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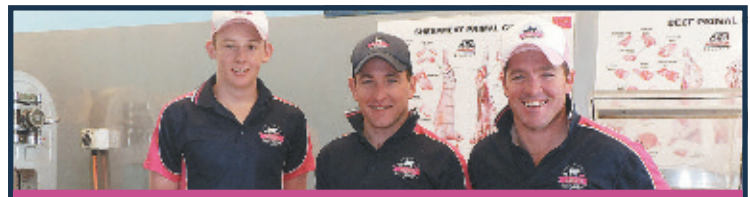
Guyra Central School Kindergarten

Front l to r: Jarrod Fereday, Oakley Brazier, Billy Ryan, Tommy-Ray Jones, Max Lockyer, Beau Wilson, Tom Ward, Noah Cannon
Back: Ava Williams, Malarhye Joyce, Baxter Clark, Beau Campbell, Blake Green-Pevey, Emillee Weaver, Krikit McGinty, Micah Evers, Benjamin Evans, Tom Bull, Jake Blyton, Ruby Soraghan, Zac Raper, Brianna Marshall, Poppy Post, Dean Rumbel, Sammy-Rose Dowden, Lincoln Atkin, Jack Watters, Clee Beechey, William Vidler, Sierra Lansley-Irving. (Absent Elsa Kliendienst)



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Schools in for 2017

I wish to offer a warm welcome to the school community as we commence the 2017 school year. I especially welcome new families to Guyra Central School.

The year has started very smoothly with Kindergarten students undertaking their Best Start assessment prior to their first day

of school on Thursday 2nd February. It has been pleasing that students from Year 1 to 12 have settled back into routine and responsibly applied themselves to their learning.

GCS is preparing for a massive year - with a lot of changes ahead. At the end of 2016 we said

farewell to our deputy principal Ms Sam Hutton who has successfully taken a position as principal at Dorrigo High School.

I have also announced that I will be leaving my role as principal, at this stage, after the first term.

For Guyra Central School it's

going to be a year of change but change is very positive and the school is in an excellent position both educationally and socially.

The school welcomed 21 new students in the first week and four new teachers including Ms Susan Leamon who has returned to Guyra Central School as Head Teacher of Mathematics and Science after teaching in Warialda for 10 years.

Mr Steven Ahern teaching Science, Steve joins us from Katoomba High School after doing some casual work at Orange and Blayney High Schools.

Another new face to join the team is Jenna Walsh, Jenna joins us from Drummond Memorial Public School in Armidale and is teaching Stage 3 (Year 5/6) Red, and Jessica Davidson recently graduating from UNE is joining the team in a learning support teacher role.

It is promising to have so many new students, but also we have been hearing how well the departing 2016 year 12 students are doing this year. They have been very successful with many of the students getting early entry into university. As an educator your main aim is to ensure that the children you teach get put on the pathway they want to follow. Whether they go to university or get an apprenticeship, as long as we tailor their education so they get where they want to be.

We anticipate yet another very successful and an exciting year at Guyra Central.

Mrs Jo Burgess

St Mary's starters



Picture 1 to r: Sophia Lawlor, Charles Drew, Kasper Mayled, Rachael Jackson, Edward Grills, Khloe Martin, Clara Bradford, Logan Lockyer and Jack Wesley.

On Monday 30th January, St Mary of the Angels welcomed nine new Kindergarten students.

Thanks to our fantastic Transition program these students have settled quickly into

school routines and are enjoying seeing their new friends each day.

We look forward to sharing the next 7 years with these beautiful children and sharing their educational journey.

What's HOT

67 years since Little Boy Lost was found - February 8, 1960.

Guyra Show is getting closer - two big days planned so put Feb 24th and 25th in your diary

The prospect of council amalgamation being rolled back #guyrashire

Lots of fresh new faces at local schools - new pupils and new staff

What's NOT

Fans and airconditioners being sold out almost everywhere

Losing your load - bags of rubbish on the roadside are an eyesore and can be prevented if you cover your load

More money being wasted to roll back something we didn't want in the first place #guyrashire

Heatwave conditions when you are not prepared.

