

big night

Guyra's Rebecca Smith has taken out the Individual Landcarer Award at the Regional Landcare Awards which were held in Armidale last week.

More than 120 people attended a dinner at University of New England's historic Robb College Dining Hall on Thursday night, to celebrate the efforts and achievements of Landcare award finalists from around the New England and North West regions.

The Individual Landcarer Award is presented to an individual volunteer who carries out and promotes Landcare through practical on-ground or community awareness activities.

Rebecca has been a secondary teacher of Agriculture, Science and Environmental Science for 25 years and is currently employed at Armidale High School and also worked at Guyra Central School for many years.

Rebecca has always had close links to the land, first on her family farm in South Australia and now in Guyra. From the earliest years, the environment, sustainability, biodiversity and youth remain the focus of her commitment to reconnect youth to our landscape and preserve it for future generations.

Other winners in the New England region were Kelly Walsh from Glen Innes, who took out the Young Landcare Leader Award, Jane O'Brien from Inverell, who took out the Landcare Facilitator/Coordinator Award, The Aboriginal Reference Advisory Group, who took out the Indigenous Land Management Award, Armidale High



Sally Wright (Wongwibinda) and Sara Schmude (Landcare Coordinator with SNELandcare) congratulate Bec Smith (Guyra) who took out the individual Landcare Award.

School Bushcare Group "BC2", who took out the Junior Landcare Team Award, and Inverell Community Gardens, who took out the Landcare Community Group Award.





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Great start to term two at Black Mountain

Black Mountain Public School students have had a great start to Term 2. Students represented the school proudly at the Guyra ANZAC service. Senior students laid a wreath on behalf of the school community and Java Egener; School Leader, read a Prayer of Remembrance, modelling confidence and leadership.

Our nine transition to Kindergarten students have enjoyed their return to 'Big School' showing confidence, as they engage in a variety of early learning experiences across all areas.

Gubi Gabun Children's Mobile Service has returned to Black Mountain, running a Children's Playgroup every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. This is a wonderful opportunity that allows children to learn about school, make new friends and engage



Black Mountain students enjoyed a visit from riders taking part in the Bridge to Bridge ride

with the school community through new, fun and exciting activities.

Riders participating in the Bridge to Bridge Cycle Charity, to raise funds for the Cure for Brain Cancer Foundation, spent time at Black Mountain Public School last week. Through games and question and answer sessions, they taught students all about what they were participating in and why. It was wonderful to have the group take the time to talk with students and

staff.

Black Mountain Public School develops the whole student through engaging students in a wide variety of learning experiences. It is a great place to learn!

Principal Belinda Baker

Former Priest extradited to face charges

Armidale Detectives have charged a former Guvra Priest with nine counts of indecent assault upon a male.

Detectives allege that 79year-old David Joseph Perrett assaulted four young boys between 1970 and 1982 in Armidale and Guyra.

New England Police Inspector Roger Best said in a media statement that the lengthy investigation bv Armidale detectives culminated in an arrest on May 4th

Perrett served as the Parish Priest in Guyra from 1980 - 1986 and has been living in Wallangarra, Queensland.

Two Armidale detectives went to Queensland, where they obtained an order from the Warwick Magistrate's Court to extradite Perrett back to NSW. The detectives then took Perrett to NSW to await court proceedings.

"I want to assure the community that despite the passage of time, New England police will investigate any report of abuse, no matter when it occurred," Police Inspector Roger Best said.

Perrett, fronted an out-ofsessions bail hearing in Armidale Local Court on Saturday where he was granted conditional release on nine charges of indecent assault on a male.

He has been ordered to live with a family member in Armidale.

The Armidale Diocese issued the following media statement on May 5th: "The Diocese is aware that a priest who ministered in the Diocese of Armidale from 1961 to 1995, has been arrested in relation to historical child sexual abuse allegations. He has not been in ministry since August 1995."

What's HOT

Mothers Day - take your Mum out to lunch or buy her some flowers.

Tech Savvy Seniors Roadshow in Guyra next Wednesday at the GALA Centre - a great learning opportunity!

