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Totems unveiled



Above l to r: Lakhwinder Kaur, Cr Simon Murray, Kristy Hammond, Nellie Blair, Brian Irving, Jenny Smith, Tarmala Smith, Cr Brad Widders

Aboriginal totem poles now welcome visitors at the entrance to McLean Care Kolora. The totem poles, which were unveiled last week, are a thank you gesture from local artist Brian Irving.

Brian has lived in Guyra since he was four and the 'Welcome to Country' totems commemorate his grandfather, the Kamilaroi people, and the community of Guyra.

The works were unveiled in

honour of all people who helped him in his life in Guyra.

They are also a thank you to local businesses and people who supported firstly his mother and then himself

when they came to Guyra.

Brian has fond memories of those people who first welcomed his family to Guyra, many of who are now residents in Kolora.

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Ripe for a Reno \$170,000



Located in South Guyra on a flat elevated 1012 m2 block this weatherboard home has great bones and would make the perfect investment or first home. If you are looking for a summer project then this could fit the bill, with new floor coverings and a paint job this house will shine.

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**The story of Australia
Is the story of me
It's the story of you
It's the story of we**

**In parts it is painful
In parts it is raw
In others it's beautiful
Inspiring great awe**

**It tells of many people
From far and wide
And those who've been here
Since the beginning of time**

**It brings us together
And tears us apart
We all have our views
So where do we start
By listening to each other
And sharing our part**

We're all part of the story.



Australia Day

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

Macca back in Guyra

If you are a fan of ABC Radio's Sunday-morning Australia All Over program or if you simply love a good yarn, this Sunday you will get the chance to catch up with Ian 'Macca' McNamara in person. Each year the popular presenter does around five to ten outside broadcasts and so Guyra is extremely lucky to have been chosen.

Macca says he is coming to Guyra to help raise the spirits because like many towns around Australia he is aware that we have been doing it tough for the last six months. He said he is looking forward to doing his Australia Day broadcast from the Guyra Showground.

It is not his first visit, having previously broadcast from the Guyra Community Hall in September 1994. That visit saw the hall filled to capacity with an overflow outside and an estimated crowd of 2000.

Dave Bearup was instrumental in arranging that first visit and has kept in touch with Macca encouraging him to pay a return visit. His efforts have paid off and will hopefully give Guyra residents a chance to share some stories from what has been the worst drought on record and a period where bushfires have hit close to home.

"I think it will be good to have him back because what is happening in Guyra is a reflection of what is happening in many small towns right across Australia," Dave said. "It has been a very trying time and we have done it tough like lots of towns this year, but tough years make you stronger. This is our chance to put the focus on our town so come along, bring some friends and spread the word to give Macca a warm welcome."

"He has a way of getting people to talk as he roves around during these broadcasts so be pre-



Ian 'Macca' McNamara will broadcast his show from Guyra on Australia Day

pared to share your story," he said. "Bring a chair to sit on and we will have a BBQ breakfast ready so you can sit back and enjoy the experience."

Macca will broadcast from the Guyra Showground from 6am to 10am this Sunday January 26th. The visit coincides with the Lamb and Potato Festival and with a lot of visitors already in town, expect a big crowd and plan to be there early for the best seat.

Totems unveiled (cont)

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He is also grateful for the support offered by businesses who gave his mother credit during tough times, and helped him on his way when he was old enough to enter the workforce.

"This is my way of giving back, it's something that's going to be here for eternity, really," he said. "It's going to be a part of our little town, which is the one place that I want to live. I'm happy here and I couldn't live anywhere else."

Registered nurse Lakhwinder Kaur thanked Mr Irving for the donations on behalf of Kolora residents, family members, and staff. She said that they are a really beautiful gesture, and representation of the culture.

ARC was represented by councillors Simon Murray and Brad Widders. Cr Murray thanked Brian for the work that he put into the poles.

"It's very fitting that Brian, who has been in Guyra for so long, has dedicated these back to the community. It's very touching for all the community to come see this."

