

A focus on youth was the hallmark of this year's Anzac Day commemorations in Guyra. RSL Subbranch President Hans Hietbrink said that it was pleasing that in the 101st year of marking the Anzac tradition that the next generation was playing their

part.

The commemoration address was delivered by Guyra Central School student and Air Force Cadet Hunter Davidson, with students from Black Mountain, St Mary's and Bald Blair also participating in the service. "I was extremely pleased with the large number of people who came out," Hans said. "I commend the people of Guyra and the many visitors who turned out and took part in the commemorations."

Beginning with around 200 people at a moving

dawn service, it was clear that the Anzac tradition remains strong. The 9am service at the MPS was also well attended, however the biggest crowd was the one which lined the street to watch the main march.

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2017 Anzac Commemorative address

Ladies and gentlemen, those from abroad and those who call Guyra home; it is with great honour that I address today's ceremony.

Today marks a very significant date on the calendars of all proud Australians and New Zealanders, as it has now for 101 years. For over a century we have gathered as Australians at memorials such as this to commemorate those who sacrificed under our nation's flag, many of which lost their lives and made the ultimate sacrifice.

To mark the 101st year of our commemoration of the ANZACs I would like to attempt to give our ceremony some more context, especially for the youth here today; as it is to you that the responsibility has fallen to carry this tradition forward another 100 years.

Today is a day where we gather not only to commemorate the lives of those who have fought for Australia, but to recognise and take example of their most exemplary deeds. Australia has earned a reputation amongst many other nations thanks to the self-less actions of our ANZACs; a reputation as a courageous, clever and daring people who were willing to risk their own lives in order to protect others.

Thanks to the 2016 ANZAC Memorial Scholarship I was fortunate enough to see the reputation we have earned firsthand. In the many small French and Belgian towns dotted along what once was the Western Front the people are always



happy to help an Australian, and they are proud to display Australian Memorials upon their soil in thanks to the soldiers and nurses who fought for their towns and who protected their homes and their lives when they could not do so themselves. Their museums proudly bear our memorabilia and their countryside bears ANZAC graves, because of the people they see Australians to be; a reputation we should endeavour to maintain. It is our duty as Australians to not only commemorate, but to uphold the spirit of the ANZACs.

The Great War saw destruction on a scale unprecedented; as new weapons of war such as artillery and repeating rifles made like work of any man. To put the loss into perspective, the total number of casualties from all nations was above 38 million, whilst the total population of Australia today sits at below 24 million. However, it was during the carnage caused by new weapons and old strategy that Australia stepped up to the world stage, in a way which is still being honoured over a century later.

A life which I believe embodies the courage and sacrifice which forms the foundation of the ANZAC spirit is that of Victoria Cross recipient Claud Charles Castleton. Castleton, being born in England on the 12th of April 1893, made the move to Australia at the age of 19 seeking travel and adventure. After becoming an Australian, Castleton travelled the continent and spent time working as a teacher until the outbreak of war. On the $11^{\rm th}$ of March 1915 Castleton enlisted with the AIF or Australian Imperial Force. After his training in Egypt, Castleton took part in the attack on the Gallipoli peninsula; arguably where our nation first earned its name. During his time at Gallipoli. Castleton showed promise as a leader and eventually earned the rank of Sargent, but this was not the end of Castleton's valour on the battlefield.

After Australia's withdrawal from the peninsula, Castleton was posted to the Western Front where he joined the ranks of the 5th Australian Machine Gun Company. It was on the section of the front infamously known as the Somme that Castleton set an example of mateship, sacrifice and courage which earned him the Victoria Cross. During the night of the 28th of July 1916, Castleton took part in an attack on Pozieres heights. The Diggers were soon stopped by enemy artillery and machine gun fire; many were left wounded in no-man's-land.

Unable to leave his wounded comrades in such a state Castleton left the relative safety of the trenches in order to carry back the wounded on his back. Castleton successfully saved the lives of two men but was killed whilst trying to save a third. Those who witnessed Castleton's deed ensured he was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross for valour and sacrifice in the face of the enemy.

In conclusion, I would like to say that though the day where we need millions of men to protect Australia's interests has passed, the opportunity to display courage, sacrifice and a sense of duty has not. Our commemoration of the ANZACs is not only to thank them for their sacrifice but to also give us a chance to take an example of the strength of character of Australian soldiers both passed and serving and to uphold our reputation as Australians.

