



# Guyra Gazette

Wednesday May 17, 2017

## ANTY vows to fight on

Anti-amalgamation campaigners gathered in Guyra last Friday, marking one year since Guyra Shire Council became part of Armidale Regional Council.

Around 50 protesters attended the gathering, vowing to maintain the rage and continue fighting for de-amalgamation and the reinstatement of a locally based Guyra Council.

This was the second rally held since the formation of the Amalgamation No Thank You (ANTY) group.

The first rally was held in February, when around 200 people marched in protest against forced amalgamation. Members of the Guyra ANTY group also travelled to Sydney during recent by-elections, supporting independent candidates as part of a state wide anti amalgamation protest.

This time a smaller group of protesters marched along the street, gathering in

front of the Council Chambers, where rally organisers addressed the assembled crowd.

Gordon Youman said that 12 months on from the amalgamation it was now time for a reality check on how the new council is performing.

“There is still no evidence that amalgamation works,” he said. “The only evidence is that it doesn’t.”

“What was pleasing is that this time there were new people at the rally, some who had not been to the others, so the message is still spreading.”

Mr Youman remains confident of success and says that the Guyra ANTY group is not backing down.

“I think we will get our Shire back, if not before 2019 then definitely afterwards,” he said. “There are court cases happening now which I expect to go our way.”



Rob Lenehan (left) told the gathering that “It ain’t working and I don’t think it ever will”, while Robert Gordon (right) said that Guyra was “Discriminated against by the NSW government which rewarded councils that took legal action.”

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# Women walk the World raising funds

Women Walk the World WWTW is an annual event where women's groups in countries worldwide, walk in their communities to raise funds for women and children in need and also to celebrate the cultural diversity of women across society.

The walk is organised by the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) which is the largest international organisation for rural women.

It has a uniquely down-to-earth approach, offering mu-

tual support, friendship and practical help to its members, in over 70 countries.

ACWW aims to raise the standard of living of rural women and families through education, training and community development programmes and to provide practical support to its members and help them set up income-generating schemes.

This year Guyra CWA joined with Glen Innes CWA for a Walk the World high tea in Glen Innes.



Del Healy, Heather Starr, Trish Field and Diedre Youman from Guyra CWA celebrating Women Walk the World Day at Glen Innes



**HAPPY FAMILY OCCASION:** Macy, Sophie, Jordan, Jason, Laura, Amanda, Hayden and Alana

## Wedding Bells

Jason Jackson and Amanda Thomas tied the knot in a small family celebration held in Guyra on Monday April 10th.

The wedding took place in the garden of Jason's grandmother Laura Jackson in South Guyra.

Performing the official duties was the bride's mother and Celebrant Christine Thomas of Glen Innes. Witnesses on the day were Jason's mother Dot and Amanda's father David.

### What's **HOT**

**New signs** outside the GALA Centre - great work by a local tradie and shows the diversity of what we do

**Locals** achieving great things on the sporting field

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### What's **NOT**

**Recyclers** breaking your recycling bin and only giving you one bin and not the extra bin promised.

**No crosswords** in the Gazette.

**Doing your husband's** footy tips and only getting 2 points.

## Weather Watch

### Guyra Hospital

Date	Day	Min	Max
09	Tues	2.2	16.1
10	Wed	5.1	13.6
11	Thurs	4.0	14.1
12	Fri	0.0	15.0
13	Sat	4.0	15.0
14	Sun	6.0	14.9
15	Mon	7.9	14.0

### Rainfall this week

7mm 1 day

### May rainfall

11mm 3 days

### Water treatment plant

**Rainfall Registrations - to 9am Monday, May 15th**

Rainfall - 5mm (548mm YTD)  
Top Dam 10mm above spillway  
Bott. Dam 10mm above spillway  
Daily average town consumption (target 650 kl) 1380kl  
Water Restrictions - NIL

### Rainfall year to date

569.8mm 52 days

### Rainfall last year to date

248.4mm 34 days



# Year 8 Maths Day



The Year 8 Mathematics Day was held on Friday 12th May at UNE and is a day devoted to mathematical problem solving. The focus of the day is to promote students working together to solve a diverse range of activities.

