



# Guyra Gazette

Wednesday February 22, 2017

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## 70th Birthday Bash

Much excitement was in the air as the guests waited for the arrival of NSW State Governor David Hurley to help celebrate Guyra Library's 70th Birthday on Friday February 17th.

The Governor and Mrs. Hurley arrived at 10.35am and were greeted by Wendy Warner, who is acting in the position of Library and Information Officer while Aimee Hutton is on maternity leave.

Wendy introduced Dot Vickery who gave a speech on the history of the Library. Dot has had a long association with the library and has been a member most of her life. The cutting of a 70th birthday cake marked this special milestone.

Governor Hurley made a short congratulatory speech and Mrs Hurley led the singing of happy birthday.

In attendance were current and former library staff, including Bronwen Clark who was the librarian for Guyra Shire for 28 years.

Following a tour of the Library the official guests were



**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:** Cath Lockyer, Linda Hurley, Bronwen Clark, Governor David Hurley, Aimee Hutton, Wendy Warner, Clare Swinton and Yvonne Penn

taken out the back door to be greeted by Dorothy Lockyer and Campbell Wolfenden who guided the Governor over to the Men's Shed.

The Governor and Mrs Hurley were introduced to community members who are regulars at the

shed, and taken on a guided tour. Some of the items the men produce in the shed were on display including coffee tables, garden seats, wishing wells, toy tip trucks, planter boxes and signs.

The Governor has a special interest in the Men's Shed move-

ment and regularly visits sheds across NSW.

Earlier in the day the Governor had also toured the Costa tomato farm.

*More pics and a little library history page 9 >>>>*

## 109<sup>th</sup> Guyra Show

Official Opening

7.00pm Friday by Dorothy Every OAM

Pavilion open 7.30am-8pm Friday, 9am-5pm Saturday

Fireworks - Saturday 8.45pm

Demo Derby - Saturday 9.00pm (parade at 7.30pm)

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## Friday & Saturday 24 & 25 February, 2017



### Friday night Steer Ride

Under 11  
11 to under 14  
14 to under 18  
Open

Entries on the day  
enquire at the Secretary's office

# # Have your say.....

# The issue of forced council mergers has not been laid to rest by the recent State Government announcements.

The community has every right to be outraged by the manner in which this merger was determined, announced and undertaken. It was underhand from a government that said "there would be no forced amalgamation" and all the palaver beforehand with the community was a waste of time as it appears the decision to merge was made well in advance.

There was no real case made by the Government as to why these mergers would be beneficial to the residents of the various council areas. If it is all right now to back down on the many mergers around the state, then the case for these mergers must have been pretty thin in the first place. To really rub salt into the wound, if there was a court case pending then the Government backed down on that merger as well.

Last week following the merger wind back announcements, I wrote to the NSW Nationals State Leader and Deputy Premier John Barilaro and amongst other comments advised "the way forward for this is to unwind the Guyra/Armidale merger, accept the pain that this will create for unnamed persons and start to regain trust of the Nationals in our community ...". To date I have only received a holding reply.

Adam Marshall, our supportive local member was advised, and has informed me that he is bound by cabinet solidarity not to discuss the decision process. So what went on in cabinet?

So I call upon residents of Guyra to support this Sunday's march through the streets of Guyra, to give

a strong message of support to the other councils involved that we will not roll over and have our independence taken from us without a fight. Unfortunately I will be in Port Macquarie that day welcoming a Rotary team of Germans from the Rhine Ruhr district. As I have been organising this cultural and vocational exchange for the past 12 months I must be there to greet them.

With support for our community comes responsibility of the residents. We need younger, concerned, energetic residents to stand as councillors to ensure that Guyra has a fair say in the running of the Armidale Regional Council should we remain "merged". Don't keep blaming "them", it is up to us and you. The torch of concern and leadership needs to be grasped by Guyra's residents. Are you up to it? If not, don't whinge about what is going on in Armidale as you would have lost that right by not being involved.

No matter what happens, Guyra will continue to be a strong, energetic, and growing community but it will need your vocal and meaningful support in the Regional Council. Go to their meetings, be a burr in the saddle and don't ever let up.

Grow with Guyra!

*Alan St Clair  
National Chairman  
Guyra Branch*

# In the days of our lives, being in the wrong place at the wrong time has become the melancholy lot for residents of the Guyra Shire.

Well-meaning early community representatives serving on council thought it best to keep rates as low as possible. Having a low rate base was definitely a case of "being in the

wrong place at the wrong time", when rate pegging was imposed and served to freeze council in a financial time warp. Resilient as always efficiencies, community cohesion, creativity and co-contribution such as never experienced in bigger institutions became the glue to bind a council and community in the interests of common goals - local viability, prosperity and a kind of success including but at the same time deeper than mere financials.

Forced to amalgamate, a decision not to take the threat to court sees us once again 'being in the wrong place at the wrong time'.

Being in the wrong place at the wrong time has to change. Our 'she'll be right mate'; 'it'll all work out for the best in the end' attitude obviously has to be a more like a 'gloves off, fisty cuffs, out the back, no holds barred' battle.

When doing things the right and proper way and the decent thing to do fails, a different approach has to take over and a bit of "rugged politics" will get in the way of "okker complacency" and the status quo.

Guyra ANTY group is outraged to witness our right to a democratic future ripped from our grasp - to be left as bystanders seeing those with the means, financially fit, and prepared to mount a legal challenge "off the hook". It is extraordinary to reward those undertaking legal action and ignore those who are not.

It seriously pains us to witness the democratic will of the people so clearly demonstrated being so clearly and equally ignored. It is more important now than ever to assert our democratic right at the ballot box with a good field to choose from.

We hear all about being unable to

unscramble an egg but realistically if you drop an egg and it scrambles you use it for something else or throw it in the dogs dinner and start afresh with a new egg, being more careful next time not to make the same mess.

I prefer to liken our scenario to a bottle of salad dressing. It can be shaken and mixed, shaken and mixed but as soon as it is left a few seconds to settle it separates. That is how well our rural council will blend with the city oriented council in the Armidale Regional Council bottle.

Unless we continue to create a shake-up we will be the liquid left at the bottom of the bottle smothered by the oil on top and left to suffocate there.

We are the vinegar in the bottle of a non-homogenised salad dressing with Shake Me clearly written on the label.

The petition is important Find it! Sign it! And don't forget your address (it is important)

Join the rally on Sunday 26 February at noon and shake it up!

