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Dot is our Citizen of the Year

Tireless, hardworking, a wonderful advocate and totally dedicated, are just some of the words used to describe Dorothy 'Dot' Vickery who was named as the Citizen of the Year for Guyra at the Australia Day Awards dinner on January 25th.

Dot's long list of community involvement includes two terms on Guyra Shire Council, along with decades of support for the Cancer Council of NSW and Daffodil Day.

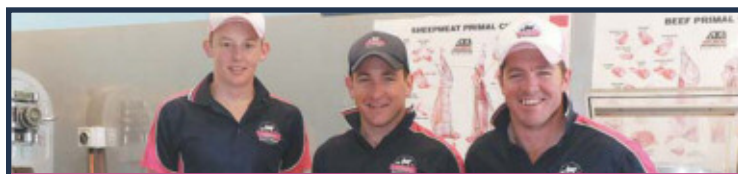
She is also the current President and has been involved with the Neighbourhood Centre for over 10 years, is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce, a supporter of the redevelopment of the Guyra Museum and a member of the Kolora Aged Care and the MPS advisory committees.

Many other organisations have also benefitted from her volunteer work.

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Armidale Regional Council Mayor Simon Murray, 2018 Citizen of the Year Dot Vickery and 2017 winner Nicole Corry



- Locally sourced Beef, Lamb & Pork
- Fresh Seafood weekly
- Private Kills
- Bulk Buy Discounts

THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS (also at Kirk's IGA)

Beef Porterhouse \$19.99 kg
Spare Ribs \$14.99 kg

Fresh Seafood:
Oysters... Prawns... Salmon



145 Bradley Street,
Guyra

Phone: 6779 1030

The Bull Ride is back at the Guyra Show

Friday 16th February
starting at 7.00pm

Non stop action ...
adrenaline charged
**Novice & Open
Bull Rides**

Also bucking ponies
for the kids
Plus calf & steer rides

Entries are
NOW OPEN
Call 6779 4597



What's HOT

FINE WEATHER for this year's Lamb and Potato Festival

CARS, CARAVANS, MACHINERY, MILITARY VEHICLES, MODEL TRAINS and great crowds on the weekend.

SCHOOL'S BACK - time to get back to normal

GUYRA SHOW - the next big event on the calendar

GREAT SUPPORT and sales at the local Art Exhibition

What's NOT

HOT DRY WEATHER - looking forward to a cool change

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

Weather WATCH

Guyra Hospital

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
23	Tues	12.3	30.5	0
24	Wed	11.7	28.7	0
25	Thurs	13.6	27.8	0
26	Fri	15.1	27.8	1.0
27	Sat	13.5	25.2	2.8
28	Sun	14.4	24.1	0
29	Mon	13.2	22.2	2.4

Rain this week	6.2mm
January rainfall	75.6mm
Rainfall YTD	75.6mm
Rainfall last YTD	186.0mm

Water treatment plant

Rainfall Registrations to 9am Monday, January 29th

Rainfall 3.5mm (64mm YTD)
Top Dam 100mm below spillway
Bott. Dam 240mm below spillway
Daily average town consumption (target 650 kl) 17612.7kl
Water Restrictions - NIL

Australia Day Awards

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Dot is a wonderful advocate for the Guyra Community, she is always the first to put up her hand to lend assistance when needed, with no task too menial for her to contribute her time and assistance.

During her time on Guyra Shire Council, she worked above and beyond to see a new aged care facility built in town and remains totally dedicated to seeing it open its doors.

In the lead up to the Armidale Regional Council election she acted as a guide and mentor to candidates, passing on her knowledge of the local area and local issues

Despite this record of involvement Dot remains humble and admits to being surprised at her award.

"I wasn't expecting this and never thought that I would be nominated, let alone win," she said.



Above: Lynne Chapman accepts the award for Community Event of the Year on behalf of the Guyra TroutFest committee with ARC Mayor Simon Murray and Scot MacDonald MLC

"Even when I received the invitation, I expected that the award was for the TroutFest which I was involved with."

"When it was announced I was blown away. I have always been involved in things - that's just what you do."

