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Awards for our worthy citizens



Dorothy Every from Ben Lomond has been named in this year's Australia Day Honours list, acknowledging her outstanding record of community service across the communities of Guyra, Ben Lomond and Glen Innes. She is the recipient of the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the General Division.

The announcement was made by Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall at the Ben Lomond Australia Day breakfast.

The previous night, Nicole Corry was named Guyra's Citizen of the Year at the Australia Day Awards ceremony held at the Guyra Bowling Club.

Nicole was presented with the award by Australia Day Ambassador Christopher Cheng at a ceremony held at the Guyra Bowling Club on January 25th.

Nicole was one of six nominations this year, with Ron and Maureen Looker (jointly nominated), Kirsten Porter, Julie Gittoes, Margaret Day and Cameron Way also nominated.

The Contribution to Sport and Recreation award went to the Guyra Veteran Golfers. Kelsie Youman took home the Sports Award and the Community Event of the Year was awarded to the Guyra Lions Club Senior Citizens Mystery Tour.

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Citizen of the Year

OAM for Dorothy



Australia Day Ambassador, Christopher Cheng with the nominees for Citizen of the Year
L to r: Cameron Way, Kirsten Porter, Nicole Corry, Julie Gittoes, Margaret Day
and Australia Day Ambassador Christopher Cheng

Diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, Nicole was forced to give up her job as a registered nurse in her 40's. Nicole underwent many treatments worldwide in her quest for full recovery from this debilitating and insidious disease. Once things started to improve for Nicole, she became a volunteer at The Hub at Guyra whilst also studying business studies at TAFE.

Nicole quickly undertook more and more duties in the finance area at The Hub. She was appointed Business Administrator, a role which she continues in today. Nicole also volunteers at the St Vincent de Paul store in Guyra.

During her early days at the Guyra Hub, Nicole oversaw the funding, spending, and reporting on all as-

pects of the Guyra Community Garden. She also worked in the garden to keep it to a high standard for the community.

Although the community garden is now a stand-alone organisation, Nicole is still a major force behind it and has been on the committee since its inception.

Throughout her journey and battle with MS, Nicole wrote a blog, which has been adapted into a book: Multiple Sclerosis and Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant: One Patient's Journey, which was published in 2015. Nicole is determined and driven to ensure that there is support for those in need in the community and is constantly going above and beyond in her endeavours.



Christopher Cheng presents Kelsie Youman with her Sports Award

Dorothy Every has been named in this year's Australia Day Honours list, acknowledging her outstanding record of community service. She has played significant roles in a long list of organisations over an extended period of time.

She is the recipient of the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the General Division, reflecting contributions to the Ben Lomond, Guyra and Glen Innes communities.

Dorothy said that she was 'dumb-founded' when she found out she was to receive the award. It came at a time when her husband John was facing serious health issues, and although she was sworn to secrecy she did share it with him.

On opening the letter she said that she couldn't stop laughing and was surprised that she had been nominated.

"I've had a bit to do with a lot of things," she said. "I certainly didn't expect an award – you do things for the community because you want to, not to be rewarded."

The announcement was made at the Australia Day Breakfast in Ben Lomond, and proved a welcome surprise for the whole community.

"It was good to have it that way," she said. "Ben Lomond is where I live and it was a fitting that I could share it with my friends there."

When asked when she will stop her service to the community, she said 'maybe when age stops me', but she has no plans to step down just yet.

"I have enjoyed doing it, so why would I stop now?"

What's HOT

Another record breaking year at the Lamb & Potato Festival - congratulations to the hard working team that make this happen

Holy Smoke fireworks - a great show as always

Seeing a new venture come to fruition - we hope you enjoy the all new Guyra Gazette

Backyard Blitz being planned for the Preschool. Workers needed for a working bee next weekend

Guyra Show only two weeks away - start thinking about your entries now

What's NOT

Storm debris still not cleared away at the Showground

Sunrise a no show at the Lamb & Potato Festival

No nominations for Junior Citizen of the Year. Surely some of young people deserve recognition

Hot weather

Weather Watch

Guyra Hospital

Date	Day	Min	Max
25	Wed	18.1	25.1
26	Thurs	17.6	25.1
27	Fri	14.9	24.9
28	Sat	14.6	26.8
29	Sun	14.7	27.8
30	Mon	12.9	27.5
31	Tues	16.7	

Rainfall this week

36.6mm 3 days

January's rainfall

186.0mmm 12 days

Rainfall year to date

186.0mmm 12 days

Rainfall last year to date

146.8mm 15 days

Water treatment plant

Rainfall Registrations - to 9am Monday, January 30

Rainfall - 76mm (207mm YTD)

Top Dam 20 MM above spillway

Bott. Dam 20 MM above spillway

Daily average town consumption

(target 650 kl) 1598 kl

Water Restrictions - NIL



Festival triumphs over adversity



The 31st Lamb and Potato Festival will be remembered for the devastation caused by a massive storm on the evening of Friday January 20.

