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New funding boost secures brighter future for Maranatha House

WELLINGTON'S COMMUNITY-OWNED aged care provider, Maranatha House, has been successful in gaining a \$9.5 million Federal Government grant to assist in the construction of a new 30 to 35 bed facility for specialist dementia care, and much needed beds for palliative care.

With dementia now overtaking heart disease as the major cause of death in Australia, it was recognised by the Maranatha management team and Board that there was going to be a huge increase in demand for specialist care that the traditional aged care model struggled to deal with.

"The new facility will provide specialist dementia care and much needed palliative beds for the region," Maranatha CEO Aejaaz Adil said.

The total cost of the facility could be as high as \$19 million.

"Typically, most facilities must manage a diverse range of resident needs, and this project will allow us to design and build a facility that specifically addresses the needs of people suffering with dementia while at the same time taking pressure off the existing 80-bed aged care component of the facility," Mr Adil said.

"This is a really exciting project for the community which will ultimately generate around 50 quality jobs in nursing, personal caring, catering, and maintenance services for Wellington."

On the back of Australia's first Intergenerational Child Care Centre, this new facility will once again place Wellington at the forefront of innovative community-based development.

"Maranatha House also has plans to add a hydrotherapy pool, rehabilitation gym, and specialist doctor clinics," Mr Adil said.

"This comes hot on the heels of the \$2 million upgrade to the Allworth wing which sets a new standard in quality accommodation for the region."

Maranatha House and Gunyah currently employ over 160 staff and with the addition of the new facility, will become one of the largest employers in the Central West region with approximately 220 staff and an annual payroll exceeding \$10 million.

Local suppliers also provide over \$5 million in goods and services.

"The opportunities this creates for local employment in nursing, early education, specialist medical care, administration, and support services is huge for the community," Mr Adil said.

"It is hoped that the design and approval process will be completed prior to December this year and construction to begin on the site mid-2026.

The site is on Thornton St, between Maranatha House and the Hospital and will integrate with the current Maranatha facility.

It is estimated that the build will cost around \$19 million and will focus on using local contractors wherever possible.

Federal Member for Calare (and Wellington) Andrew Gee said with Maranatha located next to Wellington Hospital, the new facility will strengthen the link between acute care and residential care, ensuring residents receive seamless support.

"Construction of the new facility will transform under-used land into a vital healthcare resource," Mr Gee said.

For Wellington families, this means access to advanced dementia care without leaving town, and a stronger, more



Artist's impression of the 30 to 35 bed dementia and palliative care unit complex costing upwards of \$19 million.



resilient aged care system for years to come.

"Our seniors will be able to stay in the community they love, close to family, friends and support networks.

"Dementia this year just passed heart disease as the number one cause of death in Australia, so this grant funding is very timely.

"I was very pleased to support Maranatha House in its funding application for the grant.

"At a time when big corporations now dominate aged care, having community owned Maranatha House scoring this grant is a major achievement."

Inside this week

Rotary and Wellington & District Leader

Announce 2025 Garden Competition - P3 & 6

Geurie Public School ‘CnB Expo Day’

THE AMAZING staff and P&C of Geurie Public School hosted their inaugural CnB Careers Expo Day in their new Playground of Possibilities, and an amazing success.

The two-hour session was focussed on encouraging the kids to ‘Dream Big’ and if they can See It, they can Be It (CnB).

Students travelled from Ballimore PS, Eumungerie PS, Wongarbon PS and Gilgandra PS. The BBQ cooked by the P&C was amazing and nobody went home hungry!

There was a great range of different hands-on careers activities to inspire children of all ages.

Check out the pictures on the Geurie PS facebook page. I’m not sure that I convinced many students to want to be the mayor, but I did tell them there are heaps of great jobs at Council for when they get a bit older.

School Holidays in Wellington

There’s some great activities to keep kids occupied during the next two weeks:

Kids Bingo and Trivia; 11am, Monday 29 September; Wellington Soldiers Club; No bookings required.

School Holiday Fun Day; 10am-12pm, Friday 10 October; Cameron Park; For school aged children.

These events are supported by Dubbo Regional Council and Communities for Children.

Wellington Library School Holiday Program

Join our team at the Wellington Library for some school holiday fun with the Weird and Wonderful free activities this spring!

Sessions are suitable for ages 5 to 12 years and include:

Weird but True - Rainbow Bark; 10.30am-12pm, Tuesday 30 September.

Be inspired by the amazing Rainbow Eucalyptus to create rainbow bark using a hydro dipping technique with acrylic paint. Weird but True - Rainbow Mountains; 10.30am-12pm, Wednesday 8 October. Create your own textured Peruvian

Rainbow Mountains artwork on canvas.

For more information contact the friendly team at the Wellington Library on 6840 1780 or visit www.mrl.nsw.gov.au/kids. Bookings are essential.

Discount for Locals

Get the family out of the house and explore your own backyard this spring with your visiting friends and relatives. As a local you can take advantage of these great offers:

Wellington Caves – 50% off ticket price.

Mates rates tickets can be purchased from the Wellington Caves on arrival or at the Dubbo Visitor Information Centre.

Old Dubbo Gaol – free entry for Dubbo region residents.

Royal Flying Doctor Visitor Experience – 25% off the regular ticket price.

Taronga Western Plains Zoo – discounted Zoo Friends annual pass or regular entry. Proof of residence is required to access these offers.

Feedback Wanted

Have you had your say on our draft 2025-2030 Dubbo Region Event Strategy?

Council is encouraging the Business community to have their say on the draft 2025-2030 event strategy.

Having events in our community that are vibrant, diverse and culturally rich help to ensure a successful business community through patronage, engagement and growth from attendees.

Growth of our local events program is closely aligned with businesses, retaining skills and knowledge and overall work/life balance.

As a volunteer organisation that run many events ourselves, our goal is to build and maintain a vibrant and healthy local economy.

Have your say at:
<https://yoursay.dubbo.nsw.gov.au/draft-event-strategy>

Josh Black

Road Safety on Mitchell, Newell Highways gets a boost

DRIVERS ON the Mitchell, Newell and Hume Highways will soon notice the start of construction of four new Average Speed Camera lengths targeting heavy vehicle speeding offences.

The locations are between Moree and Boggabilla and between Coonabarabran and Narrabri on the Newell Highway, between Vittoria and Windradyne on the Mitchell Highway and between Campbelltown and Wilton on the Hume Motorway.

Construction is expected to begin in September at some sites.

Transport for NSW Executive Director, Road Safety Regulation, Duncan Lucas, said speed is the biggest killer on NSW roads.

“Average Speed Cameras are one of the many road safety programs and initiatives aimed at reducing speeding-related road trauma across NSW roads,” he said.

“Research shows that Average Speed Cameras dramatically reduce the number of serious crashes along a length of road.”

“The 2023 Annual Speed Camera Review found fatal and serious injury crashes involving heavy vehicles fell by 42 per cent on Average Speed Camera lengths during the five years between 2018 and 2022.”

Average speed enforcement works by measuring the amount of time it takes a vehicle to travel between two points which are a known distance apart.

The average speed that the vehicle travelled between the two points can then be calculated.

Chocolate prices expected to ease, but won’t return to pre-‘cocoa crisis’ levels

CONSUMERS CAN expect some relief from rising chocolate prices with cocoa futures prices starting to ease after hitting record highs according to a new international research report by agribusiness banking specialist Rabobank.

In the report Chocolate retail prices hit predicted highs – end of surge in sight, the bank’s RaboResearch division

THE ANNUAL Garage Sale Trail will happen again this year, with Council (DRC) encouraging residents to cash in or grab a bargain when the event occurs over two weekends in November.

Two big weekends of garage sales will happen on 8-9 and 15-16 November, with the annual sustainability event aiming to reduce the volume of usable items ending up in landfill while also providing a fun and social way for residents to make and/or save money.

Mayor Josh Black said there was an opportunity for everyone to take part in some way.

“This is Australia’s biggest second-hand treasure hunt, and it’s a great way for us in Wellington and the villages, and Dubbo to come together, declutter, raise money and keep all of the good stuff out

of landfill.

“With our general cost of living prices rising, this is a great opportunity for all of us to either save or make a little bit of money and I encourage everyone in the region to take part one way or another.”

Registration is free for residents and open to households, schools and local community groups.

DRC Resource Recovery Officer Hamish Campbell said he was encouraging residents to get together with their friends and neighbours to host a sale or a school group to fundraise.

“Supporting the Garage Sale rail is another way Council can help the community prevent perfectly good household items from ending up in landfill.”

It’s a garage sale made easier, and with

Australian milk production set for continued decline

AUSTRALIAN MILK production is set to fall again in the current season, as ongoing feed shortages and a smaller milking herd in drought-affected areas continue to impact, Rabobank says in newly-released research.

This comes as global milk supply surges, with production increasing across other key dairy-exporting regions across the world.

In its Quarter 3 Global Dairy Quarterly, the agribusiness banking

specialist’s RaboResearch division forecasts a 1.7 per cent decline in Australian milk production for the full 2025/26 season, to reach 8.05 billion litres.

This follows a 0.7 per cent year-on-year fall in the 2024/25 season, with Australian milk production falling 61 million litres to 8.315 billion litres.

The report said overall July milk production in Australia was down four per cent to start the new (2025/26) season to July 1.

found while consumers globally can expect some respite from price increases, retail chocolate prices will remain well above pre-“cocoa crisis” levels, signalling a new normal for the industry.

Chocolate manufacturers and retailers are adapting to this challenging environment, balancing cost recovery with consumer retention, the report said.

RaboResearch agriculture analyst Paul Joules said since 2021, retail chocolate prices globally have surged, driven by a cocoa market in crisis due to poor harvests, crop disease and structural supply issues.

And this had also seen higher chocolate prices for Australian consumers.

the support of Council it’s free to register a sale and access the tips, tools and free promotion materials.

Council has a number of programs in place already to assist residents in diverting items from landfill including a textile recycling program, polystyrene recycling program, Community Recycling Centres and the green-lid FOGO service.

Save the date and sign up to host your own Garage Sale during the event on either weekend.

Visit www.garagesaletrail.com.au/dubbo for more information.

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Wellington Rotary and the 'Leader' launch 2025 Garden Competition

Rotary Club of Wellington has joined forces with the *Wellington & District Leader* to invite all the green thumbs, backyard growers and even scarecrow builders to take part in the 2025 Wellington Rotary Garden Competition.

The free-to-enter competition celebrates gardens of all shapes and sizes, with categories ranging from Best Town Garden and Best Country Garden through to Best Rose Garden, Prettiest Garden Bed, Best Edible Garden, and Best Water-Wise Garden.

There are also fun categories for children, including Best Kids Patch or School Garden, and a Best Scary Scarecrow category.