Thank you for your time and to the RSL for asking me to speak today.

Lest we forget. H.J. Davidson

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Well done Guyra for coming out in great numbers for Anzac Day



Looking for stars when the sky is cloudy

Mowing while the grass is wet and making a terrible mess.

Working on a public holiday

Weather Watch

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19	Wed	4.6	17.4
20	Thurs	6.2	17.0
21	Fri	3.5	14.6
22	Sat	3.4	17.5
23	Sun	7.4	15.6
24	Mon	5.4	20

Rainfall this week			
0mm	0 days		
April rainfall			
18.9	5 days		

Water treatment plant

Rainfall Registrations - to 9am Monday, April 17

Rainfall - 0mm (496.5mm YTD) Top Dam 10mm above spillway Bott. Dam 10mm above spillway Daily average town consumption (target 650 kl) 822 kl Water Restrictions - NIL

Rainfall year to date516.8mm47 daysRainfall last year to date225.8mm29 days

Ride over for another year



A hardy team of cyclists from Guyra were among 380 participants who took part in this year's Tour de Rocks. Now in its six year, the tour raises money for cancer awareness, prevention and cure.

On day one the team set out with high spirits, departing Armidale for the first 95km leg before arriving at Georges

Junction.

However day two was a bigger challenge which 'almost broke the strongest of spirits' according to team member Edna Mendes.

"It was the hardest day, but everyone found what it took to make it," Edna said. "The ride was 82.5km and an elevation gain of 1655m, which made for some tough going." "We had Tour de Cure riders with us who said that our ride was as tough, or tougher, than any ride he had done in his 16 Tour de Cure's.

After an overnight stop at Willawarrin, the riders were up early on day three for the final leg of 87 kms into South West Rocks headlands.

"The welcome is one amazingly moving experience," Edna said. "The streets were lined with crowds cheering a great achievement by one and all, but more importantly acknowledging the great cause we are all supporting in participating in the tour."

"The organisers, supporters and everyone else involved deserve the hugest kudos for such a great event."



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Adrian and Michealle Dorman have been involved in managing and working in health retreats in USA, Africa and Australia.

Advian has trained as a Registered Nurse, Health Educator, Lifestyle Counsellor and Massage Therapist. Michealle has managed a health food store and restaurant and worked in several health retreats as the cook and instructor. On behalf of Cedarvale Health and Lifestyle Retreat

On behalf of Cedarvale Health and Lifestyle Retreat they promote positive healthy living programs around Australia. Saturday 29 April 2017

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Troutfest planning underway

The Guyra Trout Festival committee is looking for people interested in helping in the planning and running of the Festival for October 2017 (last weekend of the school holidays).

The aims of the festival include fun entertainment bringing visitors and business to Guyra, and to promote Guyra as a trout fishing destination. The festival begins with the very popular fishing clinic for children 8-14 years on the Friday (we've got activities for parents planned for the day too).

But the committee will have events for everyone over the weekend, not just fishers. The market day on Saturday will appeal to everyone with music, children's busking competition, dancing displays, food and wine tastings and stalls for every interest. You can even learn to fly cast or buy a fishing hook.

The committee has already come up with a range of activities for Saturday and Sunday (art, gardens, drama, driving tours, golf, fly casting lessons) but if you or your organization has ideas for activities bring them along to the May meeting. We are still in brainstorming mode and absolutely everyone is welcome. There are lots of little details to plan before hand or just help on the weekend itself, so you can help out in either a small way or with a bigger commitment.

The next festival meeting is



The fishing clinic at Troutfest 2016 was a popular event

on Thursday May 4th at 6pm at the Guyra Bowling Club. Ring 6775 5735 with ideas or offers if you can't come to the meeting.

Guyra Sheep and Lamb Sale Market Report

At the Guyra sheep and lamb sale on April 12, there was a yarding of 3000 Lambs and 2300 Sheep. There were 3000 mixed quality lambs penned with trade and heavy weights well supplied, while restockers were well catered for. The usual processors were in attendance and there was a strong restocker representation from as far as Victoria.

Demand from restockers was very high with some buyers venturing into heavier weights and fat classes for an earlier turn around at export weights. The market trend was generally firm to slightly dearer. Trade and heavy weight lambs were mostly firm with odd sales a little cheaper. Demand for sheep was again high however competition was not as fierce.