*Guyra ANTY*

# I congratulate you and the team on again producing a fantastic edition of the Guyra Gazette last week (February 15). The Gazette has become the local newspaper of choice for many people in Guyra and surrounds and it is a credit to the team that this publication continues to grow. Your local stories, local colour photographs, local advertising and everything else local make the Gazette a truly local paper. No other publication can claim that. Thank you for your efforts and enthusiasm.

*Han Hietbrink*

## What's HOT

**Guyra Central School** students who helped to set up for the Show on Monday - a job well done

**ANTY** march this Sunday starting at 12pm - wear orange to show your support

**IT'S SHOW TIME**

## What's NOT

**Fireworks debris** left on the tennis courts

**Vandalism** to graves in the old part of the cemetery - upsetting for families visiting their loved ones

**Submit your Hots and Nots** by phone 6779 2132 email [news@gala.org.au](mailto:news@gala.org.au) or drop in to the GALA centre

## Weather Watch

### Guyra Hospital

Date	Day	Min	Max
14	Tues	15.1	22.2
15	Wed	12.7	22.3
16	Thurs	12.1	26.9
17	Fri	14.0	27.6
18	Sat	14.4	27.3
19	Sun	15.0	20.0
20	Mon	6.4	20.5

**Rainfall this week**  
73.8mm 5 days  
**February's rainfall**  
78.0mm 8 days

### Water treatment plant

**Rainfall Registrations - to 9am Monday, February 20**  
Rainfall - 43mm (253mm YTD)  
Top Dam 10mm above spillway  
Bott. Dam 140mm below spillway  
Daily average town consumption (target 650 kl) 1537 kl  
Water Restrictions - NIL

**Rainfall year to date**  
264.0mm 20 days  
**Rainfall last year to date**  
166.6mm 16 days



# Amalgamation here to stay

The New South Wales Government confirmed last week that Armidale Regional Council will remain in its merged form.

Premier Gladys Berejiklian, Deputy Premier John Barilaro and Minister for Local Government Gabrielle Upton announced that all 2016 merged councils across NSW will remain in place.

Council Administrator Dr Ian Tiley said that this announcement puts to rest any uncertainty about the future of Armidale Regional Council. It is here to stay.

“We continue to focus our efforts in making Armidale Regional Council a strong, high

performing council for the community,” he said. “We will continue to work hard to deliver better services for our citizens.”

“Since Armidale Regional Council was proclaimed last May, we have been striving to give residents and ratepayers a better deal. Every decision Council has made is guided by one principle - doing what’s right for residents and ratepayers. By working smarter, we’re finding more money that can be put into frontline services and better infrastructure.”

“While there may be mixed feelings about this decision in our region, it is undeniable that

residents and ratepayers would have been worse off if the merger was undone,” said Dr Tiley. “The cost of ‘unscrambling the eggs’ would have been detrimental to Council administration and services, businesses and therefore to the whole community.”

Some of the benefits to this region since the amalgamation have come about thanks to the NSW Government’s Stronger Communities Fund. \$10 million has been invested in infrastructure projects and community projects in the Armidale Regional Council local government area as a result of the funding which was a one-off allo-

cation to merged councils.

According to Dr Tiley, the residents of Armidale Regional Council can rest assured that when the reins are handed over to the new councillors in a few months, the community will be in a better place.

“Council elections are less than seven months away. Until then, we will keep working hard for the community and ensuring we have a Council that’s in excellent shape,” said Dr Tiley. “The September elections will then restore local decision-making to our region.”

## ANTY remains strong and vows to fight on

Disappointment, resentment, dismay, despondency, anger, deflation, depression, hopelessness and bitterness.

These were just some of the emotions that were expressed at a gathering of residents organised last week by the Guyra Amalgamation No Thank You (ANTY).

Speakers identified the anomaly of Councils in the city, those with pending court action and those without, creating three different classes of local government ratepayers in NSW.

Over eighty people present agreed by a show of hands to continue their public protest and to stand strong for democracy. They are urging the town to rally on Sunday February 26th at midday demanding their democratic rights.

Attendees at the meeting heard that although mergers are claimed to be successful, of those councils merged in 2001 and 2004 37% had negative growth, 73% FAILED in the “fit for the future” assessment process. 27% passed “fit for the future” and of those 77% applied for rate increases above the rate pegging (the average being a 30% increase)

That is neither a recommendation in favour of mergers, nor does it support claims made for the success of merged councils.

“Our Armidale Regional Council financial advisor’s statement for the Council Meeting Agenda document December 7th, 2016 suggests a double digit rate rise is needed in the Armidale Regional Council now,” ANTY spokesperson Beth White said. “This is only restricted by the 4 year rate freeze due to the merger.”

*“The petition is still relevant - find it and sign It!”*

“Amalgamations will not fix the deep seated problems of local government that stem from failure of federal government to honour commitment to a percentage of funding, cost shifting between levels of government and practices of the state leaving councils vulnerable to \$1 billion in real terms.”

“Urgently write to political representatives of all persuasions to ex-

press the concern for maintenance of democratic process and above all else our identity,” she said. “The petition is still relevant - find it and sign It!”

Join the rally this Sunday February 26th commencing at 12 noon. The rallying point will be next to St Vincent de Paul in Bradley St (opposite P.O. and Council chambers). It will then proceed along the footpath to the NAB carpark and up to the Big Lamb on the highway. Vehicular traffic will continue along and cross the line coming back on the highway to the site.

The colour theme is Orange - imagination is the only limitation. Wear orange shirts, hats, balloons, streamers, decorations and bring along your banners, posters and signs.

Mrs White said there is also an urgency for ratepayers to respond to the Draft Strategic Plan that was drawn from the response of just 2% of the population. She said that comment on the draft fees and charges that fails to recognise relevant fees for Guyra ratepayers, is also worthy of an urgent response.

Both are found in “Your Say” at Armidale Regional Council website.

Contact for details about the rally or more info is Gordon Youman on 0467 202 648.

## FAMILY PASS WINNERS

Congratulations to Lily McFarlane and Bridget Foster who have each won a family pass to this weekend’s Guyra Show. Tickets can be picked up from the GALA Office. Thanks to everyone who entered. We had some great answers to our questions, so we thought we would share.