FOOTNOTE: Not only was Dot named Citizen of the Year - she also helped to set up and decorate the tables prior to the awards and then cleaned up after the presentations - a truly worthy recipient of the Citizen of the Year Award.

Proud to be Australian

Australia Day ambassador Steve Widders was the special guest at Australia Day celebrations around the Guyra district.

His visit included presenting awards at the Australia Day Awards dinner, breakfast in Ben Lomond, flagraising in Guyra and Tingha celebrations.

At each of these events he spoke on the importance of the Australia Day celebrations. He congratulated all those who received awards, thanking them for the contribution to the livelihood and wellbeing of the community.

"Today we are like many other communities across Australia that are celebrating their local identities, their local citizens their local projects and the fact that they are Australians."

"As an ambassador I take great pride in being Aus-

tralian, I take even greater pride in being an Aboriginal person and I take a lot of pride in being part of a community of Australians that have their own identity."

"We are very fortunate to enjoy everything that we have here and we must not take our standard of living for granted."

"What are we celebrating on Australia Day? Is it the freedom and the high standard of living? Is it flexibility and the fact there are no wars here? Is it the freedom of speech that we have to offer opinions?"

"We really must not take our status in Australia for granted. As Australians we all come together help our fellow Australians and we must continue to do that if we are going to survive as a country. Today we celebrate what we have and make it stronger."



Ambassador Steve Widders and Brian Irving raised the Aboriginal Flag on Australia Day

Kolora still waiting for 'finishing touches'

Armidale Regional Council has moved to allay concerns surrounding Guyra's new aged care facility.

Building works were completed late last year and residents were given a move in date of November 24th, which was then pushed back to December 2nd.

The move did not eventuate and residents and their families have had little or no communication since.

On Tuesday afternoon ARC issued a press release saying that the finishing touches are being completed and Council is planning a smooth transition for the service's residents.

Council says that communication services will be installed in coming weeks, in preparation for an official opening of the 32-bed facility in the first half of 2018.

The new \$7.5 million facility is located next to the Guyra hospital building, replacing



There is still no official date for the move into the new buildings

Kolora Aged Care's existing 22-bed complex and providing residents with more modern facilities and easier access to health services.

"We had been looking at an earlier transition to the new building but the comfort and care of the residents is our primary concern," Council's Service Leader Community and Customer Service, Krista Schmidt, said.

"Accreditation renewals for Kolora's services are due next month and we want to have all of that in place, as well as a fully completed new building, before implementing a detailed plan to move into the new facility with as little interruption and inconvenience to the residents as possible.

"Since late last year we have been liaising with residents and their families to prepare

for the move. In addition, there are a number of community groups keen to assist with the move."

Visit Council's website for updates on the project, which is being assisted by a \$1.5 million grant from the NSW Department of Health and Ageing and \$500,000 in Federal Government funding through the Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce.

110th Guyra Show

Friday & Saturday
16 & 17 February, 2018

**Photography entries ...
MUST be entered by
4.30pm on Tuesday, 6th February**

Friday

- Junior Sheep Judging
- All Breeds Heifer Show (including local Junior Judging and Paraders)
- Horse Events
- Show Jumping
- Official Opening
- Bar-U-Bar Bull Ride 7.00pm
- Pavilion open until 8.00pm

Saturday

- Pavilion open 9.00am - 5.00pm
- Simmental Cattle Feature Show
- Shearing
- Yard Dog Trials Saturday & Sunday 17th & 18th
- Wood Chopping
- Horse Events
- Show Jumping
- Fireworks
- Demolition Derby

For information about the Guyra Show:

Phone: 02 6779 1093

Email: admin@guyrashow.guyra.net

www.guyrashow.guyra.net



Show Schedules

now available at

The GALA Centre, 136 Bradley Street
Guyra



Guyra Show Society

Promoting our climate and lifestyle

What a fantastic week it was at the Lamb and Potato Festival! Congratulations to Steve Mephram and his committee. The town was so alive, especially Saturday with 1000's of people, and there was a very special vibe where ever you went.

The Guyra and District Chamber of Commerce has extended their thanks to Steve Mephram and the Lamb and Potato Festival Committee for the opportunity to have a site at the Festival.

