

SPORTS RESULTS

ARCHERY

Namoi Valley Archers (Gunnedah) staged a three-arrow round last Sunday, with the Sawyer family giving archery a go for the first time.

RESULTS:

Brandon Cahill (Men's Bowhunter Unlimited) 840, Kirsty Dunshea (Female Bowhunter Unlimited) 790, Norm Webster (Men's Recurve) 670, Jae Debreceeny (Men's Bowhunter Unlimited) 560, Flynt Neilson (Boy Junior Bowhunter Unlimited) 515, Karl Peck (Men's Recurve) 500, Glennie Allen (Female Recurve) 465, Arlo Neilson (Boy Cub Bowhunter) 380, Greg Debreceeny (Men's Bowhunter Unlimited) 375, Daniel Sawyer (Men's Recurve) 330, Angela Sawyer (Female Recurve) 295, Jackson Sawyer (Junior Boy Recurve) 280.

BRIDGE

**Monday April 6
Howell Movement**

1. Ann Luke and Di Hasler
2. Margaret Stevens and Louise Warmoll
3. Marg Waugh and Margaret Louis
4. Wendy Brady and Jenny Hughes.

**Wednesday April 8
North-South**

1. Harvey and Deb Stoneman
2. Margaret Louis and Helen Clift
3. Sandra Curran and Di Hasler.

East-West

1. Fran Dunn and Elisabeth Heath
2. Lesley Mills and Jenny Hughes
3. Marg Waugh and Brenda Witts.

DARTS

Gunnedah Men's Dart League summer

competition, round 12:

Railway Warriors defeated Golf Club Immortals 9-2 (Adam Waugh 100; Peter Hayes 100 and 133; Peter Shoober Jnr 100; Gary Bartimote 100 and 121. Tyson Small 134; Jason Wheeler 116 and 121; Simon Sutherland 100 and 125).

Railway Gunnabees defeated Railway Looneys 9-2 (Farran Lamb 100 and 2 x 125; Kris Lodge 140; Darrin Cameron 100 and 120. Jordan Sneedon 102; Caleb Cameron 123; Jesse Hicks 100).

Courthouse Panlickers defeated Club Gunnedah Bowlers 8-3 (Brock Beasley 3 x 100; Chris Gallagher 100. Wayne Campbell 108; Mark Wise 100).

Courthouse Guns defeated Courthouse Dartaholics 7-4 (Braydyn Finlay 100 and 135; Jamie Zawiolkowski "pegged" 83. Shaun Morrison 100; Greg Newman 121).

Courthouse Outkasts defeated Railway Vipers 7-4 (Ken Moses 121 and 133; Greg James 3 x 100; Jamie Reading 2 x 140).

Club Gunnedah Thirsties defeated Club Gunnedah Steelers 6-5 (Dave Partridge 100; Paul Lodge 116; Dave Callaghan 101; Stephen Keeler 100; Neil Sutcliffe 120. John Woolaston

123 and 125; Greg Dean 125, 140 and 2 x 100).

Curlewis Sport & Rec Koalas defeated Club Gunnedah Sevens 6-5 (Garry Hogan 100 and 120; Nathan McDonald 105 and 121; Hunter Richards 140; David Campbell 101 and 115; Graham West Snr 100 and 120. Fred Pryor 2 x 100; Trent Winsor 100; Braith Winsor 100; Tyler Silver 100).

Club Gunnedah AllSorts defeated Courthouse Knights 6-4 (Andrew Kelly 2 x 100; Rick Winsor 140; Jason Winsor 100; Allan Talbot 100. Corey Certoma 100; Jaide McNeill 120; Brandon Williams 2 x 100; Darren McInerny 140).

Golf Club Tees won on a forfeit from the Golf Club Chuckas.

LADIES GOLF

Tuesday last week was round one of the Fourball different partners and the qualifying match for Fourball Matchplay, with 16 players competing.

Kim Avard and Lyn Mitchell won with +11 while Val Billsborough and Nancye Farquhar were hot on their heels with +10. Third were Sally Toppin and Coral Lorimer with +9.

Nearest-the-pins went to Lyn on the 2nd and Michelle Johnston on the 7th.

Last Thursday had a field of seven for the 18-hole stroke round 8/12.

Val continued her form with 71 nett, while Nancye was the runner-up with 76.

MEN'S GOLF

Last Saturday was a Single Stableford.

P Koch won A grade with 39 points, and second was S Wilson with 38 on a c/b from G Ford who also had 38.

W Hinton won B grade with 42, and was followed by N Cruickshank with 41 and T Smith 39.

F Herring won C grade on a c/b from C Ellbourn and I McArthur as they all had 40.

NTP winners were E Burraston (A grade), G Dear (B grade) and M Brown (C grade) on the 2nd hole, C Drakeley on the 7th, J Bunce on the 12th, and E Burraston on the 16th. Second shot winners were B Hopkins (A grade) and F Herring (C grade).

PUBLIC NOTICE

Ecological Burn Notice

Please be advised that Whitehaven Coal will be undertaking burn preparation and cool season Ecological Burns on the following Biodiversity Properties “Nindethana”, “Rosevale”, “Wirradale”, and “Yarrawonga” between 30th March and 26th June 2026.

For further information, please contact Whitehaven Biodiversity on 0488 407 000.



