

# GALA's Guyra Gazette

Christmas Edition: Wednesday December 7, 2016

## Special delivery for Christmas

Christmas came to Guyra on the weekend and the town has taken on a festive look.

Families joined in the fun with a special event organized by Armidale Regional Council, which included the turning on of the Christmas Tree lights at the Recreation ground.

Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall flicked the switch on the 5 metre tall tree in front of a large crowd who turned up for the event.

Many stayed on to watch a special outdoor screening of "The Flight before Christmas.

The focus turned to the Showground on Sunday with the Rotary Club staging their annual Christmas Carnival.

Under sunny skies the ham wheels were turning and stallholders were kept busy as the crowds rolled in.

Although the parade was smaller than usual, it was still a delight to watch.

The final Christmas present delivered to Guyra this week is the one you are now reading.

An initiative of Guyra Adult Learning Association Inc., the launch of a community based newsletter is looking to share news and views from within the community.

Dorothy Lockyer said that she hopes that the community will support the newsletter and encourages community and sporting groups to become involved.

"The newsletter is a way of connecting the wider community, sharing the day to day happenings," Dorothy said. "It's about giving the community a voice, allowing local groups and businesses to spread the word about some of the great things that are happening around town."

"This is the first edition, but it won't be the last," she said. "We welcome feedback so call in and tell us what you think."



The team behind the new community newsletter  
Janelle Stewart, Leonie Taylor, Campbell Wolfenden,  
Dorothy Lockyer and Martha Weiderman

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is delighted to publish our very first  
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**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
& HAPPY  
NEW YEAR  
FROM ALL  
AT GALA**

## What's HOT

To all of the clients, volunteers and community members who attended the Planning Day of Armidale Regional Council Home Support Service a HUGE thank you for your input.

**Construction** work finally taking place on the new aged care facility after many years of waiting

**Our very** own Christmas Tree now proudly on display in front of the council offices in Bradley St

## What's NOT

**Weeds** gradually consuming the garden bed in the NAB Carpark

**Rumours** that street stalls will be moved into a shop front - maybe ask the people who sit there regularly (and have done for decades) what they think!

**Almost** no-existent road markings on the Guyra Rd west of town - who's got a paint brush?

## What's happening.....

### Combined Churches Choir

This year the Combined Churches Choir will not be singing a cantata in Guyra, but will be singing several carols at the Ben Lomond Hall on Monday, 19th December, at 7.30pm. We will practise at The Catholic Parochial Hall on Friday, 16th December and Sunday, 18th December at 7pm.

The choir has been asked to join in the singing at The Anglican Church's Community Carol Service on Sunday, 11th December starting at 7.30pm. Please come along and sing some of your favourite carols and enjoy supper in the Parish Hall afterwards.

*Nancy Prisk*

### Home Support Services

Home Support Services will hold a Christmas Lunch for residents of Guyra and Tingha at Langford Homestead in Walcha. Music will be provided by Pete Stanley who is fabulous at keeping people entertained. Wear Santa hats and join in for a fun day out.

There will be prizes for those people displaying good Christmas Spirit throughout the day. Pick up from Tingha will be at 9am and at Guyra from 10am. Cost is \$30 per person and RSVP required by 7th December

The office will be closed from Thursday 22nd December 2016 until Tuesday 3rd January 2017. Nicholii House final date for 2016 is Wednesday 14th December, It will resume on Wednesday 11th January 2017.

The last Armidale Bus run will be on 23rd December 2016. The service will resume on Friday 6th January 2017.

Wishing you all a safe, healthy and very happy festive season and we look forward to seeing you in 2017.

*Sally Burey & Wendy Warner*

### Ben Lomond

Ben Lomond Christmas party 9th December, 6pm at Ben Lomond Hall. Auction, raffle, 100 club. Please bring salad or sweet to share.

Carol Service at Ben Lomond Hall Monday 19th December starting at 7.30pm.

There will be a service of Holy Communion at St James Anglican Church Ben Lomond 7.30pm Christmas Eve 24th December all welcome. Dorothy Every 6733211

You are invited to Australia Day Breakfast 26th January commencing 7am \$10 Guest Guyra Australia Day Ambassador RSVP Dorothy Every 67332117

*Beth White & Dorothy Every*

## Community Noticeboard

### Meals on Wheels

Pick up meals by 11.50am

December - 7th Wendy Lockyer  
8th Pamela Hart 9th Golf Club Ladies  
12th Stephen & Sharyn Holt 13th Joyce Betts  
14th Jan Jordan & St Mary's 15th Susan Gerard  
16th Rob Forbes & Doreen Garniss  
19th Lions Club 20th Nellie Blair  
21st John Mitchell 22nd Sue Adams  
23rd Stephen Adams 26th Pamela Hart  
27th Jeanette Jarvis 28th Red Cross  
29th Pamela Carter 30th Lyn & Richard Skinner