Get our Shire Back Rally this Friday May 12th @ 12noon

> Submit your Hots and Nots by phone 6779 2132 email news@gala.org.au or drop in to the GALA centre

What's **NOT**

Not receiving your Guyra Gazette in the mail

Scam phone call about Telstra overcharging for internet queries

When your heater sounds like an airplane taking off

Bike riders who don't wear their helmets

Weather Watch

Guyra Hospital

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Water treatment plant

Rainfall Registrations to 9am Monday, May 8th

Rainfall - 6.5mm (543mm YTD Top Dam 10mm above spillway Bott. Dam 10mm above spillway Daily average town consumption (target 650 kl) 767kl Water Restrictions - NIL

Rainfall year to date 51 days 562.8mm Rainfall last year to date 245.0mm 33 davs

Regional growth strategy

Last month Armidale Regional Council hosted the Regional Growth Advisory Committee, which participated in a workshop with consultants SC Lennon and Associates to advance planning for the preparation of the Armidale Region Economic Development Strategy.

The new economic development strategy will respond to the Armidale Region's strengths, challenges and opportunities for growth, providing a plan of action that can be implemented over the next four years.

The consultants have been working with Council, the business community and other stakeholders since February as they move towards the preparation of a draft strategy. Director of SC Lennon & Associates Mr Sasha Lennon said the workshop provided an opportunity to present key findings to date and seek direction from the Regional Growth Advisory Committee.

Chair of the Regional Growth Advisory Committee Aileen MacDonald said a number of important subjects were discussed during the workshop.

"The workshop covered a number of opportunities for economic development, including the expansion of the region's horticultural sector, ag-tech business development, health and wellbeing, international education, sports tourism, creative industries, the New England Rail Trail and the delivery of important strategic infrastructure like the Armidale Regional Airport expansion and the Malpas to Guyra water pipeline."

"Also central to the discussions was agreement on the importance of supporting and growing the Armidale Region's existing businesses," Ms MacDonald said.

Council established the special Regional Growth Advisory Committee to oversee preparation of the economic development strategy. A draft strategy will be prepared in May and made available for public comment.

Turbines set to navigate through Ben Lomond

Ben Lomond residents met with representatives from the White Rock Windfarm Development on April 26th to discuss concerns about the proposed movement of wind farm components along the Ben Lomond Road.

It is anticipated that it will be necessary to transport components along this route to access southern sites of the White Rock Windfarm Development.

The meeting was called in response to Ben Lomond Landcare's approach to Armidale Regional Council for details. White Rock Windfarm representatives addressed a public meeting at Ben Lomond Hall where they provided a detailed information report on the concept, progress and potential of the project.

White Rock owner's representative Tom Frood and Project Manager Rohan Creedon spoke about the features, progress and future of the project as well as making mention of the Sapphire Windfarm to the north and the smaller Glen Innes Windfarm.

It is anticipated that two or three wind turbines will be delivered on the Ben



Ben Lomond residents met with White Rock Wind Farm representatives to discuss concerns over the wind turbines being transported via the Ben Lomond Rd

Lomond Road route being (between twenty four and thirty six) loads each week. If approvals are received from the relevant authorities some road upgrades, widening, together with lopping of overhanging vegetation will be necessary.

Detailed information, visuals and sample hardware of the project can viewed at the projects shop front in Grey St Glen Innes. The overview of the project's progress is reported at www.whiterockwindfarm.com is a source of delivery schedules and answers to your queries or call 1800 859660.

The meeting was organised by Ben Lomond Landcare Chair Sarah Harding, in conjunction with White Rock Local Representative in Glen Innes Sandra Royal.



Probus Notes

Next Monday, 15 May we are having a Games Day at the Bowling Club at 11.00am. The cost for a light lunch is \$10.00. Anyone interested in joining Probus would be welcome.

Our guest speaker at our monthly meeting was Mary Walls and she told us all about her and Tony's trip to Lapland for Christmas, visiting Santa Claus, seeing the Northern Lights and riding in sleighs in snow. A very exciting time.

Our meeting next month will be on 19 June due to the long weekend falling on our usual day.

All welcome to come and join us.

Judy Jackson

Guyra Sheep and Lamb Sale Market Report

There was an increased penning of lambs and sheep numbers remained steady at the Guyra Sheep asnd Lamb sale on May 3. 3900 lambs and 2600 sheep were yarded.