EXHIBITION OF DRAFT GUNNEDAH SHIRE COUNCIL BLACKJACK CREEK FLOOD STUDY UPDATE

Proudly funded by the NSW Government in association with Gunnedah Shire Council.

Gunnedah Shire Council hereby gives public notice of the exhibition of the Draft Gunnedah Shire Council Blackjack Creek Flood Study Update (BCFSU).

The purpose of the BCFSU is to define flood behaviour in terms of flows, water levels and velocities for floods ranging between 20 and 0.2 per cent Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP), as well as for the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF). The study forms the first and second steps in the flood risk management process for Blackjack Creek and is a precursor of the future update of the Blackjack Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan, which will consider measures that are aimed at reducing the existing, future and continuing flood risk in Gunnedah.

The draft BCFSU will be exhibited for a minimum period of 28 days and commenced **8.30am Thursday 26 March 2026** and will close **5pm Wednesday 29 April 2026**.

Persons wishing to comment on the draft BCFSU must do so in writing, with submissions addressed to:

General Manager
Gunnedah Shire Council
PO Box 63, GUNNEDAH NSW 2380
council@gunnedah.nsw.gov.au

The draft BCFSU will be exhibited at Council’s Administration Office, 63 Elgin Street, Gunnedah between 9am and 4pm, Monday to Friday or can be viewed online at www.gunnedah.nsw.gov.au.

Your attention is drawn to Figure 6.23 Interim Flood Planning Area – Mainstream Flooding and Major Overland Flow Affected Areas (3 Sheets).

Please be aware that if you make a submission, other people may have access to your comments. This may be as a result of a report to a Council Meeting or as a part of an application under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009. Further details are available on request from Council.

For additional information please contact Council’s Strategic Planning Team on (02) 6740 2100.

Eric Groth
GENERAL MANAGER

Twilight women's cricketers return to field

The second instalment of the Gunnedah twilight women's smash cricket series began under lights at Donnelly Fields last Friday night, following the first instalment in January.

While the same four teams were in each instalment, last Friday featured some new faces while 42 players were registered following 40 in January.

Having been unbeaten in January, the Namoi Ninjas maintained their winning form last Friday as they accounted for Peel Power.

Olivia Semmler and Leslee Finnerty captured two wickets each for Peel Power, but the batting from the Ninjas proved too strong.

Close friends Zoe Fleming and Marnee Walters produced a great partnership for the reigning premiers, with Zoe top-scoring with 34.

Mooki Maidens defeated Gwydir Girls in the other match, with Chelsea Budden the standout with the bat for the victors as her 24 runs came from four sixes.

Sally Keeler and Jodie Moore were the standout bowlers for Gwydir with two wickets apiece while Keeler also impressed with the bat.

One of the event organisers, Meleah Walters, said it was a great turnout while it was nice to see everyone laughing and having fun.

This Friday will feature more of a ‘muck around’ game due to the Gunnedah Show taking place, which will also result in the final night of the cricket schedule being pushed back to May 8.



Chelsea Budden, pictured during a twilight game back on January 31, clubbed four sixes last Friday.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of an application for modification of multiple State Significant Development consents granted under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 – Whitehaven Gunnedah Open Cut Modifications

Whitehaven Coal Limited (Whitehaven) and its subsidiaries own and operate the following open cut coal mining operations located in the Gunnedah Coalfield in New South Wales (NSW):

- Vickery Extension Project (Vickery Coal Mine [VCM]) (Development Consent [SSD 7480]) – approved under Part 4 of the *NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act) on 12 August 2020; and
- Tarrawonga Coal Project (Tarrawonga Coal Mine [TCM]) (Project Approval [MP11_0047]) – approved under Part 3A of the EP&A Act on 22 January 2013.

The modifications are being sought under Section 4.55 (2) of the EP&A Act (the Modification Applications). The Modification Applications would allow for an increase in the approved run of mine (ROM) coal haulage limit utilising existing infrastructure and ROM coal haulage fleet from the approved 3.5 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) up to 4.1 Mtpa for calendar years 2026 to 2030, inclusive, for the VCM and TCM.

Whitehaven gives notice of the Modification Applications in accordance with Sections 98(4)(b) and 98(5)(b) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021 (NSW)*.

Application details		
Application No:	SSD 7480 Mod 3	MP11_0047 Mod 12
Proponent:	Vickery Coal Pty Ltd Level 28, 259 George Street Sydney NSW 2000	Tarrawonga Coal Pty Limited Level 28, 259 George Street Sydney NSW 2000

Modifications Description

The Modification Applications would include:

- Increase haulage from 3.5 Mtpa to 4.1 Mtpa along the currently approved haulage route for each calendar year from 2026 to 2030, aligning with the maximum approved ROM coal processing permitted at the Whitehaven Coal Handling and Preparation Plant (CHPP) (as per MP11_0047 and SSD 7480).
- Aligning the increased ROM coal haulage with the end of the currently permitted mining operations period (i.e. December 2030) under the development consents for both the Whitehaven CHPP and TCM.
- Alignment of the regulated coal haulage periods for the VCM with the regulated coal haulage periods for the TCM and Whitehaven CHPP (i.e. change from financial year to calendar year).

The Modification Applications are accompanied by a Modification Report. The Modification Applications and Modification Report will be available on the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's Major Projects portal, www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects, for viewing.

