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Roadworks begin for new service station access



WHILE THE Wellington region awaits completion of the upgraded service station on the southern edge of town, local residents have been notified of pavement widening works to Hawkins and Arthur (Mitchell Highway) Streets.

Axial Construction will be undertaking the pavement works on behalf of DIB Group Pty Ltd and Transport for NSW.

With the pavement widening along the Mitchell Highway, stormwater works will be conducted along Hawkins Street as well to enable free vehicular access to the new Ampol site that will be servicing trucks and vehicles.

It is planned that work will start from next Monday, October 20 and completed by December 5, weather permitting.

Works will run through from 7am to 5pm Monday to Friday and from 7am to 1pm on Saturdays.

Axial's project manager, Arshad Mahmood said during the work periods entry and exit points of Hawkins Street will be closed at the intersection of Simpson Street with only resident access available.

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Solar panel eyesoar easily remedied

PRETTY MUCH everyone I speak with has an opinion on the renewable energy transition that is being rolled out in our Region.

The Central West Orana Renewable Energy Zone is the first of its kind, and many of the learnings/mistakes might(??) not be repeated in other REZs.

It's always important for residents to remember that the renewable transition is a bipartisan project being led by the State and Federal governments.

Due to the value of the projects seeing them fall into the State Significant Development category, Council is not the approval authority, that is handled by the State Government or the Independent Planning Commission.

I talk to many mayors all over the state and a number tell me that they blanket oppose all renewable developments, but

everything is still being approved anyway.

That being the case, as a Council it would be irresponsible to simply oppose all developments (which will likely be approved by the State anyway) and not engage in the Planning Process where we try to minimise impacts on our roads, water runoff, housing and accommodation, where the waste ends up, and a variety of other impacts.

Then there are the Voluntary Planning Agreements to try to ensure that there is some sort of positive legacy left for the community once the projects are up and running.

Both these processes can be done in parallel to opposing the cumulative impact of projects.

Undoubtedly the largest area of contention expressed to me is the negative impact on visual amenity from solar farms, which

means, people don't like looking at the paddocks of solar panels.

That's a valid argument and I'm not about to tell anybody that they are wrong for feeling that way.

We live in a regional/rural area of natural beauty and have some expectation that we won't have that turned into a power station to supply electricity to Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong.

For the life of me I don't know why the NSW Government is not requiring solar farms to plant and establish 100-metre wide vegetation buffers to screen out views of the panels.

This would add enormously to the biodiversity of the region whilst dealing with the major issue impacting the social license to operate.

The reality for residents in our region is that the solar panels are put right up to the

fence, there's an 8-foot cyclone fence topped with three barbed wires and zero screening plantings.

No wonder people don't like what they are seeing.

A 100m wide planting would allow wattles and shrubs to be planted closest to the panels to prevent shading of the east, north and west sides, and work out to large trees further away from the panels.

There should also be a requirement to establish the plantings, meaning that the tubestock needed to be watered for the first two years, weed control undertaken and dead plants replaced.

This is pretty basic and simple stuff that the NSW Government should be ensuring is the minimum requirement that solar projects implement.

Josh Black

Government sees sense on super tax

NEWS THE Federal Government will overhaul its proposed superannuation tax has come as a win for farming families in NSW.

On Monday Federal Treasurer Jim Chalmers announced his plans to introduce a new super tax would no longer include a tax on unrealised gains.

The proposed tax would now also be indexed, with superannuation balances between \$3 and \$10 million to be taxed at 30 per cent, while balances over \$10 million would be taxed at 40 per cent.

NSW Farmers' President Xavier Martin said it was good to see the lobbying efforts of the state's peak farm body had finally paid off after years spent advocating against the Treasurer's original draft tax.

"The government wanted to tax money people hadn't earnt, because they've supposedly made money on assets they hadn't sold – and it's good to see they've finally seen sense on this super tax," Mr Martin said.

"Thousands of Aussie farming families have their businesses or farm assets in self-managed superannuation funds, and this tax would have crippled them if it had gone ahead unchanged.

"Farmers now have a shot at a brighter future, where they can continue to feed the world and use superannuation structures to support succession planning, without senseless taxes to cripple them."

"It's a good day to be a farmer, and we'd like to thank our Treasurer and those on all sides of Parliament who drove these changes on the nation's behalf.

They've done the right thing by the people who feed and clothe our wonderful country."

Help dubbo regional airport soar higher

Dubbo Regional Airport (DRA) is inviting the community to provide feedback into airport operations in their biennial community survey.

The feedback gathered will be used to optimise passenger experience at the airport, and ensure the services and facilities offered continue to meet the needs of the region's communities and visitors.

If you've recently used the airport, DRA would love to hear from you.

The survey is open now and will close Monday 15 December 2025.

The data collected will be anonymous.

To complete the survey, head to yoursay.dubbo.nsw.gov.au/dubbo-regional-airport-community-survey

Letter to the editor Reflecting on politics today

WITH A median age around 38 years many voters would be unaware of the likely contribution of history in the makeup of our Federal Parliament and the way we are governed today.

A South African born Australian Lawyer, Michael Robert Homes a Court in 1970 purchased a financially distressed Worsted Woollen Mills Ltd in Albany, WA and turned it around.

In 1974 he went on to acquire Bell Bros Earthmoving and Transport, who he represented legally, and built it to a huge international conglomerate. He became Australia's first Billionaire and has been reported as "spotting value in distressed companies, charming rivals into partnerships and then cutting ruthlessly to create returns".

Some may recall Alan Bond, Christopher Skase, Kerry Packer and others who were active with the same objective, and during this time asset rich small to medium manufacturing in Australia took a huge hit.

Homes a Court died in 1990 at the young age of 53 owning London Theatres, Rural Properties, Vinyards, Race Horse studs and several prominent businesses in diverse fields. He to his families' distress did not leave a valid will.

His wife Margaret and sons Simon, Peter and Paul ended up with the spoils. Simon who was born in 1972 with early schooling at Geelong Grammar School and Dartmouth College, later became interested in Politics and the Environment.

He joined the Liberal Party and became a financial supporter of Josh Frydenberg in the Kooyong 200 fundraising arm.

In 2018 after an article Simon wrote about AGL's Liddel Power Station in the Guardian he was expelled by Frydenberg and at a later "meet the candidate" function at the Hotel Hawthorn East he was unceremoniously demanded to leave and the

relationship was severely soured.

This saw the founding of "Climate200" by Simon Holmes a Court, an obvious offtake from "Kooyong 200", and the start of the Teal movement.

"Teal is the mix between Blue (the colour of the Conservative Liberal Party) and Green (the Environmental Movement and the Greens)".

The substitution of major party politics with Independent Members through financial and promotional support for selected contestants with conservative and environmental concern is their objective.

Climate 200 has attracted substantial funding with their biggest contributor being Keldoulis Investments Pty Ltd at \$A 2.2 million.

Simon Holmes a Court whilst promoting himself as a Political Activist and Environmentalist strenuously denies there is any influence on the way Teal politicians vote in Parliament once elected.

However, I would question that given that supported Teals are selected for their views, this in itself creates a common less diverse influence in Parliament.

The resultant progressive elimination of a credible opposition at the last two Federal elections, and installation of Independents without collective "clout" seems to have resulted in a Major Party Parliament where questions don't need to be answered and unmet promises and assurances in issues such as cost of living, energy, security, housing, productivity, immigration are treated almost off handedly.

It would not be a reach too far to conclude that inherited wealth from a corporate raider, environmental obsession, petty revenge and influence has significantly contributed to the way we are governed today and could even make a good movie?

Roger Everett

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Cup cake drive yields \$643 for CWA

BAKING is a fun thing for many young girls, especially if they are in the kitchen with their grandmother.

It's one fun thing for seven-year-old Audrey Burfitt, who decided her home-baked cup cakes could lend themselves to a fundraiser for the Country Women's Association.

Audrey organised a stall outside her mum's Jespresso Café and with other

contributions from keen supporters, raised \$643.85 when selling out of everything in less than one hour after opening.

The money has been sent to the CWA who has asked Audrey where she would like it to go toward in the community. She was still deciding as the *Wellington & District Leader* went to press.



