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We will remember them

TUESDAY'S WARM Spring weather enticed some 50 people from throughout the local region to the Cameron Park Cenotaph prior to 11am to join with the Nation in remembrance of Armistice Day.

It was 107 years ago that the Armistice was signed, bringing an end to fighting in the First World War.

Over 416,000 Australians enlisted for service during the Great War, from a population of only four million. Many more defence personnel have fought in conflicts and peacekeeping operations since.

This year will also commemorate the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

For more than a century, red poppies (of Flanders) have been used as a symbol of community respect and recognition, and veterans and other attendees placed a poppy with wreaths on the Cenotaph steps.

NSW Premier Chris Minns said today on Remembrance Day, we pause to honour and acknowledge the brave Australians who have served and sacrificed in defence of our freedoms.

"Over 100 years ago our diggers formed the Anzac spirit. We continue to reflect on the immense courage, endurance, and unity shown by those who fought across land, sea, and air, and by those who supported the war effort at home.

"Their sacrifices helped to secure peace and shape the world we live in today. Lest we forget."



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Mayoral Column

\$660,000 returned from Rex Airlines??

AS REX Airlines 1.0 got into financial trouble due to their Sydney-Melbourne route, they became slow payers of their Dubbo Airport account to Council.

By the time Rex entered administration they owed Council \$660,000.

This was approximately four months of arrears. They'd get behind, then catch up, then get behind again.

Thankfully the Federal Government is coming to the rescue of Dubbo Regional ratepayers with a new fund to reimburse the money owed.

This initiative will allow us to apply to have the money owed to Council by Rex reimbursed, providing a pathway to recover outstanding payments.

This program represents an important opportunity to restore those funds.

The announcement regarding the new Australian Government funding program to support regional and remote airports impacted by Rex Airlines' voluntary administration was made by the Hon. Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, and Hon. Kristy McBain MP, Minister for Regional

Development, Local Government and Territories of Australia.

As part of this arrangement, the Government will retain security over Rex's aircraft and simulator fleet, ensuring continuity of regional and remote routes previously serviced by Rex.

\$660,000 is a huge amount of money to be taken out of the Council budget, so this new fund is very important to keep the airport operations viable.

It's also important to have two operators on the Dubbo-Sydney route to stop prices getting even more expensive.

Further extension of Housing Strategy feedback

Thanks to the fantastic turn out at our recent community consultations, with over 50 people joining the conversation about housing for our future right across the Dubbo Regional LGA, Council is extending the submission period for the draft housing strategy once more, allowing as many people as possible to get their thoughts together and make a submission. New deadline – 8 December

This is your chance to help shape the

future of housing in our local government area.

Have a question? Ask the team directly at the DRC YourSay page, or call 68014000

Garage sale weekend Number 2

Do you know where all the garage sales are in the Dubbo Region this weekend?

View the Garage Sale Trail map so you don't miss out. From designer fashion to furniture, cookware, kids stuff, tools, collectibles and everything in between it's time for you to grab a bargain.

View the Garage Sale Trail map <https://www.garagesaletrail.com.au/dubboregion>

New System For Council Business Papers

In an attempt to streamline processes, Council has moved to a new business paper system, which will hopefully make it easier for Councillors, Staff and the community to access Council meeting documentation.

After extensive consultations, staff and councillors have undergone training, with the new system, Resolve, now being used to produce business papers, agendas and

reports. The new system, which has also been adopted by 18 other Council including Newcastle, Goulburn, Hunters Hill, Willoughby and Inner West, allows readers to select individual items they are interested in reading, rather than having the business papers in one PDF file.

It also allows attachments, minutes and voting documentation to be kept within a single location, rather than separate documents.

Community members will still have access to all previous meeting minutes and agendas on Council's website as currently provided.

Funding available

Council provides opportunities for eligible applicants to receive financial assistance, and also promotes external funding opportunities that may be of interest to our residents.

Some streams are available now, and Clubgrants open late November.

Find out more at the DRC website, or call 68014000

Josh Black

Funeral Notice

Maxwell Norman Honeyman

Aged 88 years
Late of Wellington

Adored Husband of Joyce
Loved father to Kim, Bryan and
Graham.

Cherished Grandfather to
Lachlan and Matthew

Family and friends are warmly invited to attend Maxwell's funeral service to be held at St John the Baptist Anglican Church Wellington on Friday 21st November 2025 at 10.30am

Followed by an interment at Wellington Lawn Cemetery

A great place to live, work and play

SOME GOOD stories crop up to compete with the negative feelings you develop, and last week in casual discussion, I was made aware of just one young family who moved here, got employment, bought a home, enrolled their kids in Day Care, Preschool and a School that the kids can walk to, and they love the place.

Equally I know of at least three, locally employed, under 25-year-olds, male and female, who have purchased nicely presented family homes in good areas of our wonderful town.

I have always been critical of the promotion of so called "Public Housing" and consider "Home Ownership" as an inspirational achievement and foundation for life, and still recall the "I can do it attitude" that our first home purchase contributed to so many subsequent considerations in our life.

In towns like ours we certainly have the front running in affordable, meaningful family lifestyle opportunities, but with housing, the growing

involvement of "Investor Competition" for established homes is threatening "affordable" Family Home Ownership here and everywhere.

So many discussions with our big city friends resolve around the benefits of city living such as Shopping, Public Transport, Beaches, Major Sporting Events, Entertainment and Restaurants, Uber etc etc.

So often in these discussions we find that we, and friends from Wellington, have utilised many of these "benefits" more frequently than city friends, on our city visits.

In many cases our friends have never utilised many claimed benefits due to cost or inconvenience.

With big city house prices continuing to rise, and the concentration of work places, creating costly and frustrating transport access, the unaffordability and inconvenience of any benefits in city living will be insurmountable challenges, and our town will become more and more desirable.

Such is life! **Roger Everett**

Funeral Notice

James STANLEY

Aged 59 years
Late of Waterloo
Formerly of Wellington

Adored Partner of Paula
Loved father to Kaleah, Marni,
Douglas, James and Lain.
Cherished Grandfather to Noah, John,
James IV, Haize and Joseph.

Family and friends are warmly invited to attend James's funeral service, to be held at St Patrick's Catholic Church Wellington on Friday 14th November 2025 at 11am followed by an interment at Wellington Lawn Cemetery

*Wear Anything Rabbitohs,
or RED and GREEN*

Funeral Notice

LEONARD (LEN) ROY EDWARDS

Passed Away aged 82 years
Late of Wellington

Much loved husband of Virginia
Adored Father to Priscilla, Rebecca, James,
Vanessa, David, and Peter
Cherished Grandpa and Great Grandpa

Relatives and friends are warmly invited to attend Len's funeral service to be held at the Baptist Church Wellington Thursday 20th November 2025 commencing at 10.30am followed by interment at Geurie Cemetery

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NSW HEALTH is encouraging families in regional and rural areas of New South Wales to make sure they are taking advantage of the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS).

The CDBS, which started in 2014, is a national program that provides eligible children with a capped benefit for basic dental services.

Up to \$1132 in benefits over two calendar years can be accessed per child, covering most general dental services.

A child may be eligible for this benefit if they have a Medicare card, are aged 0 to 17 years, and they are part of a family that receives Family Tax Benefit Part A or the child receives an Australian Government payment.

The CDBS can be used at most private dentists, public dental clinics, NSW Health school-based dental services, and some Aboriginal community-based health organisations.

Looking after your child's

teeth through regular dental check-ups is important for your child's wellbeing, and is always a priority for NSW Health.

So even if a child is not eligible for CDBS, uses up their full CDBS amount or needs treatment that isn't covered by the schedule, there are still no costs for care at NSW public dental clinics.

Parents and guardians can visit health.nsw.gov.au/cdbs for more information and to check if your child is eligible.

LEFT: Eligible families can access up to \$1,132 per child in dental care under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.



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Find out if your child is eligible for free dental care at:
www.health.nsw.gov.au/cdbs

Another busy weekend on the course

A BUSY past weekend of major golf at the Wellington Soldiers Memorial and Golf Club with the ladies playing their Silver Cup last Friday and the Club Championships on Saturday and Sunday.

In the Silver Cup ladies teams from all over the Western area came and played at our course, and alas our lasses who gave it their all finished in seventh place in a great effort by our gallant girls.

Last Saturday's events were Rounds 1 and 2 of the Wellington Physiotherapy Club Championships in three grades.

This Saturday and Sunday's events are a Stroke event, Rounds 3 and 4 of the Club Championships.