Seven students from Guyra Central School teamed up with one student from Emmaville Central School competing alongside 62 schools from the New England region. Students were involved a wide range of problem solving activities appropriate to their ages, encouraging a broad view of mathematics which encompassed both non routine and

real life problems, offered the opportunity for school groups to work collaboratively, provided a higher profile of mathematics in the community and assisted with the socialisation of students from different schools.

One of the GCS teams placed third in the Central School Competition and placed competitively amongst the High schools competition.

Well done to the students who competed in this event and special thanks to Miss Sarah Steele and Mr Mike Birmingham for attending with the students.

# Triple gold for Sara

Sara Brazier travelled to Canberra recently with the Hunter Special Olympic team for a weekend of Ten Pin Bowling and Swimming against other Special Olympic teams.

Sara competed in a number of different events and managed to bring home three gold medals, two silver and a bronze medal.

She won gold in both the triples and pairs ten pin bowling events as well as the 50m freestyle.

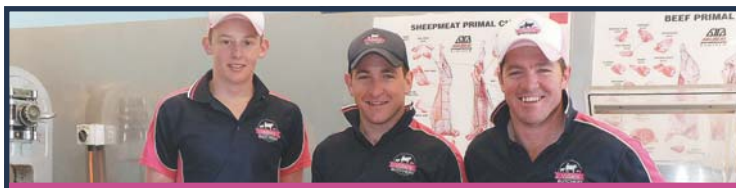
Competing in the 50m Breaststroke and 50m backstroke Sara finished with silver medal and backed up with a



Sara Brazier weighed down with Gold, silver and bronze medals

bronze in the 100m freestyle in 4x50m relay. which she finished in 5th place.

Her only other event was the



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# Northern Schools Prime Lamb Competition

Last week a group of year 8 and 10 Agriculture students from Guyra Central School travelled with Mr Scott Miller to Tenterfield for the Northern Schools Prime Lamb Competition. Here the students were further educated about the different market specifications for lambs, and were tested on their ability to select animals that were suitable for a particular market.

Taylah Mitchell and Gemma Williams were impressive in the junior judging gaining 3rd and 4th respectively out of approximately 150 students.

Along with the students, we entered 16 lambs into the competition with 3 pens of 3 lambs in the light weight and 2 pens in the middle weight. There was also one lamb entered into the individual led section. In the middle weight class Guyra cleaned up placing 1st, 2nd and 4th. We also came away with a 2nd place in the middle weight section.

Congratulations to all students on their outstanding efforts and achievements over the two days.



Gemma Williams and Taylah Mitchell (kneeling at front) finished 4th and 3rd respectively in the junior judging

## Guyra Sheep and Lamb Sale Market Report

There was a reduced penning in both the sheep and lamb sections at the Guyra sale on Wednesday May 5th. There was a yarding of 2285 lambs and 1795 sheep for a total of 4080. The quality of the lambs was fair to good with all weight classes represented; well finished heavy weights had a strong representation.

There were very few young trade and heavy weight lambs penned with most having made the transition to an older lamb. Restockers were reasonably well catered for in both the young and shorn lambs. Demand remained high from the full field of regular buyers.

Market trends varied with restockers active on light and medium weight lambs. Good quality restocker lambs experienced little market change with some quality related price changes. Well finished, good quality trade weights sold close



to firm with some of the secondary quality pens cheaper.

The heavy and extra heavy weight lambs saw an improvement in quality with the market trend firm to dearer, averages improving by \$5 to \$6/head and more in places. Competition was strong and demand high for all classes of sheep. High skin values for Merino sheep combined with the strong competition saw market trends much dearer

## Have your say.....

### Thank you to ANTY for tireless work

On behalf of the Guyra Shire residents I would like to thank the group, Amalgamation No Thank You (ANTY) for their tireless work to maintain the issue of the demerger of the local shire.

