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Today's schools, tomorrow's world

Students and staff at Guyra Central School mark Education Week with a special day of celebration last Wednesday.

This year's theme, 'Today's schools – creating tomorrow's world', highlights how NSW public schools are equipping young people with the skills and capabilities they need to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

The celebrations at Guyra Central School began with the annual Education Week assembly, with Brendan Landsborough, Cooper Wilson, Archie Dowden and Oscar Atkin honoured by Adam Marshall MP and presented with a Legislative Assembly of NSW Notice of Motion for their selection in the North West squads for Rugby League earlier in 2018.

Presentations were also made to Aboriginal Education Officer, Miss Eunice Blair for her contributions to Aboriginal education and the



EDUCATION WEEK AWARDS: Eunice Blair, Natasha Roberts, Aimee Hutton and Oscar Atkin

organisation of the recent NAIDOC week celebrations and Mrs Natasha Roberts for her contribution to the implementation of the new finance system and her overall commitment to our schools administration practices.

Outgoing P&C President Mrs Aimee Hutton was presented a Certificate of recognition for her role as P&C President for the last three years and Primary Captain Oscar Atkin was presented a Certificate of

recognition for his commitment to this role and his exceptional sportsmanship.

Former student Logan Stanley was named Year 12 DUX for 2017.

See page 8 for pics from the Guyra Gift and Snowball>>>



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Chamber planning with passion

The Guyra and District Chamber of Commerce is preparing for two events to strengthen ties both within the community and extend awareness beyond our boundaries.

On August 25th they will host the latest in a series of morning teas welcoming new residents to the community and on September 15th they will host 'Passion on the Platform'.

The morning teas have proved successful with the venue rotating between the Guyra Library and the Historical Museum. With Renovations currently underway at the museum the venue will once again move, with Caffiends playing host to the latest event starting from 10.30am.

Chamber President Hans Hietbrink said that the morning teas are for residents who are new to town, giving them an opportunity to make connections within the community. The events have been made possible by sponsorship from the Armidale Regional Council.

The next, and biggest, event for the Chamber is 'Passion on the Platform', which will be held on September 15th. Featuring produce from the local



'Passion on the Peonies' was a highly successful event for the Guyra & District Chamber of Commerce who are now preparing to take their passion for Guyra food to the platform at the Guyra Railway Station

area, guests will be collected from the 'Lamb & Potato Railway Station' in Rotary Park and travel down the line to disembark at the Railway Station.

They will dine at a 'Pop-up' restaurant set up on the platform, with food prepared by local chefs. Guests can enjoy the heritage surrounds while enjoying the 7-course degustation menu for \$100 a head or \$135 for wine pairing.

The menu includes goose

(from U Goose), eggs (from Working with Nature), trout (from Deano's), wagyu beef (from Trent Bridge and Door Key), tomatoes (from Blush Tomatoes), and goat (from Ban Wyong) paired with wine from Toppers Mountain Wines. Entertainment will be provided by local duo Crooked Tree.

Tickets are available from Guyra Adult Learning Association, Phone 6779 2132 to secure your seat.

PET OF THE WEEK



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Probus notes

On Monday 27th August at 1pm sharp at Shire Council we are having a movie called "The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society".

Please come warmly dressed if it's a cold day.



Morning tea for new residents

Guyra & District Chamber of Commerce
 is hosting a Morning Tea at Caffiends to welcome new residents to Guyra. Locals are very welcome to come along, bring a new friend, enjoy morning tea, check out the arts & crafts and meet new people.

on: Saturday, 25th August at 10.30am
at: Caffiends, 104 Bradley Street

RSVP by: Thursday, 23rd August **Sponsored by:** 

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U Goose wins for excellence and innovation

Lucy and Herb Mackenzie are once again celebrating the achievements of their highly successful goose enterprise, U Goose, after receiving awards for excellence in both innovation and small business at the 2018 Armidale Regional Business Awards.

U Goose had previously won the Best New Business at the same awards and also won at State and National level in the Delicious Produce Awards.

The 2018 Armidale Regional Business Awards Gala Evening was the biggest yet with 300 attendees joining together to celebrate business achievements in the Armidale region. Armidale Business Chamber President, Anthony Fox said that the Awards night was excellent and brought some of the best of the region's businesses and people together in a night of celebration.



