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Festival ready to roll

The tents are in place, the stall holders have unpacked their goods, the kitchen is fully stocked and the doors are open on the 32nd Guyra Lamb and Potato Festival.

The Festival started 33 years ago as a caravan parked on the side of the road with a BBQ to cook and promote Lamb.

Since then it has continued to grow, each year bringing something new. This year will see a tribute to that first caravan with the introduction of the Vintage Van muster, which will set up at the Showground along with the Military Vehicles from Friday, January 26th until Sunday, January 28th. It will add to a full calendar of events taking place over the next two weeks. (See page 2 for details)

On Monday President of the Lamb and Potato Festival Committee, Steve Mepham made a special presentation to Steve Jemsick from C2C



Steve Mepham thanks Steve Jemsick for getting the Festival back on track last year

Event Hire for the massive effort by his business and staff in getting Lamb and Potato Festival back up and running overnight after the massive storm last year.

“Steve and his staff went

well beyond what could reasonably be expected to assist us along with our great community to get back up and running,” Mr Mepham said. “We re-opened in just 18 hours. Many who came for

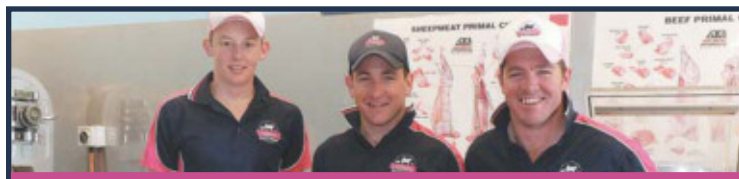
Saturday lunch could not believe the devastation had been sorted and we were business as normal.”

This year will see some changes to the market stalls with a few new additions which have taken up spots vacated by long-term stall holders.

“It was unfortunate this year that a few of our long-standing supporters have retired and that meant we had to try to fill those spots,” Mr Mepham said.

“They were some of the biggest sites so we have had to work hard to try to get new people in. The good thing is that this year there will be more variety on offer, despite the overall space taken up being down on previous years.”

The Lamb and Potato Festival runs from Wednesday, January 17th and wraps up on Sunday, January 28th.



- Locally sourced Beef, Lamb & Pork
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- Bulk Buy Discounts

THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS (also at Kirk's IGA)

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Armidale Regional Council will be at the Lamb & Potato Festival from 17-28 January

Council will be hosting a tourism display throughout the festival and will also be welcoming further feedback on the proposed plans for the Guyra Main Street Upgrade.

Council staff will be available at the stall to answer any questions and collect feedback from the community on the Guyra Main Street Upgrade.

Friday 19 January - 10am-2pm
Thursday 25 January 10am - 2pm

www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au



What's **HOT**

EATING lamb and potatoes, browsing the stalls, listening to the music and trying to get to as many events as possible

ONLY 2 WEEKS left until the kids are back at school

FANNY LUMSDEN at the Ben Lomond Hall - get your tickets now

WINDOW DISPLAYS and great community involvement

What's **NOT**

CARS PARKED on the wrong side of the main street, facing opposing traffic

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Weather WATCH

Guyra Hospital

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
09	Tues	16.7	29.7	0
10	Wed	14.0	28.2	3.0
11	Thurs	13.5	26.8	11.4
12	Fri	13.6	28.0	55.0
13	Sat	18.4	26.6	0
14	Sun	12.9	19.8	0
15	Mon	6.1	20.6	

Rain this week	0.0mm
December rainfall	108.6mm
Rainfall YTD	0.0mm
Rainfall last YTD	1136mm

Water treatment plant

Rainfall Registrations to 9am Monday, January 15th

Rainfall - 60.5mm(0mm YTD)
Top Dam 40mm above spillway
Bott. Dam 20mm above spillway
Daily average town consumption (target 650 kl) 1821.7kl
Water Restrictions - NIL

Quick guide to the Lamb and Potato Festival

FESTIVAL OPENS Wednesday January 17th and wraps up on Sunday January 28th.

MARKET STALLS will be open every day

LAMB AND POTATO MEALS will be available each day from 7.30am until 7.30pm.

LIVE MUSIC PERFORMANCES lunch time and evening each day in the Regional Australia Bank Music Tent

LOCAL ARTS & CRAFTS for sale in the Anglican Church Hall from 10 am each day.