### Street Stalls

December - 8th & 9th Hospital Auxiliary  
15th Masonic Lodge 16th Hospital Auxiliary  
17th Rotary Club 22nd & 23rd Rotary Club

### 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, 6.30pm. Ph: Aileen MacDonald 0417 079 307



### Chickens for Christmas

Orders for your Christmas chickens need to be in by Wednesday, 21 December

*Lou, Mick & Staff extend Seasons Greetings to all our customers*

### Our Trading Hours over Christmas:

24 Dec - 8am - 7pm	29 Dec - 6.30am - 7pm
25 Dec - Closed	30 Dec - 6.30am - 7.30pm
26 Dec - Closed	31 Dec - 8.30am - 7pm
27 Dec - 8.30am - 7pm	1 Jan - Closed
28 Dec - 6.30am - 7pm	2 Jan - 8.30am - 7pm



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# Preschoolers graduation a great success



Guyra Preschool and Long Day Care Centre held its annual Preschool Graduation on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

This year the graduation was held at the Guyra Bowling club to accommodate the 31 graduates and their families.

We had such an overwhelming turn out and the night was very successful! The children

and families enjoyed reminiscing over the year's events as they watched the graduation slide show and snapped many pictures of their children in caps and gowns.

The children entertained everyone by singing a few songs and together as a group we all cut the graduation cake. This year we sadly say goodbye to one of the largest groups

of children starting their next adventures of life and all of the educators at the preschool are sad to see them go but are proud of their achievements and know they are going to thrive at big school.

We wish them all the luck in the world and hope they enjoy their school adventures.

*Amanda Campbell*



Kelsie Youman and Logan Stanley

## Lions Youth of the Year

The Lions Club of Guyra held their Youth of the Year contest on Thursday evening November 17<sup>th</sup> with two contestants, Logan Stanley and Kelsie Youman. The program is again sponsored by the National Australia Bank.

The Lions Youth of the Year Program is designed to encourage, foster and develop leadership qualities in youth at an age when they are about to enter employment or higher education. These qualities include leadership, personality, sportsmanship, public speaking and good citizenship, all of which are needed to take an active and constructive role within the community.

The candidates were interviewed by the judging panel consisting of Mr Bill Wicks, Mrs Rita Williams and Miss Leanne Sweeney (representing the NAB). The quest also involves a public speaking segment which required each of the candidates to deliver a five minute prepared speech before being given two, two minute impromptu topics to speak on.

The judges had a very tough job, but awarded both the interview and public speaking title to Kelsie Youman, who now progresses to the next level to be held in Armidale in February next year.

*Jim Betts*

### SHOP LOCAL in December and go into our Christmas raffle

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize: 5 piece Outdoor Setting valued at \$369.00
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Mexican Chimenea valued at \$179.00
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: Hampton portable BBQ valued at \$89.50

**Dasha, Tania & staff wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**  
**We thank you for shopping locally**



### Our Christmas trading hours will be:

Saturday, 24 December	OPEN 7.00am – 1.00pm
Christmas Day	CLOSED
Monday, 26 December	CLOSED
Tuesday, 27 December	CLOSED
Wednesday, 28 December	7.00am – 5.30pm
Thursday, 29 December	7.00am – 5.30pm
Friday, 30 December	7.00am – 5.30pm
Saturday, 31 December	7.00am – 12.00noon
New Year's Day	CLOSED
Monday, 2 January	CLOSED

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# New CEO appointed to lead Council

Mr Peter Dennis has been appointed to the position of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Armidale Regional Council. He replaces Interim General Manager Glenn Wilcox who resigned in early October citing 'personal reasons'.

A recruitment process for the appointment of a new CEO began in October with 24 high quality applications received. Seven candidates were subsequently interviewed by a panel that included Administrator Dr Ian Tiley, Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University of New England Sue Thomas, former Mayor of Guyra and Deputy Chair of the Local Representation Advisory Commit-

tee Hans Hietbrink, Glenn Inglis former member of the Independent Local Government Review Panel and recently elected Councillor of Tamworth Regional Council and recruitment consultant Stephen Blackadder.

Mr Dennis recently concluded his four year contract with SEQWater in Queensland as Chief Executive Officer.

"The Panel was very impressed with Peter, his obvious skills and experience but in particular his desire to work with the new Council and to be part of the regional community," said Dr Tiley.



## GUYRA ASSOCIATED AGENTS

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## Guyra Sheep and Lamb Sale Market Report 30/11/2016

Lambs: 2871 Sheep: 113 Total: 3984

Comment: An increased yarding of 2871 lambs consisting of large numbers of light suckers showing some dryness in the skin. Merino lambs and hoggetts were present in good numbers.