Lucy and Herb Mackenzie with Aileen Macdonald from the Guyra & District Chamber of Commerce

The event also served to introduce the new CEO of the Armidale Regional Council, Susan Law to the many Armidale Businesses. In her speech said that she envisioned a proactive council

that would work with business to establish 'Armidale as the benchmark for regional cities'.

Lucy Mackenzie said that they were thrilled to be part of the Armidale 2018 Re-

gional Business Awards and truly chuffed to have been nominated and then named as finalists in the Excellence in Innovation and Excellence in Small Business.

"We were thrilled to win both of these against many very reputable local businesses. Congratulations to all of the finalists and many thanks to the sponsors," Lucy said. "It was a terrific night well done to the Armidale and Guyra Business Chamber and Armidale Regional Council.

"We have all of our brilliant staff to thank for this award too so thank you so much for all of your continual hard work and shared love and vision of everything U Goose. And to our wonderful clients who continue to support us and our products both locally and further out of the New England region thank you so very much too."

Upgrade works on hold until new year

Underground fuel tanks are proving to be a major stumbling block for Guyra's main street upgrade, with significant delays and possible cut-backs.

Armidale Regional Council's Director of Engineering, Ralf Stoeckeler has told the Gazette that there is unlikely to be any further work until the new year.

During preliminary works undertaken by ARC, 19 un-

derground tanks were identified in the section of Bradley St that is being upgraded and at least one of the tanks still has fuel in it.

Council is working closely with the Environmental Protection Authority to ensure compliance, and soil testing will be carried out to identify any soil contamination.

"We are in the process of getting the tanks sorted and preliminary quotes indicate

the cost will be around \$150,000," Mr Stoeckeler said.

"Council will need to call for tenders which have to be advertised, delaying any further work until contracts are signed and the tanks have been dealt with."

The additional costs may also see the scale of the project cut back or only completed in stages.

"Council has a fixed budget for the project so any funding

shortfall will have to be managed," Mr Stoeckeler said.

"One of the options is to stage the works by completing the section from Ollera to Nin-coola streets and leaving the final block until further funding is available."

Council will continue to liaise with business operators and expect to have a meeting in the next week to keep them updated.

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QUOTE of the week

We are all islands
shouting lies to each
other across a sea
of misunderstandings

Rudyard Kipling

Weather WATCH

Guyra Hospital

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
14	Tues	-0.9	18.6	0
15	Wed	2.0	17.6	0
16	Thurs	4.9	16.1	0
17	Fri	0.7	14.0	0
18	Sat	-0.9	13.2	0
19	Sun	-0.6	7.3	0
20	Mon	-4.4	9.0	0.4

Rain this week	0.4mm
August rainfall	16.6 mm
Rainfall YTD	286.6mm
Rainfall last YTD	747.2 mm

Shade for Tingha Skatepark

Adam Marshall has added his political weight to a push to get funding for an upgrade of the Tingha Community Skatepark. Mr Marshall recently inspected the skatepark and has gone into bat for a project that could deliver shade sails over the park and benches to make the facility more user-friendly and encourage greater usage during summer months when the weather makes it hot, uncomfortable and dangerous.

"The young people of Tingha deserve an upgraded skatepark with proper shade, so they can use the park all year round, and I'm fully on board with the

push for action to achieve that result," Mr Marshall said.

"The skatepark at Tingha is a magnet for hundreds of young people who live in the village and the upgraded facilities are something the residents and youngsters have all identified as a priority.

"Local residents say installing shaded amenities will improve the amenity and usability of the recreational space, and given the popularity and importance of the skatepark to young people, as well as their parents and carers, the benefits are far-reaching.

"It would provide much-needed year-round protection from the sun and improve the comfort and wellbeing of young people who use such an important community recreational facility."

Mr Marshall said he'd supported an application from Armidale Regional Council for \$114,000 funding under the State Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund to install two covered areas next to skatepark with platform benches and tables, as well as a shade sail over the skating area.

Trek4Kidz stops in at Lions Park



Above: Trekkers enjoyed lunch at Lions Park

Below: Jim Betts welcomed the trekkers including the Woolgoolga Lions Club President

The Trek4Kidz car rally stopped off in Guyra on Monday with the Guyra Lions Club serving up lunch for the hungry drivers and their passengers.

