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Bank closure 'disappointing'

An automatic telling machine will be the only thing that remains when the Commonwealth Bank closes its Guyra branch in May.

This is not the first time that the Commonwealth Bank has shut up shop. As part of the first wave of bank closures it withdrew services in 1996.

Following that closure Colonial State Bank moved in to the premises, and when they were taken over the Commonwealth returned.

Longstanding customer Greg Mitchell says it was a 'kick in the guts' to arrive home this week to a letter in the mail which effectively puts an end to a family and business connection that stretches back nearly 70 years.

"Our connection with the Commonwealth Bank started back in the 1950s and it is very disappointing to see this happen," Mr Mitchell said.

"All those years we have been able to walk in the door and the staff have always been great, but now they will be gone - you can't talk to an ATM and I don't want to be forced to go to Armidale.

"This will be bad for the town - we are losing our iden-



Unhappy Commonwealth Bank customer Greg Mitchell

tity and our community connections.

"Years ago we used to look up to the Bank Manager, and

now we don't even know who they are.

"When I find out who to ring I will let them know what I

think, but I don't think it will make any difference."

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"Girrakool" Clearing Sale *(property sold)*

A/c The Rossiter Family - 167 Lyndhurst Road, Armidale 2350

Sunday, 25th March - 11am start

Full list of items in next week's Gazette

Outside entries accepted - contact agent prior to 22nd March

Light refreshments / lunch available

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What's HOT

GUYRA people have big hearts helping those in need.

RECEIVING a 'thank you' gift.

SUPER SPUDS return to the paddock - still need people to help out on game days

What's NOT

PHONE SCAMS trying to get access to your computer.

RUBBISH uncovered by roadside mowing

BIG BUSINESS leaving small towns

Submit your Hots and Nots by phone 6779 2132 email news@gala.org.au or drop in to the GALA centre

Weather WATCH

Guyra Hospital

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
06	Tues	13.7	15.4	7.4
07	Wed	10.4	16.7	1.4
08	Thurs	10.1	17.1	0
09	Fri	9.4	17.7	0.6
10	Sat	9.4	19.0	0
11	Sun	8.1	20.5	0
12	Mon	4.7	23.1	0

Rain this week	9.4mm
March rainfall	10.4mm
Rainfall YTD	157.6mm
Rainfall last YTD	344.2mm

Water treatment plant

Rainfall Registrations to 9am Monday, March 5

Rainfall 10 (147mm YTD)
Top Dam 210mm below spillway
Bott. Dam 170mm below spillway
Daily average town consumption (target 650 kl)1897kl

Water Restrictions
Voluntary Community restraint

Bank closure 'the last straw'

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The closure is the latest in a series of banking cutbacks to hit the town. Westpac closed their in store branch in 2016 and the NAB has reduced its trading hours to just three days.

Regional Australia Bank has also reduced their trading hours and all three blame the move to online banking.

Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall last week called on customers in rural and regional NSW to reconsider their ties to the big four banks – with branch closures showing a lack of interest in the bush.

"Last year the big four collectively recorded a profit of more than \$31.5 billion. Despite that, during that same period they closed 38 branches across regional Australia," Mr Marshall said.

"Our big four banks are amongst the most stable and profitable financial institutions in the world thanks to

the considerable support and policy certainty offered in difficult economic times by the Australian Government and Australian taxpayers.

"However, when times are good, they have no compunction in gouging resources, branches and employees from our small regional communities which can least afford it."

Mr Marshall said the Commonwealth Bank's recent decision to close its Guyra branch was the last straw.

"How does a farmer bank a cheque using a phone app? How does a grandmother use a phone app if she wants to deposit money into her grandson's account as he is heading to university? How does a small business owner get advice on restructuring their debt to stay afloat on their tablet device? Those customers will face a two-hour round trip to access basic banking services," Mr Marshall said.

"Small businesses are the backbone of regional commu-

nities and without local bank managers, locals cannot access the critical financial information they need."

A representative from the CBA said that the decision was not an easy one, and they know some members of the community will be disappointed.

"We have seen, year after year, that fewer customers use this branch, There has been a steady decline in transactions as our customers choose to use other banking channels like online and mobile.