Heavy suckers were firm to \$2 dearer selling to a top of \$160. Light suckers sold from \$60 to \$106, balance of crossbred and merino lambs were firm on last sale.

An increased yarding of 1113 grown sheep on offer consisting mainly of crossbred ewes and merino wethers which were firm on last sale.

	Top	Average
<b>Suckers</b>		
Heavy	\$160	\$148
Medium	\$127	\$118
Light	\$106	\$86
<b>Lambs</b>		
Heavy old lambs	\$155	\$135
Medium lambs	\$128	\$108
Light old lambs	\$107	\$82
Merino lambs	\$114	\$65
<b>Sheep</b>		
Merino wethers	\$112	\$88
Merino ewes	\$89	\$65
Crossbred ewes	\$120	\$85
Hoggetts	\$110	\$75
Rams	\$100.20	\$60

Next sale 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2016

Guyra Sheep Sale will be **WEEKLY** until further notice.



## AUSTRALIA DAY IN GUYRA

### 25 JANUARY 2017 australia day awards dinner

Guyra Australia Day Dinner and Awards presentation at the Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club. 6:30pm for 7:00pm start. Meet our Australia Day Ambassador.

Tickets: Adults - \$25  
Children under 12 - \$15  
Available at Council until 4.00pm on Friday, 20 January, 2017



## AUSTRALIA DAY IN TINGHA

### flag raising & luncheon

Tingha Australia Day Luncheon and Awards presentation at the Tingha Sport and Recreation Club commencing at 12:30pm. Flag raising ceremony and address by Australia Day Ambassador. 12.30pm - Tickets \$15 available from Audrey McArdle.

**Armidale**  
Regional Council

## JANUARY 26 AUSTRALIA DAY flag raising ceremony @ guyra

11.00am at Rotary Park on the New England Highway.

### pool entry @ guyra

FREE entry to Guyra Pool and BBQ (gold coin donation)

## 27 JANUARY 2017 movies in the park

Held at the Guyra Recreation Grounds and commencing on nightfall, the feature movie is Angry Birds (PG) and will be followed by a spectacular fireworks display by Holy Smoke.



### family fun afternoon

Held at the Tingha Sport and Recreation Grounds and commencing at 5pm there will be a family fun afternoon with a range of family friendly activities and a free bbq.

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# Businesses on the move

## Promoting healthy living

Apple Tree Garden and High on Bikes have launched a joint venture with the opening of a new shopfront in Guyra.

Kellie Lockyer has taken over the operation of Apple Tree Garden and has teamed up with David Mills to share the premises at 120 Bradley St.

Both Kellie and David are keen to promote the benefits of healthy living.

Kellie's focus is on nutrition and she has been busy stocking the shelves with a variety of healthy foods including nuts, dried fruits and so much more. She has some new ideas and welcomes visitors to call in and see what is available.

High on Bikes provides sales and service for bicycles and with the increased interest in cycling Dave is the man to talk to if you want to get started, or trade up to a new machine.

The new premises offers more room and a chance to work together to promote a healthier lifestyle.



Working together - Kellie Lockyer and Dave Mills

## New mobile phone towers coming our way

MOBILE phone reception blackspots in the Guyra area will soon be further reduced with the announcement of State government funding to construct new phone towers at Baldersleigh, Aberfoyle and Wongwibinda. Improvements in network coverage will be delivered through the State Government's investment of

\$15 million into the round 2 of the Federal Mobile Blackspot Program. Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall said that this is a great example of State and Federal Governments and the private sector working together to improve access to the network for country people and maximise the number

of towers that could be built. "These towers will greatly enhance safety and the ability for people in our region to go about their daily lives and business activities," Mr Marshall said. "This program will make a tangible improvement to people's lives in our region and I want to see even more benefit in the future."

Mr Marshall said the combined Commonwealth and NSW Government investment was the greatest increase in mobile network coverage to metropolitan, regional and remote communities delivered by a single public funding program in the history of Australian mobile communications.

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to Tuesday, 3 January

# Dedication of memorial seat

A large number of golfers and local residents gathered at the golf course on Saturday November 26, to dedicate a memorial seat and play an unusual tournament to celebrate the contribution and dedication of life member Bruce Thomson.

Bruce, who recently passed away, was both a highly regarded citizen and club member. He was a Sydney boy who was first attracted to Guyra by a local girl Noeline Starr, whom he married in 1961.

Although Bruce worked for the agricultural company Grazcos, the family was based in Sydney until Bruce and several partners launched the first electronic livestock weighing company in the world. The company, known as Ruddweigh, was based in Guyra and the concept expanded rapidly becoming probably the second largest private employer in town apart from the abattoir.