President Aileen MacDonald said that she believes it was a fantastic opportunity to 'sell' our cool climate lifestyle.

"There was a constant stream of people and many brochures were handed out and the range of questions answered was varied and enlightening," Aileen said.

"The Chamber kept a record of where people came from and their interests. It was amazing how many people travelled really long distances especially to attend the festival, not to mention those from around the New England who took the opportunity for a day out in Guyra."

The bus tour run by the Chamber was a huge success and included two tag-along cars to cater for last minute



Armidale Regional Council and the Chamber of Commerce teamed up to promote Guyra at the Lamb and Potato Festival

bookings. The Chamber thanks the businesses that put time into entertaining the participants including Fiona and Derek Smith (Working with Nature), John Mitchell (potato grower extraordinaire), Costa Tomatoes and Dean Williams (Springwater Smoked Trout).

A special thanks to David Bearup as

the talented and highly entertaining guide, Alan Wilkinson the driver who added his special touch to entertainment, and Armidale Regional Council for the use of the bus. Guyra District Chamber of Commerce Inc. was thrilled to have this opportunity to promote Guyra.

Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale Market Report

January 24th - There was an increase in lamb supplies and a marked improvement in the condition and weights with new season lambs making up the bulk of the offering. With the deteriorating seasonal conditions producers were still prepared to offload light weight store lambs. The larger lines of Merino lambs of recent times were not available. The usual buyers were in attendance.

The improved quality and increased supply contributed to a dearer trend for both the trade weights and the heavy lambs. Average prices improved by as much as \$12/head with weight and

quality major contributors. Well finished trade weight lambs were also dearer, although the improvement was not as great. The dry conditions being experienced across most of the state saw demand for restocker lambs weaker, resulting in cheaper trends throughout of \$6 to \$7/head. Quality was a factor in some larger price change.

There was a large variation the weight and condition through the sheep with heavy crossbred ewes well supplied. Market trends were cheaper as a result of weaker demand. The well finished sheep attracted the strongest competition.

Weekly Wool Market Report



January 25th - The benchmark Eastern Market Indicator at down 57 cents this week makes for some sombre reading but there were some selected pockets of resistance to the falls. A limited selection of Superfine types along with the 22 micron indicator all gained ground whilst the 21 micron indicator held firm. Most of the downward pressure on the Merino Fleece side of the equation rested between the 18 to 20 micron types. Crossbred types had a particularly hard time of things as did the Merino Carding Indicator, dropping 12% for the week. Like last week wool displaying imperfections such as high mid breaks or carrying a high percentage of veg-

etable matter were heavily discounted. 36,430 bales were sold nationally for the week and at 14.3% the passed in rate was more than double the season's average to date. Most of this passed in wool was either Crossbred or Oddments with up to a quarter of the offering of these types failing to sell. The fall over the last two weeks has left the market at levels near the pre Christmas close. It's important to remember many micron indicators remain at near record levels with Merino types showing a 25% jump on last year's prices.



Festival blessed with fine weather

The Lamb and Potato Festival has wrapped up for another year and has been declared a resounding success once again. For the first time ever there were no interruptions due to rain, resulting in increased takings.

President Steve Mephram said that overall the committee were extremely happy with the support they received from both locals and the travelling public. This year they even had a visit from the man in charge of the country, with Barnaby Joyce dropping in during his time as acting Prime Minister.

The Vintage Van Muster attracted keen interest and is expected to return bigger and better next year.

Stallholders have also reported good sales with many already rebooked for next year's event, with the dates already locked in from January 16th to 27th, 2019.



Sasha Wilson and Josh Ward outside their vintage van at the Lamb and Potato Festival.

Guyra's Upcoming Courses

First Aid - HLTAID003

When: Sunday 11th Feb

Time: 8.30am - 4pm

Cost: \$160

First Aid Certificates are valid for 3 years.

Work at home on theory with a workbook. Complete the practical component and do the assessment in class.