This week the 'Seeded' will be in effect, all golfers not seeded must Tee-Off prior to 12pm from the first tee otherwise tee-off on the 10th.

Seeded draw has C graders teeing off from 12pm with the rest of the seeded golfers teeing off in 10-minute intervals.

Leading the way after two rounds in A grade is Kurt Cusack showing the field how it's done with a lead of 10 shots, his score-8, Mitchell Cusack is his closest challenger with John Donnelly and Joe Ryan a fair way back.

B grade is definitely a lot closer with only three shots separating the top four golfers, Rod McMahon leads with Stephen Whiteman, David Hyde, and Steven McCarroll.

C grade's Cody Conn is holding a small lead of five shots with Warren Williams, Rod Irwin, and Drew Stone, all chasing him.

No PREFERRED LIES from now on.

Last Saturday's event winner was Jeremy Barton with a 69nett.

Sunday's event winner was Peter Holden with a 70nett.

Runners up were Rod Miller 71nett on a countback, Steven McCarroll 71nett.

Prize winners were; Jono Smith, Bryan Kiss 71netts; Stephen Whiteman, Robert Bakerx2; Steven McCarroll, John Donnellyx2; Cody Conn, Kurt Cusackx2; David Naiveau, Paul Westx2 72netts, Mitchell

Cusack, Elton Keefe 73netts, Rod McMahonx2; Gary McCarroll, Gary Cusackx2; David Hyde 74netts; John Gersbach, Warren Williams, Rod Irwin, Nick Forrest 75netts; Liam Conn, Sam McManus, David East, David O'Brien 76netts.

Nearest the Pin on 3rd Matt Reid, 8th Garry McNaughton, 14th Cody Hannelly, 16th Bryan Kiss.

Club sponsored NTP in two-shots on the 10th went to Garry McNaughton.

Jespresso Cafe longest drives went to Jeremy Barton in A grade and Steve Kiss in B grade.

Brent Eather Encouragement awards were taken out by George Hollow on Saturday with 86nett and Nathan Stewart on Sunday with 88nett, congratulations gentlemen.

Wednesday's ladies day was a Stroke event and their Medal of Medals event.

Winner of the day and the Medal of Medals was Carmel Cohen who put together a great round to finish with a 69nett.

Runner-up on a countback was Janelle Frappell with 72nett.

Prize winners were Patsi O'Brien, Kathy Martin, Gae Drew, Marg Hollow 74netts. NTP's, Marg Hollow and Pauline Potts.

Thursday's Individual Stableford winner was Steven McCarroll who had a great day out finishing with 42pts.

Runners-up were John Gersbach and Mark Hull from Howlong Country Club with 41pts.

Prize winners were Peter Payne 40pts, Ashley Bullock 39pts, Scott Hull from Howlong 37pts, Stephen Whiteman 35pts.

Iberdrola - Wellington Soldiers Memorial Club nine-hole competition played Round 5 last week with Steven McCarroll the winner with 33nett on a countback.

Runner-up was Malcolm Payne. Back nine holes to be played this week.

This comp's presentations will be held on the Friday night after the final competition round.

19th Hole



with Mathew Dickerson, Axxis Comworld



IT WAS in 2011 that I attended my first ever Roads Congress.

Mount Gambier was the location, and all the brightest engineers from across the land were there.

Sitting around a table, I channelled my inner Doc Hudson from the Cars movie and asked, "When are we going to build the modern equivalent of Bessie - the finest road-paving machine ever built?"

Laughter erupted. But my question was serious! It was gently explained to me that the method of building roads had been refined over the past 150 years and was now a highly evolved, well-understood process. Translation: "Nice try, young'un - get back in your box."

What those engineers failed to understand, however, is that the future of technology doesn't always come from bigger machines - it often comes from materials science.

With almost an infinite number of ways to combine our 92 naturally occurring elements, it was only a matter of time before someone mixed up something better

Recognising our brilliant early childcare workers

IT WAS an honour to recognise a group of unsung heroes who underpin our communities in Parliament recently: our early childhood educators.

I had the privilege of officially opening the 2025 Central West Early Childhood Awards on November 1, presented by the Central West Early Childhood Collaborative.

The awards brought together around 300 early childhood educators from across the Central West.

The awards recognised centres, leaders and educators who strive for excellence, create meaningful learning experiences and build strong connections with families and communities.

These wonderful people are nurturing the promise of our region and our nation, and they deserve our sincere gratitude and appreciation.

I would particularly like to thank the founder of the awards, Katherine Wilson, who is a truly inspirational leader in early childhood education.

I also thank and recognise her fellow members of the Central West Early Childhood Collaborative, Kim Laird, Brad Campbell, Haylie Sloan, Janine Lewis and Samantha Stevenson.

Also deserving a big congratulations are the wonderful nominees and award winners including:

* Ivy Stack for the Molly Ticehurst Memorial Award for Outstanding Educator Cert III

* Mila, Suphinda Wongsamphankhiri for the Outstanding Early Childhood Educator Diploma Award

* Jan Mills who was awarded the Charles Sturt University Outstanding Early Childhood Teacher

* Maddison Hotham for the Outstanding Early Childhood Trainee Award

* Meg Corby who was awarded the Out-Of-School-Hours Educator Award

* Susannah Davey for the Outstanding Family Daycare Educator

* Carlie Chapman for the Samara Golding-Piper Memorial Award for Excellence in Leadership

* Elly Mackinnon for the Outstanding Achievement Award for Everyday Excellence

The families choice award winners (voted on by families) were:

* Rachael Denning, for Diploma

* Tiarnah Maddams, for Trainee

* Haylee McIntosh, for Certificate III

* Sushil Khadka, for Early Childhood Teacher

* Amanda McGothigan, for Daycare Educator

* Caitlyn McDonald, for Outside School Hours

I also congratulated the following award winners:

* Pied Piper Preschool from Wallarawang for Excellence in Pedagogy and Practice

* Waratah Early Learning Centre, Orange, for Excellence in Food and Menu

* Circle Early Learning, Blayney for Excellence in Sustainability

* Rise Early Learning, Orange, for excellence in Team Work and Culture

* Eugowra Community Children's Centre won



The Gee Report

Andrew Gee
Federal Member for Calare

two awards for Excellence in Community and the award for Respectfully Integrating First Nations Knowledge and Perspectives

* Forbes Learning Ladder the award for Excellence in Inclusion

Again, my congratulations go to all the winners and to the Central West Early Childhood Collaborative for a truly inspirational awards ceremony.

We are very grateful for the wonderful work of all our early childhood educators and I thank and recognise them all.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Royal Agricultural Society of NSW Grant

The Royal Agricultural Society of NSW is offering up to \$30,000 in funding for community-driven projects across rural NSW that deliver strong social and economic benefits.

Projects might include upgrades to showgrounds, community halls, or other infrastructure that supports broader ongoing use by local groups.

Applications close: 12 December 2025.

Apply here: rasnsw.com.au

Clubgrants Category 3 Infrastructure Grants

The NSW Government's Clubgrants Category 3 Infrastructure Grants provide funding between \$50,000 and \$300,000 for not-for-profit organisations to build, renovate or fit-out community infrastructure.

Projects can cover sport and recreation facilities, community hubs, arts centres, and disaster readiness infrastructure in regional, remote, or disadvantaged areas.

Applications close: 15 December 2025.

Apply here: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding>

Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program – Now Open

The NSW Government's Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program provides up to \$3,000 for the purchase and maintenance of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) at community sport and recreation venues. Applications close: 1 December 2025 (or earlier if funds are exhausted).

Apply here: sport.nsw.gov.au/grants/local-sport-defibrillator-grant-program

resistance.

And when it did fracture, it wasn't the bond or the bitumen that gave way - it was the rock itself. In other words, the weakest part of the road was no longer the glue holding it together.

That's a major leap forward in road durability. Imagine roads that don't need constant patching and that last decades instead of years.

It's the sort of quiet, behind-the-scenes innovation that can transform cities without us even noticing - until we realise we haven't hit a pothole in months.

Perhaps the real story isn't just about better asphalt, but about how materials science keeps rewriting what's possible.

A few carbon atoms arranged 'just so' could one day make your morning commute smoother, safer, and quieter.

I am feeling generous this year! Send a question or comment about this article to ask@techtalk.digital and the first ten emails will receive a FREE Tech Talk compilation book!

Mid Macquarie Landcare update

At the Annual General Meeting on October 22, a new Board and Committee was elected. Chairperson is Danny Hawke; Vice Chair: Danielle Littlewood; Secretary: Cherie Hughes; Treasurer: Clare McCrory; Public Officer: Danny Hawke.