Weather Watch

Guyra Hospital

Date	Day	Min	Max
31	Tues	16.7	29.1
1	Wed	17.8	30.0
2	Thurs	18.5	30.0
3	Fri	18.1	28.9
4	Sat	18.4	29.8
5	Sun	16.0	30.6
6	Mon	17.3	31.4

Rainfall this week

1.2mm 1 day

February's rainfall

1.2mm 1 day

Rainfall year to date

187.2mm 13 days

Rainfall last year to date

162.2mm 13 days

Water treatment plant

Rainfall Registrations - to 9am Monday, February 6

Rainfall - 0mm (207mm YTD)

Top Dam FULL

Bott. Dam FULL

Daily average town consumption (target 650 kl) - 1669.1 kl

Water Restrictions - NIL

NEWS: Guyra has experienced its **hottest January for 14 years** - with the average maximum temperature of 26.2 being the hottest since 2003.

The average minimum of 14.9C was the **highest on record.** (Previous highest was 14.1C in 1942.)

Showgirls line up for judging

Rachel Angus will represent Guyra in The Land Sydney Royal Showgirl Competition. She was the sole entrant in this year's competition and will go on to the judging of the Zone 4 final at Walgett on Saturday February 25th.

The Competition aims to find a young female Ambassador for rural NSW and the agricultural show movement

Rachel was sashed at a reception held at Rafter's restaurant on Monday evening by Showgirl sponsor Sue Ross, from Sue Ross Real Estate.

Judges for this year's competition were Greg Andrews (RAS Councilor), Belinda Lenehan and Suzie Walker.

Rachel completed her HSC in 2012 and has undertaken further studies in Veterinary nursing and agriculture at TAFE and university. At the completion of her studies she hopes to become a stock and station agent.

As well as agriculture her interests include cooking, photography shooting, paint ball and walking and she is looking forward to representing the



Showgirl organisers and judges with this year's contestants
L to r: Rita Williams, Greg Andrews, Sue Ross, Rachel Angus, Ellen Newberry, Taylah Martin, Briana Pixton, Suzie Walker and Belinda Lenehan

town and region at the judging.

Taylah Martin and Briana Merritt will contest the title of junior Showgirl, with the winner to be announced at the official opening of the Guyra Show on Friday February 24th.

Community Small Grants Program now open

Round Two of the Armidale Regional Council's 2016/2017 Community Small Grants Program is now open.

The grants program has been expanded to cover the Armidale Regional LGA and Council's Administrator, Dr Ian Tiley, strongly encourages local not-for-profit organisations from the former Guyra Shire to also submit an application.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for groups in the Armidale Regional LGA to seek support for a local program or initiative," he said. "Council is looking to support proposals from across the area that meet the criteria

and address community need."

Council can provide assistance through the small grants program for applicants seeking up to \$1000. Applications close Tuesday 5pm 28 February 2017.

Local not-for-profit organisations are encouraged to apply however Council would like to remind the community that not-for-profit groups who already receive regular funding from Council are ineligible to apply for a Community Small Grant.

The aim of the Community Small Grants Program is to:

- * Provide support for local programs or initiatives which are consid-

ered beneficial to the community and which address community needs.

* Support the development of special initiatives or programs which demonstrate community cooperation between a number of local groups and organisations.

For more information on whether your organisation is eligible and to find the correct application form, please visit www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au and on the homepage select 'Community' then 'Grants and Funding Opportunities'. You may also contact Customer Service on 1300 136 833 or email: council@armidale.nsw.gov.au.

109th Guyra Show Friday & Saturday 24 & 25 February, 2017

Friday Events

- 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



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Meals on Wheels

Pick up meals by 11.50am
 Feb 9 Pamela Hart
 Feb 10 Golf Club Ladies
 Feb 13 Darrel Taylor
 Feb 14 Joyce Betts
 Feb 15 John Mitchell

Street Stalls

Feb 9 Catholic Women's League
 Feb 10 Masonic Lodge

Church Notices

St James, Anglican

Sun 8am Traditional Service, 9.30 am 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

Amalgamation backflip?