### What is your favourite attraction at the Show?

Arts and crafts because they are pretty and nice. *Elizabeth age 81/2*

I like the bumper cars so I can crash in to my brothers. *Blake age 7*

I like the shearing because my dad is in it. *Bridget age 7*

My favourite attraction would have to be the Ali Barber because it’s fun and exciting. *Ellie age 11*

Dodgem Cars because they are fun. *Olive age 6*

School Art section to look at our art work. *Lily age 7*

The exhibition hall because there’s always a lot to see. *Felicity age 10*

### What is your favourite Show animal and why?

Horses because they do lots of running and jumping as well as cool games. *Elizabeth*

The horses because they are strong and can run really fast. *Blake*

Horse because my friends will be riding. *Bridget*

The bucking bulls because they are amusing to watch and fun filled to take part in. *Ellie*

Sheep because I like to watch the shearing. *Olive*

Horses are good to watch. *Lily*

The horses, they always do such a good job and they’re beautiful. *Felicity*

# Healthy lifestyles and culture

Living healthy lifestyles is promoted at Black Mountain Public School through a healthy culture that exists within the school.

Last Friday students participated in the Small Schools' Swimming Carnival at the Guyra Pool. It was an outstanding day. The atmosphere was one of participation for all. Every student felt confident and encouraged to join in and have a go.

Many students from Black Mountain received ribbons for their achievements in individual and team events. Students cheered their peers on, modelling school spirit and support for their fellow students.

Congratulations to Tristan Bull who was awarded Senior Boy Cham-

pion and Hollie Hoade who achieved Senior Girl Runner Up Champion.

Our After School Activities Programs are running well. Jay Stone is working with students to improve their skills in athletics and Brandon Burey has been helping students improve their tennis skills.

Students have enjoyed corn, tomatoes and cucumber from the school vegetable garden in the past few weeks. It is always fantastic to see all students enjoying healthy food and asking for seconds and thirds.

Growth across all areas of learning is the focus at Black Mountain Public School.

*Principal Belinda Baker*



Black Mountain students at the Small Schools Swimming Carnival

## What's on at the Show?

### FRIDAY 24th February

**7.30am to 9am** Pavilion open to receive entries (excluding Wool Section & Photography)

**9am** Led & ridden breed classes, Australian Stock Horses, Hunter horses & Showjumping all day

**10am** Junior Sheep Judging

**2pm** Local Junior Cattle Judging

**3pm** Junior Cattle Paraders

**5pm** Guyra All Breeds Heifer Show

**6pm** Quick Shear

**5pm** Evening entertainment commencing with Lolly Cannon, Tent pegging & Rampt Mini FMX

**7pm** Official Opening of the 2017 Guyra Show

**7.30pm** Girls & Boys - Poddy calf & Junior Steer Ride

**Music** by High Country Productions until late.

### SATURDAY 25th February

**6.30am** NAB Yard Dog Trails

**8.30 am** Beef Cattle Show and Limousin Feature Show

**8.30am** Hacks, Pony Hacks, Rider Classes, Local Classes & Kids Sporting.

**8.30am** Grand Prix Showjumping

**9am** Shearing

**9am** Pavilion open

**9am** Caged Birds

**10am** Poultry

**11.am** Wood Chopping

**12.30pm** Lunch Time Entertainment - Tent Pegging, Lolly cannon, Whip Cracking & Rampt Mini Bikes

**Approx. 3.30pm** Grand Parade

**4pm** Rampt Mini FMX Bikes

**Evening entertainment** - Tent Pegging, Post Ripping Rampt Mini FMX Bikes, 4pm, 6pm, 8pm

**7.30pm** Derby Demo Car Parade

**8.45pm** Fireworks

**9pm** Demolition Derby

## Guyra Sheep and Lamb Sale Weekly Market Report

There was a yarding of 6800 sheep and lambs at Guyra on February 15th. Lamb numbers were down 600 on the previous week with 3950 yarded. There was an increase in sheep numbers up 1100 from the previous week with 2850 yarded.

Young lambs made up the bulk of the offering with a good selection of trade and heavy weights. There was a good representation of store lambs, both crossbred and young Merinos. All buyers from last week were operating with demand high across all classes.

Market trends were generally dearer. Crossbred young lambs to restockers sold on a firm to slightly dearer market trend. Trade weight young lambs ex-

perienced significant price improvements with limited supplies available in the North this week. Heavy and extra heavy weight young lambs averaged \$2 to \$6 a head dearer.

There were some sales in the lower end of the weight range showing a greater improvement with the involvement of domestic trade buyers. Heavy and extra heavy weight old lambs also sold to a dearer trend. There was a good supply of well finished medium and heavy weight sheep penned. Demand was also strong with market trends firm to dearer.

Young lambs sold to a top of \$181, Lambs to \$208, Hoggetts to \$115, Ewes to \$120, Wethers to \$136 and Rams to \$92.

Guyra Sheep Sale will be **WEEKLY** until further notice.



## Kolora outing

On the 6th February several Kolora Residents and staff attended an overnight trip to Coffs Harbour.

The attractions were Dorrigo Sky Walk, Fish Co-op, Clog Barn, Swimming at the Resort, Big Banana Candy Maker, Carobana Confectionary Factory, Shopping at Park Beach Plaza and the Butterfly House

*Lisa Church.*



# Armidale Regional Council News

## ROUND 2 COMMUNITY SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM NOW OPEN

Round Two of the Armidale Regional Council's 2016/2017 Community Small Grants Program is now open.

The grants program has been expanded to cover the Armidale Regional LGA and Council's Administrator, Dr Ian Tiley, strongly encourages local not-for-profit organisations from the former Guyra Shire to also submit an application.

Local not-for-profit organisations are encouraged to apply however Council would like to remind the community that not-for-profit groups who already receive regular funding from Council are ineligible to apply for a Community Small Grant.

Council can provide assistance through the small grants program for applicants seeking up to \$1000. Applications close Tuesday 5pm 28 February 2017.

For more information on whether your organisation is eligible and to find the correct application form, please visit [www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au](http://www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au) and on the

homepage select 'Community' then 'Grants and Funding Opportunities'. You may also contact Customer Service on 1300 136 833 or email: [council@armidale.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@armidale.nsw.gov.au).

## COUNCIL MEETING

The next - Ordinary Council Meeting will be held in the Armidale Council Chambers on Wednesday 1 March 2017, from 9am. **The public are welcome.**

## PUBLIC EXHIBITION DRAFT COMMUNITY RECOGNITION PROGRAM POLICY

The draft policy outlines a number of programs which provide Council with the opportunity to recognise individuals, groups or organisations who have made outstanding contributions to our community or have excelled at the highest level. The Draft Policy will be on public exhibition from Wednesday 22 February to 22 March 2017.