We thank our outgoing committee members for their contributions and look forward to another exciting year at Mid Macquarie Landcare.

Bat Night at Lazy River Estate
Arboretum, these natives will replace aging paddock trees, fill windbreaks, and boost on-farm biodiversity.

Both schools are eager to continue monitoring next round.

Staff News

Danielle Littlewood has stepped into the Regional Landcare Coordinator role - congratulations, Danielle, we look forward to seeing what you get up to.

In Danielle's previous role, we welcome Deb Cooke as our new Landcare Coordinator (Wellington). Many will know Deb from Nature Spotters, and we can't wait to see what she brings to this role, look out for her profile on our Facebook Page.

Flying Fox Safety Reminder

It's baby season for Flying Foxes, and pups may sometimes be found on deceased mothers.

If you come across a deceased or injured flying fox, always check for a pup still clinging to its body.

If the flying fox (adult or pup) is alive but injured, do not touch it — instead, call WIRES on 1300 094 737 for assistance.

Your quick action can save a life and support the conservation of these vital pollinators.

Bats in Backyards Schools Program

The Bats in Backyards team visited the Central West Leadership Academy and Geurie Public School, where students installed bat monitors and learned about 12 local microbat species, including the endangered Large-eared Pied Bat.

Students loved hearing real echolocation recordings and learning how these tiny insect-eaters support healthy



LAST WEEK'S front page photo and story was such a great hit with Wellington Public School Year 5/6 students who entered the Country Press NSW 125th Anniversary Writing Competition, they took a photo of themselves holding the edition.

Three students, Zara Ryan, Jaxon O'Grady and Imogen Jones were each presented the CPNSW President's Encouragement Award for their efforts.

The school had the highest number of entries of any school in the state - 18 stories, a magnificent effort thanks to their teacher Nicole Reid. The competition was sponsored by the Manildra Group.

Teenage girl charged over alleged stabbing

A TEENAGE girl has been charged over an alleged stabbing in Wellington last weekend.

About 6.30pm on Friday, November 7, 2025, emergency services were called to the rear lading area of Woolworths supermarket in Arthur Street, following reports of an assault.

On arrival, officers attached to Orana Mid-Western Police District found a 15-year-old girl with stab wounds to her leg, arm and hip.

She was treated at the scene by NSW Ambulance paramedics before being taken to Dubbo Hospital in a stable condition.

A knife was located nearby.

Police established a crime scene and commenced an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the incident.

Following inquiries, a 17-year-old girl was arrested at Wellington Police Station about 4pm Sunday afternoon.

She was charged with wound person with intent to cause grievous bodily harm, and stalk/intimidate intend fear physical etc harm (personal).

The girl was refused bail to appear before a children's court on Monday, November 10.



ABOVE: Yeoval Central School students paid their respects at the local Remembrance Day ceremony at Yeoval Hall on Tuesday.

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REMEMBRANCE DAY 2025 – LEST WE FORGET

Our nation paused at 11am on Tuesday to remember and reflect on the enormous sacrifice that our servicemen and women have made for our country through the generations.

I laid a wreath at the Remembrance Day ceremony in Orange and it was one of the largest turnouts I have ever seen.

My sincere appreciation goes to all RSL Sub-Branche

groups who organise services of remembrance across our region. It is vitally important to honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service.

Special thanks to the Orange High students and Cadets, who were outstanding and helped make this important occasion so memorable and moving.

It was also a pleasure to catch up with distinguished veterans afterwards at the Orange Ex-Services' Club.

Lest we Forget



FURY HEATING UP OVER GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY

All the major parties have let us down on delivering an expressway to Sydney! I called them out on it!!

After the Minister for Infrastructure, provided a disappointing response to my Great Western Highway question in Question time. I backed it up with this speech in Parliament:

In 2007, the National Party turned the first sod on the Bells Line of Road expressway. This kicked off a golden age of broken promises, delays and funding raids on a fast road over the Blue Mountains that all major parties are guilty of.

The Bells Line of Road expressway was abandoned by the National Party when city people objected. So much for standing up for the bush! When they had the chance to build it, they squibbed it—12 years in power in New South Wales, nine years in power federally, and nothing's ever been built.

Then, when it came to power, the current government grabbed \$2 billion that the previous coalition government had allocated to the Great Western Highway, and we never saw it again.

Not one of these major parties has any vision for an expressway to Sydney—not one. The federal National Party, for all its talk, has not put forward any plans for an express road to Sydney. They are going to be



out of power for years and have been reduced to a complaints desk.

The state and federal Labor parties have no plan either. While the major parties dither, the traffic jams from the Central West to Sydney are worse than ever. Country people deserve better than this. We demand better from the major parties. We demand an expressway to Sydney.

I will not stop calling on the Federal Government to start investing in the Central West.

TRACTOR TREKKERS SUPPORTING LIFE-SAVING LITTLE WINGS FLIGHTS

I gave a big shout-out to the amazing Central West Charity Tractor Trek Group Inc in Parliament recently.

Their latest 300km trek around the Central West on vintage tractors raised thousands for Little Wings, a charity that flies sick kids from the bush to the city for medical treatment.

Besides the Tractor Trek, the Trekkers hold a 24-hour Central West Tractor-thon where vintage tractors run for 24 hours around Canowindra Showground.

This year alone, the Tractor Trekkers have donated \$60,000 to help keep Little Wings in the air. They fly in and out of the Central West daily.

In my speech to parliament I pointed out that Little Wings costs \$6 million a year, of which the federal government contributes \$500,000. This funding ends in 2027. I called on the government to increase its funding and make it permanent.

A huge thanks to all the Tractor Trekkers and the Little Wings team for their incredible work!



HOUSING FUNDING DISGRACE!

In the midst of a national housing crisis, I challenged the Housing Minister in Question Time on why the Housing Australia Future Fund (HAFF) is failing regional NSW. Our country communities are missing out on this key national housing funding.

Community housing providers like Housing Plus can't get a look-in, while the stats show the Central West is being dunned by the fund. In response to my question, the Minister offered to meet with our local community housing providers to discuss opportunities with the remainder of the HAFF allocation.

This week, I met with Housing Plus CEO Justin Cantelo to help make that meeting with the Minister happen. It's time for our region gets its fair share.



Andrew with Housing Plus CEO Justin Cantelo

MY BILL TO STOP WIND FARMS IN STATE FORESTS

In Parliament last week I introduced my game-changing Stopping Wind Farms in State Forests Bill 2025.

This is in response to impacted communities in the Central West crying out to be heard and rightly demanding a reasonable and commonsense balance to wind farm development.

My Bill would stop the building of wind farms in softwood pine plantations, and I've called on politicians of all persuasions to pass the Bill into law.

I'm not against renewable energy, but like many things in life it's about finding the right balance. We need a sensible, balanced and workable energy policy that's fair to everyone with proper, respectful and genuine consultation.

When the National Party voted-in wind farms in State Forests it failed to properly regulate them.

I've attended numerous community meetings and consultations over

these proposals. What residents are experiencing is very concerning. Fly-in fly-out, tick-a-box consultation from developers without meaningful engagement or genuine dialogue.

Sunny Corner Wind Farm near Portland, and The Pines Wind Farm near Oberon, are planning to erect turbines up to 300-metres high in locations less than one kilometre from people's homes.

It's a tragedy. You've got friends fighting with friends and family members pitted against family members over the back fence. And it all could have been avoided if politicians had simply done their jobs.

My bill enables the Federal Government to use its constitutional powers to stop turbine developments in all State Forests, including Sunny Corner, Vulcan, Mount David, Gurnang, and Canobolas State Forests.



PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

I recently voted in Parliament to strengthen and reform our environmental protections.

However, the Environment Protection Reform Bill 2025 needs further scrutiny and amendments in key areas to protect Australia's unique flora and fauna.

The Calare electorate is home to some of Australia's most stunning natural beauty and more than 400 native plant species.

We owe it to future generations to act on the findings of the second independent statutory review of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act – the Samuel Review.

The Samuel Review makes it clear that our environmental laws are outdated and need reform.

Currently, the Act is a barrier to holistic management between federal, state and territory environmental responsibilities.

It's a long, weighty and complicated bill, but we must work through it to build a better environmental management system that delivers strong environmental protections while supporting our local and national economy.

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7two **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.00** DVine Living. **1.30** Sydney Weekender. **2.00** House Of Wellness. **3.00** The Great Australian Doorstep. **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** The Yorkshire Vet. **8.30** Escape To The Country. **11.30** Late Programs.

