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Packed house for rail trail meeting

The NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) conducted a consultation workshop in Guyra on Tuesday, seeking community input on the proposed closure of the rail corridor between Armidale and Wallangarra. There was a packed house at the Guyra Bowling Club with 172 landholders, business owners and community members present.

The workshop, along with one held in

Tenterfield on Monday, was the first stage of an ongoing consultation process regarding any future developments of the rail corridor, including biosecurity and other risk mitigation strategies.

Facilitator Sam Muller told the gathering that the workshop was an opportunity to share, to listen, and to gauge community sentiment about the closure of the corridor.

She stressed that the workshop was the first step in the assessment process and that the consultation was necessary because there is an active group seeking funding. That active group is the New England Rail Trail (NERT) who have submitted a proposal to convert a 34km section of the line between Black Mountain and Ben Lomond to a Rail Trail.

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Under new management

Weekly Specials

... this week

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What's **HOT**

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS in Wirruna St - beautiful!!!

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SMILEY FACES on emails - makes me happy!

THE NEW Lamb & Potato Festival booklet **OUT NOW**

COMBINED CAROLS SERVICE this Sunday 17th 7pm at Anglican Church

LOCAL COMPETITOR in Sydney to Hobart yacht race - Good luck Kristi!

What's **NOT**

COLD OVERNIGHT temperatures in December

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Weather WATCH

Guyra Hospital

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
05	Tues	11.0	21.0	0
06	Wed	6.2	18.7	0
07	Thurs	7.7	23.0	0
08	Fri	10.8	24.4	0
09	Sat	10.7	23.5	3.4
10	Sun	8.5	22.0	0
11	Mon	7.5	24.8	0

Rain this week 3.4mm
December rainfall 12.0mm
Rainfall YTD 1036.5mm
Rainfall last YTD 881.1mm

Water treatment plant

Rainfall Registrations to 9am Monday, December 11th

Rainfall - 4mm(1024.5mm YTD)
Top Dam FULL
Bott. Dam 130mm below spillway
Daily average town consumption (target 650 kl) 1408kl
Water Restrictions - NIL

And the winner is...



Drawing of the Lions Club Christmas raffle last Friday. Lianne Mayled and Peter King drew the winning ticket in the giant Christmas Stocking which was won by Craig Waters. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets

Enrol now for 2018

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Dare devil meets idol

'Extremely excited' were the words Ruben Jolly used to describe his meeting with his idol Cody Heffernan last Thursday. It was second time lucky for the rodeo enthusiast, with the first meeting not going quite to plan.

The year 4 student at Ben Lomond Public School wants to make bull riding his career 'because it's dangerous and I am a dare devil'.

He wrote to Cody, the Australia PBR champion, telling him how much he admired him.

Cody agreed to meet Ruben when he was in Inverell during the last holidays, however Ruben was overcome with excitement and only managed a quick hello. To Cody's credit he followed up with the school to see why Ruben hadn't turned up.

Principal Denise Smoother said that Cody was so overwhelmed he 'forgot' to introduce himself.

"Ruben was so excited to meet Cody at Inverell he couldn't really say anything except hello," Mrs Smoother said. "He had his photo taken so we sent it off to Cody as proof and let him know how overwhelmed Ruben was."

This time around Cody agreed to meet Ruben on 'home ground', taking the time to visit the school last



Ruben Jolly meets PBR Champion Cody Heffernan

week. Ruben was prepared this time, complete with his own rodeo gear and with a list of questions to ask.

The questions came thick and fast this time – Why do you want to be a bull rider? Have you been overseas? What does it feel like to win a PBR? Have you had any

injuries? He even showed he was prepared to ask the tough questions, such as 'Why don't you wear a helmet?'

Ruben's classmates shared the excitement, spending time with Cody who also stayed on to present awards at the end of year assembly.

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St Mary's Presentation Night

Last Tuesday night St Mary of the Angels held our annual presentation night. On this night, we recognise the learning efforts of our students in 2017.