To view the Draft Community Recognition Program Policy visit council's engagement hub at <http://yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au> or hard copies can be viewed at the Armidale Office 135 Rusden Street, Armidale or

## Why the crate recycling system?

Why does Council use a crate system for the recycling collection service and not a mechanized system such as the wheelie bin that is used by many other Councils?

Council has deliberately used the crate system up to now as it achieves a very low contamination rate which we know from industry statistics can not be matched by the mechanised wheelie bin system. We consistently achieve less than 3% contamination with the crate system which is one of the lowest, if not the lowest across the state.

In other Council areas, the wheelie bin system is known to routinely have contamination rates over 10% and up to 30% in problem areas. The advantage of the crate system is that the collection operator is able to see the contents of the crates before loading and can easily and efficiently reject contaminated recyclables.

The size of the crates does not limit the amount of recyclables that can be disposed of as residents can put out as many crates as they need at no extra cost for collection.

Council operates a two component recycling collection service. One crate should be sorted to contain clean paper and cardboard and another to contain cans, glass and plastic bottles and other items and other recyclable containers all rinsed and with lids removed. Additional crates have to be provided by residents as required.

### Collected weekly



#### Recycle Crates

##### Crate without lid

- Plastic bags
- Milk & drink containers
- Aluminium & steel cans
- Glass and plastics

##### Crate with lid

- Clean paper
- Cardboard

the Guyra Office at 158 Bradley Street, Guyra. Comments can be left at <http://yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au> or written submissions can be emailed to

[council@armidale.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@armidale.nsw.gov.au) or mailed to Armidale Regional Council 'Draft Community Recognition Program Policy' PO Box 75A Armidale, NSW 2350.

## Development Applications and Complying Development Certificates determined January 2017

Section 101 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979, as amended precludes a challenge to the validity of consent more than three months after the date of public notification of the consent. In accordance with Section 101 of the Act and Clause 124 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation, 2000, the following determinations are publicly notified:

Application Number	Address	Description	Date	Decision
CDC-1-2017	56 The Avenue ARMIDALE NSW 2350	Alterations and Additions	13/1/17	Approved
CDC-2-2017	105 Ollera Street GUYRA NSW 2365	Alterations and Additions - Demolish existing and construct new Garage	19/1/17	Approved
DA-114-2012/B	64 Beardy Street ARMIDALE NSW 2350	Alterations and Additions - Existing Dwelling (Consent Modification)	27/1/17	Approved
DA-120-2016/A	50-54 Ryanda Street GUYRA NSW 2365	Op Shop Shed and activities room	6/1/17	Approved
DA-135-2016	222 Rusden Street ARMIDALE NSW 2350	Commercial - Alterations & Additions to Existing Hotel and Signage	24/1/17	Approved
DA-164-2016	231 Canambe Street ARMIDALE NSW 2350	Subdivision - 3 Lot Strata Subdivision	17/1/17	Approved
DA-169-2016	9 Grandview Crescent ARMIDALE NSW 2350	Earthworks and Construction of Retaining Wall	13/1/17	Approved
DA-178-2016	345 Dangarsleigh Road ARMIDALE NSW 2350	Use of Part of the Site for Live Events and Construction of a Permanent Stage	9/1/17	Approved
DA-186-2016	8 Wilara Cove ARMIDALE NSW 2350	Dual Occupancy (One New Dwelling and One Existing Dwelling)	24/1/17	Approved
DA-204-2016	11 Marsh Street ARMIDALE NSW 2350	Change of Use to Sell Whole and Packaged Foods	4/1/17	Approved
DA-212-2016	169 Miller Street ARMIDALE NSW 2350	Change of Use to a Health Services Facility	11/1/17	Approved
DA-214-2016	102 Faulkner Street ARMIDALE NSW 2350	Installation of Public Artwork	30/1/17	Approved
DA-218-2016	40 The Avenue ARMIDALE NSW 2350	Alterations and Additions - Construction of a Shed and Swimming Pool Cabana	12/1/17	Approved
DA-220-2016	183 Kentucky Street ARMIDALE NSW 2350	Erection of New Colorbond Garage and Demolition of Old Garage	16/1/17	Approved
DA-221-2016	160 Rusden Street ARMIDALE NSW 2350	Change of Use, Retail to Office for Part of the Building, Installation of New Doors/Awning on the Eastern Elevation of the Building and a Concrete Pad for Bin Storage on the Western Boundary	3/1/17	Approved
DA-228-2016	33 Grandview Crescent ARMIDALE NSW 2350	New Dwelling	12/1/17	Approved
DA-231-2016	20 O'Connor Road ARMIDALE NSW 2350	Alterations and Additions - Secondary Dwelling	18/1/17	Approved
DA-250-2010/A	78 Glen Innes Road ARMIDALE NSW 2350	3 Lot Subdivision - (Consent Modification)	18/1/17	Approved
DA-52-2014/A	51 Government Lane BEN LOMOND NSW 2365	Alterations and additions to existing dwelling	17/1/17	Approved
DA-203-2016	51 Ohio Street ARMIDALE NSW 2350	Alterations and Additions - Garage, Storage Room and Studio	24/1/17	Approved
DA-173-2014/C	120 Marsh Street ARMIDALE NSW 2350	Change of Use - Retail Premises to Licensed Cafe and Bar - (Consent Modification)	31/1/17	Approved

## PUBLIC NOTICE - Wednesday 22 February 2017

Authorised by Interim General Manager Greg Meyers Armidale Regional Council  
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or '@ARC2350'.



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# Swimmers taste success

On Tuesday 14th February members of the St Mary of the Angels school community joined together to witness the commissioning of our school leaders and staff. The mass was celebrated by Bishop Gerard Hanna who will be working with our parish and school this year.

After a wonderful, student focused Mass, everyone enjoyed a BBQ and cutting of the cake. We are thrilled to be working with Bishop Hanna. I am sure you will find him warm, welcoming and approachable.

On Friday 10th February, St Mary of the Angels School held our annual swimming carnival. The children had a great day, swimming competitively, cheering on their fellow students and enjoying the company of our wider school community. Thanks to all of our helpers whose assistance is crucial to the success of our carnival.