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6.00 Rage Charts. **7.00** Weekend Breakfast. **9.00** Rage. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **12.30** Beyond Paradise. Final. **1.30** Maigret. **2.20** All Creatures Great And Small. **3.10** Signature Choir & SSO. **4.50** Spicks And Specks. **5.25** Landline. **5.50** Australian Story. **6.25** I Was Actually There. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30** Return To Paradise. Return. **8.30** Vera. **10.00** The Forsytes. **10.55** Bergerac. **11.40** Rage.

7two **6.00** Morning Programs. **12.30** Hornby: A Model Empire. **1.30** Our Town. **2.00** Better Homes And Gardens. **4.30** Harry's Practice. **5.00** Horse Racing. The Newcastle Herald Hunter Race Day and Caulfield C.F. Orr Stakes. **5.00** Seven News At 5. **5.30** Border Security: Australia's Front Line. **6.00** Seven News. **7.00** Healthy, Wealthy & Wise. **8.00** MOVIE: Independence Day. Resurgence. (2016) Liam Hemsworth, Jeff Goldblum. **10.25** MOVIE: M3GAN. (2022) **12.35** Motor Racing. Supercars Championship. Round 12. Sandown 500. Day 1. Highlights. **1.35** Late Programs.

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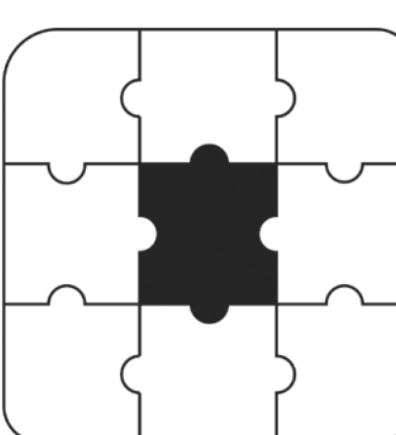
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Edgeword

Place each of the tiles of letters into the blank jigsaw below to create four six-letter words going across and down.



There may be more than one possible answer.



6.00 Sunrise. **9.00** The Morning Show. **12.00** Seven's National News At Noon. **1.10** Blankety Blank. **2.00** Bridge Of Lies. **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. **8.30** Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. **10.30** Australia's Most Dangerous Prisoners. **11.30** Gatecrashers. **12.30** Life. **1.30** Harry's Practice. **2.00** Home Shopping. **4.00** NBC Today. **5.00** Sunrise Early News. **5.30** Sunrise.

6.00 Today. **9.00** Today Extra. **11.30** 9News Morning. **12.00** Budget Battlers. **1.00** Space Invaders. **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** RBT. **8.30** RPA. **9.30** A+E After Dark. **10.30** 9News Late. **11.00** Chicago Med. **11.50** Tipping Point. **12.40** Pointless. **1.30** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **2.30** Global Shop. **3.00** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **4.00** Believer's Voice Of Victory. **4.30** A Current Affair. **5.00** Late Programs.

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7flix **6.00** Morning Programs. **10.00** The Greatest Aussie Caravan. **10.30** House Rules. **12.00** The Blacklist. **2.45** Extreme Animal Transport. **3.15** The Goldbergs. **3.45** House Of Wellness. **4.40** Bondi Vet. **6.30** Judge Judy. **7.30** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares. **9.30** Ramsay's 24 Hours To Hell And Back. **11.30** Late Programs.

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Christmas gift to enhance your taste buds

STYLE IS at the essence of hair fashions by Simone McManus at her 'Styled By Sim' hair salon in Swift Street.

So when it comes to hair, Sim has all the styling trends ready to show with the latest range of colours already on the shelf to select from.

Sim has carried Schwarzkopf colours, shampoos and the full range for years and this year she has a wide array of gift packs that will suit just about everyone who enjoys pampering themselves.

This year, she has a special collection of Skol Beard Company products just for you blokes who probably should look after their beards better than you do.

Well, here's that special

Christmas gift already for that fella - and there's a great story behind these products.

The founder of the company is a returned infantry veteran who reached out to a veterans charity who helped him find his feet and put him through a program and a qualification.

Now from his business in Port Adelaide, South Australia, he and workmates produce the Skol range and a dollar from every item sold is donated to the Young Veterans Charity.

Sim now sells Skol beard shampoo, plus balms, butters and wax. The beard balm provides a strong hold that helps keep hair in place, letting you tame and style your beard as desired. These come separately or in gift packs.

Beard Butter is the holy grail of beard health and nourishment. Deeply hydrate, soften and nourish your beard today.

Each year Sim has gifted every customer spending over \$50, and this year is no exception.

In past years she has given different styles of drinking glasses - not glass but plastic, so no worries about breakage.

This year Sim has some wonder champagne flutes which, with the addition of a strawberry, will make your Christmas season celebration drink that much more sparkling.

Thinking of a special style or just a trim before Christmas?

Then book early as appointments are filling fast and the salon will close on Tuesday, December 23.

SPROUTS ACTIVITIES >>



The Sprouts had a wonderful time learning and playing with the kindy kids! Together, they discovered the joy of teamwork, with the kindy pupils guiding their little Sprout buddies through fun, familiar lessons.

K-2 ACTIVITIES >>



K/1 had a marvelous time buddy reading with Year 3/4, and enjoyed an unforgettable wheelchair basketball session at the PCYC! Meanwhile, Year 1/2 students are thrilled to care for their own pet mealworms, discovering the wonders of growth and change as they watch their tiny pets transform before their eyes. They also explored Vincent van Gogh's vibrant art style, creating colourful street scenes inspired by Wellington's historic Fong Lee Lane — blending creativity and local history in beautiful ways!

YEAR 3-6 ACTIVITIES >>



Year 3/4 students enjoyed an engaging wheelchair basketball session at PCYC, promoting teamwork and inclusion. Stage 3 commenced swimming lessons and First Aid training, developing vital water safety and emergency response skills. Year 5/6 students attended CRU Camp, participating in a range of activities and team-building experiences.

WCS CELEBRATES REMEMBRANCE DAY >>



WCS commemorates Remembrance Day on 11 November 2025, honouring and praying for the brave heroes who gave their lives so future generations can live in peace.



6.00 Morning Programs. 12.00
WorldWatch. **1.00** Speedweek. **3.00** Gold Stars: The Story Of FIFA World Cups.
4.10 Motor Racing. World Rally-Raid C'ship. Rallye Du Maroc. H'lights. **4.40** Going Places With Ernie Ding. **5.30** Hitler-Stalin: A Secret Relationship. **6.30** SBS World News. **7.30** JFK: One Day In America. **8.25** Secret Letters Of Mary, Queen Of Scots. **9.35** Karnak: The Largest Temple In The World. **10.35** Odysseus Returns. **11.35** Women Who Rock. **3.45** Late Programs.

6.00 Morning Programs. 7.30 Freshly Picked. **8.00** Intrepid Adventures. **8.30** What's Up Down Under. **9.00** Australia By Design: Architecture. **9.30** The Chef's Garden. **10.00** Frugal Foodie. **10.30** 10 Minute Kitchen. **11.00** 4x4 Adventures. **12.00** The Dog Academy. **1.00** Wheel Of Fortune. **1.30** Lingo. **2.30** Basketball. NBL. Round 9. Illawarra Hawks v Sydney Kings. **4.30** Deal Or No Deal. **5.00** 10 News. **6.00** 10 News+. **7.00** Big Brother Australia. **8.10** Ghosts Australia. **8.40** FBI. **10.40** 10 News+. **11.30** Late Programs.

10 comedy **6.00** Deal Or No Deal. **8.00** The King Of Queens. **10.00** Ridiculousness. **11.00** The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. **2.00** Ridiculousness. **3.00** Frasier. **4.00** Friends. **6.30** The Big Bang Theory. **9.35** Frasier. **10.30** Ridiculousness. **11.30** South Park. **12.30** Home Shopping. **1.30** South Park. **2.30** Home Shopping.

VICELAND **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.55** Jeopardy! **5.10** WorldWatch. **5.40** PBS Washington Week With The Atlantic. **6.10** Abandoned Engineering. **8.00** Beach Volleyball. World Championships. Day 3. Evening session. **11.00** Forbidden History. **12.40** Secrets Of America's Shadow Government. **3.20** NHK World English News. **5.00** Late Programs.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16



6.00 Morning Programs. **10.00** Offsiders. **10.30** The World This Week. **11.00** Compass. **11.30** Songs Of Praise. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **12.30** Landline. **1.30** Gardening Australia. **2.30** Miriam & Alan: Lost In Scotland And Beyond... **3.15** Long Lost Family. **4.10** The Role Of A Lifetime. **Final. 5.00** Antiques Roadshow. **6.00** Grand Designs Australia. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. **8.00** Portrait Artist Of The Year. **8.50** The Forsytes. **9.45** Return To Paradise. **10.40** Anh's Brush With Fame. **11.40** Late Programs.