Rotary president Beth Hattenfels said this year the competition was being co-sponsored by the *Wellington & District Leader* and was about more than just winning prizes. "You don't have to be a professional gardener to take part — it's about having a go and taking pride in what you've created, whether it's a single garden bed, a veggie patch, or a scarecrow with personality," she said.

"This is a way to celebrate and appreciate the creativity and effort that local people put into their gardens."

Entry forms are available online at www.wellingtonrotary.com.au

or can be picked up at the Wellington Library from Wednesday, September 24, or by filling-in the competition entry form on Page 6 of today's *'Leader'*.

Then, emailing Rotary president Beth Hattenfels at: beth.hattenfels@bigpond.com

Entries close on October 27, with judging to follow on October 29. For more information visit www.wellingtonrotary.com.au

...Turn to Page 6 for an entry form.



NSW lets network giant skip over regulatory hurdles to put in early orders for spinning machines

By Giles Parkinson
of Renew Economy

THE NSW Government has given the OK for transmission company Transgrid to put it in early orders for five giant spinning machines considered essential to preserve the "heartbeat" of the grid as the state's remaining coal fired generators are shut down.

Synchronous condensers, or syncons, are giant spinning machines that do not burn fuel but can provide the essential grid services – such as inertia and system strength – considered essential to allow the grid to absorb any sudden disturbances, such as the loss of a transmission line or major generator.

But global demand for them is intense, with wait times of several years, and the NSW government has decided to step in with special approvals that allows Transgrid to hold a tender now and put in orders without having to wait first for what could be time-consuming regulatory approvals.

The move comes just weeks after an amendment to the Electricity Infrastructure Investment Act 2020, which awarded special powers to state climate and energy minister Penny Sharpe to do just that.

"By moving quickly, we can help ensure households, businesses and essential services continue to have the dependable electricity they rely on every day," Sharpe said in a statement.

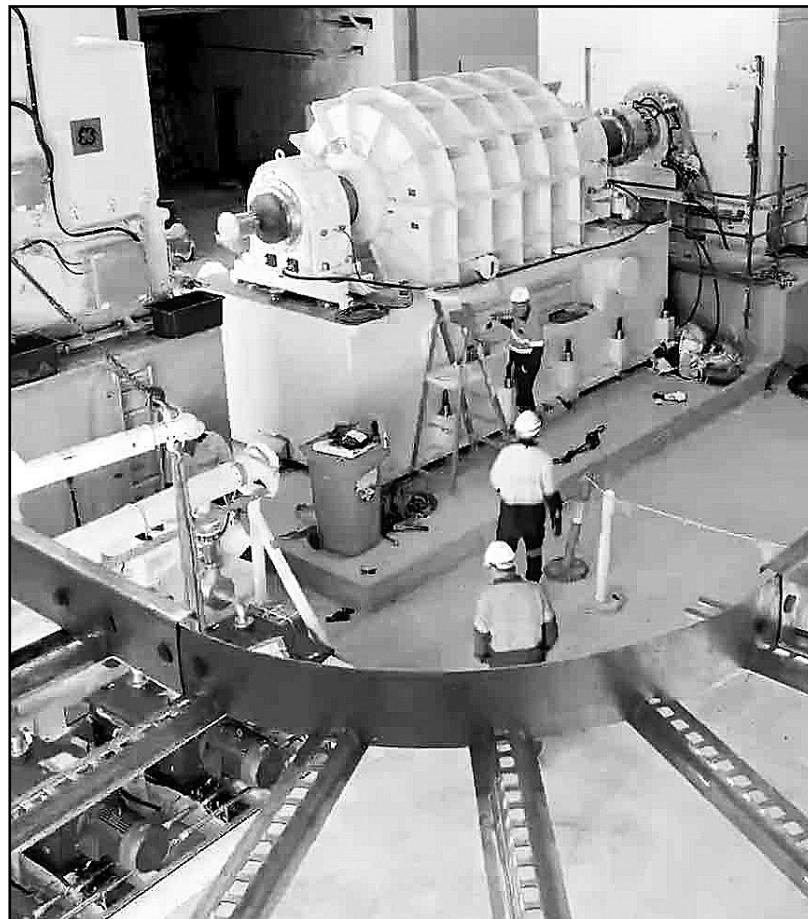
"This is just one of the ways we're taking action to replace the state's ageing coal-fired power stations, to prevent power outages and price spikes."

Transgrid has decided it needs to spend around \$1.6 billion on 10 syncons that will be installed around the state grid – at existing substations at Newcastle, Kemps Creek, Armidale, Wellington and Darlington Point.

Nearly a dozen more may be required by the state to be built in the Central West Orana and the New England renewable energy zones.

Transgrid's plan to ensure "system strength" – the so called heartbeat of the grid – also involves five gigawatts of grid forming battery inverters, which should be less of a logistical challenge given their modular nature.

The insistence of transmission companies such as Transgrid and Ausnet and others in focusing so much on syncons to solve system strength, rather than grid forming inverters, have frustrated



A syncon giant spinning machine.

...ElectraNet photo

battery technology companies such as Tesla and Fluence and battery storage developers.

Tesla, for instance, has argued that grid forming inverters can replicate all the system services delivered by spinning machines and traditional synchronous generators, and at a fraction of the price.

However, the transmission companies have insisted they need to see more evidence of that happening in practice, and need to turn to syncons because of the pressing timelines.

Sharpe says the ability to progress priority projects under the newly streamlined NSW Electricity Roadmap framework means delays can be avoided, and purchase orders can "bypass any hold ups" associated with national processes.

Note: This story has been corrected to say the special approval applies to only the first five syncons.



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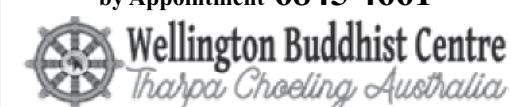
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Nature Spotters gets kids off screens enjoying outdoors

During Term 3 Mid Macquarie Landcare introduced a new after school program for Wellington students.

Nature Spotters is an environmental science program for 8 to 14 year-olds and it was a hit with the local students who were lucky enough to take part in the inaugural Wellington program.

"The students have just had so much fun" Local Landcare Coordinator Danielle Littlewood said.

"We've bushwalked at Mount Arthur, had a visit with the Turtle Man, learned about Wellington's endangered Flying Fox population, fished for water bugs, planted trees, and more.

"Nature Spotters provides local kids with a way to explore our fabulous local environment in a confident and supported way.

"And we are so excited to announce that thanks to the EnergyCo Local Community Fund, we are able to bring it back for Term 4."

Over six weeks in Term 4 students will get to paddle on the river, spotlight for creatures of the night, bushwalk through our great local reserves, explore the world of fossils, and more.

Sessions are run after school from 3.30 – 5.30pm and Landcare will be running groups in Wellington, Yeoval and Dubbo.

Interested people can register via @midmaclandcare on Facebook or contact Mid Macquarie



Landcare on info@mml.org.au or 0457 115 525.



NSW SES urges people to create a plan this storm season

WITH THE 2025–26 storm season now officially underway, the NSW State Emergency Service (NSW SES) is urging communities across the state to take proactive steps to prepare for severe weather.

Following a year where we've already seen record-breaking flooding, a cyclone and damaging winds wreak havoc across the state, the NSW SES is reinforcing the importance of early planning and community readiness.

NSW typically experiences increased storm activity between the beginning of September and the end of April, with risks including heavy

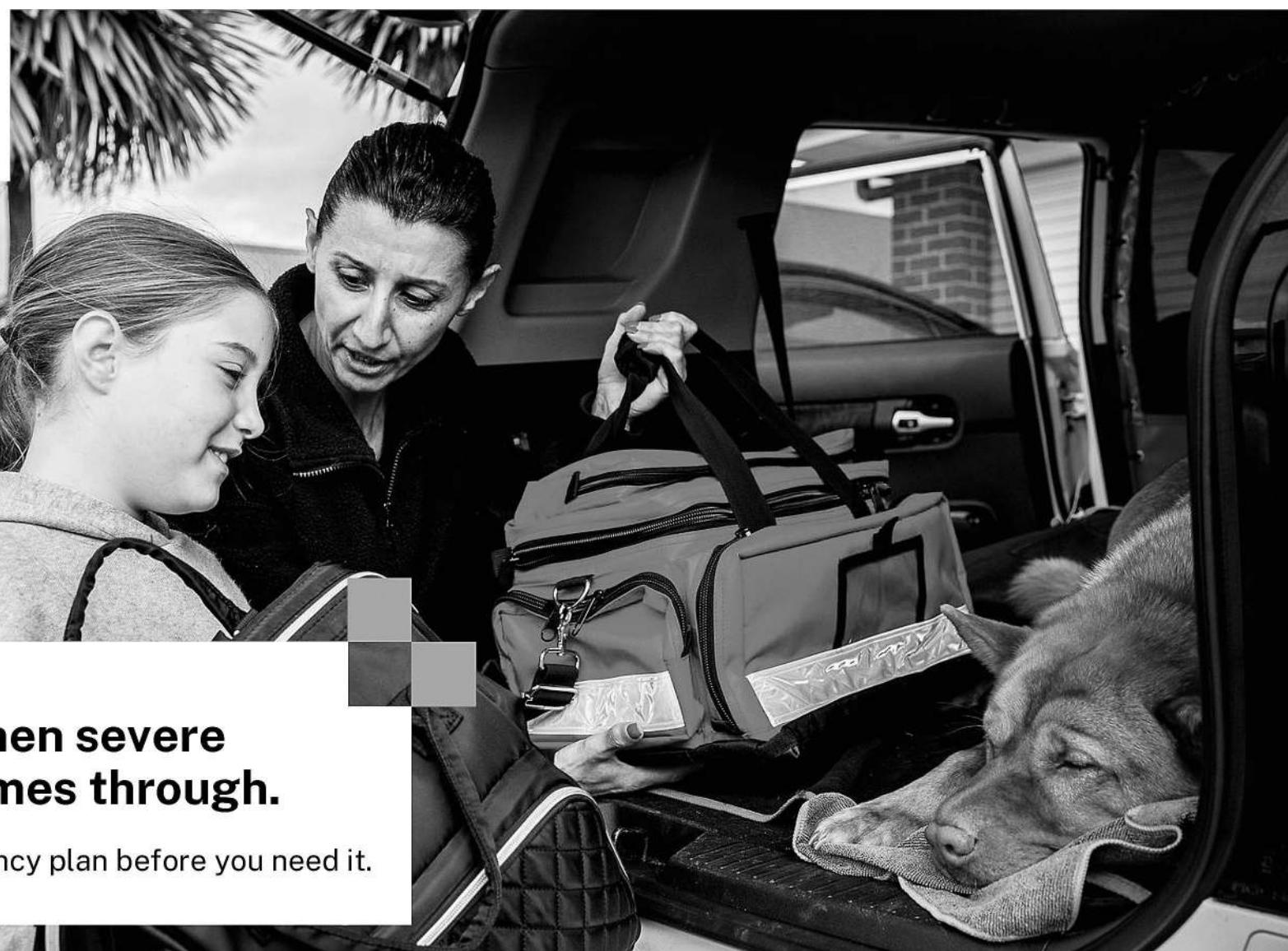
rainfall, damaging winds, and flash flooding.