Congratulations to our Age Champions and Runner Up's on your achievement: Senior Girl Champion - Ruby Mills, Senior Boy Champion - Charlie Wark, Senior Boy Runner Up - Ryan Jones, 11 Year Girl Champion - Reegan Jackson, 11 Year Girl Runner Up - Lucy Campbell, 11 Year Boy Champion - Jack Lockyer, 11 Year Boy Runner Up - Sebastian Brazier, Junior Girl Champion - Anna Grills, Junior Girl Runner Up - Shanae Wark, Junior Boy Champion - Tom Lockyer & George Williamson, Junior Boy Runner Up George Bradford, Minor Girl Champion - Camilla Grills, Minor Girl Runner Up - Sophie Spradbrow, Minor Boy Champion - Clancy Munsie, Minor Boy Runner Up - Jacob Ahern.

*Principal Sharon Wittig*



**Above: l to r: Ty Mulligan, Ryan Jones, Charlie Wark, Ruby Mills, Abbie Field and Stephanie Spradbrow**



**Above l to r: Lucy Campbell, Sebastian Brazier, Reegan Jackson, Ruby Mills, Charlie Wark, Jack Lockyer  
Middle - George Bradford, George Williamson, Tom Lockyer, Shanae Wark, Anna Grills  
Front - Clancy Munsie, Jacob Ahern, Camilla Grills and Sophie Spradbrow.**

## After school sport

Guyra Central School is lucky to be able to offer an after School Sports program through Sporting Schools; Sporting Schools is Australia's largest school-based sports participation program to help children foster a lifelong interest in sport.

Sporting Schools brings together schools and sports to help get Aussie children active with quality programs developed by

over 30 national sporting organisations, it offers a fun and supportive environment for children and coaches.

Sport not only benefits children's physical health but plays a role in developing confidence, social skills and emotional well-being. By focusing on having fun, having a go and getting active, Sporting Schools will provide children with positive

sporting experiences to help develop a lifelong interest in sport.

The program at Guyra Central School started on Monday 20th February and will run every Monday until 20th March, providing students the opportunity to participate in Rugby League under the guidance of Luke Taylor from the NRL, the program is free for participants and fully supervised.

### Meals on Wheels

- Feb 23 Sue Adams
- Feb 24 Stephen Adams
- Feb 27 New England Mutual Staff
- Feb 28 Jeanette Jarvis
- March 1 Wendy Lockyer

### Street Stalls

- Feb 24 Guyra Hospital Auxiliary
- March 2 Can Assist
- March 3 Presbyterian Church

### Church Notices

#### St James Anglican

Sun 9am Traditional Service, 10.30 am Family Service; 1st Sunday of the month: Backwater 2pm 3rd Sunday of the month: Ben Lomond 12.00 noon Rev Mark Evers 6779 1111

#### St Mary's Catholic

Saturday Mass 6pm in Guyra, Sunday 9am 1st Sunday of the month: Ben Lomond, 3rd Sunday Wards Mistake, otherwise Guyra

#### St Columba's Presbyterian

Sunday 10.00am Bible Study at 9.30am Session Clerk: Geoff Clark - Ph 6771 1022

#### Uniting Church

Regular Sunday Service - 9.30pm Enquiries Nancy Davidson 6779 1366

#### Seventh-day Adventist

Saturday from 10am Bible Study, 11am Divine Service. Enq: 6779 1587

#### Northwest Church

66 Llangothlin St Service 10am Sunday. Connect group and Spektrum Youth Tony Stace 0427956772.

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10 Nincoola Street - Contact: 0421 847 973 Tuesday Prayer 6.30pm, Wed Bible Study 6.30pm Sunday Service 10am

### Service Clubs

**LIONS CLUB** dinner meetings 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month at Guyra Bowling Club, 7pm. Ph: Peter King 0412 780 951

**ROTARY CLUB** dinner meetings 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at Rafters Restaurant, 6.30pm. Ph: Aileen MacDonald 0417 079 307



# Aged Care Facility ahead of schedule

Work on the new Guyra Residential Aged Care Facility is ahead of schedule with a second stage of construction commencing this week.

Construction is well underway, and the budget is on track, with crews currently two weeks in front of planned works due to good weather conditions and limited delays in materials and contractors.

Administrator of Armidale Regional Council, Dr Ian Tiley, said he is pleased with the progress of the project which will give Guyra residents a state-of-the-art residential facility.

“This facility is well on track to be completed in September, and I am thrilled that Guyra residents will have a new, safe and functional aged care facility which will service the community for many years to come.”

Site Manager, Robert Stanborough, said the framing and internal brick veneer of stage two of the residential rooms, including the high-care facility, will commence this week and roofing for the first stage of residential rooms will begin soon.

“This project has many progressive features which have helped to accelerate the schedule and which



Mark Burgess (Engineering Officer ARC), Ned Mozzell (Kolara Project Manager ARC), Robert Stanborough (Site Manager O'Donnell and Hanlon), Mark Bolton (O'Donnell and Hanlon)

will make the facility a high-quality, functional build. Aspects such as the level block, fantastic access, the waffle pod slabs and excellent planning make this project a stand-out,” he said.

“It will also have a great aesthetic due to every window having a pleasing outlook - whether it be external to the street or into one of the landscaped courtyards”.

Construction milestones for the site which have already been met include the laying of the entire slab,

and framing and internal brick veneer for the first two residential room sections. Last to be completed will be the dining area, café, hairdresser, entry and services wing as the construction moves southwards.

Mr Stanborough said the site and its contractors have an excellent relationship with the adjoining Guyra

Multi Purpose Service, and the project is utilising as many local contractors and businesses as possible.

“Many of the patients from the hospital next door have been watching with interest the daily progress of the construction,” said Mr Stanborough.

## Ash Wednesday Service

Ash Wednesday begins the Season of Lent, which spans the days leading to Easter Sunday. It mirrors the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert fasting facing the temptation of Satan following his baptism. The purpose of Lent is for Christians to prepare themselves for the Holy Days of Good Friday and Easter Sunday through prayer, repentance, and generosity. As we dwell on the temptation of Christ, we are comforted by the reality that our Lord and redeemer himself endured temptation and triumphed over it, and so is able to empathise with us in our weakness, giving us confidence to draw near to God (Hebrews 4:15-16).

As we meditate on the death of Jesus on the cross that first Good Friday, we are confronted again by the horror and reality of our own sin, and reminded of our desperate need for a saviour. We see God's love, in willingly giving his own son to die on the cross for us, to pay the penalty that should be ours. As we rejoice in the Empty Tomb of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday, our hearts and souls are lifted towards God in Heaven, as we celebrate the great victory our King has won over sin and death, never to die again. A victory all of creation will see when he returns in glory to fulfil his promise, of taking his people to heaven with him where we will share Christ's victory with him for eternity.