**Come and see
"Macca"
at the Showground
this Sunday
26th January
broadcasting
'Australia All Over'
6am - 10am
BBQ breakfast
BYO chair**

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MUSHROOMS scattered across the countryside following the rain

LAMB & POTATO FESTIVAL - lots happening this weekend. Music and markets stalls open every day

AUSTRALIA ALL OVER in Guyra on Australia Day - meet Macca and the team at the Showground from 6am on Sunday



With just two weeks notice in September 1994, Guyra mobilised to provide a venue that was voted the best presented venue by the ABC team.

The Community Hall took on a rural theme with decorations of wattle, gum, hay, potatoes, farm implements, lambs and even an outback dunny.

The show featured a performance by Guyra's very own 'Bundy Bush Band'.



As part of his 1994 visit Macca officially opened the newly built CG Mitchell and Co (now Guyra Fuels) shed.

Duties included wheeling the very last bag of spuds from the old shed and unveiling a plaque (left) to commemorate the occasion. Pictured above are Greg, May, Rod and Phil Mitchell with Macca

What's **NOT**

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS coming to a close

QUOTE of the week

Some people feel the rain. Others just get wet.

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
14	Tues	9.9	24.6	0
15	Wed	13.7	24.1	0
16	Thurs	14.7	23.3	20.0
17	Fri	13.0	20.0	16.0
18	Sat	13.2	16.8	25.6
19	Sun	14.0	23.7	9.4
20	Mon	15.5	27.0	1.2

Rain this week	72.2 mm
Jan. rainfall	118.4mm
Rainfall YTD	118.4mm
Rainfall last YTD	47.6 mm
Ave. rain to Jan.	121.3mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Citizen of the Year Honour Roll

1981	Herb Williamson	1996	Marjorie Glasser	2009	Max Handebo
1982	Frank Presnell OAM	1997	David Bearup	2010	Eric Heagney
1983	Fr. Dave Perrett	1998	Beverley Handebo		and Jill Stewart
1984	Gilbert White OAM	1999	Dr. Surendra Sharma	2011	Sharyn Holt
1985	Dorothy Lockyer	2000	Doug & Kay Hourigan	2012	Dorothy Every
1986	Lynne Chapman	2001	Netta Starr	2013	Fr. Anthony Koppman
1987	Lorraine Hills	2002	Brian Irving	2014	Rita Williams
1988	Royce Newbury	2003	Bill & Judy Wicks	2015	Robert (Bob) Vidler
1989	Anne Woods		and Dennis Saunders	2016	Gwen Williams
1990	Guyra VRA	2004	Maurice Rohrsheim	2017	Nicole Corry
1991	Lucy Ivey	2005	Nancy Davidson	2018	Dorothy Vickery
1992	Ivil Reid	2006	Sheila Sewell	2019	Aileen MacDonald
1993	Geoff & Anne Thrift	2007	Marjorie Fowler		
1994	Joe George	2008	Edward (Ted) Mulligan		
1995	Cynthia Williams OAM		OAM		

2020 Citizen of the Year nominees

Nominations for Australia Day Awards in Guyra have unearthed four quality candidates for this year's top honour. Chris Sole, Dianne Burey, Sue Adams and Julie Stride have been nominated for their service to the community over many years.

The winner will be announced at a dinner being held at the Guyra Bowling Club this Saturday. Awards will also be handed out in a range of other categories including Young Citizen of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year, Contribution to Sport, Community Event of the Year, Community Service and Art & Culture.

Chris Sole



Chris is a valued member of the Guyra Show Society, where he has held the position of treasurer for over 15 years. During this time Chris also undertook the President's position from 2011-2014 while still remaining Treasurer.

He has established a strong co-operative relationship with his fellow members of the Show committee, and is willing to help out where required, be it the barbecue, bar, or at working bees.

Chris has also been treasurer for the Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club and the Guyra Rugby Union Club for a number of years, assisting with all financial aspects of the organisations.

Chris also volunteers at a number of community events

including the Lamb and Potato Festival, and gives freely of his time to many community organisations as he audits their books.

Sue Adams



Sue is a warm caring person who volunteers in a large number of community organisations. She is well known and respected throughout the Guyra community and is passionate about helping anyone in need. Sue is always on call and willing to give her time to train and mentor other volunteers. She is never judgemental and respects and maintains the privacy of others.

Sue is a long term member of Can Assist and has been secretary for five years, liaising with clients and oncology nurses in the region. She is also a member of the St Vincent de Paul Guyra Conference (serving as President for four years), Catholics Women's League (President and does pastoral work) Sue also volunteers monthly with Meals on Wheels.