If there was a vote held in Guyra, the results would be “overwhelmingly in favour of de-merging”.

Guyra ANTY (Amalgamation No Thank You) spokesperson Robert Gordon made this prediction last week after reports emerged that Premier Gladys Berejiklian was considering a backflip on council amalgamations.

In what would be Ms Berejiklian's first major policy departure from her predecessor Mike Baird, the Premier could abandon the controversial policy and plebiscites

conducted to “unmerge” councils that have already been amalgamated.

ANTY believes that a plebiscite is unnecessary and would be a waste of money. The group recently launched a petition calling Guyra Shire to be reinstated.

They point to around 700-800 signatures on the petition as being indicative of the level of support to roll back the amalgamation.

Guyra Shire Council was forced to merge with Armidale Dumaresq Council in May last year.

The move was extremely unpopular with local residents, who felt they had been betrayed by the NSW Government.

In January, NSW National Party leader John Barilaro indicated that his party would no longer be forcing local government mergers.

The policy was seen as a major reason behind the Nationals losing the seat of Orange to the Shooters and Fishers Party in a by-election late last year.

The Nationals suffered a swing of more than 20 per cent against them.

New bird feeder donated to MPS

A new bird feeder has been installed at the Guyra MPS thanks to the generosity of the Men's Shed. The bird feeder was handed over last Thursday by John Jackson.

Activities Officer Di Taylor said that the bird feeder will provide an added point of interest for patients and their families.

“We already have one feeder which attracts lots of birds and the second feeder will allow more of our patients to enjoy the birdlife,” she said.

“The donation is very welcome and I would like to thank the Men's Shed for their work.”



Margaret Lockyer, Di Taylor and John Jackson

Guyra Sheep and Lamb Sale Weekly Market Report

Numbers were up 1296 head to 4397 sheep and lambs at Guyra pn February 1. A lack of quality was a major factor in prices this week, particularly store lambs which were \$9 back on last day to average \$89.

Extra heavy lambs were firm, heavy \$5 dearer and medium lambs were \$5 cheaper. Extra heavies topped at \$180, heavies at \$155 and store lambs at \$104. Merino wethers were strong at \$130, with merino ewes making \$115. Crossbred ewes made \$115 to the processors and \$178 to restockers.

	Top	Ave	
Extra heavy suckers	\$180	\$168	Firm
Heavy suckers	\$155	\$145	Up \$5
Medium suckers	\$134	\$121	Down \$5
Store lambs	\$104	\$ 89	Down \$10
Hoggets	\$115	\$ 95	Up \$8
Crossbred Ewes	\$115	\$ 90	Up \$8
Merino wethers	\$130	\$ 96	Up\$3
Merino ewes	\$115	\$ 75	Firm

Guyra Sheep Sale will be **WEEKLY** until further notice. The annual Lamb Show and Sale will be held on February 22nd.

Black Mountain begins with a bang

Black Mountain Public School began the school year with a Bang! Students and staff arrived on Monday morning with a smile. Students were keen to share stories and talk about their holiday adventures. All were eager to get back into learning.

NRL West Tigers players, Ryland Jacobs and Taniela Paseka, visited the school with Luke Taylor; Game Development Officer last week, to talk with all students about the importance of playing sport and getting involved in sporting groups. They discussed the many skills that children can learn and develop through sport. The students had some terrific questions for the players and engaged in the activities with enthusiasm.

Nine students have joined our Transition to Kindergarten program, enjoying a day of familiarising themselves with school routines and making new friends. Students participated in early literacy and numeracy skill development activities, craft, story time, a buddy reading session and some music time. Students will join us



Black Mountain Public School students with NRL West Tigers Players; Ryland Jacobs and Taniela Paseka and Game Development Officer; Luke Taylor.

every Friday throughout the year, ensuring a smooth transition to their first formal year of school in 2018.

Black Mountain Public School is a place of growth and opportunity.