Last Storm Season, the NSW SES responded to more than 29,000 storm-related incidents across the state.

You are encouraged to know your risk, know the warnings and make a plan before the first storm strikes.

Having a plan will help prepare, respond and recover better from storms.

Create your emergency plan now using the NSW SES Emergency Planning Tool available at www.ses.nsw.gov.au



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- Best Small Space / Undercover or Patio
- Best Garden Established under 5 yrs
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- Best Water-Wise/ Drought Smart Garden
- Best 'Kids Patch' or School Garden- cared for by a child or group of children
- Best Scary Scarecrow

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Around the electorate with our State Member Dugald Saunders



Congratulations Griggsy

FINALISTS FOR next month's Country Press NSW (CPNSW) awards night have been revealed, and the Wellington & District Leader's very own Mark Griggs has been named as a contender in the Best Agricultural Photo and Best Agricultural Story categories.

This year's CPNSW Awards attracted a whopping 227 entries across the 19 award categories.

Other contenders from the Dubbo Electorate include the Narromine Star, which has been nominated in three categories, and Dubbo Photo News, which has been nominated in one category.

It's fantastic to see our local publications get the recognition they deserve, especially as they continue to adapt to an ever-changing media landscape.

Congratulations and good luck Griggsy!

converted the old flashing lights at the crossing to a higher-level combined boom gate and flashing light traffic control system.

The addition of the boom gates will help prevent vehicles from crossing the tracks when a train is approaching, ultimately increasing awareness and safety for road users.

Boost to Dubbo SES

Dubbo SES is set to receive a new High Clearance vehicle as part of fleet vehicle upgrades across the State, just in time for storm season.

Dubbo's new High Clearance vehicle is designed to operate in extreme off-road conditions and through floodwaters up to 1.2 metres deep, and will enable the unit to deliver essential supplies, complete rescues, and support other emergency services in remote and hard-to-reach locations.

Garage sale trail

The Garage Sale Trail is back, and this year it's bigger and better than ever before.

This annual event aims to encourage sustainability by reducing the volume of usable items that usually end up in landfill.

With the support of Dubbo and Mid-Western Regional Councils, the Garage Sale Trail is an easy way for residents to get rid of items they don't want as they begin their springtime declutter; it's free to register a sale on the Garage Sale Trail website, where participants can also access a number of tips, tools and free promotion materials. This is a fun and social way for residents to make some money, grab a bargain on a second-hand treasure or to meet like-minded people in their community.

The Garage Sale Trail will take place across two big weekends on 8-9 and 15-16 November, and registration is open to households, schools and local community groups.

To register your own garage sale or to follow the Trail, visit:
www.garagesaletrail.com.au/dubboregion.

Safer driver courses

Did you know learner drivers can earn 20 bonus hours of log book credit by complet-

ing a Safer Driver Course?

Held over two sessions, this course is designed to help young drivers understand speed management, gap selection, hazard awareness, safe following distances, and how to keep driving safely when distracted.

With school holidays fast approaching, now is a great time for learners to check course availability in their area.

To attend a course, drivers need to:

- * hold a valid NSW learner licence
 - * be under 25
 - * have completed at least 50 log book hours of on-road driving (excluding any '3 for 1 bonus' hours with an accredited driving instructor), and
 - * have included night driving in some of those hours.
- For more information and to find a provider near you, visit:
<https://www.nsw.gov.au/driving-boating-and-transport/driver-and-rider-licences/driver-licences/learner-driver-licence/safer-drivers-course>

Until next time,
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Andrew GEE MP

INDEPENDENT FEDERAL MEMBER FOR CALARE

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

- ✓ Response of Insurers \$2 billion for Great Western Highway upgrade

- ✓ \$2.02 million for replacing the Terrabella, Burrendong and Gundy Creek Bridges

- ✓ \$738,000 for the Cameron Park footbridge

- ✓ 60 mobile phone towers and base stations for Calare

- ✓ \$560,000 for Stuart Town water security project

- ✓ Secured upgrade of Wellington Hospital Emergency Department

- ✓ \$1.5 million for the intergenerational childcare facility at

- ✓ Wellington's Maranatha House \$1.1 million for Ponto Falls Road upgrade

- ✓ \$26,700 for the Driver Reviver site at the Wellington Information Centre

- ✓ \$1.176 million for improvements at Wellington Caves

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

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

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

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

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

- ✓ Video link for Wellington Court House

FRUSTRATION MOUNTS IN NANIMA AS PROMISED INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES STALL

Concerns have been growing for Nanima residents over the lack of progress on long-promised infrastructure upgrades and the worsening issue of illegal dumping in the area, which prompted me to arrange a meeting of local and state representatives on Tuesday.

In attendance was NSW Labor MLC Stephen Lawrence, Dubbo Regional Councillors - Cr Richard Ivey, Cr Adam Ryan, Cr Lukas Butler, Wellington Local Aboriginal Land Council CEO Tara Stanley, Acting CEO Marsha Hill, and Land Council representatives Helena Stanley, Kira Meizer-Riley, and Emah Guihot.

The meeting was very constructive and I really appreciated them joining me.

We met on-site in Nanima to discuss two urgent matters:

- the stalled \$8 million Roads to Home funding and
- the pressing public health and environmental crisis caused by illegal waste dumping.

STALLED INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING: "TIED UP IN RED TAPE"

The Roads to Home program, managed by Crown Lands, is designed to improve access, services, and infrastructure in Aboriginal communities across NSW.

Nanima has been allocated a significant \$8 million to deliver new roads, water infrastructure, and sewerage systems—upgrades that



could transform the community's future—and that's what we all want to see.

Despite the funding the project has been tied up in red tape and delays for over five years. No visible progress has occurred on the ground, and many residents remain mystified as to why it's taken so long.

Local leaders at the meeting expressed a shared desire to get the project moving and back on track, highlighting a sense of goodwill and cooperation across all levels of government.

For a lot of our smaller villages, it's often out of sight, out of mind. This is our turn to be the squeaky wheel out here in Nanima—because this is a great project, and we'll all be very proud of it once it's done.

I was pleased with the discussions on Tuesday. I'm hopeful that by putting a spotlight on these issues, and working together, we can actually get things moving! That's what we are all elected to do!

ILLEGAL DUMPING A DISGRACE

The second, emotionally charged topic, was the illegal dumping plaguing Nanima. Rubbish, vehicles construction debris, and hazardous materials (including asbestos), bio waste, and used needles—have been discarded throughout the area.

This isn't just an eyesore, it's a serious threat to the wellbeing of the Nanima community.

The criminal grubs who do this dumping have no shame.

Residents described the dumping as disgraceful and dangerous.

If this rubbish was being dumped in the middle of Wellington or Dubbo, it would be cleaned up in a heartbeat. But out at Nanima it seems to be a different story. It's wrong.

The dumping is occurring because people don't want to pay tip fees or the tip is closed.

The burden is unfairly being placed on the Land Council to manage cleanup, despite lacking the resources, equipment, or authority to enforce penalties.

You can't just put it on the Land Council. They don't have the safety gear or the funds. And let's face it—this rubbish was headed for the tip, but it's been dumped here because, as I've said, people are dodging fees. That's the cold, hard truth.

WHY THE SOLUTION HAS BEEN ELUSIVE

While clean-up efforts have been made in the past, the dumping continues.

It seems that Dubbo Council doesn't want to bear the cost of continual clean-ups but they're part of the problem, because people are avoiding their tip.

The community wants Dubbo Regional Council and the NSW Government to share responsibility and take meaningful, long-term action.



In the modern Australia of 2025, we can and should be doing better than this. Residents shouldn't have to drive past a garbage tip every day. It's just disgraceful.

A PATH FORWARD: GRANTS, CLEANUPS, AND PREVENTION

Fortunately, NSW Government illegal dumping grants are currently open—but the deadline is fast approaching. Attendees at the meeting strongly advocated for:

- A joint grant application by Dubbo Regional Council and the Wellington Local Aboriginal Land Council
- Immediate clean-up operations
- Installation of fencing and surveillance cameras to prevent future dumping
- Community-led education campaigns to raise awareness

CALL TO ACTION

The meeting ended with a united commitment to progress.

All present agreed that this dumping has to end—and it has to end now.

Those doing the dumping need to be brought to justice and lasting solutions are needed to prevent it happening.

With strong local leadership, goodwill among government representatives, and public pressure mounting, the Nanima community is hopeful that action on the illegal dumping and the infrastructure upgrade is finally on the horizon.

I thank you everyone who attended our meeting and discussed this issue in such a meaningful and helpful way. We're all on the same page, working together.

Let's get it done!

MARANATHA HOUSE SECURES \$9.5M BOOST FOR MAJOR DEMENTIA CARE EXPANSION!

I had the pleasure of stopping by Maranatha House earlier this week to celebrate the \$9.5 million in Federal funding they received to build a new, purpose-built wing focused on dementia and palliative care.

The funding, part of a \$18-\$20 million expansion project, comes at a critical time for the region, which is experiencing rising demand for aged care facilities and a growing number of families affected by dementia.



ADDRESSING A GROWING NEED

Maranatha House is currently operating at full capacity, with 80 residents and a waiting list of over 15 people. The planned expansion will add 35 specialist beds, designed specifically for people living with dementia and those requiring end-of-life care.

Beyond increased capacity, the project will bring important benefits:

- 60 new jobs will be created, strengthening the local workforce.
- On-site guest rooms will be built for family members visiting loved ones at the end-of-life stage.

Currently, many families are forced to pay for accommodation in town when visiting. This new facility will allow them to stay close, emotionally and physically.

A JOINT EFFORT FOR COMMUNITY CARE

The expansion is being co-funded by the federal government and Maranatha House itself; a locally operated provider deeply rooted in the Wellington community.

With the centre located next to Wellington Hospital, the new facility will strengthen the link between acute care and residential care, ensuring residents receive seamless support.

LOOKING AHEAD

Construction of the new facility will transform underused land into a vital healthcare resource. For Wellington families, this



means access to advanced dementia care without leaving town—and a stronger, more resilient aged care system for years to come. Our seniors will be able to stay in the community they love, close to family, friends and support networks.

Dementia this year just passed heart disease as the number one cause of death in Australia so this grant funding is very timely. I was very pleased to support Maranatha House in its funding application for the grant.

At a time when big corporations now dominate aged care, having community-owned Maranatha House scoring this grant is a major achievement.