The year Ash Wednesday is on 1st March. To mark the beginning of this most holy of Christian seasons, please come and join us at St James Anglican Church for a Holy Communion Service according to the rites of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, followed by morning tea in the hall. If you need assistance with transport, please give us a call in the Parish Office on 6779 1111. **Rev. Mark Evers**

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# Get ready to Rumble at Bulls in the Bush

An action packed afternoon of entertainment will see some of the best Bull-riding action in Guyra for many years at the "Bulls in the Bush" bullride being planned for March 18th.

The Bar U Bar Rodeo Company event will take place at 'Waubic Arena' in support of Guyra Junior Rugby League and St Mary of the Angels school. Promoters Dean and Michelle Mulligan said that support from local businesses has been outstanding.

"We have purchased two extra bucking chutes to make the event run smoother," Dean said. "There will be a \$1500 open Bullride and a trophy buckle donated by Green Plumb Energy & Gas, along with an \$800 novice Bullride and trophy buckle donated by J.M & G.George Investments Pty Ltd."

The event will attract some of the best bullriders in northern NSW, however claiming the money and buckles will not be easy with bulls like 'Power & Glory', 'Six Barrel', 'Ugly Kid Joe' and the unriden



Four time Australian champion David Kennedy bucking off the unriden superstar bull "Cut me Loose"

superstar 'Cut Me Loose'.

"Cut Me Loose has never been ridden at a P.B.R or Pro rodeo and he has bucked off four times Australian champ Dave Kennedy along with many other cowboys," Dean said. "When Cut Me Loose bucks it's like letting the air out of a balloon."

Tony Deaves from Tamworth will bring his best bulls like High Altitude, who has only been ridden twice in eleven years of

competition, along with Lighting Strike, Red Wasp and Bullet Proof. Frank Biddle of Warwick Q.L.D will make the trip with his team of bulls. Leading them will be one of his top bulls Black & Decker who has been to many P.B.R's .

In action at Bulls in the Bush will be Australian champions like Chris Lowe, two times Southern Zone champion P.B.R and N.F.R qualifier Tim Amey and Steve Mason who has been

to the N.F.R and P.B.R. In the Novice rising Stars local cowboy Dallas Mulligan will be riding along with Blake Standen, Kyle Hall and Beau Holden.

Protecting the cowboys will be two of the best Protection Athletes around in veteran Shane Norrington and Zac Craft, both are being sponsored by McFarlane Building.

Dean and Michelle would like to thank all their sponsors, McFarlane Build-

ing, Ray White Rural Guyra, Kirks IGA, Guyra Fuels , Guyra Towing, Ramage Engineering, Guyra Smash Repairs, Guyra Mechanical, Guyra Welding Works, Professionals Stock & Land , B & L Cox painting contractors, J.M & G George Investments, Green Plumb Energy & Gas (Lindsay Snell Plumbing), Williamson Earth-moving, T & A Meats, Country Fresh Hot Bread Shop and National Clinical Services.

"Bulls in the Bush" is being held at "Waubic Arena", Briarbrook Rd, Tenterden on March 18th. The action begins at 2pm with gates open from 12.30pm. There will be a Bar, BBQ and music. Tickets are \$20 adults, \$10 kids and \$50 family. Pre-sale tickets are available from Kirks IGA, Burtons Saddlery in Armidale and Bakers Barn in Inverell. Tickets can be purchased at the gate. There is NO ESKY, NO B.Y.O For more information phone Dean 0477 048 310 or Michelle 0427 318 335.

# National Servicemen's Day

On Sunday 12th February the National Servicemen's Association held a memorial service at the National Serviceman's Monument in Central Park, Armidale with about 70 people in attendance.

The service is held annually in remembrance of the National Servicemen, especially conscripts, who were killed in action, died during their service or have since passed away.

Guyra Central School was extended an invitation to lay a floral tribute at the ceremony. Our attendance at this ceremony was greeted with warm welcomes from many of the veterans, wid-

ows and representatives in attendance.

The ceremony highlighted the continuing importance of veteran and widow support organisations and the community involvement that is essential in keeping such organisations running.

Armidale and District National Servicemen's Association president Barry Dawson attended Guyra Central School early this week to present the school with a wall pennant and card showing their thanks for being involved and attending the service.

*Hunter Davidson*



Claire, Naomi and Hunter Davidson



# Governor's Guyra visit



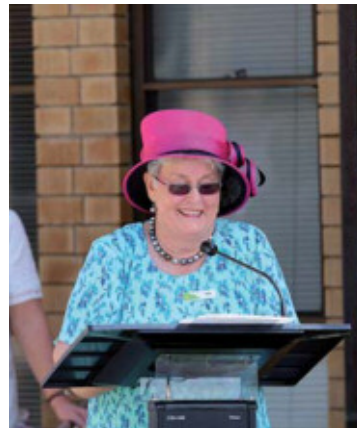
Governor Hurley with John Jackson (above) and Zahoor Ahmed (below)



**Above:**  
Visiting the Men's Shed  
Scot MacDonald MLC, John Jackson, Linda Hurley, David McKay, Dorothy Lockyer, Governor David Hurley, Campbell Wolfenden, Peter King, Peter Brazier, Jim Betts and Brian Irving

**Left:**  
Clare Swinton and Bronwen Clark

**Right:**  
Dot Vickery



## History of Library Services

Guyra Library started in 1947 and as a small girl I remember the first librarian, Mrs Rixon, very well. She boarded with my grandmother and I remember her as a very stern and serious lady, the same as my grandmother.

I first started borrowing from the library when we moved to town when I was nine years old. When borrowing from the library you could only whisper - no noise allowed. Originally Guyra had 9000 books, one of the biggest libraries around. It was housed in what is now the RSL Building. The second librarian was Mr V Prescott.

In 1957 the Library moved across the road to a building purchased by Guyra Shire Council. The then Shire President Leslie Thomas Starr, school headmaster Jack Whiteford and Shire Clerk John Richardson were the instigators. Mr Starr died suddenly while in office and the building was named after him in appreciation for all his tireless work and effort.

Miss Joy Varley (now Finlayson) was

the librarian at the time of the move. With the assistance of Miss Marie Heagney it was a mammoth task to move to the new building. Around this time outlying library services were started and small schools received a box of books monthly. Mrs Madge Sole remembers receiving them at Lilygrove school.

The next librarian was Julie Sole (Valis) and she was followed by Sheila Fullerton and Bronwen Clark. Bronwen remained at the library for 28 years. There have been several assistant librarians over time including Yvonne Penn, Cath Lockyer and Clare Swinton.

