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Winning 'Tournament of Minds' team of seven :- Connor Blackhall, Kiah Sutherland, Emme Grant, Rosie Redfern, Charlee Clavell, Zoe Hudson and Jax Gersbach.

## Public school team is 'Tournament of Minds' regional champions

BY MARK GRIGGS

SEVEN WELLINGTON public School Year five and six students have achieved the ultimate in social science studies by winning the regional area Tournament of Minds.

The team presented their project last Sunday at Orange Public School in front of parents and the many others from each contesting school.

And now they head to Sydney in two week's time for the state final being held at the University of NSW.

School assistant principal – Stage 3, and Years 3-4 teacher, Kritsy Mason is over the moon with her student's success.

"We are so excited," Mrs Mason said.

"Just to be able to provide these students with such great academic opportunities is marvellous.

"I suppose Wellington Public School is such an all-round school, but often we celebrate our school sporting endeavours, but to be able to celebrate our academia is just so thrilling."

Mrs Mason said the team had been given a six week period to solve as a group.

"It's a problem-solving challenge only for them and I was barred from helping them during those six weeks," she said.

"I set them up. I've done a lot of teaching and we've

done lots of characterization and drama last term, plus problem solving and critical thinking – those types of things.

"And they have been on their own this term."

The problem to solve which they chose involved finding a setting for a new recreation facility in Wellington.

"They had to talk about the pros and cons of two different locations, then they had to present it in a form of a play for which they had to write the script," she said.

"But it's not cut and dry, there are all these extra rules that go with it as well."

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### August Council Meeting

A FEW noteworthy matters from the Council Meeting last week include:

**Renewable Energy Projects:** The CEO will write to the local MP, The Hon Dugald Saunders and the Duty MLC for Dubbo, The Hon Stephen Lawrence, asking what has been done to address the concerns of residents impacted by Renewable Energy Projects in our Local Government Area, specifically solar projects at Boree Park and Hampton Park, with a six-week maximum timeframe for a response to be included.

Upon receipt of a response, it will be brought back to Council.

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**Council's role in Grants:** The CEO will provide a report to the October meeting of council outlining the support Council provides to promote availability of grants to business and community groups across the Dubbo Local Government Area and the grants that Council applies for to assist

with Council assets and services, including numbers, value and success rate.

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**Draft Dubbo Regional Housing Strategy:** Council adopted the draft Dubbo Regional Housing Strategy for the purpose of public exhibition between Monday 1 September and 9am, Monday 27 October.

Community and stakeholder engagement will be undertaken during the period and the draft strategy will be brought back to Council following the exhibition for further determination.

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### Save the Date – 5th Annual Art Fair

All fellow patrons of the arts should head to Western Plains Cultural Centre on Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 September for the fifth annual Dubbo Region Art Fair.

The largest art fair west of the Blue Mountains will see over 40 emerging local

and regional artists exhibit their works, including painting, drawing, ceramics, sculpture, textiles, design and more.

Entry is free, artworks are available for purchase, and there is an on-site café.

The Art Fair is an action of our SPARC Cultural Plan, supported by funding from Create NSW.

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### Wellington NAIDOC Week 2025

Wellington will celebrate NAIDOC Week 2025 between Saturday 6 September and Friday 12 September.

There are some great community activities planned that everyone is welcome to attend, including the NAIDOC Ball, NAIDOC Week Official Opening, and Wellington Community Day.

Check out the website to see the full list of things to get involved in: <https://dubboregion.com.au/events/wellington-naidoc-week>

### Community Recycling

Council offers community recycling for a number of household hazardous wastes at the Wellington Waste Transfer Station.

These items can be dropped off free of charge, with the service included in your domestic waste charges.

There really is no excuse for illegal dumping.

Household batteries, Car batteries, Gas bottles, Smoke detectors, Fluorescent light globes and tubes, E-waste such as computers and old TVs, used motor oil, Paint, Fire extinguishers, other oils (transmission, cooking, etc)

If you have any of these household hazardous waste items around the house, please dispose of them correctly through our community recycling centres - not in your kerbside bins.

Domestic quantities of up to 20kg or 20-litre container size are accepted.

## Draft Events Strategy to support local community

COUNCIL (DRC) is encouraging residents to have their say on the draft 2025-2030 Dubbo Region Events Strategy which is now on public exhibition.

The five-year blueprint looks at creating a rich, vibrant and diverse annual events calendar that supports social cohesion, the aspirations of our creative community and the ongoing prosperity of our economy.

Developed over the past 18 months, the draft 2025-2030 Dubbo Region Events Strategy was endorsed by Councillors at the August Ordinary Council Meeting for the purpose of public exhibition.

Mayor Josh Black said the strategy placed a focus on what support was available and what opportunities could be garnered over the next five years.

"It's not about organising a key event for our community, rather it is about supporting and fostering the development of new events, supporting the growth and sustainability of existing ones and curating a dynamic, diverse and culturally rich events calendar," Cr Black said.

"We're building a great line-up of events here in this region; ones that bring families in, not just the kids playing sport, but mum, dad, siblings, even the grandparents. While they're here, they're exploring our attractions, dining out, and shopping locally."

"It's a big win for our community and local busi-

nesses. The strategy is a guide for our community to assist them in understanding Council's priorities but also the resources that we have available to us."

During the consultation process before the development of the plan, Council hosted 16 workshops with event organisers, creatives, suppliers, hospitality venues, performers, tourism operators and sporting organisations.

Individual meetings as well as email and social media campaigns were also undertaken ensuring the community could provide input early.

DRC Regional Events and Partnerships Coordinator Lana Willets said the engagement process identified a number of key themes for them to work through during the creation of the strategy.

"In response to the community feedback we received during this period, we developed three focus areas to look at in the strategy, including cultivating local events, driving business through events and growing and attracting events, with 18 actions to be completed over the next five years," Ms Willets said.

The strategy also seeks to clearly define Council's role and the role of the Event's Unit within the community as one that provides support, facilitates compliance and regulatory requirements for public events and secures externally organised events that can deliver economic, cultural and social benefits for our community.

The draft is on public exhibition until 9am, 25 September 2025.

You can view the strategy and leave your feedback at <https://yoursay.dubbo.nsw.gov.au/draft-event-strategy>

## Buy a badge this Legacy week

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For more details please visit: [www.legacy.com.au/donate](http://www.legacy.com.au/donate)

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# A BIG ‘what’ for Stuart Town

A THOUGHT-PROVOKING suggestion for Stuart Town’s future tourism industry has sparked some hot debate throughout the district.

At a Stuart Town community meeting the other day one of the Stuart Town Advancement Association members suggested the town should have its own big.. or oversized landmark, like the BIG Merino at Goulburn, or the Big Guitar at Tamworth or something.

But what?

Well it got our scribes at the *Leader* thinking that as the town was originally called Ironbarks and Banjo Paterson wrote his poem about the ‘Man from Ironbark’ - maybe a BIG Banjo, or a BIG barber’s chair came to mind.

But the mind boggles thinking of the many ideas.

It was also suggested that the BIG whatever, could be located near the new bridge off the corner of Molong street and Burrendong Way which divided the town community for many months while being constructed.

Local personality and businessman Jamie Howard reckons a big barber’s chair would be the go – one like the painting on the wall in his recently purchased Ironbark Inn Hotel.

Yeoval’s Alf Cantrel, who only recently closed his Banjo Paterson Museum, could easily come up with many ideas.

It would only need for the good people of Stuart Town to ask him, he could even run a seminar on the subject.

The rest of the Central West is now waiting anxiously for a suitable BIG THING to be announced.



“Murder, bloody murder,” said the Man from Ironbark.

## Regional Sports Awards.

“The awards are a great opportunity to recognise both individuals and teams in our community who have excelled in their chosen sporting field.

“Members of the sporting community are encouraged to nominate individuals and teams from their association or club that meet the criteria for the awards.”.

Awards presentation will be held in November.

Nominations forms are available at [www.dubbo.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dubbo.nsw.gov.au) or by contacting Dubbo Regional Council’s Recreation Coordinator Tracey Whillock on 6801 4000.

Nominations close on Friday, September 19.

State / National Competition success or high-level single performance such as Australian or State record.

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\* Community Contribution to Sport: by an organisation, media organisation, or sponsor to a particular sporting event, facility, or continuous support over a minimum of five years.

“Last year over 75 athletes were recognised in various sports for their achievements at State or National level,” Mayor Josh Black said.

“We are now calling for nominations for this year’s Dubbo

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## Nominations now open for sports awards

Nominations are now open for the 2025 Dubbo Regional Sports Awards, which recognise the outstanding achievements of sportspeople from Wellington and Dubbo.

The sports awards are a joint initiative of Dubbo Regional Sports Council, Dubbo Regional Council and Federal Member of Parkes, Jamie Chaffey.

The awards recognise Wellington’s and Dubbo’s most talented sportspeople.

Nominations are open for three different categories:

\* Individual or Team Achievements: such as national or state representation of your association as a player, coach, referee, umpire, or official. This may include NSW Country / NSW

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## Jeff Amatto launches new business to empower communities

WELLINGTON’S FOUNDER of More Cultural Rehabs Less Jails, Jeff Amatto, has launched a new social enterprise in the district.

Yindyamarra Landcare and Maintenance is a business built to transform lives through cultural healing, employment, and self-determination.

The launch at Rygate Park on Thursday, September 18, from 10.30am will commence with a Welcome to Country, smoking ceremony, and a community barbecue to mark the beginning of a business that’s already making an impact.

“This isn’t just about mowing lawns,” Mr Amatto said.

“It’s about mowing down barriers. We’re giving our mob a chance to heal, work, and walk proud.”

While the core services focus on landcare, maintenance and lawn work, Jeff Amatto said the mission went far deeper - providing training and employment pathways for men on parole and others looking for a

fresh start. Raised on the Nanim Crescent Mission, Jeff’s journey includes his own time of disconnection through addiction and incarceration.

It was through a culturally based rehabilitation program that he reconnected with culture and turned his life around.

Since then, he has become a national advocate for cultural healing.

Through ‘More Cultural Rehabs Less Jails’, he has spent the last eight years travelling Australia, inspiring change and championing community-led solutions.

In Wellington, his work has already included: Cultural programs at the local primary school; The Wiradjuri Binjang Youth Night Program; A pre-release support program for incarcerated men; and A Men’s Healing Group, which includes the popular “Free Lawn Fridays” - where participants mow lawns for Elders and community members as a form of giving back.

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## tech talk

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PORTRABLE POWER is not as new as it seems.

In 1800 Alessandro Volta stacked copper and zinc discs with brine-soaked cloth to create the voltaic pile, the first device to deliver a steady current. It was, in a sense, portable electricity - though most homes would not see a light switch for another 80 years. Long before a bulb could be flicked on with a light switch, electricity was being carried in hand.

Through the 19th century, batteries were curiosities for labs and telegraph offices. They were heavy, leaky and awkward. Gaston Planté's lead-acid cell of 1859 offered a practical form of storage, but it was destined for vehicles and lighting, not pockets.

The real consumer breakthrough came with the zinc-carbon dry cell in the 1880s. At last people could buy a compact, sealed source of energy.

By 1899 the first tubular hand-held torch was patented, and by the early 1900s households were buying dry cells for

lights and radios even as electrification itself was still rolling out.

Nickel-cadmium cells, patented in 1899, became common in portable radios and later cordless tools, though they charged slowly and suffered from memory effect.

Nickel-metal hydride arrived in 1989, storing more energy in the same space and reducing some drawbacks, but charging was still measured in hours.

The step change came in 1991 when lithium-ion was commercialised.

Suddenly laptops and mobile phones could run longer while weighing less, and this chemistry quickly became the standard. Yet recharge times were still counted in hours.

The shift to faster charging came with new standards. USB Power Delivery was introduced in 2012, and with the USB-C connector in 2014, high-wattage charging became universal.

By the late 2010s, devices could draw 30, 60 or even 100 watts; by 2021 the ceiling lifted to 240 watts. What once took a

night could now be achieved in less than an hour.

It is at this point that charging times began to be quoted to 80 per cent.

Lithium-ion cells charge in two stages. The first, constant-current stage fills quickly; the second, constant-voltage stage tapers current to protect electrodes and prevent heat build-up. The last 20pc is intentionally slow. Quoting times to 80pc reflects the fast, practical portion when a device is ready to be used again. Plus it sounds better in marketing documents!