The quality of the lambs was fair to good with a large supply of stores suitable to the restocker orders. Well finished trade and heavy weights were also well supplied. The full complement of buyers was in attendance. Market trends varied with strong demand from restockers, showing confidence in the market going forward. The restocker lambs sold to a dearer trend with buyers operating in both the light and trade weight categories. Competition was not as strong for the trade and heavy weight lambs, trending mostly firm with some quality related price change. The extra heavy weight lambs sold to a cheaper trend.

There was a mixed condition penning of sheep with skin values showing a great variation, from bare shorn through to full wool. Market trends were generally cheaper with demand weaker. A lift in skin values affected some prices.

Restocker lambs	\$75 to \$137.
Trade lambs	\$132 to \$160
Heavy lambs	\$150 to \$178
Extra Hvy lambs	\$162 to \$190
Light sheep	\$55 to \$108
Med. Sheep	\$82 to \$148

Guide dog and Library visit



Kolora residents with special visitor "Sienna' the guide dog

The Guyra Library hosted a dozen residents from the Kolora Hostel for a morning tea and book reading as part of a new regular Library initiative.

The Kolora outing to the Guyra Library was a great success, and the event will become a bimonthly occurrence for residents and a regular part of the Guyra Library's extensive activities program.

Along with a book reading, the Kolora residents enjoyed a tour of the Library, with the event bringing a number of Kolora Residents to the building for the very first time.

Among the Kolora Residents was Marge Wilkinson, who has been a long-time supporter of the Library, and who has been borrowing books for some 60 years.

Manager of the Guyra Library, Mrs Wendy Warner, said the Guyra Library is pleased to add this new initiative to the Library's regular program of events.

Kolora residents also recently enjoyed special visitors, Andrew and Hayley Devenish-Meares with Andrew's Guide dog "Sienna" along with guest speaker Jenny Croaker.

Jenny is an Orientation and Mobility specialist with Guide Dogs NSW. It was a very interesting morning for the residents, learning of the 'Guide Dog Breeding Program' and interacting with 'Sienna'.

FLASHBACK: Potato picking century

This week we take a look back to May of 1972. At a time when potatoes were still a staple of primary production in the district, it was a year with record potato crops and ideal conditions.

It was also a year in which the potato pickers set a few records of their own, including the elusive 'ton' in a day.

First off the mark was a seasonal worker from Gatton, Ron Schimdt. He bagged 104 sacks of potatoes in a nine hour day in a crop grown by Bob Gallagher east of Guyra, and claimed what was believed to be a record.

That record was soon to go. Three weeks later Mick Knox of Guyra stood up 115 bags in an eight and half hour day in a crop of certified seed potatoes grown by Jim and Harold Walker on their property near Chandler's Peak east of Guyra.



Mick Knox is pictured in the paddock following his record



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Reflections on Mother's Day

Did you ever come across the statement 'Mothers who don't earn money don't work'? I think it is a quite common belief, especially in first world countries, that the only proper work is paid work. Does it mean that unpaid work hasn't the same importance as paid work?

With Mother's Day coming this weekend, it would not harm to take some time and think deeply about statements which get said easily.

It is true that mothers who earn money do work. If you have a job you get paid for it. But if you put it the other way round you get stuck in thinking.

Any person who appreciates a mother's commitment she gives to the family could not agree with it. Well, is the crux of the matter because 'being a mother' is not a job? We certainly come very close to the point.

Being a mother is not a job. Being a mother is much more. It is devotion and dedication, giving to your family. Mothers dedicate their time and love to them and try to keep them healthy and happy. They are the glue who sticks the family together. It does not surprise that love, time or health are some of these essential things in life

"Mothers work is not paíd because it does not value anything, but because it is invaluable!"

which cannot be bought. All essential things in life are invaluable.

So, on Mother's Day we are celebrating 'all working mothers' - the paid ones and the unpaid ones. The fulltime mothers and the parttime mothers, but in any case they are always responsible for being a mother 100%.

Hopefully mothers of young children can enjoy

their time being a mother and don't feel pressured into paid work because of suggestive ideas that being a full time mother does not value as much a paid mother. As a matter of fact, mothers work is not paid because it does not value anything, but because it is invaluable!

We become mothers with giving birth to the children and stay mothers until we pass away. Mothers actually grow in appreciation with becoming a grandmother. "Grand" comes from the Latin language and has the meaning 'magnificent'. But the value of every mother stays beyond her death in all her living children and in the memories of giving herself to the family.

I wish to all mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers (and there are even some great-great grandmothers amongst us), a very happy Mother's Day and thank you for your invaluable commitment you have given us.