During his spare time Bruce took up golf which he enjoyed im-

mensely. He was extremely generous to the struggling club, with broken machinery being repaired by Ruddweigh free of charge.

In 1994 Bruce and a group of senior players formed the Guyra Veteran Golfers, of which Bruce was the Secretary/Treasurer for 17 years and the driving force in its expansion, organizing tournaments and working bees. He also obtained government grants which resulted in the golf cart sheds and the course toilets.

Bruce was involved with the amalgamation of the Golf and Bowling Clubs and initiated the rejuvenation of Saturday golf with the 'Mollie Sole' competition, benefiting the whole community. His contribution was recognized by all members with life membership several years ago.

A dream of Bruce's was fulfilled with the golf event being a two person ambrose over 10 holes, all 3 par holes. The winner was Joyce Betts and Jenny Rogers.



Noeline Thomson shared the unveiling of the memorial seat with son Ian, daughters Sally and Anne and their families.

***During the Christmas Season  
our thoughts turn gratefully  
to those who have made  
our progress possible  
over the past year***

***In this spirit, we sincerely  
say Thank You and  
wish everyone a  
Merry Christmas &  
a Happy New Year***

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# Carols remind us of of an amazing gift

The carols we sing at Christmas, give us the chance to slow down, come together, and remember the meaning of Christmas. The best carols remind us, that Christmas isn't about us. It's about God, and the amazing gift he gave to the world that very first Christmas, which is beautifully captured in the second verse of Hark the Herald Angel Sings;

*Christ by highest heaven adored;  
Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come,  
offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail the incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with men to dwell,  
Jesus our Emmanuel.*

At Christmas, God gives the great gift of himself. That very first Christmas, God came to earth as one of us, a baby, born of a virgin, laid in the manger. Jesus is no ordinary man, he is not just a holy man, a teacher, or even a prophet. Jesus is God himself, taking on flesh, and

walking and living amongst his people.

The first verse tells us why. God took this extraordinary step, he left his throne in heaven, came as a baby, and lived amongst us and wit us, not for his own sake, but for our sake;

*Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled."*

Jesus was born that very first Christmas, to reconcile us to God. To bring guilty sinners back to God. That includes all of us. Every single one of us has rebelled against our maker, we don't listen to him, we don't follow him, we don't let God, be God. Every single person who has ever lived, is a rebel deserving judgment and condemnation. God tells us the only punishment that fits our crime, is death.

Without Jesus, that is exactly what we will get. But at Christ-

mas, we remember that God has done what we could not. As sinners and rebels, we can't save ourselves. But God can. The only reason Christmas is a time of such great joy and celebration, is because it is followed by Easter. It is Jesus death and resurrection, that gives Christmas it's power. Jesus dies on the cross, for us, taking all God's wrath and judgment and punishment that we deserve, to reconcile us to God.

*Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled."  
Christ by highest heaven adored;  
Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
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hail the incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with men to dwell,  
Jesus our Emmanuel.*

**Rev. Mark Evers**  
**St James Anglican Church**

## Church Notices

### **St James, Anglican**

Sun 8am Traditional Service, 9.30 am Family Service; 1st Sunday of the month: Backwater 2pm 3rd Sunday of the month: Ben Lomond 11.30am

**CHRISTMAS: 18th Dec.** 4pm Tenterden - Carols & Lessons **24th Dec.** 5pm St Bartholomew's Ollera - Holy Communion 7.30pm St Paul's Ben Lomond - Holy Communion 11pm St James' Guyra - Holy Communion **25th Dec.** 8am St James' Guyra - Holy Communion 9.30am St James' Guyra - Family Carols Service

### **St Mary of the Angels Catholic**

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

**CHRISTMAS: Dec 24th** 6pm Guyra **Dec 25th** 9am Guyra 11am Wards Mistake

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

Sunday 10.00am Bible Study at 9.30am Session Clerk: Geoff Clark - Ph 6771 1022

**CHRISTMAS :** December 25th 9am

### **Uniting Church**

Regular Sunday Service - 9.30pm **CHRISTMAS: Dec 24th** - 7.30pm

**December 25th** - No Service  
Enq: Nancy Davidson 6779 1366

### **Seventh-day Adventist**

Saturday from 10am Bible Study, 11am Divine Service. Enq: 6779 1587

### **Northwest Church**

66 Llangothlin St Service 10am Sunday. Connect group and Spektrum Youth Tony Stace 0427956772. **CHRISTMAS: 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** 10am followed by lunch, and **25<sup>th</sup> Dec** 9am. Everyone is welcome

### **Church of Freedom**

10 Nincoola Street - Contact: 0421 847 973 Tuesday Prayer 6.30pm, Wed Bible Study 6.30pm Sunday Service 10am

**CHRISTMAS: 25th December.** 9am, 1st January. 10am

## His priceless gift to all of us

Over two thousand years have passed since that first Christmas, when our Saviour Jesus Christ was born in lowly cattle shed. December the 25th has been set aside as the day when we celebrate Jesus's birth, because His actual birth date would be quite impossible to calculate now, so whether we are correct or not this is the date that the Christian Church acknowledges as the date our Saviour Jesus Christ was born.