Aimee Hutton took over from Bronwen and is on maternity leave, however she did much of the work to have today's celebration. Wendy Warner is the relieving librarian.

On November 2nd, 2011 the present library was opened and this year we mark 70 years of library service to the town.

*Dot Vickery*



## Gazette Footy Tipping

Welcome to the Gazette's 2017 Footy Tipping competition. Our Celebrities this year are: Chris Sole of Sole Taxation, Beth Archibald of Guyra Emporium, Sue Ross of Sue Ross Real Estate, Josh Lawlor of Landmark Guyra and Tegan Mendes of Hairy Tales Comb True.

We welcome locals who would like to participate and for you the prizes this year will be: First \$100.00, Second \$50.00 and the Wooden Spoon \$20.00.

The prizes for our Celebrity winners are a half page ad for first place and a quarter page ad for second. Good luck and have some fun!

### Locals Entry Form - Round 1

*Tips for Round 1 must be submitted by 11.00am on Tuesday, 28 February*

**Name:** .....

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Sharks	vs	Broncos
Bulldogs	vs	Storm
Rabbitohs	vs	Tigers
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# Guyra Gazette Classifieds

## MEETINGS

**GUYRA HOCKEY CLUB**  
AGM Thursday March 2nd  
6.30pm Guyra Bowling Club  
**ANGLERS CLUB AGM &**  
Presentation Day, Sunday  
5th March, 11am, BBQ 1pm  
at Guyra Hotel. Membership  
& Malpas Dam key renewals  
now due

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**GUYRA CRICKET CLUB**  
**SUPER 6s** Sunday March 5th.  
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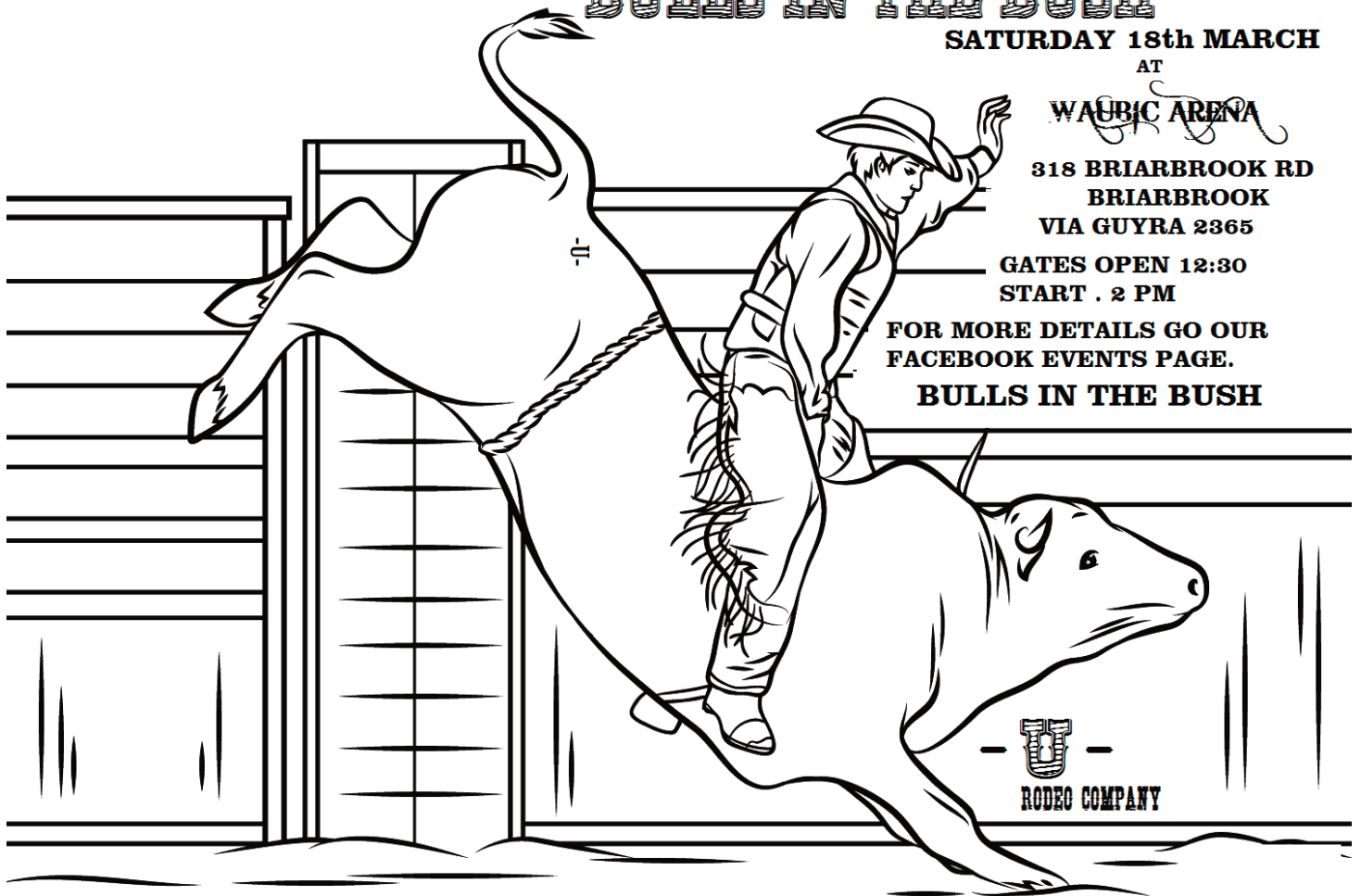
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Colour in the poster below with felt tip pen or pencil. Write your name, age contact details on the back  
and returning to **KIRKS I.G.A** in Guyra by **Fri 10th March** to win.



# Two from two for cricketers

The Guyra first graders had an easy win in their game against Easts on the weekend. They won the toss and sent the opposition in first, which proved to be a good decision.

Backing up from their under 16 game youngsters BJ Cameron and Nick Page led the charge. BJ broke the opening partnership and took the first two wickets, finishing with 2 for 13. Nick was the most successful of the bowlers finishing with a five wicket haul and only conceding 14 runs.

Tom Smith (1 for 19), Pete Presnell (1 for 7) and Simon Brown (1 for 0) also chipped in and Easts left the paddock with only 53 runs on the board.

It was an easy run chase for the Guyra boys who passed the total with just two wickets down. Shane Wolfenden (23) and Pat Keen (19) were the best with the bat.