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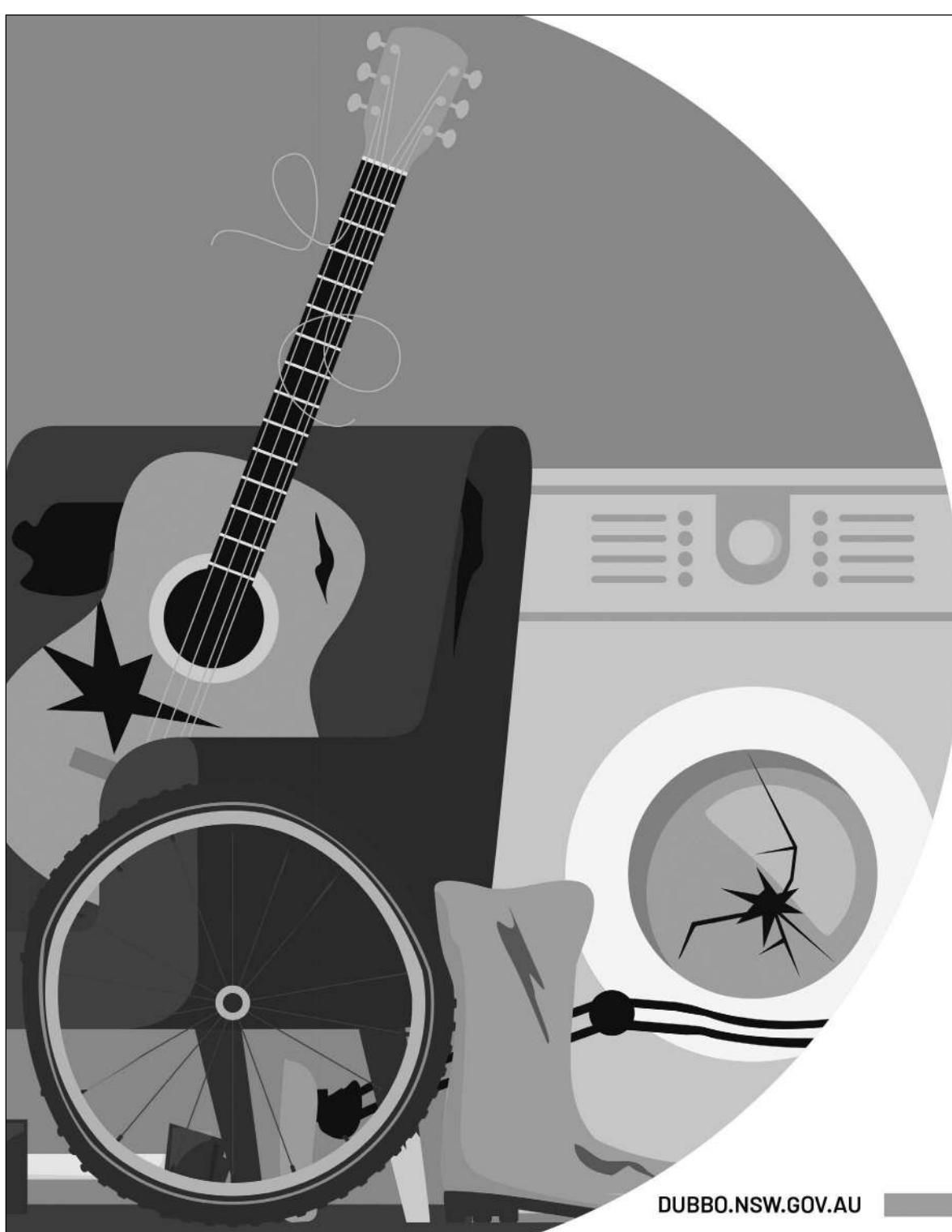


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Dam shortlisted for more storage

From ABC

Plans for more renewable energy storage could see Burrendong Dam, near Wellington, host a second pumped-hydro facility.

Water NSW has shortlisted Burrendong alongside the Blowering and Hume dams for potential new projects, after pre-feasibility studies across its 41 storages.

The system works by pumping water uphill when supply is high, and releasing it through turbines to produce electricity when demand in-

creases.

Water NSW says Burrendong's large capacity makes it a suitable location, and if built could support energy storage in the Central West Orana renewable energy zone.

It would be the second facility at the dam, with ACEN Australia already developing the Phoenix Pumped Hydro project.

Further environmental and geological studies will be carried out for potential developers in the coming months.

Field-testing pre-emergent herbicide packages

THE 'mix-and-rotate herbicides' strategy is central to sustainable herbicide use on Australian grain farms.

It is the opposite of the 'silver-bullet' approach, which has repeatedly failed and resulted in the loss of valuable chemistry in many farming systems.

For the past four years, private research and extension group, SLR has conducted Showpiece Project evaluation trials comparing the best pre-emergent and early post-emergent herbicide strategies against annual ryegrass (ARG) and wild radish at field sites in Western Australia.

The project connects crop protection companies with agronomists and growers, showcasing products side by side in real farm conditions.

Growers see product performance first-hand, and the trials create valuable discussion across the industry.

In 2024, SLR research agronomist Louise Fraser led the trials hosted on farms at Dalwallinu, Goomalling and Kellerberrin, comparing a wide range of commonly-used herbicides in a variety of treatments with pre-emergent herbicide incorporated by sowing (IBS) either on its own or followed by (fb) pre-emergent herbicide applied early post-emergent (EPE).

WeedSmart's western extension agronomist, Peter Newman, said these trials demonstrated the benefit of applying mixes of multiple modes of action to control a cohort of weeds.

He said the tactic is so valuable that herbicide companies are increasingly investing in bringing proprietary mixes to market.

"We generally want to see at least

97 per cent control of annual ryegrass to drive down the weed seed bank and maintain low weed numbers.

"Pre-emergent herbicides are an important part of achieving this high-level control, and growers are investing heavily in early-season weed control, backed up with strong crop competition and effective control of survivors at the end of the season."

Peter says the main take-home messages from these trial results were:

- * paddocks with lower weed seed banks can be maintained with mixes that include two or three pre-emergent actives applied at sowing, provided the crop is competitive and survivors are controlled

- * paddocks with higher weed seed bank numbers will most likely need a more complex mix of pre-emergent herbicides, potentially applied both at sowing and post-crop emergence

- * a reminder that pre-emergent herbicide efficacy can vary considerably, due to numerous application effects and environmental factors, and must not be relied on too heavily.

- * products that offer early post emergent (EPE) use pattern extend the length of residual control of annual ryegrass, improving the overall level of control

- * effective management of the weed seed bank demands the use of multiple tactics implemented throughout the cropping season.

Use the WeedSmart Big 6 strategy to build a sustainable and responsive weed management program.un-treated control (UTC).



with Mathew Dickerson, Axxis Comworld



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That brings us up to 35,000 feet: windows on aeroplanes.

Windows have been part of airplane design since the earliest passenger flights.

They feel natural - how else do you look out? But should they always be there? And might the case be growing for a future of windowless planes?

In recent years, engineers have toyed with the idea of replacing cabin windows with digital displays fed from external cameras.

The logic: a smooth fuselage without joints or protrusions could reduce drag, eliminate structural weak spots, lighten the airframe, and thereby save fuel.

After decades of speculative concepts, one company is now about to put money where its mouth is.

Texas-based Otto Aerospace has struck a landmark deal with luxury jet operator Flexjet to deliver 300 of its yet-to-fly Phantom 3500 business jets by 2030.

These jets omit traditional passenger cabin windows entirely, instead wrapping the interior in high-definition screens that present a panoramic real-time view of the outside world, via cameras mounted externally.

Why go windowless?

It's not just a gimmick. Every window cutout forces extra reinforcement of the surrounding structure, introduces design discontinuities, and invites aerodynamic disturbances.

In effect, windows are drag penalties.

By eliminating them, Otto claims it can sustain full-airframe laminar flow - essentially keeping air travelling smoothly over every surface, with minimal transition to turbulence.

That, in turn, yields dramatic fuel savings:

Did Dubbo Regional Council apply for the grant?



The Gee Report

Andrew Gee
Federal Member for Calare

STILL NO word from Dubbo Regional Council as to whether it has in fact applied for the NSW Government grants to combat illegal dumping.

This was one of the reasons I called the recent meeting at Nanima which the Council took such exception to.

The grants closed on September 30th. And while there's been a lot of chirp from the Mayor of the Council, he's been silent on whether the Council actually made the application.

Council simply must take responsibility for this issue.

The citizens of Wellington have just as much right to proper services as those in Dubbo.

It's a council you're running. Not the Roman Empire.

Food Rescue grants – closing soon

Applications for Food Rescue Grants Round 2 close at 4:00 pm on 21 October 2025.

Grants of up to \$100,000 are available for individual food rescue or relief organisations, and up to \$300,000 for coordinating organisations.

The program supports projects that expand capacity to rescue, store, process and redistribute food that would otherwise go to landfill.

Eligible applicants include not-for-profits, NSW councils, regional waste groups or coordinating organisations working in NSW.

To apply or for more information, visit www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/food-rescue-grants-round-2

Work of Art Regional Woman's Bursary 2025

Applications for the Work of Art Regional Women's Bursary 2025 close at midnight on 31 October 2025.

This bursary of \$5000 (GST exclusive) is open to female artists or collectives residing in regional NSW.

The funding can support a wide range of creative activities including professional development, new work, costs of practice or collaborations.

To be eligible, applicants must live in regional NSW (for at least 12 months), identify as female,

and submit a project plan, budget, work samples, and referee.

The project period runs from December 2025 to December 2026.

Successful applicants will be announced in late November 2025.

If you're applying and would like a letter of support, please contact my office.

To apply or for more information, visit <https://regionalartsnsw.com.au/woa-regional-womens-bursary-25>

Creative Australia's Creative Futures Fund 2025 now open

This fund offers major investment for standout projects that can reach large or new audiences.

It's a two-stage process: Stage 1 is open now and closes Tuesday 11 November 2025 (3pm AEDT), with invitations to Stage 2 expected in late February 2026; successful projects can begin from July 2026.

There are two streams:

- * Development: \$150,000–\$250,000 to create/test new Australian IP with a clear path to future presentation.

- * Delivery: \$250,000–\$1.5 million to present works at scale (including final development to presentation).

Eligible Australian organisations include arts companies, incorporated community groups with strong delivery track records, local governments, universities, and commercial presenters (with public benefit).

Projects must tell Australian stories using major Australian-owned IP.

Details, guidelines and applications: Creative Futures Fund 2025 | Creative Australia

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Otto expects up to 60 per cent lower fuel burn compared with jets of similar size.

Because the surface must be ultra-precise, Otto also relies on advanced composite materials, tight manufacturing tolerances, and AI-driven aerodynamic modelling to optimise the hull shape.

Of course, the boldest leap is experiential: will passengers accept a cabin without real portholes? Will it feel claustrophobic or artificial? Early concepts of "virtual windows" aren't new. Engineering firms explored them years ago; even major airlines experimented with panels or fibre-optic displays in luxury suites.

One 2020 study in an engineering design journal suggested that replacing windows at scale might save millions of tonnes of carbon dioxide annually. Otto is already hedging: the displays don't always have to show live video. They could show curated scenery, entertainment, safety content - or even be turned off. Still, the company plans to let passengers adjust or customise those views.