The storm hit Guyra at around 4pm with heavy rain and strong winds which blew down trees and fences, and caused considerable damage to marquees at festival site.

The storms lasted from 4pm to 7pm with the worst conditions between 4pm and 5pm. The maximum wind gust recorded at the South

Guyra weather station was 121 km per hour at 4.24pm.

The main damage was to the music marquee which was lifted off the ground and landed on top of the lamb statue.

However, what was a scene of devastation on Friday night was almost back to normal by lunch time on Saturday.

President of the Lamb and Potato Festival committee Steve Mephram said that the community support was overwhelming.

“We are indebted to the emergency services who came out in the bad weather and also others who just rocked up and said ‘what can we do?,” he said. “We didn’t have to ask they just got in and did the job.”

Overall Mr Mephram said the festival was an outstanding success. Some of the highlights were the Show and Shine, the bus tours and the Ukulele extravaganza.

“We are already planning for next year and we will continue to build on what is a winning formula,” he said.

Best year ever for Show and Shine



In its fifth year the Guyra Show and Shine continues to grow in popularity. On Saturday morning, 122 cars motorbikes and caravans line both sides of Bradley street and the crowds flocked to see them.

Exhibitors came from Grafton, Armidale, Uralla, Inverell, Glen Innes, Tenterfield and Narrabri. President David Tibbs said that this year’s event was the best ever and they were overwhelmed at the number of entries. Prizes were award to 10 vehicles as assessed by independent judges.

The display was enhanced by 30 military vehicles in the NAB car park.

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Fence to shut out wild dogs

Meals on Wheels

Pick up meals by 11.50am
 Feb 1 Wendy Lockyer, Feb 2 Heather Marchant, Feb 3 Lyn & Richard Skinner, Feb 6 Kath Varley, Feb 7 Don & Betty Mayled, Feb 8 Jan Jordan & St Mary's students

Street Stalls

Feb 9 Catholic Women's League
 Feb 10 Masonic Lodge

Church Notices

St James, Anglican

Sun 8am Traditional Service, 9.30am Family Service; 1st Sunday of the month: Backwater 2pm 3rd Sunday of the month: Ben Lomond 11.30am

St Marys Catholic

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

St Columba's Presbyterian

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

Uniting Church

Regular Sunday Service - 9.30pm Enquiries Nancy Davidson 6779 1366

Seventh-day Adventist

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

Northwest Church

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

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 04-12 780 951

ROTARY CLUB dinner meetings 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at Rafters Restaurant, 6.30pm. Ph: Aileen MacDonald 04-17 079 307

The Wongwibinda Cluster Fence project is about to shut the gate on wild dogs, keeping sheep and cattle safe from attack across an area of more than nine thousand hectares east of Guyra.

Project Manager, Leith Hawkins, from Northern Tablelands Local Land Services is working with five landholders in the Wongwibinda area to build a 60 kilometre dog exclusion fence that will protect all of the group's adjoining properties including Lynoch, Marysvale, Doughboy Mountain, Karuah and Wongwibinda Station.

A total of \$549,839 has been allocated to the Wongwibinda Cluster Fence project through the Australian Government's \$3 million Agricultural Competitiveness White Paper program for pest and weed manage-

ment in NSW.

The project is being administered through Northern Tablelands Local Land Services, with the Wongwibinda Cluster Association to make in-kind contributions of more than half a million dollars to match government funding.

"The 1.6 metre high fence will stop wild dogs as well as pigs and foxes. This model has been tried in QLD with very promising results reported so far, but nothing like this has been done before in NSW," said Leith.

Wongwibinda Cluster Fence Association Chair, Bruce McCarthy, says dog numbers have increased significantly in the area posing a serious threat to the viability of sheep production and also endangering cattle.

"Our group believes that our co-

operative approach will be far more effective than any dog control efforts we could have achieved individually," said Bruce.

"Regular monitoring and concentrated baiting and trapping programs at pressure points on the fence will be an important part of the ongoing program."

Construction on the Wongwibinda Cluster Fence is expected to start this month.

Northern Tablelands Local Land Services is planning a series of Cluster Fencing field days in early 2017 where local farmers will be able to find out more about the Cluster Fence project.

For further information about the Cluster Fence project contact Leith Hawkins at Northern Tablelands Local Land Services on 02 6770 2007.

Food Pantry opens in Guyra

The globalcare Food Pantry is now operating in Guyra, providing access to low cost pantry food, bread, vegetable and fruit for low income earners.

Northwest Church is playing host to this new service at their building in Llangothlin St, which commenced on January 20th.

The pantry is manned by volunteers from the Church, including Ruth Stace who said that the service has been well supported so far.

"We cater for people on low incomes, who can access cheap groceries," Ruth said. "I have been surprised and pleased with how it has gone so far."