Students from K-6 were awarded with class awards for academic excellence, sportsmanship, pastoral care and most improved. Our major award recipients for 2017 were:

Dux Award

Ruby Mills

Sportsperson of the Year

Brooke Newberry

Ramage Engineering Science Award

Joseph Reeves

Molly McKervey Creative Arts Award

Shanae Wark

ADIG Mathematics Award

Tyler Nguyen

CWL Pastoral Care Award

Courtney Spradbrow

U GOOSE Technology Award

George Williamson

St Vincent de Paul Social

Justice Award

Jack Lockyer

Armidale Regional Council

Citizenship Award

Harrison Brazier

Congratulations to all of these students.

Principal Sharon Wittig



Above:

Back l to r: Brooke Newberry, Harrison Brazier, Jack Lockyer and Ruby Mills

Front: George Williamson, Joseph Reeves, Shanae Wark, Tyler Nguyen

Absent: Courtney Spradbrow

Right:

Dux Ruby Mills with Gary Burdett from the Catholic Schools Office in Armidale



Weekly Wool Market Report

After gaining a handful of cents on the first day of sales the market gathered momentum with the Eastern Market Indicator closing the week at a fresh high. The mid micron Merino types, Crossbreds and Merino Cardings all gained good ground as buyers filled orders before the looming three week recess.

The 19, 19.5, and 20 micron indicators closed the week at new high points as did the Merino Carding indicator. 47,523 bales were sold nationally with a low passed in rate of 3.1%.

Major buyers included Techwool, PJ Morris and Fox & Lillie with the top 4 accounting for al-

most 50% of the national Merino fleece offering. Next week is the final sale before the annual three week recess and the expected national offering has risen to over 52,000 bales.

Whilst the last few sales have been smaller in volume than the corresponding period last year AWEX data is still showing a rise of 7.1% in the volume of first hand bales offered for the season to date. Surprisingly the forward market also continues to strengthen with 19 micron contracts changing hands today at 2000 cents as far out as May next year.

Greg Andrews



Have your say.....

New opportunities

I am writing to advise I support the closure of the rail corridor between Armidale and Wallangarra.

Let's be frank here - the line has not been used in over 25 plus years and even if a train were ready to go tomorrow the line would not be. It is in disrepair and deteriorates on a daily basis by lack of use.

I don't just want the closure of the corridor though. I want the corridor to be opened up to new opportunities that will benefit the towns and villages that sit along the corridor between Armidale and Wallangarra.

What I would like to see is

the Great Northern Rail Trail and the excitement that would bring when it opens up the area to economic development and boundless tourism opportunities. It would be the dawn of a new era just like the steam train was all those years ago.

I am not opposed to rail and if a train could be brought back I would be one of the first to purchase a ticket. I love trains and the adventure they offer. Let's not be selfish though, let's open the corridor to new opportunities and adventures and if a train is to come back then the corridor would be preserved for that to happen.

Aileen MacDonald

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Councillors support Pipeline's future

Construction of a 19.8 kilometre pipeline from Malpas Dam to Guyra to secure the Guyra region's water supply during a drought is another step closer, after newly elected Councillors agreed to support the pipeline at a recent project workshop.

Armidale Regional Council Mayor, Simon Murray said water security for the Region is an absolute priority for the Armidale Regional Council, and the proposed pipeline to Guyra will ensure we plan for a drought proof future.

The project involves constructing a new intake and pumping station at Malpas Dam and building a 200mm diameter underground pipeline (with feasibility for 300mm if final budget allows) from Malpas Dam to the balance tank at Guyra's Water Treatment Plant.

"We are excited about the prospect of water security and the added environmental and economic benefits the pipeline will bring. A secure water supply will attract more industry for the Guyra Region, and I encourage the community to get behind the project."

"Periods of drought will come again, and their severity may worsen, so we need to be prepared for it," Mr Murray said. "Securing funding for the pipeline is now underway with business cases submitted to both State and Federal Government."

The proposed pipeline, connecting Malpas Dam to Guyra's Water Treatment Plant, will be activated in times of drought to deliver a reliable water supply to residents and local industry.

Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall has been lobbying for funding, seeking \$10.5 million from the NSW



Dry times at Malpas Dam (file photo)

Government with the remainder of the project to be funded by either the Federal Government or council.

"Council's support for this project is absolutely vital and I am delighted that the newly-elected Councillors have given the green light to this one-in-a-generation infrastructure project to proceed," Mr Marshall said.

The MP has previously tabled a petition of around 1,500 signatures in parliament supporting the project, but he believes that council's strong support is the final clinching element to his case to the government.