That makes the latest milestone all the more striking. A new generation of portable batteries, still under the 100-watt-hour limit allowed on planes, can now be recharged from flat to 80pc in around 20 minutes.

Travellers can arrive at an airport with an empty pack, plug in while grabbing a coffee and board with most of the capacity restored. These units can charge laptops, phones and cameras simultaneously, and

some allow monitoring through an app so you know the status before you pack.

The chemistry remains lithium-ion, but smarter management systems and higher charging voltages are reshaping the experience. Other approaches are also coming into view.

Sodium-ion batteries, using more abundant materials, are beginning to appear in small vehicles and could find their way into portable gear. Solid-state prototypes promise faster charging, greater safety and longer lifespans.

Researchers are even exploring structural batteries, where the casing of a device itself stores energy, reducing bulk and weight.

It is remarkable to think that when Volta built his stack in 1800, it represented portable electricity decades before most homes even had wiring.

Two centuries later, we carry airline-approved batteries that charge most of the way in the time it takes to finish a cup of coffee.

# Letters to the editor

**Dear Editor,**  
What has happened to the world of my youth?

There was a time when there were households and marriages where the man was the breadwinner and women ran the house and raised the kids, and they prided themselves for doing it with success, and their kids were disciplined, respectful, active and safe.

There was a time when a man was male and a woman female and despite a male having feminine attitudes he was still a male and a female with male attitudes was simply a "tomboy". Some used to say "you either had the extra plumbing or you didn't and that defined you".

There was a time when the Public Service existed to "service the public" however I can never imagine a time when there were ever "Public Servants".

There was a time when "productivity" actually related to actually

**Dear Editor,**  
Mumbil, Stuart Town and Euchareena need to be congratulated for taking a stance against Dubbo Regional Council regarding their interpretation of the actual date for Australia Day, which since Federation is 26th January.

I thought bullying was illegal in a government department, and that is just how Dubbo Regional Council is acting, using schoolyard bully tactics that are wrong.

Wellington needs leadership and we certainly seem to be lagging this with representation at Council level. To me Council has an agenda to disrupt Wellington's future to the best of their ability no matter who we vote in. Look what happened to our mayor Anne Jones.

Captain Cook came here as an adventurer. He did not come here as a conqueror/invader for no one knew what lay ahead of him.

He met resistance and over time the mob as they call themselves learnt how to co-exist.

We are supposed to be a nation of one, but some seem to want to live in the past and not accept how our nation has evolved.

Australia Day is not invasion day, it is a celebration of Captain Cooks endeavours as an adventurer, and how our colony evolved.

I am a descendant of a convict shipped out here for his actions, and I am proud to call myself Australian. I am not a pom, even though my

producing something such as manufactured or assembled equipment or something useable.

There was a time when an attractively dressed female when whistled at by workers and it was considered complimentary and not offensive.

There was a time when an extended cuddle or a bit of sly "slap and tickle" and other "commutative" activity was a bit of mutual fun and even laughed about mischief.

There was a time when our Parents had time to be actively involved in the community, join service organisations, play evening and weekend sport and do their work and the term "burn out" was never in their vocabulary.

There was a time when Brains, Common Sense, Capability and Purpose prevailed over Gender Entitlement, Emotion and Ideology and real things happened.

Give me back the world of my youth!

**Roger Everett**

father was.

Maybe a small percentage.

All residents in this country have access to Medicare, hospital and medical care, work injury compensation, pensioner benefits, the right to vote, and the list goes on.

We even have the right to grants for funding issued by both state and federal governments, but some seem to abuse Australia Day all we have, and keep asking for more, and shifting and not accepting responsibility for their actions.

We are supposed to accept Paul Keating and Bob Hawke sorry for injustices caused in the past. Why should we if those concerned are not ready to accept this apology for the whole of Australia.

I am dumbfounded.

Maybe it is time for Wellington to organise the reinstatement of the Wellington and District Action Group, or Wellington and District Residents Association or another named group, because we are not proceeding in the manner we were told amalgamation would go, as every time residents are asked for an opinion, and even though that opinion ends up in the majority of being in favour Council knocks us down. I say, enough is enough.

If I have offended anyone by my statements, I apologise, I live alongside others, and I do not judge them, we work together and we all benefit from each other.

**Robert Moore**

## Tournament of Minds winners

**... From Front Page.**

"Like they are only allowed to present it within a 3x3 metre square. "Only allowed 10 minutes, they had to make all of their own props.

"Then they also had to choose two forms of presentation skills to use, and they picked 'humour' and 'verse in rhyme form' which they had to produce through their script.

Mrs Mason said that after their first performance, the team had to go back into the room with another set of judges and do a spontaneous problem within less than 10 minutes.

"They are given a problem and have to work as a team to solve it, after which they have one minute to present their answer," she said.

Mrs Mason said that it was critical that they worked as a team.

"They listen to each other and they really think about their ideas.

# Kim Goldsmith returns to the airwaves

ABC RADIO has announced the new breakfast host for ABC Western Plains is Kim Goldsmith. Kim was the station's first rural reporter when it opened in the early 1990s. From September 1, Kim will be presenting breakfast from the Dubbo studios from 6.30am to 10am, covering a listening area that takes in from Wellington and Mudgee west to Wilcannia, and north to Lightning Ridge. Originally from Coonamble, Kim studied agriculture and journalism before joining the ABC in 1992.

On leaving the ABC in 1996, she established a media and marketing communications agency based in the region, working across a range of industries and sectors including agriculture, natural resource management, small business, local government, regional development, tourism, and regional arts.

She also spent 10 years farming in the Collie district, northwest of Dubbo during the Millennium drought.

Commenting on her return to radio, Kim said it felt good to be back.

"There are so many great yarns to be told and shared across the Western Plains, and at heart, I've always been a storyteller," she said.

"Along with my networks and lifelong knowledge of the re-



**Kim Goldsmith chats Wellington new with Mark Griggs on Mondays after the 7.30am news on FM 107.1.**

gion and its communities, I bring to the role three and a half decades of experience in sharing people's stories across a range of channels and live content platforms.

"Radio has changed enormously since the 1990s, but the ABC is part of the fabric of Regional Australia and it still plays an important role in keeping people informed and entertained."

"For some, it's also their only connection to the wider world."

Kim said she's keen to interact with her listeners and ensure the

ABC Western Plains breakfast program represents the diversity of interests and communities of the region.

"Our regional communities are made up of a range of views, experiences, and cultural heritage. Programming should reflect that."

Listen to the ABC Western Plains breakfast program from 6.30am Monday to Friday on 95.9FM and on Mondays after the 7.30am news, you can hear **Wellington & District Leader** editor Mark Griggs share the Wellington region local news.

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# A tale of Two Dogs

## Another short-story by local artist and writer, Eris Fleming ....continued from last week

He couldn't be good at anything - it's just not possible! He just couldn't be quick. It's silly to claim he is."

The clock struck six.

Quite a few regulars were in by now and, sensing something was going on, moved over to see for themselves. Slim just stood there, his eyes fixed on Mr Important and said nothing.

Meanwhile Ding Dong, wiping his hands on his apron and pulling at his tie and not taking his eyes off Slim stepped out from behind the bar to check things out.

Flanagan said nothing.

In any bar, there's always someone with a big mouth. This day it was Blue Simpkins. He stepped up and let it be known the little dog's name was Ali after the heavyweight champ, the one who called himself the greatest. The three wise men gave each other this funny look. Horseface couldn't quite believe it.

"This crippled thing with three legs and one eye and plays with cats is called Ali?" Horseface said.

"Ali is his name. And cats are his friends, his best mates. He loves cats." said Slim. "But why Ali?"

"Because he's fast - very fast - like the real Ali."

"Does he float like a butterfly and sting like a bee?"

"You could say that."

"The real champ is a Muslim. Maybe your dog is one too - maybe even a terrorist. We must alert ASIO! Everyone remain calm!"

Horseface was wearing a big grin.

A ripple of laughter happened. The crowd pushed up closer. Slim took a good hard look around. Everyone stopped laughing.

Horseface turned and pointing at the dog said, "This is a crucial moment in history gentlemen - we've uncovered a suspicious looking dog, almost blind and with three legs, who, I suspect, could be a terrorist - and not only that but a very fast one!"

Further mirth.

Horseface and Mr Important were beaming. The Giggler snickered.

The crowd were laughing again.

Slim said, "How witty we are!"

What charming and amusing fellows!

Think you know everything. You three boys are full of it. I'll say it again: Ali is quick - just like the champ. I have seen it. It's a fact."

The room fell silent now. Men held their smokes, put down their drinks and turned to watch.

Mr Important, the one with the feather in his hat, stepped forward and said, "How can that three-legged thing be fast?"

How can you say that? I've got news for you, pal, your little cripple is a useless, smelly little bundle of hair - a waste of space."

Mr Important licked his lips and smiled as he turned to the crowd and patting his big, crossbred mongrel with his left hand said, "But if you want something quick, this is the one to watch. He's the real thing - is big and, for his size, lightning fast - and what's more has two good eyes and four fast legs. And his shoulders and jaws mean a messy end for any dog he tangles with.

He's a natural killer, can't help himself - the more blood the better - he's downed three big pigs in two days - three big boars.

No injuries. No scars. He's quick and smart - leaves other dogs for dead if you'll

forgive the pun."

Everyone was laughing now. The Giggler and Horseface were smirking. Mr Important turned as men edged in close, keen to see how it would end.

Ding Dong's concerned look softened when Flanagan stood his ground and smiled as he said, "You city boys think us a bunch of hicks, ignorant fools and you're somehow special, know everything - and in the big city that may be so. But out here in the sticks, things are different. Truth is, out here you know nothing. You're, all three of you, clueless and stupid - and full of hot air."

### **Brotherly Love**

Ali, with his head to one side as he took all this in, was thinking, "What's the hell's going on here? These people call themselves Christians, carry rosary beads - in their pockets - are supposed to be friendly and loving and kind to each other. Why can't they be civil? No brotherly love here. No wonder Slim's not buying all that Christianity stuff."

Ali was still pondering brotherly love etcetera and getting more and more concerned at the way things were when Charlie Wong, with no inkling of the goings-on in the bar, waddled out from the kitchen to thread his way through the crowd while balancing above his head in his right hand a plate of sausages and fried eggs.

It's then Angel noticed George, a black and white tom from out the back, trailing along behind Charlie, with his tail in the air and both eyes fixed firmly on the sausages while hoping Charlie might lose his footing and perhaps spill something. (note: Ali and George were, as indicated above, the best of friends).

Ali took the whole thing in, how the big dog's face and body stiffened as he glared at the cat for perhaps five seconds before hurtling across the room and in that same instant, Ali was there blocking the big dog.

The big one, flabbergasted at the insult, let out one menacing bark followed by a long drawn-out snarl.

A man with a huge belly, thick glasses, and notebook and pen jumped onto the bar, wheeled, and yelled, "The little bloke's 100 to 1. Any takers? - anyone? Come on you capitalist pigs - where's yu sense of adventure? This is your chance for big profits!"

"Yu serious Pascoe? The little bloke's a dead dog walkin'. There'll be nuthin' left of 'im."

"Be over in seconds".

Nothing.

No one moved.

The barber shouted, "O.K - so the little bloke's a long shot - I'll make it, make it 150 to 1. That's value friends - real value!"

Still nothing.

More seconds ticked by.

Pascoe's eyes were popping.

A few more seconds - all eyes are on the dogs.

"Nothing doin? O.K. - 200 to 1? That's it - final offer! Come on - it's your last chance for big money! It's now or never!"

Slim, his eyes fixed on the dogs, reached into his pocket and held out for the bookie, a ten dollar note. A low rumble from the throat of the little dog was the only sound in those last few seconds.

Pascoe took the money and laughed.

"The man's confident! Must be in the stars, hey boys? Anyone else? Nothin? Come on you pathetic mob of pussy-eaters,

where's your sense of adventure?!"

Slim reached out again - another ten dollars.

From the back of the room someone yelled, "You're bloody insane Flanagan - 100 per cent insane."

The big dog rushed, his jaws grabbing at nothing. At the same instant Ali's sharp little teeth ripped at the big dog's left leg, tearing at the hamstring, torn bits now dangling loose. The big dog, howling at the pain, reared up, his eyes wide. The only noise from the little dog, as he crouches low, is a low-pitched rumble deep in his throat.

