra: Top of the Range



QUICK FACTS

Population: 4 460

Median House Price: \$175 500

Climate: Temperatures range between 9 - 27°C in Summer and -7 - 15°C in Winter.

Average annual rainfall: 907mm

Elevation: 1 330m above sea level

509km north of Sydney and 426km south of Brisbane

Known for: Annual Lamb and Potato Festival, trout fishing, friendly village atmosphere.

on the New England Highway to catch the eye of passing holiday traffic and to coincide with travellers to and from the Tamworth Country Music Festival.

Over the years this has proved a very successful tactic and now is a 'must stop' at Guyra for people travelling to and from the Tamworth Festival.

Rotary Park lent itself for such an event to take place as it has an amenities block and a tree-lined area stretching on for more than a kilometre with plenty of parking space.

Since 1987 the Lamb and Potato Festival has continued to promote Guyra. The festival is run each year in January and always takes in the Australia Day flag raising and other activities.

Annual events include the Lamb and Potato Festival in January, the Guyra Show and Clay Target Competition in February, the Guyra Cup Horse Race in March, the Guyra Gun Club Annual Open Competition in July, the NSW Open Shooting Competition and the Rodeo in November.



Guyra farm stay

LOCATION

Guyra is located in the heart of the New England Tablelands midway between Sydney and Brisbane on the New England Highway.

At 1330 metres above sea level, Guyra is the highest town on the Tablelands, hence the proud title of 'Top of the Range'.

TRANSPORT

By road: 509km north of Sydney and 426km south of Brisbane

By rail: Daily Service approx. 9 hours to Sydney Central Station

By air: No commercial air services. Daily flights from Armidale to Sydney.

● EMPLOYMENT

Opportunities for employment and establishing a new business abound in Guyra and the surrounding areas. Guyra's largest employer is Blush Tomatoes which operates the largest greenhouse in the Southern Hemisphere. Opportunities exist for everything from horticulturists and scientists to managers to maintenance staff and fruit pickers.

Opportunity for employment can also be found in industries such as health, education, professional services, retail, manufacturing and hospitality among many others. Agriculture and agribusiness are two key sectors in the community and opportunities exist to establish new enterprises in these areas as well as IT, manufacturing, professional services and land development.

● HOUSING

Guyra offers a variety of housing options with many people choosing to live in Guyra and commute to the bigger centre of Armidale. Properties in Guyra are generally much more affordable than their city counterparts and values are set to increase in coming years so investing now is an attractive option. If building a property sounds appealing the average quarter acre block in Guyra can be found for between \$50,000 and \$70,000 with larger 2 acre blocks coming in at approximately \$125,000.

● EDUCATION

Guyra provides education options for the entire family from pre-school and early childhood learning through to primary and secondary schools and easy access to tertiary options. Guyra Shire has 6 public primary schools scattered around the smaller localities as well as a Catholic primary school in the centre of town. Guyra also has a public central school that caters for K-12.

● HEALTH

Considering Guyra's proximity to Armidale, the Shire is well served by medical professionals and residents can be confident in the knowledge that what isn't available in Guyra is only a half hour drive down the highway. Guyra has a modern and well equipped multi-purpose service that provides an excellent accident and emergency service as well as general medical services. Guyra is served by two GPs and many specialists make regular visits to the Shire to provide services to residents. Allied health and complementary medicine providers are abundant in Guyra with physiotherapists, naturopaths, dieticians and nutritionists all being available in town.

● LIFESTYLE

Guyra offers a unique blend of recreational activities and facilities from excellent trout fishing, bird watching, fossicking, bush walking, museums, gorgeous parks and picnic areas. The main street has a fantastic array of speciality and boutique stores as well as great cafés that offer a wide selection of locally grown produce. If sport is more your style, Guyra offers something for you too! There are many playing fields, tennis courts, a swimming pool, bowling greens and a golf course. Guyra's most famous event is the annual lamb and Potato festival which celebrates the area's rich agricultural history and allows everyone to sample some of Guyra's fabulous produce. The festival is a drawcard for many tourists and locals love to show off their gorgeous town.

● ENVIRONMENT

Guyra offers a unique natural environment, with the lagoons and spectacular waterfalls. The Mother of Ducks Lagoon is in a silted volcano some 14 km in circumference. It is a valuable high altitude wetland and attracts many varieties of bird species from here and overseas. New England National Park is a World Heritage listed park for bushwalkers, sightseers and campers. Walking tracks range from half-day to full day treks. Point Lookout offers spectacular views over the escarpment and panoramas to the north, east and south.



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