TRAIN RIDES every day of the Festival

DAHLIA SHOW at the Presbyterian Church Hall Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st

MILITARY VEHICLE DISPLAY at the Guyra Showground Friday 26th, Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th.

VINTAGE CARAVANS at the Showground Friday 26th, Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th.

ANTIQUE MACHINERY RALLY Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th

AUTOMOBILE SHOW AND SHINE Saturday 27th in Bradley St. Registrations from 7.30am, show commences 10 am

GUYRA MUSEUM open both weekends of the Festival from 11 am to 3 pm, entry by gold coin donation

MODEL TRAINS in the Presbyterian Church Hall Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th

FLORAL DISPLAY in the Anglican Church Hall every day between 9 am and 3 pm.



Train rides are a big drawcard at the Festival

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Growing pains eased at Ben Lomond hall

PARKING at Ben Lomond's War Memorial Hall will soon be easier than ever with a NSW Government grant paving the way for upgrades that will boost safety and usability of the venue.

A \$3,380 grant from the NSW Government's Public Reserve Management Fund would be used to install wheel-stops at the Ben Lomond War Memorial Hall, to prevent vehicles from straying off the carpark.

Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall said that the recently built carpark has helped locals use the iconic century-old hall safely and easily, but has introduced its own set of challenges.

"Drivers have had issues parking without any clearly marked bays, with the smaller bitumen area quickly becoming busy and confusing during major events, Mr Marshall said.

"Some drivers have accidentally driven into the ditch, bottomed out, and only been freed with the generous



Ben Lomond War Memorial Hall Trustee Don Stride, left, joined Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall, June Walker and Dorothy Every at the carpark.

help of bystanders."

The \$3,380 will build a series of wheel stops for the carpark, making it instantly clear where people can and cannot park, while stopping them from rolling over the edge.

With these parking spots locked in, the trust will be able to further expand the carpark - adding a wider bitumen area to accommodate a mobile cool room.

Secretary of the Ben Lomond War Memorial Hall Trust Dorothy Every said the car park could be very confusing during busy events.

"Parking off the road is much safer, but a couple of problems have arisen," Ms Every said.

"This funding will finally designate the parking area - we're hoping to add a little more bitumen sealing to one area that will help install a cool room out the back."

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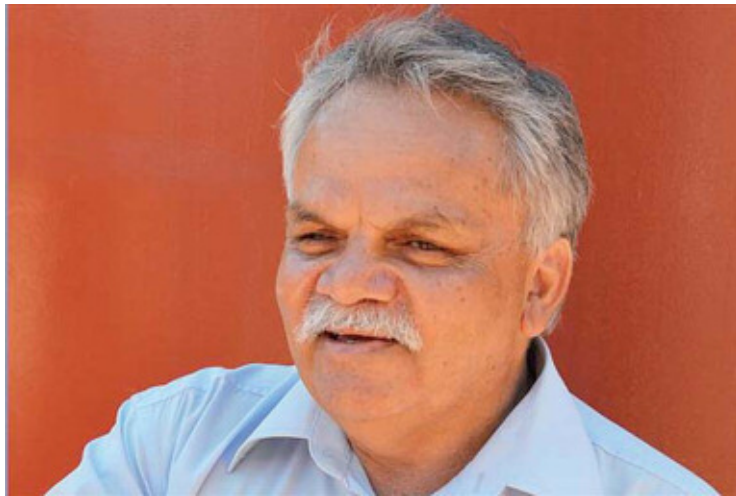


Steve Widders is this year's Australia Day Ambassador for Guyra and Tingha

Steve is an Aboriginal man descendant from the Kamilaroi and Anaiwan people of Northern NSW. In 1990, Steve was declared medically blind by former Australian of the year Professor Fred Hollows. Since being diagnosed, Steve has experienced severe depression and has turned personal adversity and challenge into a full and productive life.

His community interest is wide and diverse including participation with local youth groups, disability advocacy, men's health, Aboriginal community, leadership development, Rotary.

He is also a board member of Multicultural NSW, an appointment of the NSW Gov-



ernment, which includes serving as chair of the New England Regional Advisory Committee.

Steve is a member of Armidale AM Rotary Club, and a former club President, and

has been awarded a prestigious Paul Harris Fellow. He was part of a group study exchange team to India and was an Ambassadorial Scholar to the University of Alaska.