Trek4Kidz is an annual week-long event travelling through regional NSW and Queensland, while raising much needed funds for Starlight Children's Foundation.

Twenty-one cars left Port Macquarie on Sunday to travel 2600 kilometres on this year's trek. After an overnight stay at Tamworth they made their way to a lunch time stop at Guyra.

Local Lions Jim Betts, Geoff Reeves and Bill Betts had cooked up a few snags on the



BBQ for the cars who stopped at Lions Park.

The trek then headed on to Tenterfield and will finish the journey in Goulburn on August 25. The trek raises funds

for Starlight, who aim to brightens the lives of seriously ill children and their families, through hospital services such as Captain Starlight and the Starlight Express Room.

The Trek has been running over 20 years and this year's event expects to add \$180,000 to the total amount raised, which has just tipped over \$2million. Trekker Chris Henwood said that all money raised goes straight to the kids.

"This is only my first year but they tell me it is a bit addictive, some of the trekkers have been on every event," Chris said. "It's all about helping the kids, it's a great cause and we appreciate the help we get from Lions along the way."

The gamble that paid off for Ben Lomond

Just as if to prove that life is indeed a gamble ...Idly scrolling contact details... Flick a quick chance text...A string of text messages followed... just a slim chance. Could Dennis present 'Life's a Gamble' in Ben Lomond in 2018?

Dennis Coard had presented his critically acclaimed play 'Fall of the Roman Empire' in Ben Lomond Hall in 2017. At that event he told us about a new play he was preparing. One of the organisers still held contact details and flicking by, noted the name; wondered if the new play he'd spoken of might be ready to perform?

Following through on that whim Dennis identified that as a part of the Melbourne Theatre Company tour he would be in Tamworth to present 'Hotel Sorrento' in September. He wondered if the dates might suit?

Could he just fly up earlier than the rest of the company, hire a car book a motel and present the play for us in Ben Lomond? Life's like that – it is a gamble and on this occasion that gamble has paid off!

'Life's A Gamble' is described as an engaging and thoroughly entertaining look at gambling in all its forms in our society.

From two flies up a wall to virtual online casinos. From 2-Up to the Melbourne Cup. Like a drug, hope surges through our veins, desire embedded in our DNA, the elusive dream realised in the flip of a coin, the press of a button, the click of a mouse.

Dennis previously brought the many characters of "Fall of the Roman Empire" to Ben Lomond hall in 2017. If you missed that, please do not miss this opportunity!

We invite you to join us at Ben Lomond Hall for a supper catered by the St Patricks Catholic Church community of Ben Lomond and the Guyra Catholic Ladies and the show by Dennis Coard on Saturday September 8th, 6:00pm for 6:30pm

Tickets are available for \$30 adults \$25 under 18 and can be purchased through ticketebo.com.au/benlomond (with no booking fees). No Tickets will be sold at the door

Gourmet finger food will be served before the show, with tea, coffee and slice. BYO welcome. This event is catered by Guyra Catholic Ladies in conjunction with St Patricks Catholic Church Ben



Dennis Coard will return to Ben Lomond on September 8th

Lomond and will support St Patricks church building maintenance program.

For information or help with booking Contact: Anne 6779 1273 or Sarah 0432 060 897



NSW Farmers Celebration Meeting

All members are invited to attend
our Celebration Meeting

Date: Thursday, 30th August, 2018

Venue: Rafters Restaurant, Guyra

Time: 6:00pm

This is a dinner meeting in celebration of our Branch of the Year winnings for the QFever program we ran. It is also a chance to meet Michael Collins, our new RSM. Items on the agenda will be:

- Overview of conference and motions successfully passed;
- Glenrac Fit Farmers annual event held on National R U OK Day and our branch's involvement;
- Developments in drought support, by the state and federally;
- Report from Wool Committee, Sheepmeat Committee and Animal Welfare Committee;
- any other issues that members would like raised.

**RSVP is required for catering purposes by
Tuesday, 28th August**

Jenni Jackson: 0403 080 536 or 6779 4557
email: jenni.jackson.60@gmail.com

WHITE ROCK WIND FARM COMMUNITY FUND 2018

White Rock Wind Farm (WRWF) is seeking written applications from local community groups and organisations within 50 km of the wind farm that would like to apply for grants from the Community Fund.

