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Goodbye, goodbye Year 12



Back to r: Principal Michelle Nicholson, Zakiya Blair, Bethany Burgess, Todd Handebo, Ben Heagney, Kassie Bull. Emily Looker, Emily Knox, Deputy Principal Gillian Davis **Front:** Lily Soraghan, Zakary Cannon, Alice Stanley, Hunter Davidson and Sarah Walls

Guyra Central School farewelled the Class of 2018 last week, remembering them as the 'humanitarians' of the school.

Students, staff and family celebrated their schooling successes last Friday beginning with a traditional breakfast, followed by a valedictory assembly where each of the year groups shared their special memories of this year's co-

hort.

Year Advisor Sarah Mallon said that the class will be remembered as the humanitarians of the school due to their extensive involvement in charity fundraisers, mental health awareness and knowledge of current affairs.

"They have contributed a wide variety of skills and talent towards Guyra Central School over the years and most cer-

tainly are going to have a diverse and exciting future, with many already been accepted into universities and trades," she said.

"We wish Year 12 2018 an exciting, healthy and happy future full of new learning experiences and hope that they keep in touch!"

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Brian Irving



Claire Flynn

Out & about TroutFest Art Show



June Smith



Justin Dwyer



Virginia Ward with Shona Mulligan from Regional Australia Bank



Elizabeth Evers, Angus Dullaway and Kiearna Wadley

TroutFest reels them in

Cool weather and the threat of rain may have forced a few changes to TroutFest, but once again it has proven a great success and a testament to the hard work of a small but dedicated committee.

Beginning with the official opening and awarding of prizes in the Art Expo on Friday night through to the last fish being reeled in, TroutFest achieved what it set out to do – attract people to town and give them a range of activities to enjoy.

In her address at the opening organiser Lynne Chapman summed it up perfectly.

“These events are over in a trice but behind the scenes for many months people are toiling away attending to all the gathering together of participants, logistics, marketing and legal requirements,” Lynne said.

“Thank you to all of the Guyra TroutFest Committee, our small art group and all the volunteers who helped out and special thanks go to June and Neil Payne without whose contribution and support the art event would not have happened.

“An art competition is no good without prizes and we are especially grateful to our prize donors and our festival donors - Guyra Bowling Club, Armidale Regional Council, Recreational Fishing Trust



Entries in the kids section were pleasing and some were on hand to collect their prizes

Grant, Regional Australia Bank, Guyra CWA, Guyra Lions, Dot Vickery, Guyra Pharmacy, Hairy Tales Comb True, Guyra District Vet Services, Evan and Steven Sole, Warren McGowan, 2AD and BCF

“Thanks also to Judges Peter Champion from Inverell, Robyn Gordon from Baldersleigh and Anna Henderson and most of all I want to thank the artists who supported the Art Competition.

“It was great to have the kids involved this year. Thanks to principal Michelle Nicholson and teachers from the Guyra Central School.

“Where do you stop in thanking people? We had

many other events over the weekend and each of them meant a contribution from people: our gardens, our doll and car display, antique machinery group, quilters, musicians, Tegan, VRA & SES, fishing club members ... the list goes on so please Guyra, accept our thanks.

Member for Northern Tablelands and Minister for Tourism and Events, Adam Marshall officially opened the festival and said that this event has the potential to rival those held in nearby towns including the Celtic Festival in Glen Innes and Armidale’s Autumn Festival. He even went so far as to say it could overtake them and

cited the Parkes Elvis Festival as something that had grown from small beginnings to become a major tourist drawcard.

“This event has huge potential to grow and never doubt that these sort of events can’t become huge events,” Mr Marshall said.

“This is what country communities are all about, doing something positive, promoting the community.”

ARC Mayor Mr Simon Murray presented prize winners along with the sponsors and praised the organisers encouraging them to keep the momentum and enthusiasm going.