The big thing lumbered around, dragging his useless leg, eyes fixed, determined to mangle and kill. In a blink, another ripping pain signals the second leg is gone, its hamstring also in tatters; both hind legs, in just seconds, are useless. The big killer, howling and cringing, dragged his big chest around.

In a light bulb flicker, savage little teeth rip at the face, blood and hair fly all about.

The big dog yelps as one eye, ripped from its socket, dangles free. Blood jets across the floor. The big one's face is shredded, bleeding freely and again the little torturer is out of reach.

The big dog is all but useless. Ali, still wary, crouches low to the floorboards, sounding a steady warning snarl.

A yellow blur, spinning and twisting, rips at the mongrel's ears and face leaving more gaping, ragged wounds and the little dog is again out of harm's way.

In less than a minute, it was over.

The bar was as quiet as an empty church on a Saturday night - everyone, save one man, shocked at the speed and the damage done, the only sound now was the laboured breathing of the big one as he tongued away at his wounds and Ali, still crouching low to the boards, all about a mess of blood, hair and excrement.

### **Then silence.**

Flanagan looked across at Mr Important.

"Another round? Maybe next week? Or perhaps now, my friend, you can see Ali is fast - and your dog was not so fast - and now never will be. From now on, he'll hunt grasshoppers or maybe on a good day, some slow-moving butterflies.

You see now my friends, out here, big mouths and big dogs don't always win - just make more noise."

Mr Important remained silent. The big dog whimpered and crawled about in the muck, licking his wounds. Men turned and looked at each other and mumbled a few words. They'd seen it - but only half believed it. How did that happen?

After a minute, maybe more, someone muttered a few words and then the room erupted as in a boxing tent after a shock result. They pushed and shoved and shouted as they gawked at the drooping eye, the ruined legs and shredded face.

A few wanted more.

Pascoe hurried off into the night.

Mr Important stared at Slim, his hands working into fists.

A dry, matter of fact voice, from the back, intervened: "Don't even think about it friend. He's almost as quick as his dog - and sober - and you aint, friend. An he aint got all them scars at some church meetin' neither."

The big man's shoulders slumped and his

arms dropped to his sides.

He nodded to his two friends. Not sure of anything now, the three men turned and murmuring to themselves, gathered up their dog, wrapped him in a blanket and ferried him out past the sign at the door:

**No dogs in the bar. Thank you for your cooperation.**

**Ding Dong, Licensee.**

## **Chapter 3**

### ***Flanagan's biscuit tin***

THAT NIGHT, just minutes after 10, a tired Slim was lying back on his bed.

He rolled over and reaching under with his right hand, dragged out a battered old biscuit tin.

The lid was fixed tight with string.

Scrawled on the lid were the words: proprie of Mr. Slim Flanagan.

He untied the string, prised open the lid and upended the contents onto the bed.

There were a few papers held together with yet more string, a pencil, a pair of boxing gloves, half a dozen photos from his boxing days, several letters and some cash rolled up and held tight with a rubber band together with a battered old notebook.

Fumbling in his shirt pocket he pulled out Pasco's cheque then opened the notebook and thumbed through the pages.

On the third page there was a column of numbers. Slim pulled out his knife, sharpened his pencil, then, with a satisfied smile, added to the column \$4000 while murmuring, Thank you very much Mr Pascoe.

He worked hard for maybe five minutes adding up the numbers before he sat back and stared at the new total of \$5,375.

He looked across the room at the mirror and smiled at the face, then placed the notebook, Pascoe's cheque and the cash, together with the boxing gloves etcetera back in the box, and closed the lid.

He rolled over and pushed the biscuit tin back under his bed.

## **Chapter 4**

### ***What the stars said - another shot at the title.***

FLANAGAN WIPED the blood from Ali's chest, washed his whiskers, then, when he'd towelled him dry, tossed the messed-up towel out the door, thinking he'd worry about dirty towels tomorrow - or maybe the next day.

He made a cup of tea, fed the goldfish then, lounging back on his bed, stirred his tea slowly for a long minute while he glanced through the latest magazine he'd borrowed from Ding Dong's bar.

But the day's events kept flooding back.

He couldn't help thinking of the three men, who thought they knew everything and the dog who was big and fast and strong but maybe too big and not so fast or strong anymore.

For a moment he felt sorry for the dog.

He glanced at this and that article, then read about the Gold Coast and how life was perfect in sunny Queensland and people were insane not to live there.

He skipped over a few pages.

There were pictures of a wedding; next the latest, most fashionable hats for the races, then a paragraph on difficult mothers-in-law.

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# Andrew GEE MP

## INDEPENDENT FEDERAL MEMBER FOR CALARE

### RUNS ON THE BOARD FOR WELLINGTON

- ✓ Introduced Bill into Parliament to ban foreign buying of residential property for two years. The Coalition and the Labor Party voted against it and then they both announced it as their policy!
- ✓ Backed Independents' Bill to reduce dominance of big supermarkets. All major parties voted against it and then Coalition announced it as their policy!
- ✓ \$50 million for storm and flood recovery in the Central West

- ✓ Secured the Parliamentary Inquiry into the Disaster Response of Insurers
- ✓ \$2 billion for Great Western Highway upgrade
- ✓ \$2.02 million for replacing the Terrabella, Burrendong and Gundy Creek Bridges
- ✓ \$738,000 for the Cameron Park footbridge
- ✓ 60 mobile phone towers and base stations for Calare
- ✓ \$560,000 for Stuart Town water security project

- ✓ Secured upgrade of Wellington Hospital Emergency Department

- ✓ \$1.5 million for the intergenerational childcare facility at Wellington's Maranatha House
- ✓ \$1.1 million for Ponto Falls Road upgrade
- ✓ \$26,700 for the Driver Reviver site at the Wellington Information Centre

- ✓ \$1.176 million for improvements at Wellington Caves

- ✓ \$1.2 million for security CCTV in Wellington and Calare communities

- ✓ \$650,000 for upgrades at Wellington Christian School

- ✓ \$200,000 for improvements at Kennard Park

- ✓ \$46,454 for Geurie Racecourse and Recreation Reserve Revitalisation Project Stage Two

- ✓ \$50,000 for Wellington Library's outdoor reading room

- ✓ Video link for Wellington Court House

### AN AUSTRALIAN SUCCESS STORY

My Nan was born in Ireland. Her mum died not long after and my Nan was put into a Barnardos orphanage in England.

They eventually told her she had no living relatives (which was a shocking lie), put her on a ship and sent her to Australia. My Nan, and others like her, came to be known as the "Lost Children of the Empire".

My Nan arrived with nothing but a suitcase, married a jackeroo from western NSW, raised up a family of five children, lived through the Great Depression, witnessed three wars, and saw a son sent to Vietnam. Despite her challenges, she helped to shape and build this country.

Our family has strong views on the cruelty of child migration but we are in awe of what she achieved in her life.

Immigrants like my Nan are part of our extraordinary Australian success story.



They helped make our country the greatest place on the planet. The envy of the world.

And it's always an honour welcoming new Aussies to our region!

Aussie Aussie Aussie!

### 2025 NATIONAL LEADERSHIP FORUM

Last week at Parliament House, I had the pleasure of meeting participants in the 2025 National Leadership Forum, including young leader Nina Smedley from Orange.

The Forum brings together emerging leaders from across the country to explore values-based leadership and community service.

It was a great opportunity to hear from inspiring young Australians like Nina, who are already making a positive impact in their communities.



### BEST IN THE WEST BATTLE IT OUT!

Thousands of people across our region work in mining and getting them safely home to their loved ones each night is the goal of everyone who participated recently in Western Mines Rescue Competition at Angus Place Colliery near Lithgow.

Held annually, this event brings together mine rescue teams from

around the west to compete for a chance to participate in the Australian Mines Rescue Competition.

Congratulations to all of the teams on a successful day demonstrating your impressive skills and work, and thank you to the crew at NSW Mines Rescue and Coal Services for organising such a great and important event.



### MARIE KROGH YOUNG WOMEN IN SCIENCE PRIZE

Those early to mid-career women working in scientific research, clinical medicine, public health, or pharmaceutical development across Australia are encouraged to apply for the Marie Krogh Young Women in Science Prize. The award recognises excellence across Innovation, Impact, and Leadership, offering:

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- \$5,000 AUD each for seven finalists

- Entry into a national alumni network
- Invitation to an Award Event & Oration at Parliament House, Canberra on 25 November 2025

Don't miss this opportunity to elevate your profile, connect with leaders in science, and drive change in human health.

Applications close 28 September 2025, 5PM.

APPLICATIONS OPEN! FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, VISIT:  
[www.novonordisk.com.au/marie-krogh-prize](http://www.novonordisk.com.au/marie-krogh-prize)

### NSW WOMEN'S WEEK GRANTS!

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available to support events and activities celebrating women and girls during NSW Women's Week (2–8 March 2026).

APPLY BY 11:59pm  
29 SEPTEMBER 2025

[www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/2026-nsw-womens-week](http://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/2026-nsw-womens-week)

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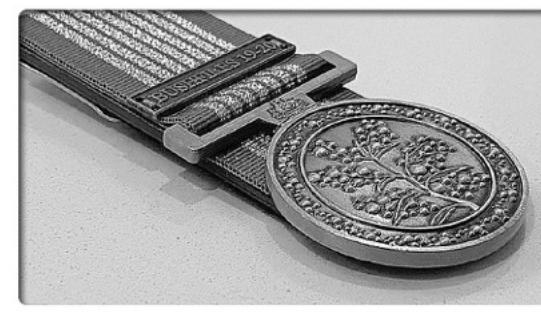
### NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDAL UPDATE

Last week in Question Time I asked the Prime Minister when our emergency responders, volunteers and community workers who served with such courage and distinction in the Central West flood of 2022 would be eligible for the National Emergency Medal. On Monday, the Prime Minister added to his answer.

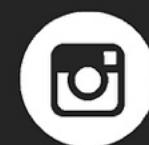
The Prime Minister advised that the independent National Emergency Medal Committee has requested additional expert information on the timeline of events and overall impact on individual areas and localities. This will enable the committee to consider whether the Central West floods should be considered a nationally significant emergency for the purpose of the National Emergency Medal.

The National Emergency Management Committee will next meet in November this year and will be considering further events for possible declaration at that meeting, pending the receipt of this expert advice. The Prime Minister committed to informing me at the first available opportunity as to the Committee's deliberations.

Hopefully, we'll have a positive outcome by November. I won't be giving up on this richly deserved recognition of our community heroes.



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## Public Notice

### Wellington Junior District Cricket Association

Registrations are now open for the 2025-26 season

Boys & Girls aged 5 to 16 years are welcome to join.

Club Cricket is a great place to get involved in grassroots sport.

To Register – visit our facebook page - Wellington District Cricket Association

### WELLINGTON MULTI SERVICE CENTRE INC.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Thursday 25 September 2025**  
 at 62 Warne Street, Wellington  
 commencing at 9.30 am

All clients, volunteers and members of the Wellington community welcome.

## Water Delivery

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Sunday 9am

Sunday 5pm - The Gathering

STUART TOWN

3pm on 1st Sunday of month

MARANATHA

11am on 2nd & 4th Friday of month.

### Wellington Baptist Church

77 Swift Street

9:30am Sunday mornings

6pm Evening Service

### Wellington Uniting Church

Sunday at 9.30am

### St Patrick's Catholic Parish

**Saturday**

5pm – Mass, St Patrick's Church,  
 Wellington

8.30am - Stuart Town

### **Sunday**

8am – Our Lady's Church, Yeoval first,  
 third and fifth Sundays of the month

10am – Our Lady's Church, Yeoval second and fourth Sundays of the month

10am – St Patrick's Church,  
 Wellington first, third and fifth Sundays of the month

8am – St Patrick's Church, Wellington second and fourth Sundays of the month

Weekday mass

Please check parish bulletin

### In Christ Chapel

2pm Sunday

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170 Thornton Street

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## Wool production drops 11.8 per cent

THE AUSTRALIAN Wool Production Forecasting Committee's (AWPFC) estimate of shorn wool production for the 2024/25 season is 280.1 million kilograms (Mkg) greasy, some 11.8 per cent lower than the 2023/24 season and confirms the forecast made this April.