The first flight of a Phantom 3500 is

slated for 2027, with certification and commercial use targeted by 2030.

But until then, window seats remain prime real estate.

It's a marvellous thought: imagine hopping onto an aircraft with no windows, yet looking around you like you're inside a giant immersive screen. It forces us to reconsider a thing so fundamental we rarely question it.

So, what's the broader significance?

If Otto succeeds, its windowless architecture could be a testbed for scaling the idea to larger commercial or regional aircraft.

Airlines are under unrelenting pressure to reduce emissions and operate more efficiently.

A "windowless fuselage with virtual vision" might seem radical today - but it's exactly the kind of experiment that challenges legacy design assumptions.

In the end, the lesson is familiar: traditions are worth defending only if they pass the test of reason.

Asking "why windows?" could well rewrite how we fly tomorrow.

Encouragement awards for Public School students

Highest number of entries for any school in the state

THREE Wellington Public School students have received the President's Encouragement Award in the results of the Country Press NSW Inc. 125th Anniversary Writing Competition, sponsored by Manildra Group.

The competition, held to commemorate the founding of Australia's oldest print media association in 1900, was open to school students and adults in all readership areas of member newspapers of Country Press NSW, including the *Wellington & District Leader*.



Receiving the Encouragement Award (a \$40 gift voucher from Collins Bookshop) are Zara Ryan, who wrote "The Library Incident"; Jaxon O'Grady, who entered

"No Boxers in the Stadium"; and Imogen Jones, who penned "The Burnt Newspaper Shop."

Country Press NSW Inc. President Lucie Peart has thanked all the other Wellington Public School students who also took part in the historic competition: Emmelyn Grant for "The Princess and the Prince"; Albie Sears, "The Invisible Child"; Rosie Redfern, "The Lost Treasure"; Aubree Wykes, "The Time We Fade"; Dwayne Miller, "Blood Flows Everywhere"; Sage Smith, "The Stolen Child"; Declan Brown, "The Disappearance"; Connor Blackhall, "Lucky One"; Lachlan Reid, "Black Out"; Lex Evangelista, "The Uncontrollable Cyborg"; Olivia Gardoll, "Heroes Vs Villains"; Hayley Knight, "The Lost Girl"; Jett Bullock, "Corrupted Newspapers"; Charlee Clavell, "Olivia's 12th Birthday Party"; Isabella Vandine, "Jealousy."

Ms Peart said a letter of appreciation has also been given to Wellington Public School teacher Nicole Reid, who encouraged these 18 students to enter the competition – it was the highest participation rate of any individual school in country New South Wales.

"All around the State, it was clear many teachers and school staff were active in supporting the spirit of our competition but no-one tried harder than Ms Reid, and her

The banner features the Country Press NSW Inc. logo with a feather quill. It says "125th Anniversary Writing Awards". Below are three categories: Best Primary School Student (Story 300 words), Best Secondary School Student (Story 750 words), and Best Adult Open Entry (Story 3000 words). It also includes logos for the Fellowship of Australian Writers and Manildra Group.

efforts were appreciated," Ms Peart said.

"Congratulations to all the youngsters from Wellington Public School and best wishes for their future creative writing."

NSW rolls out purpose-built AI education tool to all public school students from Year 5

ALL PUBLIC school students from years 5 to 12 will soon have access to the Department of Education's purpose-built, state-of-the-art generative AI app following a successful trial in 50 schools.

The state government will roll out NSW EduChat to all schools from the start of Term 4, ensuring public school students are equipped with the necessary skills and technology to thrive as 21st century learners.

As the sophistication and use of generative artificial intelligence rapidly grows, access to the curriculum-aligned NSW EduChat will enable students to build AI literacy and skills in a safe environment where content is filtered and their data is secure.

The expansion will also help to bridge the digital divide by ensuring all students have equal access to this free education tool

in the classroom.

Principals from trial schools strongly support its expansion, having found NSW EduChat to be a valuable tool for fostering independent learning, critical thinking, and student engagement.

Students in the trial said it helped them understand their work better, develop their writing skills and break down complex tasks.

Crucially, NSW EduChat does not reveal full answers to students.

Instead of providing direct answers like some other AI applications, it encourages critical thinking by asking guided questions and inviting students to reason on the outcome of their questions.

Top five uses of NSW EduChat by students in the trial include general feedback on writing; brainstorming support for tasks;

virtual assistant, including supporting planning to complete assessment tasks, prepare for exams, etc; consolidating learning e.g. prompting NSW EduChat with content from lesson and asking it to generate a quiz; and planning and structuring written responses.

A separate NSW EduChat platform for teachers was rolled out to all schools earlier this year, with surveys showing it streamlines their workload and saves time in producing classroom resources to meet different ability levels.

In addition to this tool, the Department is launching Lesson Library, a new online platform providing streamlined access to quality curriculum resources written by NSW teachers, for NSW teachers, to help them deliver lessons aligned to the new knowledge-rich NSW syllabuses and explicit teaching.

Country Press NSW 125th Anniversary Writing Competition results

Primary Student Category

Judge: Jenny England FAW (NSW)
* 1st Lettie Schofield, Forbes ("Why Can't We Go To Town?")
* 2nd Teddy Spicer, Manildra ("The Teddies And The Terminator")
* 3rd Leo Brouff, Boree ("The Grand Final")

Open Category

Judge: Jackie Laing FAW (NSW)
* 1st Vickie Walker, Orange ("Secrets and Lies")
* 2nd Rupert Stanthorpe, Walcha ("A Dog Shouldn't Go To a Wedding")
* 3rd Christine Johnson, Wyoming ("A Physical Thing")

Secondary Student Category

Judge: Ian Keast FAW (NSW)
* 1st Marley Ava Ferres, Finley ("Mummy's Hero")
* 2nd Max Burrows, Broken Hill ("Letter To My Younger Self")
* 3rd Nelly Tink, Narramine ("Buried Truths")

Newspapers Category

Judge: Colleen Parker State President FAW (NSW)
* 1st Lismore Times ("A Death In The Family")
* 2nd Koondrook & Barham Bridge Newspaper ("Seven Days")
* 3rd Narramine Star ("When The River Runs Dry")

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Targeted youth-crime campaign results encouraging – Orana Mid-Western Police District

POLICE HAVE released statistics which have shown a significant decrease in youth-related crimes allegedly committed within the Orana Mid-Western Police District.

Following multiple intelligence-based high-visibility disruption and prevention campaigns, results compiled by NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) within the Dubbo Local Government Area (which includes Wellington), showed a seven per cent decrease in violent crime, a 25pc decrease in property-based crime, with break-and-enter offences down 38pc, and vehicle thefts down 22pc.

Orana Mid-Western Police District commander, Superintendent Tim Chinn, said the long and short-term strategies were focused on known at-risk areas and high-risk offenders.

"We've introduced multi-pronged initiatives comprising high-visibility patrols and proactive campaigns, with ongoing support to key youth

diversionary programs, with my officers strongly supported by police attached to the Youth Command and the PCYC," Supt Chinn said.

"As a consequence, Dubbo and surrounding areas have seen a decrease in the number of young people being charged and put before the courts.

"The figures show NSW Police court proceedings against young people are down 34pc with a further reduction by 46pc for break and enter/vehicle theft offences.

The statistics relate to trends between September 2023 to August 2025. "Under Operation Soteria, local police have identified and referred young offenders into programs such as YAMS (Youth Action Meetings) a multi-agency forum designed to help at risk young people from re-offending.

"We also have our Youth Liaison Officers facilitating youth cautions, youth conferences and other diversionary strategies."

Applications Now Open Veteran Community Grants Program

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ENTRIES CLOSE Thursday 27th October
JUDGING DATE: Wednesday 29 October
Presentation Date TBA

Entry forms
can be emailed to beth.hattenfels@bigpond.com

Also available at Wellington Library or fill-in this form and phone Beth - 0428 988 185

2025 Garden Competition

- Please indicate category/s
- Best Town Garden
- Best Country Garden
- Best Rose Garden
- Prettiest Garden Bed
- Best Non-Residential Garden
- Best Small Space / Undercover or Patio
- Best Garden Established under 5 yrs
- Best Edible / Kitchen Garden
- Best Water-Wise/ Drought Smart Garden
- Best 'Kids Patch' or School Garden- cared for by a child or group of children
- Best Scary Scarecrow

PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK LETTERS - ENTRY IS FREE

Please note: By entering, you consent to having photos taken of your garden, these may be shared on Facebook or media. Your name & address is never shared without further permission.

The 2025 Rotary Club of Wellington Garden Competition

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with our State Member Dugald Saunders



Good Luck Year 12

TERM FOUR has arrived and my thoughts and best wishes are with our Year 12 students as their HSC exams kick off on today, Thursday, October 16.

I hope you've studied hard and are not too stressed about what's to come.

Remember, these exams are just the final step of your secondary education; they're a small part of the rest of your life and there is always a pathway to get to where you want to be.

Look after yourself and your peers over the next three weeks. Take a break when you need it, make sure to have your favourite study snacks close by, and keep calm.

They'll be over before you know it!

Mental Health Matters

This Mental Health Month, Dubbo's Nicole Gibson is putting her best foot forward to help raise funds for the Black Dog Institute through the One Foot Forward campaign.

Joined by teammates, Jenna and Jason, Nicole is walking to honour the life of friend and brother, Theo, who struggled

with mental health and tragically passed away in 2012. The group is walking to help give hope to the thousands of Australians who are also struggling, with all funds raised going towards life-changing mental health research and support services.