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What's HOT

MEN'S HEALTH NIGHT
at Ben Lomond Hall 19th
October

TROUTFEST MARKETS
in the Bowling Club

YEAR 12 FINAL DAY - a
great send off and Good
Luck to all in your exams

SCHOOL HOLIDAY activi-
ties at the skate park and
library

What's NOT

NOT ENOUGH ROOM
for all our troutfest pics

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by phone 6779 2132 email
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in to the GALA centre

QUOTE of the week

If you try to fail
and succeed,
which have you
done?

George Carliln

Weather WATCH

Guyra Hospital

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
25	Tues	4.1	10.9	8.0
26	Wed	4.2	13.5	4.0
27	Thurs	2.4	16.7	5.4
28	Fri	3.6	20.1	0
29	Sat	8.4	18.8	4.0
30	Sun	4.5	14.6	0
1	Mon	2.0	16.7	0

Rain this week	21.4 mm
Sept. rainfall	66.0 mm
Rainfall YTD	370.2mm
Rainfall last YTD	767.8 mm

Colourful fun at the library to draw in the kids

Digital art, coding and blow painting are among free activities at the Guyra and Armidale Libraries these school holidays.

Digital art workshops will be hosted by professional animator Danny Stanley, whose work includes comics, animation and murals. Participants at the sessions will work on iPads and learn fundamental skills in drawing and painting. Armidale Library will also host two coding workshops.

A series of blowing painting sessions at both libraries

will teach children to make crazy characters and other creations using paint and a straw. The results are very colourful and more than a little zany.

An interactive storytime and craft session will be held at Armidale library, while Guyra library will host a collage workshop and an Odd Socks Day event to make sock puppets.

Free LEGO building sessions will be held on a number of days and Guyra Library will screen the children's movie Sherlock

Gnomes. Further details are available on the Guyra and Armidale library service Facebook page.

Bookings are essential for a number of the workshops and can be made by contacting Armidale library on 6770 3636 or Guyra library on 6770 7123.

School holiday activities kick off with free skating workshops in Guyra, Tingha and Armidale from Wednesday October 3rd. Spots are still available for both the Guyra and Tingha sessions.

Fairfax newspapers face uncertain future

Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall delivered a passionate speech on the floor of State Parliament last week calling on for Fairfax Media to come clean about the future of a number of much-loved newspaper mastheads across the region.

On the back of deep cuts and staff reductions which saw nearly 30 journalists, staff and photographers given the chop a few years ago, Mr Marshall hit out in his speech against any possible moves to wipe out some of the smaller newspapers, making a direct plea to Fairfax Media management.

Strong rumours signal the imminent loss of the Guyra Argus and possibly the Glen Innes Examiner, with further reductions planned for the remaining stable of publications in the Northern Tablelands – the Armidale Express, the Inverell Times and the Moree Champion. The Tenterfield Star, the Walcha News and the Namoi Valley Independent could

also be on borrowed time.

"Unfortunately, I have heard some disturbing rumours about Fairfax and that is that some of these well-known and beloved mastheads will be closing down," Mr Marshall said.

"I have heard that the Guyra Argus will be completely shut down and retired, and that the Glen Innes Examiner will be closed after proudly serving the Glen Innes and Highlands communities for more than 100 years.

The MP has written directly to the CEO and Managing Director of Fairfax media, Greg Hywood, seeking immediate clarification to calling on him to take a lead role in throwing his full support behind keeping our media local.

"I call on Fairfax Media to come out and publicly announce what the future holds for the mastheads across the Northern Tablelands electorate.

President of the management committee for Guyra

Adult Learning Association Inc. (GALA) Campbell Wolfenden believes that the closure is not a problem for Guyra.

"When the Guyra Argus office was closed by Fairfax Media in 2016, GALA started publication of the Guyra Gazette because there was a belief the Argus no longer represented the community," he said.

"Circulation had dropped dramatically within weeks of the takeover and we moved to ensure that local news was not lost to the town.

"The Gazette is run by locals, employing locals and features local stories. It has a circulation of 1680 copies and is delivered free within the town and rural areas, as well as being bulk dropped in Tingha and also has a following in Armidale.

"Fairfax closing the local office in Guyra was a bad move for the Guyra Argus because it made way for the very successful Gazette to get established."