A successful rally was held in the Guyra main street last Friday (12/5) to mark the 1st. anniversary of the loss of our local shire. This was well attended by quite a large number of people where the progress of the new shire was spoken of at length.

One very pertinent issue discussed was how the Status Quo was to be maintained in the shire for 3 years at least. Suddenly, there is a rush to divest ourselves of Tingha and surrounds. This is in answer to

the sales pitch of the authorities that Bigger Is Better when the concept was being sold. Another point was the authority of the Administrator to enact this realignment of the Shire boundary. Does his brief authorize this? It seems that this is outside the status quo.

One point raised was about whether we should have candidates picked and being promoted, at this early stage, for the upcoming ARC election in September. This will be discussed at length in the very near future. We do have it on very reliable authority however, that there could be a complete demerger State wide if we can 'Maintain the Rage'.

I ask that people support the local group ANTY as we will live to regret our current arrangement if it is allowed to remain.

*Ray Mulligan*



## GUYRA LIBRARY NEWS

24th May

### National Simultaneous Storytime

This year's book is "The cow tripped over the moon" by Tony Wilson and Laura Wood. The book reading will be held in the library on 24th May at 11am, with a special guest cow reading the book. In conjunction we are holding a colouring in competition for preschool to year 2 students with competition pictures available from the library.

### Guyra Mayors History project

Previous Guyra Mayors history project – were you or one of your

family a previous mayor or president of Guyra Shire Council? Would you like to contribute a short biography of yourself or family member to the library's history collection? This is an ongoing library project with the projected view to publish photographs and a short biography of our previous mayors onto the ARC website.

### Storytime

Don't forget Storytime is held every Monday during school terms at 11am in the library.

### Digital Resources

Your Guyra Library membership card provides free access to a wide range of digital resources. Call into the library to find out more or phone 6770 7123.

## Responsible Pet Ownership Program

Applications for assistance with the cost of desexing through the Responsible Pet Ownership Program is currently available for residents of Armidale Regional Council who have Australian Government issued Health Care Cards and whose animals are microchipped.

Application forms are available at the Armidale Regional Council Armidale Office on Rusden Street and the Guyra Office on Bradley Street.

Forms are also available from the New England Regional Companion Animals Shelter during office hours or through RSPCA Armidale.

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## COUNCIL MEETING

The next - Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on the 24 May 2017 in the Guyra office Council Chamber, 158 Bradley St, Guyra, from 9am. The public are welcome to attend.

## PUBLIC NOTICE - Wednesday 17 May 2017

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# Time to Start Talking - Kara's story

## Community Noticeboard

Kara Nicholls is a surprise package. She looks like she has it all together but she is not your typical East Coast working mum. "Far from it!", she says.

What I'm looking at is Kara 2.0, the country girl from Guyra, a constant striver who landed and loved her dream job in investment banking, married the man of her dreams, then was torn down by a mental illness, recovered to crave children, endured rounds of IVF and then found something astonishing.

"I really hated being pregnant", she says. "Nothing about it felt normal. Plus there was this expectation from society to be overwhelmingly happy. Also, everyone was giving me mixed messages like 'Go to the movies! Get your hair done! Sleep!' As if I was going to jail for the rest of my life. I wondered if I had committed a murder? I couldn't get away from it."

And now she's talking about it. As a Non-Executive Director of Gidget Foundation Australia, she's embodying the message too (it's even on the business cards)

Start Talking. "This is our message and its time that I embodied it. It's time for me to start talking too", she says. "All of these things happened and all this evolution, ups and downs have led me here. I feel like I ended up being involved with the Gidget Foundation for a reason. This reason. It's time to start talking."

This evolution has taken Kara from a person who was never really a baby person, to a mum of a 3 and 5 year old who "chases them all day for snuggles. I can't get enough of them. I choose to stay home on nights that other parents might prefer to be out. I'd rather stay home to be with them, they are my everything. I know", she laughs, "a big change."