Steve served the maximum two terms on both the NSW Disability Council and the National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee (known as NAIDOC).

In 2011, Steve was one of two blind men to complete the 96km Kokoda Track in Papua New Guinea. In October 2012, Steve rode a tandem bicycle from Brisbane to Sydney to raise awareness and funds to support men's health initiatives.

As an Australia Day Ambassador, Steve is keen to encourage his fellow Australians to embrace the freedom of choice, the high standard of living and the opportunities available to all Australians old and new.

Kay Smith & Brian Irving Art Exhibition



Held at the GALA Centre,
136 Bradley Street Guyra.



Opening Friday 19th January
until Sunday the 28th January

Opening Hours:
Monday - Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm
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10.00am - 3.00pm

Weekly Wool Market Report



January 12th - It was a truly astonishing opening from the wool market for 2018, dancing to the same tune that was playing prior to the three week recess.

Buyers appetite has remained strong even with the largest offering of the season to date combined with an Aussie dollar that is 2 cents higher than the level prior to the recess.

Records continue to tumble with almost all Merino micron categories in uncharted territory. 51,883 bales were sold nationally for the week with a passed in rate of 3.1%.

Major buyers included Techwool, Seatech and Lempriere, with the top 4 accounting for over 50% of the Merino Fleece offering.

A large national offering of over 54,000 bales is expected next week with sales in Sydney to be held over the now unusual three day format due to the quantity.

AWTA test data for the month of December showed a sharp dip in the weight of wool tested nationally. The 15.8% decline for the month left the first half of the season at just a 1.4% increase compared to the corresponding period last year.

Forward market prices were strong this week especially for short dated contracts but dip sharply into the second half on the year.

Greg Andrews

Schute Bell
Wool



Craft stalls back at the Festival

The Local Guyra Crafts Stalls will be at the Lamb and Potato Festival again in 2018. They will be located in the Anglican Church Hall, which is across the road from the Main Festival, from 9am till 4pm during the Festival.

There will be a display in the hall of Sewing Items such as Sewing Machines, old lace, old patterns and sewing books, sewing machine baskets, old buttons, Wedding Dress, Christening Dress etc.

There will be an assortment of handmade and homemade items for sale, such as: Handmade Bags in assorted sizes and colours, Handtowels, Plastic Bag Holders, Door Snakes, Pin Cushions, Scarves, Heat Packs, Bunny Rugs, Baby Snuggle Rags, Knitting Bags, Makeup Bags, Guyra Tea Towels, Pot Holders, Tea Cosies, Baby & Children's Knitting, Baby Bath Towels, Washers, Dolls Clothes, Crocheted Tea Towels, Washer & Soap Sets, Woodwork, Recycled China, Homemade



Green Tomato Pickles, Homemade Biscuits, Jams and Relishes and Handmade Cards (Birthday, Anniversary, Wedding, Baby, Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day).

Robin Godlonton will also have a small range of Curtain Material samples there from her Custom Made Curtain Business and a large board displaying the Tracks and Blinds that she sells as well.



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Lego creations intrigue residents

On the Thursday January 11, Thomas Atkins visited Kolora with his Lego Constructions.

During his presentation Thomas discussed his Lego building with residents. Thomas stated that he takes approximately 7 hours for each model, which consists of about 1000 pieces each.

Some of the models are operational with moving parts. Residents were intrigued at the outcome of the finished pieces.

*Lisa Church -
Kolora Aged Care
Activity Department*



Thomas Atkins with Kolora resident George Watson

Australia Day activities

Three days of Australia Day celebrations will be held throughout the region from the 25th until the 27th January and Armidale Regional Council is inviting the whole community get involved.

Council will host community events in Guyra, Ben Lomond, Armidale and Tingha to provide all residents with an opportunity to reflect on being Australian, celebrate contemporary Australia and recognise our history.

Australia Day Ambassadors will be on hand to join in the community celebrations.

The Guyra Awards Dinner will be held on Thursday the 25th January commencing at 6.30pm, at the Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club. The Guyra Citizen of the year

will be announced at the dinner.

Breakfast at Ben Lomond will take place on Friday 26th January starting at 7am, at the Ben Lomond Memorial Hall

Friday 26th January will see the Guyra Flag Raising Ceremony at 11am, Rotary Park Guyra on the New England Highway

There will also be free entry to the Guyra Pool all day on January 26th.