Market trends were generally cheaper with the well finished medium and heavy sheep losing most of the previously reported sales price gains. The plainer condition sheep also sold to a cheaper trend however the price corrections were not as great.

Young lambs sold to a top of \$170, older lambs made to \$200. Hoggetts topped at \$153, ewes made up to \$155 and wethers sold to a top of \$148.

Rotarians against Malaria

On ANZAC Day we in Australia and New Zealand and in the homelands of many of our former allies commemorate the courage, service and sacrifice of the Australian and New Zealand service men and women in all the conflicts that our nations have sent troops to. Elsewhere in the world another ongoing Global struggle is signified on the 25th of April as the World Health Organisation (WHO) has proclaimed this same day as



Madelaine and her husband Joseph live in the most malaria endemic area of central province PNG. They value the protection of their two year old RAM bed net and stay healthy by getting under it every evening at dusk and staying there till morning.

World Malaria Day. Because of the commemoration of ANZAC Day in Australia RAM has chosen to mark Malaria Awareness Day on the 30th of April.

The latest global statistics show that the annual death toll from malaria is 429,000 people of which 70% are children under the age of 5 years. One child dies from malaria, somewhere in the world, every two minutes.

However there is some good news to share as malaria control measures have reduced the annual death rates by 60% since the year 2000 and reduced the number of cases by 37% worldwide. This has meant that an estimated 6 million child deaths have been averted over this period and steady progress is being made towards the goal of completely eliminating malaria by the year 2040.

In our own corner of the world the Rotary project 'Rotarians Against Malaria' (RAM) has been supporting malaria control programs in PNG, Solomon Islands and Timor Leste since 1995 by providing insecticidal bed nets and practical support on the ground. Since 2009 RAM in PNG has collaborated with the Global fund to fight Aids Tuberculosis and Malaria, to distribute 10 million treated bed nets, sufficient for every household in the country to receive at least two allocations.

For more information visit RAM's web site www.ramaustralia.org. If you are wondering why Australians should care about malaria visit the Bradley St Stall on Friday and have a yarn with Dave Pearson.

An adventure for forward thinkers

Local community organisation, Southern New England Landcare, is preparing to host the 18th New England North West Landcare Adventure on 4-5th May 2017.

The two-day event is themed 'Farming Smarter Communities' and will showcase a number of initiatives that Southern New England Landcare see as key to facilitating thriving, sustainable communities in the region.

Karen Zirkler, Executive Officer at Southern New England Landcare, is excited about the way the program is coming together.

'Regenerative farming is the first topic on the program and will be presented by Colin Seis, a farmer from the Gulgong area who has been experimenting on his own place for 30 years,' Karen said.

'Participants will have the opportunity to discuss and question the science behind Colin Seis' work with Dr Maarten Stapper from BioLogic AgFood,' Karen said.

At the University of New England's 'Kirby' Smart Farm, scientists and local landholders will hold sessions on how they are working smarter together, to achieve sustainable outcomes.

Topics include soil health, ground layer biodiversity under different grazing systems, fire-stick farming at 'Wattleridge', weed technologies for farms and mobile sprouted feeding systems.

Day one will wrap up with the Regional Landcare Awards Dinner, when winners will be announced in seven categories, across the two regions involved. The Awards Dinner will be held at UNE's historic Robb College Dining Hall, with entertainment by local jazz band Ash Hall Trio.

During day two, Uralla businesses that are finding pathways for local produce, will have a chance to showcase their stories. The Alternate Root Café, New England Brewery, Uralla's Z-Net Energy group, the Uralla Woolroom and the New England Foodie Trail, have already indicated their interest in being on show.

David Henderson, Chair of Southern New England Landcare, is keen to hear participant's views on how to 'farm smarter communities', the topic of a facilitated session in Uralla.

'It's important that we recognize and duplicate, wherever possible, the initiatives that make regional Australia stronger, and I believe we have some of those great initiatives right here on our doorstep,' David said.

The event will conclude with lunch and a stroll along Dumaresq Creek in Armidale, to view the great work being done by Armidale's Urban Landcare Groups.

Tickets are available at www.trybooking.com/PHKE. More information is available at www.snelandcare.org.au.



Stork Report



Bryan and Carly Gaukroger have welcomed Hugh Thomas born on April 13th at Rockhampton Qld. Hugh weighed in at 81b 3oz (3.7 kg) and is a little brother for Jace William. He is the tenth grandchild for Helen Gaukroger of Guyra.