Mayor's Message

A monthly financial report presented to Council's September Ordinary Meeting last week shows Council's Budget for 2018-19 has an operating deficit of \$3.8 million.

The report and its forecasted deficit further emphasised the need for Council's ongoing review and identification of opportunities for improved efficiencies as a result of the 2016 merger of the Armidale Dumaresq Council and Guyra Shire Council, to form Armidale Regional Council.

While the deficit is not good news for Council and highlights the need for tough decisions and very careful financial management, it is a relatively typical situation for a merged local government and should be seen as a warning beacon rather than a cause for major alarm.

The State Government's Fit for the Future review of local government found both the Armidale Dumaresq Council and the Guyra Shire councils were not financially viable and, as a result, led to a recommendation for the two organisations to be merged.

Merging two financially unsustainable councils does not automatically make them sustainable. What it does do is create opportunities for that merged council to be sustainable by capitalising on the potential for greater efficiencies and economies of scale. That is what Armidale Regional Council has been doing since the amalgamation and will continue to work towards. We hope to finish the 2018/19 financial year with a smaller deficit than the forecasted figure.

The merger brings added expenses straight away, while the cost savings from improved efficiencies take time to achieve. The Merger Fund provided by State Government recognises that lag.

All merged councils go through that teething period of identifying and implementing those opportunities. That takes time with any organisation, particularly organisations that are the size of a regional council and have the diversity of activities to meet our legislative requirements and the needs of the community.

In addition, the organisation must deal with the inevitable logistics of bringing together two councils, in many cases with very different service levels and methods of operation. That has run parallel with the moves towards efficiencies and cost savings and has largely been implemented.

With this effectively in place, Council is now embarking on a comprehensive service level review, to further push to operate as cost-

effectively as possible. This has begun with a major internal evaluation, to review all the services council delivers. This seeks to identify all avenues for efficiencies and ensure council delivers the best possible services to the community and in the most cost-effective way.

Once that internal evaluation is completed, council's service level review will continue with extensive community engagement. We will work with the public to identify which services are regarded to be the highest priorities and where we might need to look at a reallocation of council resources to meet community needs and expectations. Where does the community think we need a higher level of service – and therefore a greater allocation of resources – and do people think there are some areas where the current levels of service are higher than what the public thinks we need? This is all essential to help Council meet community needs with the finite resources we have available.

The Merger Fund has certainly assisted Council's position during the amalgamation. It eases the inevitable financial strain while the tough decisions are made and the actions put in place but doesn't necessarily cover the cost implications of bringing the two councils together and the changes that entails.

The fund has also assisted Council to deliver a significant number of major infrastructure projects during the past two years, including the upgraded regional airport, the Kolora aged care facility and Armidale library. These assets benefited from substantial State or Federal Government funding and the merger fund enabled Council to provide contributions and ensure this region benefited from those available funds. They have helped to set us up for a prosperous future and provide quality of life for residents for many years to come.

I'm confident the service level review, the leadership of our executive team and the commitment of all staff will enable Council to continue to provide our services to the community and, over time, place the organisation on a sustainable footing.

Simon Murray



Public exhibition

Community Services Public Art

Council is implementing a Community Services Public Art Policy to encourage, promote, guide, facilitate and assist with the planning, development, implementation and care of public art in the Armidale Region. The Draft Public Art Policy 2018 – 2022 is on public exhibition from Wednesday 3 October 2018 to Wednesday 31 October 2018. Residents and others are invited to make submissions by mail to Armidale Regional Council 75A Rusden

Street, Armidale 2350, by email to council@armidale.nsw.gov.au or dropped off in person to the Armidale or Guyra Offices. Submissions close Wednesday 31 October 2018 at 5pm.

Cuppa goes to Boorolong

Boorolong will be the next community to host a Councillors' Cuppa, with the information session to be held at the Old Boorolong Woolshed on Saturday 13 October.

The Cuppas have been introduced to take the councillors out to centres throughout the Armidale region and provide an informal setting.

Aboriginal advisory group

Community forums in Armidale, Guyra and Tingha last week endorsed a proposed structure for Council's expanded Aboriginal Advisory Committee.