If funding is successful, the detailed design phase will commence in March next year, with construction expected to begin in August 2018, taking up to 18 months to complete.

The pipeline was selected as the optimal solution following an extensive assessment by water, financial, engineering and infrastructure experts from across the State.



**Michael, Stacey
& Staff**
wish everyone a
**Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year!**

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Ben Lomond Awards



Back l to r: Principal Denise Smoother, Cody Heffernan, Mayor Simon Murray
Front: Ellie Bavea, Eli Jolly, Ruben Jolly, Bridget Jolly and Cody McLeod

Ben Lomond Public School held their presentations last Thursday.

Awards were given to:
 Ruben Jolly - Improvement in Writing

Cody Mcleod - Outstanding improvement in Maths
 Eli Jolly - Outstanding overall Achievement
 Ellie Bavea - Outstanding overall Achievement
 Sherry Qiao - Increased

engagement with learning
 Bridget Jolly - Successful completion of Transition.

Denise Smoother
Principal

Enjoyable learning experiences

Students from Years 7-11 at Guyra Central School have been participating in Term 5 Activities this week.

Term 5 is an excellent way for the students to spend time with their fellow peers in different learning environments, participating in some new and enjoyable learning experiences.

Term 5 is considered part of the school calendar year. You are expected to participate, as you would any other day of the year. Absent students are required to provide a note to explain their absence.

Students have been able to participate in many activities including clay work, having the opportunity to work on the pottery wheel under the supervision of Mr Evans and Mr Nicholson, polymer clay jewellery learning how to



Felicity Campbell takes a turn at the pottery wheel

make jewellery from polymer clay at home as well as a number of different techniques to decorate your beads and studs, the hunger games including a variety of indoor and outdoor games de-

signed to test your survival skills of endurance, flexibility and wit and of course the Great Guyra Bake Off, joining in the ultimate test of your baking prowess.

Meals on Wheels

- 13th Dec St Mary's/ J Jordan
- 14th December Pamela Hart
- 15th Dec R Forbes/D Garniss
- 18th December Lions Club
- 19th December Pamela Carter

Street Stalls

- 14th, 15th and 16th Dec
Rotary Club
- 20th and 21st Dec
Hospital Auxiliary
- 22nd December
Rotary

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 month Ben Lomond, 3rd Sunday Wards Mistake, otherwise Guyra

St Columba's Presbyterian

Guyra Sunday 9.00am 'Ben Lomond Service, first Sunday of even-numbered months, 2.00pm Rev Andrew Campbell, Acting Session Clerk: Jim Coleman 6733 2021

Uniting Church

Regular Sunday Service 9.30am Enq. Nancy Davidson 6779 1366

Seventh-day Adventist

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

Northwest Church

66 Llangothlin St, Sunday meeting 10am, Wed 7pm Food Pantry - Fridays 1-3pm.
 Tony Stace 0427956772.

Church of Freedom

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 Rafter's Restaurant, 6pm for 6.30pm. Ph: Aileen MacDonald 0417 079 307

Kristi's bound for Hobart

At Christmas when most people are celebrating Kristi Foster will be resting up in a dingy little hotel room, sleeping as much as she can, watching TV and waiting for the biggest race of her life.

Kristi, part-time Guyra resident and full-time sailing enthusiast, will be preparing to take part in the Rolex Sydney to Hobart yacht race.

It is her second time in the race after previously competing as part of a 'Sailors with disABILITIES' crew in 2015. This time around she will be aboard 'Dare Devil', owned by Sibby Ilzhofer, and is hoping for a podium finish.

Kristi credits Sailors with DisABILITIES with saving her life after she broke her back while jumping on a trampoline. She spent 15 years in and out of a wheelchair following the accident.

At the time she was living in Coffs Harbour and when Sailors with disABILITES sailed into town she realised that sailing was something she could do.

"They came to town and told me I would be able to help myself by going sailing," Kristi said. "They saved my life basically. Fast track to seven years later I did my first Sydney to Hobart."

Three years ago Kristi made the move to Guyra where she says she 'spends a lot of time frequenting coffee shops'. She now divides her time between the town and her home port Coffs Harbour, where her Catalina 34mkII

yacht is berthed.