In Tingha, Friday 26th January will see a Family Fun Afternoon, Movies in the Park and Fireworks from 5pm, at the Tingha Sport and Recreation Grounds

Festivities will wrap up on Saturday 27th January with Movies in the Park and Fireworks from nightfall at the Guyra Recreation Ground.

Have your say.....

Email: news@gala.org.au

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Garbage - give us a break

I have sent this letter, or similar to Guyra Council and more recently Armidale Council for several years now, so will try again this year.

I have spoken to several friends who live in different parts of the state and they have told me of vouchers they receive with their rates

notice each year which allows them to take surplus household items etc to the dump.

It is a service only available to local rate payer. We don't have a roadside collection for household items that so many other places have. I can't see that this way it would cost Council anything.

Maybe would even curb a bit of the dumping in the bush too. I feel the fees are a

bit over the top taking stuff to the dump. We have been having a free dump day once a year but so often for one reason or another it is not convenient for some people.

Every time the reply to my letter has been that it is a good suggestion and they will look into it. So come on, how about giving us a break. It would only apply to local people.

Jan Claridge

Community Noticeboard

Meals on Wheels

17th January - Michael Austin
18th January - Raete Townsend
19th Jan. - R Forbes/D Garniss
22nd January - NE Mutual Staff
23rd January - Jeanette Jarvis
24th January - Noreen Williams

Street Stalls

No stalls in January

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 month Ben Lomond, 3rd Sunday Wards Mistake, otherwise Guyra

St Columba's Presbyterian

Guyra Sunday 9.00am 'Ben Lomond Service, first Sunday of even-numbered months, 2.00pm
Rev Andrew Campbell, Acting Session Clerk: Jim Coleman 6733 2021

Uniting Church

Regular Sunday Service 9.30am
Enq. Nancy Davidson 6779 1366

Seventh-day Adventist

Saturday from 10am Bible Study,
11am Divine Service.

Enquiries: 6779 1587

Northwest Church

66 Llangothlin St, Sunday meeting 10am, 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

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



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Bags galore at holiday sewing classes



Above, back l to r: Elizabeth Evers, Isabelle Coddington, Anna Grills, Camilla Grills **Front:** Hannah Evers, Alana Marshall, Olive McFarlane. Matilda Coddington, Lily McFarlane

Right, back l to r: Kimberley Beard, Courtney Beard, Sarah Skipper, Reagan Jackson, Tessa Jackson **Middle:** Jemima Atkin, Lucy Ward, Polly Skipper, Kate Ward **Front:** Tom Ward

Holiday sewing classes have once again proved popular with 19 children enrolled.

This children were divided into two groups and worked over two days to make a bag.

While it was all alot of fun for the kids, they also picked up some valuable sewing skills with expert guidance from Robin Godlonton and her team of helpers.



Cancer in the country is costly –

we Can Assist!



Can Assist working for the community

Can Assist has been in existence since 1955 and is a vibrant, grassroots organization, relying on volunteer members from the local community.

They have more than 50 branches across country NSW, with each branch raising funds to support local people diagnosed with cancer through financial assistance.

Each local branch creates, supports and oversees hundreds of fundraising events very year. As a Can Assist volunteer, you can make a huge difference to your local

community with your time, skills, ideas and enthusiasm.

They continually need more volunteers to help reach their fundraising goals and branch operations, directly contributing to people in need in your local community.

As a volunteer for your local Can Assist branch, you could gain vital knowledge and experience of the not for profit sector, learn about event planning, community development and make lasting connections with people from our community.

The Guyra Branch

of Can Assist is a local group raising money for local cancer patients and their families.

All patient names are confidential and members (apart from the executive) have no idea who is being assisted. Any request is considered within Can Assist guidelines, friends, family or the patient can apply.

If you, or someone you know, needs assistance or would like to volunteer you can contact Guyra Can Assist on 0473 211 830 or by email CanAssistGuyra@outlook.com

Youman strides to National qualifier

Kelsie Youman, traveled to QLD on the weekend in search of national qualifying time.

With less than a month remaining until the qualification window for the Australian Junior Championships closes, Kelsie was in need of achieving the time in order to pit her skills against the best junior athletes in the country.