Anyone on Centrelink benefits can become a member of the Food Pantry. The cost is \$30 for a bag of fresh produce with 1 bag of groceries, or \$50 for a bag of fresh produce with 3 bags of groceries.

The pantry is open on Fridays between 1pm and 3pm.



A variety of fresh food is available each Friday

Local support has been received from Kirks IGA who donated bags and Vidler's Butchery who have provided meat vouchers.

Guyra Sheep and Lamb Sale Weekly Market Report

Numbers were back 2742 head to 3101 sheep and lambs at Guyra on January 25, There was a major fall in sheep numbers. Extra heavy lambs were extreme, averaging up \$17 on the previous week, topping at \$200. Heavy lambs were in reduced numbers to be \$10 dearer than last day.

Store lambs realised prices \$9 up from last day, topping at \$108 and averaging \$99. Medium lambs averaged \$126, \$8 dearer. Merino wethers were strong at \$120, with ewes making \$100. Crossbred ewes made \$115 to the processors, to average \$79. These were firm on last day. Light merino ewes made to \$52.

	Top	Ave	
Extra heavy suckers	\$200	\$168	Up \$17
Heavy suckers	\$147	\$140	Up \$10
Medium suckers	\$138	\$126	Up \$8
Light suckers	\$115	\$111	Firm
Store lambs	\$108	\$99	Up \$9
Hoggets	\$105	\$87	
Crossbred Ewes	\$115	\$79	Firm
Merino wethers	\$120	\$93	Up \$11
Merino ewes	\$100	\$80	Up \$8
Light merino ewes	\$52	\$44	

Guyra Sheep Sale will be **WEEKLY** until further notice. The annual Lamb Show and Sale will be held on February 15

Meet Vu, our new pharmacist

The importance of maintaining local services and connecting with the community are a high priority for pharmacist Vu Nguyen.

Originally from Adelaide, Vu chose to 'go bush' working in a number of smaller communities across the country beginning in WA and Qld before making his way to the NSW towns of Quirindi, Werris Creek, Trangie and Cobargo.

Nine months ago Vu purchased the Guyra Pharmacy from Tony Nguyen (no relation). While he is still getting to know the town, he is aware that keeping it local is important.

"If I can do something to keep it local I will," Vu said. "Providing a wide range of services benefits everyone and helps keep people and services in town."

The range of services is expanding and Vu anticipates offering more options in the future.

"The direction of pharmacy is changing and there is more emphasis on providing professional services - things like medical certificates, health checks and free blood pressure monitoring are just some of the services on offer."

"Customer service is a high priority - my team works hard to ensure people are made welcome and valued," he said. "It is important to meet the needs of my customers and also be part of the community providing employment and supporting community groups."

Vu has four children ranging in age from 18



months to 11 years. They are yet to join him, but he is hoping to set up a permanent base in Guyra where his family can enjoy the benefits of a rural upbringing.

Since arriving in town Vu has been working long hours to establish himself, but he wants to find more time this year to pursue outside interests. He enjoys

soccer and tennis so you may see him kicking a ball or swinging a racquet in the coming months. And maybe down the track he thinks that golf is something he could enjoy.

"I would like to thank the locals for their support so far and hope to have a good relationship into the future."

Water woes

A pump failure at the Guyra water treatment plant recently caused dirty water to be present in the town water supply.

Director of Engineering for Armidale Regional Council Ralf Stoeckeler said that the pump on the clearwater tank failed causing the water level to drop significantly.

This resulted in sludge at the bottom of the town reservoir being stirred up when the pumps were restarted.

The problem has now been fixed, and the mains have been flushed to remove the dirty water.



Photo credit Rebecca Kay (Facebook)

Preschool planning Backyard Blitz

Guyra Preschool is looking for parents to assist with a revamp of their backyard. They are planning to hold a working bee on Saturday February 11th starting at 8.30am.

Any parents who would like to get involved should contact Amanda Campbell on 67791715. Many hands making light work, so give her a call if you can help out.

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Library prepares for birthday bash

Wendy Warner commenced this week as the Library Information Officer at Guyra Library, relieving for Aimee Hutton who is on maternity leave. Wendy has experience working in the Catholic Schools library system in Armidale and Guyra, and will be in the position until August.

Her first priority is to continue with plans to celebrate the 60th birthday of the library. The community is invited to join the birthday celebrations which will take place on the front lawn of the Council Building on Friday February 17, from 10:30am.

The library was officially opened on the 19th February, 1957 with librarian Joy Varley (Finlayson) in charge and Madge Ditton (Sole) as her assistant.

Joy and Madge have been invited to join the celebrations which will include a morning tea and birthday cake. There will be helium balloons and a colouring competition for children.

The history of library services in Guyra will be the subject of a talk by Dot Vickery. A Book Fair will also be held in the Council Chambers during the week commencing February 13th. The Fair will be open from 10am to 5pm each day.