Council is inviting other members of the region's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island community, and other interested people, to provide feedback on the suggested committee structure.

The proposal, and feedback received at this week's forums, can be viewed at yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au/aboriginal-advisory-group

COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 24 October 2018 at the Guyra Council Chambers, 158 Bradley St, Guyra from 4pm. The public are welcome to attend.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Wednesday 3 October 2018

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Oct 5th Lyn & Richard Skinner
October 7th Darrel Taylor
October 9th Joyce Betts
October 10th Jan Jordan

Street Stalls

Oct 5th
Presbyterian Church
October 11th
Senior Citizens

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,
Ph. 0447 724 536

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

Fishing competition winners



Anglers Club president Grant Roberts with simulator winners Dean Williams and Ben Jones and organizer Rick Emmerton

Dam caught trout - Senior Fly jointly won by Don Dixon and Iain Morrison of the Hastings Club Port Macquarie (59cm), Ladies Dawn Hopkins (56cm), Junior Jack Campbell (52cm), River caught trout - Junior Blake Jackson (58cm) Senior Robert (Tappa) Walls (45cm)

Senior dam fish Jack Witherden (61cm).

Fishing Simulator - junior prize went to Ben Jones and the senior went to Dean Williams who donated his rod and reel set back to the club to be auctioned for club expenses.



John Wilcox congratulates Robert Walls for the best river caught trout at the TroutFest Fishing Contest.

Have your say...

To the Guyra Community,

Our 2019 Guyra Show will be held on February 22 & 23 next year. Your Show committee is already working hard in preparation for a big 2019 Show weekend.

With thanks to Adam Marshall, we have gratefully received a \$5,000 grant from the NSW Deputy Premier towards entertainment at our next show.

Do you have any suggestions on how we can make our show better? If so please call Richard on 0404 454 143 or email admin@guyrashow.guyra.net

We welcome your feedback and suggestions. If you can spare a little time or have some ideas please do get in-

involved and join us at our next meeting on Wednesday 31 October at 7pm at the Gala Centre.

Ever thought of being a member? For \$30 the family membership is great value and your support underpins the entire event.

*Richard Post
President,
Guyra Show Society*

A FEAST for the EYES at the Guyra Trout Festival

Two delights greeted patrons at the weekend's Festival.

1. ALADDIN'S CAVE of fabric artwork

There was a dazzling display in a kaleidoscope of hues, an array of quilts, seasoned with delightful

rag dolls, the handiwork, featuring the skill, the talent, the dedication and love of the women practitioners. Bravo!

2. ARTIST'S PALETTE of delights in painting, drawing, sculpture and photograph. Using the mediums of pencil, pen, oils, water-colour, photography and metal sculpture, a band of skilful artists presented a delectable variety of objects evoking pleasure and laughter. Thank you exhibitors.

Ron Vickress

Have your say

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Guyra Showtime brighter in 2019 with \$5,000 grant

THE long-running drought and a disappointing attendance at the 2018 Guyra Show, had left the Guyra Show Society committee's cash reserves low, creating a quandary around planning for the 2019 show.

Newly-elected Show Society president Richard Post and his hardworking committee were determined that the 'Show must go on', so asked if I was able to help with any grants to make the 2019 Show one not to be missed.

I asked the NSW Government to consider making funding available for next year's entertainment feature and was delighted to receive news that a one-off grant for \$5,000 was on its way to Guyra.

Free heavy vehicle rego and further discounts for farmers

Farmers across the region will get more cash back in their pockets with rebates and refunds on heavy vehicle registration after the NSW Government changed the way registration charges were calculated for primary producers.

I don't want to see anyone pay more than they should for essential costs such as vehicle registration, especially farmers in rural and regional NSW who are doing it tough right now.

The registration rebate will apply

More places for pre-schoolers

There will be more opportunities on offer for preschool aged children across the Northern Tablelands, thanks to a \$6 million infrastructure investment which will provide support for almost 400 new preschool places across the state.