Prepare & Serve Espresso Coffee -

SITXFAB005

When: Thursday 22nd Feb

Time: 9.00am - 4.30pm

Cost: \$120

Prerequisite: Safe Food Handling Level 1

Coates Hospitality Services, trading as Australian Training & Consulting (ATAC) RTO ID: 90886 will be delivering, assessing and issuing statements of attainment to students assessed as competent.

Chemical User Course - AHCCHM101A,

AHCCHM201A, AHCCHM303A, AHCCHM304A,

AHCPMG301A

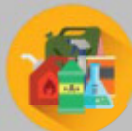
When: Wed 21st & Thurs 22nd Feb

Time: 9.00am - 4.30pm

Cost: \$370

Course delivered and assessed by: SpraySafe Training Group RTO# 90044

1/2 day re-accreditation also available



Combined Food Safety Supervisor -

SITXFSA001, SITXFSA002

When: Wednesday 21st Feb

Time: 9.00am - 4.30pm

Cost: \$150

The NSW Food Authority - Food Safety Supervisor Certificate will expire after 5 years. Delivered & assessed by ATAC RTO# 90886



Guyra Adult Learning Association Inc.
trading as

NEW ENGLAND
Community College inc
RTO# 90145

136 Bradley Street Guyra

6779 2132

admin@gala.org.au

Book Online @ www.gala.org.au

Like **New England Community College** on Facebook



Bulls are back in town

Community Noticeboard

After several years off the Guyra Show Program the Bull Ride is back! It will be held on Friday, February 16th, starting at 7pm with the Mulligan family supplying their bucking stock and arena complex. The action will be nonstop, adrenaline charged, thrill a minute, spectacle that will give show patrons and great value for money.

In addition to all this the -U- Rodeo Co, owned by Dean and Michelle Mulligan will bring their team of bucking ponies for kids to ride. This event will be a first at the Guyra show. It will be split into two age groups 8 to 12 years and 12 to 16 years.

Along with the jackpot calf rides and steer rides, the Rodeo will be headlined by the Novice and Open Bull Ride. With Bulls like Dirty Dingus McGhee and True Grit in the Novice and Open Bulls like Power & Glory, Six Barrel and Super Cool the Cowboys will more than have their work cut out for them.

Entries are now open and for all entries and enquiries please call 67794597.



Above: Bucking Pony Golden Boy will be at the Guyra Show
Below: True Grit will be in action at the Bull ride



Have your say.....

Let's make Guyra Great

We all should congratulate the organisers of this year's most successful Lamb and Potato Festival that is now winding up. We had a good selection of stalls, great lamb pies and dinners, top music, exciting rides on the "Guyra Express Train", model rail exhibitions, Holy Smoke's Fire Works, camel rides [that's a first] military vehicle displays, the art exhibition, the museum being open and the show and shine vehicle display with over 180 vehicles. There were also many more others too numerous to mention.

On Saturday, Guyra was

an absolute buzz with all the activities abounding with infectious excitement. The shops were busy, people were everywhere, the RV camping spot was chockers with vans and it occurred to me and others that we need to keep this level of activity going.

Imagine if we had the rail trail also operational and all the extra tourists that this would bring would be added to the already significant numbers coming to Guyra for this event and also throughout the year. This level of excitement is what is needed to make Guyra a destination not a spot on a map to pass by. Our accommodation providers, food and coffee shops, and the multitude of other support businesses in-

cluding service stations and pubs etc would greatly benefit from this increased exposure of Guyra along with a lift in employment opportunities.

Together, let us residents of Guyra all call upon the Guyra Business Chamber of Commerce and the Armidale Regional Council to now actively push hard for the commencement of the Rail Trail. These trails are successful all throughout Australia and Guyra can greatly benefit. Let's not be distracted by negativity. We all need to work towards making Guyra Great and putting it well and truly on the map. There is no time to lose.