"Over the past five years, the number of transactions completed at our Guyra branch have declined by nearly 40 per cent.

"As a result, we have made a decision to close our Guyra branch. We wanted to give customers in the area as much notice as possible so we can talk with them about their banking options. The branch's last day of operation will be 18 May 2018.

New members for Probus



Probus President Don Williams with new members Shirley Reeves, Shirley Shiels and Monica Boland

Our Annual General Meeting was held this week with Don Williams taking over as President, Judy Jackson Secretary and Helen Gaukroger Treasurer.

We inducted three new

members to the club, Shirley Shiels, Shirley Reeves and Monica Boland. Nola Hill gave us a very interesting story and photos of a trip to Ireland.

On Monday March 26th we

are having a movie afternoon at the Shire Council at 1.30pm. The movie is "Victoria and Abdul" with Judi Dench. All welcome to come to this movie.

Judy Jackson



The Bald Blair school community has rallied behind student Peta Kerr.

Runs flow for young cricketers



Billy Youman and Keiran Wicks

Guyra's under 16 cricket team had a good win on the weekend defeating CSC in the game played at the Guyra Sporting Complex.

The youngsters started with the bat finishing their innings on 2 for 208, before dismissing CSC for 124.

Keiran Wicks scored a century to finish with 117 runs for the innings and was well supported by Billy Youman on 57.

They will have their last competition game this weekend.

Small school, big hearts

Bald Blair is a small school comprised of just 13 families, but while they may be small in number they are big at heart.

On February 28th the Bald Blair P & C, in conjunction with the New England Selling Agents and sale yard staff, conducted a Lamb Drive to raise funds for primary school student Peta Kerr.

This was the latest in a series of fundraising events to support Peta who was diagnosed with a brain tumour last May and has already undergone surgery and chemotherapy.

Sarah Hancock said that when they exhausted all local fundraising avenues they put a shout out to the wider community.

"The farmers of Guyra re-

sponded in abundance," Sarah said.

"We ended up with three pens of lambs and ewes totalling 39 head and some cash donations in lieu of lambs, which raised a total of \$6398.72."

"The P & C would like to sincerely thank all involved for their time and donations," she said. "Your support is invaluable."

Another event is being planned for March 23rd at the Guyra Bowling Club. A 'Penny for Peta' Disco will be held from 5.30pm to 8pm with entry by gold coin donation. The community is invited to come along to this event to show support for Peta and her family. All money raised will be used to assist with ongoing medical costs.

**Bald Blair Public School
P & C Association**

*Invite the Guyra Community to
'A Penny for Peta'
Disco*

**Friday 23rd March 2018
at the Guyra Bowling Club
5.30pm — 8pm**

Cost is a gold coin donation. Sausage sizzle and snacks available to buy.
Games—guessing competitions—prizes for best dressed and more!!!

Enquiries phone
Maare Foster 0408 885 757

Magical night for Gala Ball

Ben Lomond Hall sparkled on Saturday March 3rd as around 100 people gathered for 'A Night to Sparkle' gala fundraising ball. While Ben Lomond was the venue the crowd came from far and wide in support of the Friendly Faces Helping Hands Foundation.

The magnificent evening of fine food, music and dancing raised money for the foundation which was founded by Kelly Foran to provide information to minimise the overwhelming feelings of isolation that rural people suffering

health problems and chronic illness feel when they have to seek treatment away from home.

Originally from Narrabri and now based in Inverell, Mrs Foran said that they help people get to hospitals and health facilities all over Australia and have already helped over 70,000 people from rural and remote areas. She was able to share her story with the crowd and the foundation's goal "if we can tell at least one person about us, then maybe they'll tell one more".

"There would have been about 80 people in the room that knew nothing about what we do. It was an opportunity to inspire them," she said.