Nicole has been walking to raise funds for One Foot Forward for five years, and just recently completed the Out of the Shadows Walk to raise funds for Lifeline.

She's a strong advocate for mental health, and her message is very important: you are not alone, help is always available, and there is no shame in asking for it.

Thank you for sharing your story to help others, Nicole. Keep up the good work!

If you'd like to help Nicole, Jenna and Jason exceed their fundraising goal for One Foot Forward, you can donate at: <https://www.onefootforward.org.au/fundraisers/theoaruntorember>

For support, you can contact Lifeline on 13 11 14, 13YARN on 13 92 76, Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800, Medicare Mental Health on 1800 595 212, the NSW Health Mental Health Line on 1800 011 511 or 000 in an emergency.

Hidden Treasure Honour Roll

Last week I caught up with Mudgee's Myff Clarke to congratulate her on her inclusion on the Hidden Treasures Honour Roll for 2024.

The Hidden Treasures Honour Roll is a way to publicly recognise the vast number of women and girls in regional, rural and remote NSW communities, who give their time and energy to help others through volunteering.

Myff secured her place on the Roll for her impressive volunteer work with the Children's Medical Research Institute and Jeans 4 Genes Day, Mudgee Public School P&C and as MC for Rotary Christmas Carols.

Women and girls across the Dubbo Electorate can be nominated for the Roll by peers, friends, or their volunteer organisation, and those over the age of 18 can also self-nominate to be included on the digital Honour Roll.

Nominations for the Hidden Treasures Honour Roll 2025 are now open and will close on Wednesday, December 31.

For more information, visit: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and>

agencies/women-nsw/rural-womens-network/hidden-treasures-honour-roll ***

Women in Construction taster program

The Women in Construction Taster Program has launched in the Dubbo Electorate, to support women who are not currently enrolled in school, TAFE or university, looking to enter the construction sector.

The program will deliver a two-week course in November, where participants will gain practical skills, receive nationally accredited training and have the chance to network with potential employers.

An information session for the program will take place at the Wellington Bowling Club on Monday 20 October, 11am to 2pm.

Attendance is mandatory for all participants.

If you are interested in the program, please call, text or email your full name and phone number to Aimee McMillan at VERTO via email amcmillan@verto.org.au or by phone 0429 424 762.

Registration closes Friday 17 October.
Cheers, Dugald.

Anglican Parish of Wellington

WELLINGTON – St John the Baptist Church

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

6pm – 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

Riverside Church Inc.

170 Thornton Street

Sunday: 10.00am Service

Thursday: Bible Study for Men and Women 10.30 am

Everyone looks at the classifieds.

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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 Gundu 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



SHOUT OUT TO THE COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Last week in Parliament I paid tribute to the Country Women's Association and the incredible women who make it such a vital, impactful and indispensable organisation across the Central West, my state of New South Wales, and our nation.

For more than a century, the CWA has stood strong, supporting country women and their families and advocating for country communities. It's a mighty organisation, and it gets things done. Its members don't seek recognition. They don't wait to be asked. They just roll up their sleeves and get on with it.

Over the years, I've had the privilege of spending time with many branches right across the Central West, and I've seen firsthand the difference they make.

Our CWA branches and our country halls bring people together. The CWA is always there to advocate for country people. From line markings on roads to children's health, better radiotherapy for our region, a 24-hour rescue helicopter and the Charles Sturt University medical school, the CWA has fiercely fought for country communities.

I've been involved in politics for a decade and a half, and I can tell you that one of the ironclad rules of country politics is that you don't mess with the CWA. If you're a government, and the CWA is making a request of you, my advice is to answer that call because the CWA doesn't give up, and it doesn't take a backward step.

As advocates for country communities, the CWA and its members are unsurpassed. We acknowledge and thank all members of the CWA for the wonderful work they do.

LOCAL SPORTING CHAMPIONS GRANTS OPEN!

Are you a young athlete aged 12 to 18 or a coach or official?

This program supports our young sporting stars journey to state, national and international championships.

Funding available: \$500-\$750, with extra support for travel and those from remote areas.

Applications close 31 October 2025.

A great opportunity to support our local sporting talent as they chase their goals!

More information go to: www.ausport.gov.au/grants_and_funding

\$20,000 INSTANT ASSET WRITE-OFF EXTENDED FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

Last week in Parliament I spoke on the extension of the Instant Asset Write-Off.

The Instant Asset Write-Off enables small businesses with a turnover of less than \$10 million to immediately write off investments in equipment and other assets rather than having to depreciate them over several years.

The scheme boosts business activity and investment, improves cash flow, and simplifies tax compliance.

The \$20,000 limit means that businesses can instantly write off multiple assets as long as each one is under that amount.

While the extension of the Instant Asset Write-Off for another year is a good thing, in my speech, I said that it needed to be made permanent and should go up to \$50,000.

Many of our small businesses are doing it very tough with high overheads (such as electricity), interest rates and too much red tape.

Increasing the Instant Asset Write-off and making it permanent would be an important way of supporting businesses in our region.

Australia's 2.7 million small businesses employ five and a half million people. They need our support.



THE RURAL DOCTORS SHORTAGE CRISIS A DISGRACE!

Recently in Question Time, I told the Parliament what a disgrace the rural doctor shortage was and pointed out to the Health Minister that Charles Sturt University, which is training doctors in the bush for practice in the bush, has been restricted to only 37 medical student places each year.

I then specifically asked the Minister when CSU would be given more medical student places.

This ridiculous student cap must be lifted.

I've had enough. Our region contributes an enormous amount to the prosperity of our country and we demand proper access to doctors and medical services.

You can see the Minister's answer on my Facebook page. It's a shame Question Time isn't answer time. I won't be letting this go.

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6.00 Morning Programs. **11.30** Brian Cox: Life Of A Universe. Final. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Silent Witness. **2.00** Restoration Australia. **2.55** Anh's Brush With Fame. **3.25** Grand Designs. **4.15** Long Lost Family. **5.00** Antiques Roadshow. **6.00** Spicks And Specks. **6.30** Hard Quiz. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30** **7.30**. **8.00** Grand Designs Australia. Return. **9.00** Grand Designs New Zealand. Final. **9.45** Mystery Road: Origin. **10.40** ABC Late News. **10.55** The Business. **11.10** Grand Designs. **12.00** Late Programs.

7two **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.00** Escape To The Country. **2.00** South Aussie With Cosi. **2.30** Air Crash Investigations. **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** Father Brown. **8.30** Line Of Duty. **11.10** Murdoch Mysteries. **12.10** Late Programs.

7Entertains **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.10** ER. **2.55** Heartbreak High. **3.40** Richard Osman's House Of Games. **4.05** QI. **4.40** MythBusters. **5.30** Amazing Spaces. **6.20** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. **7.05** Richard Osman's House Of Games Night. **7.35** QI. **8.05** Would I Lie To You? **8.40** Hard Quiz. **9.10** Gruen. **9.45** Late Programs.



6.00 Morning Programs. **10.30** The Pacific. **11.00** The Following Events Are Based On A Pack Of Lies. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Mystery Road: Origin. **1.55** Grand Designs Australia. **2.55** Anh's Brush With Fame. **3.25** Grand Designs. **4.15** Long Lost Family. **5.00** Antiques Roadshow. **5.55** QI. **6.30** Hard Quiz. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30** Gardening Australia. **8.30** Professor T. **9.20** Hard Quiz. **9.50** Mother And Son. **10.20** The Assembly. **11.05** ABC Late News. **11.20** Silent Witness. **12.20** Late Programs.

7two **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.00** DVine Living. **1.30** Room For Improvement. **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** Renters. **8.30** Escape To The Country. **11.30** Late Programs.

7Entertains **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.05** ER. **2.50** Heartbreak High. **3.35** Richard Osman's House Of Games. **4.05** Would I Lie To You? **4.40** MythBusters. **5.30** Amazing Spaces. **6.20** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. **7.05** House Of Games. **7.35** QI. **8.05** Would I Lie To You? **8.35** MOVIE: Payback. (1999) **10.15** Late Programs.



6.00 Rage Charts. **7.00** Weekend Breakfast. **9.00** Rage. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **12.30** Beyond Paradise. **1.30** Professor T. **2.15** The Assembly. **3.00** Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. **3.30** Boyer Lecture Series. **4.10** The Assembly. **4.55** Take 5 With Zan Rowe. **5.25** Landline. **5.55** Australian Story. **6.25** I Was Actually There. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30** Beyond Paradise. **8.30** Return To Paradise. **9.25** Mystery Road: Origin. **10.20** The Following Events Are Based On A Pack Of Lies. **11.20** Rage.

7two **6.00** Morning Programs. **11.30** GetOn Extra. **12.00** Better Homes And Gardens. **1.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue. **1.30** Better Homes And Gardens. **3.00** The Yorkshire Vet. **4.00** The World's Most Scenic Railway Journeys. **5.00** The Yorkshire Vet. **6.00** Harness Racing. Victoria Cup. **10.00** Escape To The Country. **12.00** Late Programs.

7Entertains **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.05** ER. **2.50** Heartbreak High. **3.40** A Bite To Eat. **4.10** House Of Games. **4.35** MythBusters. **5.30** Amazing Spaces. **6.15** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. **7.05** Spicks And Specks. **7.35** QI. **8.10** Live At The Apollo. **8.55** The Stand Up Sketch Show. **9.20** Ab Fab. **9.45** Late Programs.



6.00 Morning Programs. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **12.30** Landline. **1.30** Gardening Australia. **2.30** David Attenborough's Conquest Of The Skies. **3.20** Grand Designs New Zealand. Final. **4.10** The Role Of A Lifetime. **5.00** Antiques Roadshow. **6.00** Grand Designs Australia. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30** The Assembly. **8.15** Mystery Road: Origin. **9.10** The Following Events Are Based On A Pack Of Lies. **10.10** Mother And Son. **10.40** Take 5 With Zan Rowe. **11.10** MOVIE: Death In Brunswick. (1991) **12.55** Late Programs.