Mr Marshall said the grants would allow local preschools to build, extend or renovate facilities to increase preschool places where there is evidence of high need and growing demand.

The government recently announced a \$197.8 million investment to subsidise all three-year-olds in community preschools, so this round of capital works funding is integral in ensuring there

The Guyra Show Society has held its annual show for 110 years, and it is an important community event that is only as strong as the support it receives.

The good news is that the society has regrouped after a tough couple of years, they have a new president and a re-energised committee dedicated to making the Guyra Show a financial success.

This one-off funding will be used to ensure that next year's entertainment will be top-class and increase attendance and interest and I commend the Show Society, for its commitment to the community and safeguarding this wonderful tradition for Guyra.

to all renewals for the next two years, from 1st July 2018 until 30th June 2020 and for producers who register their vehicles between 1st July and 1st November this year, the amount will be refunded.

The NSW Government will also provide partial refunds on previous heavy vehicles registration charges going back over three years, saving primary producers an average of \$2,094 each.

The changes will come into effect from 1st November 2018.

is enough space for the anticipated increase in enrolments across our region.

Children and families living in growth areas require high quality preschool services that suit their needs and I encourage our local preschools to take advantage of this funding opportunity."

Applications for capital works grants are now open and close on 2nd November 2018.

For further information and to apply, please visit:

www.education.nsw.gov.au/early-childhood-education/operating-an-early-childhood-education-service/grants-and-funded-programs/capital-works-grants



Above l to r: Dorothy Lockyer, Richard Post, Adam Marshall MP and Rita Williams

Richard Post, president of Guyra Show Society, was delighted to receive a grant from the NSW Government to assist in running next year's Show.

"We appreciate Adam's work in obtaining this support for our 2019 Show which we are planning to be bigger and better than ever. We welcome input from everyone in the community into how we can make our 2019 show a big success."

Chance for local students to tour historic battlefields

I would like to call on local high schools to apply to participate in the 2019 Premier's ANZAC Memorial Scholarship, which will give 20 NSW students the chance to see firsthand the battlefields that fill the pages of Australia's military story.

The lucky Year 10 and 11 history students will visit historic sites and battlegrounds in Germany, France and Belgium to deepen their understanding of the causes of war and to commemorate the service of Australians in World War I and II.

As the Centenary of ANZAC draws to a close, it is vital we continue to teach the Anzac story to new generations so the contribution of Australia's military can be honoured for centuries to come.

This is a fabulous opportunity of a lifetime for our region's students and I urge schools to put their hand up. Schools can submit an expression of interest until 10am, Monday, 15th October 2018. For more information, please visit: <http://bit.ly/pams2019>

\$1.1 million splash of cash for new Armidale hydrotherapy pool

I was delighted to announce that the government has committed \$1,093,196 to Armidale Regional Council to build a new \$1.5 million facility at the Monckton Aquatic Centre in Dumaresq Street.

The woes of Armidale's hydro pool facility have been ongoing for years. The ageing facility was resuscitated from a premature death in 2017 thanks to the efforts of volunteers, community members, the local council and a fair bit of push-and-shove from me on behalf of all the stakeholders.

Securing a new location and a new pool has been on my priority list for a while now, so the decision by Armidale Regional Council to apply for funding under the NSW Stronger Country Communities Fund program is a great solution.

Colourful quilts

They may be small in number, but the work ethic and talent of a group of crafty ladies drew praise from visitors during Guyra TroutFest.

A stunning display, which included 41 Quilts, 11 Wall Hangings and a number of smaller items, drew a steady stream of visitors especially on Saturday.

The majority of quilts were from local talented people, who were asked a number of times if the quilts were for sale. 'Spectacular', 'Awesome' and 'Gob Smacked' were just some of the words used by those who visited.

Robin Godlonton led the team who put on the display, and together they put in many which included cleaning, setting up the display, manning the display for three days and packing up afterwards.

They would like to thank all the men that helped with setting up as well as packing up, including some that they dragged in off the street! Also thank you to Evan & Steven Sole, GALA, Ramage

Engineering, Guyra Emporium, Joh Credland, and the TroutFest committee especially Lynne Chapman.