*Alan St Clair
Black Mountain*

Meals on Wheels

31st January - Pamela Hart
1st February Heather Marchant
2nd Feb Lyn & Richard Skinner
5th February Kath Varley
6th Feb Don & Betty Mayled
7th February Wendy Lockyer

Street Stalls

2nd February - Guyra CWA
9th & 10 February - Guyra Machinery Group
16th February - Masonic Lodge

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 Rafters Restaurant, 6pm for 6.30pm. Ph: Aileen MacDonald 0417 079 307

Email: news@gala.org.au Mail: PO Box 170

Breakfast and a convoy at Ben Lomond

Breakfast and a convoy mark Australia Day at Ben Lomond

Ben Lomond was honoured to welcome Australia Day Ambassador Steve Widders, Mayor Simon Murray, Councillor Dianne Gray and Guyra Citizen of the Year, Dot Vickery to Ben Lomond to share the early morning Australia Day Ceremony and Breakfast with members of the community.

Both Simon and Steve addressed the gathering, and for Steve it was an interesting visit and a chance to learn some finer details of this place, where he had spent some time as a youth. Beth White read a poem entitled Australia Day by War-



ren Dakin and Anne Starr, accompanied by pianist Julie Stride, sang From the Outback to the Ocean (Words and music by Dorothy Dodd) Despite some mishaps, Guyra cyclists arrived to join us and enjoy a welcome hot cooked breakfast as did a wide representation of people

from the local community. During the afternoon of Australia Day a convoy of historic military vehicles drove from the Guyra showground to converge on Ben Lomond. They met at the Ben Lomond War Memorial Hall where they enjoyed a sumptuous afternoon tea prepared by the

Ben Lomond Hall Committee.

The vehicles made an impressive sight in the carpark area for interested visitors and locals. The visit highlighted the natural link between a War Memorial Hall and its relationship to vehicles sharing a military association. After a group photo the visitors took directions from tour co-ordinator and enthusiast, Rob Williams. Sound local knowledge allows Rob to share the diverse aspects and special places of our local district when he plans the annual trips around and about the local roads of the Guyra district, for the group.



Free Flu jabs for under fives

Children across the region between the ages of six months and five years can now get vaccinated against the flu for free.

The new \$3.5 million influenza vaccination program is being offered by the NSW Government to help avoid a repeat of last year's flu season.

Last year NSW saw more than 12,000 confirmed cases of influenza in children under five.

This program will vacci-

nate more than 400,000 children across the state, boosting protection for them, their families and the broader community.

Children who have never had a flu vaccination will need two doses, one month apart. The vaccine will cover four strains of influenza virus, two A strains and two B strains, likely to be circulating this winter.

For more information, see www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation



Get your BONUS TICKETS for the 2018 Guyra Show
These tickets are redeemable at any sideshow alley stand (Rides, Food stalls, show games etc.)
Buy a sheet of 30 \$1 bonus tickets for \$25
You must buy tickets before the show date
these tickets offer a saving of around 17%



Available for purchase at the GALA centre now until the 15th of February or until sold out

These tickets are NON-REFUNDABLE & are exclusive to the Guyra Show

Out and about - Lamb & Potato Festival



Above: Ben Lomond Hall Committee lend a hand dishing out the meals with supervisor Julie Gittoes
Left: A bird's eye view from the train



Don Williams at the Antique Machinery Rally



Festival visitors Mary Wright with Clara and Anna Bradford



Roy Bennett, Jeanette Jarvis and Elisabeth Wilson



Enjoying an evening meal at the Festival

Super Saturday a winner



The Guyra Automotive Club's Show and Shine was the big attraction on the final weekend of the Festival, attracting visitors from far and wide. Combined with the Military Vehicles, Vintage Vans and Motorcycles, Bradley Street was filled to capacity with 180 vehicles and thousands of spectators.

Car Club Trophies

Motorbike

Ian Hoopert Glen Innes

Top 10 cars

(no particular order)

Ian Dunstan

(Coutts Crossing)

John King (Iluka)

Troy Hillier (Tenterfield)

David Ware (Tenterfield)

Allan Pym (Narrabri)

Bob Howell (Armidale)

John Townsend

(Glen Innes)

Angus Maxwell

(Tamworth)

Ken Love (Armidale)

Scott Austin (Inverell)



1975 Holden Monaro exhibited by Brad Lane



Trophy Presentations by Matt Pennycuik from Shannons



Guyra Automotive Club members Ray Sweeney, Greg Tibbs and John Chaffey



PUBLIC NOTICES

GUYRA HISTORICAL MUSEUM will be open on Sundays from 11am to 3pm. Enquiries 6779 2132

GUYRA SHOW will be held on Friday & Saturday, 16th & 17th February. Yard Dog Trials are on 17th & 18th February.