The library houses a range of books, magazines, DVDs and talking



Erica and Harriet Ulrick and Jake Siddell enjoying storytime with Wendy Warner on Monday. Storytime is held on Mondays commencing at 11am and Wendy is encouraging parents with toddlers to take advantage of this free service

books. Free internet access and WiFi is available. It is open Monday to Friday from 10am to 5pm as well as Saturday mornings from 9.30am to 11.30am.

STOP PRESS: The library has actually been in operation for 70 years. Prior to relocating to the LT Starr Memorial Building, it had operated for 10 years at the RSL Hall.

His Excellency General The Hon-

ourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd) Governor of New South Wales and Mrs Hurley will be special guests at the birthday celebrations.

They will also visit the Guyra Men's Shed.

Weaner merinos go a year on one drench

Simple management practices on a Guyra property have made it possible to give lambs a short-acting drench at weaning, and to then go over one year without need for another drench.

Deborah Maxwell from WormBoss, will be running a workshop at Warrane, northwest of Armidale, on the morning of Tuesday 14th February and will present the practical and effective strategies that she has used to achieve this on her property just west of Guyra.

Ms Maxwell, who is also Operations Manager with WormBoss, says that the practices are quite simple, but need to be adhered to strictly so that they exploit the Achilles' heel of barber's pole worm.

"Reaching over a year is quite extreme and might not be possible every year, but most people should easily achieve quite a few months if practices are applied well," she said. "Before using WormBoss, I always had to drench within 4-6 weeks of the weaning drench."

"I use WormBoss's integrated approach that doesn't rely totally on drenches; the sheep are bred for resistance and some paddocks are prepared as low worm-risk.

"This has allowed the 2015 drop weaner ewes



Deborah Maxwell
Operations Manager with WormBoss

to develop their own immunity without being overwhelmed and they are now 13 months since their last drench."

"Monthly monitoring showed the young ewes reached 300 epg during the spring months, but rose to 680 epg before Christmas;

still not high enough to drench. By January their results had dropped back to 240 epg."

Ms Maxwell said that weaners will be under enormous pressure from worms this year, so a prepared weaning paddock makes an enormous difference to worm control, as does choosing the right drench to use.

The workshop will also describe how to start preparing low worm-risk paddocks for lambing ewes, which should be started now or very soon for spring-lambing flocks.

A series of workshops and support for New England sheep producers to apply the WormBoss program is being funded by Meat and Livestock Australia under their Producer Demonstration Sites Program.

"Producers have the opportunity to try out the program with financial incentives from MLA for a Drench Test and WormTests while gaining advice on the results. They are your levies, so you may as well use them," said Dr Maxwell.

To attend this free workshop contact Deb Maxwell by 10 February. deb@paraboss.com.au 0437 524 163.

Kolora construction on track

Construction on Guyra's new aged care facility is on track for completion by the end of September.

The 32 bed facility has been in the planning for a number of years and former Guyra Shire Councillor Dot Vickery said she is relieved that work is now progressing.

Slabs are currently being laid, and the framework has commenced. The brickwork will commence in the next few weeks.

Some minor damage to the site occurred during the storm which struck on January 20, however this has not impacted on the expected completion date.



The new aged care facility is taking shape and should be completed by the end of September

Marshall wins in Cabinet reshuffle

Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall has been promoted to Tourism and Major Events Minister and Assistant Minister for Skills, under the Berejiklian-Barilaro Cabinet reshuffle announced on Sunday morning.

Mr Marshall released a statement saying he felt both honoured and privileged to be appointed to the Berejiklian-Barilaro Cabinet to serve as Tourism and Major Events Minister and

Assistant Minister for Skills.

"Tourism is a \$37.1 billion a year industry, employing close to 297,000 people in NSW. Sydney is recognised the world over as a mecca for international visitors, along with our beautiful coastal areas," Mr Marshall said.

"I am really looking forward to helping open up rural and regional NSW to more international and domestic tourists and building the capacity for our regions to attract and host more

major events and grow the events we hold now."

"Country NSW has some spectacular attractions - natural and man-made - that we can promote and enhance with better facilities, infrastructure and links. Seeing more people visiting our regions and enjoying what they have to offer will be important for me. I cannot wait to get started with this work!"

"In the skills role, I want to work closely with the Deputy

Premier to ensure the government and TAFE works with industry to overcome the biggest challenge of not having enough skilled people to fill the jobs being created. This is a critical portfolio for the continued economic growth of the state and country NSW."

Guyra based MLC Scot MacDonald has retained his position as Parliamentary Secretary for Planning and the Central Coast.

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Push to have amalgamation reversed

A new group pushing to have the amalgamation of Guyra and Armidale Dumaresq Shires reversed, is calling on Liberal MLC Scot MacDonald to back up claims that the merger seems to be working.

Amalgamation No Thank You (ANTY) spokesperson Robert Gordon has called on Mr MacDonald to justify claims that the 'right thing was done' when the merger went ahead.