She runs weekly exercise groups for Guyra Home Support Services, founded the Healthy Highlanders exercise group and convenes the Heart Foundation Walking Group. She is also a long-time member and former President of the Garden Club, and a long-time member of the Neighbourhood Centre and Guyra Community Garden.

Julie Stride



A resident of Ben Lomond, Julie makes significant contributions to the community. Through working the manual telephone exchange until 1989, her long-time relationship with the local community encompassed a largely incalculable and unrecognised component of community service.

Across the years and currently, Julie continues as a pivotal part of the planning and coordinating committee for the annual ANZAC Day, Australia Day and Christmas Carol ceremonies in Ben Lomond. As a competent musician Julie underpins such events. She also coordinates the hall's piano maintenance. She has always been a part of past school performances, has contributed to the Guyra Combined Churches' Choir and is regularly called on for additional musical interludes on other occasions such as the Ben Lomond Winter Fair, Fashion Parade and the Anglican Christmas Eve Service.

Julie is advisor, collaborator and provider for a variety of Ben Lomond Hall catering activities, from a small afternoon tea, through to full wedding catering and everything in between. In addition, Julie provides an annual audit for some community organisations for which she no longer has a direct affiliation, but a sound

understanding because of past involvement, community interest and knowledge – such as P & C, RFS and Ben Lomond Water Users Group.

Over many years Julie has served the Glen Innes and Guyra Show Committees as a steward in the sewing and handicraft sections in the pavilion, also judging by invitation at other district shows.



Dianne Burey

Dianne has made a significant contribution to the community through her volunteer work. She was a volunteer at the Guyra Central School canteen for thirteen years from 1991 until 2003. She also served two terms as President of the Guyra Central School P & C Association.

Dianne has been a head steward of the Jams & Preserves for the Guyra Show Society since 1999, is the current treasurer of the Guyra Uniting Church and has volunteered at the Lamb and Potato Festival for 20 years. She has been a member of the Guyra Hospital Auxiliary for 17 years and served three terms as President and is currently the Vice President.

Her ongoing contribution to the community continues to benefit a wide range of people within the community. She is a tireless worker who always gives 100% of any task she takes on.

Meals on Wheels

January 23rd Sue Adams
January 24th Stephen Adams
January 27th NEM Staff
January 28th Pam Hart
January 29th Noreen Williams

Street Stalls

January - No stalls scheduled
Feb 7th & 8th Masonic Lodge
Feb 13th Can Assist
Feb 15th Westpac Helicopter

Church Notices

St James Anglican

Sunday 9am Morning Service, 1st Sunday of the month Backwater 2pm, 3rd Sunday of the month Ben Lomond 11.30am

St Mary's Catholic

Saturday Mass 6pm in Guyra, Sunday 9am, 1st Sunday of month Ben Lomond, 3rd Sunday Wards Mistake, otherwise Guyra 7am Wards Mistake, 9am Guyra Father Stephen O'Shea

St Columba's Presbyterian

Guyra Sunday 9.00am, Ben Lomond Service, first Sunday of even-numbered months, 2.00pm Rev Andrew Campbell, Ph. 0447 724 536

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, Thursday 7pm

Food Pantry - 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday of month 10am-12pm, then 1pm-2.30pm

Linden & Kerrie Pollard Ph.0412 532 883.

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: Geoff Reeves 6779 1257

ROTARY CLUB dinner meetings 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month 6pm for 6.30pm. Ph: Aileen MacDonald 0417 079 307



ABOVE:

Peter Hansen, Ron Lockyer, Carina Francis (JHR) and Vicki Oszko (Dept of Transport), John Springall, Ashley Harper

So far at this Lamb and Potato Festival, more than 800 passengers have enjoyed the ride on the Guyra Heritage Train. The train rides, which have been a popular attraction for many years, almost didn't happen.

The licence to run the train, which was previously held by the Antique Machinery Group, had lapsed and the Guyra Historical Society stepped in to ensure that the train was kept on track.

However, before they could go ahead the Historical Society had to complete paperwork to satisfy all WHS and regulatory requirements. Over the past 18 months they have completed the documentation and rewritten risk assessments which then had to be sent for approval.