7two **6.00** Morning Programs. **11.00** Healthy, Wealthy & Wise. **12.00** Escape To The Country. **1.00** The Surgery Ship. **2.00** South Aussie With Cosi. **2.30** Escape To The Country. **3.30** The World's Most Scenic Railway Journeys. **4.30** Escape To The Country. **7.30** The Marlow Murder Club. **8.30** Vera. **10.30** Flesh And Blood. **11.30** Late Programs.

7Entertains **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.10** ER. **2.55** Heartbreak High. **3.40** A Bite To Eat. **4.05** Would I Lie To You? **4.35** MythBusters. **5.30** Amazing Spaces. **6.15** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. **7.05** Spicks And Specks. **7.35** QI. **8.10** Louis Theroux's Forbidden America. **9.10** Planet America: Weekend Edition. **9.55** Late Programs.



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** Jim Jefferies And Friends. **9.30** The Amazing Race. **11.00** 7NEWS: The Balibo Five - 50 Years On. **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.

7mate **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.00** Talking W. **3.30** Mountain Men. **4.30** American Restoration. **5.00** Storage Wars. **5.30** American Pickers. **6.30** Pawn Stars. **7.30** Family Guy. **8.30** American Dad! **9.30** MOVIE: Talladega Nights: The Ballad Of Ricky Bobby. (2006) Will Ferrell. **11.45** Late Programs.

7Family **6.00** Kids' Programs. **4.10** Andy's Prehistoric Adventures. **4.25** Super Monsters. **5.20** Mojo Swoptops. **5.45** Kangaroo Beach. **7.05** Rocket Club. **7.35** NinjaGo: Dragons Rising. **8.00** Operation Ouch! **8.35** Secrets Of The Zoo. **9.20** Amazing Animal Friends. **10.10** The Mysterious Benedict Society. **10.45** Late Programs.



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: Celebrity Specials. **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** Better Homes And Gardens. **8.30** MOVIE: The Bourne Identity. (2002) Matt Damon, Franka Potente, Chris Cooper. **11.00** GetOn Extra. **11.30** Motorway Patrol. **12.00** Healthy, Wealthy & Wise. **1.00** In Plain Sight. New. **2.30** Late Programs.

7mate **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.00** Nature Gone Wild. **3.00** Timbersports. **3.30** Mountain Men. **4.30** American Restoration. **5.00** Storage Wars. **5.30** American Pickers. **6.30** Pawn Stars. **7.00** Football. AFL Women's. Round 10. Port Adelaide. Hawthorn. **9.15** MOVIE: The Mummy. (2017) Tom Cruise, Sofia Boutella. **11.25** Late Programs.

7Family **6.00** Kids' Programs. **3.40** Fizzy And Suds. **4.10** Andy's Prehistoric Adventures. **4.25** Super Monsters. **5.20** Mojo Swoptops. **5.45** Kangaroo Beach. **7.05** Gardening Australia Junior. **7.35** Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures. **8.00** To Be Advised. **8.30** Hard Quiz Kids. **8.55** Robot Wars. **9.55** Merlin. **10.40** Late Programs.



6.00 NBC Today. **7.00** Weekend Sunrise. **10.00** The Morning Show: Weekend. **12.00** Horse Racing. Stow Storage Gothic Stakes And Tab Everest. **6.00** Seven News. **7.00** Healthy, Wealthy & Wise. **8.00** MOVIE: Live Free Or Die Hard. (2007) Bruce Willis, Justin Long, Timothy Olyphant. **10.40** MOVIE: Cold Pursuit. (2019) **1.05** In Plain Sight. **2.00** To Be Advised. **3.00** Home Shopping. **4.00** It's Academic. **5.00** House Of Wellness.

7mate **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.00** Football. AFL Women's. Round 10. Melbourne v Sydney. **3.00** Football. AFL Women's. Round 10. GWS Giants v Fremantle. **5.00** Counting Cars. **6.00** Pawn Stars. **7.00** Storage Wars. **7.30** MOVIE: The Amazing Spider-Man. (2012) **10.20** MOVIE: Major League II. (1994) **12.35** Late Programs.

7Family **6.00** Kids' Programs. **5.10** Fireman Sam. **6.30** The Adventures Of Paddington. **6.50** Andy And The Band. **7.05** Do Not Watch This Show. **7.30** Hard Quiz Kids. **8.00** Kids BBQ Championship. **8.40** Chopped Junior. **9.20** Fresh Off The Boat. **10.05** Abbott Elementary. **10.25** Speechless. **10.45** Late Programs.



6.00 NBC Today. **7.00** Weekend Sunrise. **10.00** The Morning Show: Weekend. **12.00** House Of Wellness. **1.00** To Be Advised. **4.30** Border Security: Australia's Front Line. **5.00** Seven News At 5. **5.30** Sydney Weekender. **6.00** Seven News. **7.00** The Voice. **8.10** The Rise And Fall Of Kings Cross. **9.45** 24 Hours In Police Custody. **10.45** Crime Investigation Australia: Most Infamous. **12.00** The Long Song. New. **1.20** Harry's Practice. **2.00** Home Shopping. **3.30** Million Dollar Minute. **4.00** Late Programs.

7mate **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.00** Duck Dynasty. **4.00** Full Custom Garage. **5.00** Counting Cars. **6.00** Border Security USA. **7.00** Border Security: Australia's Front Line. **8.30** MOVIE: Jurassic World. (2015) Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard. **11.00** Border Security: Australia's Front Line. **11.30** Late Programs.

7Family **6.00** Kids' Programs. **5.05** Room On The Broom. **6.30** The Adventures Of Paddington. **6.50** Andy And The Band. **7.05** Do Not Watch This Show. **7.35** The Mysterious Benedict Society. **8.10** Crongton. **8.35** Fresh Off The Boat. **9.20** Abbott Elementary. **10.00** Speechless. **10.25** Merlin. **11.10** Late Programs.



6.00 Today. **9.00** Today Extra. **11.30** 9News Morning. **12.00** The Block. **1.15** Great Australian Detour. **1.45** Explore. **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** Emergency. **9.30** RPA. **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** Late Programs.

7flix **6.00** Morning Programs. **8.30** Flushed. **9.00** Home Shopping. **10.00** Holistic Living. **10.30** House Rules. **12.00** The Rookie. **3.00** Grand Crew. **3.30** House Of Wellness. **4.30** Bondi Vet. **6.30** Judge Judy. **7.30** Ramsay's Costa Del Nightmares. **8.30** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares. **9.30** Ramsay's 24 Hours To Hell And Back. **11.30** Late Programs.

7NEWS **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 ABC Nightly News. **10.30** The Pacific. **11.00** ABC Late News. **11.30** ABC Late Programs.



6.00 Today. **9.00** Today Extra. **11.30** 9News Morning. **12.00** MOVIE: Finding Love In Saint Lucia. (2023) **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** David Attenborough's Asia. **8.40** MOVIE: The Intern. (2015) Robert De Niro, Anne Hathaway, Rene Russo. **11.00** Law & Order: Organized Crime. **11.50** Tipping Point. **12.40** Pointless. **1.30** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **2.00** Late Programs.

7flix **6.00** Morning Programs. **10.00** Holistic Living. **10.30** House Rules. **12.00** The Rookie. **3.00** First Dates UK. **4.00** Jabba's Movies. **4.30** MOVIE: The Smurfs. (2011) **6.35** MOVIE: Bean. (1997) **8.30** MOVIE: Sleepless In Seattle. (1993) Tom Hanks, Meg Ryan, Ross Malinger. **10.45** MOVIE: The Night House. (2020) **1.05** Late Programs.

7NEWS **6.00** Morning Programs. **3.00** News. **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** Planet America: Weekend Edition. <



6.00 Morning Programs. **10.25** Endeavour. Final. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Landline. **2.00** Restoration Australia. **2.55** Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. **3.25** Grand Designs. **4.15** Long Lost Family. **5.00** Antiques Roadshow. **6.00** QI. **6.30** Hard Quiz. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30** **7.30**. **8.00** Australian Story. **8.30** Four Corners. **9.15** Media Watch. **9.35** Planet America. **10.05** I Was Actually There. **10.40** ABC Late News. **10.55** The Business. **11.10** Creative Types With Virginia Trioli. **11.40** Late Programs.

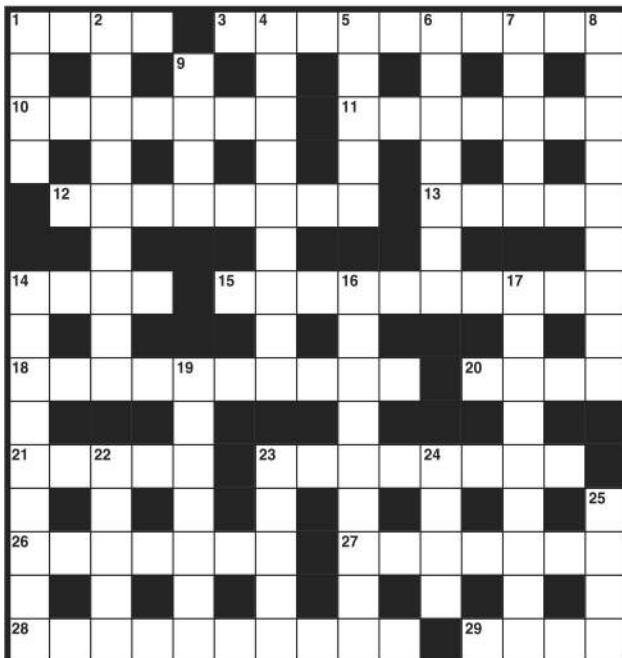
7two **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.30** The Great Australian Doorstep. **2.00** Weekender. **2.30** Hornby: A Model Empire. **3.30** Harry's Practice. **4.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue. **4.30** Better Homes And Gardens. **5.30** Escape To The Country. **6.30** Bargain Hunt. **7.30** Doc Martin. **8.30**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

7mate **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.30** Supercars Support Races. Dunlop Series and Carrera Cup. Bathurst 1000. Highlights. **4.30** American Resto. **5.00** Storage Wars. **5.30** American Pickers. **6.30** Pawn Stars. **7.30** Outback Crystal Hunters. **8.30** Aussie Gold Hunters. **9.30** Aussie Salvage Squad. **10.30** Late Programs.