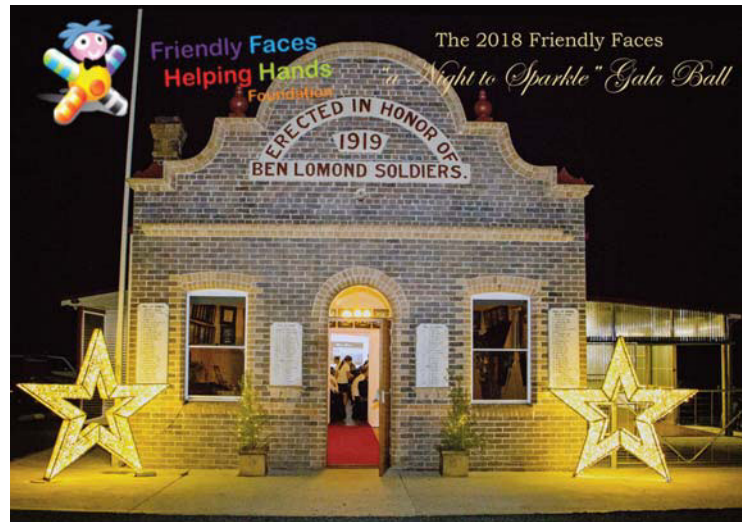
Christine Connor Primary Health Care Nurse HealthWISE New England North West said that the ball was truly an amazing event.

"The food was second to none, the band was brilliant and the work ethics and flair of everyone involved was truly amazing under the tutelage and direction of Kelly," she said. "From the moment you entered the red carpet to be

received by the ladies with a great selection of drinks, to be served hor-de ourves commencing with oysters to a full gamut of mouth-watering foods, then entering the enchanting dining area of fairy lights, wonderful table décor and amazing floral flowers-it was awesome!"

"I would like to congratulate Kellie Foran for having the insight, determination, willpower and drive to forge together and host this amazing and wonderful event."

You can find out more at www.friendlyfaces.info



Ben Lomond Hall sparkled inside an out for the Friendly Faces, Helping Hands Foundation *Photos supplied*

Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale Market Report

March 7th - There was a yarding of 4485 lambs and 2295 sheep at Guyra last week. Lamb numbers almost doubled with increased supplies of well finished trade weights and a few heavy weights.

There was a large supply of plain condition lambs suitable to restockers. The usual buyers were in attendance and the southern restocker orders were active with the increased supplies. Demand for the well finished trade weight lambs increased and resulted in dearer trends, up to \$7/head.

Heavy weights saw a firm to slightly dearer market while the extra heavy weights carried plenty of weight, with none to make a comparison to from the previous sale. Those southern restockers were active throughout and showed greater interest in heavier weights.

The market trend for those better lambs remained firm, while the

plainer light weights sold to a cheaper trend of \$4 to \$5/head and more in places. There were larger numbers of light weight first cross lambs penned.

The sheep offering comprised a large percentage of light and medium weight Merino ewes, most carrying at least 40mm skins. The overall weight of the offering was down as a result with very few heavy crossbred ewes penned. Market trends were generally dearer with increased demand. Skin values also improved, however did not relate to actual wool values.

Lambs

Trade	\$114 to \$146
Hvy	\$150 to \$156
Ex Hvy	to \$180
Restockers	\$95 to \$104

Sheep

Lgt Ewes	\$40 to \$102
Md Ewes	\$94 to \$115
X bred	\$86 to \$115
Hvy X bred	\$130 to \$139
Wethers	\$100 to \$129

Weekly Wool Market Report



March 9th - Coming off the back of multiple new highs set last week was never going to be easy. The larger national offering and the Aussie dollar also jumping over 1 cent against the US helped to prevent any new records being set in the wool market this week. Losses were mainly restricted to the first day of sales with the market cheaper from the outset, especially for wool carrying a higher percentage of vegetable matter or showing a weakness in staple strength. Only minor movements were recorded of the final day of sales. 40.609 bales were sold nationally for the week with the passed in rate climbing to 10.8%. Major buy-

ers included Seatech, Techwool and Lempriere. ABARE released new five year forecasts for wool this week and considering the current near record prices being offered it makes for interesting reading. ABARE is predicting the seasonal average of the EMI will continue to rise with a predicted average of 2015 c/kg by 2022/23 season. This would equate to a level 10% higher than last week's record level and lift the value of Australia's wool exports well above the 5 billion dollar mark.