Their talent extended to the window display featuring crocheted fish which was placed first in the competition run by the Guyra CWA. A donation bowl was set up with proceeds going to New England Wigs and Headwear. They handed over \$179.70 to President Jan Day



Above: Glenda Soraghan, Dot Lockyer and Jan Day accepted a donation on behalf of New England Wigs and Headwear
Below: Vicki Bell Robin Armytage, Sharyn Holt and Glenda Soraghan and the winning window display featuring crochet and knitted fish

Stock thefts under investigation

New England Rural Crime Prevention Team are currently investigating a number of instances of stock disappearing east of Guyra. 270 mixed sex Merino Hoggets which were part of a mob of 660 have been reported missing from a property at Aberfoyle. The sheep were kept in a remote location on the property with no access unless you travel through the property or through neighbouring properties.

The missing sheep are described as mixed sex Merino hoggets with a W W earmark out of the top of the Ear. They are also fitted with NLIS ear tags with the PIC Number "NI250532". The sheep are in

full wool and due for shearing in the upcoming weeks. The missing sheep are valued in excess of \$40,000.00

The Crime Prevention Team are also investigating the disappearance of 14 Angus X Short Horn Heifers from a property at Aberfoyle and the disappearance of 8 Hereford Cows from a property at Wongwibinda.

The Aberfoyle cattle are described as Angus X Short Horn Heifers which were heavy in calf at the time they disappeared, they are mixed colours including red and white, black and white, also cream. They have an ear mark in the nearside ear which is a block out of the top point of the ear and a flag out

of the bottom of the ear. The cattle also have a blue management tag with the word Fernhill on it in the same ear. They are fitted with a NLIS button in the offside ear. The heifers have most likely had their calves by this time. The missing cattle are valued in excess of \$15,000.00

The Wonwibinda cattle are described as Hereford heifers which were heavy in calf at the time they disappeared, they are red and white in colour. They have an ear mark in the nearside ear which is a Half Penny and a Cross out of the bottom of the ear. They have a brand on the nearside rump being MP co-joined over Lazy H. They are fitted with a NLIS button in

the offside ear. The heifers are in the process of having their calves. The missing cattle are valued in excess of \$9000.00

Investigators from the Rural Crime Prevention Team at Inverell are keen to speak with any person who may be able to assist with any information in relation any of these matters and encourage all persons to report stock theft promptly even small numbers of stock.

If you have any information that would assist police with this investigation, please call the Inverell Police Station on 02 6722 0599 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Goodbye, goodbye (cont)

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Guyra Central School Principal Michelle Nicholson presented the students with their portfolio and a memento of the school.

Mrs Nicholson wished each of the departing Year 12 students every success in their upcoming HSC exams and also in the pursuit of their dreams and goals.

The outgoing class also gave back to the school, gifting apple trees to be planted for

shade, for their produce and also in memory of former student Ben Ellis.

They also continued a tradition whereby Year 12 acknowledge a student in 7-10 for their contribution to the school. This year's 'Positive Recognition Shield' was presented to Colleen Pearson. Colleen was presented this award in recognition of her significant contributions to the School community and for her positive attitude towards learning.



Positive Contribution award winner Colleen Pearson



Zakiya Blair with grandmother Nellie and father Maurice



Emily Looker with aunt Marg Wolfenden, grandparents Charlie and Norma Looker, father Mark and sister Charlotte



Ben Heagney with parents Naree and Ross



Alice Stanley with grandmother Helen Cruickshank, brother Joseph and parents Richard and Michelle



Sarah Walls with parents Ron and Kym



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MEETINGS

SAVE & GROW GUYRA public meeting to discuss getting our council reinstated Thursday, 11th October 7pm at the Bowling Club. More details in the Gazette next week..