"Guyra is where I say is home, but I am everywhere because there is not a whole lot of ocean here," Kristi said. "I just love the area, and not many people know my story - they just think I am another local."

At the moment she also spends a lot of time traveling to Sydney or Newcastle in preparation for the big race. While she is hopeful of being up there with the best when the handicap honours are decided, a lot will depend on the weather.

Last time around she endured a 39-hour storm and is proud of the fact that the crew, made up of disabled people including amputees and two blind sailors, made it when some of the higher profile yachts such as Wild Oats and Perpetual Loyal pulled out.

"I have learned that the only real disability in life is a bad attitude. Therefore my goal in life is to live to be the best possible person I can be," Kristi said.

"Sailing is a battle against myself - it's teamwork, it's battling against my own disability, my own body and when I stand on the dock at the end of a big race there's a sense of triumph."

You can track Kristi's progress by following Dare Devil Racing on facebook and you can also live track the race via the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia's website.



Kristi Foster is preparing for the Sydney to Hobart yacht race as part of the crew aboard 'Dare Devil'



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Executive Director of Regional Infrastructure and Networks Chris Hanger said legislative amendments to the Transport Administration Act are required to enable any rail trail project to begin.

Mr Hanger said there is a \$300 million fund for regional tourism infrastructure programs such as the rail trail project - with the NERT project's estimated capital cost at \$4.08 mil-

lion.

He said that it was great to see so many people interested and that the meeting was only part of the assessment process.

"Legislation will only be introduced if there is support from community," he said. "We need to decide if this is the right thing to do. - The primary focus is to capture the views of the community."

Mr Hanger answered a number of questions from

supporters of the Rail Trail and also opponents.

Many of the questions related to the cost of establishment and ongoing maintenance versus the viability of reopening of the line for passenger and freight services.

On a number of occasions Mr Hanger said that it is 'extremely unlikely' that the line would be reopened as there is no evidence of demand for passengers or freight services.

He said that the costs involved in reopening line would be in the hundreds of millions compared to \$4m capital costs and a maintenance bill in the '\$10,000s' for the proposed rail trail.

Before any project can proceed the Government would need to undertake a cost benefit analysis and would need to be convinced that the benefits would outweigh the costs.

TOURISM TOPICS - Waitin' for the Tracks

By 1878 the chosen route for the Great Northern Rail Line from Newcastle was to go to Tamworth, then Uralla, Armidale, Exmouth- Black Mountain, Guyra, Llangothlin, Ben Lomond and to Glen Innes, eventually reaching Tenterfield with rail-width changes at Wallangarra on the Queensland border.

One other considered route was a Western loop out to Manilla, Bingara and up to Inverell, across a number of bridges associated with uncertain timings and levels of floods. (The chosen line was accurately predicted by J.J.Galloway, surveyor of New England some 30 (thirty) years earlier in 1856.)

By 1883, as the painting suggests, the humble little Railway Station was (like the workers) anxiously "waitin' for the tracks". With blood, sweat n' tears, droughts, floods, storms and blizzards the courageous teams built the impressive engineering feat of one of Australia's highest rail line extensions from Dumaresq near Armidale to Stonehenge near Glen Innes, by August, 1884. Across the road from Guyra's railway to the East, was the Royal Hotel, Police, Catholic Church and produce stores by the 1890's.

The rapid rail system would have suddenly affected society just as the Internet has done today; almost incomprehensible. Instead of a couple



of weeks to the Hunter district by bullocky, goods could be delivered in a day or two! Australia's Defence.

Forces could be strengthened and interconnected along most of the East-south East of the continent as well by the fast and well armoured Iron Horse.

Behind the railway station rests the Mother of Ducks', an upland still-water lake stretching over a 1000 acres, (400-500 hectares), with depths of fresh water reaching 4 metres.

Commercial, recreational and sporting interests have altered the original size and depth of the Lagoon occasionally since European settlement days. Drainage continues to flow from the northern end.

The easily accessible and at times priceless water supply no doubt filled the tanks in the thirsty but powerful Steam engines. Of course there was no Diesel back then. The reliable freshwater habitat would have fed the now extinct Mega-fauna, the giant herbivore and carnivore marsupials.