Council meeting looks at Tingha boundaries

Armidale Regional Council is expected to agree to a request from the Tingha Citizens Association Inc. for a boundary adjustment that will see the town of Tingha and an area surrounding it moved into Inverell Shire Council.

A report to go before council's February meeting, to be held in Tingha at 6pm on Wednesday February 8, has recommended that an area of approximately 393 square km be absorbed into Inverell Shire.

Should the boundary adjustment proceed they are also calling for all costs to be met by the NSW government and will oppose any allocation of \$15 million in merger funds being moved to Inverell Shire Council.

Inverell Shire Council had recommended that a larger area be put under their control and had identified an area of 823 square km (18.7% of the former Guyra Shire Council area). They will also meet on February 8 and are expected to agree to the lesser area recommended by ARC.

However they are also expected to put their alternate proposal before the Minister for Local Government.

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Saturday Events

- Pavilion open 9.00am - 5.00pm
- Limousin Cattle Feature Show
- Shearing
- Yard Dog Trials
- Wood Chopping
- Horse Events
- Tentpegging
- Post Ripping
- Rampt Mini FMX
- Fireworks
- Show Jumping
- Horse Ball
- Demolition Derby



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Library hosts renowned children's book author



#libraryshelfie April Worley, Sophie Warner, and Aimee Hutton with Australia Day Ambassador Christopher Cheng and wife Binni

On Wednesday 25 January, Guyra Library had the pleasure of hosting award winning author Christopher Cheng – a day that was enjoyed by children and adults alike.

During his visit, the author, who had been in the region as Australia Day Ambassador for Guyra and Tingha, read his book 'New Year Surprise' to around 30 eager local children.

According to Armidale Regional Council's Library and Information Officer Wendy Warner, he spoke to the children about his life, how he came to write the book and his Chinese heritage.

"The children were fascinated by stories of Chinese red envelopes of money for new year," Mrs Warner said. "They were also very interested to hear about Chris' time as a zoo

keeper which prompted his writing of the book 'Python'."

Cheng has written many children's books including non fiction, picture books and Chinese themed historical fiction titles. He wrote the libretto for a children's musical, is co-chair of the Advisory Board for the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI), a recipient of the Lady Cutler Award for Children's Literature and he presents in schools and at festivals around the world.

"Chris assisted the children to make a large Chinese dragon in the library. Each of them had the chance to place scales marked with their names onto the dragon. They loved it!" said Mrs Warner. "He then joined library patrons for afternoon tea and to celebrate #libraryshelfie day."

Students collect CWA Scholarships

On Friday 13th January 2017, two Guyra Central School students were presented with scholarships to help with their education costs.

Colleen Pearson was presented with cheque as part of her Mrs Marjorie Glasser scholarship which is a very special scholarship from the CWA with funds generously donated by the late Mrs Marjorie Glasser.

Mrs Glasser a much loved local identity, was a member of the Guyra Branch of the CWA for over 70 years (which must be a record) and left funds for a special one off educational scholarship for a female student from a local farm.

Coincidentally, Mrs Glasser's first appointment as a school teacher was to Brockley Public School, which was located in the same district that Colleen comes from. When she was first married, Mrs Glasser's mother in law took her along to a CWA meeting and she attended from then on, including a month before she passed away. The CWA was a very important part of her life. Mrs Glasser

was always interested in the education of rural students and was a very community minded person.

Colleen Pearson lives on the family farm, "The Valley", in the Brockley district and is a very worthy recipient of this scholarship. She is currently in Year 9 at Guyra Central School.

This scholarship was awarded to Colleen in 2015 as a Year 7 student with annual funding of \$200 per year until 2019.

Colleen presented to the CWA at their meeting what she had done with some of the money and what she plans to spend it on, this included the purchase of an iPad, along with some specific clothing for her agricultural involvements.

Steph Cameron has been awarded The Jopling education grant which is a state wide grant for children and grandchildren of current CWA members, Steph's grandmother, Joy Witherdin is a member of the Armidale CWA branch.