A total of \$175,000 is available for projects across a range of community activities and interests, such as environmental, social, cultural and educational.

**Applications are invited for projects
in one of three categories:**

- Projects under \$5,000;
- Projects over \$5,000; and
- Infrastructure Projects

Glen Innes Severn Council is administering the application process on behalf of WRWF. The relevant application forms and guidelines are available on Glen Innes Severn Council's website at www.gisc.nsw.gov.au under Public Notices on the home page or by contacting Council on 02 6730 2300.

**The closing date for applications is
4.30pm on Friday, 14 September, 2018.**

The Community Fund Committee, consisting of the project owners, local council and community representatives, will review all submissions received by the closing date and allocate the funds to those projects which have the most merit based on the application criteria.

All applicants will be notified in writing of the status of their application after 26 October 2018.

WHITE ROCK
Wind Farm



Meals on Wheels

23rd Pamela Hart
24th Lyn & Richard Skinner
27th RAB Staff
28th Lyn & Richard Skinner
29th Noreen Williams

Street Stalls

August 23rd
Can Assist
August 24th
Masonic Lodge

Church Notices

St James Anglican

Sunday 9am Morning 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: Geoff Reeves
6779 1257

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

Athletes star at Tamworth



Ellie Mitchell, Jake Wilson, Tahmani Landsborough, Mathew Sisson, Riley Campbell and Shanae Bull

Guyra Central School's Ellie Mitchell has qualified for the NSW Combined High Schools championships in four events 100m, 200m, high jump and long jump.

Ellie was part of a strong team from the school who competed at the 2018 North West Secondary Athletics Carnival at Tamworth on August 11th.

Others to qualify for the state titles are Shanae Bull who will compete in the 12-year-old girls 100m and 200m, Jake Wilson's in the 14 yrs high jump and 400m, Riley Campbell in the 100m

sprint and Matthew Sisson in the 800m.

These students have qualified to participate in the NSW CHSA Athletics Carnival which will be held in September.

RESULTS:

Ellie Mitchell - 100m - 1st place, 200m - 1st place, High jump - 1st place, Long jump - 1st place

Shanae Bull - 100m - 1st place, 200m - 2nd place, 800m - 3rd place

Riley Campbell - 100m - 1st place, 800m - 3rd place

Mathew Sisson - 800m - 2nd place

Jake Wilson - 800m - 4th place, 400m - 2nd place, High jump - 2nd place, long jump - 3rd place, Javelin - 27th place

Tahmani Landsborough - 800m - 3rd place, 200m - 5th place, Javelin - 5th place

Kiesha Landsborough - 800m - 5th place, 200m - 4th place

Billy Youman - Javelin - 5th place

Colleen Pearson - Javelin - 4th place, Discus - 7th place

Michael Looker - High jump

Andrew Pearson - Discus - 7th place

Applications open for community fund

Applications are invited from community groups and organisations for a share of this year's White Rock Wind Farm Community Fund. The \$175,000 fund will be on offer each year for the entire lifespan of the wind farm.

The aim of the Community Fund is to financially support initiatives and projects that enrich and enhance the local community. Funding applications will be considered from all sectors, including but not limited to community develop-

ment, the arts, education and training, health and wellbeing, sport, economic development, environment and sustainability.

Applications for funding are open to any not-for-profit or incorporated community-based organisations with projects located up to 50 km from the wind farm. All applications will be assessed on their merits with regard to selection criteria including their benefit to the community and proximity to White Rock Wind Farm.

More information on the selection criteria and details of how to apply can be downloaded from the Glen Innes Severn Council or White Rock Wind Farm website.

The closing date for applications is Friday 14 September 2018.

The Community Fund Committee, consisting of the project owners, local council and community representatives, will review all submissions received by the closing date.

Mayor's Message

Local farming communities are being encouraged to outline how Council can best provide drought assistance.

A special workshop of Armidale region councillors will be held during the next few days to consider all the options to provide assistance to farmers and the farming communities. This includes throwing Council's weight behind a number of existing fantastic initiatives that are offering support in a number of ways, from support with stock feed and water to household groceries and 'pamper packs' containing some of the niceties that are often sacrificed when things get tough.

But are there gaps in the assistance being provided? Council wants to identify if there are other forms of assistance required by local farming communities, to ensure our

efforts are as effective as possible.