The abundant wildlife today complimenting the hydrophytes include insects, fish, amphibians, reptiles, echidna, marsupials plus other mammals and colourful birdlife some of which are local, some national and some fly in from the Arctic region. For hundreds and hundreds of seasons Aboriginal families have interacted and celebrated with the Mother of Ducks as well.

The painting, inspired by an old photo in Journal No 2, The Guyra and District Historical Society, 1989, together with old mate 'imagination', is a snapshot of the easily accessible Natural and Historic attractions available during a short stroll through downtown Guyra.

**Painting and article
Richard D.Stanley**

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Learning hub of our community

Guyra Central School is the learning 'hub' of our community and as educators it is our responsibility to create a safe learning environment where everyone has the opportunity to succeed. Our PBL values Pride, Respect and Responsibility defines us, defines what we value as a school. At our annual presentation night held last Thursday 7th December we acknowledged those students who have demonstrated a commitment to upholding those values. Congratulations to all who received an award at the presentation evening you have obviously taken pride in your work, respected yourself and the person who you wish to become and have taken responsibility for your own learning and personal commitment to your tasks.

It has been a great privilege for me to take on the role as Relieving Principal of this amazing school during term 4, 2017 and I very much look forward to what 2018 has to offer. After 5 years as the Principal of Norfolk Island Central School I identified Guyra Central School as the school that I would like for my next posting. I had heard that the kids and staff were great, the community very supportive and friendly and that the staff and student leadership teams were proactive. I have to say that I haven't been disappointed.

To Mrs Gillian Davis, Relieving Principal and now our substantive Deputy Principal, thank you for all of your amazing work. Your generosity during our handover has been substan-



Brodie Harman Special History prize, Sponsored by Mr Michael Evans presented by Mrs Michelle Nicholson

tial. You really are a professional, I thank you for your support.

I am extremely proud to have the opportunity to lead this great learning team and embrace being in a setting that is small enough to offer personalized learning opportunities and big enough to offer an impressive range of face to face subjects. We have the ultimate privilege to educate and interact with the whole family – Kindergarten to Year 12. I believe that this is one of our greatest strengths. We know our kids, who they are and who their family is.

In the coming days we are looking forward to receiving notification of our Year 12 Higher School Certificate results. Can I

take this opportunity to wish our students' good luck and success in everything that they aspire towards in this next exciting chapter of their lives.

Last week Mrs Gillian Davis and I had the huge privilege of spending the day with our Student Representative Council and junior AECG, around 45 students who represented the students body. We asked the group what skills and attribute our students and staff need to develop to provide maximum opportunities for all students into the future. One of the recurring themes on the day was to maximize our understanding, skill level and appropriate use of technologies.

I would like to assure all parents and students that we are

listening. Our 2018-2020 School Plan will reflect all of the contributing ideas that came from our student leaders and our community consultations. Student and community voice is very important to us at Guyra Central School and we are committed to providing opportunities for our students and the community to have a say in the education of all of Guyra's children. We understand that students should also have the opportunities to express themselves in today's technologies. We need to assist student to build creativity, problem solving, critical thinking and digital communication skills. Our plan will allocate resources to facilitate and build these skills.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank our hard working staff. I have only been here for 8 weeks and I can't tell you how many hours unpaid overtime work that I have witnessed, over the weekends and evenings, all to ensure that your children get the best possible education.

A special thank you must go out to our SASS staff working in the "engine room". Thank you for all of your efforts.

All in all I believe 2018 is going to be a very exciting and productive year at Guyra Central School. Travel safely during our school break if you are heading off. Have a great Christmas with friends and family and I look forward to seeing you all back here in 2018.

Mrs Michelle Nicholson
Relieving Principal



Claire Davidson accepts her awards from Ron Vickress



Claire Flynn Armidale Regional Council Citizenship Award presented by Mayor Simon Murray



Kyiesha Landsborough UNE-Spirit of Sport Award presented by Professor Lynda Agnew



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Expressions Of Interest close on 31st December 2017.

POSITION VACANT

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Applications for these positions close 5.00pm on Monday, 18 December 2017.

See the full position descriptions on our website at www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au

For more information contact Megan Cone on 6770 3807.



PUBLIC NOTICES

GUYRA HISTORICAL MUSEUM will be closed over Christmas/New Year and will re-open on Sunday, 14th January. Thanks to all our volunteers and all who supported us during 2017.