7two **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.00** The Surgery Ship. **2.00** South Aussie With Cosi. **2.30** RSPCA Animal Rescue. **3.00** Hornby: A Model Empire. **4.00** Escape To The Country. **7.00** Greatest Escapes To The Country. **7.45** Mrs Brown's Boys. **8.30** Vera. **10.30** The Thief, His Wife And The Canoe. **11.30** Late Programs.

7Entertains **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.00** ER. **2.45** Heartbreak High. **3.35** A Bite To Eat. **4.05** Would I Lie To You? **4.40** MythBusters. **5.30** Amazing Spaces. **6.15** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. **7.05** Spicks And Specks. **7.35** QI. **8.05** Annabel Crabb's Civic Duty. **9.00** Planet America: Weekend Edition. **9.45** Late Programs.



6.00 NBC Today. **7.00** Weekend Sunrise. **10.00** Cricket. Women's Big Bash League. Match 12. Adelaide Strikers v Perth Scorchers. **1.30** Cricket. Women's Big Bash League. Match 13. Melbourne Stars v Melbourne Renegades. **5.00** Seven News At 5. **5.30** Sydney Weekender. **6.00** Seven News. **7.00** My Kitchen Rules. **8.55** Lip Reading The Royals. **10.25** The Day Diana Died. **12.00** Motor Racing. Supercars Championship. Round 12. Sandown 500. Day 2. Highlights. **1.00** Travel Oz. **2.00** Late Programs.

7mate **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.00** Red's Fishing Adventures. **2.30** Al McGlashan's Fish'n With Mates. **3.00** Duck Dynasty. **4.00** Mt Hutt Rescue. **5.00** Counting Cars. **6.00** Border Security: International. **7.00** Border Security: Australia's Front Line. **8.30** MOVIE: Django Unchained. (2012) Jamie Foxx. **12.00** Late Programs.

7Family **6.00** Kids' Programs. **4.45** Gardening Australia Junior. **5.10** Octonauts. **6.30** The Adventures Of Paddington. **6.50** Andy And The Band. **7.05** Piripenguins. **7.35** The Mysterious Benedict Society. **8.15** Crongton. **8.40** Fresh Off The Boat. **9.20** Abbott Elementary. **10.05** Speechless. **10.25** Merlin. **11.10** Late Programs.



6.00 Hello SA. **6.30** A Current Affair. **7.00** Weekend Today. **10.00** Cross Court. **10.30** Next Stop. **11.00** Fishing Australia. **11.30** Drive TV: Launch Pad. **12.00** Explore X. **12.30** Find My Country House Australia. **1.00** Budget Battlers. **2.00** MOVIE: Paper Planes. (2014) **4.00** Take Me Home. **5.00** 9News First At Five. **5.30** RBT. **6.00** 9News Sunday. **7.00** The Golden Bachelor. **Final. 8.40** 60 Minutes. **9.40** 9News Late. **10.10** Social Media Murders. **11.10** Mobsters. **12.05** Late Programs.

7flix **6.00** Morning Programs. **10.00** Dr Harry's Animal Encounters. **11.00** Puppies Make You Laugh Out Loud. **12.00** Extended Family. **1.00** Home And Away. **4.00** My Kitchen Rules. **5.30** Bondi Vet. **6.30** Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly. **7.30** Law & Order: Criminal Intent. **8.30** Law & Order: SVU. **10.30** Bones. **11.30** Late Programs.

7NEWS **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.00** News. **2.30** Aust Story. **3.00** News. **3.30** Offsiders. **4.00** Landline. **5.00** ABC News With Auslan. **5.30** News Regional. **6.00** Evening News. **6.30** Boyer Lecture Series. **7.00** National News. **7.30** Insiders. **8.35** If You're Listening. **9.00** ABC Nightly News. **9.30** Australian Story. **10.00** Late Programs.

6.00 Morning Programs. 7.30 Freshly Picked. **8.00** Intrepid Adventures. **8.30** What's Up Down Under. **9.00** Australia By Design: Architecture. **9.30** The Chef's Garden. **10.00** Frugal Foodie. **10.30** 10 Minute Kitchen. **11.00** 4x4 Adventures. **12.00** The Dog Academy. **1.00** Wheel Of Fortune. **1.30** Lingo. **2.30** Basketball. NBL. Round 9. Illawarra Hawks v Sydney Kings. **4.30** Deal Or No Deal. **5.00** 10 News. **6.00** 10 News+. **7.00** Big Brother Australia. **8.10** Ghosts Australia. **8.40** FBI. **10.40** 10 News+. **11.30** Late Programs.

10drama **6.00** Home Shopping. **8.00** Reel Action. **8.30** Pooches At Play. **9.30** Roads Less Travelled. **10.30** Judge Judy. **11.00** JAG. **4.00** IFISH. **4.30** Basketball. NBL. Round 9. Adelaide 36ers v Cairns Taipans. **6.30** JAG. **7.30** NCIS. **10.20** Blue Bloods. **11.15** The Real CSI: Miami. **12.15** Home Shopping.

Gem **6.00** Morning Programs. **10.30** MOVIE: Wherever She Goes. (1951) **12.00** Tennis. Billie Jean King Cup. Play-Offs. Group E. Australia v Brazil. **6.00** Getaway. **6.30** M*A*S*H. **8.30** MOVIE: The Matrix Reloaded. (2003) Keanu Reeves, Hugo Weaving, Laurence Fishburne. **11.10** Major Crimes. **12.10** Late Programs.

10 comedy **6.00** Deal Or No Deal. **8.00** The King Of Queens. **10.00** Ridiculousness. **11.00** The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. **2.00** Ridiculousness. **3.00** Frasier. **4.00** Friends. **6.30** The Big Bang Theory. **9.35** Frasier. **10.30** Ridiculousness. **11.30** South Park. **12.30** Home Shopping. **1.30** South Park. **2.30** Home Shopping.

VICELAND **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.55** Jeopardy! **5.10** WorldWatch. **5.40** PBS Washington Week With The Atlantic. **6.10** Abandoned Engineering. **8.00** Beach Volleyball. World Championships. Day 3. Evening session. **11.00** Forbidden History. **12.40** Secrets Of America's Shadow Government. **3.20** NHK World English News. **5.00** Late Programs.

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VICELAND **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.20** Stutter School: Untold Australia. **3.25** History's Crazy Rich Ancients. **3.50** WorldWatch. **5.45** The Food That Built The World. **6.35** Jeopardy! **7.30** Travel Man. **8.00** Beach Volleyball. World Championships. Day 4. Evening session. **11.00** Never Mind The Buzzcocks. **11.45** Late Programs.

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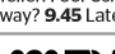
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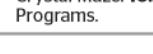
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6.00 Morning Programs. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Landline. **2.00** Restoration Australia. **3.00** QI. **3.30** Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. **3.55** Grand Designs Revisited. **4.45** Long Lost Family. **5.30** Antiques Roadshow. **6.30** Hard Quiz. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30** **7.30**. **8.00** When The War Is Over. **8.30** The Piano UK. **9.20** The Art Of. **9.45** The Assembly. **10.30** Media Watch. **10.50** ABC Late News. **11.05** The Business. **11.20** Annabel Crabb's Civic Duty. **12.10** Late Programs.

7two **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.00** Creek To Coast. **2.30** Air Crash Investigations: The Accident Files. **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** Judge John Deed. **10.45** Autopsy USA. **11.45** Late Programs.