Committee Chairman, Stephen Hill said that the 2024/25 estimate reflects the continued drought conditions in western Victoria and South Australia and the variable season in both New South Wales and Western Australia.

The AWPFC's second forecast of shorn wool production for the 2025/26 season is 251.5 Mkg greasy, a 10.2pc decrease on the 2024/25 forecast. Sheep shorn numbers are forecast to reduce by 8.1pc to 57.9 million.

"Fewer sheep are expected to be shorn in all states as producers take advantage of the current strong sheepmeat prices," Mr

Hill said.

"This remains a key downside risk to a recovery in shorn wool production despite the favourable seasonal outlook in key wool producing regions. Rainfall from now leading into Spring and pasture feed availability will be key factors influencing producer decision making."

The May 2025 Sheep Producer Intentions Survey indicated continued negative sentiment among wool producers due to challenging seasonal conditions, increasing input costs, workforce shortage as well as supply chain and market pressures.

These factors continue to impact sheep producers' decisions regarding their overall livestock enterprise mix and the breed composition of their sheep flock.

The Committee has estimated a year-on-year decline in shorn wool production in 2024/25 for all states ranging from -18.4pc in both WA (44.9 Mkg greasy) and

SA (47.3 Mkg greasy) to -1.1pc, (9.2 Mkg greasy) in Tasmania. NSW produced 110.0 Mkg greasy (down 7.9pc), Victoria 59.5 (Mkg greasy (down 9.3pc) and Queensland 9.23 Mkg greasy (down 8.9pc).

Average cut per head was comparable with 2023/ Key Test Data for the 2024/25 season show smaller diameter (down 0.2 microns), staple strength (a small increase in staple length (up 0.2 mm) and matter (2.2pc). These data reflect the difficult seasonal conditions in many states during 2024/25 and the continued dampening impact of the season on average cut per head.

Sheep slaughter for 2024/25 was up 13% to 11.7 million head with lamb slaughter at 26.1 million head (down 4%) compared to 2023/24. However, the 2024/25 sheep and lamb slaughter were both higher than the five-year average by 51pc and 17pc respectively.

## Around the electorate

## with our State Member Dugald Saunders



### Recognition for Dubbo Health Project

An innovative project to improve care for patients experiencing sensitivity to noise and activity has recently been recognised with the Chief Executive Award at the Western NSW Local Health District (LHD) Awards.

After noticing an increase in incidents due to overstimulation in the busy hospital wards, the team at Dubbo Hospital introduced the 'Quiet Zone' – an eight-bed ward within the old intensive care unit, specifically adapted into an area where patients can walk around safely, access natural sunlight, and most importantly, rest in a quieter environment.

The project has now been running for 12 months, and the results are looking promising, with the team observing a noticeable reduction in aggressive behaviours and agitation amongst 'Quiet Zone' patients.

It's great to see our local health professionals not only take the lead on patient-first care but also get the recognition they deserve by the LHD. A big well done to project facilitator, Sam Quarmby, and the

nurses, doctors, allied health and support teams who have come together to put this concept into practice.

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### Aboriginal community connectors

The Western NSW Local Health District (LHD) is inviting local Aboriginal people to join them in shaping their Aboriginal Community Connector program.

Aboriginal Community Connectors will be there to help Aboriginal people find the right services and to help support individuals and families with things like worries about family, alcohol or drugs, family violence and mental health.

The Western NSWLHD wants this program to be shaped by the people it will service and is seeking feedback on what the service should look like and what role the Community Connectors should have. To have your say, join Western NSWLHD on:

\* Monday 8 September – 11am to 1pm at Myall Street Shops, Dubbo

\* Monday 15 September – 11am to 1pm at

Cameron Park, Wellington \*\*\*

### Bert Evans apprentice scholarship

Do you know an outstanding first-year apprentice who could use a hand up?

Established by the Coalition Government in 2014, the Bert Evans Apprentice Scholarship provides financial assistance to passionate apprentices who are experiencing hardship.

Each scholarship is currently valued at \$5000 per year for up to three years, to a maximum of \$15,000.

To be eligible, applicants must be:

- \* a first-year apprentice in an approved apprenticeship in NSW (including school-based apprenticeships)
- \* employed by an employer based in NSW
- \* experiencing financial hardship at the time of application
- \* an Australian citizen or permanent resident

Applications close Friday 19 September.

For more information, visit: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/skills-nsw/apprentices-and-trainees/support-with-your-apprenticeship-or-traineeship/bert-evans-apprentice-scholarships>

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### Support for young scientists

Calling all Principals and STEM Teachers! The Supporting Young Scientists Equity & Access Program is now open to applications for Round 1 in 2026.

This program provides financial support to NSW high school students, either as individuals or in groups, who seek to further their education in STEM through participation in STEM-related activities, held either domestically or internationally, including competitions, events or academic courses.

Relevant teachers and NSW Principals have until 10am Tuesday 30 September to nominate an eligible student or group.

For more information, visit: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/supporting-young-scientists-equity-access-program-2026-round-1> \*\*\*

Until next time  
**Dugald**

# Around the tracks with Col Hodges

## Racing at Narromine

BACK FROM contesting feature races over winter on the North Coast and in Queensland, Indifference was a runaway winner last Sunday of the 1600 metres Three Rivers Machinery -Narromine Gold Cup.

Trained by Brett Cavanough and ridden by star apprentice Braith Nock, Indifference settled midfield in the Cup with Wealthy Investor and Deion leading the 12-horse field to the home turn.

Cut loose in the straight by Nock, the seven-year-old chestnut gelding Indifference (\$4.20 to \$6) cleared out to win by almost five lengths from Rajnish (Mathew Cahill, \$3.40 to \$2.90 favourite) and Lockdown Gamble (Nick Hyde, \$11).

The biggest crowd at a Narromine meeting for many years saw Brett Cavanough and Braith Nock combining again to win the final event with Haze.

Overhauling the leaders, Haze (\$5.50) won the 1200m Macquarie Valley Fuels Benchmark 58 Handicap from I'm Scarlett (Chad Lever, \$21) and Powderfinger (Grant Buckley, \$21).

Braith Nock apprenticed to Brett Cavanough at Scone and now Peter Snowden at Randwick, won the recently completed 2024/2025 Sydney Apprentices Premiership.

Followers of Dubbo trainer Garry Lunn and Tamworth based apprentice Siena Grima reaped a rich reward when they combined for a winning double with Winning Reign and Cavorting.

Since the start of June, Garry Lunn has trained 12 winners with the past eight being ridden by the very talented Siena Grima.

Displaying excellent judgement, Siena Grima brought both Winning Reign (\$2.70 fav) and rank outsider Cavorting (\$91) from near the tail of the field with well-timed finishing runs.

As an owner, the Dubbo based media personality Tim Moses has won plenty of races however, few if any, would have given him as much pleasure as winning the 1200m Douglas Egan Memorial-Class 1 Handicap at Narromine with River Rogue.

Reared at Ennongonia, Tim Moses was a lifelong friend of the late Douglas Egan and his family.

The owner of numerous winners trained by Rodney Robb at Nyngan, Douglas Egan was the long serving President of Ennongonia Race Club and

later the Narromine Turf Club.

Trained by Cindy Monaghan for her partner Tim Moses and Cindy's daughter Courtney Monaghan, River Rogue (\$13) gave well respected jockey Kath Bell-Pitomac a welcome return to the winners list when sweeping to the lead after turning for home and scoring by over three lengths from Maryland Bridge (Siena Grima, \$21) and See You Then (Chad Lever, \$5.50).

On the comeback trail after a four-year break from racing, mature age apprentice Nick Hyde (27) won the feature sprint, the 800m Narromine USMC Benchmark 66 Handicap on the Sharon Jeffries, Parkes trained Destiny's Bounty.

Holding a slender lead rounding the turn, Destiny's Bounty (\$11) fought on well to finish a neck in advance of Super Sioux (Izzy Neale, \$4.60 fav) and Violet And Blue (Mathew Cahill, \$7.50).

Racing consistently this campaign with a string of placings from wide barriers, Mean Girls was a deserved winner of the 1200m JR Richards Class 1 Handicap for trainer Kieren Hazelton and the owner Jason Tate, the President of Gilgandra Jockey Club.

Ridden a dashing race by Wendy Peel, Mean Girls (\$8) headed for the judge with a sizeable lead and was not seriously threatened in a two-lengths win over Hard To Impress (Braith Nock, \$2.80 fav) and Saint Philomena (Kath Bell-Pitomac, \$9.50).

During the same week his older brother Michael Cahill was inducted into the Gold Coast Racing Hall Of Fame, Cowra jockey Mathew Cahill won the 800m QUBE Agri Maiden Handicap on There She Goes.

Bred by the Ryan family from Bathurst and trained by Andrew Ryan, the 4yo mare There She Goes (\$51) at the second race start, flashed home late to beat another longshot, debut maker Argyle Springs (Ashleigh Stanley, \$151) and the favourite Scarlet Monarch Anna Roper, \$2 to \$1.75.

The following race, the 1100m Narromine Shire Council Maiden Handicap was won by Mere Mortal, trained at Cowra by Michael Lynch, the brother-in-law of Mathew Cahill.

Part owned by Ian Eastaway from Grenfell, Mere Mortal (Ken Dunbar, \$6) overcame the outside barrier to lead from the 600m and hold on for a neck-win over It's A Tata (Izzy Neale, \$6.50) and Litlfela (Mikayla Weir, \$12).

carefully to their every word. As always when you first meet people there's bound to be some points of difference and if that should be the case, you must smile and be pleasant, that way avoiding any friction, even of a minor nature. Whatever else, resist criticising your new friends. Be as agreeable as possible - simply go along with whatever they say, even if, at the time, it's at odds with your own convictions, that way sidestepping those tricky moments.

This applies also to those close to you, even your pets. These new buddies, I feel certain, will love you, be your friends for life. Ignoring this advice will almost certainly prove disastrous for both you and those close to you. Also, I should point out, with the planets as they are, you must steer clear of Casinos or racetracks - in fact, any form of gambling is a definite no-no. Simply avoid the impulse.

On the other hand, if you follow my counsel, everything will be hunky-dory,

## Regional Investment Corporation Funding Boost

In 2018, I secured the decentralisation of the Regional Investment Corporation (RIC) to Orange, since that time it's been providing essential financial support to farmers in times of drought and natural disasters.

The future of the RIC has been under review, and I lobbied the previous Agriculture minister to keep it going. I am pleased that the government has committed another billion dollars to the RIC which secures its future in Orange and for farmers around our country.

I believe the government should consider introducing interest free periods for these loans.

This funding is great news for our local farmers.



## Celebrating National Flag Day

It was National Flag Day in Parliament this week. I joined fellow independent Dai Le checking out one of the giant Aussie Flags that flies over the Parliament.

Let's keep that flag flying high!



**Wellington Soldiers Memorial Club answered a call from Wellington High School and donated a life-saving LIFEPAK CR2 defibrillator.**  
**Pictured is the club's office administrator Jane Hodge who presented the pack to high school principal, Adam McKeown last week.**



and your dreams will come true.

Slim, his eyes fixed on the open page, very gently laid down the magazine.

After a minute more his hands were shaking; a tic flicked at his left eye and his mouth, suddenly, was dry - very dry.

His upper lip twitched. His heart was working hard now. A dizziness swept over him. He felt for the paper bag, held it tight over his mouth and forced himself to steady his breathing till the pins and needles and dizziness subsided.

He pulled the bag away and, after another 10 minutes, eased himself back on the bed, patted his dog and thought maybe he'd paint his shed yellow, and perhaps buy a few more goldfish.

He dozed off. About 11, the dog licked his face, and he stirred briefly, rolled over, switched off the light and pulled the blankets up tight around his face.

He lay there, his eyes all but closed for a



# The Gee Report

**Andrew Gee  
Federal Member for Calare**

## Grants Update The Bert Evans Apprentice Scholarships Offer

The Bert Evans Apprentice Scholarships offer targeted financial support to first-year apprentices in NSW who are experiencing financial hardship.

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Open to both school-based and metropolitan or regional apprentices, applicants must be employed by a NSW based employer and hold Australian citizenship or permanent residency.

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His eyes went to The Horoscopes with Lilith Racho.

For the past week he'd been busy - too busy. It was time to check on things, to learn just what to expect. His finger went down the page till it found Pisces.