Join the Chamber for their 2017 Christmas celebrations ...

When: 21 December at 5:30 pm
Where: Rafters Restaurant
Finger food will be provided
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Men's Bowls

Friday December 8th saw a game of Club Fours played,

an initiative that was greatly appreciated by the match committee. Dan Kennedy, Col Stanley, Greg Mitchell, Graham Starr played Boyd Stanley, Robert Moore, David Lyes, Geoff Reeves. The game started around 4.30pm and ran through until around 9.00pm. The game was for either of the two teams to win, however Dan and his team proved too consistent for Boyd and his team with Dan and team coming out winners 20 shots to 15 shots over 21 ends.

Saturday December 9th saw a Club pairs played between Barry Presnell, Andrew Sparke and Dan Kennedy, Barry Walls. Barry and Andrew fell behind by the half way mark but Dan and Barry found that there was plenty of

bowls yet to be played. Dan and Barry held a 9 shots to 21 shots lead by end 15 but this did not stop Barry and Andrew from coming home with a wet sail, they won the final 6 ends but fell short of a win by three shots. The final score was Dan and Barry 21 shots, Barry and Andrew 18 shots after 21 ends of play.

Sunday December 10th saw a Minor Singles match played between Geoff Reeves and Roger Cox, Roger lead all the way in this game not letting Geoff take the lead at any time. Roger went on to take victory 31 shots to 24 shots over 29 ends.

Now to this weekend's Club Championships:

Saturday December 16th: Start: 1.00pm. Starter and Umpire: Robert Walls.

Open Singles: Scott Swain to play Dan Kennedy marker Robert Moore. Roger Cox to play Steven

Sole marker Barry Campbell.

Minor Singles: Ian Jacobs to play John Hamel marker Geoff Reeves. Evan Sole to play Mallie Walls marker Robert Walls.

Sunday December 17th will see the Brian Vickery Ham Day. A sheet is on the notice board so if you would like to participate in this fixture then have your names on the sheet by 12.30pm for a 1.00pm start. Box Draw pairs. Bowls shirt to be worn. Cost \$10.00 per person entry fee.

A reminder to all Bowlers that The Top of The Range Fours two day carnival will be played the weekend of Saturday January 20th and Sunday January 21st. Prize Money \$5800. Plenty of time to get your team in. For more information please ring the Guyra Bowling Club during working hours on (02) 6779 1499.

The Bowls Bandit

Ladies' Golf

A Stroke/Flag event was played last Wednesday for Jenny Roger's Trophy Day. The winner with a fine 70 nett was Karen Oehlers. Runner up was Belinda Lenehan who played some scintillating golf to finish with a 72 nett. Nearest the Pin, for the second shot on the long par 3 18th hole, was awarded to Wendy George.

Following a series of challenging matches between all golfers the finalists, for the 2017 Kirk's IGA Match Play Trophy, were Karen Oehlers and Belinda Lenehan. The winner of the closely contested match, which went through to the 21st hole of play, was Belinda Lenehan.

Next week's golf competition is a Stroke for Anita Murray's Trophy Day. On that evening we will celebrate the lady golfers' excellent year of golf with the Presentation Evening which will be held at the Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club.

The Phantom.

CRICKET SCOREBOARD Saturday, December 9th, 2017

1st Grade

Ex Services def. Guyra

Ex Services Innings

8 for 153 (CC) off 45 overs

Guyra Bowling:

BJ Cameron 1 for 35, Jake Ellis 3 for 17, Brandon Landsborough 1 for 20, Charlie Keen 1 for 32, Matt Finley 1 for 14, Nick Page 0 for 32

Guyra Innings

Matt Finley.....0
Jason Campbell.....23
Heath Dowsett.....8
BJ Cameron.....48
Charlie Keen.....2
Brandon Lansborough.....8
Troy Martin.....8
Shane Wolfenden.....4
Ben Jackson.....0
Nick Page.....not out.....3
Jake Ellis.....0
Extras.....23
Total.....125
Overs.....32.4