"The comments that Mr MacDonald makes on the merger are in a similar style to the original merger proposal - long on rhetoric and short on detail," Mr Gordon said.



ANTY spokesperson Robert Gordon

"His claims are all cliché and no substance."

"Projects, which we understand Mr MacDonald is asserting are a result of the

merger, were all previously planned by the former Guyra Shire" he said

"These include the Kolora Aged Care Facility , CBD

beautification, the Showground management plan and all road works projects currently underway which were all planned before the amalgamation."

"Mr MacDonald appears to be trying to justify the merger based on past good work by the Guyra Shire," Mr Gordon said.

ANTY are calling on Mr MacDonald to provide actual long term benefits since the merger. They have also launched a petition to be taken to the NSW government asking that the amalgamation be reversed and that Guyra Shire Council be reinstated.

Have your say.....

Congratulations one and all for your distribution and publishing of the Guyra Gazette.

You have given Guyra back all the things that were in our paper and we can now read it without a magnifying glass.

Once again congratulations, I am looking forward to the next one.

Maureen Lockyer

Congratulations and thank you all on the new Gala's Guyra Gazette. A wonderful publication and a credit to you all. Indeed a pleasure to read.

We look forward to the second edition in the New Year.

Leigh and Bob Ramage

Congratulations, thank you and well done, we all love our new paper. Hope you can keep up the good work.

Jan Claridge

We would like to congratulate you on your first edition of your printed newsletter, we both enjoyed reading it very much and look forward to the next copy.

Sarah & Phil Williams

Well done, it is what Guyra has been missing since the Guyra Argus was taken over by Armidale. It is great to see the school news, local events, rosters, what's hot, what's not, church notices and all about Guyra.

Thank you for putting in the ad for kids sewing Classes for January, I already have an inquiry from it, it is important to get the younger generation sewing (Skill for Life). One of my long term students has just sent me a photo of her school project using skills she learnt in the last school holidays, I was very proud of her and she says it is going in the show too.

Congratulations team

Robin Godlonton

I would like to congratulate the team of local girls who have started up the new Guyra Gazette.

Hopefully the community will support this paper/magazine and get us back a locally produced paper.

Since the Guyra Argus has been moved to one of our outer sub-

urbs it has lost that 'local' feel. This is probably because the team at the 'Gazette' are all locals and know the community so well.

Small country towns have lost many of their facilities over the last few years and it is good to see something making a return. Please all get behind this enterprise and support the "Gazette" with advertising etc.

To the girls, I wish you all the best and hope the venture is a success.

Ray Mulligan.

Hello everyone at the Gala's Guyra Gazelle, I have just finished reading the Christmas Edition [I know it is almost the end of January - Walgett has extra slow snail mail !!] Well done for a wonderful publication. It was so good to receive news from my beloved community of Guyra.

Keep up the good work and will be awaiting the next Edition in February. [should arrive by Easter!!!!]

Have a good new year and all the best for this year ahead that will bring much happiness and a

lotto win or two.

Well done. God Bless you all.

Holysmoke

The Black Mountain Public School P & C has supported the school in attending the Rotary Christmas Street Parade for a number of years now and would like to express our concerns with the starting time, the reduced number of parade participants and holding this event at the Guyra Showground.

As the parade is held within the showground, we believe the crowd is somewhat disconnected to the parade and the floats within the ring this year generated dust that created an unpleasant viewing experience.

We are also concerned with holding this event after lunch during the hottest time of the day. The children and parents are requested to assist with decorating the float prior to the event which creates a challenge to maintain the primary school children attention during the heat of the day and without lunch.

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Tour de Rocks - on the road again....

Members of the Guyra Cycling Community and other bike enthusiasts are again committed to assisting and caring for our community by raising awareness about health and fitness and finding a cure for cancer.

The Guyra Branch of Can Assist received a healthy contribution, from Tour de Rocks, in 2016 to help them do their good work, with cancer sufferers, in and around Guyra.

Bike riders from all over the New England, mid north coast and further afield are into training for the 2017 instalment of Tour de Rocks. The ride will commence in Armidale on the 20th of April and finish at South West Rocks on the 22nd.

This year the route will be altered slightly by taking minor roads from Bellbrook to Kempsey which will be safer for the riders and add a point of difference for those who have done the ride before.

Guyra will again be entering a team, led by Ken & Kirsten Porter and David Mills. More riders would be welcome to join the team and we are always looking for people to take on the support roles. Please contact Kirsten Porter 0447 471157 for more details or the Tour de Rocks website.

Guyra Cycling Community con-



The Guyra Tour de Rocks team was one of the biggest in last year's event

gratulates Kay Endres on being awarded Armidale Citizen of the Year. Kay is well known to our members for her energy and enthusiasm to anything Tour de Rocks, she works tirelessly for the cause securing sponsorship and terrific raffle prizes.