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9am to 5pm
For appointments
Phone 6779 1399

PENSIONER VOUCHERS

Dr John Cividin BDS
99a Bradley St Guyra, NSW

COMMUNITY MEETING

When: **THURSDAY**, 1st February

Time: 6.00pm

Where: The GALA Centre

Why: Kolora

Are you interested in forming a community based entity to operate Guyra's new aged care facility?

Then come along to this meeting.

Enquiries: 6779 2132



WYCOMBE ANNUAL ON PROPERTY RAM SALE

34th Annual Ram & 1st X Ewe Sale

TUESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2018

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Victor Moar - 0413 014 443

Luke Heagney - 0459 044 447

Vendor: Andrew Coddington
0421 860 066



FREE LEGAL ADVICE CLINIC

The Hub at Guyra
160 Bradley Street
Friday, 2nd February
10:00am to 12:30pm

- Have you recently separated?
- Do you owe someone money?
- Are you looking to update your Power of Attorney or Enduring Guardianship?

These are just some problem types our Principal Solicitor can assist with - **FREE of charge.**

We are offering free legal advice to the Guyra community on the 1st Friday of every month.

Phone now for your
FREE appointment on
1800 687 687

RETURN THANKS

JEFFREY NORMAN (JEFF) ARCHIBALD 7th January 2018

The family of the late Jeffrey Archibald wish to extend our sincere thanks for your many kindnesses and condolences and for the support we have received.

Our thanks also to Dr Jey, Dr Sen and all the staff at the MPS. Please accept this as our personal thanks.

Nancy and family

JOAN McELROY 6-10-1927 - 16-12-2017

Barry and Ian McElroy and their families wish to thank relatives and friends for their cards, visits, phone calls and messages of sympathy following the death of their mother, Joan McElroy, and for attending her funeral.

To the management and staff at Kolora, Dr Jey, Dr Sen, staff at the Guyra MPS and Piddingtons, thank you for your care and kindness.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.

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110th Guyra Show

NEW MARCH 4TH Guyra Cricket Club
SUPER SIXES competition.

CLAIM THE DATE
For your function
or event **NOW!**
Phone: 6779 2132

Men's bowls

With no Club Championships played over the weekend I can report on the Guyra Bowlers Australia Day Pairs. There was a great turn out for the first playing of this event. I have only the final results and they are: First place, taking home the Half Lamb, was the team of Chris Kliendienst and Joanne Presnell. Runners Up were Evan Sole and Murray Bourke who took home a leg of lamb. Congratulations to the organisers for the foresight in putting this event on.

Now to this week ends Club Championships: Saturday February 3rd: Start: 1.00pm. Starter and Umpire: David Wilcox.

Open Singles: Barry Walls to play John McIlwain marker David Wilcox. Wayne Reeves to play Peter Brodbeck marker Andrew Sparke.

Sunday February 4th: Start: 1.00pm. Starter and Umpire: Geoff Reeves.

Open Singles: Boyd Stanley to play Chris Kliendienst marker Barry Campbell. Scott Campbell to play Col Stanley marker Geoff Reeves.

Minor Singles: Michael Jackson to play Cameron Peardon marker Roger Cox.

Any markers unable to fulfil their commitments Saturday and Sunday are required to find their own replacement.

A reminder to those that entered New England District Bowling Association events that the draw is now on the notice board.

For further information please contact the Club during working hours.

The Bowls Bandit.

Ladies' golf

An individual Stableford competition was played on Wednesday 24th January and we were pleased to welcome Jenni Jackson among the 12 keen competitors. Julie Walker won the event with 38 points with Donna White runner up on 37 points.

Wendy George shot nearest the pin on the 7th - 677cm

from the flag.

Students go back to school this week, so now is a good time for Mums to come down to the Guyra Golf course for a game on Wednesday, as we begin at 9:30 am and finish well before 3:30 pm.