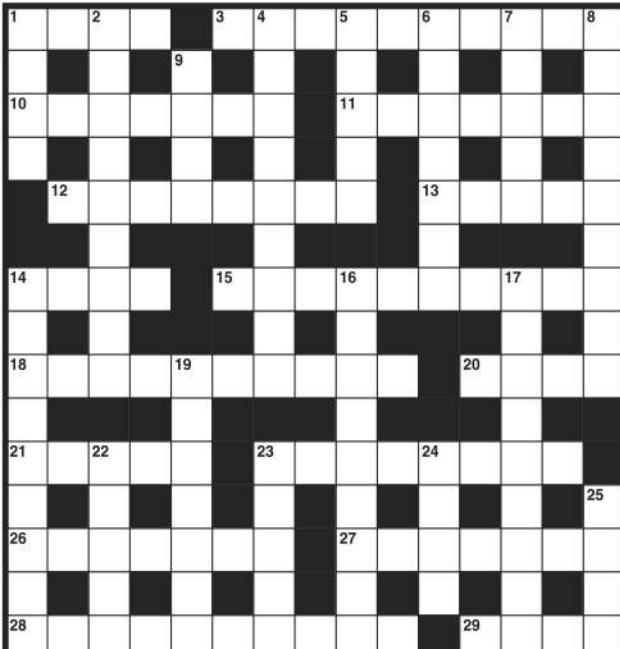
7Entertains **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.30** Heartbreak High. **3.35** Nigella's Christmas Kitchen. **4.05** Would I Lie To You? **4.35** MythBusters. **5.30** Amazing Spaces. **6.15** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. **7.05** Claire Hooper's House Of Games. **7.35** QI. **8.05** Would I Lie To You? **8.35** Not Going Out. **9.35** Spooks. **10.30** Late Programs.



6.00 Sunrise. **9.00** The Morning Show. **12.00** Seven's National News At Noon.

PUZZLES

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 MD's (coll) (4)
3 Speed up (10)
10 Jack-o'-lantern vegetable (7)
11 Resolute (7)
12 Precious stone (8)
- 13 Mohammedanism (5)
14 Dinner (4)
15 Temperature measurement (10)
18 Complete opposite (10)
20 Gentle (4)
21 Common bacterium (1.4)

9-LETTER

No. 149

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:

21 words: Good

31 words: Very good

42 words: Excellent



No. 149

WORDFIT

- 23 Airy (8)
26 Swapping (7)
27 Sink (7)
28 Race-starting phrase (5,3,2)
29 Lean (4)

DOWN

- 1 Stupid or gullible person (4)
2 Battle participant (9)
4 Person nominated for election (9)
5 Cleverly escape (5)
6 Dodging (7)
7 Be of use (5)
8 Calculated (9)
9 Pass over (4)
14 Carnivore (4-5)
16 German parliament (9)
17 Two British Queens (9)
19 Holy group of three (7)
22 Japanese seaport (5)
23 Bird of prey (5)
24 Uncommon (4)
25 Aquatic bird (4)

3 LETTERS	RIOT
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5 LETTERS

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4 LETTERS

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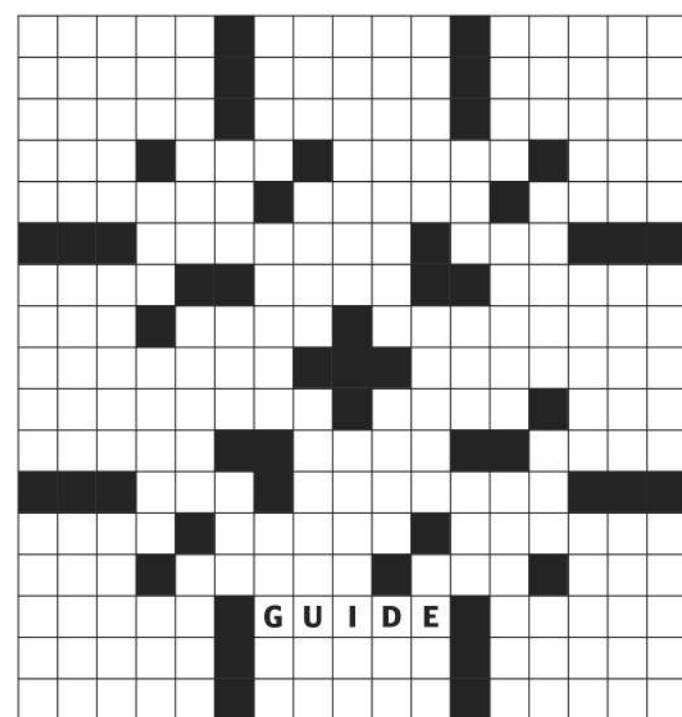
6 LETTERS

HERALD
PASTA
PIETY
SCENTS
SLEETS

7 LETTERS

ASHAMED
CONSOLE
HURRAHS

No. 059



8 LETTERS

EMPHASES
NICOTINE

9 LETTERS

SOLUTION

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SOLUTIONS

EASY

6 5 9 7 8 1 4 2 3
7 3 4 2 6 5 1 9 8
8 1 2 4 9 3 5 6 7
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1 8 6 9 5 7 3 4 2
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MEDIUM

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4 8 6 3 9 8 7 1 4 9 7
5 2 3 8 5 2 9 1 6 3
8 4 7 3 4 8 5 2

QUICK QUIZ

- The Latin *cogito, ergo sum* translates to what in English?
- Electric guitar strings are most commonly made out of what metal?
- How long is the Great Wall of China?
- What is the name of a popular Sichuan dish that consists of tofu in a spicy sauce with fermented broad bean, black bean, chilli paste and minced meat?
- Alpacas are native to which country?
- True or false: hair and fingernails grow faster in sunlight?
- What are Greta Thunberg's (pictured) middle names?
- Chromatics is the science of what?
- What handheld spinning toy became a fad sensation in early 2017?
- What is the company Le Creuset famous for manufacturing?



WORD SEARCH

No. 059

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

N	A	M	R	E	G	H	H	A	B	U	R	O	S
P	E	A	R	A	B	I	C	S	P	A	N	I	H
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ARABIC	KAZAKH	THAI
CZECH	KHMER	TURKISH
DECCAN	KOREAN	URDU
DUTCH	KURDISH	YORUBA
ENGLISH	MALAYALAM	ZULU
FRENCH	MALAYSIAN	
GERMAN	MARATHI	
GREEK	MIN	
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WITH HARVEST now in full swing the weather for this week is looking good with tops of 28 to 30 degrees with showers on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th with high humidity days following.

Local harvest has moved south into the heart of NSW with northern values increasing \$5 to \$10/t over the week as end users try to encourage grower selling.

In Victoria and SA harvest is being delayed by cool showery weather. Southern growers are not incentivised to sell given production and quality uncertainty and will wait till it's in the bin.

The International market is waiting for signs of the strength of China's commitment to purchase large volumes of US ag goods in line with US announcements, this is the largest factor swaying international markets according to David Kosh.

There seems to be a gradual firming in global feed barley prices and buying interest but so far this hasn't translated to a lift in Australian port values. Prompt delivered feed grain into Melbourne end users continue to firm as Vic harvest is delayed.

If you are in the grain trade industry, trying to keep up with the global demand for Australian grain can feel challenging. With climate factors, the war in Ukraine, conflict in the middle east, inflationary pressures and changing market demand, staying adaptive while improving productivity is more complex than ever before.

Notwithstanding the above, there is cause for optimism. Domestic demand is strong and Australian exporters have a reputation for quality and reliability. Moreover as our near neighbours become wealthier we can expect our trade with them will increase in both volume and value.

Crops grown in this area include wheat, barley, oats, lupins, lentils, vetch, triticale and canola. Summer crops include cotton, sunflowers, mung beans, soybeans, maize, millet and sorghum.

This summer and autumn be aware of a coming mice plague due to wet weather, grain spillage, straw loads, humidity. This is the DA warning for Wellington so keep your property clean - no breeding areas.

Market at a glance
Wool. 30,137 bales offered (-3398). EMI closed 6c up at 1419c/kg clean. Sydney Merino fleece, stylish lots keenly sought day 1 gaining day 2, all except 16.5 micron mpg which was unchanged. High clearance rates 96% and 97% on both days, skirtings higher prices on day 1 (up 10 to 20c) before finer <18.5 micron lots softened on day 2. Crossbred variable prices, oddments low (<6%) VM crutchings and stains firmed, locks with low VM eased NRI 1460c/kg clean up 13c. Cardings down 8c, 3.9% passed-in, 633 bales withdrawn.

I believe the market has bottomed.
Grain.. Parkes sub terminal 9th Canola \$756.25, wheat APH2 \$327.25, APW 1 297.25, H2 \$312.25, AUH2 \$295.25, ASW \$282.25 barley LA1 \$276, barley MA1 \$276. All cash prices.

Cattle.. DBO 6th. 6970 head, up 1505. Young cattle to trade up to 20c dearer, prime vealers and yearlings 422c to 490c/kg. Feeder steers and heifers up to 22c dearer, steers 445c to 510c/kg, heifers 422c to 474c/kg. Young cattle to restockers dearer, steers to 620c, heifers to 470c/kg. Grown steers and heifers 12c to 22c dearer, steers 445c to 498c/kg, heifers 430c to 482c/kg. Cows 10c to 15c dearer, 2-3 scores to processors 415c/kg, heavy cows 396c to 430c, ave 420c/kg. Cows to restockers firm 334c to 378c/kg. Heavy bulls to 420c/kg.