There will be Christmas parties and presents given in all kinds of places, families will be drawn together in the spirit of love.

Christmas day this year falls on a Sunday, families should come and worship together to indeed thank god for His priceless gift to all of us so long ago. Jesus should always be placed first in our hearts.

So as you celebrate Christmas this year, include Jesus in your celebrations. After all Jesus is the "reason for the season". May I wish all of you a very happy, joyous and safe Christmas.

**Geoff Clark (Session Clerk)**  
**St Columbas Presbyterian Church**



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# A moment like no other

It all happened in a moment, a most remarkable moment, a moment like no other...it was extraordinary. In a stable 2000 odd years ago a virgin teenager gave birth to a baby boy and laid Him in a manger. His name, Jesus. The one who had previously overlooked the universe looked up at his mother Mary. Jesus had abandoned heaven's throne room in favour of a dirty sheep pen. The creator became the created. The One who spoke the world into existence humbly made Himself dependant on a first time mum for his nurture and care.

Shepherds camped out guarding the sheep had their night interrupted by an explosion of light in the night sky as an angel announced, "the good news of great joy for all people ... a Saviour has been born." Leaving the sheep they hurried off to the stable of Bethlehem and found Jesus in the manger just as the angel had said. Going their way they couldn't help but tell others of the extraordinary good news.

So, what is the good news of Christmas? What is at the heart of it all? Well, it was God on a

mission trip to restore relationship between us and himself. Beginning at the cradle of Bethlehem and going on to the cross of Jerusalem, God was setting out to make a way... a way for all wrongs to be made right ... a way for ugly pasts to be forgiven ... a way that restores hope, meaning and purpose in life. His desire is that we might know His amazing love and His transforming power in our lives, setting us free from things that ensnare us and weigh us down. A relationship with God changes both our direction and destination.

Someone said: "If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent an educator. If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist. If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist. But since our greatest need is forgiveness, God sent us a Saviour."

Why not join us at Northwest Church, 66 Llangothlin St, for our Christmas services on:

18<sup>th</sup> Dec 10am followed by lunch, and 25<sup>th</sup> Dec 9am. Everyone is welcome.

*Tony Stace*

# Time of giving & sharing

Christmas is a time of giving and sharing. Sometimes we are so busy concentrating on having the perfectly cooked meal, this treat and that treat, finding the perfect gifts, & making sure they are perfectly wrapped, we are so tired we are unable to give the best gift of all - ourselves. Often the very best present we can give someone is our time. Time to lis-

ten, to talk, to play with the children, and just enjoy the company of family and friends. As Christmas approaches think about how you can simplify your preparations to allow more quality time with your loved ones.

May peace and goodwill be with you over Christmas and throughout the coming year.

*Margaret Betts*

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*We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a healthy and successful 2017*

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**CLOSED: December 25, 26, 27 & January 1 (public holidays only)**

*Merry Christmas to all from Leonie & Tara*  
at  
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# Reflecting on the Year that was at Black Mountain

The students of Black Mountain have engaged in many and varied learning experiences this year, ensuring that all talents were fostered and, for all those requiring extra support, assisted.

It has been amazing to watch students achieve:

\* Sports - Wahkeem Patterson ran in the 9 year old 100 metre sprint at State Athletics.

\* Academic arenas - Jake Faint, Hollie Hoade, Patrick Faint, Lachlan Savage, Samuel Savage and Thomas Savage sat for the Australian Mathematics Competition, showing off their problem solving skills.

\* Creative flare - Harley Ferguson and Jamie Williams were both selected as finalists in the University of New England Schools' Acquisitive Arts Prize competition.

\* Cultural - all students visited Wattle Ridge, a locally owned and managed indigenous property, to engage in high quality learning experiences about the Aboriginal culture.

These are only four of the many achievements made across all areas of learning by the students of Black Mountain.

Every child, Kindergarten through to Year 6, have engaged in the School Swimming Scheme, Creative Arts Day, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) Camp, Harmony Day, Highland Fling, Armidale

Eisteddfod, Education Week Celebration, Jump Rope for Heart program, Musica Viva program, Armidale Gymnastics Centre visits and Taronga Zoo Visit, among many other opportunities and experiences.

The school's P&C association raise funds to support student learning. This year the P&C supported senior students in visiting Sydney for a week. This opportunity is invaluable for student learning, growth of independence and social development. The P&C have also supported the school to purchase readers, and are working towards raising funds for larger items, identified from wish lists prepared by the school. The P&C work closely with staff and students to ensure the optimum learning for all.