The third graders made it two from two when they took on Hillgrove in the game played at Newling in Armidale. Hillgrove won the toss and batted first putting together a good total of 6 for 177 off their 40 overs.

Wickets were shared amongst the Guyra bowlers with Taylor Brennan (1 for 42), Maurie Blair (1 for 22), Bill Munsie (1 for 31), Jason Campbell (2 for 33) and Cody Patterson (1 for 23) all contributing.

After a shaky start, the middle

## Mid-week Golf

The best performed team this week was the Baldersleigh Bashers with 65 points. Anything Goes and Plus Fours scored 64 points. Wal Chapman scored 20 points to be the best individual player. S Wake and G White scored 19 points each. B Lenehan, J Rogers, H Raper and M Gaukroger all scored 18 points. P White, B Vidler, T Ellis, V Abayan and D Saunders all scored 17 points.

The mid-week will end on the 26th of March. There are some close scores between a few teams and with only a few games left, they will need to play well. Good Luck to all

**Cameron Peardon**



**Graham Cameron remained not out on 70 in the third grade game on the weekend**

order consolidated to put Guyra on top with Grub Cameron (70 not out) and Maurie Blair (54 not out) leading the charge. Others to make double figures were Scott Miller (24) and Jason Campbell (20).

They passed the Hillgrove tally in the 22nd over for a well-earned victory.

Finals berths will be up for grabs heading in to the last two rounds of

the competition. Seconds are currently fourth on the ladder, just one point clear of Ex Services. They have the bye this weekend.

Third grade are sitting at number two on the ladder and take on the Barbarians this weekend on the Guyra Turf. They have lost all three games against Baa Baas this year, so will need to replicate last week's form to be in with a chance.

## Bowlers battle weather

The weekend saw weather conditions that were not very kind to any sport let alone Lawn Bowls, but never the less both set down games went ahead.

Sunday morning February 19th saw David Wilcox play Andrew Sparke in Major Singles. David found his game early and went on to open a handy lead 11 shots to 6 shots by end 11. This was never going to be enough as Andrew showed that he was more than capable of pulling off a victory and this was nearly the outcome as the scores were 30 shots all by end 36. David managed to draw the one shot that he needed to win the game 31 shots to 30 over 37 ends.

The other game was between Dan Kennedy and John Hamel in an Open Singles Semi Final. Dan and John went out on the green and played half a dozen ends when the weather intervened. John had the run of the green and by end the scores were even at 5 shots all but with the weather interruptions Dan managed to get the upper hand and went on to win 28 shots to 11 shots after 25

ends, both were wet so they called it a game.

There will be no Club Championships this weekend as New England District Bowling Association games take over. The NEDBA State Pairs are set down for play at Guyra. Guyra the Host Club has two teams in this fixture, they are: David Wilcox and John Mcillwain, Steven Sole and Col Stanley.

Also there is New England District Bowling Association Senior Pairs, this game is set down to be played at Walcha and representing Guyra are John Jackson and Geoff Reeves.

On behalf of the Guyra Bowling Club I would like to wish all players good luck.

Just a reminder that a sheet is on the notice board inviting entries for teams interested in playing Major/Minor three bowl pairs to be held over the weekend of Saturday May 6th and Sunday May 7th.

Enquires and entries to: Guyra Bowling & Recreation Club. (02) 6779 1499. Email: admin@guyrabowlingclub.com

**The Bowls Bandit**

## Women's golf report

On Wednesday February 8th, Wendy George won the trophy donated by Pam and Gordon Youman at the fabulous Black Mountain Nursery. Wendy played superb golf to return a card showing 38 Stableford points. Karen Oehlers put together a tidy round to be runner up with 37 Stableford points. Nearest the pin on the 9th was won by Karen Oehlers.

In cool summer weather eleven Guyra girls set out to enjoy a game of golf on Wednesday February 15th. Karen Oehlers was the winner of the Stroke event which included the 1st Golf NSW Medal round and putting competition. Karen played fantastic golf, to score 72 net on a count back from Wendy Jackson. Karen's putting was accurate as she recorded only 26 putts. Nearest the pin on the 9th hole was won by Julie Walker.

A Par Medal event is set down for Wednesday March 1st and we will play for the trophy donated by Joyce Betts. We welcome all newcomers to the game. Play begins at 9:30 am and finishes by about 2pm.

**Julie Walker**



# Local Sport

## 2017 Golf championships

Last weekend saw the last two rounds of the Guyra Fuels sponsored 2017 Men's Cub Championships played. Dom Hill was crowned A Grade gross winner and Club Champion. Cameron Peardon was B Grade gross winner and Pat Grills was C Grade gross winner. The nett winners were Robert Moore for A Grade, Steve Wilson for B Grade and Chris Sole for C Grade. Taylor Brennan was Junior Champion.

Saturday the 18th was sponsored by Guyra Mechanical and Guyra Smash Repairs. Cameron Peardon won the day with a 64 nett. Chris Sole was runner up with 68 nett. The nearest the pins went to Reg Walls on the 7th and Steven Sole on the 10th

and the 18th.

Sunday the 19th was sponsored by Kirks IGA. Steve Wilson won the day with a 69 nett on a count back from Cameron Peardon, who was runner up. Nearest the pins went to Steve Kliendienst on the 7th, Joel Youman on the 10th and Dom Hill on the 18th. The long drive was won by Dom Hill.

A big THANKYOU to all our sponsors for their continued support and great trophies. Thanks to Lenny for having the course looking and playing great.

Congratulations to all the winners and well done to all who participated and made the Championships a success.

*Cameron Peardon*

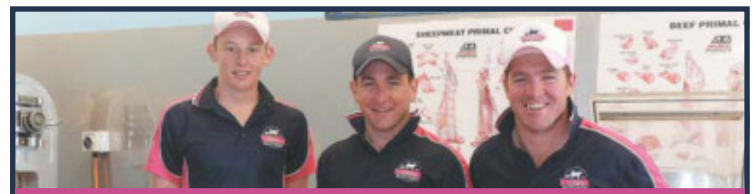


### 2017 Guyra Golf Champions

**Above l to r:** Pat Grills (C Grade) Robert Moore (Guyra Fuels Championship Sponsor)), Dominic Hill (A Grade) and Cameron Peardon (B Grade)  
**Right:** Taylor Brennan (Junior Champion)



**Nett Winners** Steve Wilson, Chris Sole, Janelle Gaukroger (Regional Australia Bank) and Robert Moore



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