Contributed

Ben Lomond School competes for Finlayson Cup

As the rain fell on Wednesday 29th of March, the school called us with the news that the Finlayson cup would be postponed until the following Tuesday.

Tuesday the 4th of April dawned bright and breezy as athletes, parents, and staff made their way to Chandler school at Wollomombi, east of Armidale.

Our brave team of five participated in marching, team ball games, sprint, distance and relay running, and long and high jumping.

Parents, siblings and teachers cheered enthusiastically from the sidelines, while the children tried their hardest against some stiff competition from Bald Blair, Black Mountain, Ebor, Dundurrabin, Hernani, and the hosts,



Pictured I to r: Ruben Jolly, Eli Jolly, Piper Kempton, Cody McLeod and Elle Bavea.

Chandler.

Ben Lomond were victorious in the team ball game "corners", and several students achieved individual ribbons in other events.

Chandler P&C served a delicious selection of cakes and slices for morning tea, and lunch was a choice of hot dogs or chicken and gravy rolls.

Everyone went home tired and a little sore, but proud and happy.

Mary Quilty

Community Noticeboard

Meals on Wheels

10 May - Jan Jordan & St Mary's 11 May - Pamela Hart 12 May - Golf Club ladies 15 May - Guyra Llons Club 16 May - Pamela Carter Street Stalls

11 May - Can Assist 12 & 13 May - Lions Club 18 May - Westpac Helicopter 19 May - Masonic Lodge 20 May - Guyra Central P & C

Church Notices

St James Anglican

Sunday 9am Traditional Service, 10.30am Family Service; 1st Sunday of the month Backwater 2pm, 3rd Sunday of the month Ben Lomond 12.00noon

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

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Tony Stace 0427956772.

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Service Clubs

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

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

Roadshow for Tech Savvy Seniors

On Wednesday, May 17, the Tech Savvy Seniors Roadshow Team will be visiting Guvra.

Guyra is one of only ten towns in NSW to host the Roadshow which will be at the Guyra Adult Learning Centre in Bradley St from 9.30am until 11.30am.

Tech Savvy Seniors is a partnership between the NSW Government and Telstra which provides free technology training to older people across NSW. The ability to use technology makes a big difference in people's lives, helping them stay connected and active.

New England Community College has been running Tech Savvy Seniors programs for the last three years. The pro-



NECC Tutor Edna Mendes working one on one with June Walker

gram helps people access online information, websites and services in order to enhance their social engagement, interaction and connection with friends, families and communities.

The roadshow is an opportunity for seniors to come along and learn first-hand that there's no need to be intimidated by mobile phones, tablets, laptops or other digital devices. In fact, these technologies offer the opportunity for seniors to stay connected to their family and friends or even go shopping or conduct banking online.

If you would like more information about the Tech Savvy Senior Roadshow please phone GALA on 67792132.

You can bring along your own computer, tablet or smart phone and receive advice on how to make the most of the digital world.

Light refreshments will be available. RSVP by Friday May 12th for catering purposes.

GRIP Leadership Conference

On Wednesday 3rd May Year 6 students from St Mary of the Angels participated in the GRIP Leadership Conference held in Armidale.

The GRIP Leadership team presented a program that helps students to develop their leadership skills in a positive and practical way.

The students had a wonderful day interacting with students from over twenty schools across the New England.

They were able to learn about the different ways of leading in the school environment, working in a team and about the values of great leadership. The Year 6 students will now apply these skills in the school environment and will continue to discuss leadership strategies to make improvements around the school.

> Principal Sharon Wittig



Abbie Field, Stephanie Spradbrow, Ruby Mills, Ryan Jones, Charlie Wark and Ty Mulligan



Secondary athletics carnival

Congratulations to everyone for a wonderfully successful Secondary Athletics Carnival held last Wednesday at Guyra Central School. A special thanks to all the staff for assisting in the smooth running of the event.

The participation of all students in attendance was fantastic and it allowed for some very tightly contested age groups.

Age Champions:

12 Years: Tiffany Mulligan and Tahmani Landsborough

13 Years Kiarna Landsborough and Billy Youman

14 Years Stephanie Cameron and Matthew Sisson

15 Years Eva Knox/Sarah Ros-

ten and Nicholas Morse

16 YearsMadi Morgan and Charles Irwin

17 Years plus Kelsie Youman & Sebastian Gee

Congratulations to the winning house Nincoola.