Greg Andrews



Lions Youth of the Year regional final

Hunter Davidson represented Guyra Lions Club at the regional final of the Youth of the Year on Saturday March 10th. The final was hosted by the Lions Club of Inverell Inc. and was held at the East Inverell Bowling Club with four contestants representing the Lions Clubs of Glen Innes, Armidale Dumaresq, Guyra and the Lioness Club of Glen Innes.

The format includes interviews held throughout the day with a panel of judges, and the public speaking held in the evening at a dinner.

On summing up the chairperson for the judges told all present that the contestants had given them a formidable task as it was a very close contest.

They awarded the public speaking to Armidale Dumaresq's contestant Gabriella Parson and the overall winner was also Gabriella Parson who will now progress to District level which is to be held at Gunnedah.

Guyra Lions Club Youth of the Year chairman Jim Betts said that Hunter was an excellent representative of both Guyra Lions and Guyra Central School and performed well in both the interview stage and in the public speaking.

"I wish to congratulate Hunter on his



Naomi Davidson, Claire Davidson, Jim Betts, Hunter Davidson and Emily Knox

performance at both club and regional levels," Jim said. "It was a pleasure to hear Hunter speak on the impromptu questions and his prepared speech.

"Hunter was supported at Inverell with the presence of his mother Naomi, sister Clare and friend Emily Knox, and Guyra Lions representatives.

"I wish to thank Hunter and Emily for agreeing to participate in this competition at club level and thank Guyra Cen-

tral School for their selection of these candidates

"Also I wish them well in their studies and for the vocation that they have chosen after they have finished their secondary schooling.

"The major sponsors nationally are the National Australia Bank, who have been sponsors for this event for a very long time and we as lions thank them immensely for this sponsorship."

Feature Female, Breeder & Weaner Store Sale



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2,500 head

**Friday, 23 March
1pm start**

**Armidale Livestock
Selling Centre**

Preweighed, C/KG live weight sale

A/c Abington Station (EU)

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150 EU - NSM - PTE 18-19 month Angus x Euro Heifers

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Touch football trials



On Friday March 2nd, ten Year 6 students from St Mary of the Angels travelled to Tamworth to participate in the Armidale Diocesan Touch Football Trials.

Students played a number of games throughout the day, against other students from all around the Diocese.

Brooke Newberry was chosen in the possible and probable side. If selected for the Diocesan team, she will travel to Parkes in June to compete in the Polding Carnival against students from across New South Wales.

A big congratulations to Harrison Brazier, Jack Lockyer, Tyler Nguyen, Lucy Campbell, Rhett Heagney, Emily Jackson, Reagan Jackson, Bella Kennedy, Brooke Newberry and Benjamin Reinke for displaying outstanding sportsmanship and stamina in the extreme Tamworth heat! Thank you to Bernadette Jackson for managing the students on the day.



Bald Blair transition starts Term 2

Bald Blair Public School will commence their Transition to Kindergarten program in Term 2 of 2018.

We welcome students turning four, five or six who have not yet commenced Kindergarten to join our program.

We will focus on learning sounds, numbers, shapes and colour. We will also incorporate play-based learning to ensure all children are more than ready for Kindergarten in 2019.

Bald Blair PS is a vibrant and innovate learning community that is committed to delivering excellence within a rich and diverse learning environment. We promote excellence and equity by ensuring all students be-



come successful learners in an inclusive, safe and supportive learning community.

Please contact the Principal, Ros Edwards, on 6779 1578 for more information.

Community Noticeboard

Meals on Wheels

- 14th March J Jordan/St Marys
- 15th March Raete Townsend
- 16th March R Forbes/D Garniss
- 19th March Lions Club
- 20th March Pamela Carter
- 21st March Michael Austin

Street Stalls

- 16th March Masonic Lodge
- 17th March Anglican Women
- 23rd March Hospital Aux.
- 29th March Ben Lomond CWA

Church Notices

St James Anglican

Sunday 9am Combined Service, 1st Sunday of the month Backwater 2pm, 3rd Sunday of the month Ben Lomond 11.30am
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, Thursday 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 Rafters Restaurant, 6pm for 6.30pm. Ph: Aileen MacDonald 0417 079 307

Science and Engineering Challenge

On Wednesday March 7th, students from years 7-10 at Guyra Central School attended the University of Newcastle Science and Engineering Challenge hosted by the University of New England.