Complicating Kara's unexpected feelings about pregnancy was the medication managing her pre-existing mental health. An appointment with a Mothersafe nurse was pivotal in easing her guilt and anxiety. "She discussed the potential risks of the medication and emphasised that there was a lot of information available about safety in continuing with it. She also pointed out that going off medication may mean the two of us might not be around." Having sound and logical advice allayed some of her fears — but it was a matter of getting the right advice. She also saw a psychologist regularly and set about exercising to help her feel better along with getting adequate sleep. These were big, necessary changes.

The new Gidget Foundation online video phone consultation program, aptly named Start Talking, is exciting Kara enormously. Not only because it offers hassle-free access, but also reaches those in rural, remote and indigenous areas. "It worries me a lot, mums



Kara Nicholls with daughters Amelia and Bianca

and dads in the country... In the city we are more open-minded. In rural and remote areas, if someone isn't feeling well, what do they do? There are stigmas and fewer options. People are expected to dust themselves off and keep their chin up; it's imperative we reach and help these people too."

If there is one thing Kara could tell others, it would be, "Don't internalise and normalise. We say 'I'll get through it, other people have bigger problems.' But things can happen suddenly, life can turn on a coin and you need to have a very, strong foundation and support networks to rely on."

And to her struggling perinatal self, she would send gentle words of hope. "I know that you cannot feel love, any love. But...you have no idea how your 'little people' will make you feel and the endless love you will have for them. Give it time."

***From Kara's Story as told by Flip Byrnes in the Gidget Foundation May newsletter.***

***The Gidget Foundation is a not for profit organisation supporting the emotional wellbeing of new parents and their families.***

***Kara Nicholls (nee Mitchell), was born and raised in Guyra and is the daughter of Greg and Bev Mitchell. She is now working as the Company Secretary for Caltex Australia.***

### Meals on Wheels

- 17 May - John Mitchell
- 18 May - Susan Gerard
- 19 May - R Forbes/D Garniss
- 22 May - Guyra Lions Club
- 23 May - Pamela Carter

### Street Stalls

- 18 May - Westpac Helicopter
- 19 May - Masonic Lodge
- 20 May - Guyra Central P & C
- 25 May - Hospital Auxiliary
- 26 May - Anglican Women
- 1, 2 & 3 June - Rotary

### 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

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

#### **St Columba's Presbyterian**

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### Service Clubs

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# Can you 'lead the way'?

Capable people with passion and commitment are being called on to nominate as candidates in the upcoming local council elections and to provide civic leadership for the next three years.

Elections will be held on Saturday September 9th. Nominations for candidates open on Monday July 31st and close at 12 noon on Wednesday August 9th.

Energy and a 'can do' desire to get things done and make a difference will be important qualities for councillors who need to be inclusive, approachable

and willing to work across communities to create a prosperous future for the Armidale Regional Council area.

Council Administrator Administaror Dr Ian Tiley said that holding elections is a major milestone for Armidale Regional Council and the community.

"As a councillor for over 20 years I will be pleased to speak with persons considering standing for council to discuss the role, required time commitment or any other relevant matters," Dr Tiley said

Before deciding whether to nominate,

make sure you are on the electoral roll for Armidale Regional Council area and are eligible to stand for office.

For more information about local council election nomination and registration details, voting and key dates visit:

Armidale Regional Council at [www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au](http://www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au)

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## Subsidised desexing program for pets

Armidale Regional Council and the RSPCA are working together to offer a program to help educate the community regarding responsible pet ownership - including microchipping, desexing, animal registration and a range of other issues.

Council will subsidise the desexing of up to 100 microchipped pets (50 dogs and 50 cats) across the Armidale Regional Council local government area.

The service is subsidised which means you can get a female dog desexed for just \$100, males \$80. Female

cats are \$70 and males \$35. There is a limit of 2 animals per household.

Application forms are available at the Armidale Regional Council Armidale Office on Rusden Street and the Guyra Office on Bradley Street.