Also congratulations to Kirsten Porter for being nominated for Guyra Citizen of the Year for all her efforts in promoting cycling in Guyra.

Pip White

Have your say.....

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We believe if this event was held at the original time of 11am in the main street of Guyra, it would be more beneficial to the businesses and stall holders to provide lunch and entertainment to the crowd once the parade is over.

By holding this event in the main street of Guyra, it will restrict the crowd from spreading out too much and giving businesses, stall holders and the parade the best exposure whilst creating an inclusive and exciting atmosphere where as the Showground is a very large area to fill to create the same environment.

The P and C believes this event is important to the community as it displays the different aspects of the community from educational providers to commercial businesses that supports the community as well as creating a social event.

We understand from conversations at this year's parade that we are not the only group with concerns and encourage other members or groups within the community to express their concerns.

*Black Mountain
P & C Association*

Scot MacDonald MLC

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Dance lessons in safe and positive environment

Australian Dance Enterprises (ADE) classes aim to provide dance students with the opportunity to dance in a creative, safe and positive environment in which they can learn all aspects of the art of dance, as well as improve dance skills to benefit their everyday living.

ADE also aims to improve the fitness of dance students through dance in a fun, stress free atmosphere and to help students develop self-confidence, self-esteem and new social contacts.

ADE dance styles include classical ballet, jazz dance, tap, creative dance, modern dance, contemporary dance and hip hop. Other speciality class include performance classes, private lessons, eisteddfod classes and exam classes.

Our major highlight for all our students is our end of year dance recital held at University of New England Lazenby Hall. Students get to show off their dance skills they have worked all year to perfect in an entertaining showcase of dances.

Classes are held in Guyra at the Guyra Community Hall. Enrolment day is Thursday, 2nd of February 3:30pm to 5pm. Classes commence Thursday, 9th of February.

For further information visit our website www.australiande.com or email principal Colette Brazier kc Brazier@gmail.com



Photos feature Guyra students performing at their end of year recital.



Dance Enrolments

Thursday, February 2

Community Hall 3.30pm - 5.00pm

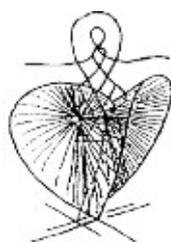
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Busy new year for Kolora residents

The residents at Kolora have had a busy start to the year with a number of outings and celebrations. They celebrated Australia Day in colourful attire and shared a morning tea of Aussie food including lamingtons, before a traditional Aussie singalong.

Special guest Wan Wan Williams visited in the lead up to the Lunar New Year, with a hands on cooking lesson. Her spring rolls proved to be a fun, hands on activity for the residents.

They also enjoyed an outing to the Lamb and Potato Festival where they were able spend some time browsing the stalls, before enjoying lunch at Rafter's.

Lisa Church



Dorothy Paull, Gwen Nielsen, Wan Wan Williams and May Fenton



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Nola Richer at the Lamb and Potato Festival

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"No camping in this area" Certainly not after the storm on Friday, January 20



The 'train station' suffered irreparable damage in the storm

Ways we communicate with each other

Codes of Communication No 1

I have spent most of my adult life involved in various forms of communication: signalling, teaching, lecturing, writing, play-acting, reciting, singing, and playing musical instruments. I have found the experiences so fascinating that I decided I'd share some instances with you in the hope of entertaining and informing you.

I shall begin each article in this series with details of some of the many unusual signals, signs, and inscriptions I have come across; and which have given rise to the series. I thus, perhaps perversely, deal with the 'visual' before the most common method of communication - the 'vocal'.

I have chosen to call these ways of communication codes.

The obvious ones are:

- (a) vocal - speech, singing;
- (b) visual - gesture, signs, print;
- (c) movement - body language, dance;
- (d) instrumental -(visual & aural) painting, music etc.

Sub-sections of these include various forms of signals; e.g. sign language (Auslan), Braille, and distance transmission forms - flags, semaphore, Morse code, telephone, fax and digital forms etc.

In 2011, I was visiting York Cathedral, England, when what appeared to be an inscription on an archway in one of the chapels caught my eye. It was a series

of geometric line 'letters'. I must have stood for minutes, from about 30 yards away, gazing at these 'runes'-like letters.

Eventually I deciphered it: they were 'stick-figures' sending a semaphore signal that read "Jesus Christ Our Saviour", and more that I don't recall.

As it was some 65 years since I had read a semaphore signal, I'd had to turn my back on the inscription to place my arms in the positions of the stick figures to 'read' it. I have never learned why such an inscription was there.

I will discuss the origins and history of semaphore signals in later articles.

Ron Vickress

A visit to Santa in Lapland



A white Christmas in Lapland, Finland is “Hot” according to Mary and Tony Walls who ventured to the Arctic Circle late last year.