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Lions inducts new members and donates books to 'Doin' It for Rural Aussie Kids'

WELLINGTON LIONS were pleased to show their District Governor Judy Ryan, around their Preloved Book Shop last week and meet their new members.

Julie-Ann D'Este was inducted by Ian Acret, Past District Governor while Judy Ryan inducted Skye-Rhiannan Veech and Ash Toynton, who are actually the Lions landlords at Kimbell's Kitchen, the location of Lions preloved book shop in Warne Street.

Ash isn't new to the Lion's Motto of 'We Serve', as his father served many years as both President and Treasurer of Wellington Lions.

The local Lions took the opportunity of passing on 140 Children's books to Julie of 'Doin' It for Rural Aussie Kids' while she was here.

Spring school holidays are coming and all children coming into the book shop with an adult can choose their own children's book FREE, with a

great range available.

The Lions would like to thank everyone who has donated books, as their Preloved Book Shop has a great range of books, both fiction sorted alphabetically and non-fiction sorted by genre.

The shop is open Thursday to Saturday 10am to 2pm, and most books are only \$2 but a few 'Special' books have specially marked prices – much less than on the internet.

Dvds, Cds and Jigsaws are also available.

Any people interested in joining Lions are welcome to attend the next meeting on October 13 in the Private Room at the Wellington Soldiers Memorial Club, as new Lions members are very welcome.

The local club has been running for 68 years and is always in need of new blood, new ideas, so, let's keep it going.



New Lions members Ash Toynton and Skye-Rhiannan Veech with District Governor Judy Ryan and past-district governor Ian Acret and local president Peter Pringle

Protecting prime agricultural land forges ahead

EARLIER THIS year Bob Katter MP and I committed to introducing legislation into parliament with the aim of protecting Australia's prime agricultural land from increasing threats such as urban sprawl, lifestyle subdivisions, industrial developments, and infrastructure projects.

Bob and I have been working together to introduce the '**Protecting Australia's Prime Agricultural Land Bill**', which seeks to ensure that high-quality farmland remains reserved for food and fibre production, reinforcing the link between agriculture and national security.

We both believe that food security is vital for Australia's long-term prosperity, especially as global population growth places greater pressure on agricultural resources.

For regions like the Central West, this Bill will safeguard agricultural jobs that sustain our local economies.

Bob absolutely backs me up on this, he knows the environmental benefits of agriculture and shares my concern that removing farmers could lead to land degradation, increased fire risk, and loss of biodiversity, as neglected land becomes overrun by pests and weeds.

A key feature of the proposed legislation will be placing control over land use in the hands of farmers, not governments or developers.

The Bill would require buyers of rural properties containing prime farmland to continue using that land for agricultural purposes.

This measure aims to prevent inappropriate land-use changes that could undermine Australia's long-term food production capacity.

Ultimately, the policy promotes a nationally coordinated strategy to uphold farmers' rights and preserve prime farmland for future generations, ensuring Australia remains a strong and secure agricultural producer in the decades ahead.

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

Marie Krogh Young Women in Science Prize

Women working in scientific research, clinical medicine, public health, or pharmaceutical development across Australia are encouraged to



The Gee Report

Andrew Gee
Federal Member for Calare

apply for the Marie Krogh Young Women in Science Prize.

The award includes:

- * \$50,000 AUD for the winner
- * \$5000 AUD each for seven finalist
- * Entry into a national alumni network
- * Invitation to an Award Event & Oration at Parliament House

Applications close 28 September 2025, 5pm go to www.novonordisk.com.au/marie-krogh-prize

National Science Week grants now open

Community groups, councils, schools, libraries, and not-for-profit organisations in the Calare region are encouraged to apply for the National Science Week Grants 2026.

Grants from \$2,000 to \$20,000 are available to support science-themed events and activities during National Science Week (15–23 August 2026).

Applications close 29 September 2025, go to business.gov.au

Creative Australia's Creative Futures fund also 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 majority Australian-owned IP.

Details, guidelines and applications:
[Creative Futures Fund 2025 | Creative Australia 2](http://CreativeFuturesFund2025.CreativeAustralia2.com)

tech talk

with Mathew Dickerson, Axxis Comworld



ONE OF my children has never quite made peace with flying.

She will do it when required - holidays, family visits, special events - but her enthusiasm is somewhere between reluctant and resigned.

As she fastens her seatbelt, she tells me that if humans were meant to fly, we would have wings. I counter with the idea that if humans were meant to drive, we would have wheels! She puts her headphones on and tries to distract herself.

Her reaction isn't unusual. Statistically, flying is 60-times safer than driving.

For every billion kilometres of travel, we lose 0.05 lives in the air compared to three lives on the road. But despite these statistics, many people feel the opposite with cars feeling somehow safer.

Part of it may be the psychology of control. When you drive, you make the decisions. A plane demands trust in unseen pilots and invisible physics.

Another factor may be the nature of accidents themselves. Car crashes happen daily and are often minor, with survivors

walking away. Plane accidents, while rare, tend to be dramatic and almost always make headlines. Stepping onto an aircraft can feel like a leap of faith.

What if technology could cushion the very worst outcomes, making even the unthinkable survivable?

That is the premise behind a new concept called Project REBIRTH.

The project reimagines how planes might be made safer when disaster strikes.

The inspiration came from a tragic crash in India earlier this year, when an aircraft went down just seconds after take-off and almost all on board lost their lives.

For all the engineering that goes into preventing accidents, there is little technology aimed at surviving one once it becomes unavoidable.

Instead of seat-based airbags like those in cars, this system would cocoon the entire aircraft. Imagine enormous airbags wrapping around the nose, belly and tail of the plane, deploying in less than two seconds when sensors and artificial intelligence determine that a crash cannot be avoided.

These airbags would act as an external shield, softening the impact forces by more than half, according to simulations.

To slow the descent further, the system uses small gas thrusters to reduce the descent speed. Inside the cabin, smart fluids in walls and seats would stay soft in normal conditions but instantly harden on impact, absorbing more energy and protecting passengers.

The design even looks beyond impact. Once the plane has come to rest, flashing lights, infrared beacons, GPS transmitters and a bright orange shell would make the aircraft easy to locate for rescuers.

In theory, the result is not just fewer fatalities at the moment of the crash but faster response times and higher survival rates afterward.

Of course, theory is the key word here. So far only a small prototype has been built and most of the testing exists in computer simulations.

Real-world aviation is messy and unpredictable. A cocoon that works on flat ground may behave very differently in

mountains, forests or water.

Added weight could affect fuel efficiency, and the regulatory hurdles for certifying such a system would be formidable.

Yet the very idea represents a shift in thinking. For decades, aviation safety has been about prevention.

This project imagines a future where survival is also engineered into the last moments of flight.

This challenges the assumption that plane crashes must always be catastrophic.

Just as seatbelts, crumple zones and airbags revolutionised road safety, perhaps giant cushions in the sky could one day redefine what it means to survive the unthinkable.

The skies of the future may feel a little less frightening and a lot more forgiving.

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Jeff Amatto launches new business to empower communities

WITH EMPLOYEES and well-wishers surrounding him, Jeff Amatto cut the ribbon at Rygate Park last Thursday marking the official launch of a new social enterprise in the district - the Yindyamarra Landcare and Maintenance.

The morning began with a Welcome to Country, smoking ceremony, and a community barbecue to mark the beginning of a business that's already making an impact.

The founder of More Cultural Rehabs Less Jails, Mr Amatto said the launch was not just about mowing lawns.

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

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

Raised on the Nanimba Mission, his journey

includes his own time of disconnection through addiction and incarceration.

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

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

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

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



Jeff Amatto cuts the ribbon to officially launch the Yindyamarra Landcare and Maintenance business, 'More Cultural Rehab Less Jails'.

BELOW: Several members of the Yindyamarra group.



'Cronga Peak', Molong – Euchareena the 'peak' of Central West properties

SET IN the tightly held Molong - Euchareena district, 'Cronga Peak' is a truly exceptional offering.

Being the second time offered since first settlement, this 444 hectare property is a masterclass in productivity, presentation, and potential.

Long renowned as a premium cattle breeding and grazing enterprise, 'Cronga Peak' offers the rare combination of scale, water security, and first-class infrastructure in one of the Central West's most respected farming regions.

Over 200 hectares are sown to highly improved pastures including phalaris, fescue, cocksfoot, lucerne, clovers, chicory, ryegrass, and prairie grass - all backed by a strong fertiliser history.

Fertiliser and poultry manure are applied annually with single super spread again in winter 2025. The arable component exceeds 200 hectares, creating strong upside for further development or rotational cropping.

The whole property has been sprayed for broad leaf weed control on an ongoing basis with the entire property sprayed this year.

An ongoing relationship with one agronomist has existed for more than 25 years.

The owners have comprehensive soil analysis and fertiliser history records which will be available to the incoming owners on request.

Water is a standout feature.

An equipped bore supplies stock troughs and there is frontage to the Coopers Creek with waterholes that withstood all droughts in living memory.

Every paddock features either a trough or a dam no smaller than 2000 yards in size, supporting both productivity and peace of mind. The infrastructure is extensive and impressive. A fully enclosed all steel helicopter hangar measuring 18 by 18 metres with a 4.7 metre clearance and concrete apron is in place, complete with power and lights.

Attached is an 18 by 9 metre skillion, also powered and lit. Additional improvements



include a two-stand raised board shearing shed combined with an 18 x 9 metre machinery shed with workshop, and a 7.7 metre-wide skillion with grating.

The all-steel cattle yards include an undercover and concreted working area, crush, scales and loading ramp making stock handling smooth and efficient.

The farm is fenced into 13 well laid out paddocks with excellent fencing throughout, further underscoring the owner's commitment to quality and operational excellence.

Approximately 10km of new fencing has been erected in the last five years.

The homestead is a beautifully renovated four-bedroom residence that sits in an elevated position, taking in long views across the surrounding valley.

It's a welcoming and stylish home that blends comfort with rural charm, perfect as a family base or a manager's residence.

Also included is approximately 740 tonnes of buried haylage, harvested from a single paddock over two post drought years - further testament to the

property's productivity and the owner's attention to long-term planning.

'Cronga Peak' has supported a long term 130 cow and calf breeding enterprise, with market-topping progeny grown out to bullock weights.

At peak carrying, at any one time there can be up to 400 head on the property.

The breeding herd dispersal is booked for the Dubbo female sale in October 2025, offering a clean slate and a seamless transition for the incoming purchaser.

From pasture and water to infrastructure and presentation, every aspect of 'Cronga Peak' speaks to quality and care.

This is a turn key opportunity to secure a profitable, fertile, and future-ready holding in one of the most tightly held rural communities in the Central West.