## Outstanding results



Patrick Faint, Riley King and Wahkeem Patterson

Students of Black Mountain participated in the Small Schools' Cross Country Carnival last Friday, held at Bald Blair Public School.

Riley King received 11 Year Girl Runner Up Champion, running three kilometres. Wahkeem Patterson and Patrick Faint ran in third place in their events. All students should be proud of their achievements.

Riley King and Wahkeem Patterson will be running at the PSSA District Carnival

this Wednesday and we wish them well in their events.

It was an outstanding day, where all students from more than seven schools in our area supported and encouraged each other to achieve their best and to persist and show resilience when it got tough.

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*Principal Belinda Baker*

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# Small schools cross country

Last Friday Bald Blair Public School hosted the Small School's Cross Country. 140 students participated from Dundurrabin, Hernani, Ebor, Chandler, Black Mountain, Ben Lomond, Glen Innes West and Bald Blair Public School.

The day was fantastic with Ben Lomond winning the overall school trophy.

Thank you to the Bald Blair P&C for catering for this fabulous day!



Max Schaeffer

## St Marys' champion runners

On Friday 28th April St Mary of the Angels ran a very successful school cross country. Congratulations to all of our students who tried so hard in this strenuous event.

### Girl Champions

- 6 Years** Olive McFarlane, Runner Up Khloe Martin,
- 7 Years** Charli Kennedy, Runner Up Isabell Brazier-Kraan,
- 8 Years** Annabelle Williamson, Runner Up Lily McFarlane,
- 10 Years** Shanae Wark, Runner Up Brooke Newberry,
- 11 Years** Lucy Campbell, Runner Up Emily Jackson,
- 12 Years** Abbie Field, Runner Up Stephanie Spradbrow.



### Boy Champions

- 6 Years** Archie Foster, Runner Up Sam Reeves,
- 7 Years** Logan Jones, Runner Up Tom Graham,
- 8 Years** Hugo Brazier, Runner up Mavric Foster,
- 9 Years** Joseph Reeves, Runner Up Daniel Grills,
- 10 Years** n George Williamson, Runner Up Tom Lockyer,
- 11 Years** Jack Lockyer and Ben Reinke, Runner Up Ty Mulligan,
- 12 Years** Ryan Jones, Runner Up Charlie Wark,





# Gazette Footy Tipping

It was a tough week for tipping! The average score for the Locals was only 4 points. Then there were those who scored 2 points (at least it wasn't 0)! Someone's father is in trouble as, unlucky for him, it was his turn to do the tips for the family.

As for The Saint who went tripping away on a Mother's Day weekend, she forgot to even do her tips and so was scored on the home games. It wasn't until the last two matches that she managed to scrape some points. We shall not mention the wife who did her husband a favour by doing his tips - 2 points!

Celebrity Josh has passed the Century - well done! Sue and Beth are equal on 94, but Soley is only two wins away. Although a fan of the other code, Tegan is maintaining her lead.

## Soley's Tips

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- Warriors
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- Raiders
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- Raiders
- Panthers
- Roosters
- Storm



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**Score: 116**

## Men's Golf

Saturday saw the running of the 4BBB Championships sponsored by TWG Wool Guyra. The champions for 2017 are Ben Vidler and Karen Oehlers, with Reg Walls and Jenny Rogers being runners up. Nearest to the pins went to Reg Walls on the 7th, Jenny Rogers on the 9th and the highlight of the day goes to Joel Youman with a hole in one on the 10th.

Sunday saw the Davidson, Cameron & Co 4BBB Guyra open. The scratch winners were P Evans and R Gallagher from Glen Innes with Mick Jackson and Robert Moore runners up. The nett winners also went to Glen Innes with R Kiehne and Lofty Walls taking the prize. Runners up were Tim Ellis and the in form Ben Vidler. Nearest to the pins were P Evans on the 7th and Dom Hill on the 10th.

Next Sunday will be the Guy Warskitt Memorial Day with the 4 Ball Championships to be played on the 28th May.