They slept in a glass igloo, drove a Husky team and snow mobiles, obtained a licence and drove Reindeer, saw the Northern Lights and, of course, met the real Santa Claus.

109th Guyra Show

**Friday & Saturday
24 & 25 February, 2017**

Friday

- Junior Sheep Judging
- All Breeds Heifer Show (including local Junior Judging and Paraders)
- Horse Events
- Show Jumping
- Tentpegging
- Horse Ball
- Rampt Mini FMX (mini motorbike show)
- Official Opening
- Pavilion open until 8.00pm

Photography entries ...

MUST be entered at The GALA Centre by 4.30pm on Tuesday, 7 February

Saturday

- Pavilion open 9.00am - 5.00pm
- Limousin Cattle Feature Show
- Shearing • Yard Dog Trials
- Wood Chopping
- Horse Events • Show Jumping • Tentpegging
- Horse Ball
- Post Rippintg
- Rampt Mini FMX
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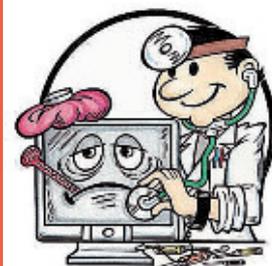
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Top of the Range Fours

The Top of the Range Fours was played in ideal weather over two days. After the five rounds of bowls were played the results were: First place (composite team) Nathan Wise, Scott Thorning, Tim Thorning and Dylan Eapher with five wins + 47 points.

Second place went to another composite team of Braden Sole, Chris Kliendienst, Jason Heaver and Glen Graham with four wins + 59 points. Third place Todd Fuller, Thomas Inman, Steve Fuller and Dean Farrell with 4 wins = 57 points (Armidale City). Fourth place C Rogers, R Latter, C Yates and J Thomas with 4 wins = 33 points (composite team). 5th place Brendon Baker, Russel Berghofer, Darren Hungerford and Phil Ross with 4 wins + 33 points (Inverell).

The results of Bowls played over the weekend of January 28-29. Saturday January 28 Dan Kennedy (-8) played Robert Moore (-1) in Handicap Singles. Dan had to give Robert 7 shots start and found he

was unable to close the gap, Robert went on to take the win 31 shots to 22 shots over 40 ends. Also in handicap singles Cameron Peardon (+3) played Bill Betts (+8). Cameron proved too consistent for Bill and went on to win the game 31 shots to 16 shots over 25 ends.

Sunday January 29, in an open singles game Cameron Peardon played John Hamel with Cameron carrying his Saturday form to Sunday and he went on to win 31 shots to 20 shots over 32 ends. The other game was a handicap singles game between Wayne Reeves (+6) and Steven Sole (-8). With a 14 shot start Wayne was sure to give Steven a strong game, however Steven proved too consistent for Wayne and went on to take victory 31 shots to 21 shots over 33 ends.

Now to upcoming events - NEDBA Triples February 11-12, to be played at Armidale Ex Services, NEDBA State Pairs February 25-26, to be played at Guyra, NEDBA Senior Pairs February 25-26, to be played at Walcha,



Runners up Chris Kliendienst (Guyra), Glen Graham (ArmidaleCity) Braden Sole (The Hills) and Jason Heaver (Quirindi)

NEDBA State Singles March 4-5, to be played at Armidale City, NEDBA Senior Singles March 4-5, to be played at Glen Innes. In all NEDBA events Guyra has a number of representatives.

Club Championships set down for weekend February 4th and 5th. Saturday February 4th start 1pm, starter and Umpire David Wilcox.

Major Singles: Scott Campbell to play David Wilcox, marker Col Stanley. Barry Presnell to play An-

drew Sparke, marker Steven Sole. Robert Moore to play Dan Kennedy, marker Robert Walls

Handicap Singles: Barry Campbell to play Geoff Reeves, marker Roger Cox

If you cannot play on the day set down, could you and your opposition please try to arrange to play on an alternative date (preferably the next day) - if not contact a member of the match committee.

The Bowls Bandit

New England District Golf Association

Stonecutters' Ridge Golf Course was the venue for the Women's Medal Playoff State Final in December. The New England representatives played some good golf.

Congratulations to Cheryl McDonald (Walcha GC) who won the Division 1 Gold Medallion for the Country regions, with an excellent +5.

Belinda Lenehan (Guyra R and GC) returned a card showing +8 in Division 2, placing her in the middle of the field while Jeanette Wark (Walcha GC) scored +20 in Division 3.

Right I to r: Cheryl McDonald (Walcha), Belinda Lenehan (Guyra), Jeanette Wark (Walcha).



Lady golfers' presentation evening

At the Guyra Lady Golfers' Annual Presentation Evening, our major sponsors including National Australia Bank (NAB), Guyra Welding Works, Gittoes Family, Kirks IGA and Rafter's Restaurant were thanked for their ongoing donation of prizes.