Locals step out at Autumn Graduations

Ty Archibald (pictured above with brother Miles) graduated from the University of New England on April 7th. He received his award for the completion of his Bachelor of Business degree.

Also graduating was Thor Burey (pictured with parents Di and Geoff) who receiveded his Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy and Psychology on April 8th.



Community Noticeboard

Meals on Wheels

27 April: Sue Adams 28 April Steve Adams 1 May Kath Varley 2 May Don & Betty Mayled 3 May Heather Marchant

Street Stalls

27, 28 & 29 April -Rotary Club 4 May - Westpac Helicopter Group 11 May - Can Assist 12 & 13 May - Lions Club

Church Notices

St James Anglican

Sunday 9am Traditional Service, 10.30am Family Service; 1st Sunday of the month Backwater 2pm, 3rd Sunday of the month Ben Lomond 12.00noon

Rev Mark Evers 6779 1111 St Mary's Catholic

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

St Columba's Presbyterian

Sunday 9.00am Rev Andrew Campbell, Acting Session Clerk: Jim Coleman 6733 2021

Uniting Church

Regular Sunday Service 9.30am Enquiries Nancy Davidson 6779 1366

Seventh-day Adventist

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

Northwest Church

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

Church of Freedom

10 Nincoola Street - Contact: 0421 847 973, Tuesday Prayer 6.30pm, Wed Bible Study 6.30pm Sunday Service 10am

Service Clubs

LIONS CLUB dinner meetings 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month at Guyra Bowling Club, 7pm. Ph:Peter King 0412 780 951

<u>ROTARY CLUB</u> dinner meetings 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at Rafters Restaurant, 6.30pm. Ph: Aileen MacDonald 0417 079 307

Completion of roadworks

Armidale Regional Council construction crews have completed the rehabilitation of two sections of the Guyra Tingha Road, improving the safety and stability of this important traffic corridor.

An 800m section of the Guyra Tingha Road along Moredun Flat and a 1.1km section at Wandsworth received extensive road base rehabilitation, along with increased width and a bitumen seal.

The 800m section along Moredun Flat, funded by the RMS Repair Program, was badly degraded by increased heavy traffic volumes and flood waters. Treatments to the sub-base and base were



The newly sealed stretch of road

completed, as well as significant improvements to the roadside drainage system. The 1.1km section of road

near Loxton Road, Wandsworth, funded by the RMS Black Spot Program, was cement stabilised using state-of-the-art equipment before being sealed.

Armidale Regional Council Director of Engineering, Ralf Stoeckeler, said that the works will make this stretch of road significantly safer for road users.

"The Guyra Tingha Road is an important East-West corridor, and prolonged poor weather conditions and increased traffic had impacted on the quality and safety of the road.

"The completion of this extensive construction work facilitates greater volumes of traffic, particularly heavy vehicles, and will mitigate future deterioration."

Fees and charges on Public Exhibition

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12 April 2017, Armidale Regional Council Administrator Dr Ian Tiley endorsed the Draft 2017-2018 Fees and Charges for Public Exhibition for 28 days from Thursday 13 April, 2017.

Due to the amalgamation of Armidale Dumaresq and Guyra Councils, the new council was required to adopt standard fees and charges to be applied across the new local government area.

The fees and charges applied by council include regulatory charges set by the NSW Government as well as partial and full cost recovery fees and charges in line with Council's cost recovery policy. Depending on charges that were previously applied by the former councils, harmonisation has required some charges to be decreased while others will increase or remain the same. In some cases, where resources were not previously available to provide some services, new services have now been introduced.

A user pays system places less dependency on Council's general fund and revenue raised through rates. By charging, wherever practical, for different services available to the community on a user pays basis, Council is subsidising less services, this provides a fairer system for the whole community.

Armidale Regional Council CEO Peter Dennis said it was important for the community to understand that the new fees and charges cover a wider scope of services provided by a larger Council.

"Guyra region residents will see some new charges that were not included in the former Guyra Shire Council's Fees and Charges. The draft fees and charges now cover a larger scope of services that are offered to the new local government area. The impact these fees have on members of the community depends on the level of service you require or utilise as a ratepayer, resident or

through business," said Peter Dennis.