The following records were broken:

Matthew Sisson broke the 800m record with a time of 00:02:52.

Eva Knox, ran the 200m in a time of 00:32.56.

Kelsie Youman finished the 400m in a time of 1:05.01 and the 800m in 2:30.05 beating the record for both of these that were set in 2009 by Sheraya Johnson. Kelsie also jumped 3.73m in Long Jump and 1.32m in High Jump.

Zakiya Blair threw a massive 19.16m in Javelin beating the record that was set in 2013 by Jodi Ellis of 16.99m.

Bailey Wilson put the Shot put 14.2m, Felicity Campbell put 7.66m and Shayla Cannon put 6.6m.

Gemma Williams threw 13.31m in Discus beating a record set in 2008.

Tahmani Landsborough finished the 800m in a time of 03:00.0 beating a record of 3:06.44 that was set in 2008 and then went on to throw a very impressive 20.38m in the Javelin beating the record set in 2014 of 16.25m.

Jake Wilson finished the 800m in a time 3:08.00, jumped 4.1m in the Long Jump and High Jump 1.42m beating a record of 1.35m.

Primary Carnival

Zone PSSA Hockey

The Primary Athletics Carnival was held on Friday, 5th May. It was wonderful to see all students from K-6 participate in many events, including novelty races and competitive sprints.

The level of sportsmanship displayed by all students was excellent and it was great to see students trying to earn points for their house.

Congratulations to the winning house Chandler!

Thank you to all the students, staff and parents for their assistance on the day.

Oscar Atkin broke the 11 year old boy 100 metre record that was set by his older cousin Tyson Burey in 2007. Oscar also broke the 200 metre record.

Archie Dowden broke the 11 year old boys 800 m record.

Nioka Levy beat the previous senior girls Discus record by 3 metre. Robert Sisson broke the senior boys Discus record.

Ellie Mitchell broke the High Jump record that was set in 1986 at 1.33 metres; Ellie jumped an impressive 1.47 metres!



Junior Boy (8, 9 & 10 Years): Cooper Wilson, Senior Boy (12 & 13 Years): Robert Sisson and 11 Years Boy: Oscar Atkin



I I Years Girl: Shanae Bull, Junior Girl (8, 9 & 10 Years): Ella Vidler; and Senior Girl (12 & 13 Years): Ellie Mitchell



Thursday 4th May, Maddison Bull participated in the Zone Hockey try outs at Sports UNE.

Maddie was successful in securing a place in the Zone PSSA Hockey side to now play at the North West Hockey Trials in Armidale on Thursday 18th May.

If successful at the North West Trials she will compete at a state carnival in July.

We wish Maddie all the best for the upcoming trials.

Gazette Footy Tipping

Tegan is the first to crack the Century! Congratulations ... no prizes or bottles of bubbly, but hearty congrats, nonetheless. Tegan was also the only one to tip all four matches over the weekend and leads with 106 points. Josh is next in line with 96 points, Beth 88, Sue 86 and Soley on 84.

The Locals had a bye this week because of the international shenanigans so they have had extra time to get their tips just right! Elva is making her way up the Leaderboard from being in the Wooden Spoon position at the start of the comp. The Saint has slipped and is competing with Bulldog for last position.

We wonder how The Ref will go this week now that he has escaped the sin bin!



Men's Golf

On Sunday, 22 Juniors contested the Guyra Junior Golf-Classic. The boys winner was Toby Cooper with a 74. Runner up was Lachlan Fleming. The girls winner was Breanna Purse with runner up Taryn Maher. The 9 hole winner was Luke Devney, runner up went to Cooper Smith. The 4 hole prize went to Chloe Wilson, runner up was Noah Brennan.

Also on Sunday saw Chris Newberry win the Monthly Mug with D Towells a close second. Nearest to the pins went to B Coppock on the 7th, D Towells on the 10th and D Lyes on the 18th.

Next weekend will see the TWG sponsored Mixed Championships on Saturday with over \$200 worth of prizes. Sunday will be the Guyra open 4BBB Stableford sponsored by Davidson Cameron and Co. A time sheet is on the Board. Sunday 21st May will be the Guy Warskitt Memorial day.