That question was put to Hillgrove locals this week when the village's Chalker's Cottage hosted the latest Councillors' Cuppa community information session.

Feedback can also be provided by visiting a new Drought Assistance page on Council's website. Go to www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au and search 'drought assistance'.

The Armidale region has been fortunate so far that we have not been impacted by the current drought as severely as many surrounding areas.

One of the strengths of this region is its resilience to drought because of its latitude



and elevation. However, there are still a significant number of local rural producers who are battling because of the drought and, with no end in sight for these incredibly dry conditions, it is highly likely many more will be impacted.

So we need to look now at how we can offer support as effectively as possible, to the producers within our region and the communities suffering elsewhere.

The Drought Assistance web page will include details on financial and supplies assistance, as well as social and mental support for farmers and their families feeling the strain. The web page will be updated regularly and will also be a helpful reference for other community members looking for ways in which they can lend a hand.

Simon Murray

Main street information session

An information session to update Guyra business operators and property owners in the CBD on the main street revitalisation will be held at Council's Guyra administration building on Wednesday 29 August at 5.30pm.

Invitations will be sent to businesses and property owners in the CBD and the session is open to all interested community members. For details visit the Works & Projects page on Council's website.

Forum empowers youth with knowledge

Many of the region's young people were empowered with greater knowledge and confidence in their own identity, during the 2018 Armidale Regional Youth Forum.

Be proud of who you are and speak out if you have a problem were two key messages to the approximately 70 students and young people who attended this year's event, held at the Armidale City Bowling Club on 8 August.

Participants travelled from Walcha, Lake Macquarie, Tingha and Guyra to be part of the biennial forum, which enabled young people to speak to their peers and community leaders.

The event was a special opportunity for young people to provide input on issues that are important in their lives, according to Armidale Regional Youth Advisory Committee (AYRAC) member Sophie Mackson.

AYRAC organised the event, with support from Council, and selected the forum's four themes: sexuality, mental health, bullying and drugs & alcohol.

Several participants said they were particularly inspired by the personal stories of presenters who had to deal with adversity in their lives.

NSW Police LGBTI Liaison Officer & Peer Support Officer Jarryd De Castro told the forum knowledge is understanding and overcame issues of personal identity. Senior Constable De Castro, a guest speaker at the event, said it was important people were socially aware of how people might identify themselves.

Council's Youth & Family Coordinator, Alice Cleaver, said the event showed mental health was a pressing issue for many young people and participants at the forum left with a better understanding of the assistance available.

"This was a real positive because in 2013-2014, Beyond Blue reported that one in seven Australians aged four to 17 years experienced a mental health condition," she said.

"Participants at the forum were encouraged to take these conversations back to their peers and pass on the information they learnt."

Waste matters

Armidale Regional Council residents have two FREE services for the disposal of household chemicals and problem waste.

Dispose of these household chemicals at the Chemical CleanOut event:



Pool chemicals



Garden chemicals



Household cleaners



Hobby chemicals



Poisons

Thursday 23 August 9am to 4pm

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Gas bottles and fire extinguishers



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Oils



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COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 26 September 2018 at the Armidale Council Chambers, 135 Rusden St from 4pm. The public are welcome to attend.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Wednesday 22 August 2018

Authorised by CEO Susan Law, Armidale Regional Council
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Email: council@armidale.nsw.gov.au



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EDUCATION WEEK: Guyra Gift & Snowball

The 'Guyra Gift', an initiative created in 1996 by students in Year 11's Sport and Recreation class, has become a traditional event during Guyra Central School's Education Week Celebrations.

The 'Guyra Gift' is a handicapped 100m dash with one student represented from each class and two teacher representatives. Handicaps are determined by age, size and

times.

Congratulations to Stage 1 competitor William Vidler, who placed 1st in the Guyra Gift followed by Stage 3 competitor Oscar Atkin in 2nd place and BJ Cameron in 3rd place.

Guyra Central School completed their Education Week celebrations with the annual 'Snowball' followed by open classrooms.

The 'Snowball' allows our students to showcase their performing arts and talent to their fellow students, parents and carers. The audience and judges were entertained by 12 amazing performances.