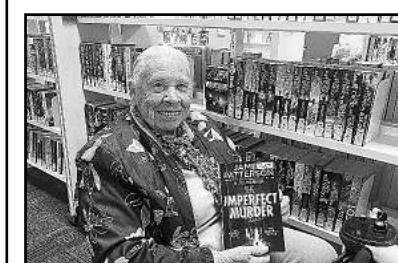
Opportunities like this come around once in a lifetime - if ever.

Auction 1 October 2025. Contact Frank Power on 0427 454 392 to arrange a private inspection.

Library Update

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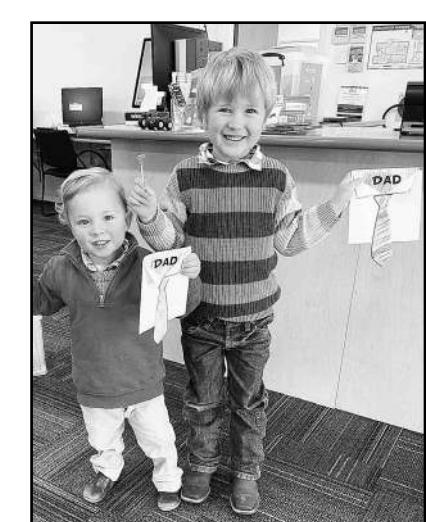
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7two **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.00** The Great Australian Doorstep. **2.30** Air Crash Investigations. **3.30** Harry's Practice. **4.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue. **4.30** Better Homes And Gardens. **5.30** Escape To The Country. **6.30** Bargain Hunt. **7.30** Father Brown. **8.30** Line Of Duty. **11.10** Murdoch Mysteries. **12.10** Late Programs.

ABC Entertains **6.00** Morning Programs. **3.35** Richard Osman's House Of Games. **4.05** QI. **4.35** MythBusters. **5.25** George Clarke's Old House, New Home. **6.15** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. **7.05** Richard Osman's House Of Games. **7.35** QI. **8.05** Would I Lie To You? **8.35** Hard Quiz. **9.05** Gruen. **9.45** Late Programs.

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7mate **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.00** Highway Patrol. **3.00** Talking W. **3.30** The Force: Behind The Line. **4.00** Storage Wars: Barry's Best Buys. **5.00** American Restoration. **5.30** Storage Wars. **6.00** American Pickers. **7.00** Football. AFL Women's. Round 7. Geelong v Hawthorn. **9.15** Family Guy. **10.15** American Dad! **11.15** Late Programs.

ABC Family **6.00** Kids' Programs. **4.10** Andy's Aquatic Adventures. **4.25** Super Monsters. **5.20** Mojo Swoptops. **5.45** Kangaroo Beach. **7.05** Pipinguienguins. **7.35** Ninja: Dragons Rising. **8.00** Operation Ouch! **8.35** Secrets Of The Zoo. **9.20** Teenage Boss: Next Level. **9.45** The Mysterious Benedict Society. **10.35** Late Programs.

6.00 Today. **9.00** Today Extra. **11.30** 9News Morning. **12.00** The Block. **1.10** Postcards. **1.40** My Way. **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** 9News. **7.00** A Current Affair. **7.30** RBT. **8.30** Emergency. **9.30** RPA. **10.30** 9News Late. **11.00** Chicago Med. **12.00** Tipping Point. **1.00** Destination WA. **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** It's Academic. **7.30** Larry The Wonder Pup. **8.30** Flushed. **9.00** Home Shopping. **10.30** House Rules. **12.00** Instant Hotel. **1.25** Australia's Got Talent. **4.00** First Dates UK. **5.00** Bondi Vet. **7.00** Judge Judy. **7.30** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. **9.30** Ramsay's 24 Hours To Hell And Back. **11.30** First Dates UK. **1.30** Late Programs.

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

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10 drama **6.00** Home Shopping. **8.00** Reel Action. **9.00** The Living Room. **10.00** JAG. **12.00** Days Of Our Lives. **12.45** The Young And The Restless. **1.30** A Million Little Things. **2.30** JAG. **4.30** The Living Room. **5.30** JAG. **7.30** NCIS. **10.20** A Million Little Things. **11.15** CSI: Vegas. **12.15** Home Shopping.

9Gem **6.00** Morning Programs. **10.30** Pointless. **11.30** My Favorite Martian. **12.00** M*A*S*H. **2.00** As Time Goes By. **3.20** MOVIE: The Heart Of The Matter. (1953) **5.30** The Travelling Auctioneers. **6.30** Antiques Roadshow. **7.30** Footy Show Grand Final: My Room Telethon. **10.30** Blackadder The Third. **11.50** Late Programs.

6.00 Morning Programs. **12.00** WorldWatch. **2.00** The People Vs Robodebt. **3.00** Going Places With Ernie Dingos. **3.40** The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. **4.15** Walking Wartime England. **5.05** Jeopardy! **5.30** Letters And Numbers. **6.00** Mastermind Australia. **6.30** SBS World News. **7.30** **9/11: One Day In America**. **9.35** Snowpiercer. **10.25** SBS World News Late. **10.55** Dopesick. **12.05** Blue Lights. **2.20** The U.S. And The Holocaust. **4.40** Bamay. **5.00** Late Programs.

10 comedy **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.00** The King Of Queens. **2.30** Becker. **3.00** Frasier. **4.00** Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. **4.30** The King Of Queens. **5.00** Becker. **5.30** Frasier. **6.30** Neighbours. **7.00** Friends. **8.00** The Big Bang Theory. **9.30** Becker. **10.00** Frasier. **10.30** South Park. **11.00** The King Of Queens. **11.30** Late Programs.

VICELAND **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.40** Bamay. **3.00** Insight. **4.05** WorldWatch. **6.05** Over The Black Dot. **6.35** Jeopardy! **7.30** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** The Curse Of Oak Island. **10.10** The UnXplained With William Shatner. **11.00** Homicide: Life On The Street. **1.45** Conversations With Friends. **2.25** Late Programs.



6.00 Morning Programs. **10.00** Take 5 With Zan Rowe. **10.30** The Pacific. **11.00** Antiques Roadshow. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Mystery Road: Origin. **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** Gardening Australia. **8.30** Professor T. **9.15** Hard Quiz. **9.50** Mother And Son. **10.35** The Assembly. **11.20** Silent Witness. **12.20** Late Programs.

7two **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue. **2.30** Sydney Weekender. **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.

ABC Entertains **6.00** Morning Programs. **3.30** House Of Games. **4.00** Would I Lie To You? **4.30** MythBusters. **5.25** George Clarke's Old House, New Home. **6.10** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. **7.00** Richard Osman's House Of Games. **7.30** QI. **8.00** Would I Lie To You? **8.30** MOVIE: Gone Girl. (2014) **10.55** 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: 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: Jerry Maguire. (1996) **11.30** Get On Extra. **12.00** The Front Bar. **2.00** The Agenda Setters. **3.00** Home Shopping. **4.00** Million Dollar Minute. **5.00** NBC Today.

7mate **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.30** Carnage. **3.30** Timbersports. **4.00** Storage Wars: Barry's Best Buys. **5.00** American Restoration. **5.30** Storage Wars. **6.00** American Pickers. **7.00** Football. AFL Women's. Round 7. Western Bulldogs v Collingwood. **9.15** MOVIE: 2012. (2009) **12.25** Late Programs.

ABC Family **6.00** Kids' Programs. **3.00** Play School. **4.10** Andy's Aquatic Adventures. **4.25** Super Monsters. **5.20** Mojo Swoptops. **5.45** Kangaroo Beach. **7.30** Good Game Spaw Point. **8.05** Be Cool, Scooby-Doo! **8.30** MythBusters "There's Your Problem!". **8.55** Robot Wars. **9.55** Merlin. **10.40** Late Programs.

6.00 Today. **9.00** Today Extra. **11.30** 9News Morning. **12.00** MOVIE: Project Baby. (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** Rugby League. NRL. First preliminary final. Melbourne Storm v Cronulla Sharks. **9.45** NRL Finals Post-Match. **10.45** Craig Bellamy: Inside The Storm. **12.40** Tipping Point. **1.30** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **4.00** Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. **4.30** Global Shop. **5.00** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **5.30** Postcards.

7flix **6.00** Morning Programs. **10.30** House Rules. **12.00** Instant Hotel. **1.15** Australia's Got Talent. **4.15** MOVIE: A Beautiful Day In The Neighborhood. (1993) **6.30** MOVIE: Beethoven's 2nd. (1990) **8.30** MOVIE: The Blues Brothers. (1980) John Belushi, Dan Aykroyd, Carrie Fisher. **11.15** MOVIE: Tootsie. (1982) **1.45** Late Programs.

ABC NEWS **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** The Pacific. **8.00** Planet America: Weekend Edition. **8.45** ABC News Tonight. **9.00** The World. **9.30** Close Of Business. **10.00** ABC Nightly News. **10.30** Late Programs.

6.00 Morning Programs. **8.30** Deal Or No Deal. **9.00** Lingo. **10.00** Ent. Tonight. **10.20** Taskmaster Australia. **11.30** Judge Judy. **12.00** Everyday Gourmet. **12.30** Family Feud. **1.00** News. **2.00** Wheel Of Fortune. **2.30** Lingo. **3.30** 10 News: Afternoon. **4.00** House Hunters Australia. **4.30** The Bold And The Beautiful. **5.00** 10 News+. **6.00** 10 News+. **7.00** Deal Or No Deal. **7.30** Love It Or List It Australia. **8.40** The Brighter Side. **9.10** Have You Been Paying Attention? **10.10** 10's Late News. **10.35** 10 News+. **11.35** Late Programs.

10 drama **6.00** Home Shopping. **8.00** Reel Action. **9.00** The Living Room. **10.00** JAG. **12.00** Days Of Our Lives. **12.45** The Young And The Restless. **1.30** A Million Little Things. **2.30** JAG. **4.30** The Living Room. **5.30** JAG. **7.30** NCIS. **10.20** A Million Little Things. **11.15** CSI: Vegas. **12.15** Home Shopping.

9Gem **6.00** Morning Programs. **8.00** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **10.30** Pointless. **11.30** My Favorite Martian. **12.00** M*A*S*H. **2.00** Fawlty Towers. **3.20** MOVIE: The Lady With A Lamp. (1951) **5.30** The Travelling Auctioneers. **6.30** Antiques Roadshow. **7.30** Find My Country House Australia. **8.30** To Be Advised. **12.00** Late Programs.

6.00 Morning Programs. **12.00** WorldWatch. **2.00** Australia Come Fly With Me. **3.00** Nula. **3.40** The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. **4.15** Walking Wartime England. **5.05** Jeopardy! **5.30** Letters And Numbers. **6.00** Mastermind Australia. **6.30** SBS World News. **7.35** Amazing Railway Adventures With Nick Knowles. **8.25** Living Black. **9.25** Lost Treasures Of Egypt. **10.25** SBS World News Late. **10.55** Catch Me A Killer. **11.50** Pray For Blood. **1.30** The U.S. And The Holocaust. **3.45** Late Programs.