Len and Geoff have the course looking good and after all the rain. There are still wet patches and carts should be driven around them. Also preferred lies have been changed to fairways only, not in the rough. In other news the matchplay draw has been done with round 1 to be played by 10/6/2017.

The new Club shirts are now available to order. A sheet is on the board for names and sizes at a cost of \$40

The Albatross

Ladies Golf

Twelve ladies competed in a Stableford competition for Julie Walker's Trophy last Wednesday. Karen Oehlers played superb golf to win with 44 Stableford points: which equates to a magnificent 77 off the stick. Runner up with 35 Stableford points was Pip White on a count back from Jenny Rogers.

Entries are due for the 4BBB Stableford at the Inverell Open Day set down for 31st May. We will play a Stroke, with a putting competition. incorporating the Mabel Mackenzie Brooch on the 10th May. The TWG Mixed Championship, Stroke and Net, is on Saturday 13th May; then a Par Medal on Wednesday 17th May. Matches are now underway for the May Mitchell Memorial Trophy and you can follow the table which will be posted on the notice board.

Julie Walker

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Men's Shec	k	94	Eel-be-Right	86
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Mailman		88	Ron McEwen	82
Carmel Hoa	ade	88	Elva Brazier	82
Darcey Hea	agney	88	Hazel	80
PHJ		86	The Saint	76
The Ref		86	Bulldog	74

Locals Entry Form - Round 11

Tips must be submitted by **4.00pm on Tuesday, 16 May**

Name.			
Phone:			
	Sharks	VS	Cowboys'
	Warriors	VS	Dragons
	Broncos	VS	Tigers
	Titans	VS	Sea Eagles
	Eels	VS	Raiders
	Knights	VS	Panthers
	Bulldogs	VS	Roosters
	Rabbitohs	VS	Storm

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Teams come from far and wide for Pairs Carnival

Guyra Bowling Club played host to 30 teams of bowlers over the weekend when they played in the Three Bowl Pairs Annual Carnival.

Teams came from Glen Innes, Armidale City, Armidale Ex Services, Walcha a number of composite teams and Guyra. All Clubs were well represented.

The Carnival was played over five rounds over two days, after the dust had settled only three teams had five wins.

Starting with 6th place R Strange and K Fittler a women's team from Armidale Ex Services with 4 wins plus 52 points.

5th place went to Dan Kennedy and Graham Starr a Guyra team with 4 wins plus 54 points. 4th place was taken out by the composite team of C Marshall Armidale Ex Services and Paul Johnson Guyra with 4 wins plus 55 points. 3rd place went to John McIllwain and Roger Cox Guyra with 5 wins plus 54 points. After a count back 2nd place went to M Ahoy and A Whitton Armidale Ex Services with 5 wins plus 55 points. The winners for the weekend went to Tod Fuller and Steve Stubbs Armidale City with 5 wins plus 55 points.



Winners Steve Stubbs and Todd Fuller from Armidale City with President Cameron Peardon

The weekend was played in perfect Guyra weather and enjoyed by all participants, the weekend culminated in a Barbeque lunch.

On behalf of the players I would like to thank Betty-Anne Bourke for the effort and time she put in to make the Carnival a success, the Carnival Committee, the Bar staff, the Kitchen staff for the wonderful meals on Saturday, The volunteers that made the surrounds a picture, Bertha Reeves for selling the raffle tickets, to Peter King and David Saunders for the Barbeque, the Umpires and last but not least the Sponsors who without the Carnival could not possibly run.

This weekend in Bowls the first round of the Club Fours will be played on Saturday afternoon May `13th, Start: 1.00pm. Starter and Umpire D Wilcox.

The teams to play are: R Moore, B Stanley, G Reeves, D Lyes to play J McIllwain, D Wilcox, R Cox and J Hamel.

D Kennedy, C Stanley, G Mitchell, G Starr to play S Sole, M Walls, E Sole and A Sparke, All Skips are to make sure that their team is complete.

Sunday May 14th Start 12.00pm. Starter: Robert Walls. Umpire: John Jackson.

Major Singles Semi Final: Dan Kennedy to play Col Stanley marker Robert Walls.

Major/Minor Pairs: John Jackson and Geoff Reeves to play Phil Kliendienst and Murray Bourke.

For further information on events please check the notice board.

The Bowls Bandit

Caspers draw two

Guyra United have backed up for their second week of the competition with a draw in each of their senior games.