Ella Vidler, William Vidler, Kate Ward, Lucy Ward and Tom Ward were announced overall winners with their comical dance

performance to Flo Rider's 'My House', along with Charlie Wilson's solo dance performance to Dean Lewis' Waves.

Guyra Central School would like to thank our celebrity judge Mrs Chris Hietbrink, Miss Clea Townsend and all the staff and students involved in this highly successful event.



SNOWBALL JOINT WINNERS: Ella Vidler, William Vidler, Kate Ward, Lucy Ward and Tom Ward (left) and Charlie Wilson (above)

Weekly Wool Sales

Rural Market Reports

August 17th - It was a stunning week for the Australian wool market with spectacular gains made across the board. In excess of 100 cent gains were made on the first day of sales the likes of which we have not seen for many years. The second day of sales continued the uptrend but at a slower pace. By the close of the week the benchmark indicators and all of the individual Merino micron indicators 18 and broader had smashed through the recent June highs to close in fresh record territory. A reduction in national weekly offerings combined with a more favourable exchange rate would have contributed in part to

the surge. 35,759 bales were sold nationally with a passed in rate of just 1.5%. Major buyers included Techwool, Seatech and Fox & Lillie. After four sales into the new season bales offered have already fallen 10% behind the corresponding period last year with the three week forecast expecting an even greater reduction. With fewer than 30,000 bales expected to be on offer next week the scramble to secure quantity has become fierce. The almost unabated run up has seen the market more than double in value over four years.

Greg Andrews
Schute Bell Wool



CLOSE RACE: Oscar Atkin, Will Vidler and Bj Cameron



Gazette Footy Tipping



All the Girl Celebrities scored 6 points last week. What are the chances of that? We should all take a lottery ticket!

Vu had a return to good form, having the best score of 10 points to bring him into 3rd place on 214 points.

Shona is still "Queen of the Celebrities" on 222 points, followed by Beth, Sue and The Gazette on 216.

Girls 1,052-Boys 988. The Girls just scraped in for a win this week at 30-28.

Jy has been toppled from the top of the

Locals Leaderboard (only by 2 points). In a low scoring round, it was The Shadow who has scaled that last rung of the ladder to the dizzy heights of 212 points.

In 2nd place on 210 we have Jy, Young Master Darcey and Mailman. Red Devils are a chance of a podium finish on 208 followed by Chris on 206.

Highest scorer with 12 points was Turkey Girl and Eel-be-Right had a very good week with 10 points, but even that didn't help their position.

Kerrie's Tips

- Tigers
- Panthers
- Eels
- Rabbits
- Storm
- Roosters
- Sharks
- Dragons



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Trading Hours

Tues: 7.30am - 8.30pm
 Wed-Thu: 7.30am - 5.30pm
 Fri-Sat: 7.30am - 8.30pm
 Sunday: 9.00am - 3.00pm

87 Malpas Street, Guyra (New England Highway)

Score: 206

Soley's Tips

- Tigers
- Warriors
- Eels
- Raiders
- Storm
- Roosters
- Sharks
- Bulldogs



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Men's golf

Due to the cold wind on Sunday the ambrose was not played and will be rescheduled. With the Captain away next Sunday an individual stableford for the Landmark trophy will be played and Captain's day played on the 2nd September.

The Albatross

Men's bowls

There were two Club Championships contested over the weekend. We kick off with the Club Triples played between the teams of David Lyes, Boyd Stanley and Robert Moore who played Paul Johnson, Murray Bourke and David Wilcox. David and his team started as though they had an appointment to go to. Maybe the weather had something to do with the earnest start. They went an early lead 11 shots to 2 shots by end 8 winning all but one end in those 8 ends. Robert and his team hit back winning the next 2 ends closing to within 4 shots. David and his team put their heads down and went on to take victory 23 shots to 15 shots over 21 ends.

The second game was a Handicap Singles game between Barry Campbell (+3) and Col Stanley (-8). Barry enjoyed an 11 shot start and it took Col 14 ends to catch up the difference in Handicap, from then on Col slowly gained the upper hand and went on to take the win 31 shots to 15 shots over 29 ends.

Club Championships set down for this weekend.

Saturday August 25th: Start: 1.00pm. Starter and Umpire: John Jackson.

Major Singles: Dan Kennedy to play Chris Kliendienst marker John Jackson.

Sunday August 26th: Start: 1.00pm. Starter and Umpire: Cameron Peardon.