This is what it said:

With mid-October's new moon in your romance zone - be ready for love. But you must take care. It's very likely, almost a certainty, in the next few months, you'll fall in love, not once but twice. You will have to choose, and my advice is to go with the redhead (even if it's fake). Redheads, I'm certain, are your best chance for happiness. Also, in your workplace you will make two, maybe three new friends.

They will be from a long way off, be somewhat different to your usual friends but, at the same time, charming and very friendly. In no time they'll be your bosom buddies. They will be very knowledgeable, informed people and I suggest you listen

carefully to their every word. As always when you first meet people there's bound to be some points of difference and if that should be the case, you must smile and be pleasant, that way avoiding any friction, even of a minor nature. Whatever else, resist criticising your new friends. Be as agreeable as possible - simply go along with whatever they say, even if, at the time, it's at odds with your own convictions, that way sidestepping those tricky moments.

This applies also to those close to you, even your pets. These new buddies, I feel certain, will love you, be your friends for life. Ignoring this advice will almost certainly prove disastrous for both you and those close to you. Also, I should point out, with the planets as they are, you must steer clear of Casinos or racetracks - in fact, any form of gambling is a definite no-no. Simply avoid the impulse.

On the other hand, if you follow my counsel, everything will be hunky-dory,

and your dreams will come true.

Slim, his eyes fixed on the open page, very gently laid down the magazine.

After a minute more his hands were shaking; a tic flicked at his left eye and his mouth, suddenly, was dry - very dry.

His upper lip twitched. His heart was working hard now. A dizziness swept over him. He felt for the paper bag, held it tight over his mouth and forced himself to steady his breathing till the pins and needles and dizziness subsided.

He pulled the bag away and, after another 10 minutes, eased himself back on the bed, patted his dog and thought maybe he'd paint his shed yellow, and perhaps buy a few more goldfish.

He dozed off. About 11, the dog licked his face, and he stirred briefly, rolled over, switched off the light and pulled the blankets up tight around his face.

He lay there, his eyes all but closed for a

few more minutes and once more thought the whole thing through.

As he drifted off, he patted the dog and smiled a very curious smile, then made the sign of the cross with the thought, just maybe, he'd been too hasty, made a silly mistake and perhaps judged some people too harshly, and tomorrow he might dig out his old rosary beads and give them another shot at the title.

## Postscript

A year on Slim was a Christian again. He and Ali moved out of the shed.

Just months on, at a dog show, Slim met someone who got him thinking.

And, what's more, she was a genuine redhead. They lived for each other for the rest of their lives.

Ali, not to be outdone, also met someone and she too was a genuine redhead and so, as was Ali's way, in almost record time, there were four more little redheads.



**6.00** Morning Programs. **11.40** If You're Listening. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Silent Witness. **2.00** Parliament Question Time. **2.55** Anh's Brush With Fame. **3.25** Grand Designs. **4.15** Long Lost Family: What Happened Next. **5.00** Antiques Roadshow. **6.00** Spicks And Specks. **6.30** Hard Quiz. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30** **7.30**. **8.00** Back Roads. **8.30** Grand Designs New Zealand. **9.15** The Family Next Door. **10.05** ABC Late News. **10.20** The Business. **10.35** Grand Designs. **11.25** Late Programs.

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**7mate** **6.00** Morning Programs. **3.30** The Force: BTL. **4.00** Swamp People: Serpent Invasion. **5.00** American Resto. **5.30** Storage Wars. **6.00** American Pickers. **7.00** AFL. First qualifying final. Adelaide v Collingwood. **7.30** AFL Post-Game Show. **11.00** Kick Ons. **11.30** What The Killer Did Next. **12.30** Life. **1.30** Travel Oz. **2.00** Home Shopping. **4.00** NBC Today. **5.00** Sunrise Early News. **5.30** Sunrise.

**7news** **6.00** Kids' Programs. **4.25** Mecha Builders. **5.20** Mojo Swoptops. **5.45** Kangaroo Beach. **7.05** Piripenguins. **7.35** Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures. **7.50** The Investigators. **8.05** Operation Ouch! **8.40** Secrets Of The Sea. **9.25** Teenage Boss: Next Level. **9.50** The Mysterious Benedict Society. **10.35** Late Programs.

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**7two** **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.30** The Great Australian Doorstep. **2.00** Weekender. **2.30** Impossible Builds. **3.30** Harry's Practice. **4.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue. **4.30** Better Homes And Gardens. **5.30** Escape To The Country. **6.30** Bargain Hunt. **7.30** Doc Martin. **8.30** Endeavour. **10.30** Air Crash Investigations: The Accident Files. **11.30** Late Programs.

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**6.00** Sunrise. **9.00** The Morning Show. **12.00** Seven's National News At Noon. **1.00** To Be Advised. **3.00** The Chase. **4.00** Seven News At 4. **5.00** The Chase Australia. **6.00** 7News Local. **6.30** 7News @ 6:30. **7.00** Home And Away. **7.30** My Kitchen Rules. **9.05** The Rookie. **10.05** S.W.A.T. **11.05** The Agenda Setters. **12.05** Hooten & The Lady. **2.00** Home Shopping. **4.00** NBC Today. **5.00** Sunrise Early News. **5.30** Sunrise.

**7mate** **6.00** Morning Programs. **3.00** National Drag Racing C'ship. Top Fuel C'ship. Winter Internationals. **Replay**. **4.00** Swamp People: Serpent Invasion. **5.00** American Resto. **5.30** Storage Wars. **6.00** American Pickers. **7.00** Pawn Stars. **8.00** Outback Crystal Hunters. **9.00** Aussie Gold Hunters. **10.00** Late Programs.

**BBCTV** **Family** **6.00** Kids' Programs. **4.10** Andy's Aquatic Adventures. **4.25** Mecha Builders. **5.20** Mojo Swoptops. **5.45** Kangaroo Beach. **7.05** Pirlipenguins. **7.35** Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures. **7.50** The Investigators. **8.05** Dr Ann's Secret Lives. **8.40** Contraption Masters. **9.25** The Crystal Maze. **10.15** Merlin. **10.55** Late Programs.

**6.00** Today. **9.00** Today Extra. **11.30** 9News Morning. **12.00** The Block. **1.30** Young Sheldon. **2.00** Pointless. **3.00** Tipping Point. **4.00** 9News Afternoon. **4.30** Tipping Point Australia. **5.30** WIN News. **6.00** 9News. **7.00** A Current Affair. **7.30** The Block. **8.45** 100% Footy. **9.45** 9News Late. **10.15** Opal Hunters: Red Dirt Road Trip. **11.15** Murder In The Family. **12.05** Footy Classified. **1.00** Hello SA. **1.30** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **2.30** Global Shop. **3.00** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **4.00** Late Programs.

**7flix** **6.00** Morning Programs. **9.00** Home Shopping. **10.30** House Rules: High Stakes. **12.00** Revenge. **1.00** Second Chance. **3.00** Gold Coast Ocean Rescue. **3.25** My Kitchen Rules. **5.00** Bondi Vet. **7.00** Judge Judy. **7.30** Law & Order: Criminal Intent. **8.30** Law & Order: SVU. **9.30** Law & Order. **10.30** Bones. **11.30** Late Programs.

**BBCTV** **NEWS** **6.00** Morning Programs. **3.00** ABC News. **Afternoons**. **4.00** Afternoon Briefing. **5.00** ABC News With Joe O'Brien. **6.00** ABC News Hour. **7.00** ABC National News. **7.30** **7.30**. **8.00** ABC News Tonight. **8.45** The Business. **9.00** The World. **10.00** ABC Nightly News. **10.30** Planet America. **11.00** ABC Late News. **11.30** Late Programs.

**6.00** Morning Programs. **8.00** Bold. **8.30** Deal Or No Deal. **9.00** Lingo. **10.00** Survivor: Australia V The World. **12.00** Everyday Gourmet. **12.30** Family Feud. **1.00** News. **2.00** Wheel Of Fortune. **2.30** Lingo. **3.30** 10 News: Afternoon. **4.00** Neighbours. **4.30** The Bold And The Beautiful. **5.00** 10 News. **6.00** 10 News+. **7.00** Deal Or No Deal. **7.30** The Amazing Race Australia: Celebrity Edition. Return. **9.00** Have You Been Paying Attention? **10.00** 10's Late News. **10.25** 2025 MTV Video Music Awards. **12.25** Late Programs.

**10 drama** **6.00** Home Shopping. **8.00** IFISH. **8.30** Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. **9.00** The Living Room. **10.00** JAG. **12.00** Days Of Our Lives. **12.45** The Young And The Restless. **1.30** FBI: International. **2.30** JAG. **4.30** The Living Room. **5.30** JAG. **7.30** NCIS. **10.20** FBI: International. **11.15** CSI: Vegas. **12.15** Home Shopping.

**BBCTV** **Gem** **6.00** Morning Programs. **11.30** My Favorite Martian. **12.00** Death In Paradise. **1.10** MOVIE: Kind Hearts And Coronets. (1949) **3.20** MOVIE: Let's Be Happy. (1957) **5.30** Yorkshire Auction House. **6.30** Antiques Roadshow. **7.30** Death In Paradise. **8.40** Shakespeare And Hathaway. **10.40** Whitstable Pearl. **11.40** Late Programs.

**6.00** Morning Programs. **12.10** WorldWatch. **2.00** World's Most Scenic River Journeys. **2.55** Garage Dreams. **3.35** The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. **4.05** Jeopardy! **4.30** Letters And Numbers. **5.00** Cycling. UCI World Tour. La Vuelta. **H'lights**. **6.00** Mastermind Australia. **6.30** SBS World News. **7.30** Robson Green's Weekend Escapes. **8.35** Portillo In The Pyrenees. **9.30** Moulin Rouge: Yes We Can-Can! **10.35** SBS World News Late. **11.05** Classified. **11.55** Tokyo Vice. **2.15** Blackport. **3.00** Late Programs.

**10 comedy** **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.00** Ghosts. **1.30** The King Of Queens. **2.00** Becker. **2.30** Frasier. **3.30** Ghosts. **4.00** Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. **4.30** The King Of Queens. **5.00** Becker. **5.30** Frasier. **6.30** Neighbours. **7.00** Friends. **8.00** The Big Bang Theory. **8.30** 2025 MTV Video Music Awards. **11.30** Late Programs.

**VICELAND** **6.00** Morning Programs. **3.00** Bamday. **3.25** Wine Lovers' Guide. **3.55** WorldWatch. **5.50** The Food That Built The World. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** Johnny Cash: Redemption Of An Idol. **10.15** Big Backyard Quiz. **11.15** Forged In Fire. **1.00** Where Are You Really From? **1.30** PEN15. **2.40** Late Programs.



**6.00** Morning Programs. **10.30** Planet America. **11.05** Growing Up Jewish. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** I, Jack Wright. **1.55** The Piano. **2.55** Anh's Brush With Fame. **3.25** Grand Designs. **4.10** Long Lost Family: What Happened Next. **5.00** Antiques Roadshow. **6.00** Spicks And Specks. **6.30** Hard Quiz. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30** **7.30**. **8.00** Foreign Correspondent. **8.30** Take 5 With Zan Rowe. Return. **9.00** Midnight Oil: The Hardest Line. **10.45** ABC Late News. **11.00** The Business. **11.15** Four Corners. **12.00** Late Programs.

**7two** **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.00** Escape To The Country. **2.00** Creek To Coast. **2.30** Impossible Builds. **3.30** Harry's Practice. **4.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue. **4.30** Better Homes And Gardens. **5.30** Escape To The Country. **6.30** Bargain Hunt. **7.30** Call The Midwife. **8.45** Foyle's War. **10.55** The Yorkshire Vet. **11.55** Late Programs.

**BBCTV** **Entertains** **6.00** Morning Programs. **3.35** Richard Osman's House Of Games. **4.05** Would I Lie To You? **4.40** MythBusters. **5.30** George Clarke's Old House, New Home. **6.15** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent Specials. **7.05** Richard Osman's House Of Games. **7.35** QI. **8.05** Would I Lie To You? **8.35** Summer Love. **9.45** Late Programs.