Eight schools across the region attended the event where students are put into groups of four, each group attempting a series of different challenges testing their skills in maths, science and logic.

Activities required teamwork, communication, critical thinking and creativity, each activity was scored with Guyra Central School placing 6th at the end of the STEM event.



Guyra Central School participants in the 7-10 Science and Engineering challenge

Success at winter sports trials

Secondary students from Guyra Central School travelled to Inverell on Friday March 9th to participate in the Winter Trials in both rugby league and soccer. They were competing for the opportunity to join the zone team which will compete in Coonabarabran for a position on the Northwest team for their respective sports.

Ashleigh Richardson and Gemma Sis-

son were both successful in securing a position in the open girls soccer, BJ Cameron secured a position in the open boys soccer and Alistair Connors and Harry Lockyer were successful in securing a position in the under 15's rugby league side.

Congratulations to all the students who travelled over to Inverell for the trials and we wish the students going

on to Coonabarabran success in the Northwest trials. Thank you to Mr Scott Miller for assisting and transporting the students to attend the day.

Alistair Connors was also successful in securing a position on the zone team for touch football who competed in Inverell on Tuesday March 13th for a position on the Northwest team. We wish Alistair all the success for the day.



BJ Cameron took 4 for 38 on the weekend

CRICKET SCOREBOARD Saturday, March 10th

1st Grade
Guyra defeated Ex Services
(two day game)
Outright win

Ex Services 1st innings

10 for 52 off 21.3 overs

Guyra 1st Innings

7 for 140 (dec)

Ex Services 2nd Innings

10 for 135 off 41.4 overs

Guyra Bowling:

Jake Ellis 3 for 37, BJ Cameron

4 for 38, Charlie Keen 1 for 28,

Nick Page 1 for 14, Tom Smith

1 for 22

Guyra 2nd Innings

Shane Wolfenden.....14

Troy Martin.....23

Heath Dowsett.....4

D Landsborough....not out.....8

Extras.....0

Total.....2/49

Overs.....9.3

3rd Grade
Guyra defeated
Barbarians

Guyra Innings

Les Perrett.....53

Cody Patterson.....43

DJ Patterson.....74

Simon Brown.....3

Peter Ahoy.....55

Taylor Brennan.....not out.....8

Extras.....25

Total.....4/261

Overs.....40

Barbarians Innings

9 for 182

off 40 overs

Guyra Bowling:

Dan Stace 3 for 27, DJ Patterson

0 for 15, Liam Northam 0 for 4,

Matt Smith 2 for 10, Cody Patter-

son 0 for 22, Taylor Brennan

2 for 54, Wayne Smith 2 for 29,

Simon Brown 0 for 17



Gazette Footy Tipping



A wide variety of scores (from 2 to 14) for both our Celebrities and Locals in Round 1.

Moose Knuckle in the Locals was the top scorer all round on 14 points, and DeJay topped the Celebrities on 12. First-timers Kerrie and Vu, along with Beth were next on 10 points.

We are not really having a competition between the Celebrity boys and girls ... but it just happens that the score this week is

36-34 in favour of the girls! Just two points the difference - let's see how it goes.

We are delighted at the roll-up for the Locals this year and there are a couple of late entries to add to last week's list. There's even an entry from our southern suburb of Armidale!

The difference in the little siblings' scores (Darcey 4, Shelby 10) must have made life interesting in the Heagney household this past week!

