

## Guyra Poll confirms community wants to demerge

A Citizen Initiated Poll was collected on election day Saturday 23 March 2019 outside 5 polling booths in the former Guyra Shire local government area. Results were sealed and secured in boxes, and a count and recount later conducted in the presence of six JPs, recorded, and again sealed and secured.

The result of the poll has clearly demonstrated that the overwhelming majority of the Guyra community want their local council back.

The question put to voters - 'I Support the de-merger of Armidale Regional Council to re-establish a Guyra Shire Council' - mark YES or NO.

The number of electors who voted on election day in the Guyra area was 1,973. Of that number 1,206 completed the poll, which is more than 60% of relevant voters.

89% of the 1,206 votes were for the demerger as asked, as set out below in the table.

It is important to note that at the Tingha booth 367 people voted, and 212 completed the poll from that specific area. 90% voted to be part of a re-established Guyra Shire Council.

Save Our Councils Coalition strongly supports the overwhelming view of the Guyra community to demerge and get its local Guyra council back by way of a binding referendum.

Booths	yes	%	no	informal	Total Votes	% of Election Voters	Election Voters**
Ben Lomond	66	71.0%	17	10	93	87.7%	106
Black Mountain	96	80.7%	19	4	119	64.3%	185
Ebor	26	89.7%	3		29	29.0%	100
Guyra	693	92.0%	48	12	753	62.0%	1215
Tingha	191	90.1%	21		212	57.8%	367
	1072	88.9%	108	26	1206	61.1%	1973
	88.9%		9.0%	2.1%	100.0%		

\*\* Figures at  
Monday Night

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