**6.00** Sunrise. **9.00** The Morning Show. **12.00** Seven's National News At Noon. **1.00** To Be Advised. **2.35** Motorbike Cops. **3.00** The Chase. **4.00** Seven News At 4. **5.00** The Chase Australia. **6.00** 7News Local. **6.30** 7News @ 6:30. **7.00** Home And Away. **7.30** My Kitchen Rules. **9.00** Grosse Pointe Garden Society. **10.00** Tik Tok: Murders Gone Viral. **11.00** The Agenda Setters. **12.00** Fairly Legal. **2.00** Home Shopping. **4.00** NBC Today. **5.00** Sunrise Early News. **5.30** Sunrise.

**7mate** **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.00** Outback Crystal Hunters. **3.00** Aussie Gold Hunters. **4.00** Swamp People: Serpent Invasion. **5.00** American Restoration. **5.30** Storage Wars. **6.00** American Pickers. **7.00** Pawn Stars. **8.00** Outback Truckers. **10.00** Outback Pilots. **11.00** Big Rig Bounty Hunters. **12.00** Late Programs.

**BBCTV** **Family** **6.00** Kids' Programs. **4.10** Andy's Aquatic Adventures. **4.25** Mecha Builders. **5.20** Mojo Swoptops. **5.45** Kangaroo Beach. **7.05** Pirlipenguins. **7.35** Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures. **7.50** The Investigators. **8.05** Operation Ouch! **8.40** Deadly 60. **9.10** Expedition With Steve Backshall. **10.05** Merlin. **10.55** Late Programs.

**6.00** Today. **9.00** Today Extra. **11.30** 9News Morning. **12.00** The Block. **1.15** Getaway. **1.45** Garden Gurus Moments. **2.00** Pointless. **3.00** Tipping Point. **4.00** 9News Afternoon. **4.30** Tipping Point Australia. **5.30** WIN News. **6.00** 9News. **7.00** A Current Affair. **7.30** The Block. **8.40** Paramedics. **9.40** 9News Late. **10.10** The Grand Tour. **11.30** La Brea. **12.20** Footy Classified. **1.30** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **2.30** Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. **3.00** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **4.00** Late Programs.

**7flix** **6.00** It's Academic. **7.30** Flushed. **8.30** Beat Bugs. **9.00** Home Shopping. **10.30** House Rules: High Stakes. **12.00** Second Chance. **3.00** A Moveable Feast. **3.30** My Kitchen Rules. **5.00** Bondi Vet. **7.00** Judge Judy. **7.30** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. **8.30** CSI: Miami. **9.30** CSI: New York. **10.30** CSI: Miami. **11.30** Bones. **12.30** Late Programs.

**BBCTV** **NEWS** **6.00** Morning Programs. **3.00** ABC News. **Afternoons**. **4.00** Afternoon Briefing. **5.00** ABC News With Joe O'Brien. **6.00** ABC News Hour. **7.00** ABC National News. **7.30** **7.30**. **8.00** ABC News Tonight. **8.45** The Business. **9.00** The World. **10.00** ABC Nightly News. **10.15** Four Corners. **11.00** ABC Late News. **11.30** Late Programs.

**6.00** Morning Programs. **9.00** Lingo. **10.00** Judge Judy. **10.30** Amazing Race Australia: Celebrity Edition. **12.00** Everyday Gourmet. **12.30** Family Feud. **1.00** News. **2.00** Wheel Of Fortune. **2.30** Lingo. **3.30** 10 News: Afternoon. **4.00** Neighbours. **4.30** The Bold And The Beautiful. **5.00** 10 News. **6.00** 10 News+. **7.00** Deal Or No Deal. **7.30** The Amazing Race Australia: Celebrity Edition. **9.00** The Cheap Seats. **10.00** FBI: Most Wanted. **11.00** 10's Late News. **11.25** 10 News+. **12.25** Late Programs.

**10 drama** **6.00** Home Shopping. **8.00** Navigating The World. **9.00** The Living Room. **10.00** JAG. **12.00** Days Of Our Lives. **12.45** The Young And The Restless. **1.30** FBI: International. **2.30** JAG. **4.30** The Living Room. **5.30** JAG. **7.30** NCIS. **9.25** Blue Bloods. **12.15** FBI: International. **1.15** Home Shopping.

**BBCTV** **Gem** **6.00** Morning Programs. **10.30** Pointless. **11.30** My Favorite Martian. **12.00** Death In Paradise. **1.00** Shakespeare And Hathaway. **3.00** Antiques Roadshow. **7.30** New Tricks. **8.40** Agatha Raisin. **10.40** The Closer. **11.40** Late Programs.

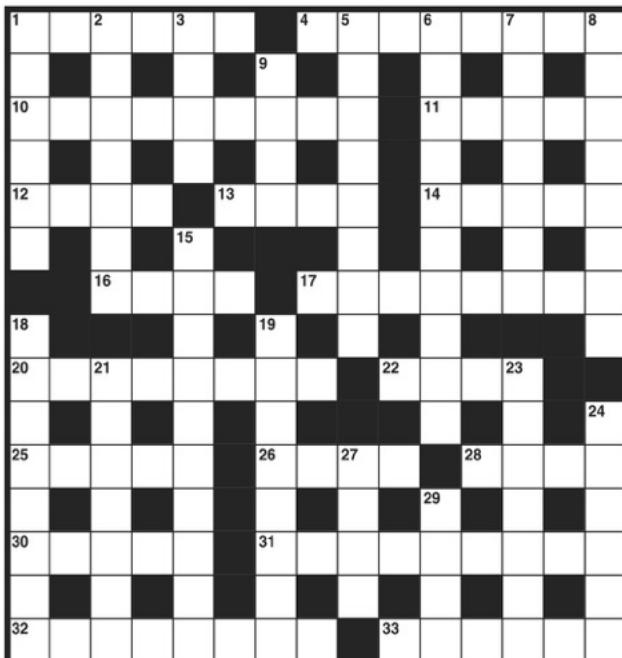
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**V**

# PUZZLES

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

- 1 Swallows liquid (6)  
4 Extreme anger (8)  
10 Row of columns and arches (9)  
11 Female name (5)  
12 Falsehoods (4)
- 13 Sulk (4)  
14 Region in the Alps (5)  
16 Hard animal fat (4)  
17 Surname, descending from Peter (8)  
20 From Europe (8)  
22 Island (4)

### 9-LETTER

No. 138

Using the nine letters in the grid, how many words of four letters or more can you list? The centre letter must be included and each letter may only be used once. No colloquial or foreign words. No capitalised nouns, apostrophes or plural words ending in "s".



Today's Aim:

**16 words:** Good

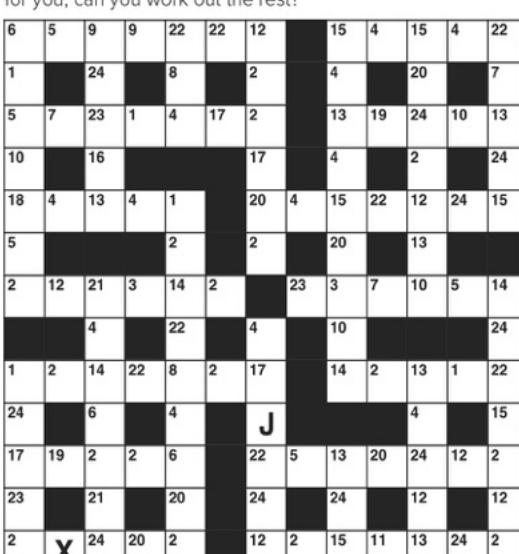
**24 words:** Very good

**32 words:** Excellent

## CODEWORD

No. 088

Each number corresponds to a letter of the alphabet. Two have been filled in for you, can you work out the rest?



SOLUTIONS:

1 = R, 2 = E, 3 = Y, 4 = A, 5 = U, 6 = B, 7 = P, 8 = V, 9 = F, 10 = S, 11 = K, 12 = N, 13 = T, 14 = M, 15 = C, 16 = H, 17 = D, 18 = Q, 19 = W, 20 = L, 21 = Z, 22 = O, 23 = I, 24 = J, 25 = U, 26 = X

## QUICK QUIZ

- What is the capital and largest city of Barbados?
- 'Hg' is the chemical symbol for which element?
- In 1973, British Honduras changed its name to what?
- In craps, what number is on both dice if you roll boxcars?
- In which 1985 coming-of-age film does US actress Molly Ringwald (pictured) play Claire Standish?
- Who wrote the children's horror novella series Goosebumps?
- Spelunking is the sport of exploring what?
- The Yangtze River runs through which country?
- What is the name of the cruise liner in *The Love Boat*?
- On what date was the Kyoto Protocol put into action?



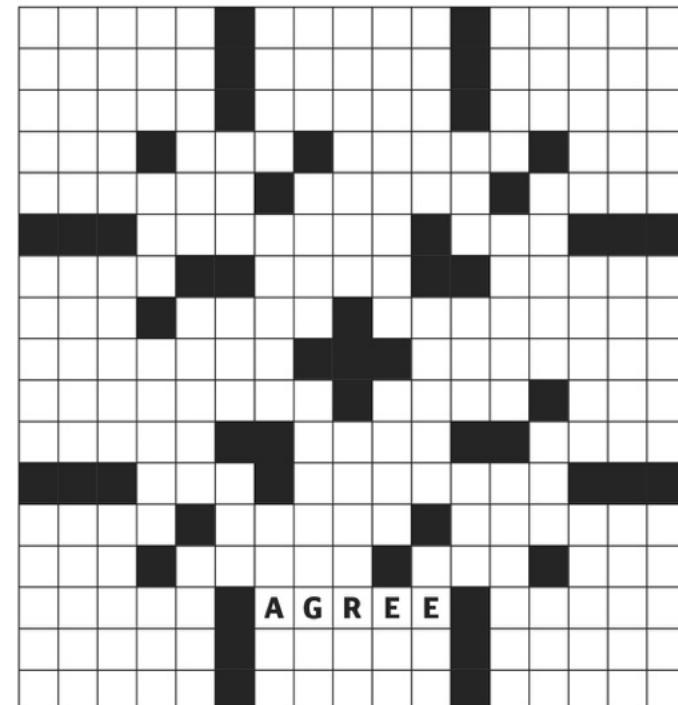
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## WORDFIT

- 3 LETTERS**  
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ATE TILE  
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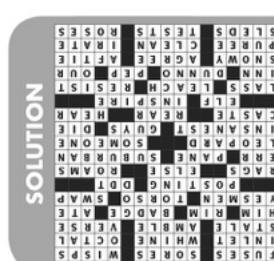
- 5 LETTERS**  
EAT ABODE  
EEL AFTIE  
ELF AGREE  
ERR AMBLE  
FLU ANNUL

- DOWN**  
1 Tractable (6)  
2 Malady (7)  
3 Fictional giant ape (4)  
5 Better looking (8)  
6 Belief in multiple deities (10)  
7 Dates (7)  
8 Young horse (8)  
9 Edible rootstock (4)  
15 Sympathetic (10)  
18 Tidy state (8)  
19 Swollen vein (8)  
21 Domed building (7)  
23 Learned (7)  
24 Beats (6)  
27 Musical sound (4)  
29 West African nation (4)



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| PEP | IOTAS | SLEDS | UNTIE | INSPIRE  |
| RIM | IRATE | SLEEP | USURP | LEOPARD  |
| WED | LEACH | SNEER | VERSE | POSTING  |
|     | LISPS | SNORE | WHINE | RIBBONS  |
|     | MANIA | SNOWY | WISPS | SOMEONE  |
|     | OCTAL | SORES |       | TRIANGLE |

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| ELSE | PASTA | RESIST    |
| GASH | PATES | SUITES    |
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| HEAR | PUREE | TENDS     |
| LASS | RELIC | YESMEN    |
| PANE | ROAMS |           |
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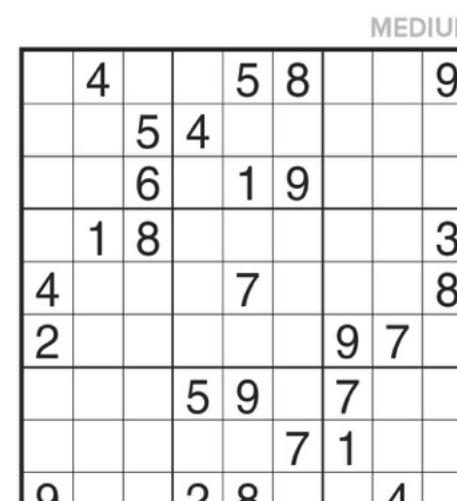
## SUDOKU

No. 138

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in: each of the nine vertical columns, each of the nine horizontal rows and each of the nine 3x3 boxes. Remember, no number can occur more than once in any row, column or box.