10 comedy **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.00** King Of Queens. **2.30** Becker. **3.00** Frasier. **4.00** Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. **4.30** The King Of Queens. **5.00** Becker. **5.30** Frasier. **6.30** Friends. **7.30** MOVIE: Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle Of Life. (2003) **9.40** Becker. **10.05** Frasier. **10.30** South Park. **11.00** Late Programs.

VICELAND **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.20** Everyone Else Burns. **3.00** Over The Black Dot. **3.35** WorldWatch. **5.35** If You Are The One. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** Sex: A Bonkers History. **9.25** Sex Actually With Alice Levine. **10.20** The Big Sex Talk. **10.50** Homeland. <



6.00 Morning Programs. **11.00** Compass.
11.30 Songs Of Praise. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **12.30** Landline. **1.30** Gardening Australia. **2.30** David Attenborough's Kingdom Of Plants. **3.25** Grand Designs New Zealand. **4.10** Bill Bailey's Wild West Australia. **5.00** Antiques Roadshow.
6.00 Pilgrimage: The Road Through The Alps. Return. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30** The Assembly. **8.15** Mystery Road: Origin. **9.10** I, Jack Wright. Final. **10.00** Mother And Son. **10.25** MOVIE: Embrace. (2016) **11.55** Late Programs.

7two **6.00** Morning Programs. **11.00** Healthy, Wealthy & Wise. **12.00** Escape To The Country. **2.00** The Great Australian Doorstop. **2.30** Escape To The Country. **3.30** The World's Most Scenic Railway Journeys. **4.30** Escape To The Country. **7.30** Mr Bates Vs The Post Office. **8.30** Vera. **10.30** Flesh And Blood. **11.30** Late Programs.

900 Entertains **6.00** Morning Programs. **3.40** A Bite To Eat. **4.10** Would I Lie To You? **4.40** MythBusters. **5.30** George Clarke's Old House, New Home. **6.15** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. **7.05** Spicks And Specks. **7.35** QI. **8.05** David Stratton's Stories Of Australian Cinema. **9.05** Planet America: Wknd Ed. **9.55** Late Programs.



6.00 Better Homes And Gardens. **7.00** Weekend Sunrise. **10.00** The Morning Show: Weekend. **12.00** Behind Behani. **12.30** To Be Advised. **4.00** Better Homes And Gardens. **5.00** Seven News At 5. **5.30** Sydney Weekender. **6.00** Seven News. **7.00** The Voice. **8.40** 7NEWS Spotlight. **9.40** 7NEWS: The Ballo Five - 50 Years On. **10.10** 24 Hours In Police Custody. **11.40** Crime Investigation Australia: Most Infamous. **12.55** Miniseries: The Victim. **2.30** Home Shopping. **3.30** Million Dollar Minute. **4.00** Late Programs.

7mate **6.00** Morning Programs. **3.00** Football. AFL Women's Round 7. Adelaide v Sydney. **5.00** Football. AFL Women's Round 7. West Coast v GWS Giants. **7.00** Border Security: Australia's Front Line. **8.30** MOVIE: Jurassic Park. (1993) Sam Neill, Laura Dern. **11.00** Border Security: Australia's Front Line. **11.30** Late Programs.

900 Family **6.00** Kids' Programs. **4.45** Gardening Australia Junior. **5.10** PJ Masks Power Heroes. **6.30** The Adventures Of Paddington. **6.50** Andy And The Band. **7.05** Do Not Watch This Show. **7.35** MOVIE: The Boy In The Dress. (2014) **8.40** Fresh Off The Boat. **9.20** Abbott Elementary. **10.05** Merlin. **10.50** Late Programs.



6.00 Hello SA. **6.30** A Current Affair. **7.00** Weekend Today. **10.00** Wide World Of Sports. **11.00** NRL Sunday Footy Show. **12.30** NRLW Wrap. **1.15** Rugby League. NRL Women's Premiership. Second semi-final. Brisbane Broncos v Newcastle Knights. **3.00** Rugby League. NRL. Second preliminary final. Brisbane Broncos v Penrith Panthers. **6.00** 9News Sunday. **7.00** The Block. **8.40** 60 Minutes. **9.40** 9News Late. **10.10** A Killer Makes A Call. **11.10** Mobsters. **12.10** The Gulf. **1.00** Our State On A Plate. **1.30** Late Programs.

7flix **6.00** It's Academic. **7.30** Larry The Wonder Pup. **8.30** Flushed. **10.00** Bringing Sexy Back. **11.15** My France With Manu. **12.15** Intolerant Cooks. **1.00** Home And Away. **4.00** The Voice. **5.40** Bondi Vet. **6.30** Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly. **7.30** Law & Order: Criminal Intent. **8.30** Law & Order: SVU. **10.30** Bones. **12.30** Quantico. **3.00** Burn Notice.

900 NEWS **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** Foreign Correspondent. **7.00** National News. **7.30** Insiders. **8.40** If You're Listening. **9.00** Nightly News. **9.30** Aust Story. **10.00** Late Programs.



6.00 Mass. **6.30** Key Of David. **7.00** Joseph Prince. **7.30** Freshly Picked. **8.00** Roads Less Travelled. **8.30** Exploring Off The Grid. **9.30** Farm To Fork. **10.00** Frugal Foodie. **10.30** The Brighter Side. **11.00** Amazing Race Australia: Celebrity Edition. **1.30** Location, Location, Location Australia. **2.30** Basketball. NBL. Round 2. Sydney Kings v Cairns Taipans. **4.30** House Hunters Australia. **5.00** 10 News. **6.00** 10 News+. **7.00** The Amazing Race Australia: Celebrity Edition. **8.30** Watson. **9.30** FBI. **11.30** Late Programs.

10 drama **6.00** Home Shopping. **8.00** All 4 Adventure. **9.00** Reel Action. **9.30** Navigating The World. **10.30** Judge Judy. **11.00** JAG. **4.00** IFISH. **4.30** Basketball. NBL. Round 2. Adelaide 36ers v Brisbane Bullets. **6.30** JAG. **7.30** NCIS. **10.20** Blue Bloods. **11.15** Nancy Drew. **12.15** Home Shopping.

900 Gem **6.00** Morning Programs. **12.00** Getaway. **12.30** My Favorite Martian. **1.00** Dad's Army. **2.00** MOVIE: Cairo Road. (1950) **4.00** MOVIE: How To Murder Your Wife. (1965) **6.30** M'A'S'H. **8.30** MOVIE: The Shawshank Redemption. (1994) Tim Robbins, Morgan Freeman, James Whitmore. **11.20** Major Crimes. **12.20** Late Programs.



6.00 Morning Programs. **12.00** WorldWatch. **12.30** PBS Washington Week. **1.00** Motor Racing. Hi-Tec Oils Super Series. **5.05** Going Places With Ernie Dingo. **5.35** World War 2: The End. **6.30** SBS World News. **7.30** Naachtun: The Forgotten Mayan City. **8.35** The Lost Empire Of Palmyra. **10.20** Bombing Brighton: The Plot To Kill Thatcher. **11.45** Yellow House Afghanistan. **1.35** Women Who Rock. **2.35** Curious Traveller. **4.10** J Schwanke's Life In Bloom. **4.40** Bamay. **5.00** Late Programs.

10 comedy **6.00** Deal Or No Deal. **8.00** Frasier. **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.

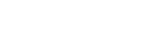
VICELAND **6.00** Morning Programs. **4.00** Decoding The Antikythera Mechanism. **4.50** WorldWatch. **5.20** PBS Washington Week. **5.50** Alone Sweden. **6.40** Abandoned Engineering. **8.30** Sue Perkins' Big American Road Trip. **9.25** Uncanny. New. **10.35** Hudson & Rex. Return. **12.15** Late Programs.



6.00 Morning Programs. **11.00** Beyond Paradise Christmas Special. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Landline. **2.00** Prince Charles: Inside The Duchy Of Cornwall. **2.55** Anh's Brush With Fame. **3.20** Grand Designs. **4.10** 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** Australian Story. **8.30** Four Corners. **9.15** Media Watch. **9.35** Planet America. **10.05** ABC Late News. **10.20** The Business. **10.40** A Life In Ten Pictures. **11.30** Late Programs.

7two **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.00** Weekender. **2.30** Great Rail Restorations. **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.

900 Entertains **6.00** Morning Programs. **4.05** Would I Lie To You? **4.40** MythBusters. **5.30** George Clarke's Old House, New Home. **6.15** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. **7.05** Richard Osman's House Of Games. **7.35** QI. **8.05** Would I Lie To You? **8.35** Penn & Teller: Fool Us. **9.20** Whose Line Is It Anyway? **9.40** 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. **7.30** My Kitchen Rules. **9.05** The Rookie. **10.05** Alert: Missing Persons Unit. Return. **11.05** S.W.A.T. **12.05** Hooten & The Lady. **1.05** Travel Oz. **2.00** Home Shopping. **4.00** NBC Today. **5.00** Sunrise Early News. **5.30** Sunrise.

7mate **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.30** Watersport. Offshore Superboats. **3.30** Mountain Men. **4.30** American Restoration. **5.00** Storage Wars. **5.30** American Pickers. **6.30** Pawn Stars. **7.30** Outback Crystal Hunters. Return. **8.30** Aussie Gold Hunters. Return. **9.30** Aussie Salvage Squad. **10.30** Mighty Ships. **11.30** Late Programs.

900 Family **6.00** Kids' Programs. **3.00** Play School. **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** Piripenguins. **7.35** Ninjago: Dragons Rising. **8.00** Operation Ouch! **8.35** Gladiators. New. **9.35** The Crystal Maze. **10.20** Merlin. **11.10** Late Programs.



6.00 Today. **9.00** Today Extra. **11.30** 9News Morning. **12.00** The Block. **1.30** Young Sheldon. **2.00** Pointless. **3.00** Tipping Point. **4.00** 9News Afternoon. **4.30** Tipping Point Australia. **5.30** WIN News. **6.00** 9News. **7.00** A Current Affair. **7.30** The Block. **8.40** 100% Footy. **9.50** Freddy And The Eighth. **11.00** 9News Late. **11.30** To Be Advised. **12.30** Tipping Point. **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. **10.30** Jabba's Movies School Holiday Special. **11.00** House Rules. **12.30** Instant Hotel. **1.45** Australia's Got Talent. **3.15** My Kitchen Rules. **5.00** Bondi Vet. **7.00** Judge Judy. **7.30** Law & Order: Criminal Intent. **8.30** Law & Order: SVU. **9.30** Law & Order. **10.30** Bones. **11.30** Late Programs.