Kerrie's Tips

- Sharks
- Roosters
- Cowboys
- Titans
- Panthers
- Storm
- Eels
- Knights



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Soley's Tips

- Dragons
- Roosters
- Cowboys
- Warriors
- Panthers
- Storm
- Eels
- Raiders



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Score: 2

Beth's Tips

- Dragons
- Roosters
- Broncos
- Warriors
- Panthers
- Storm
- Sea Eagles
- Raiders



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Score: 10

Jack's Tips

- Sharks
- Roosters
- Cowboys
- Warriors
- Panthers
- Storm
- Sea Eagles
- Raiders



This week's specials:
Carlton Dry Stubbies
& Cans - \$46
Heineken Stubbies - \$48
Baileys - \$26

6779 1555

Score: 4

Sue's Tips

- Dragons
- Roosters
- Broncos
- Warriors
- Panthers
- Storm
- Sea Eagles
- Raiders



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Score: 4

Vu's Tips

- Dragons
- Roosters
- Broncos
- Warriors
- Panthers
- Storm
- Sea Eagles
- Knights



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services
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Pharmacist Advice **Score: 10**

Shona's Tips

- Sharks
- Roosters
- Cowboys
- Warriors
- Panthers
- Storm
- Sea Eagles
- Raiders



Our new contact phone
number is:
6779 2586

Opening Hours
Mon-Thur 10am-3pm
Friday 9am-5pm

Score: 8

B-&-L's Tips

- Sharks
- Roosters
- Cowboys
- Warriors
- Panthers
- Storm
- Eels
- Raiders



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Rego inspections

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6779 1284
Score: 6

Tegan's Tips

- Sharks
- Roosters
- Cowboys
- Warriors
- Rabbits
- Storm
- Eels
- Knights



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inside ...*

juice
for thirsty hair

inside the salon

118 Bradley Street
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Score: 4

DeJay's Tips

- Sharks
- Bulldogs
- Cowboys
- Warriors
- Panthers
- Storm
- Sea Eagles
- Raiders



Roast Dinners ...
Wednesday: Roast Pork
Friday: Roast Beef
Sunday: Roast Lamb
served after 5pm

6779 2896

Score: 12

Footy back with double header

An old rivalry will reignite on March 23 when Guyra hosts Armidale in the Potato-Pie Challenge.

Friday night football at the New Red Hill is a great way to welcome the Guyra boys and girls back to local rugby league and the club expects a big home crowd for the double header.

Leaguetag will kick off the night with the men's game to follow.

It will be the first game for the Super Spuds since 2016 and, due to the Rams playing in a different competition this year, it will also be the only opportunity for the two clubs to meet.

The two clubs haven't met since 2015 and the Potato-Pie Challenge hasn't been played for many years.

The Spuds and Spudettes have been training for a few weeks now and will test their fitness and skill against a first grade outfit ahead of the start of the new Group 19 Second Division season, which begins after Easter.

Guyra's first premierships match is an away trip to Tenterfield on April 7. The first competition game at home is



Mick Wilson puts the Spuds through their paces in preparation for the Potato-Pie challenge on March 23

against Uralla the following weekend and could also be a Friday night event.

The club is also still seeking volunteers to help on game days.

It needs first aid officers, trainers and

others to fill important roles.

See the Facebook page at facebook.com/guyrasuperspuds for the latest club news.

Ladies' golf

On Wednesday 7th March the 2nd round of the Golf NSW Medal competition was played in blustery winds. The winner with a fine 72 net score was Wendy George and runner up was Karen Oehlers with a 76 net score. Nearest the pin winner on the 10th hole was Wendy George whose accurate shot landed 4.5 metres from the pin.

On Wednesday 21st March a Stableford competition will be played for Belinda Lenehan's Trophy Day.

It's time to submit your entries for the Guyra Top of the Range Golf Carnival on 23rd, 24th and 25th March. Fabulous prizes have been donated by generous sponsors to the value of \$4000 for winners of the daily men's and women's individual competitions.

The Phantom

Men's golf

Last weekend saw the first two rounds of the championships played in the Country Fresh Bakery sponsored round one. The winner was N Paine with S Wilson runner up, nearest to the pins were B Stanley on the 7th, R Burey on the 10th, and S Sole on the 18th. Round two, sponsored by the Fourways, was won by R Grills with B Constance runner up. Nearest to the pins were B Constance on the 7th, R Grills on the 10th, and B Nicholls on the 18th. The leader in A grade is A Brennan five shots in front of D Hill. B grade sees B Constance and S Wilson

equal and R Grills has C grade sewn up.