The Jopling education grant was a result of Mildred Jopling who was a member of the Cremorne/Neutral

Bay Branch and a school teacher at SCEGGS (Sydney Church of England Girls Grammar School). The Red Cross and CWA were her two great interests. Mildred bequeathed a sum of money to the CWA for education and the grant is awarded annually. The state's branches also contribute to maintain and increase the bequest so that it may be used to benefit more children.

Steph who lives at 'East Gowrie' in the Ollera district, has just begun year 9 at Guyra Central School. While Steph first thought she would be able to put the \$500 towards the purchase of a stud heifer, with a few factors to consider including what breed and from what stud and also with the cattle market being so strong Steph has made the decision to sit tight, but assures us that the dollars will be put towards helping with her agricultural study and interests.

Steph also encourages fellow students to look into the other scholarships and grants that are available through the CWA.

Applications open for



Heather Starr presents Colleen Pearson (above) and Steph Cameron (below) with their scholarships

CWA of NSW Education Grants on 1st August and close on 30th September 2017. All applications must be made through a Branch, with most requiring comments from the Branch President.

Applications for CWA Education Grants will be considered at the November Executive Meeting each year and must be received at State Office from branches no later than 30 September. No applications will be accepted after this date.

Guyra CWA meets every fourth Friday at 10am at the Uniting Church Hall, Ollera Street, to find out more details please contact Mrs Dell Healy on 6779 1546.



Creating new adventures with Backyard Blitz

There are some big changes happening at the Guyra Preschool. With the backyard looking a bit tired and dated they decided to organise a “Backyard Blitz” to modernise and make it more user friendly.

Nominated Supervisor Amanda Campbell said that they have already refurbished the old fort, transforming it into a new and exciting area for children.

“The kids are now able to climb the rock climbing wall or cargo net, peer out through the binoculars or telescope or swing in the web swing,” Amanda said. “We have also paved a section in front of the cubby house which will soon be added to create a “play village”, which will be finished off with a picket fence, gate, mail box and outdoor furniture.”

“We have recently also added chooks and a chicken coop to outback yard to incorporate real life nature into the children’s learning.”

Whilst the preschool is fortunate to have a lovely large shady backyard, the shade caused the grass to stop growing, which restricted the area that was user friendly.

To claim this area back workers have laid fake grass so children can now enjoy play areas under the shady trees.

However there is still more work to be done, with plans to build a deck stage for children to perform on and give some things a lick of paint.

“The backyard has needed some love and attention for quite a while now, and the staff are super excited to get their hands dirty and create a better playground for the children,” Amanda said. “We hope to create a playground that is full of role play areas, make believe, places for children to run, climb and use their gross motor skills, natural materials, veggie patches, preschool pets and sustainable practices and endless amounts of fun and learning.”

A working bee is planned for this Saturday February 11th from 8.30am. Any parents or members of the community who would like to get involved should contact Amanda on 6779 1715 to find out how they can help.



The overhaul of the backyard at the Guyra Preschool is progressing with the old fort (above) now rejuvenated and the area under the trees transformed from bare dirt to green (below)



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Plans for Guyra's economic future

Armidale Regional Council has taken the first steps in planning for the future of the Guyra economy with consultants SC Lennon and Associates appointed to prepare the Armidale Region Economic Development Strategy.

Council has established a special Regional Growth Advisory Committee to oversee the strategy's preparation.

Guyra local and Chair of the new committee Aileen MacDonald said the strategy will address a number of challenges as well as opportunities for economic growth.

"A key role of Council is to help make it easier to invest and do business in our area, so things like our communications infrastructure

shortfalls will need to be carefully considered."

"But the focus will be on the positives, so opportunities to value-add to our agricultural capabilities and to attract more visitors to town will be at the forefront of the strategy investigations," she said.

Director of SC Lennon & Associates Mr Sasha Lennon said the consultant team's early observations of Guyra were very positive, particularly with respect to its agricultural strengths and the area's latent tourism potential.

"We'll be thinking outside the box regarding opportunities for economic development. For example, after visiting Mother of Ducks Lagoon, my first impression was what a great op-

portunity this presents to re-generate the wetlands and provide Guyra with a new water-based visitor attraction."