7NEWS **6.00** Kids' Programs. **4.25** Super Monsters. **5.30** Peter Rabbit. **6.05** PJ Masks Power Heroes. **6.25** The Adventures Of Paddington. **6.45** Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom. **7.05** Rocket Club. **7.35** Ninjago: Dragons Rising. **8.00** Operation Ouch! **8.35** Gladiators UK. **9.35** The Crystal Maze. **10.20** Merlin. **11.05** Late Programs.

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3 Very generous (10)
10 Examined (7)
11 Republic in northwest Africa (7)
12 Easily provoked (8)
13 Put to rest (5)
- 14 Domestic animals (4)
15 Annotations; game's on-air description (10)
18 Keeping financial records (10)
20 Vicious (4)
21 Japanese dish (5)
23 Cherished (8)

9-LETTER

No. 144

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".

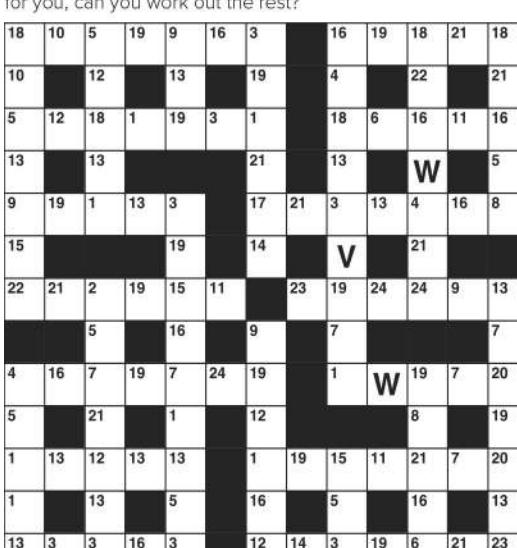


Today's Aim:

- 16 words: Good
24 words: Very good
33 words: Excellent

CODEWORD

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



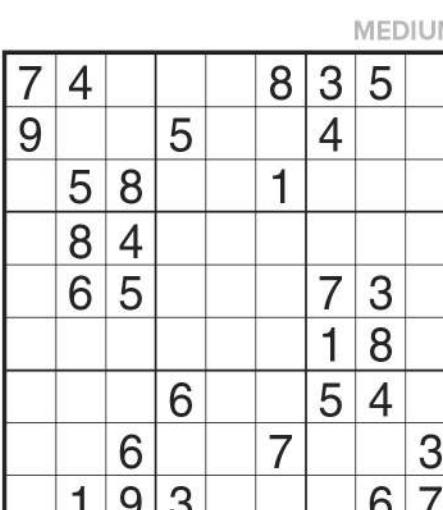
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SUDOKU

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.



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SOLUTIONS

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

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

QUICK QUIZ

- "The Greatest Fairy Tale Never Told" was the movie poster tag line for which 2001 film?
- Aaron Cross was the central character in which 2012 action film?
- What was the title of Charlie Chaplin's first feature-length film in 1921?
- Artist H.R. Giger won an Oscar for his design of the extra terrestrials in which famous sci-fi film?
- Lisbeth Salander is the unusual hero in which 2011 film?
- Which famous film production company has search lights bordering both sides of its logo?
- Anthony Hopkins, Laurence Olivier and Hugh Jackman (pictured) have all played which character?
- Which US film director is nicknamed the Godfather of Zombies?
- In which film does George Harrison have a small role as Mr Papadopolous?
- Oscar winner Natalie Portman's first film role was in which 1994 movie?



WORD SEARCH

No. 054

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

M	A	C	H	I	N	E	P	H	Y	S	I	C	S	O
T	R	E	T	U	P	M	O	G	G	P	H	E	W	N
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ANDROID	MOMENTUM
ASSET	MOTORS
BIONIC	NANO
COMPUTER	PHYSICS
CONTROL	POD
CYBORG	PROGRAMMABLE
DOWNLOAD	PROSTHETIC
ENGINEERING	PROTOTYPE
GOLEM	ROVER
HARDWARE	SERVICE
IDEAS	SOFTWARE
INDUSTRIAL	SWARM
MACHINE	TECHNOLOGY
MANIPULATOR	THEORY
MECHANISM	

intelligent
SECRETMESSAGE: The wonders of artificial
intelligence

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WORDFIT

No. 054

3 LETTERS

ONES

- CIA
CPA
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IRE
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5 LETTERS



4 LETTERS

- CANE
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DIRE
EMIR
FOES
HARP
INTO
LARD
LOAN

7 LETTERS



EASY



MEDIUM

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EASY



MEDIUM

MEDIUM

SECRETMESSAGE

The Professor

10th Century

George A. Romero

Monty Python's Life of Brian

Shrek 2

The Kid

Alien

The Godfather

The Empire

The Return of the King

The Dark Knight

The Matrix

The Empire

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It looks like a dry week ahead, similar to the past week where we measured 2mm of rain. with tops of 26 degrees and lows of 10 degrees.

Most grain markets are flat. There is plenty of grain available, but most crops could do with a drink. Grain Central is reporting grain values in the southern region have risen up to \$10/t in the past week in response to critically dry conditions biting into yield potential and seeing a bigger than expected area of crop cut for hay.

Concerns are also mounting that high yielding crops in the south lacking moisture to fill may result in pinched grain, high screenings and low test weight.

Lachstock reports WA wheat is now cheapest into Asia with the recent rises in Black Sea values while China has booked 25 barley vessels from WA ports. No sign yet there is an urgency to buy volume off the grid as the trade is expecting plenty of harvest offers from growers.

Barley is flowing across the north and being priced at \$275/t delivered feedlots with reasonable quality, but lower test weights of around 69kg/hectolitre due to the tight finish.

Canola (minola) do I winrow or direct head?

Most people winrow WAY TOO EARLY. 1. Improve profit by up to \$50/day by getting timing right; 2. Improve oil %; 3. How to assess the crop for windrow timing; 4. How big of an issue is shattering?

Yield can be reduced by up to 30% when crops have been windrowed earlier than recommended. The recommended level of seed colour change is 40-60%. When determining seed colour change in canola it is important to collect pod samples from different positions in the canopy, both brown pods from the base of the plant and green pods from the top should be examined. Then shell the pods placing the seeds into a container. Then visually assess the percentage of seeds that have begun to change from green to red, brown or black in colour. If it looks as though 50-60% of those seeds have changed, the crop will be in its optimum window to windrow. Canola (monola) should be direct headed at between 6-8% moisture level. This is my recommendation for harvesting canola. Make sure you grow shorter, sturdier varieties. Yield losses due to shattering while direct heading should be less than yield losses associated with windrowing a crop too early. GET a KICK in the BOTTOM line - grow Monola. IN 2025 monola growers in the Graincorp growing zone will receive a premium payment of \$150/mt at harvest. Monola growers in the MSM milling growing zone will receive a premium payment of \$100/t at harvest.

Markets at a glance

Wool. EMI closed 1517c/kg clean, down 48c with offering of 39,282 bales, up 4685 bales. Sydney -all MPG's lower on day 1 (17 to 69 cents) with further falls in finer end on day. Merino skirtings unchanged. Cross-bred softer on day 1 mpg slipped 20-30c on day 2, cardings rose 6c. NRI 1554c/kg clean up 6c. 15.8% passed-in with 654 bales withdrawn.

Cattle. DBO 9th 6990 (-930). Young cattle to trade firm to 5c cheaper, vealers and yearlings 420c to 490c/kg. Light feeder steers firm, heavier steers and heifers 15c cheaper. Feeder steers 432c to 534c/kg, heifers 390c to 460c/kg. Young cattle to restockers firm, steers to 584c/kg, heifers to 470c/kg. Grown steers and heifers 22c cheaper, steers 430c to 490c/kg, heifers 410c to 455c/kg. Cows firm to 5c cheaper, 2 and 3 scores to processors 312c to 584c/kg. Heavy cows 365c to 405c, ave 390c/kg. Cows to restockers 238c to 340c/kg. Heavy bulls to 410c/kg.

Sheep.. DBO 13th 12,560sheep (+1185), 28,310 lambs (-1840). Trade new season lambs \$4 to \$6 cheaper, \$200 to \$305. Heavy new season lambs \$3 dearer, over 24kg to \$336. Trade old lambs firm, 20kg to 234kg \$182 to \$285. Heavy old lambs up to \$12 cheaper, 24kg \$279 to \$387. Merino lambs \$15 cheaper, trade weights \$160 to \$295. Heavy Merinos cheaper to \$333. Young lambs to restockers little dearer \$112 to \$220, first cross to restockers to \$305. Hoggets to \$332. Mutton cheaper by \$20 to \$30.