GUYRA NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE Inc. (t/a The Hub at Guyra) AGM will be held at our premises, 160 Bradley Street, Guyra on Tuesday, 16 October 2018 at 5.30pm. All welcome. Enquiries to 6779 1635 or admin@the-hub.cc

GARDENING

OAKLEAF LAWN and Garden Services Mowing, hedging, trimming, weeding, gutter cleaning, etc. (pensioner discount). Ph. Edward 0407 484 371

CLAIM THE DATE

SUNDAY 14TH OCTOBER Go Fishing at Malpas Family Fun Day. Gates open 7am. FREE ENTRY

SATURDAY, 27th October: BACK TO BLACK MOUNTAIN REUNION, lunch & afternoon tea at Guyra Bowling & Recreation Club. See Facebook page - Black Mountain Friends. Enquiries to Tim Snell - timothysnell65@hotmail.com or Alison Youman - alisonjoy7@gmail.com

TUESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER CAN ASSIST Melbourne Cup Fashion Parade & luncheon

SATURDAY 3RD NOVEMBER St James Anglican Church Fete

FRIDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER Ladies Night Out with "Women Like Us" comedy duo, \$25 ticket at Guyra Community Hall, 6.00pm for 6.30pm. 3 course dinner with fun, food and laughs with a healthy focus co-ordinated by Healthwise. Contact Christine 0429 046 691 or Letecia 0458 669 462

NEW TUESDAY 11TH DECEMBER Hospital Auxiliary **CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT** in the grounds of Guyra MPS

PUBLIC NOTICES

NEW ENGLAND WIGS & HEADWEAR has relocated to 89-101 McDonald Drive, Armidale. Open by appointment Phone Jan 6779 1334

GUYRA HISTORICAL MUSEUM closed for renovations. Enq. 6779 2132

POSITION VACANT

Jobs @ Council

Preschool Educator ARC18/2700

Council is seeking a suitably qualified person to work on a casual basis as an educator at its Preschool and Long Day Care Centre.

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Applications close 5pm Friday 12 October 2018.

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Sporting success for primary and secondary

The last part of Term 3, Guyra Central School has had many successes in sport. After placing second at the Inverell Central School's Touch Gala Day in Term 2, our Under 15s Secondary Touch Football Team travelled to Dubbo to participate in the Central Schools' Touch Football State Finals. Guyra won two games and had one draw of the five games played at the carnival earning themselves 4th place overall.

Years 7/8 students attended Inverell on Tuesday 18th September to compete in the 7/8 All Schools Touch Carnival. The Guyra girls had a wonderful day playing four pool round matches. Their first game was the hardest, up against Bundarra where they went down 9-1. In the second round they defeated Inverell High 2-1, Macintyre High 3-1 and were defeated by Holy Trinity 1-3. This was a great experience for the girls as many of them have not played competitive touch before.

The boys played five round matches in total defeating Macintyre High 7-1, Inverell High 9-1, Macintyre High again 10-0 and Holy Trinity 3-1. Holy Trinity defeated Guyra in their final game 3-5. These fantastic results earned the boys a spot in the Semi Finals playing against Moree High School where Guyra had a convincing win 10-4.

In the Grand Final Guyra met up again with Holy Trinity going down 3-1. This was a fantastic game to watch, played with great team spirit and sportsmanship.



Guyra Central School Years 7/8 touch football team

On Friday September 21st, qualifying primary students from Guyra Central School attended the North West Regional Athletics Carnival which was held in Tamworth. Guyra students had a highly successful day with six students qualifying to attend the PSSA State Athletics Carnival to be held at Olympic Park early in Term 4. Parker Campbell qualified for 100m, Oscar Atkin qualified in both 100m and 200m, Archie Dowden qualified in the 800m and Cooper Wilson qualified for both shot put and Discus.

The Senior boys relay team also qualified after successfully sprinting their way to victory in the 400metre relay and narrowly missing out on breaking the North West record by just 0.06 of a second. Congratulations to Rave Brazier, Jonathon

Wilson, Archie Dowden and Oscar Atkin on this achievement.

Guyra Central played host to Tamworth Public School in Round 7 of the PSSA Knockout Soccer Competition. Although the Primary Girls Soccer team were defeated by a strong Tamworth Public School 2-1, the girls played exceptionally in a very exciting game.