Leaders have many opportunities to extend their skills at Black Mountain, attending the GRIP Leadership conference, being inspired by leaders at the Primary Leadership Luncheon, and holding many leadership roles within the school, including addressing daily assemblies and coordinating monthly school assemblies.

The Transition to Kindergarten Program runs every Friday throughout the year, to support students transitioning to Kindergarten by ensuring a seamless transition for all. Students are engaged and ready to participate in formal learning from day one of



Senior Class Sydney Excursion



Transition to Kindergarten students participated in the annual School Swimming programme

Kindergarten because of the high quality opportunities they engage in throughout their pre-Kindergarten year.

Black Mountain Public

School grows successful individuals that are well-rounded and have a strong sense of community.

**Belinda Baker, Principal**

## St Marys students get creative



Archer Starr

On Thursday 24th November, St Mary of the Angels held their highly anticipated annual Creative Arts evening. Students have been very eagerly preparing for this magnificent event. The event captured what students have learnt in dance, drama and music.

Some highlights of the night were Year 5/6's play on Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, Year 3/4's Grease MegaMix dance, Year 1/2's Hey Little Ant drama, Kindergarten's Wombat Wobble dance and Transition's Little Einstein's dance.



Marli Jones and Lily McFarlane

# Stork Report



Grant Robertson and Crystal Pollio of Black Mountain are pleased to announce the arrival of daughter Kenna Ann Robertson, born at Armidale Hospital on November 26.

Kenna is a little sister to Roman, granddaughter to Sally Mulligan (Armidale), Roydon Robertson (ex-Guyra) and Ski Morrison (USA) and great-granddaughter to Bill and Judy Wicks of Guyra.

## Farewell Father Castelli



A morning tea was held at St Patrick's Catholic church Ben Lomond after Mass on Sunday December 4. Father Anthony Castelli preached what he described as his penultimate service

at Ben Lomond before leaving the area to settle into retirement in Tamworth. Richard Makim thanked Father Castelli for the time he has spent in the Guyra district and presented a small gift.



## \$500 for Special Olympian

On November 29th the Guyra Lions Club presented Sarah Williams with a cheque for \$500.

Sarah is an enthusiastic participant in Special Olympics activities, who enjoys competing in ten pin bowling and swimming.

The Lions Club donation will assist with travelling expenses to participate in competitions away from home.



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'The Hub' provides information about community services and referral for example

- Relationship counselling
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- Centrelink referral and support



**Opening Hours 10am to 2pm  
Tuesday to Friday**

Other services include;

Youth Drop in Wednesday afternoons in school terms, Guyra Family Support, Country Harmony, Snowflake clinic Psychology, Pathfinders, Octec disability service providers, Women's Support Group, Access to free legal advice and financial advice.

We also provide admin services such as telephone and photocopying and simple printing.

Call in for a cuppa

Like us on Facebook for information on upcoming events!

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Guyra's 5m tall Christmas tree was lit up by Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall



Graeme Shiels, Dave Mills and Jim Betts cooking up a storm



Jo Burey & Betty Wilson



Anna Heagney, Sophie Bezzant, Shelby Heagney & Darcey Heagney



Joseph & Wendy George, Judy Wicks



At the Rotary Christmas Carnival


**Above:** St Mary of the Angels "Alice in Wonderland" float

**Left:** Major Sponsor Regional Australia Bank sent along a team of helpers to man the ham wheels, l to r: Dane O'Conner, Jeff, Ashleigh, Fletcher and Cath Richardson

**Right:** Rotarian Zahoor Ahmed enlisted the family to help out




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**Enquiries: James Stewart 6779 4215**

# Meet the Bushrangers



**Back l to r:** Hamish Woods, Brodie Campbell, Brendan Williams, Colleen Pearson, Andrew Pearson

**Front:** Ben Reinke, Jack Lockyer, Fletcher Richardson, Marty Ryan and Harrison Brazier

**Absent:** Harris Dullaway and Angus Brazier

The Under 12 Bushrangers have had a good first half of the year with a few new players and some older players who have been there for a few years. They are doing quite well as they learn to play together as a team.

From their eight games so far they have had three wins, two draws and three losses. All the team are making runs and taking wickets and their fielding is getting better as the cricket season goes on.

Wet weather had impacted on some of the games, however their games have all been very close which is great for a side that is still getting to know each other.

*The Bushrangers*

## Bowls Carnival (continued)



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This Saturday night you can enjoy entertainment at the club with Kerry Kennedy.

If Bingo is your interest, then there will be an all day Christmas Bingo on Thursday, 8 December.

The Brian Vickery Ham Day will be held on Friday, 18 December.