"For example Engineering Plans and Inspection Fees the fee for Subdivision Construction Certificate per Lot has been reduced by \$1,250 in Guyra and the fee has been split to include four new services at lower individual cost - user pays."

Following the harmonisation of fees and charges of the two former Council's all legislated fees have been set at a level determined by the State. All contestable fees for services such as building and inspections which may be provided by private certifiers for Constructions Certificates, Complying Development Certificates and Bushfire Hazard classifications have again been reviewed and reflect the actual cost associated with that service to ensure that the general ratepayer is not subsidising operations which are cost recoverable.

Some fees across the former Councils may be different and in line with the level of service provided in that area. For example cemetery charges: Armidale Mall; parks and playing field fees; Aquatic Centres; Hire of facilities including halls, buildings, meeting rooms and Animal Impounding fees will be different. Over time, some of these fees will be further reviewed to ensure both the fees and the service level are aligned wherever possible.

In the coming year there will be no change to water service and consumption fees or Guyra Home Support Services fees. The majority of Development Applications fees will remain the same or have slight increases for some services. Examples of some fees and charges that have been increased approximately by CPI include Sewer services, Waste Collection and Service Charges and the Guyra Preschool fees

To view the Draft 2017-2018 Fees and Charges and comparison document visit Council's engagement hub at yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au

Guyra commemorates Anzac Day 2017



Anthony Little, Jeff Muller, Tonya Muller and Vince Little









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Another hallmark of the Anzac tradition is that it brings people and generations together, celebrating a sense of belonging and recognising those who are no longer here.

Among those marching this year was Vince Little who returned to march in the town of his birth for the first time in 27 years.

The last time he marched in Guyra was in 1990 with his fa-

ther August 'Gus' Little, Uncle Tom Davidson and cousin Terry. Yesterday was another family moment this time joined by son Anthony, daughter Tonya and son-in-law Jeff Muller.

"I grew up in Sydney, but Guyra was always my second home," he said. "It means a lot to come back with my family today – it has been fantastic – I couldn't have asked for more.







Gazette Footy Tipping

The scores this week cover the games to Sunday, 23 April. There are two more games to be played at the time of going to press and these will be included in next week's scores.

Beth led the scoring in the Celebrities, correctly tipping four of the six matches. Tegan is still in the lead but only scored six points, along with Soley and Josh. Sue took her eye off the ball this week, scoring just four points.

In the Locals, there have been major movements on the Leaderboard with The Ref relegated to the sin-bin, scoring no (nil, zilch, nada) points. Even PHJ has overtaken him!

The Nightwatchman and Men's Shed are in the lead on 78, followed by Mailman (76) and Carmel, Darcey and PHJ on 74.



Women's golfing champions



Karen Oehlers is the Guyra Women's Club Champion for 2017. After 54 holes of play Karen carded a score of 269 gross with Vicki Reeves runner-up with 279 gross. Division 2 Champion for 2017 is Belinda Lenehan who returned a card showing 304 gross. Congratulations to these two great players and well done to all competitors. Net winner for the second round of 27 holes competition was Belinda Lenehan with a score of 110. Vicki Reeves won the 18 holes net with a 70 net.

Next week's golf is a Stableford for Julie Walker's Trophy incorporating a Graham Betts Challenge.

Julie Walker

Gazette Footy Tipping

Nightwatchman	78	John Credland	72
Men's Shed	76	Ron McEwen	70
Mailman	74	Hazel	70
Carmel Hoade	74	Eel-be-Right	70
Darcey Heagney	74	Elva Brazier	70
PHJ	74	The Saint	66
The Ref	72	Bulldog	62

Locals Entry Form - Round 10

Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on Tuesday, 2 May

Name:		
Phone:		
Bulldogs	VS	Cowboys
Dragons	VS	Sharks
Tigers	VS	Rabbitohs
Panthers	VS	Warriors
Storm	VS	Titans
Sea Eagles	VS	Broncos
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Flashes of brilliance for Ghost/Elks

Round four of the New England Rugby competition was held on Saturday.

After a sporadic start to the season Glen/Guyra had only their second game of the season against Robb College. With a number of players out and the lack of game time the match got off to a slow start for the Ghost/Elks.

No points were scored until late in the second half, unfortunately the points went to Robb College.

