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# 'Spree of violence'

## Boy pleads guilty, bail denied

**A** TEENAGED boy will spend at least the next month in juvenile detention after pleading guilty to a shooting spree which killed animals and damaged property.

The 16-year-old, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was arrested and charged late Tuesday afternoon after police searched his parents' Tablelands property.

He was charged with six counts of aggravated animal cruelty, one count of committing an act of animal cruelty, two counts of shooting a firearm into a building on inclosed land, one break, enter and steal charge, one count of destroy or damage property, and one count of break and enter with intent to steal.

The offences relate to shootings on four Winfarthing Rd properties, some 20km north of Goulburn from July 23 to 27.

The boy appeared in Goulburn Children's Court on Wednesday morning, flanked by his parents, after spending the previous night in custody.

Wearing jacket, track pants and runners, he sat with his head bowed as his mother wept by his side.

The court heard the boy had skipped school on two days to carry out the offences.

The first time, on Monday, July 23, police said he drove a car to a Winfarthing Rd weekend property where he shouldered charged a rear door to gain entry. There he stole a .22 calibre rifle sitting on a bed and ammunition from the top of a cupboard.

Soon after, he shot several rounds into a caravan on the property.

Later, he returned to the house and stole more boxes of ammunition, went to another nearby property and shot more rounds, killing two standard bred horses with bullets to the stomach.

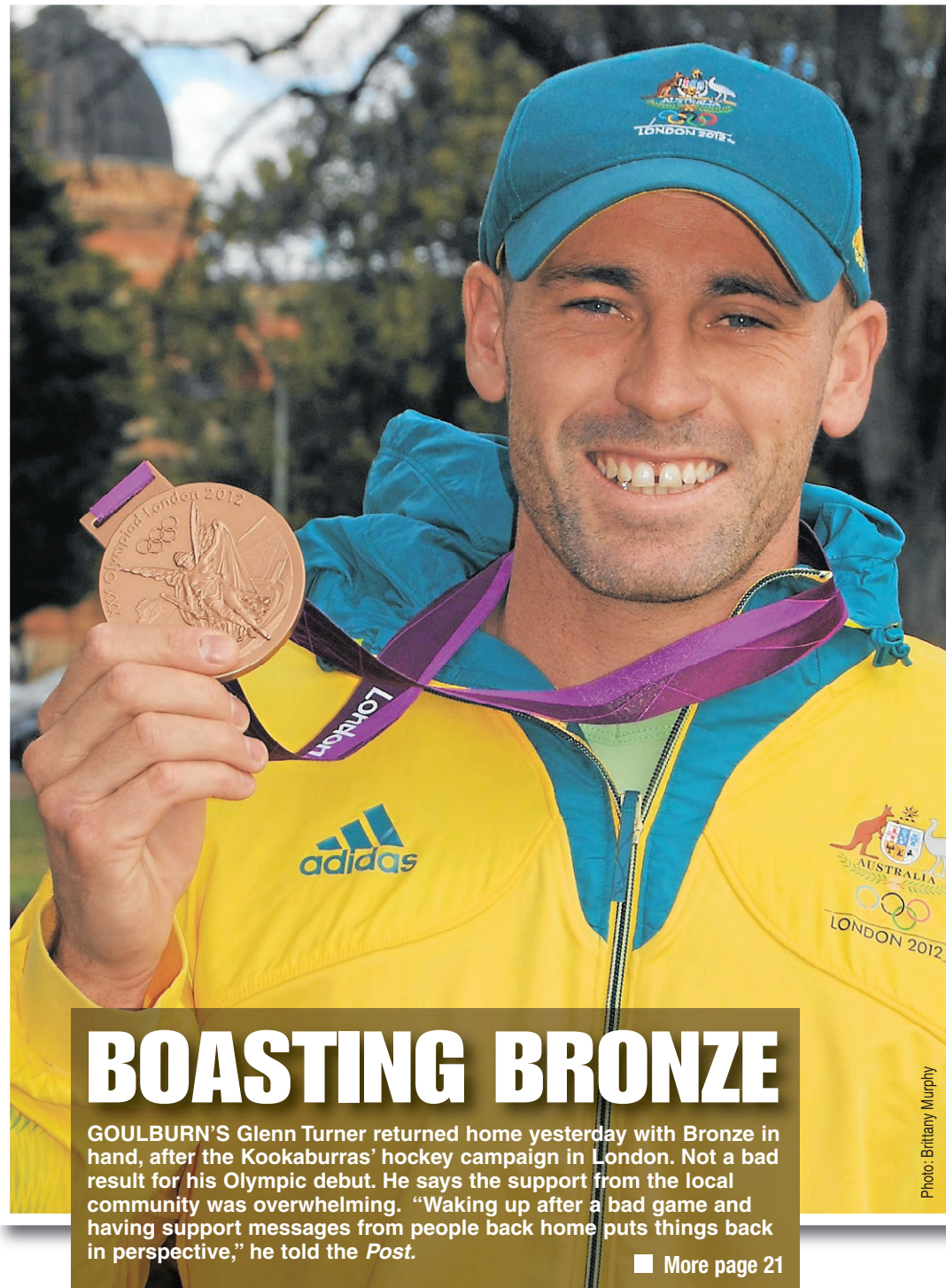
Another horse which bolted through a fence sustained a broken neck and subsequently died.

A fourth horse required veterinary treatment and still has the bullet lodged in its stomach.

Four days later, the youth skipped school again, drank a can of Jim Beam and smoked marijuana before shooting more rounds on another Winfarthing Rd property, police claimed in documents tendered to the court.

He shot two pet sheep in the head at point blank range and dragged one into a wombat hole.

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## BOASTING BRONZE

GOULBURN'S Glenn Turner returned home yesterday with Bronze in hand, after the Kookaburras' hockey campaign in London. Not a bad result for his Olympic debut. He says the support from the local community was overwhelming. "Waking up after a bad game and having support messages from people back home puts things back in perspective," he told the *Post*.

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