EASY



MEDIUM

1	8	7	6	9	3	2	5	4
6	3	4	9	5	8	2	7	1
9	2	5	4	1	7	6	3	8
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8	9	6	5	8	2	3	9	4
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## WORD SEARCH

No. 048

Can you find all the words listed? The leftover letters will spell out a secret message.

E	T	E	N	I	W	T	O	N	G	S	P	U	Y	T
K	E	L	A	O	C	R	A	H	C	C	E	R	L	P
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M	S	A	L	A	D	R	N	O	A	M	O	R	M	T
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W	A	K	L	D	A	R	P	B	I	R	S	E	R	Z
S	C	I	N	A	U	S	A	T	R	D	A	U	P	A
L	R	A	I	R	E	G	R	U	B	M	A	H	A	G
G	S	U	N	N	Y	A	K	P	I	C	N	I	C	S

APRON	KEBAB	SEAFOOD
BACKYARD	KEG	SMOKE
BASKET	LAKE	STEAK
BEACH	LAWN	SUMMER
BEER	LUNCH	SUNNY
CAMPING	PARK	SWIMMING
CHARCOAL	PICNIC	TONGS
COOKOUT	POTLUCK	WINE
FAMILY	PRAWNS	
RIENDS	RIBS	
GAZEBO	SALAD	
GRILL	SANDWICH	
HAM-BURGER	SAUSAGE	
	SIZZLE	

SECRET MESSAGE: Put another shrimp on the barbecue Australia  
ANSWERS: 1. Bridgetown 2. Belize 4. Six 5. The Breakfast Club 6. RL 7. Clue 8. China  
9. Pacific Princess 10. February 16, 2005. 11. K 12. N 13. T 14. J 15. C 16. H 17. D 18. Q 19. W 20. L 21. Z 22. O 23. I 24. G 25. U 26. X  
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#### Urban, younger and eating differences

Younger Australians (under 45yrs) are heavier consumers of chicken and pork shaped by price, convenience and global food trends. Many also have less confidence cooking red meat, preferring faster, easier meals.

Older Australians (55+yrs) remain loyal red meat consumers but are gradually reducing their volume and frequency because of evolving health priorities.

Urbanisation is accelerating these changes in household structures and daily routines. In 2024 87% of Australians lived in urban areas where smaller households and fast-paced lifestyles drive more convenience-driven and health-conscious food choices.

While meat consumption per capita overall is in gradual decline, Australia remains one of the world's top-consuming nations. Growth will depend on connecting with a broader, more diverse and younger consumer base. As Australian households continue to evolve, the red meat industry will need to adapt alongside them. From convenience focused millennials to culturally rich migrant communities ensuring red meat remains relevant means embracing flexibility, inclusivity and new food narratives.

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#### Markets at a glance

**WOOL.** EMI 1261c/kg clean, up 14c 29,304 bales, down 11,999. The EMI is sitting at 174c above the same time last season with 18,002 fewer bales offered compared with 509 in 2024. Sydney Merino finer wool flc 11 to 27cents higher on day 1 with broader lots the focus on day2. skirtings rose to 20c on day1 and up to 10c day2. Crossbred 2m gain 10c on day1, higher on day 2. Cardings firmed, good support for crutchings and stains, locks higher on day2. NRI 1297c/kg clean, up 16c. 2.4% passed-in, 750 bales withdrawn.

**GRAIN.** Global wheat prices down due to limited buying interest. Domestic delivered bids steady to \$7/t lower, most pricing pressure evident in north on old crop barley delivered Downs is down \$7/t to \$308/t, new crop \$10 lower at \$305/t, Wheat old crop \$326/t and \$4 lower on new crop with both crop markets converging with the start of harvest four weeks away. Remember I advised canola growers to grab some of the high prices, it is now too late but is still reasonably priced.

**CATTLE:-** DBO 28th, 6170 head +2450. Young cattle to trade firm, vealers and yearlings 454c to 512c/kg. Light and medium feeder steers 4c to 12c cheaper, heavyweights dearer. Heifers firm, steers 450c to 541c, heifers 390c to 492c/kg. Restocker young cattle firm, steers to 614c/kg, heifers to 496c/kg. Grown steers and heifers were 17c to 30c cheaper, steers 425c to 490c/kg, heifers 420c to 470c/kg. Secondary cows dearer, heavies firm, 2&3-score cows 310c to 382c, heavy cows to 415c. **SHEEP:-** DBO 1st. 7986 sheep, up 2916. 24,098 lambs, up 3438. New season trade lambs \$210. to \$299. Extra heavy new season to \$338. Old 2-score \$116. to \$199, most ave 1050c/kg. Trade weights \$200 to \$295, heavy to 30kg \$278 to \$360, plenty of sales up near 1200c/kg for short skinned lambs, Extra heavy reached \$450. \$300.

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# Rural

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## Stock report by Ross Plasto

DUBBO CATTLE SALE 6170 yarded, up by 2500. Good selection of prime cattle in all sections with a large consignment of 100-day certified grain fed grown steers. Fair numbers of young feeder cattle and larger numbers of Bos Indicus cattle. Young cattle to the trade firm, vealers and yearlings 454c to 512c/kg. Light and medium feeder steers 4c to 12c cheaper, heavier weights dearer. Feeder heifers firm. Feeder steers 450c to 541c, heifers 390c to 492c/kg. Young cattle to restockers around firm, steers to 614c, heifers to 496c/kg. Grown steers and heifers 17c to 30c cheaper, steers 425c to 490c/kg, heifers 420c to 470c/kg. Secondary cows dearer, heavy weights firm. 2 and 3-score cows 310c to 382c, heavy cows 376c to 415c, ave 395c/kg. Cows to restockers 215c to 406c/kg. Heavy bulls firm to 412c/kg.

Lambs. Dubbo yarded 24,098 head. Small offering of new season lambs and old 2-score processing lambs but a good number of well-finished trades and heavy weights. Extra heavy lambs reasonably supplied. Good numbers of Merinos of all weights and the market sold to a stronger trend with gains of \$10 to \$20/head not uncommon. The new season trade lambs \$210 to \$299, ave 1150c to 1200c/kg, extra heavy new season reached \$338. Old 2-score \$116 to \$199, most ave around 1050c/kg. Trade weights \$200 to \$295, ave 1145c, heavy weights to 30kg \$278 to \$360, ave 1100c, plenty of sales up near 1200c/kg for short skinned lambs. Extra heavy reached \$450. Heavy Merino lambs \$285 to \$340, 1070c to 1120c/kg. Lighter

trade Merino \$210 to \$255 or 1000c to 1070c/kg.

Mutton yarded 7986, quality good, mostly medium and heavy weights penned. Prices firm to dearer, medium weight ewes \$144 to \$200, heavy crossbred ewes to \$240, Merino ewes to \$260. Most of the mutton sold from 730c to 780c/kg excluding the super heavies.

Wool: Shute Bell reports the uptrend in the market continued last week, in fact the market has now risen in every selling week so far for the 2025/26 season. A 7-cent increase in the NRI on Tuesday was followed up with a further 9-cent strengthening on Wednesday. This increase was also mirrored in US dollars. The EMI closed the week just 1-cent short of a 28-month high in both local currency and US dollars. It is an unusual post recess pattern that wool prices have taken with the previous three seasons showing the market struggling upon returning from the mid-year recess. Bales offered nationally are down around 7 per cent compared to the same period last season but demand also appears more robust and has driven the sustained, orderly run up over the past six selling weeks. 29,304 bales were offered nationally for the week with 27,722 sold. On Monday AWI released an update from the Wool Production Forecasting Committee. The current season is expected to see a 10.2pc decline in national shorn wool production. This comes on the back of last season's 11.8pc decline. This week's sale will once again see fewer than 30,000 bales on offer nationally.

## Around the tracks with Col Hodges

### Racing at Gulgambone

APPRENTICE JOCKEY Caine Stuart, a former dual Australian judo champion, made all the right moves when winning the 1200 metres Inland Petroleum-Gulgambone Gold Cup on Saturday aboard the Brett Robb trained Rothgate.

Despite bitterly cold weather a tremendous crowd celebrated the 100th year of racing at Gulgambone and witnessed an exciting finish to the Cup.

Given a nice run behind the leaders Running Bear and Accrue by Caine Stuart, Rothgate (\$4.60) held off by a head So Country (Georgina McDonnell, \$2.40 favourite) with Starlink (Zoe Hunt, \$4.60) a handy third.

Rothgate won the Gulgong Cup in June while So Country was the last-start winner of the Collie Cup at Gilgandra.

Caine Stuart (24) who transferred his apprenticeship to Brett Robb earlier this year had previously been with stables at Bendigo and Grafton and rode his first winner at Roma in Queensland.

Kath Bell-Pitomac, the 42-year-old mother of two teenagers, had a week to remember when she rode a winning double on the longshots Cheeky Secrets and Biddaddaba in the opening races at Gulgambone after winning on River Rogue at Narromine the previous Sunday.

Racing in a handy position, the Wayne Martyn, Coonabarabran trained Cheeky Secrets (\$26) which had some bettingring support, finished best to win the 1800m Gilgandra Toyota Benchmark 50 Handicap by a half-length from Always Fiorente (Zoe Hunt, \$3.60 fav) and Napoli (Jake Pracey-Holmes, \$11).

Taken straight to the lead by Kath Bell-Pitomac, the Debbie Prest, Cootamundra trained Biddaddaba (\$25) was a length winner over Stolen Show (Billy Cray, \$6) and Perasta (Zoe Hunt, \$6) in the 1100m AJF Brien & Sons-Nutrien Ag Solutions Maiden Handicap.

Now retired to Orange, former western area racing administrator Michael Kennedy from the Come-By-Chance area, is the breeder and owner of the Clint Lundholm trained Haronya, winner of the 1400m Gulgambone Bowling Club Maiden Plate.

Well placed behind the leaders Love Ain't Free and Phils Colours by Jake Pracey-Holmes, Haronya (\$7) beat Firefinch (Jacob Stiff, \$3.20 fav) by a head with Criminal Art (Billy Cray, \$4), third.

Popular Sky Racing presenter Mick Wallace travelled from the Central Coast to see Firestorm Boy, which he part-owns, win the 1200m AMPS Agribusiness Class 1 Handicap.

Casablanca and Capital Beauty set a fast pace before Firestorm Boy (Jake Pracey-Holmes, \$21 to \$15), continuing the great run of recent success for Dubbo trainer Garry Lunn, hit the lead in the straight and won by a half-head from the strong finishing Cool Space (Jacob Stiff, \$4.20) while over two lengths away third was Showtime Sassy (Ken Dunbar, \$4.20).

The Nikki Pollock, Scone trained team, are regular visitors to western area meetings and in the 1450m Halcroft & Bennett Benchmark 45 Handicap, Maralago (Tilly McCarroll, \$6) with an inside run scored a close win over stablemate Mad Harry (Jordan Quince, \$6) and Artell (Jake Pracey-Holmes, \$5).

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Mendooran, the oldest race club on the Castle-reagh, hosts the Cup meeting on Saturday with the Black Nugget Cup the feature at Mudgee (TAB) on Sunday.

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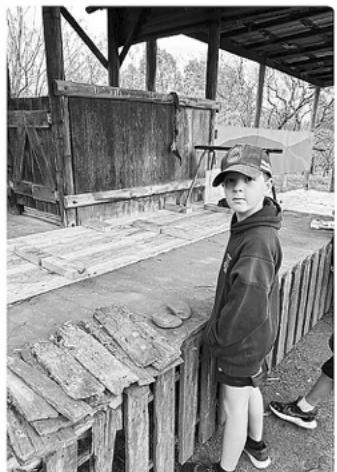
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## INCURSIONS >



Our students learned the basics of composting, and how to separate rubbish in the Waste and Sustainability Program incursion. They also loved the Bat Presentation from the Wellington Caves team! They learned fun bat facts, busted some myths, and discovered why these amazing creatures are so important.

# Redbacks Roundup – Carmen Gain photos

## Minor Finals – Under 14s tough challenge

WELLINGTON'S Under 14s Redbacks faced a tough challenge in the Minor Finals against the well-drilled Mudgee Wombats in Dubbo on Saturday, ultimately going down 38-0.