The following winners were presented with their trophies: Karen Oehlers-Club Champion; Shona Mulligan-B Grade Champion; Wendy Jackson-C Grade Champion; Jenny Shiels and Wendy George-

4BBB Champions; Karen Oehlers and Joyce Betts-Foursomes Champions, Wendy George - WG Medal Division 1, Belinda Lenehan WG Medal Division 2, Kath Varley WG Medal Division 3; Karen Oehlers- Veteran's WGA Division 1, Meg Simpson Veteran's WGA Division 2, Kath Varley-Veteran's WGA Division 3; Karen Oehlers-Mabel Mackenzie Brooch: Division 1-Karen Oehlers, Division 2-Belinda Lenehan, Division 3-Kath Varley, Senior Veteran-Joyce Betts.

Additional Prizes.

Kirk's Trophy Match Play- Karen Oehlers

May Mitchell Memorial Match Play- Julie Walker

Par Medal Trophy-Meg Simpson
4BBB Stroke NEDGA Jug-Karen Oehlers and Julie Walker

Best Stableford Round for Tracey Norberg Trophy-Anita Murray and Pip White 9 (equal first)

Putting Competition - Kath Varley

Men's Golf notes

Sunday, 29th of February saw a single stableford played for a Club trophy. The winner was D Towells on a count back from W McCowen, with 41 points each. Nearest the pins went to D Towells on the 7th and S Mendes on the 10th and the 18th.

Club Championships start on the 11th of February. Country Fresh Bakery will sponsor Saturday, 11th of February. Guyra Fourways will sponsor Sunday, 12th of February. Guyra Smash Repairs and Guyra Mechanical will sponsor Saturday, 18th of February and Kirks IGA will sponsor Sunday, 19th of February. Guyra Fuels are our major sponsors.

Mid-week Golf

The best performed team this week was Hillbillies and Plus Fours with 64 points. Guyra Greys scored 62 points and the Baldersleigh Bashers scored 61 points.

The best individual score was 20 points by H Raper. 18 points were scored by P Grills and J Shiels. 17 points were scored by P Mulligan, J Waters and N Paine. 16 points were scored by S Youman, P White and J Prisk.

Cameron Peardon

Local Sport

Cricketers back in action

Guyra cricketers have returned to the pitch following the Christmas break. The second grade team has had two games for a loss and a win.

They were missing captain Charlie Keen who was injured during the off season will miss the rest of the year.

On January 21 they played Ex Services at the Sporting Complex. After winning the toss Guyra batted first and struggled to make headway with the bat. Only Pat Keen (60), Andrew Frost (23) and BJ Cameron (11) managed to reach double figures and the team was all out for 120 off just 33.3 overs.

Ex Services made short work of the run chase passing Guyra in the 21st over. Tom Smith was the best of the bowlers taking 3 for 10, with Simon Brown and Nick Page taking a wicket each.

On January 28 they travelled down the hill to take on Hillgrove and this time the bowlers put the team in front with a good performance dismissing Hillgrove for 78. Andrew Page (4 for 22) and Peter Presnell (3 for 23) shared the honours.

With only a small total to chase Guyra only Pat Keen (41) found form with the bat, doing the majority of the work.

Shane Wolfenden (10) also contributed and Guyra were lucky to come away with a win finishing on



Jake Ellis made a quick 20 for third grade at the Sporting Complex

6 for 79.

Third grade had their first game against TAS at home on the weekend and struggled to regain form. They were wishing Matt Friend (ex Guyra player) had stayed with the club when he made a well compiled 78 for the TAS team, helping them on their way to a total of 7 for 167.

In reply Jake Ellis started the innings with a quick 20 before he

was caught by (you guessed it) Matt Friend). Only Troy Martin (19) and Cody Patterson (20) were able to get runs on the board and Guyra fell well short to finish on 88.

This weekend will see a full round of games with 2nd grade playing on the Guyra Turf and 3rd grade travelling to Elizabeth Park. Both teams will take on Ex Services.

Sizzling results for golfers

The summer of Wednesday golf competitions has recorded some sizzling results including wins by Belinda Lenehan and Jenny Rogers. Belinda won the Stableford competition on 21st December with 43 points while Jenny Rogers was runner-up with 41 points. Wendy George was the winner of the December Nearest the Pin silver charm for the most accurate shots on the 18th hole; 20cm from the flag.

On 4th January Belinda Lenehan won the Stableford with 39 points and Wendy George was runner up with 38 points. On 11th January Jenny Rogers won the Par competition with +3. Runner up with +2 was Julie Walker. Shona Mulligan won Nearest the Pin on the 7th; just 3 metres from the flag.

On 24th January, amid some rain delays, the winner was Donna White with 41 Stableford points and the runner-up was Pip White with 39 Stableford points.

Next Wednesday's golf is a Stableford for the Black Mountain Nursery Trophy and Karen Oehlers is the starter. The round is also a qualifier for the Graham Betts Trophy.

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