The good news is that the Guyra Heritage Train has now officially become a part of the Guyra and District Historical Society and this is the first time it has run under the new arrangement.

Over the weekend, repre-

sentatives from the John Holland Rail and the NSW Department of Transport carried out an inspection to see for themselves how the train operates.

Representatives Carina Francis (JHR) and Vicki Oszko (Dept of Transport) visited the Festival to see the ride in operation and they were suitably impressed with Ron Lockyer and his team.

On Wednesday January 22nd, two representatives from the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator (ONRSR) will also be reviewing the operation to ensure it meets regulatory requirements.

The ride is currently only operating a short run however plans are now underway to have the train travelling the full 1.82km journey past the railway station.

PET OF THE WEEK



Padding is a sweet playful kitten looking for a home. She is litter trained and is approximately 9 weeks old.

Padding has been in care since she was 6 weeks old. She has 4 sisters that are also looking for homes. So please send us a text (0423 685 694) or message the Friends Of Fred Face Book page for more information.

Padding is \$150 to adopt. This includes desexing, vaccination, microchipping, worming and flea treatment.

**Phone/text Friends of
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Mayor's Message

Festival celebrations, welcome significant rain and gushing waterfalls – the past week brought a succession of good news for the region.

Guyra's biggest annual event, the Lamb & Potato Festival, kicked off on Thursday and has enjoyed healthy crowds despite the arrival of several days of highly anticipated rain at about the same time.

It's been fantastic to see the locals supporting many of the festival events and the high number of travellers stopping in to enjoy the produce and activities on offer, including Saturday's Drought Relief Concert held in the

main street and supported by Council.

There is still plenty to taste, see and experience before the 34th annual Lamb & Potato Festival winds up on 27 January and I encourage everyone to enjoy this wonderful community-driven event.

Some other major drawcards for the region sprang back to life last week, with water finally cascading over our iconic waterfalls. Dangars Gorge and the Wollomombi Falls were back to their vertiginous and thundering best after being dry for several months. Their return should also restore a flow of visitors to our region to enjoy the incredible natural landscapes of our New England High Country.

While days of steady rain have resurrected local creeks and replenished dams on many farms, they have brought only a slender reprieve so far for our town water supply. Levels in Malpas Dam and Guyra Dams have only increased very slightly – bringing only a few

weeks of extra water supply – and we all need to continue the great work to save water under the ongoing Level 5 restrictions. The fact we've seen run-off into the dams for the first time in many months indicates the rain did restore reasonable levels of moisture to surrounding land. With forecasts of thunderstorms this weekend, there is now great potential for follow-up rain to bring flows into the Malpas and Guyra dams.

A busy period of activity continues this weekend when Australia Day celebrations are held throughout our region. See the advertisement on this page for the times and locations of local Australia Day activities. High-profile journalist, author and football fan Liz Deep-Jones will be a wonderful Australia Day Ambassador for our region, and I look forward to travelling with her to each of the local events.

Simon Murray

AUSTRALIA DAY IN GUYRA 26 JANUARY

**26
January**

**Ben Lomond
Breakfast**

**Memorial Hall
at 7am**

Australia Day
Ambassador
Liz Deep-Jones

25 January

**Australia Day
Awards Dinner**

**6.30pm at
Bowling Club**

26 January

**Guyra Flag
Raising
Ceremony**

**Rotary Park
9.30am**



Burrumbuttock Hay Run

Burrumbuttock Hay Runners will deliver hay to Armidale region farmers on Saturday 25 January and temporary road closures will be in place:

- Kirkwood Street, between Canambe Street and Taylor Street
- Dumaresq Street, between Canambe Street and Kennedy Street
- Canambe Street, between Dumaresq Street and Kirkwood Street

Further closures will be in place for Canambe Street on Sunday 26 January while farmers pick up hay allocations.

Hay runners will exit the New England Highway/ Glenn Innes Road roundabout and merge onto Erskine Street to the traffic lights.