Mudgee demonstrated strong defence and a powerful attack, and although the Redbacks had opportunities to score, they just couldn't cross the line.

The Redbacks showed plenty of skill and determination throughout the match. Fletcher and Pippa led some strong attacking plays, driving the ball forward, while Saxon, Gab, and Hugh impressed with their handy stepping and evasive runs.

In defence, Sian and Pat tackled with great commitment, keeping the team in the game whenever possible.

It has been a fantastic season for the Under 14s, finishing in the top four – a significant achievement given it has been several years since Wellington has been able to field a 14s team.

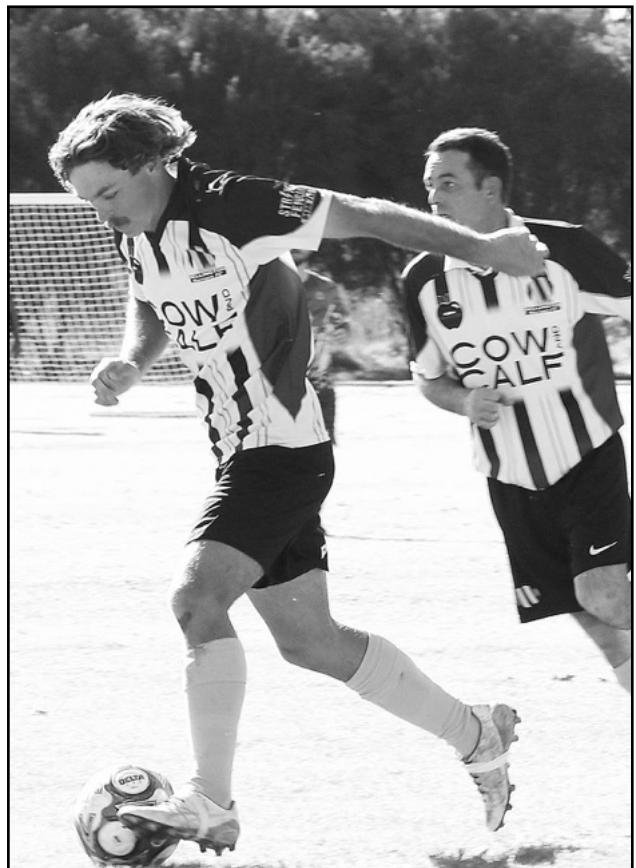
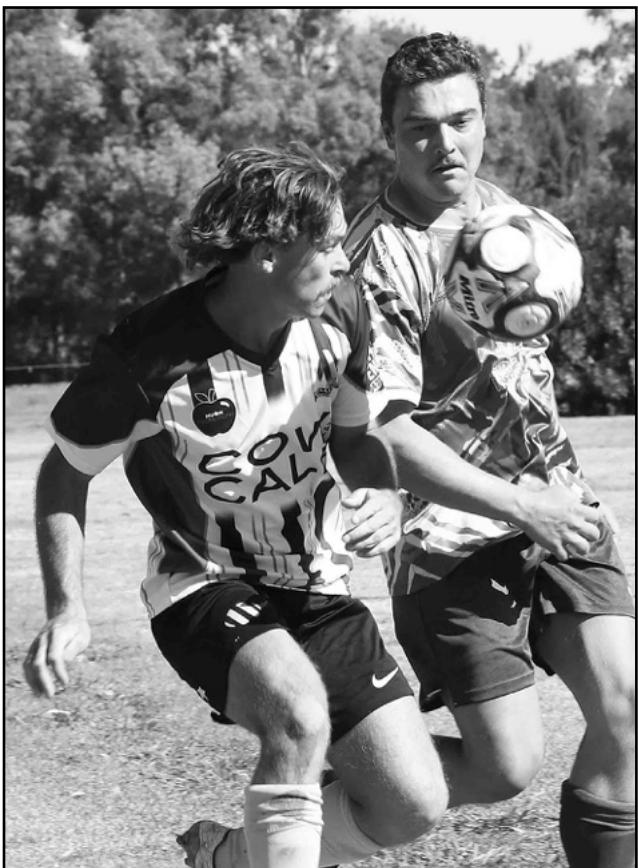
Credit goes to Greg, Kim, Chris and Eddie for their dedication and hard work with the boys and girls throughout the season.

Despite the loss, the Redbacks should be proud of their efforts and the progress made throughout the season. A solid foundation has been set for future success.

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# Warriors finals - Jo Ivey photos



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## Two wins and a loss in soccer semi-finals

BY BRANDON CARTER and JESSICA CHOWN

THE HOME semi-finals in District Soccer was a massive Sunday for Wellington Warriors football club.

Wellington scored two wins and one loss with both the Mens thirds and the Ladies games lasting 120 minutes each, leaving the first grade game having to move to Dubbo under lights.

### Ladies go down fighting in extra-time thriller

Wellington's undefeated Ladies team were up against a young and energetic Dubbo' RSL78s in the major semi-final of the second division womens comp, where they came away with the narrowest of defeats.]

The match quickly turned into a goal-for-goal battle. The score was locked at 3-3 at full-time, forcing extra time with 15-minute halves.

The ladies will need to take the long way around to the grand final, following their heartbreaking 4-3 loss.

First half goals to Amali McNeill (2) and Lily Sheridan gave Wellington a 3-1 lead at the break before the Dubbo side fought back in the second half to send the match into extra time.

It looked destined for a penalty shootout

until a controversial penalty in the final minute of extra time saw the Dubbo side swing the score in their favour and seal the match.

Despite the loss, the Wellington Ladies will have another chance to reach the grand final this weekend, when they play the preliminary final against the yet undetermined winner of the minor semi matchup.

"The girls have come a long way since the start of the season," said the team manager. "With some new players joining our team, they've really learnt to work together, grow in confidence, and develop their soccer skills. We're incredibly proud of how far they've come."

### Third Grade Men

Wellington's third grade mens team were fired up to extend their winning streak — and they did just that in an absolute nail-biter against South Dubbo Wanderers cementing their spot in the grand final after defeating South Dubbo Wanderers (SDW) in their major semi-final via a nail-biting penalty shootout.

A really tight match was always on the cards, as both previous encounters between these teams ended in draws.

Yet again, both teams fought incredibly hard, but solid defence on both sides meant

that the match ended 0-0 at full time also sending this match into extra time.

The deadlock was finally broken in the first period of extra time when Warriors captain Brandon Carter slotted what looked like the winner into the bottom corner.

It was not to be however, as Wellington conceded a penalty in the second half of extra time for SDW to level it up again at 1-1 and force the dreaded shootout.

Goalkeepers Chris Morton (SDW) and Reece Williams (Wellington) made a number of great saves and after five shots each, the shootout was tied at 2-2, forcing sudden death.

Williams was the hero for Wellington pulling off his fourth save which allowed Brandon Carter to calmly convert the next penalty and send the team into the Grand Final and the home crowd into wild celebrations

### 1st Grade Men

Wellington Warriors first grade men have kept their hopes alive, with a solid 4-2 minor semi-final win over Westside Panthers

This match was moved to Dubbo at late notice due to fading light, after the two previous games went through extra time.

Ultimately, loss of the home ground ad-

vantage didn't make any difference as the Warriors men put on a stellar all-round performance and eliminated the in-form Panthers revenging last season's defeat by Westside in this same match.

Despite conceding an early goal against the run of play, the Warriors stood up.

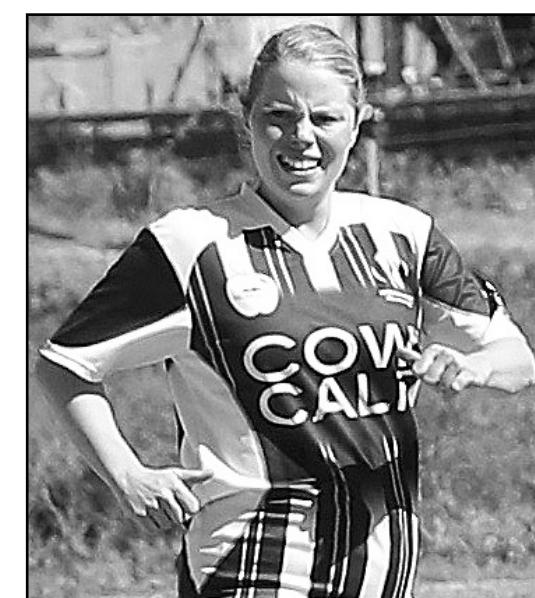
Goals to Gayuh (Gee) Sherdianto and Kwena Matlou in the first half calmed the nerves before our local Vet, Kwena wreaked havoc on the Panthers, completing a brilliant hat-trick in the second half.

Westside clawed a goal back, but it was too little too late. The Warriors were way too strong on the night and have now booked a spot in the preliminary final against Dubbo's Macquarie United, who went down 4-3 to Dubbo Bulls in the Major Semi-final.

It was great to see such a crowd at these home semi-finals and Wellington Warriors would like to thank all of the supporters who turned out to cheer on our teams for these games and right throughout the season.

Hope to see you all again at this week's preliminary final.

The Ladies and 1st Grade Men will fight again this weekend for a shot at the grand final, while the 3rd Grade Men prepare for their moment under the spotlight.



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## Golfing News Spring brings warmth

WELLINGTON'S MAGNIFICENT golf course attracted visitors from Blackheath and Harden who laughed at locals who thought it was a bit too cool to play, saying the weather here was like a heat wave compared to home.

Last Saturday's Individual Stableford winner was Paul Hannelly who handled the cold very well to finish with 36pts.

Runner-up was another player who handled the cold, Liam Conn, finishing with 35pts on a countback.

Prize winners were Mitchell Cusack 35pts; David Na-veau, Marie Cornish, Kurt Cusack 34pts; Sheena Gilmour from Harden Country Club 32pts on a countback.

Nearest the Pin on the 3rd David Hyde, 8th David O'Brien, 14th Mitchell Cusack, 16th Kurt Cusack. While the club's NTP in two-shots on the 4th, was taken out by Kurt Cusack, who also won the Jespresso Cafe longest A grade drive. Paul Hannelly won B grade.

Brent Eather Encouragement award was taken out by Nathan Stewart who seems to have this prize guaranteed each week, his final score was 20pts.

Wednesday's Ladies golf's Individual Stableford and Round 4 of the Cornish/Hollow Trophy, was won by Cathy Loo-Shui who compiled a great score of 38pts, no Peter, no worries.

Runner-up was Marie Cornish with 36pts while Wendy Slack-Smith was the prizewinner with 34pts.

NTP's went to Patsi O'Brien and Marie Cornish.

Round 4 winners of the Cornish-Hollow Trophy were Marie Cornish and Wendy Slack-Smith with 70pts combined.

Thursday's Individual Stableford found a new winner in



Ladies visiting Dunedoo on August 17, Denise Haesler A grade nearest the string; Kim Gersbach won some golf balls while Cheryl Royal was B grade stratch winner and Wendy Slack-Smith was A grade handicap winner.

Mitchell Cusack who cleaned up the field to finish with 38pts, oops Joe.

Runner up was Ashley Bullock, the new knee is starting to pay for itself, his final score was 37pts on a countback.

Prize winners were Nathan Stewart 37pts, Rod Irwin 35pts on c/b.

Get those fees paid as it would be regrettable to miss out on the Club Championships.

Cusack's Butchery Men's Foursomes are set down for Sunday, September 14.

This Saturday's events are the September Monthly plus the George Hollow Putting Competition.

19th Hole

## Netball season wrap

THE UNDER 9s  
Saints Netball Team wrapped up their season with a thrilling win, leaving players and supporters buzzing with excitement.

The girls displayed brilliant teamwork, with strong defence and sharp attacking plays throughout the match.

Great shooting by Ella, Elsie, and Anna-belle kept the scoreboard ticking, while the two Eva's were alert in defence, intercepting numerous balls and turning them into attacking opportunities.

Alice, Greta, Immy, and Pippa impressed with their movement around the court, showing excellent ball-handling skills and confidence in attack.

The team has shown remarkable improvement since the beginning of the year, a testament to their dedication and hard work.

A big thank you goes to Emily, who has guided the girls with patience, skill, and encouragement throughout the season.

The Under 9s can be proud of a fantastic season and a memorable final game.

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