Last week's midweek competition saw Full House win with 63 points with the best individual score being 18 points by K Oehlers.

The Opal Cove Cup is well underway, with great prizes on offer. This competition is run over 12 months with points allocated to all players based on their finishing position in each competition. This includes Veterans, Women's, Molly Sole and Men's competitions. The course is the best it's been all year so why not give Golf a go.

The Albatross

Men's bowls

There were no Club Championships played over the weekend because most of the players were away playing Pennants.

Saturday March 10th saw Guyra No.2 Pennant team travel to Kootingal. Saturday morning they played South Tamworth in Round 1 and were narrowly defeated. Saturday afternoon Guyra played Kootingal in Round 2 and were successful by a narrow margin. Sunday morning March 11th saw Armidale City play Guyra at Guyra in round 3 and in that round Armidale City was successful on all rinks.

With 3 more rounds to play Guyra could still have a chance of qualifying in Section 1.

Now to this weekend's Club Championships:

Saturday March 17th: start: 1.00pm.

Starter and Umpire: David Wilcox.

Open Singles: Barry Presnell to play Andrew Sparke marker Chris Kliendienst.

Handicap Singles: Col Stanley to play Roger Cox marker John Jackson.

Minor Singles: Jim Souter to play Peter Brodbeck marker David Wilcox.

A reminder Bowlers Major/Minor 3 Bowl Pairs are on Saturday May 5th and Sunday May 6th. Entries still open so if you would like to take part in this event then get your team together and put your entry in.

For further information please contact the Bowling Club on 6779 1499 during working hours.

The Bowls Bandit.

Veteran's golf

Twelve players enjoyed a sunny calm day for a 4 ball Stableford. It was good to welcome Bruce Nicholls who is visiting from Charlestown. Winners with a massive 45 points were Warren McGowan and Roger Grills.

Runner up was Graham White and Doug Archibald with 43 points on a count back. Nearest the pins were Ian Taylor on the 7th, Doug Archibald on the 10th and Bruce Nicholls on the 18th.

This coming Thursday 21 players are travelling to Walcha for the next Pennants game. The start time for Walcha is 9.30 for a Shotgun start at 10am.

A Vet



FOR SALE

GARDEN PLANTS FOR SALE
Wed-Frid March 14th, 15th, 16th & Sunday 18th. (Closed Saturday). 9am - 4pm, 14 Tom's Gully Road, Black Mountain.

RAFFLE RESULTS

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MEETINGS

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GUYRA RSL sub-Branch AGM will be held on Monday, 19 March 2018 at 3.00pm at the Soldiers' Memorial Hall. All members, and those eligible to be members, are encouraged to attend.

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MARCH 18TH Guyra Lions Club
SENIOR CITIZENS MYSTERY TOUR. Leaves from Senior Citizen's Hall 8.30am. All Seniors welcome - enquiries to Jim Betts 6779 1460 or Eric Heagney 6779 1203.

APRIL 15TH Guyra Cup at Armidale Racecourse.

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MacDonald takes next step

Queensland title holder and former Guyra boy James "Jimmy" MacDonald is set to take his next step in the boxing arena. Jimmy will make the trip to the Phillipines to partake in a gruelling ten day training camp, sparring with local pros including Filipino professional boxer Jerwin Ancajas who has held the IBF junior bantamweight title since September.

The heat and humidity in the Phillipines is the ideal environment to test James as he prepares for his next fight on April 7th at the Brisbane entertainment Centre, making him a top contender to take on an Australian title.

The training camp in the Phillipines will be intense and leave little time for distractions which James believes will only benefit his career. There are many benefits to training in hot conditions including improved blood flow, metabolic rate, the cardiovascular system, and fluid balance, another reason the conditions in the Phillipines are ideal.

Training away from home gives a level of seclusion and the ability to focus completely on boxing. Taking James out of the comfort zone of training at his home gym "The Boxing Shop" in Brisbane will not only enhance his physical skills but condition his mind as well, making him hungrier, an essential component to any successful fighter.

Professional boxing is all about conditioning the mind as well as the body, and



testing it every condition. The decision to head overseas was a no brainer for Jimmy and his team. Whilst the decision was easy the trip required funding.