900 NEWS **6.00** Morning Programs. **3.00** ABC News. **4.00** Afternoon Briefing. **5.00** ABC News Hour. **7.00** ABC National News. **7.30** **7.30**. **8.00** ABC News Tonight. **8.45** The Business. **9.00** NBC Today. **10.00** ABC Nightly News. **10.15** Four Corners. **11.00** Late Programs.



6.00 Morning Programs. **10.00** Judge Judy. **10.30** Amazing Race Australia: Celebrity Edition. **12.00** Everyday Gourmet. **12.30** Family Feud. **1.00** News. **2.00** Wheel Of Fortune. **2.30** Lingo. **3.30** News. **4.00** Neighbours. **4.30** The Bold And The Beautiful. **5.00** 10 News. **6.00** 10 News+. **7.00** Deal Or No Deal. **7.30** The Amazing Race Australia: Celebrity Edition. **8.40** Have You Been Paying Attention? **9.40** Talkin' 'Bout Your Gen. **10.40** 10's Late News. **11.05** 10 News+. **12.05** Late Programs.

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

900 Gem **6.00** Morning Programs. **10.30** Pointless. **11.30** My Favorite Martian. **12.00** M'A'S'H. **2.00** Dad's Army. **3.00** Antiques Roadshow. **3.30** MOVIE: The Iron Maiden. (1963) **5.30** The Travelling Auctioneers. **6.30** Antiques Roadshow. **7.30** Death In Paradise. **8.40** Shakespeare And Hathaway. **10.40** Whitstable Pearl. **11.40** Late Programs.



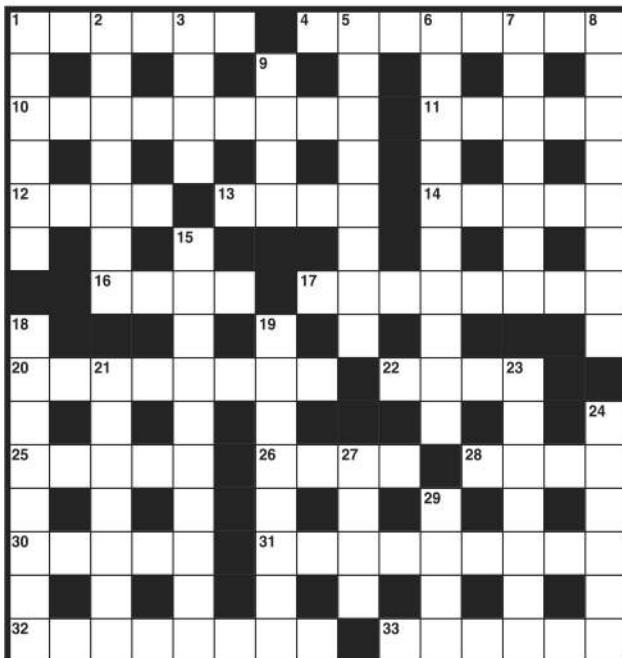
6.00 Morning Programs. **12.10** WorldWatch. **2.00** Ancient Egypt: Chronicles Of An Empire. **3.00** Going Places. **3.40** The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. **4.15** Walking Wartime England. **5.05** Jeopardy! **5.30** Letters And Numbers. **6.00** Mastermind Australia. **6.30** SBS World News. **7.30** Robson Green's Weekend Escapes. **8.35** Portillo In The Pyrenees. **9.30** Into South America With Nick Knowles. **10.20** SBS World News Late. **10.50** Classified. Final. **11.40** Enemy Of The People. **3.00** Late Programs.

10 comedy **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.00** Ridiculousness. **2.00** The King Of Queens. **2.30** Becker. **3.00** Frasier. **4.00** Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. **4.30** The King Of Queens. **5.00** Becker. **5.30** Frasier. **6.30** Neighbours. **7.00** Friends. **8.00** The Big Bang Theory. **10.00** Becker. **10.30** Frasier. **11.30** Late Programs.

VICELAND **6.00** Morning Programs. **3.00** Wine Lovers' Guide. **3.30** History's Crazy Rich Ancients. **3.55** WorldWatch. **5.50** The Food That Built The World. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** Joe Lyett's United States Of Birmingham. **9.25</**

PUZZLES

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Recomence (6)
4 Region of southern Italy (8)
10 Destroy (9)
11 Nurslings (5)
12 Unpleasant to view (4)
13 Alcoholic honey drink (4)

- 14 Jilt (5)
16 Essence (4)
17 Porch (8)
20 Relating to cultivated land (8)
22 Masterstroke (4)
25 Fundamental (5)

9-LETTER

No. 141

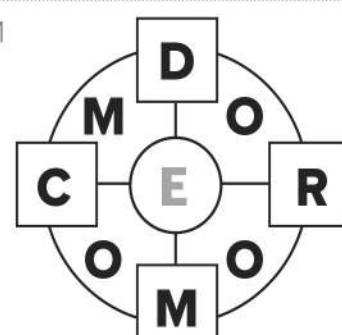
Using the nine letters in the grid, how many words of four letters or more can you list? The centre letter must be included and each letter may only be used once. No colloquial or foreign words. No capitalised nouns, apostrophes or plural words ending in "s".

Today's Aim:

10 words: Good

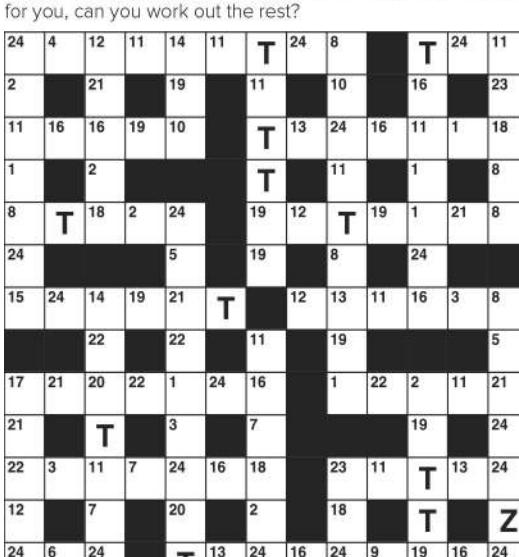
15 words: Very good

21 words: Excellent



No. 091

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

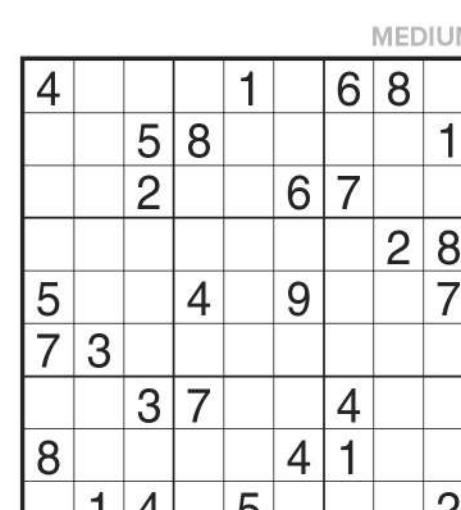


No. 141

SUDOKU

No. 141

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 3 x 3 boxes. Remember, no number can occur more than once in any row, column or box.



SOLUTIONS								
EASY								
7	4	2	5	1	6	3	9	8
1	3	9	8	2	7	5	4	6
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5	9	4	3	6	2	8	1	7
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8	5	6	9	4	1	3	7	2
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The rain last week was patchy, I measured 10mm, other parts of town 15mls.

Grain Market

International and domestic markets softer under the same influences - large crop, increasing stocks, tepid demand and a strengthening A\$. BOM rainfall totals show very good rainfall for NSW, good rainfall for Vic and SA. There is more in the forecast for much the same areas, which will go a long way in consolidating crops, particularly in southern areas.

A\$ at 66USc as traders brace for US inflation data that could influence the size of the next rate cut (tipped for Nov) and potentially support further gains in the A\$ on US\$ weakness.

Global grain prices have remained relatively subdued despite falling end stocks. As a result domestic prices are likely to be determined mainly by our national harvest meaning that the industry may be facing the trade-off between price and volume.

The Australian market is unlikely to receive any support for an increase in the short term as the Northern Hemisphere's crop remains on the market. In fact wheat, canola and barley futures have fallen in recent months indicating the market's opinion that prices will continue to decline.

** A field day was held at 'Cramond' (my father's property) recently sold by my brother Gerald. GOA Pulse Farm Walk held last Friday. On view were plots of faba beans, lupins, chickpeas, field peas, vetch and lentils. This was a great viewing of crops for those thinking of crop alternatives for nutrient building, opportune grazing or cash crop. We tried to grow lentils and chickpeas on the soil conservation farm (during our lease) the crops grew OK but we were unable to harvest them due to the rocky ground as these crops shrink when due for harvesting - just too much gravel in the sample.

Markets at a glance

Wool. 18th EMI closed at 1344c/kg clean, up 25c. Lower volumes continue and with new season wool stimulated demand across all sectors. EMI recorded its 9th straight weekly rise, not seen for 16 years. 29,923 bales offered, up 2379 bales (incl NZ bales). Sydney:- finer Merino flc 18mic 30c to 59c higher clearance rates 97-99.3%, Merino skirtings well prepared firmed, crossbred finer lots led with 28 micron MPG closing 60c higher. Locks and crutchings lifted 10c. NRI 1376c/kg clean,+12c 2% passed-in, 255 bales withdrawn.

Cattle.. DBO 19th, 8440 head. Young cattle to trade firm, vealers and yearlings 432 to 520c/kg. Feeder steers and heifers continue fully firm. Feeder steers 410c to 545c, heifers 438c to 505c/kg. Young cattle to restockers little dearer, steers to 590c, heifers to 515c/kg. Grown steers and heifers 5 to 8c cheaper, steers 460c to 520c, heifers 396c to 490c/kg. Cows 8 to 12c cheaper, 3-scores 330c to 400c/kg. Heavies 375c to 440c.

Sheep.. DBO 22nd 11,805 sheep, up 5085, 29,020 lambs, up 7645. Quality fair to good, large supply of trade and heavy lambs, good supply new season lambs, all regular buyers operating. New season trade 20kg to 24kg, slightly cheaper, \$240 to \$316. Heavy new season over 24kg firm, \$300 to \$350. Light processing lambs to 18kg \$111 to \$210. Trade old lambs cheaper, \$240 to \$286. Heavy to 30kg \$290 to \$355. Extra heavy to \$383. Merino trade \$240 to \$298, heavies \$298 to \$327. Heavy hoggets to \$354. Mutton firm, Merino wethers \$125 to \$230. Merino rams \$246.

STOCK CLEARANCE
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Stock report by Ross Plasto

DUBBO CATTLE sale yarded 8440. Good quality with good selection in all sections, good numbers of young cattle to suit feeders and backgrounders. Good numbers of cows of which some were sourced from Queensland.