Sheep.. DBO 10th 10,945 sheep, up 4575. 24,110 lambs, up 6410. Plenty of trade weight Dorpers. Trade lambs dearer. New season store lambs \$116 to \$188. Trade weights \$237 to \$289, heavy lambs to 30kg \$355. Extra heavy new season to \$376. Shorn trade \$234 to \$286, heavy \$291 to \$395. Extra heavy to \$412.20. Best hogget to \$278.

CLEARANCE SALE Continues

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WEEKLY MARKET REPORT
Week ending November 7, 2025

AWEX Northern Micron Indices Comparison

AWEX INDEX	This Week \$19/25	This Week M19/25	Last Sale \$18/25	Sydney Change	Last Year Sydney	Sydney Yearly Change
17	2020	1985	1992	+28	1652	+368
18	1887	1863	1850	+37	1483	+404
19	1732	1733	1713	+19	1392	+340
20	1664n	1663	1641	+23	1329n	+335
21	-	1659n	-	-	-	-
26	745n	768	-	-	595n	+150
28	640n	655	640n	-	395n	+245
MC	805n	720n	813n	-8	707n	+98

A calm, slightly stronger market

WITH SELLING days pushed back to Wednesday and Thursday due to the race that stops the nation, a positive tone was felt on both days in last week's wool market, resulting in gains of up to 37 cents in the Merino indicators, with day two responding best to the improved sentiment.

Skirtings followed the lead from the fleece, lifting 10 to 20 cents, cardings are still struggling to find much support, and crossbreds were a mixed result again, with the finer end giving back up to 30 cents, whilst 28 and 30 microns were a fraction better.

Buyers commented on the volume of the offering, not only that week's but heading forward past Christmas, noting that the low 30,000 bale forecast was what had been published.

When the wool testing data is viewed, it is becoming more evident that low offerings will become more frequent.

Compared to last year, from the

beginning of July to the end of October this year, the clip is back 9.2% in weight, or 99.4 million kgs back to 90.3 million kgs.

As is the discussion throughout the industry, this lack of supply could be the catalyst for stronger pricing into the future, but hopefully not as chaotic as what we have witnessed over the past couple of months.

However, a change in seasonal conditions, particularly in South Australia and Victoria, would bolster supply levels further out in the 26/27 growing season, leaving processors to come up with a strategy in the interim.

Wool's firmer price position compared to cotton is due to traceability, performance and sustainability, with talks between America and China at the APEC summit lifting optimism for improved demand ahead.

This week almost 33,000 bales are on offer. Macwool and Carmichael wool offered over 900 bales on Tuesday.

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Stock report by Ross Plasto

DUBBO CATTLE yarded 6970. Another good quality yarding, good numbers in all sections. Full field of buyers operating in a solid market. Young cattle to trade up to 20c dearer, vealers and yearlings 422c to 490c/kg. Feeder steers and heifers up to 22c dearer, steers 445c to 510c/kg, heifers 422c to 474c/kg. Young cattle to restockers again dearer, steers to 620c, heifers to 470c/kg. Grown steers and heifers 12c to 22c dearer, steers 445c to 498c/kg, heifers 430c to 482c/kg. Cows 10c to 15c dearer, 2-3 scores to processors 280c to 415c/kg. Prime heavy cows 396c to 430c, ave 420c/kg. Cows to restockers firm 334c to 378c/kg. Heavy bulls to 420c/kg.

Dubbo Lambs 24,110. Good selection of heavy lambs, limited extra heavy. Dorpers well supplied, most were trade. New season lambs sold on quality with some dry. Market stronger, lambs with weight and shape lifting \$8, trade lambs firm to \$4 dearer. New season store lambs \$116 to \$188. Trade weights \$237 to \$289, heavy to 30kg \$255 to \$332, ave 1160c to 1200c/kg, extra heavy new season to \$376/head. Shorn trade \$234 to \$286, heavy \$291 to \$395, most ranged 1160c and 1240c/kg. Few up towards 1300c/kg. Extra heavy to \$412.20c. Light Merino \$100 to \$175, ave 900c/kg. Best hogget at \$278.

Mutton numbers lifted, quality showed improvement. Not all buyers operating, market \$20 to \$30 cheaper. Medium ewes 120 to \$190, heavy crossbred ewes to \$278, best Merino ewe at \$220. Most ranged 640c to 720c/kg cwt.

Friday's store cattle store cattle 450 steers, 110 cows with calves, 85 cows and 145 heifers most drawn from Cen-

tral and Central West areas. A buoyant crowd from Victoria, Forbes, Orange, Bathurst, Dunedoo, Coonamble and Warren and Dubbo. Angus steer calves dominated with lighter under 200kg \$800 to \$1200 the latter just tipping over 700c/kg. Angus steer calves \$1000 and \$1700 or 450c to 641c/kg lwt. European steer calves including Charolais, Simmental and crosses \$1230 to \$1720 tipping at 476c/kg lwt. Hereford, Black baldies and Droughtmaster breeds \$450 at the lighter end up to \$1740. Local Angus cows with calves in prime condition and docile topped at \$3140. Younger Angus types \$1900 to \$2550. Euro-cross cows/calves to \$2560, balance \$1600 to \$2100. Red tag PTIC cows \$1400 to \$2100. Light Angus heifer calves under 200kg \$605 to \$840, heavier \$1400 and \$1710 with latter weighing 400kg. Black baldies to \$1610, balance of medium weight heifer calves \$860 to \$1400.

Wool market broke a four-week down-trend. Most Merino categories gained over both days except 16.5-micron indicator. Crossbreeds stable, Merino carding fell 8 cents. NRI gained 8 cents on Wednesday and 5 cents on Thursday. National offering fell 4000 bales h 9.2% withdrawn. 28,312 bales sold nationally, 6.1% passed-in. AWTA testing data released shows a small recovery in the weight of wool tested in October. For the season to date the Australian clip is showing a 9.2% decline compared to last season. This figure was as high as a 16% decline at the end of September. The Australian Wool Production Forecasting Committee predicted a 10.2% decline in production for the 25/26 season at their August meeting, aligning close to AWTA's current data.

Around the tracks with Col Hodges

Racing at Warren

FROM HIS small team at Quirindi, long-time successful trainer Geoff O'Brien has produced yet another outstanding prospect in Tainui, winner of the 1600 metres Commonwealth Bank Agribusiness-Cotton Cup, last Sunday at Warren.

A four-year-old gelding, Tainui from only 11 starts has recorded four wins (Coonamble, Wellington, Tamworth and Warren) and four placings and earned connections over \$100,000 prize-money with the winning distances ranging from 1400 to 2100 metres.

Dubbo jockey Kody Nestor continued his success in Country Cups with a top ride on Tainui which settled behind the leaders Saint Philomena, Blue Guitar and Epic Poem.

Saint Philomena (Kath Bell-Pitomac, \$21) held on gamely but was beaten a half-neck by Tainui (\$3.70 favourite) with Blue Guitar (Mathew Cahill, \$4.40) a length away third.

Clever planning by Dubbo trainer Connie Greig culminated in Line Of Law making it four wins in succession when taking out the 1200m Nutrien Ag Solutions Class 2 Handicap at Warren with Mikayla Weir in the saddle.

Winner of the \$50,000 Picnic Sprint Championship at Dubbo, Line Of Law then won at Young Picnics and Harden Picnics before going to Warren as a \$12 chance and leading all the way for a close win from Sorrento Palace (Jake Pracey-Holmes, \$3 fav) and Missy Moss (Donovan Dillon, \$5).

Mikayla Weir completed a double when the Ross Lomax, Mudgee trained Desirous won the 1000m Elders Warren-Benchmark 58 Handicap. Eased around the heels of the leading pair, Desirous (\$9) displayed good acceleration to score by over a length from Empathetic Bel (Chelsea Hillier, \$7.50) and Brummagen (Jake Pracey-Holmes, \$2.80 to \$2.60 fav).

Riding in top form, Jake Pracey-Holmes also landed a winning double, the first leg being the Mack Griffith, Mudgee trained Unsolved in the 1200m Queensland Cotton-Country Boosted Maiden Plate.

Gaining clear running halfway down the straight, Unsolved (\$5.50) sprinted away from Don't Say Do (Chelsea Hillier, \$2.05 fav) and Megaphone Miss (Jacob Stiff, \$21).