To control traffic congestion, hay runners will travel two routes to the showground:

- through the Erskine Street traffic lights, right onto Taylor Street and left into Kirkwood Street to the showground
- right at Erskine Street traffic lights onto Marsh Street, left into Dumaresq Street to showground

Guyra 2020 Street Stall schedule

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday 7 February - Masonic Lodge • Saturday 8 February - Masonic Lodge • Thursday 13 February - Can Assist • Saturday 15 February - Westpac Rescue Helicopter • Friday 21 February - Guyra Hospital Auxilliary • Thursday 5 March - Guyra Hospital Auxilliary | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday 6 March - Masonic Lodge • Saturday 7 March - Masonic Lodge • Friday 13 March - Westpac Rescue Helicopter • Thursday 19 March - Anglican Women • Friday 20 March - Presbyterian Church • Thursday 26 March - Antique Machinery | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday 27 March - Hospital Auxilliary • Friday 3 April - Masonic Lodge • Saturday 4 April - Masonic Lodge • Thursday 16 April - Lions Club • Friday 17 April - Lions Club • Saturday 18 April - Lions Club |
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COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 26 February 2020 at the Armidale Council Chambers, 135 Rusden St, from 4pm.

Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Wednesday 22 January 2020

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Apply now for special disaster grants

Local farmers affected by the recent bush fires can now apply for a Special Disaster Grant of up to \$75,000 to help pay for recovery costs thanks to a joint initiative by the State and Federal Governments.

Northern Tablelands MP and Minister for Agriculture Adam Marshall said primary producers devastated by the fires needed support to get back on their feet as quickly as possible.

“Along the range our farmers have faced crippling drought and ferocious fires and this money is critical to keep them on the land and give them hope for the future,” Mr Marshall said.

“Emergency services and volunteers, including many impacted primary producers, are outstanding in emergency situations and we need to make sure we are as vigilant in recovery as we are in the face of disaster.

“The last thing people need to worry about at the moment is filling in forms. That is why we have made this a streamlined

process with minimal paper work so people who need money, get money with minimal fuss,” Mr Marshall said.

“To receive the grant, farmers need only demonstrate they are primary producers, their property is within the fire zone and demonstrate their property was damaged, by submitting five photographs of the damage – that’s it.”

Mr Marshall said by simplifying the application process, affected primary producers would benefit from an immediate injection of recovery funding.

“Putting money back in people’s pockets as soon as possible will allow affected communities to focus on rebuilding and repairing crucial infrastructure, like fences, treating, euthanising or burying livestock, as well as buying much-needed fodder or re-seeding pasture,” he said.

“This also means that primary producers who may have already accessed up to \$15,000 under the scheme can now apply for additional funds,

bringing the total available to \$75,000.

“The fires have caused significant damage to our region and affected everyone from beef and lamb producers to horticulturists and this support will bring some much needed relief and help put people on the path to recovery.”

The Special Disaster Grant is administered through the NSW Rural Assistance Authority (RAA) and available to eligible, fire-affected primary producers within Category C declared Local Government Areas (LGAs) since 31 August 2019.

To apply for the Special Disaster Grant visit the website www.raa.nsw.gov.au or call 1800 678 593 to speak to the RAA. Service NSW Service Centres are able to assist producers with information.

This assistance is provided through a joint Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement between states and territories and the Commonwealth Government.

For a full list of Category C

declared LGAs please visit <https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/disaster-assistance/disaster-recovery-grants/bushfires>

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Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

January 15th - There was a very small yarding of 300 lambs and 500 sheep with rain forecasts and the previous large sell off impacting numbers. There will be a sale on January 22nd and then fort-

nightly from then on.

Despite the low numbers the regular processors were in attendance. There was increased restocker competition in the sheep market. There were small numbers in each lamb

categories. Weight increases accounted for the price improvement in the young lambs.

Merino lambs sold on a firm to slightly cheaper market trend. Processors struggled for numbers in the sheep market.

Market trends close to firm. The increased restocker competition saw the plain condition Merino ewes sell to dearer trends with strong improvement in the better quality lines.

Armidale Cattle Sale

January 16th - There was a slightly reduced penning brought about by forecasts of significant rainfall. Half of the offering was made up by cows, with bulls providing a further 10%. The condition was mostly plain with a few better pens throughout. The usual processors were in attendance.

Restockers showing great resilience were extremely active. Light weight young cattle to restockers sold to dearer trends with calves and light weight vealer steers improving by in excess of 100c/kg. Yearling steers to restockers experienced significantly dearer trends with some improvement in quality. Those

dearer trends also carried into the heifer yearlings. Lightly muscled grown heifers attracted strong demand from restockers with breed and age related price variation.