Second grade came away with a solid draw against a young Norths' team. As is unfortunately becoming customary, Guyra started the game on the back foot, before quickly settling down and controlling decent stretches of the first half.

However, it was to be North Armidale that opened the scoring, somewhat against the run of play, when one of their numerous through balls found a man in space who swiftly put the ball in the back of the net.

Guyra responded by continuing to work hard and knock the ball around, going into half time down 1-0. The second half continued much like the first, before Norths stretched their lead to 2, knocking a scrappy goal in off a corner. To their credit, Guyra continued to keep their heads up, and knuckled down looking for the back of the net. It would come with about 20 minutes to go, when Adam Brennan knocked in a fine long range shot from about 25 years, leaving the keeper no chance.

This was just the spark Guyra needed, and they finally began to hit feet with firm passes, knocking the ball around well, looking for the equaliser. It would come inside the last 10 minutes, when Rheece Handebo finished off some impressive team build up. Guyra finished the stronger of the two teams, with time running out with them well on top, looking for the final winner. Points this week were Scott Miller (3), Mason Harmon (2) and Blake Handebo (1).

The first grade team also finished with a draw against their North Armidale opponents. The Caspers opened the scoring with a goal to Henk Bus. This was to be their only goal of the day against the young and fit Norths team who equalized to see the game finish in a 1-1 draw.

This was a solid result for the Guyra boys who held the strong Norths team at bay. Points this week went to goalie Desie Walls (3) Ashley Holt (2) and Brodie Harman (1).

Next week sees the Guyra boys back on home ground against the Glen Innes Highlanders. Second grade kick off the action at 1pm at the Recreation Ground and the first graders take to the field at 3pm.



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Gazette Sport Junior spuds know how to win

Over two weekends, Guyra's junior rugby league players have continued on their winning ways.

They had a clean sweep against the Armidale Rams on April 29th. The girls showed they will be a force to be reckoned with this season winning their sixth game in a row to the tune of 20-4.

The under 8s had a good win 48-12 and the 10s ran away 48-4. The closest game of the day was the under 12s who scraped home with a 20-18 victory.

Backing up on the weekend the junior Spuds hit the road, travelling to Ashford where they once again performed extremely well.

The Junior League Tag girls had a 10-10 draw, the under 8s blitzed the opposition 44-8, the under 10s scored 50 unanswered points and the 12s won their game 30-8.

After six wins in a row for the League Tag girls, a draw with Ashford was a disappointing result for coach Tara Mendes.

"These girls have been playing extremely well this year and I thought they would win this one too," she said. "However they were all a bit tired from their athletics carnival the day before and I think this impacted their



game."

"I expect them to be back at their best this weekend. We have a few girls who have been playing together since they started and some younger ones who are starting to make their presence felt," Tara said.

"They are a good team and have made the final every year they have played - this year I am determined they will go all the way."

This weekend Guyra will be at home at the Guyra Sporting Complex in the battle of the (former) shire against the Tingha Tigers.

Glen/Guyra go down

Round five of the New England Rugby competition was held on Saturday 6th May and Glen/Guyra took on the Barbarians at home for the first time this season.

It was a tough, physical game from both sides and the Ghost/Elks took an early lead with a try, The game remained fairly tight throughout but unfortunately too many penalties were given away and the Barbarians ran away with a 36-26 victory.

Points this week went to Liva Sili (3), Tom Cleaver (2), Fergus McIntosh (1) and Players Player to Liva Sili. Despite the loss, it was a great day off the field for our annual Ladies Day. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the local businesses who kindly donated the lucky door prizes, Guyra Pharmacy, Guyra Emporium, The Beauty Room by Jayde, Hairy Tales Comb True, Kirks IGA and Dasha's Hardware. Thanks also go to the men who took charge of running the bar and canteen for this occasion, your help has not gone unnoticed.

This weekend's match is a home game in Glen Innes against St Alberts College. This is our second time facing off with the younger side and it is sure to be an entertaining, though tough, 80 minutes of rugby. Kick off is a 3:15 PM at the Glen Innes Showground. **Junior League Tag** (l to r:) Abby Field, Hayley Clark, Ava Campbell, Matilda Atkin, Shanae Bull,Sophie Mitchell, Kiesha Landsborough,Myah Wilson, Akashia Brazier and Ellie Mitchell



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