"With its strong agricultural industry base and prospects for investment in what I'd call 'smart agriculture', Guyra is well-positioned to be a hub of economic activity in the Armidale Region," he said.

The consultants will be visiting Guyra again in early March to undertake further consultation. Following this, a draft strategy will be prepared and made available for public comment.

For more information about the Armidale Region Economic Development Strategy, contact Armidale Regional Council on 1300 136 833.

Technology bootcamp

Kye Nitschke from Guyra Central School joined with students from Tenterfield and Armidale to attend an advanced digital technology summer-school during January.

They were among 60 of Australia's brightest technology-buffs who converged on Macquarie University in Sydney as part of the first digIT cohort, a program which will help take students' skills in digital literacy, science, technology, engineering and mathematics to the next level.

digIT is an invitational program and students are invited based on their performance in the Australian Mathematics Competition and the Computational and Algorithmic Thinking competition, or by recommendation from their teacher.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources and Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce congratulated the students

"Students like Kye have a proven passion for technology and they're making Australia's National Innovation and Science Agenda a reality," Mr Joyce said.

"digIT will expand their critical thinking, programming and problem-solving skills - skills that will be vital for Australia's future successes."

With the help of the Australian Mathematics Trust and Australian Science Innovations, digIT will run



Kye Nitschke

a hands-on extension and mentoring program to expose students to all aspects of technology through guest lectures, interactive sessions, practicals and field trips.

The digIT students will follow up their four-day residential summer school with a six-month program that includes another residential camp and professional mentoring.

"By fostering the skills and passion of these students through the digIT summer schools, residential camp and professional mentoring we expect those students will take what they've learned back to their classrooms to inspire and challenge their peers," Mr Joyce said.

Renew forum well received

The Guyra Chamber of Commerce hosted a forum on February 3, which saw community and business leaders from across the Northern Tablelands come together to learn about urban renewal.

It was standing room only for an inspirational talk by Marcus Westbury and Chris Saunders who explained the concept behind the movement that has helped reinvigorate the Newcastle CBD.

Renew Newcastle started in 2008 in response to changing retail patterns which saw 150 vacant shops in the heart of the city. What started as a not for profit strategy to support start-up small businesses and fill empty shops, evolved into an urban renewal plan.

Those attending the forum were told that the lessons learned in Newcastle can be applied in other areas. Every regional city and town is different, but country centres understand their main streets have to evolve. Renew can help by encouraging start up businesses and occupying otherwise empty shops.

Many good ideas don't move past someone's garage or spare room because of the fear of failure and being trapped in high cost, long term commercial rents. Regulation and expenses like insurance can be too intimidating for emerging micro businesses.

The Renew organisation secures short term, low or nil cost commercial space. Usually in empty shops. They help an entrepreneur prepare the premises; assist with local and state government regulations and cover some costs including insurance. The new businesses have access to the shop until a commercial tenant is found by the landlord. While many businesses fail, some succeed and go onto sustaining themselves in the market place.



The Guyra Council chambers were packed to hear the positive message about urban renewal

New Kolora taking shape

This week has seen rapid progress on the new aged care facility.

The final slabs have been poured and brickwork commenced.

The shape of the new facility is slowly emerging, with framework now in place and roof trusses being lifted into place.

Worked is still on track to be completed by the end of September.



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Sports superstar steps up again



Kelsie in action competing in the steeplechase event at the NSW junior championships

Sports superstar Kelsie Youman was crowned Guyra's sportsperson of the year at an awards held in conjunction with the Australia Day Celebrations.

The award followed on from her success in 2016 at the Athletics NSW Country Championships where she picked up three gold medals.

Kelsie has achieved success in cross country, athletics, dance,

cricket, and soccer, and continues to represent GCS and the region at the highest level of athletics at North West and State finals.

Kelsie has spent the weekend in Sydney competing at the NSW Junior championship which was a lead up event for the Australian championships. Kelsie had already qualified for Nationals for the 800m and Steeple Chase but

qualified again with a gold medal in the U18 Women's 2000m Steeple Chase, setting a fierce pace early holding on for the gold finishing in a time of 7:53.38 and a silver medal in the 800m finishing in a time of 2:16.73.