Competing at the Alana Boyd Shield meet, her target for national qualification was 2:16, a time that she had run in the past but poor conditions and a fall at 2017 nationals had prevented her from running the time within

the qualifying period.

Conditions for the Shield meet were challenging, with high winds never helpful for distance running, but as the gun went, Kelsie strode confidently to the lead down the back straight.

Coming through the bell, she was being pressured by a local athlete, and running into the headwind again on the second lap, she cut through it showing great strength. In the run to the line, Kelsie strode away from her chasers, taking the clear win in her heat, clocking up a great new personal best and nationals qualifying time of 2:14.04.



Kelsie Youman (left) with club teammates Gracie Martin (centre) and Grace Cassidy

Ladies' Golf

On Wednesday 10th January we enjoyed a beautiful day, on the Guyra Golf course, following a morning storm. Lady golfers competed in a Stableford event. Meg Simpson played fantastic golf to win the day with 38 points.

On the program for Wednesday 24th January is a Stableford event followed by a Stroke competition on Wednesday 31st January.

The Phantom

Men's Golf

The midweek competition kicked off last week with the Caspers coming out in front with 67 points. The individual honours went to Dave Bearup and Tony Dittman who both managed 19 points.

Last Sunday saw the Simpson Earthmoving trophy contested with Jake Ellis winning narrowly from Ben Vidler, very close to a butcher's picnic. Nearest to the pins were B Vidler on the 10th and B Simpson got the 7th and 18th.

Next Sunday will be an 18

hole stableford for a club trophy, Australia Day will see a 2 person ambrose starting at 10:30 including BBQ lunch.

The Albatross

Vets Golf

Tuesday, 16th January was a very pleasant day on the golf course. Eleven Vets played an Individual Stableford event, counting putts.

The winner was Paul Redden with a good score of 39, followed by Terry Varley with 36. Ian Taylor was closest to the pin on the 7th and Ian Taylor hit the best second

shot on the 18th.

John Prisk won the putting with 26 putts.

The Vets are helping with the catering for The Lamb and Potato Festival next Monday, 22nd January. If you are available to help, we will be starting at 8am.

Uralla will be hosting the first Pennants game on Thursday, 1st March.

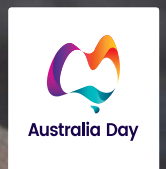
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GUYRA HISTORICAL MUSEUM will be open from 11am to 3pm during January on Wednesday 17th, Saturday 20th, Sunday 21st, Wednesday 24th, Friday 26th, Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th.

ART EXHIBITION by Brian Irving and Kay Smith at GALA from this Friday, 19th to 28th January.

ART CLASSES commence Saturday, 3rd February, 10am at GALA. We are fortunate to have Kay Smith taking this class in acrylics. Bring your own supplies, cost \$20 per hour. Supplies provided \$25 per hour. Please call Margie 0414 824 341. Bookings essential.

LOST & FOUND

LOST - Would the person who picked up retractable golf ball retriever on the the Golf Course on Friday Jan. 12th please hand in to club or contact Meg Simpson

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Relatives and friends are respectfully informed that Ed's funeral service will be held in the Remembrance Room at the Glen Innes Services Club, commencing at 3.00pm this Friday, 19th January, followed by a private cremation at the Sapphire City Crematorium, Inverell.

In lieu of flowers friends may wish to make a donation to Blue Dragon Children's Foundation (bluedragon.org); a donation stand will be at the service.

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Riders descend on Guyra for Zone 13 Jamboree

Guyra Pony Club hosted the Zone 13 Jamboree on the weekend. The Jamboree brought together competitors from Tenterfield in the north to Walcha in the south.

Guyra last hosted the Jamboree nine years ago, and it was all hands on deck as 153 competitors descended on the Guyra Showground for three days of horse action.

The pony clubbers competed in a range of events over three days of competition. Guyra fielded a team of 20 under 17 riders plus one associate, finishing 3rd overall on the day.

Their best results came in the campdrafting where they topped the point score.

Club secretary Robyn Geddes said that it was a 'huge' few days for the club.

"We were a bit worried about the weather with a big storm on Thursday night, however the weather over the three days turned out to be perfect," she said.

"Quite a few of our riders finished the highest or runner up in their events which was great."