*The Albatross*

## Women's Golf

Wendy Jackson played fantastic golf last Wednesday to win the 4th Women's Golf New South Wales Medal. Wendy carded a 70 net whilst runner-up on a count back was Donna White who played some excellent golf to score 76 net. Vicki Reeves won the putting competition with 27 putts and Nearest the Pin on the 9th remained elusive.

Programmed golf on Wednesday 17th May is a Par Medal for Belinda Lenehan's Trophy Day. The starter is Pip White. On Wednesday 24th May the Foursomes Championship for the Gittoes' Family Trophy will be played over 27 holes; 9 o'clock start.

*Julie Walker*

## Junior League

Guyra travelled to Tingha and were victors in three of their four grades.

The under 8s won 50-20, the 10s annihilated the opposition 70-0 and the 12s won 32-8. The League Tag girls suffered their first loss of the season going down 26-0.

This week is a home game for Guyra at the Sporting Complex with the first game kicking off at 10am.



# Gazette Footy Tipping

Men's Shed	98	John Credland	90
Nightwatchman	94	Eel-be-Right	88
Mailman	94	Elva Brazier	86
Darcey Heagney	94	Ron McEwen	84
The Ref	94	Hazel	84
Carmel Hoade	92	The Saint	80
PHJ	92	Bulldog	80

## Locals Entry Form - Round 12

Tips must be submitted by **4.00pm on Tuesday, 23 May**

Name: .....

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Rabbitohs	vs	Eels
Warriors	vs	Broncos
Sharks	vs	Bulldogs
Raiders	vs	Roosters

Byes: Cowboys, Dragons, Knights, Panthers, Sea Eagles, Storm, Tigers, Titans



# Guyra Gazette Classifieds

## RAFFLE RESULTS

**CAN ASSIST** Street Stall raffle won by Wendy Jackson 100 club 1st Deidre Scott, 2nd Andrew Carruthers 3rd Nellie Blair. Thanks to all

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# Home team runners up in Pennants

On Thursday, May 4th, 71 veteran golfers from Walcha, Uralla, Armidale and Guyra gathered in Guyra to play the last Pennants game for this year. Walcha were well-deserved and very excited winners with a total score of 956, followed by Guyra with 931, Armidale Green 870, Armidale Blue 857 and Uralla 835 points.

Guyra played very well, with Wendy George winning the Ladies' Event with 35 points. Ian Taylor was the runner-up in Men's A Grade with 39. Roger Grills won Men's B Grade with a score of

37 points and Len Stanley won the Men's C Grade with 36. Doug Archibald was nearest the pin on the 7th hole.

We all enjoy playing in this competition and there is great camaraderie between the towns. Walcha has never won The Pennants before so we were all very pleased for their win.

It would not be possible to stage these days without the generosity of our sponsors. Thank you to Costas, Ruralco and Regional Australia Bank for your ongoing support for Veterans Golf. Thank you also to all the Guyra Vets

who willingly help to make these days so successful and also Len Archer, our green-keeper, Manager Betty Ann and her staff and Donna for providing our lunches for the day.

On Tuesday May 9th, the Guyra Vets welcomed well-known local Phil Devlin and Allen Warry from Caloundra to play a stroke event for the Reg Taylor Shield.

Sixteen golfers hit off in very pleasant conditions. Ian Taylor won the Gross with 84. The runner-up was John Prisk with 86. The best nett scorer was David Bearup

with 71.

Ian Taylor was also the best putter of the day with 26 putts and he won nearest the pin on the 18th. Paul Redden played the best shot on the 7th.

On May 25th, the Uralla Vets are holding a 4 BBB with a shotgun start at 9.30. Cost is \$20 per player and entries close Monday, May 22nd at 8pm.

Please contact Colleen Taggart by email - [cjtagg@bigpond.net.au](mailto:cjtagg@bigpond.net.au) or 67784548 - 0419635056. (Lunches to be advised.)