The Phantom

Men's golf

Last week's midweek scores saw TWG on top with 64 points with Meg Simpson, Pat Grills and Nancy Prisk all scoring 18 points. A good field turned out for the Australia Day ambrose with D Vidler and T Starr taking the honours and A Dittman and B Waters were runners up. Nearest to the pins went to S Kliendienst on the 7th and 10th, S Brennan claimed the 18th with D Vidler hitting the longest drive. Sunday's competition was won by J Prisk with B Coppock runner up nearest to the pins were L Stanley on the 7th, B Coppock on the 10th and C Newberry on the 18th.

Next Sunday will be an 18 hole par for a club trophy as well as the monthly mug.

The Albatross

Vets Golf

On Tuesday 13 Vets played a 4 Ball Best Ball. It was good to have Evan Sole and Phil Devlin play with us. We hope they will become regular players.

The winners, with a score of 43 points, were Mr Straight Down the Middle, Doug Archibald and his grateful partner, Nancy Prisk.

The runners-up were Neil Paine and Ian Taylor with 41. Nearest the pins were won by Ian Taylor on the 7th and Terry Varley on the 10th and the 18th.

Many thanks go to the two gentlemen who towed someone's buggy home when she ran out of petrol!

On Thursday we will be going to Uralla for the first Vets' Pennants Game for 2018. We have a great team of 27 very keen Vets traveling to

Jack wins at Open Campdraft at Armidale



Local Campdraft competitor Jack Davidson riding Tiara owned by Guyra locals Keith & John Portas, winners of the Burtons Saddlery Open Campdraft at the weekend.

Pictured l to r: John Burton - Burtons Saddlery and John Portas with Jack Davidson on Tiara.

Uralla, so we hope to have some good scores.

Thursday, 13th February will be our turn to host the Pennants, so please keep that date free. Contact Nancy Prisk on 0438791057 if you are able to play.

The Vet

Sports Council

A reminder for all sporting groups that the Guyra Sports Council meeting is on Wednesday January 31st at the Bowling Club starting at 6pm.

A good roll up is needed to ensure Guyra has a strong voice at the Armidale Sports Council and to ensure that Guyra projects continue to be funded.



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Gazette Sport

Sport's high achievers honoured



Guyra Sports Award winner Kelsie Youman with Adam Marshall MP and ARC Mayor Simon Murray

The Australia Day award for Contribution to Sports and Recreation was this year presented to Guyra Junior Rugby League President Gina Lockyer. Gina was nominated for her behind the scenes work for the club. She ensures all the jobs are done and doesn't leave tasks for someone else to complete. Gina also offers her time to other sports and helps with community events in Ben Lomond.

Kelsie Youman has once again been recognised for her sporting achievements, taking out the Junior Sports Award. Kelsie had a busy

year in athletics which included representing Australia at the Oceanic Games in Fiji.

She won a gold medal in the 4 x 400m relay, when the team set an Oceanic record, and snared an individual silver in the 800m.

Kelsie was part of the NSW team at the Australian Athletics Championships, contesting the 800m and the 2000m steeplechase.

Her precious medal collection was bolstered by winning medals at the NSW Junior Athletics Championships, Combined High Schools Athletics Champi-



Contribution to Sport winner Gina Presnell with Steve Widders

onships, NSW Country State Athletics Championships and NSW Relay Championships

She also donates considerable time to help coach younger Guyra athletes

The Tingha Sports Award (Junior) was awarded to Andrea Livermore. Andrea had a successful 2017 in track and field and in League Tag football.

She was a leading player in the Tingha team that won the regional Minor League Junior League Tag premiership, scoring 18 tries for the season despite missing six weeks with a broken collar-



Tingha Sports Award winner Andrea Livermore

bone.

She went on to be the first person to be named the Tingha Minor League Tigris of the Year two years in a row.

Andrea also represented the North West region at the State primary schools athletics championships, contesting the 200m for girls aged 12-13.

She is a positive role model for young women in the Tingha community and her achievements led her to win Tingha Public School's Senior Sports Person Award.

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