Kelsie will be a part of the NSW Team to run at the Australian Championships in March competing in both events.

Get fit with boxing

Team Rowe boxing are already back into training for the new year under the watchful eye of accredited coaches Cliff and Scott Rowe. Located at Old Scout Hall in Nincoola St, the fully equipped and insured gym is available for anyone to use.

The hot weather has meant that opening hours are restricted at the moment, however will be open more often once it cools down. Thanks to generous sponsorship there is no charge to use the gym and all the equipment.

Cliff said that boxing is not all about

competition, and boxing is good for overall fitness and a great way to lose weight. All ages are welcome to come along and make use of this facility - men, women and kids from around 8 years.

Professional boxer Mitch Therl from Glen Innes is using the gym to prepare for upcoming bouts and local boxers Scott Rowe and Tremane Patterson also back in training.

More information is available from Cliff Rowe 0447 703 293

Men's bowls report

Results of play for Saturday, February 4: In Major Singles David Wilcox defeated Scott Campbell over 17 ends.

Andrew Spakre defeated Barry Presnell 31 shots to 13 over 26 ends.

Dan Kennedy defeated Robert Moore 31 shots to 14 over 21 ends.

In Handicap Singles Barry Campbell (+3) defeated Geoff Reeves (+6) 30 shots to 25 over 35 ends.

Women's Golf notes

Guyra Women's Golf

Thank you to the team of lady golfers who worked in the Gazebo at the Lamb and Potato Festival, as well as the husbands who cooked the sausages, chops and eggs: Michael, Joseph and Jim.

On 1st February Vicki Reeves, stayed cool on a very hot day, to win the Par Medal with +4. Pip White was runner up, finishing all square, from a three way count back. It was good to welcome visitor Sally Gilder, from Armidale Club, for the day.

Next week's golf is a Stroke competition for the 1st Golf NSW Medal. There is a putting competition and Wendy Jackson is the starter. Entries are open for our Open Day 4BBB which is set down for Wednesday 22nd February. We look forward to welcoming visitors from the New England and further afield.

Julie Walker

Junior league

Guyra Junior Rugby league will be taking part in the Gordon Creighton Cup which will be held in Glen Innes on March 4. President Gina Lockyer said that this day will be a good opportunity for youngsters to come and try the game before committing to a full season.

Registrations are open in all grades from under 8s to 16s and also junior and senior league tag for girls. You can register online at www.playnrl.com

Also anyone wanting to upgrade their qualifications can register to take part in upcoming coaching and first aid courses. Register online at www.greaternortherntigers.leaguenet.com.au/

If you would like to find out more please contact Gina on 0427 332 037

Local Sport

Victory for seconds on home ground

The rain held off at last, allowing a return of cricket to the Guyra turf on the weekend. Guyra won the toss and batted first with openers Peter Presnell (20) and Shane Wolfenden (28) putting on a good opening partnership. Coming in at number three BJ Cameron (33) consolidated on the good start with some big hitting

This set the tone for the home side with some good scores across the board. Tom Smith (41) was the best of the batsmen receiving solid support from Adrian Cameron (31) and Andrew Frost (17). Guyra finished the day eight wickets down for 233 runs - their best performance since the fourth round of the competition.

The opening pair for Ex Services put on partnership of 110, giving their team a good chance of a win. However some good bowling by Guyra kept the run rate down and the break through eventually came with Tom Smith (1 for 24) claiming the first wicket.

Some good bowling in the hot conditions eventually paid



Left Tom Smith eyes the ball on his way to a solid knock of 41

Below: Nick Page sends one down for Guyra

off for BJ Cameron (2 for 29 off 10 overs) and Andrew Page (5 for 73 off 12 overs). They restricted Ex Services to 198 runs and claimed victory for the home side.

This was the first game played since new curator John

Credland has been on the job and the whole ground showed improvement for the hours of work he had put in.

Unfortunately the third grade side didn't get a game after Ex Services failed to get a team together.



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