2nd Grade Guyra def City

Guyra Innings

Ryan Walker.....0
Zac Atkin.....12
Mal Gaukroger.....11
Keiran Wicks.....2
Jamie Vidler.....22
Peter Presnell.....not out.....32
Jake Brazier.....6
Graham Cameron.....9
Maurice Blair.....8
Andrew Page.....1
Justin Mckay.....17
Extras.....8
Total.....128
Overs.....29.2

City Innings

10 for 103 off 28.4 overs

Guyra Bowling:

Justin Mckay 2 for 19,
Maurice Blair 1 for 12, Keiran Wicks 0 for 3, Zac Atkin 0 for 15, Andrew Page 3 for 15, Peter Presnell 4 for 20

3rd Grade Guyra def Barbarians

Guyra Innings

Les Perrett.....70
Adrian Cameron.....56
Peter Ahoy.....4
Steve McElroy.....13
Simon Brown.....10
Craig Lockyer.....0
Taylor Brennan.....not out.....26
Cody Patterson.....0
Dan Stace.....5
DJ Patterson.....26
Garth Walls.....DNB
Extras.....28
Total.....8/239 (CC)

Overs.....40

Barbarians Innings 175 off 29.3 overs

Guyra Bowling:

Taylor Brennan 1 for 28, Garth Walls 3 for 30, Dan Stace 1 for 23, DJ Patterson, 1 for 20, Simon Brown 1 for 42, Cody Patterson 1 for 32



Les Perrett top scored for 3rd grade with 70 runs

Pennants win for Guyra



On Sunday 24 golfers travelled to Armidale for this year's blue ribbon event the 2017 Pennants. The team of Mick and Matt Jackson, Dick Burey, Mick Kirk, Taylor Brennan, Neil Paine, Tim and Jake Ellis bought home the Handicap Pennant, winning on a count back from another Guyra team.

Taylor Brennan had a blinder recording 62 nett to take home an individual trophy. Pat Grills also won an individual trophy on the day. Well done to all the Guyra golfers for their efforts.

The Western Workers

have come out in front in last week's midweek round with 66 points. Full House and Caspers both followed with 62 points. Ralph Jackson carded the best individual score with 20 points.

On Saturday Bruce's Bash was held with C Newberry and M Rogers winning the gross and R Burey and S Youman run-

Above l to r:

Matt Jackson, Taylor Brennan, Mick Jackson, Jake Ellis, Dick Burey, Mick Kirk and Tim Ellis

Inset: Neil Paine



ner up. The nett was won by Michael and Wendy Jackson with runners up being Meg Simpson and Belinda Lenehan.

Next Saturday will be the Westpactwo person ambrose and Sunday will be an individual stableford for John and Sue Pearson's trophy.

The Albatross.

Veteran's golf

Tuesday December 5th, 10 Veteran Golfers played a stroke event for The Reg Taylor Shield.

Ian Taylor was the winner with a score of 79 off the stick. The nett winner with 72 was Paul Redden.

Nearest the pins went to Chris Newberry on both the 7th and the 18th holes.

Tuesday December 12th, was a beautiful day and 14 Vets enjoyed playing a 4 BBB.

The winners, with a good score of 46 points were Paul Redden and Ian Taylor. The runners up were Doug Archibald and Graham White with 43 on a count-back from Jim Betts, Colin Walls, John Prisk and Terry Varley.

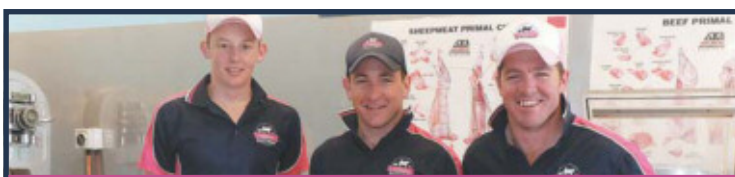
Nearest the pins were awarded to Nancy Prisk on the 7th, John Prisk the 10th and Paul Redden on the 18th.

Next week will be an Individual Stableford event, counting putts. Vets will resume on Tuesday, 3rd January 2018. That will be a stroke event for The Reg Taylor Shield.

The Vets wish everyone all the best for Christmas and the New Year and we look forward to seeing everyone out on the course in 2018, sinking putts and practicing for the Pennants game on 1st February in Uralla.

Many Thanks to Colin and Di-anne Walls for generously donating the trophies for today. The winners and runners up will enjoy their puddings and nuts.

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