The Ghost/Elks came out firing in the second half and the momentum of the game started to shift in our favour with the boys finally getting a look at the try line. Controversially, a try for Michael Miller off a chip from Cody Patterson, was denied but this fired the boys up. Jeremy Hallam was able to recover the ball from a Robb scrum and dive over the line for our only try of the match.

In the end Robb college ran away with the game with a 29⁻⁵ win. There were flashes of individual brilliance throughout, but

Men's Bowls

The weekend saw only one game of Club Championships played. On Saturday April 22nd Barry Campbell and Scott Campbell played Steven Sole and Robert Walls in Major/Minor Pairs. Steven and Robert jumped away to an early lead and were never threatened going on to win 30 shots to 13 shots.

This weekend will see a Pennant trial between Guyra and Armidale City on Sunday April 30th. Team will leave Guyra Bowling Club at 9.45am for a 10.30 am start. A Barbeque lunch is being arranged. At time of going to print the teams are still to be



In only their second game of the year the Ghost/Elks went down fighting against Robb College *Photo:Tegan Mendes*

the team still needs some time to gel which is sure to happen in the coming rounds when games become more regular.

Points this week went to Greg Hill (3), Will Vivers (2), Michael Miller (1) and Player's Player to Jeremy Hallam.

determined. As a result the teams will be posted on the notice board Monday night so players please make yourselves familiar with the teams and to ensure that you make yourselves available to play. This is a wonderful opportunity to get some much needed practice on grass greens.

Time is running out to get your entry in for the Major/Minor 3 Bowl Pairs Carnival to be played over the weekend of May 6/7.

The sheet is still on the notice board if you would like to add your name for a Travelling Bowlers Shirt. Purchase price is \$50.00 per shirt.

The bowls bandit.

There is a zone bye this weekend for all clubs as the Country Championships are being held in Port Macquarie. New England are taking three sides to compete, Opens, Under 19s and a Women's 7s squad.

Our next game is a home game and Ladies Day on

Veteran's golf

The last Pennants game this year for the Vets will be held in Guyra on Thursday, May 4th.

There will be a 9.30 Shotgun start and lunch will be available at the Club. The cost will be \$20.

There will be three men's divisions and one ladies with Longest Drives for men and women.

Please nominate to play by Monday, 1st May.

Contact Nancy Prisk by email - nancyprisk@bigpond.com or phone -0438791057

The Vet

the 6th May in Guyra against the Barbarians. We hope to see a large crowd out in support for the Ghost/Elks in what is sure to be a great day of Rugby followed by raffles and entertainment at the Royal Hotel.

The Guyra Ghost

Men's golf

With the Soccer Ambrose being postponed to a later date, the club sponsored a 3 person Ambrose on Sunday. The winners were Don Hill, Dom Hill and Custard Mulligan with a very good score of 56 net.

Six players played in the NEDGA open in Glen Innes as well with the only joy coming for Pat Grills who picked up a nearest to the pin. Next Sunday will be for the Spar Express foursomes trophy so find a partner and come down for this challenging game.

The Albatross

Gazette Sport

Kelsie bound for Fiji in green and gold

Guyra's Kelsie Youman has become the third Armidale Athletics club athlete to be selected to wear the green and gold at Oceanic level, and the first since her coach Jay Stone in 2012.

The Oceania Area Championships will be held in Suva, Fiji at the end of June, and Kelsie will be one of six Armidale Club athletes who will be taking part.

The Oceania Area Championships are a bi-annual Championships, comprising of all nations in the Oceanic region.

Kelsie earns her first start in the Australian team, after competing as a member of the Regional Australian team last year, where she took gold in the under 18 800m event, and finished 4th in the 1500m.

This time around she will again contest the under 18 800m, but instead of the 1500m her secondary event will be the 2000m Steeplechase. Though Youman has had an impressive season, her selection chances took a massive hit at last month's national championships.

Selection for the Australian team is based on placings at nationals. During her 800m race, Kelsie was tripped and fell to the track. She showed incredible tenacity to bounce back to her feet and finish the race, still clocking an impressive time and a high placing.

After the race she was bruised and grazed, but had she given up and not finished the 800m, or not raced in the steeplechase later that evening, she would have missed selection on the Australian team.

Armidale athletes Jay Stone, Stuart Geddes, Mikielee Snow, Gracie Martin and William Vince-Moin all gained selection in the Regional Australian Team, which will compete alongside their green and gold counterparts.



Kelsie competing at the NSW Championshionships in February