On Sunday September 23rd, the Primary Touch Football team travelled to Gulargambone to play Round 6 of the PSSA State Knockout Competition against Gulargambone Central School. Both Gulargambone and Guyra were very strong teams however Gulargambone was the stronger team on the day winning 4-2 and knocking Guyra out of the competition.



Senior Boys Relay (l to r):

Jonathon Wilson, Archie Dowden, Rave Brazier and Oscar Atkin

Men's golf

With this Sunday being pennant day in Delungra these 12 players will be leaving Guyra around 7:30 to compete. S Sole, A Brennan, T Brennan, S Wilson, W McCowen, P Grills, T Ellis, I Taylor, M Shiner, C Newberry, D Hill, and E Sole. Good luck to the boys.

Midweek begins on the 8th and teams do need to be in immediately or you may miss out.

The presentation BBQ is on the 13th at 4:30 and numbers will be finalised this Saturday so if you can please let Betty know if you will be attending so you don't miss out. Sunday the 14th will be the Brian Lennon Memorial Day where everyone is welcome to come and play and have a drink with "Beakies" family and friends.

The Albatross

Men's bowls

No bowls played over the weekend due to long weekend. As reported last week Saturday October 6th will see the Final of the Club Triples played: David Wilcox, Murray Bourke and Paul Johnson to play Col Stanley, Peter Brodbeck and Andrew Sparke.

Sunday October 7th will see the Major/Minor Pairs played: Chris Kliendienst and Peter Brodbeck to play

Roger Cox and Boyd Stanley.

These games are to be played or the forfeit rule applies.

The games boarded for Sunday October 14th have been cancelled.

For further information on any event at the Club, Bowlers and interested persons are to ring Betty at the Guyra Bowling Club on 6779 1499 during working hours.

The Bowls Bandit.

Our golfers bring home the silverware with outstanding golf

On September 26th an outstanding field of 74 golfers from New England district golf clubs competed in the NEDGA 4BBB Championship and Veterans' Annual Tournament. Donna White and Pip White were the most outstanding golfers of the Tournament.

Donna and Pip won the NEDGA 4BBB Championship with 46 points and were presented with the Win Fayle Rose Bowl. Val Davidson and Dawn McNemman (Tenterfield) were runners up with 43 points.

Donna and Pip qualified to represent the New England District at Bonville Golf Course, in November, at the Keno 4BBB Par NSW Championship final. Their score was +9 in the Par qualifier event. Pip was on cloud nine about making the final at Bonville and acknowledged Donna's marvellous golf game which contributed the lion's share of the points.

Belinda Lenehan and Debbie Burey played scintillating golf to win the NEDGA

4BBB Veterans' Championship with 45 Stableford

points and were presented with the Marie Trim Perpetual Trophy. Pat Pickering and Lyn O'Brien (Inverell) were runners up with 42 points on a count back.

Other results were:
NEDGA 4BBB Championship Gross Cheryl McDonald and Donna Martin (Walcha)

NEDGA 4BBB Veterans' Championship Gross Karen Oehlers and Wendy George
4BBB Veterans holes 1-9 Gaye Johnson and Chris MacDonald (Armidale)

4BBB Veterans holes 10-18 Kerry Bull and Suzanne Towells

NP 7th & 9th Cheryl McDonald (Walcha)

10th Colleen Taggart (Uralla)

18th Penny King (Walcha)

Thanks to the wonderful enthusiasm of the lady golfers and friends, such as the staff at the Guyra Pharmacy, for donations which helped make the Tournament a great success.

Please remember to put your name on the notice board, for catering purposes, for the Guyra Golfers' Presentation Day.

The Phantom



Pip White and Donna White receive the Win Fayle Rose Bowl at the Golf Presentations from Marlene Ballinger (NEDGA President) following their fantastic victory at the NEDGA 4BBB Championship Tournament.



Belinda Lenehan, Marlene Ballinger (NEDGA President) and Debbie Burey at the Golf Presentations on 26th September. Belinda and Debbie won the NEDGA 4BBB Veterans' Championship and were presented with the Marie Trim Trophy.

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