Club Triples: Chris Kliendienst, Barry Presnell and Cameron Peardon to play Col Stanley. Peter Brodbeck and Andrew Sparke.

To all Bowlers the nomination sheets are on the Notice Board for the 2018/19 bowls season. If you would like to participate in the Club Championships then place your name or team on the sheets provided. Nominations close September 2nd 2018. So hurry don't wait too long enter now.

Sunday September 2nd: Box Draw Pairs: Names by 12.00pm. Start: 1.00pm.

\$300.00 prize money up for grabs. B B Q lunch.

Bowls will follow lunch and AGM. Bowls shirt to worn by those that have them.

Sheet on the notice board.

Also for Bowlers Wednesday Social Bowls are now on again so if you would like to take part get your name on the sheet provided on the notice board.

Names are to in by 12.30pm for a 1.00pm start. Mufti Dress. All welcome.

Remember Bowlers and Members the A.G.M will be held September 2nd commencing 10.00am.

The Bowls Bandit

Cricket

Guyra Cricket held their annual general meeting on August 2nd. James Stewart was returned as President with Craig Lockyer as vice-President, Janelle Stewart Secretary/Treasurer, Adrian Cameron Senior Convenor and Simon Brown Junior Convenor.

The club hopes to once again enter three senior teams and will also look to enter junior teams in the Under 10 and Under 12 age groups. Anyone interested should get in touch with either Adrian or Simon.

President's report

In what was a year of change for Guyra cricket, the club for the first time fielded teams in three grades. The first grade team struggled early in the season, but later on several games were lost by only a few runs. Then in the last of the two day games they came home with a rush by winning both games outright. A stand out in these games was Jake Ellis' 18 wickets.

Second and third grade had very competitive seasons with both teams reaching the semi-finals before bowing out. In July one of our cricketers had a very successful tour to the West Indies. From all reports BJ Cameron had a lot of success.

Now is the time to thank all the cricketers, captains and we won't forget the most important ones – the WAG's. Two people really stand out for their efforts this year – Adrian Cameron and curator John Credland.

We had several fundraising events this season including an afternoon at the Lamb & Potato Festival, canteen and also night duty. The cricketers also sold meat raffle tickets on Saturday nights at the Royal Hotel.

A very big thank you to our major sponsors Damien and Kylie Sutton from the Royal Hotel. Their support is very much appreciated. Also our silver and bronze sponsors Grazag, Dejays Takeaway, Dasha's, Bestech, Ray White, Landmark, Kirks IGA, Mark Gwynne Roofing, Vidlers's Butchery, Guyra Fuels, Rams Head bats, Guyra Welding Works, Electric Postman and Williamson's Earthmoving.

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*James Stewart
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Locals Entry Form - Round 25

Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on **Tuesday 28th August**

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Spuds land a home grand final



Alipate Kaufana scored the winning try in golden point extra time. Photo Grant Robertson

Guyra will host the grand final on September 1st after a miraculous victory at Uralla last Saturday. The major semi final went to golden point extra time and against all odds the Super Spuds came up with a winning try to Alipate Kaufana.

Corey Torrens scored a hat-trick of tries and should have had a fourth that was disallowed in regular time to help Guyra lead 6-nil, 12-4 and 18-14 at different times.

Every time the Spuds got in

front the Tigers fought back and it was 20-18 to the home side with six minutes to play and with Guyra down to 12 men. Ben Vidler slotted a penalty goal to lock it up at 20-all at fulltime.

Uralla scored first in extra time to lead 26-20 and the Spuds had to come up with something to keep the dream alive. It came when Jayden Field scored wide on the left, but Vidler still needed to land the conversion, which he did to level up at 26-all at the end of

10 minutes of extra time.

Uralla could have won it with a penalty goal in golden point, but the kick fell under the crossbar and Guyra survived.

Torrens started the winning try with a spiralling high kick. The Uralla fullback dropped it into the arms of Anthony Dittman and he found Kaufana in space on the left for a 25m run to the line and a 30-26 victory that seemed unlikely for most the final 20 minutes of play.

The Super Spuds will face either Uralla or Warialda in the decider and expect a huge Guyra home crowd will be there to support them.

Meanwhile the club is searching for female players for the Group 19 Women's Nines.

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