Clearance sale continues



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WEEKLY MARKET REPORT
Week ending October 10, 2025

AWEX Northern Micron Indices Comparison

AWEX INDEX	This Week \$15/25	This Week M15/25	Last Sale \$14/25	Sydney Change	Last Year Sydney	Sydney Yearly Change
17	2172	2185	2250	-78	1722	+450
18	2028	2045	2100	-72	1552	+475
19	1851	1859	1906	-55	1415	+436
20	1752	1752	1794n	-42	1332	+420
21	-	1733	-	-	-	-
26	905n	928	942n	-37	611n	+294
28	680n	703	-	-	375n	+305
MC	829n	791n	823n	+6	705n	+125

Market retreats with larger offerings

A WIDELY anticipated softening in the market was seen last week, after the 11 weeks straight increases. The long run lifted the EMI a total of 358 cents during that period, with 48 cents being given back last week. During the first three days selling sequence since March, Melbourne and Fremantle prices were back by up to 78 cent in the Merino indicators by the end, with the public holiday in the North pushing sales back a day. On Wednesday all three centres were in action, with Sydney falling into the price groove that was cut the previous day, with the South and West giving back 13 and 14 cents respectively. Thursday had the Northern sale in isolation, rounding out with a weaker result. As is often the case, market price increases create interest from growers to sell, and offering quantities tend to rise, which was last week's case with more than 39000 bales offered. What was interesting was the two selling weeks of substantial increases before the correction, rather than reacting earlier. The market needed to take a breather, which has coincided with offerings

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Around the tracks with Col Hodges

Racing at Coonamble

KODY NESTOR added the \$75,000 QUBE Agri-Coonamble Gold Cup on Sunday to his home town Dubbo Gold Cup he won last year on Sneak Preview.

Due to the Cup at Coonamble being a Big Dance Eligibility race, several high profile trainers targeted the event including the Ben, Will and JD Hayes partners from Euroa, Victoria who chose Kody Nestor for the ride on Justadeel.

Mawjood (Winona Costin) the heavily backed \$1.85 favourite from the Bjorn Baker stable at Warwick Farm set the pace in the 1600 metres Cup, with Justadeel which had been placed at recent starts at Sandown being given a great behind the leader spot by Kody Nestor.

The David Smith, Mudgee trained Lockdown Gamble made a sharp move to tackle the leader at the top of the straight and in a thrilling finish Justadeel (\$5.50) edged out Lockdown Gamble (Jake Pracey-Holmes, \$31) by a short head with Tavros (Ben Looker, \$6.50) from the Craig Martin stable at Tamworth, a long neck back third after coming from near last.

Atoning for losing a race on protest at debut at Dubbo, Race To Arms was backed from \$1.95 to \$1.70 favourite for the 1100m Nutrien- Maiden Showcase Plate and ridden by Kody Nestor for his uncle, Dubbo trainer Peter Nestor, led throughout to win by over two lengths from Bul-lant (Reece Jones, \$3.60) and Fratianno (Nick Palmer, \$7.50).

Owned by Craig Buckley, the President of the Racing Orange Club, How's It Kev won the feature supporting race to the Cup, the 1200m Keady Family Crystal Sprint.

Trained at Orange by Alison Smith and ridden by her apprentice, the very much in form Jordan Quince, How's It Kev (\$21) hit the lead in the straight, was headed by Rouge Moulin (Clayton Gallagher, \$9), then fought back to win by a nose while Driving Force (Kody Nestor, \$26) ran on well for third.

Wellington Boot winner at debut, the Brett Robb trained Comongin, at the second run back from a spell won the 1100m Swanny's Foods Class 2 Showcase Handicap.

Apprenticed to Brett Robb, Izzy Neale rode Comongin (\$3.50) which shared the lead and held off a tenacious Sorrento Palace (Jake Pracey-Holmes, \$10) and Keadool (Zoe Hunter, \$13) in a three-way photo finish.

Raised at Coonamble, Dubbo trainer Clint Lundholm was a popular winner of the 1400m Woodhams Petroleum -Paragon Benchmark 66 Handicap with Slush Fund, well ridden by stable apprentice Zoe Hunt.

Owned by Kathryn Smith and Clint Lundholm, the consistent Slush Fund (\$8.50) travelled third to the turn, took the lead, then held on to win by a long neck from Mrs Bull (Mikayla Weir, \$9.50) and Release Point (Reece Jones, \$3.70).

The other winners at the very successful Cup meeting were Hammoon Sensation (Reece Jones, \$2.50 to \$4), Chamber Of Secrets (Reece Jones, \$2.10 fav) and Taipan Legend (Braith Nock, \$2.30 to \$2.80 fav).

Those races being sponsored respectively by Dubbo City & Gilgandra Toyota, Dad N Dave Turf/Evergreen Turf/Elite Sand & Soil/Southern Cross Turf and The Nalder Family.

Racing at Bathurst on Friday and Narramine on Saturday followed by Mudgee Saturday, October 25 and Coonabarabran Cup on Sunday, October 26.

Wellington Race Club Annual General Meeting Wednesday, 5 November 6pm Wellington Soldiers Club

Around the tracks with Col Hodges

Racing at Forbes

A NINE-YEAR-OLD Maiden class mare and a 58-year-old jockey were cheered all the way down the straight and then returned to a boisterous reception after winning on Saturday at Forbes.

As a seven-year-old when most racehorses are being retired, Jackets had her first race start in April 2024 and had since raced 12 times with two placings before the break through win in the 1200 metres BWR Accountants Maiden Plate.

More recently trained at Canberra by John Rolfe, Jackets is raced by first-time owner Grahame Ruge, a Forbes council worker, and Matthew Robb the son-in-law of Grahame and Judy Ruge.

Winning jockey was Michael Heagney, who for many years has ridden successfully in most States of Australia and recently returned after a stint in West Australia where he won the Roebourne Cup, the major race in the Pilbara region.

Given a good run behind the leaders, Jackets (\$21) under strong riding by Michael Heagney finished best to win by a half-neck from the Brett Robb trained stablemates Noterbel (Izzy Neale, \$3.10) and Cool Nanczye (Caine Stuart, \$16).

Oncourse bookmakers incurred very heavy losses on the race and admitted being caught off guard by not being aware Jackets had local owners.

"I reckon half of Forbes must have turned up to back their mate's horse," lamented a leading Central West bookmaker.

Another happy happening for local supporters when the Melissa Harrison trained Pattera won the 1200m Terry Bros. Carpet Court Benchmark 50 Handicap.

Formerly from Kembla Grange, Melissa Harrison came to Forbes earlier this year with a good size team and is a welcome addition to the local scene.

Part owned by Grenfell Picnic Race Club president Danny Kotel, Pattera was run down and beaten a nose at Grenfell, and at Forbes, Pattera (\$8.50) with apprentice Zoe Hunt in the saddle, again led and held on gamely to win by a length from the Dennis Bush, Forbes trained Lockadente (Mathew Cahill, \$10) and Firestorm Boy (Jack

Baker, \$5.50).

Melissa Harrison also had placings with Flameon (\$4.80), Kelilah (\$6) and Hasime (\$8.50).

Rarely does a horse start at \$101 in a six-horse field let alone win the race, but such was the case when National Asset breezed home in the 1400m Ron Baker Switchboards Maiden Handicap

Finishing last in a barrier trial and last again at debut at Leeton, the Jim Scobie, Gundagai trained National Asset starting officially at \$91 but paying over \$100 on the TAB was positioned behind the leader by the experienced Bradley Vale and overhauled Blarney Stone (Ashley Stanley, \$7) to score by over a length with Flameon (Mathew Cahill, \$4.80) a head away third.

At the start of a bad day for on course bookmakers, several bets of \$505 to \$5 were collected on National Asset.

Parkes jockey Michael Hackett who rode close to 300 winners before life threatening injuries in a 2019 race fall ended his career, is now the owner of Way To Divine, winner of the 1600m Forbes Livestock & Agency Co Benchmark 50 Handicap.

Overcoming the outside barrier in the 12-horse field, the Sharon Jeffries, Parkes trained Way To Divine (\$3.50 fav) under promising apprentice Jacob Stiff, swept home from next to last to win running away by nearly three lengths from Shylock (Mathew Cahill, \$6.50) and Hasime (Zoe Hunter, \$8.50).

Jordan Quince is arguably the most improved apprentice in the Central West and it was another good ride when she brought the Gayna Williams trained Kirk (\$4.40) from fifth with an inside run to beat Kelilah (Zoe Hunt, \$6) and Gustav (Bradley Vale, \$5.50) in the 1400m Peter Maher Shearing Services Benchmark 50 Handicap.

Back from injury, Clayton Gallagher combined with trainer Brett Robb to win the 1100m Shead & Nicholson Electrical Class 1 Handicap with Miss Karis (\$3.40 equal-fav) which came from a long way back to account for Mihrimah (Jake Pracey-Holmes, \$14) and Beauty Edge (Kody Nestor, \$5.50).

RANDWICK TRAINER Peter Snowden who won the first two stagings of the multi-million dollar The Everest with Redzel, might be tempted to return again to Orange where he landed a winning treble last Thursday at Towac Park.

Back racing at Orange after the traditional winter break, a surprisingly good crowd for a Thursday meeting, saw Snowden represented by four starters, all ridden by Irish-born Tom Sherry, with wins by Viipuri (\$2.90 to \$2.30 favourite), Dolce Dior (\$1.70 to \$1.50 fav), Telling (\$1.50 to \$1.30 fav. while Camilla (\$6.50) finished second to the Bjorn Baker trained Real Baker (Winona Costin, \$2.40 fav).

Arguably, the most impressive of the Snowden winners was Viipuri, a debut maker in the 1000m Shed Boss Central West Maiden Plate.