Guyra's winning Sub Junior Team of Four at Jamboree
Abbey Grills, Abbie Kelly, Mackenzie Ellem and Joshua Bourke

Club championship games played

There were a number of Club Championship games played over the weekend.

To kick off, a Major Singles match between John McIllwain and Col Stanley. Col was the leader from the get go, with John playing catch up. By the 9th end Col had a lead 9 shots to 4 shots. John closed the gap to be within one shot by end 13, but in true form Col again opened a small lead and this was the tail of the tape up to end 24. John strung four ends together and by end 28 had a three shot advantage, before Col again closed the gap to 26 shots to 27 shots in John's favour. John managed to score a maximum on the next end taking out the win 31 shots to 26 shots over 30 ends.

The next game was a Club Triples played between the teams of John Jackson, Geoff Reeves, Wayne Reeves and Steven Sole, Scott Campbell, Barry Campbell. John and his team opened their account first but this did not last

long. Steven and team soon opened a handy lead compliments of John and team who kept giving the shot away. Steven and team managed to take out the game 24 shots to 13 shots over 21 ends. The next game was a Club Pairs game which saw father and son play each other. Phil Kliendienst and Peter Brodbeck played Chris Kliendienst and Scott Swain. Peter and Phil held the lead for 13 ends, Chris and Scott then scored a five giving them the lead by 3 shots. Phil and Peter again drew even on the next end only to see Chris string 3 ends together opening a lead 19 shots to 16 shots, with only 3 ends to go Phil and Peter settled and they won the next 3 ends taking the game 22 shots to 19 shots over 21 ends. The other game was also a Club Pairs game, this game was between Dan Kennedy and Barry Walls who played Robert Moore and Paul Johnson. Dan and Barry skipped away early and never let Robert and Paul settle into any rhythm, try as they might

they were unable to capitalise on any break they were able to establish. Dan and Barry were able advance to the next round with victory in the game.

This weekend January 20th and 21st will see the Top of The Range Fours two day carnival played. 28 teams have nominated for this event. Games to start 9.00am with \$5800 prize money up for grabs.

A reminder to all Bowlers and Non Bowlers interested in playing in Guyra Bowlers Australia Day Pairs, Friday January 26th, to nominate for the day. Prizes are Half Lamb for First Prize with a Leg Lamb for Runners Up. Names in by 12.00pm for a 12.30 start. So come on be part of what shapes up to being a wonderful afternoon on the Bowling Green.

Any further information on either event can be obtained from the Bowling Club during working hours

The Bowls Bandit.

Sports Council drives facility upgrades



Plans are in place to upgrade the canteen at the recreation ground, a project driven by Guyra United Soccer



A long awaited item on the wish list for the Guyra Cricket Club, sight screens at the recreation ground are now a reality



A dividing fence and a new PA system installed at the Guyra Sporting complex as a result of representations from Guyra Junior Rugby League

The Sports Council Guyra Sub Committee Annual General Meeting will be held at the Guyra Bowling Club on Wednesday January 17th commencing at 6pm.

A strong show of support from local sporting clubs is needed to ensure that Guyra remains at the forefront of planning and attract its share of funding from Armidale Regional Council.

The Guyra Sports Council has two representatives on the Armidale Regional Sports Council who are the 'face' of the Guyra sporting community, attending meetings and liaising with Council on sporting issues.

They also maintain a wish list for local projects which are prioritized before being

submitted for funding.

Jess Sisson and Jason Campbell are the current representatives and have worked hard to ensure that Guyra projects are funded.

Over the last 12 months a number of upgrades have been completed including the installation of a PA System and fence at the Lions Park Sporting Complex and new sight screens at the Recreation ground. Canteen facilities at the recreation ground are also being upgraded.

In order to maintain a wish list that reflects the needs of Guyra sporting community, they need to have input from as many clubs as possible. Facility upgrades are prioritized at meetings of the Guyra

Sports Council sub-committee, before being submitted to Armidale.

Having ticked off some of their major items from last year's wish list, they are now looking for new projects to take on. They are hoping that each of the affiliated sporting club's will send a representative along to Wednesday's meeting to ensure they have a say.

Guyra needs to maintain strong representation in order to see continued funding and improvement of the town's sporting facilities - the decisions are made by those who turn up so make it a priority to come along and have your say.





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