There were dearer trends through the cow market with restockers and a feedlot order competing strongly. The 1 and 2 score cows attracted strong gains. Increased demand from processors saw the limited supply of well finished cows sell to a dearer trend of 10c/kg. Heavy bulls saw price improvements of between 30c and 50c/kg with some quality improvement and a larger processor presence.

Weekly Wool Sales

January 17th - Wool sales resumed this week after Christmas recess, with a national offering of 52,261 bales. The market opened on Tuesday with Sydney and Melbourne selling in parallel.

From the opening bid it was evident that a large price rise was imminent. At the end of the first day all merino micron categories had risen between 90 to 140 cents. The EMI increased 79 cents the largest daily rise in the EMI since September last year.

On Wednesday, Fremantle joined Melbourne and Sydney and saw increases of a similar scale to those recorded on the Eastern seaboard. Wednesday also saw the market open in Syd-

ney and Melbourne on a firm note, but midway through the sale some buyers were starting to reduce their limits as their orders filled, it was evident that a softer tone was starting to creep into the market.

On Thursday the downward trend continued in Melbourne and Fremantle with the EMI losing 34 cents. Despite the losses on the final day the EMI still recorded an overall positive movement for the week of 51 cents, closing at 1609 cents. It was interesting to note that most of the fall on the Thursday was in the first half hour of sales with the market holding firm after the initial drop.

Art Exhibition branches out

A fresh new approach has reinvigorated the Art Exhibition running in conjunction with the Lamb and Potato Festival. Previously the exhibition had run during the festival with collaborative works by local artists Kay Smith and Brian Irving. With Kay and Brian unable to commit to a full exhibition, the Guyra CWA Evening Branch took on the organisation of the exhibition and opened it up to outside artists, bringing in some sculpture as well.

Their efforts were rewarded with the exhibition attracting over fifty pieces of hanging art and close to thirty pieces of sculpture. There is still lots of local input and diversity with works by visiting artists from Boggabilla, Bonville, and Glen Innes.

An official opening held at the GALA Centre on Friday, January 17th attracted a larger than expected crowd with around 50 people in attendance. Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall declared the exhibition open for business and congratulated the organisers for hosting an incredibly successful exhibition.

"It was wonderful to see a good crowd turnout for opening night to admire the art and talk about our favourite topic at the moment – rain," Mr Marshall said. "For a small community, there is so much local artistic talent, and it is well worth a visit."

The Art Exhibition will remain open until Monday, January 27th and is open daily between 10am and 3pm. Mem-



Above | to r: Simon Murray, Anne Starr, Michael Colvin, Morgan Woods, Leonie Hawkins, Rebecca Smith, Daria Hadley, Adam Marshall, Kay Smith and Brian Irving
Below: Dot Lockyer, Norm Williams, Jan Day and Heather Starr

bers of the CWA Evening branch will be on hand to show you around and assist if you would like to make a purchase. They are pleased with the response so far and have already made a number of sales and are also taking votes the People's Choice Award – you can vote for your favourite piece and the winner will be presented at the end of the exhibition.



Australia Day Dinner - Saturday, 25th January

6.30pm at Guyra Bowling & Recreation Club

Tickets \$25

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MEETINGS

GUYRA SHOW SOCIETY meeting will be held on Wednesday, 29th January at the Secretary's office, Guyra Showground at 6.30pm.

SHOW SCHEDULES

GUYRA SHOW SCHEDULES are available at The GALA Centre, 136 Bradley Street. Phone 6779 2132.

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Uralla Showgrounds
commencing at 11.30am

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Riders show improvement at camp

The annual Guyra Pony Camp which was held in early January was down on numbers this year with only 45 riders attending.

This was largely attributed to the current weather conditions with many members out fighting fires on their properties in the week prior to the commencement of camp.

Despite such trying conditions, we had a number of fantastic instructors throughout the week. Those attending un-

dertook a number of different disciplines such as showjumping, campdrafting, sporting, dressage, mounted games, show riding, stock horse events, horsemanship and polocrosse.

The children improved remarkably over the week, with some children coming off the lead and others learnt to trot and canter independently.