Rounding the home turn behind the leading pack, Viipuri when allowed more rein by Tom Sherry, accelerated quickly for a one-and-a-half lengths win over My Dear Friend (Jess Taylor, \$12) and Matchsticks (Andrew Calder, \$16).

Bred and raced by Cowra trainer Kathryn Cahill and her mother Margaret Cahill, the six-year-old mare Violet And Blue, a last start winner at Leeton, was again ridden by Ella Bent when winning the 1000m Orange Motor Group- Country Boosted Benchmark 58 Handicap.

Finding clear running at the top of the

straight when last, Violet And Blue (\$3.40 fav) rushed home to win by a half-length from Power Bank (Kath Bell-Pitomac, \$14) and Can Do It (Jordan Quince, \$12).

Taking her win tally to five, Ella Bent had her apprentices allowance reduced from 4kg to 3kg and later in the week she rode a winning double at Albury.

Ella Bent is indentured to Albury trainer Ron Stubbs for whom leading jockey Matthew Cahill, the brother of Kathryn Cahill, has ridden a lot of winners.

Yass trainer Allan McRae sprung a surprise when winning the opening race, the 1400m Orange Vet Hospital Country Boosted Maiden Handicap, with \$26 outsider, the three-year-old grey gelding Anladio.

Having the second race start, Anladio (Jean Van Overmeire) came from last to beat Broadcast Boogie (Shae Wilkes, \$6), Prizuga (Jake Pracey-Holmes, \$11) and the fourth-place dead heaters Dunna Runna (Pierre Boudvillain, \$2.20 to \$1.55 fav) and Megaphone Miss (Shayleigh Ingelse, \$26 to \$21).

The other winner was the Andrew Bourke, Boorawa trained Ferrari Man (Glenn Cahill, \$10) which held off the fast-finishing Drunken Sailor (Winona Costin, \$7) by a head with Green Run (Kath Bell-Pitomac, \$4 fav) a length back third in the 1600m Spanline Benchmark 58 Handicap.

Orange will next race on Friday, November 21.

Trained at Goulburn by Matthew Dale and ridden by Ashley Morgan, Ringarosa (\$4) from fifth, burst through the pack to claim victory in a close finish from Jolly Good Fellow (Braith Nock, \$9), High Blue Sea (Andrew Adkins, \$6) and Turned Down (Donovan Dillon, \$4.40 to \$3.80 fav).

Dean Mirfin of Bathurst who trains the second and fourth placegetters had earlier won the 1200m Agri West-Bill Aspros Cup (BM 58 Showcase Handicap) with Ishikari ridden by Braith Nock.

Producing a sharp sprint, Ishikari (\$4.60 to \$4.20) swept past the leaders for a convincing win over East Harlem (Molly Bourke, \$10) and Slush Fund (Zoe Hunt, \$6 to \$5.50).

Good runs when placed at Gilgandra and Wellington were followed by a deserved win by Frankie's Shout in the 1400m Elders Livestock-Hugh Bowman Maiden Plate.

From the Janelle Galea stable at Dubbo, Frankie's Shout (Kath Bell-Pitomac, \$3.20 equal fav) led all the way to account for Polens (Teaghan Martin, \$15) and Eye For Style (Olivia Chambers, \$3.20 fav).

Looking a forlorn chance when last and a long way from the leaders at the top of the straight, the Gayna Williams, Bathurst trained Green Pineapple staged a big performance to win the 1200m Jeremy Booth Constructions-Rising Prince Showcase Maiden Plate.

Ridden a very cool and well-judged race by local jockey Ashleigh Stanley, Green Pineapple (\$5) stormed down the outside and won running away by over a length from Miss Karis (Grant Buckley, \$10) and Glowing Rapids (Zoe Hunt, \$5).

The other winners were the Paul and Martha Cave, Warwick Farm trained Devil's Daughter (Grant Buckley, \$4.20) and Wandise (Brock Ryan, \$8) trained at Rosehill by Gerald Ryan and Sterling Alexiou).

Bathurst will next race on Friday 17th October.

Racing at Orange

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Racing at Bathurst

ALTHOUGH HE has so far only won two races, including the \$50,000 Bathurst Cup on Sunday, Nacim Dilmi has the credentials and backing to become a prominent force in the ranks of thoroughbred trainers.

An experienced horseman, the French born Dilmi moved to Australia about 15 years ago and after some early stints with Bart Cummings and Gai Waterhouse began a very successful association with James Cummings who was appointed head trainer in Australia for the renowned Godolphin stable.

After being the foreman, Nacim Dilmi became the assistant trainer for James Cummings at Flemington.

Following the decision by James Cummings to further his career in Hong Kong next year, Nacim Dilmi seized the opportunity to become head trainer for the powerful Domeland organisation and initially has about 50 horses at Wyong.

Recently commencing his new career, Dilmi had his first winner Aix En Provence at Gosford and a fortnight later the five-year-old gelding backed up to win at Bathurst.

The meeting was well promoted and a very good crowd was trackside to see Rajnish leading from Lockdown Gamble and Bonnie And Bruce in the 1800m The Kings Hotel "Big Dance Eligibility" Bathurst Cup.

Well ridden by Sydney jockey Andrew Adkins, Aix En Provence (\$2.40 favourite) came from midfield with a strong run to beat Rajnish (Ashley Morgan, \$3.90) by a half-length with Blue Guitar (Grant Buckley, \$19 to \$14) in third place.

The \$110,000 Bathurst Panthers-Panorama over 1300m is quickly becoming established as an important race on the country calendar and this year there was a capacity field with several emergencies unable to get a start.

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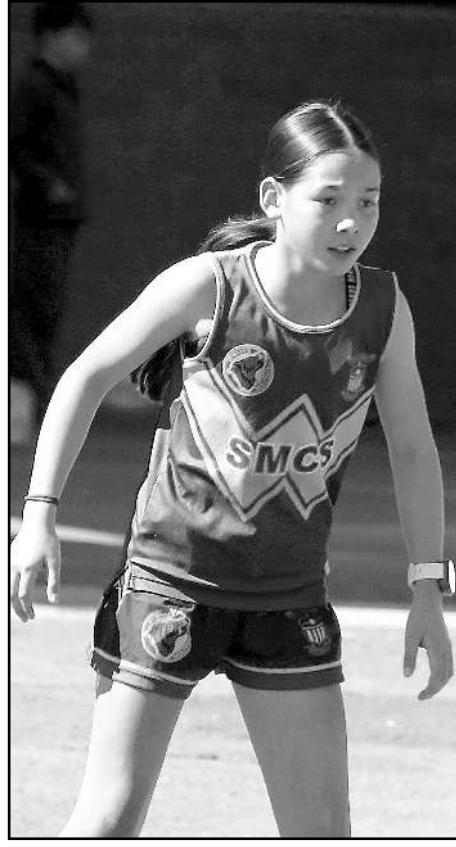
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Golfing News

Twilight Thursday off to great start

FIRST ROUND on the Central West Vets Ultimate Golf Challenge is to be played at Wellington next Monday, October 20.

Tees open from 8am, and social golfers can play on the course from approximately 2pm.

The Iberdrola, Wellington Soldiers Memorial Club Twilight Thursday 9-hole competition is up and running with Round 1 played last week.

Denise Haesler and Wendy Slack-Smith ventured over to Mudgee last Sunday to play in the Mudgee Ladies Open Tournament.

Wendy claimed the Division 2 Handicap win with a 71nett plus a Nearest The Pin, while Densie came away with a prize.

We gave a new sponsor for the summer competition being Wellington Mowers and Chainsaws.

Nominations are now open for the summer competition with the only change, - when nominating please put a team co-ordinator with phone number so matches can be organised.

The Club Championships sponsored by Wellington Physiotherapy announce gradings as A – 0 to 19; B – 10 to 17; C – 18-plus.

A date to remember is December 13, the golf club's presentation night.

Last Saturday's events were the October Monthly Medal sponsored by Wellington Soldiers Memorial Club, plus the George Hollow Putting Competition.

George Hollow putting winner was Gary McCarroll who finished the day with only 25putts.

A grade monthly medal winner was Jeremy Barton who had a great say out to finish with a 71nett. Runner up was

Rob Parnell who also had a good day finishing with 72nett on a countback.

B grade medal winner was Ben Kiss who really had a good day finishing with a 69nett. Runner-up was Drew Stone on a countback with 71nett.

Prize winners were Mathew Conn 71nett; Nathan Stewart, Gary McCarroll, Joe Ryan all with 72netts.

NTPs - 3rd Joe Ryan, 8th Steven McCarroll, 14th Mathew Conn, 16th Jono Smith.

Club sponsored NTP in two-shots on 13th hole went to Paul Hannelly.

Jespresso Cafe longest drives went to Nathan Stewart in A grade and Jono Smith in B grade.

Brent Eather Encouragement award was taken out by Jono Smith who won a NTP and a Long Drive and still had an 81nett, some adventurous holes in there.

Wednesday's ladies golf played the Foursomes Championships.

A grade winners were Denise Haesler and Wendy Slack-Smith who combined best to finish the day with 136scr, 109.75nett.

B grade winners were Janelle Frappell and Carmel Cohen who claimed the prize with 161scr, 111.5nett.

Handicap winners were Jan Payne and Kathy Martin with 105.5nett.

Iberdrola, Wellington Soldiers Memorial Club 9-hole competition has 25 rounds left to play.

Round 1 winner was the Thursday specialist Joe Ryan on a countback from Daniel McCullum with both players having 33netts.

Back nine holes to be played this week.

Presentation night will be held on the Friday Night after

the final round of the competition.

This Saturday's event is an Individual Stableford.

19th Hole



Wendy Slack-Smith won the Division 2 Handicap with a 71nett plus a Nearest The Pin at the Mudgee Ladies Open Tournament last week.

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