The huge Christmas Bowling Club draw for the Barbecue will be held on Friday, 23 December. If you are a member, make sure you are at the club for the draw as you



have to be there on the night if you are the lucky name drawn out.

New Year's Eve will be a night of fun and entertainment with DJ Sole Karaoke.

Upcoming bowls event in January will be the Top of the Range

Fours to be played on 21 and 22 January. There will be a top class field in this event.

Contact the club on 6779 1499 during working hours.

*The Bowls Bandit*

# Guyra Gazette Classifieds

## RAFFLE RESULTS

**ROTARY** Wood raffle (October) was drawn by Mary Sisson and won by Gayle Moses. Thanks to all who supported us.

**RSL** Remembrance Day raffle Meat Tray won by Sheila Knight, Fruit & Veg won by Narella McFarlane. Thanks to everyone for your support.

**HOSPITAL AUXILIARY** Recent raffles won by Kevin Harman and Murray Nielsen. Thanks for your ongoing support.

**KOLORA** 100 Club 1st Sue Green 2nd Judy Williams 3rd Sam Hutton (redonated)

**GUYRA CWA** Raffle drawn at Rotary Carnival won by Archie Davidson. Thanks for your support

## IN MEMORIAM

**Joy Annette McLeod**  
20~12~2007



You left us beautiful memories  
Your love is still our guide  
And though we cannot see you  
You're always at our side  
*Loved and remembered always*  
*Brian, Christine, Anne,*  
*Denise and families.*

**Roy Stuart Ramage**  
14~12~2001

A beautiful memory,  
dearer than gold,  
Of a father whose worth  
can never be told,  
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heart no one can fill,  
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and always will.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

**HOSPITAL AUXILIARY** - Upcoming street stalls Dec 8th & 9th, Dec 16th. Raffle prizes 1st \$300 Voucher at Kirks IGA, 2nd prize Hand Knitted Nativity Set. To be drawn 16/12/2016.

**GUYRA SHOW** Friday 24th & Saturday 25th February. Entries for Photography close on 7th February. Membership can be paid at the GALA Centre.

**Guyra Junior Rugby League**

Coaches needed for all grades for 2017.(8s, 10s, 12s, 14s, 16s, Jnr & Snr League Tag. Please forward written applications to:  
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**Guyra NSW 2365**  
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## PUBLIC NOTICES

**Working Bee Ollera Cemetery**

Pre Christmas Cleanup,  
Sunday December 18th  
starting at 9am

BYO mowers etc.

More info Phone Bob Burey  
6779 1810 or 0429416838

**Carols**

by **Candlelight**

Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>  
Guyra MPS  
**Sausage Sizzle** from 6pm  
**Carols** start 7pm

BYO  
chair &  
blankets



**St Vincent de Paul**

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Reopening Tues. January 17<sup>th</sup>  
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**Children's Sewing**

9th & 10th January

9.30 - 12.30

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# Beautiful weather and success for lady golfers



Guyra golfers have enjoyed several months of competition in beautiful spring weather. Belinda Lenehan, representing Guyra, won the New England District Golf Association (NEDGA) Medal Playoff for Division 2 at Tenterfield Golf Course in October with a scintillating 77 net. Belinda qualified to compete at State level, on the magnificent Stonecutter's Ridge Golf Course this month. Guyra golfers wish her well in this challenge. Belinda is representing the New England District alongside Cheryl McDonald (Division 1) and Jeanette Wark (Division 3) of Walcha.

Other important events in October were the Guyra Welding Works Trophy for the 4BBB Stableford Championship which was won by Wendy George and Jenny Shiels with 60 Stableford points. On the 26th Wendy

George donated trophies for a fund raiser for the tee off for Breast Cancer Day, with the support of Guyra Bowls and Recreation Club. The winners on the day were Donna White and Wendy Jackson who carded 56 Stableford points. On the 29th several women com-

## Guyra Women's Golf Trip 2016

**Back l to r:** Kerry Bull, Donna White, Jenny Shiels, Karen Oehlers, Wendy George, Pam Youman, Wendy Jackson, Anita Murray, Barbara Denning. **Middle :** Jenny Rogers, Shona Mulligan, Joyce Betts, Kath Varley. **Front:** Belinda Lenehan, Pip White, Julie Walker, Vicki Reeves.


peted at Walcha in the New South Wales Women's Sand Green Championships, where there was an excellent field of 79 competitors who represented clubs from various areas of the state. Guyra players enjoyed the weekend by finishing mid-field in the results.

The annual golf trip was a resounding success in November when we played Casino, Ballina and Ocean Shores Golf Courses. The standard of golf was outstanding with some good score cards returned. At Casino, Belinda Lenehan and Vicki Reeves scored 43 points in the 4BBB

Stableford. At Ballina, Wendy Jackson won the trophy donated by Barbara Denning in the singles event with 43 Stableford points. At Ocean Shores, Meg Simpson and Pip White played brilliant golf to win the 4BBB Stroke with a 63 net.