Jake Pracey-Holmes later led for home on the Mack Griffith trained Stratified (\$4.80) which held on to beat Life's A Party (Donavan Dillon, \$5.50) and Rouge Moulin (Izzy Neale, \$2.90 fav) in the 1200m Macquarie Toyota-Benchmark 82 Handicap.

Placed at Coonamble and Coonabarabran after coming from Victoria to the Brett Thompson stable, Yiasou (\$3.10 to \$2.60) under apprentice Dylan Stanley led all the way to win the 1400m Peter Bill Australia-Maiden Handicap by five lengths from Preordained (Mathew Cahill, \$15) and Conversations (James Rogers, \$31).

The other Warren winner was the Lyle Chandler, Scone trained Regal Problem (Donovan Dillon, \$1.70 to \$1.90 fav) in the 1400m Ecom Commodities-Country Boosted Benchmark 58 Handicap.

Heavy bookings for marquee spaces have already been received for the Twilight TAB meeting at Warren on Friday, December 12.

Meanwhile, racing this week is at Bathurst on Saturday and Wellington on Sunday which is being pitched as a great pre-Christmas work party day.

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Support Students Shine at Multi-Sport Day in Dubbo!

On Tuesday, 16th September, a fantastic group of our support students ventured to Dubbo for an action-packed Multi-Sport Day, and what a day it was! From the very first whistle, the energy was high, and the smiles were wide as everyone jumped into the variety of sports on offer.

The day kicked off with some fast-paced basketball, where students dribbled, shot, and passed like pros. Pickleball was next—a fun and fresh challenge that had everyone laughing and enjoying the quirky mix of tennis, badminton, and table tennis skills. AFL brought out the footy fan in each of us, with exciting handball and kicking drills that showed off our agility and teamwork.

Golf and putting stations offered a calm contrast, testing concentration and precision—there were some surprise talents showing great control on the greens!

Volleyball and netball rounds kept the crowd moving with exciting rallies and excellent teamwork, proving our students' adaptability and sporting spirit.

Throughout the day, the group's enthusiasm and positive attitudes stood out, making new friends and trying new sports with courage and cheer. Everyone gave 100%, encouraged each other, and had a blast discovering their strengths across different games.

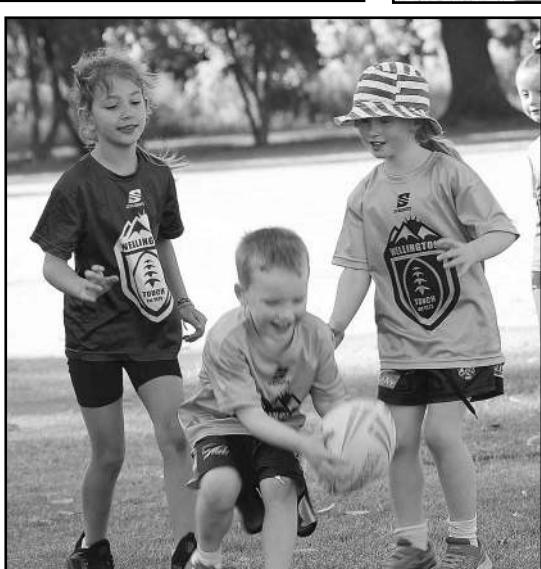
A huge shout-out to all our support students for representing our school brilliantly and making this Multi-Sport Day in Dubbo a memorable and super fun experience.

We can't wait to take on the next sporting adventure together!

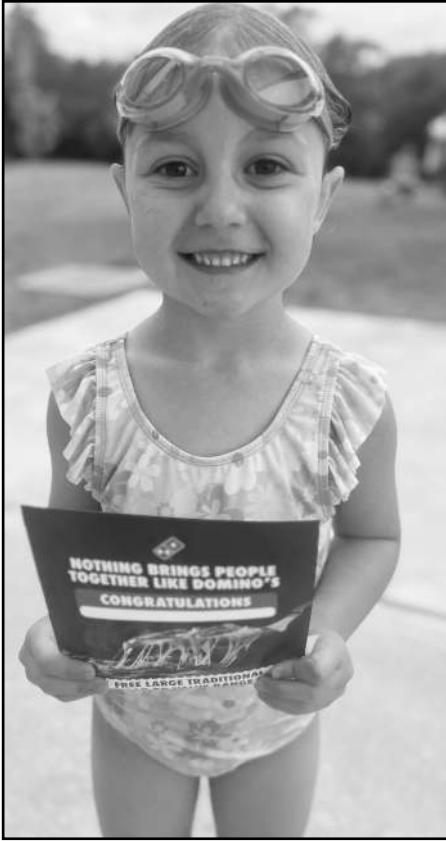
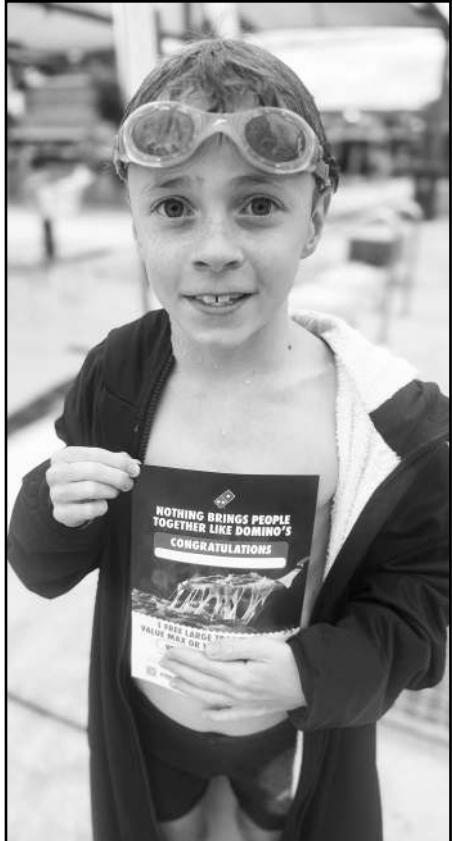
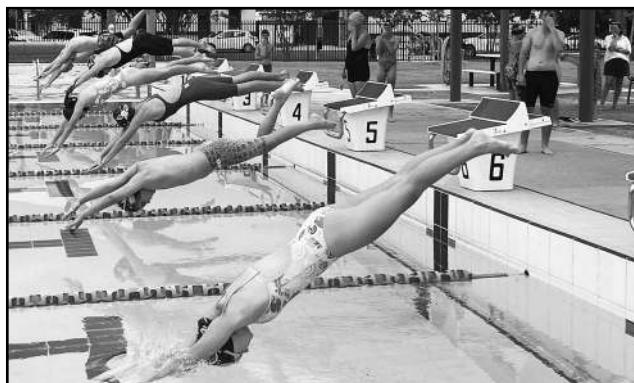
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Touch Foooty R4 - Jo Ivey photos



Pointscore & Carnival - Carmen Gain photos





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Big night at Pointscores and strong results in Dubbo

A HUGE crowd gathered on Friday night for Pointscores, and under the watchful eye of Rod Pedron, the evening ran very smoothly.

There were plenty of personal bests and big smiles all round, with swimmers showing great improvement and enthusiasm.

Congratulations to Lydia, Eloise, and Toby, who received our 17m Encouragement Awards for Week 4.

On Sunday, 10 eager swimmers travelled to Dubbo to compete in the Dubbo City Swim Tech Qualifying Carnival.

Each swimmer represented Wellington Amateur Swimming Club with pride and determination.

A special congratulations to Macy, who was invited to compete in the Invitational 50m Handicap — a wonderful achievement and a highlight of the day.

Carmen Gain



Wellington Amateur Swimming Club's 10 competitors who swam so well at the Dubbo City Swim Tech Qualifying Carnival on Sunday.

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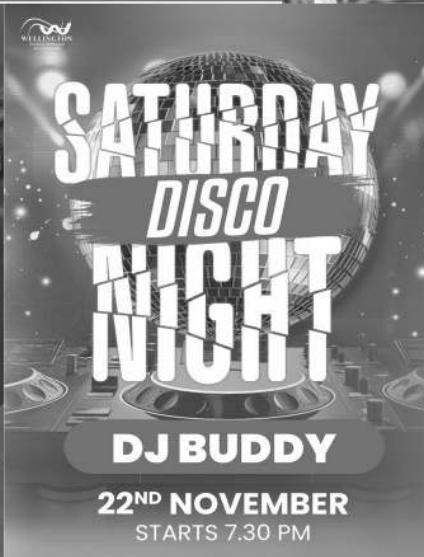
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