However, after Jimmy's last fight on the 24th of February which saw him defeat veteran boxer Steven Marks from Victoria, one of his major sponsors Stacey Robinson from Image Select gifted Jimmy a hard earned bonus that would fund the training camp trip.

Jimmy's other sponsors David from TGS Financial Planning, Brad at Charter Conveyancing and Andrew at AWC Andrew Wilkins Consulting, have all been instrumental in Jimmy's journey to success.

Submitted

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Uncle Grandpar	8				

Locals Entry Form - Round 3

Tips for Round 3 must be submitted to the GALA office by 11.00am on Tuesday, 20 March

Name/nom-de-plume:

Your real name:
(not for publication if using a nom-de-plume)

Phone:

Storm	vs	Cowboys
Bulldogs	vs	Panthers
Tigers	vs	Broncos
Raiders	vs	Warriors
Rabbits	vs	Sea Eagles
Eels	vs	Sharks
Titans	vs	Dragons
Roosters	vs	Knights

Season finishes on a high

Guyra's first grade cricketers have finished their season with a second outright win in the two day competition.

Despite their good form late in the season they finished just short of a finals berth and will be watching the finals action from the boundary.

They wrapped up a win at home against Ex Servies on the weekend, but not before the visitors put a fight.

Guyra looked set for an early finish taking the first five wickets for just 15 runs.

However some spirited batting by the Ex Services middle order pushed the score out to 135 before the Guyra bowlers wrapped up the innings.

Jake Ellis (3 for 37) and BJ Cameron (4 for 28) were the best with the ball.

Guyra needed just 49 runs to claim victory, which they did with the loss of just two wickets.

Third grade were in fine form in the final competition

game making 261 for the loss of just four wickets in their game against Barbarians. DJ Patterson top scored with 73, They claimed victory in a high scoring games dismissing Barbarians for 182.

Both lower grades will be represented in the finals. After having the bye in the final round second grade will play TAS in the semi-finals this weekend at Harris Park.

Third grade will be up against Easts (Anytime) in their semi-final to be played at Rologas.

A reminder to all players that haven't played their subs to do so ASAP. The club's Presentation Day is set down for March 25th. This will take the form of an informal Super Sixes competition for local players, followed by a BBQ and presentations.

If you haven't paid subs you are not eligible for trophies.

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Troy Martin earned a call up to first grade following a century for seconds on February 17th and scored a handy 23 in the weekend's win

Top of the Range Golf Carnival

All is set for a great weekend of golf on March 23rd, 24th and 25th at the picturesque Guyra Golf course. Entries for the Top of the Range Golf Carnival close this weekend for the two day event a 4BBB Par on 23rd and a 4BBB Stableford on the 25th.

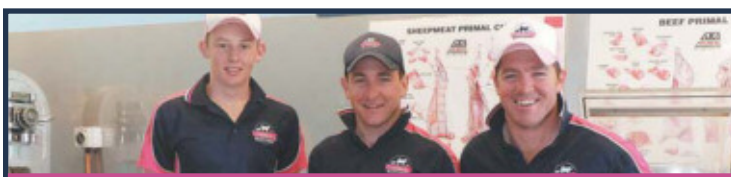
Great daily prizes have been supplied by the carnival sponsors the Costa Group, Kelly's Transport, M & J Moffatt Groundspreading, NAB Agribusiness and Rabobank Armidale, Ray White Rural Guyra, TWM Armidale and Williamson's Earthmoving.

The overall individual winners of the 36 hole event will receive two night's accommodation sponsored by Opal Cove Resort Coffs Harbour.

Friday afternoon's "Lamb-Run", open to anyone wanting to play, will see golfers play for lamb rather than chickens in a 9 hole stableford competition. Players can tee off anytime from 2.30pm at a cost of \$ 15. Anyone wishing to include their mid-week round are welcome and will cost the normal mid-week fee plus \$10.

Steve Bishop from, the House of Golf at Coffs Harbour, will be at the Club for the weekend with a wide range of golfing equipment and apparel. He is happy to provide lessons if anyone wants to touch-up on the skills.

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