*The Vet*

## First round of club fours

Saturday May 13th saw the first round of the Club Fours played. Despite the slight interruption due to rain the games were finished. G Starr, G Mitchell, C Kliendienst (sub) and Dan Kennedy defeated A Sparke, E Sole, M Walls and S Sole 21 shots to 19 shots over 21 ends. P Brodbeck (sub), R Cox, D Wilcox and J McIllwain defeated I Jacobs (sub), G Reeves, B Stanley and R Moore 25 shots to 13 shots over 21 ends.

Sunday May 14th saw two Club Championship games played. In the match of the day Dan Kennedy played Col Stanley in the Semi Final of the Major Singles. This game was the precursor to the Final of the Open Singles where both players will face each other.

Getting back to the game played on Sunday, both Dan and Col put on an exhibition of precision bowling and for those who witnessed this game will tell you that it was one of the best games of bowls they have seen for some time. The game was even throughout the whole match, being even on no less than three occasions and no more than one or two shots separated the two bowlers for

the remainder of the game. Dan finally ran out victor 31 shots to 28 shots over 38 ends.

Also a Major/Minor pairs was played, John Jackson and Geoff Reeves played Phil Kliendienst and Murray Bourke, John and Geoff were successful in winning game 34 shots to 24 shots over 25 ends.

Club Championships set down for Saturday May 20th. Start: 12.00pm. Starter and Umpire: John Jackson. Final Major Singles. Dan Kennedy to play David Wilcox marker John Jackson.

The weekend of May 27th and 28th will see the No.3 Pennant team travel to Tamworth to contest the Zone 3 playoffs. The three teams are as follows: Team 1: John Jackson, Cameron Peardon, John Hamel and Robert Walls. Team 2: John McIllwain, David Wilcox, Murray Bourke and Roger Cox. Team 3: Col Stanley, Scott Campbell, Barry Presnell and Andrew Sparke.

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The Guyra Sharks: Michael Jackson, Peter Jackson & Frank White

# Guyra's three bronzed Aussies

Returning with a bronze medal was the icing on the cake for three Guyra men who recently travelled to New Zealand to take part in the World Masters Games. The World Masters Games comprised 28,000 athletes, including 108 hockey teams.

Playing in one of those hockey teams were well known locals, brothers Michael and Peter Jackson and Frank White, who were members of the Australian Sharks Masters Hockey team that competed in the over 50s first division.

Coming together as a team for the first time in New Zealand the Sharks were up against some serious competi-

tion, including a Kiwi side that boasted no less than nine former Olympians.

Michael said that it was a great experience to be part of, from the opening ceremony through to the closing ceremony.

"We played seven games in eight days against teams from places like Switzerland, South Africa, some combined sides and of course the New Zealanders," Michael said.

"The Kiwi's were always going to win the gold, they were on home ground and they were a good combination," he said. "At the end of the day to come home with the bronze was fantastic - it was wonderful just to be there."

# Caspers triumph over Highlanders

The Caspers were at home on the weekend against the Glen Innes Highlanders. The inter town rivalry between the two clubs is always a feature of these clashes and this time Guyra managed to come out on top in both grades.

In the first grade clash Guyra started on top and went to a 3-0 lead, before Glen came back with three of their own goals to equalize the tally. The Caspers lifted their game and posted another two in the back of the net to finish the day on top 5-3.

Matt Simpson scored twice for Guyra with Henk Bus, Ben Lennon and Rheece Handebo each scoring one. Points this week went to BJ Cameron and Ben Lennon

(3), Matt Simpson (2) and Vinnie Abayan (1).

They will come up against an undefeated TAS team next week in what should be an interesting game.

In second grade, Guyra continued their positive start to the season with a good win over a young Glen Innes side. Although the game had stretches of scrappy play, Guyra did produce some good football, leading to a final Score of 8-0, with Scott Miller bagging a hat trick, Rheece Handebo and Taylor Brennan knocking in a couple each, and Adam Brennan also finding the back of the net. Points this week were Scott Miller (3), Mason Harmon (2) and Rheece Handebo (1),

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