Karen Oehlers won the Kirk's Match Play Trophy, defeating Wendy George in a good match, last Wednesday. Presentations of perpetual trophies will be made at the Christmas Party on the 21st December. Best wishes for Christmas and good golfing in 2017.

*Julie Walker*



## Lozza's Swim School


**Classes start on Monday, 9 January to Thursday, 19 January**

**Cost:**

**Preschool:** \$50 not including pool entry  
Lesson length is 30 minutes

**School age:** \$70 not including pool entry

A sibling discount rate of \$50 (not including pool entry) is available for any additional school-age children enrolled in the same program.  
Lesson length is 40 minutes



**Instructor:**  
**Lorraine Brazier**  
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## Learn to love swimming

Lozza's swim school programs offer multiple grades across preschool and school age categories.

Lessons take place in the heated Guyra Swimming Pool.

**Preschool:** For children aged 18 months to 5 years. There are two grades based on age. A parent or guardian is required to be in the water with their child at all times.

**18 months to 3 years:** Lessons teach basic skills such as entry and exit, going underwater, floating and breathing.

Maximum of six children per class  
**3 years to 5 Years:** Lessons teach basic stroke and survival skills and develop independence from adult support.

Maximum of five children per class  
**School age**

For children aged 4.5 to 14 years. There are four grades based on ability,

Maximum class sizes vary between 5 and 8

**Level 1:** for non-swimmers and children who have never had lessons

Develops confidence, teaches basic skills such as submerging, blowing bubbles

**Level 2:** For children with some water confidence, who can submerge and move through water unassisted

Teach breathing, stroke and movement

**Level 3:** For children who can swim 15 metres using actions resembling freestyle, backstroke or breaststroke

Teaches further develops stroke and movement skills

**Level 4:** For children who can swim 25metres or more and wants to improve on their strokes in Freestyle, Backstroke, and Breaststroke and want to learn Butterfly



# Local Sport

# Large fields at annual Bowls Carnival

The 27th annual Guyra Bowls Carnival has been played and the winners are gridders, while the remainder of the bowlers go home and lament for another year.

The Carnival kicked off on Tuesday November 29th with the playing of the Open Women's Triples. There were 18 teams entered and the winners were Jan Anderson, Jan Leader and Jan Hobday from Inverell. The runners-up were C Vidulich, D Kirkman and P Romer from Tenterfield.

Wednesday November 30th saw 16 teams venture on to the greens to play the Mixed Triples. Winners were G Porter, B Johnson and K Porter from Armidale Ex Services. Runners up were C McFayden, B White and P McFayden (a composite team).

Thursday December 1st and Friday December 2nd saw the Schweppes Prestige Pairs played. 32 teams contested this event and after 5 games of 21 ends the final four teams were determined. They were Nathan Wise and Scott Thorning (composite team), Dan Kennedy and Chris Kliendienst (Guyra), Steve Clarke and John Flood (Mona Vale) and Scott Hamilton and Chris Brodbeck (composite team). The winners were Nathan Wise and Scott Thorning and runners up were Dan Kennedy and Chris Kliendienst.



Plenty of action on the greens at the Guyra Bowling Club over the weekend  
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enst.

On Saturday December 3rd and Sunday December 4th the Regional Australia Bank Triples were played. Again 32 teams walked on to the greens, with the field split into eight sections, each consisting of four teams. After three games of 21 ends were played, the eight sectional winners were determined.

Section 1: Steven Sole, Scott Campbell and Andrew Sparke (Guyra)

Section 2: Phil Kliendienst, Chris Kliendienst and Jerrard Davis (composite team).

Section 3: Craig O'Toole, Cess Wales and Les Goodchild (Kootinggal).

Section 4: John McIlwain, Thomas McIlwain and Ian Jacob (composite team)

Section 5: John Jackson, David Wilcox and Paul Johnson (Guyra)

Section 6: Nathan Wise, Scott Thorning and Tim Thorning (composite team)

Section 7: Chris Brodbeck, Scott Hamilton and Doug Newton (composite team)

Section 8: Brendon Baker, Russel Berghofer and Joe Dell (composite

team)

After the quarter finals were played (over 7 ends) the semi-finalists were determined and they were Craig O'Toole and team, Steven Sole and team, Brendon Baker and team and John Jackson and team.

The semi-finals had the field narrowed to two teams and they were Craig O'Toole and team and John Jackson and team.

Down to the final and after seven ends of play the winners were the Guyra team of John Jackson, David Wilcox and Paul Johnson. *Continued page 13>>>*



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