Some of the majors results from the camp are:

Most Improved Rider - Elkie

Berti, Highest Pointscore Under 9 years - Joshua Bourke, Highest Pointscore 9 yrs & Under 17 - Darcy Grills, Champion Hack - Charlie Ward, Champion Rider - Charlie Ward, Outstanding Citizenship - Robert Sisson.

Vicki and Richard Light were also presented with life membership badges for their contributions and service to the club over the past 20 years.

Renee Bourke



Above left:
Charlie Ward presented by Tom Schaefer

Above right:

Joshue Bourke presented by life member Penny Grills

Left:

Darcy Grills presented by life members Richard and Vicki Light

Below left:

Elkie Berti presented by Mara Grills

Below right:

Justin Schaefer Memorial Champion Guyra rider Robert Sission with Penny Grills

Photos by Michelle Mckemey

Ladies' Golf

On 15th January Pip White won the Stroke event with a fine 69 net. Julie Walker was runner up on 70 net. Shona Mulligan won the putting competition with 30 putts. Nearest the Pins on the 7th were Pip White and Meg Simpson and the 9th Debbie Burey and Karen Oehlers.

Set down on the Program for 22nd January is a Par event followed by a General Meeting. Donna White is the starter. It's Bring a Friend Ambrose on 29th January. Starter is Wendy Jackson. Let us know if you would like to have a hit at golf. We welcome all interested players.

The Phantom

Vets Golf

Tuesday the 15th saw a nice cooler day for golf. The greens are improving as the season improves. Fifteen players competed in a Four Ball with the winners, Len Stanley and Don Campbell combining for a score of 48. They were closely followed by the swinging teams of Ian Taylor and Paul Redden, and Ian Taylor and Ken Fuller, both with a score of 47.

Nearest the Pins, both on the 7th was Kim Shaw the first 9 and Herb Wilson on the second 9.

We have good numbers to help on the Lamb and Potato roster next Monday and nominations for Pennants at Guyra on the 28th are rolling in.

A Vet

Men's Golf

With the course closed last weekend due to the rain and muddy conditions, no golf was played on Sunday.

Sixteen golfers did travel to Glen Innes on Sunday for the NEDGA pennants that were postponed from December. Although Guyra didn't come back with a pennant they were extremely competitive. Glen Innes got the chocolates winning both pennants on offer.

Next Sunday will be a two person ambrose, so why not celebrate Australia Day in style, with a beer and a game of golf with your mates.

The Albatross

Top of the Range Fours a success

Well the Top of the Range Fours have been played for 2020 over the weekend January, Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th.

Twenty five teams graced the greens in light rain. Two rounds of 10 ends were played Saturday and Sunday three games were played.

The winners were: Mick Pennell (Armidale Ex Services) Col Stanley, Chris Kliendienst and Boyd Stanley (sub) for Andrew Sparke (Guyra) with 4 wins and a draw plus 14 shots.

Runners up: Trent Alexander, Phil Ross, Rick Ellis and Dave Alexander (Inverell Sports) with 4 wins plus 16 shots,

3rd Place: J Barlow, A Ross, Dennis Williams and R Berghofer (Inverell Sports) with 4 wins plus 15 points.

4th Place: J Lill (Maitland City), D Crockett (Lorn Park), M Swain and B Presnell (Guyra) with 4 wins plus 11 shots.

5th Place: A Regent, M Gollodge, K Trow, B Gollodge (West Tamworth) with 4 wins -2 points.

I would like to thank the Sponsors who without them the Carnival could not go ahead. The Sponsors were: Tooheys, St Kilda, Costa Tomatoes, Crow-Horwath, Donna's Bistro, Country Fresh Bread and Betty & Murray Bourke. A BIG THANKS also to all those that assisted in the running of the Carnival.

Bowls set down for this weekend: Sunday January 26th. Australia Day Box Draw Pairs. Cost: \$5.00 per player. Prize Money: \$300.00. Require 16 players to run the afternoon, all welcome Bowlers and non-Bowlers. Mufti Dress.

Names on the board by 11.30am with a 12.30 pm start.

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The Bowls Bandit



Bowling Club President Cameron Peardon with winners Chris Kliendienst, Mick Pennell, Col Stanley and Boyd Stanley

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