Young cattle to trade firm, vealers and yearlings 432c to 520c/kg. Feeder steers and heifers still very strong and fully firm. Feeder steers 410c to 545c, heifers 438c to 505c/kg. Young cattle to restockers little dearer, steers to 590c, heifers to 515c/kg.

Grown steers and heifers 5c to 8c cheaper, steers 460c to 520c, heifers 396c to 490c/kg. Cows 8c to 12c cheaper, 3-scores 330c to 400c/kg. Heavy cows 375c to 440c, ave 416c/kg. Restockers paid 370c and 384c/kg for cows to breed on. Heavy bulls dearer to 452c/kg.

SHEEP. 29,020 lambs. Quality fair to good, large supplies of trade and heavy weight lambs. Good selection of new season lambs and regular supply of Merinos and Dorpers. All the regular buyers operating.

New season trade lambs 20kg to 24kg slightly cheaper, \$240 to \$316, ave 1180c to 1270c/kg cwt. Heavy new season lambs over 24kg held firm, \$300 to \$350.

Light processing old lambs to 18kg \$111 to \$210. Trade old lambs cheaper, \$244 to \$286. Heavy lambs to 30kg \$290 to \$355, extra heavy to \$383, most ave 1200c/kg cwt. Merino trade \$240 to \$298, heavies \$298

to \$327. Heavy hoggets reached \$354..

Mutton.. 11 805 mixed quality mutton, prices firm. Merino ewes \$118 to \$286, crossbred ewes \$177 to \$299. Merino wethers \$128 to \$236, Merino rams to \$246. Most sheep sold 760c to 820c/kg cwt.

WOOL.. Schute Bell reported the market had shown no signs of slowing down recording it 9th consecutive weekly rise. AWEX report that the 16 selling day rise is the longest unbroken upward movement since they began reporting the market back in 1997.

In the Northern region similar gains were made on both selling days with a 12 cent rise on Tuesday and a further 13 cents added on Wednesday.

Headline EMI closed at its highest level since March 2023. It was the finer Merino and broader crossbred types that attracted buyer attention last week with the 28-micron indicator recording an impressive 11% increase. With the 20-micron and broader Merino types now sitting at five-year highs it was becoming important that attention was also needed to be given to the finer micron categories. This started to occur the week prior and showed positive signs of continuing last week. 27,171 bales were sold, 3.8% passed-in. Major buyers included Techwool, PJ Morris and Meliwa with strong support given across the board.

Upcoming national offerings remain around 30,000 bales per week.

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WEEKLY MARKET REPORT
Week ending September 19, 2025

AWEX Northern Micron Indices Comparison

AWEX INDEX	This Week \$12/25	This Week M12/25	Last Sale \$11/25	Sydney Change	Last Year Sydney	Sydney Yearly Change
17	1877	1903	1847	+30	1635	+242
18	1787	1796	1728	+59	1469	+318
19	1629	1637	1602	+27	1364	+265
20	1570	1561	1561n	+9	1288n	+282
21	-	1548	-	-	-	-
26	-	828	761n	-	562n	-
28	610n	610	550n	+60n	375	+235
MC	792n	778	790n	+2n	696n	+96n

The rally continues

THE RALLY in the wool market continued last week with two measured increases over both selling days. Tuesday's opening strengthened from the outset, with the finer Merino indicators well supported. Day two followed the tone with the finer end benefiting the most in Merino offerings. Skirtings again followed the fleece price pattern, cardings were stronger overall, and best results were in the South, but it was the crossbred indicators that stole the limelight for the week. 26 and 28 microns rose 64 and 60 cents, which is 8 and 10% stronger than prior week's close. The shortfall in supply of these types led to the extreme price increases, following on from improved results in New Zealand auctions. Supply issues are also influencing markets in South America, mostly in Argentina, leaving processors little ability to hold price at current levels. The 28-micron indicator has been rising week-on-week since May and doesn't look like losing momentum. Some large Chinese mills are running at 80% or less, with the ability to ride out long periods of poor returns, whilst

medium to smaller processors are finding trading conditions far tougher up to now. But there are some green shoots starting to appear, with sales of yarn and cloth much improved on this time last year, and the large quantity of stock of tops seem to not be a factor. This on the back of US tariffs, which have reduced the amount of product going into that market, is finally showing that the world as a whole has pushed away from the economic problems that came from Covid-19. With Merino ram sales at present, it is great that we celebrate the successes that our clients are having from staying in a woolgrowing enterprise. Toulan Pastoral Co, Bathurst made 4900 cents for weaner fleece of 13.3-micron, 0.6 vm, 71.3% yield, 70mm and 35 NKT, is the highest price in the North for the current selling season. Traditionally these wools were the domain of European processors, but as is the changing of the guard, China's largest processor Tianyu purchased this and several others from Toulan. Nationally this week 30,000 bales, with Macwool and Carmichael wool just over 550.

YOUR WOOL IN SAFE HANDS

**Around the tracks
with Col Hodges**

Racing at Narromine

FROM WHEN he first commenced riding track-work and in barrier trials, astute judges have been predicting a bright future in the saddle for Dubbo-based Jacob Stiff.

Indentured to Michael Mulholland, the 18-year-old apprentice rode his career first winner on the Mack Griffith, Mudgee trained Dawn County on Monday at Narromine in the 1600 metres Narromine USMC Benchmark 66 Handicap

In a nice position travelling fifth, Dawn County (\$10) was in clear running from the top of the straight and ridden out in stylish fashion by Jacob Stiff reeled in the \$2.80 favourite Hibiki Harmony (Braith Nock) to win by over two lengths with Blue Guitar (Grant Buckley, \$3.90) finishing third.

Shayleigh Ingelse who is also apprenticed to Michael Mulholland, celebrated her return to race riding after injury to win the 1100m Narromine Hardware Country Boosted Benchmark 58 Handicap on the David Smith, Mudgee trained Simply Better (\$11).

Primed for a first-up win after a spell, the Michael Mulholland trained Shadow Dane was well ridden by Chad Lever in the 1300m Benjamin Smith Memorial Class 2 Handicap.

Near last early, Shadow Dane (\$12 to \$9.50) made a sharp move to be ready to challenge turning for home and won by almost a length from Silent Ace (Braith Nock, \$8.50) and Powderfinger (Mikayla Weir, \$13).

Currently riding in top form, the Hawkesbury based Chad Lever with the first leg of double won the 1300m Three Rivers Machinery Maiden Handicap on the Connie Greig, Dubbo trained Prince Of Prophets (\$4.20 to \$3.90).

Cindy Monaghan had a good winning chance with Casablanca at Ennionia on Saturday and was disappointed when the meeting was washed out, however, the Dubbo based trainer had a worthy backup in Satashi on Monday at Narromine in the Nutrien Ag Solutions 1600m Class 1 & Maiden Plate.

Owned by well-known stock and station agent and livestock market reporter Angus Barlow, Tim Moses and Cindy Monaghan, Satashi (Jake Pracey-Holmes, \$15) after travelling behind the leading pack hit the lead in the straight and held on well to stave off the late challenge from Saintly Sands (Chelsea Hillier, \$1.85 to \$2.20 fav) and recent Geurie Cup winner The Drafter (Jacob Stiff, \$18).

The other winners at Narromine were the Michael Lynch, Cowra trained Sabatina (Ken Dunbar, \$9 to \$6) and Trumpty Dumpty (Braith Nock, \$11) trained at Dubbo by Dar Lunn.

Racing at Come-By-Chance Picnics and Grenfell on Saturday while the features at Dubbo on Sunday include the Dubbo Gold Cup, Vincent Gordon Flying and the Picnic Champions Finals.



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Nourished wools in demand at Allendale ram sale

MERINO breeders who have put their faith in the soft-nourished wools of Allendale stud rams returned to Tony and Penny Inder's annual on-property sale at 'Iona', Gollan on Thursday, September 18 and purchased 35 of the 50 rams catalogued at auction for a top of \$3600 and \$1257 average.

Continuing their buying strength and commitment to Allendale sires, the Doherty Brothers (Peter, Mark and Colin) of Klondyke, Gollan, returned and purchased both top and second-top priced rams of the sale. Their top at \$3600 was a well-nourished 19.1-micron ram weighing 96kg with a 99.8 per cent comfort factor while second top at \$3500 was an 18.5-micron ram with 100pc comfort factor weighing 98kg while their four purchases averaged \$2400.

The Doherty Brothers currently run 1700 ewes of which 850 are the base Merino flock growing 18.5-micron wool and cut 7kg average at the last shearing in June. The other 850 ewes are joined to Poll Dorset rams and the wether portion made \$270 each at 11 months in early July through Dubbo saleyards. Peter Doherty said they marked 125pc of ewes joined this year. Larry and Helen Yeo, Murragega, Gollan, also repeat buyers secured five rams this year while paying to \$1400 twice and a \$1240 average for their flock growing an average 20 to 21 micron wool.

Mr Yeo repeated what he said last year that Allendale rams breed flock ewes that grow "bread and butter wool year-in – year-out".

Marra region woolgrower, Greg Woodlock of Tuscan Pastoral Company, Ilagoola, Giriambone, has also been a long-time Allendale client and returned this year to take home 10 rams while paying to \$1400 twice and a \$1100 average.

Mr Woodlock said the Marra seasons had hit a dry patch this year but his 3000 ewe flock were running well and in good condition.

"They're growing 20-micron wool and cutting six to 6.5kg of wool annually and I marked 100pc lambs which is excellent for my country," he said.

His cast-for-age ewes are joined to White Suffolk rams and progeny are sold at either Forbes or over the hook.

He said he returned to Allendale each year because the rams produced a good dual-purpose sheep – mutton and wool.

"They'll fit within seasons and market trends," he said.

Peter Darlington from Westella district also returned and purchased three rams to \$1800 to average \$1267, while Mark Zell of Wattle Grove, Mendooran picked up six rams at \$1000 each.

Coolah district Merino flock breeders Anthony and Libby Jones of Springvale Pastoral, returned to secure five rams for a top of \$1400 and \$1080 average.

They run an 1800 ewe Merino flock of 18-micron average.

The sale was conducted by MacWool, Dubbo and Milling Stuart, Dunedoo, with Angus Stuart the auctioneer.



The Doherty brothers and families of Klondyke, Gollan returned to Allendale and bought the \$3600 sale-topper and \$3500 second top-priced rams. Pictured are James Gibson, Milling Stuart, Dunedoo; co-buyer Colin Doherty, Tony Inder, Allendale studmaster; Damien Doherty, Mark Doherty holding grandson, Lachlan; Cameron Hull, Peter Doherty and Lachlan Stuart of Milling Stuart.



Penny Inder's father Geoffrey Rush turned out to be a top lunchtime barbecue.



Stuart Town district Merino breeder Laurie Pope, Weemala, took the opportunity to present Tony Inder the wool bale stencil he purchased at an Iona clearing sale many years ago.

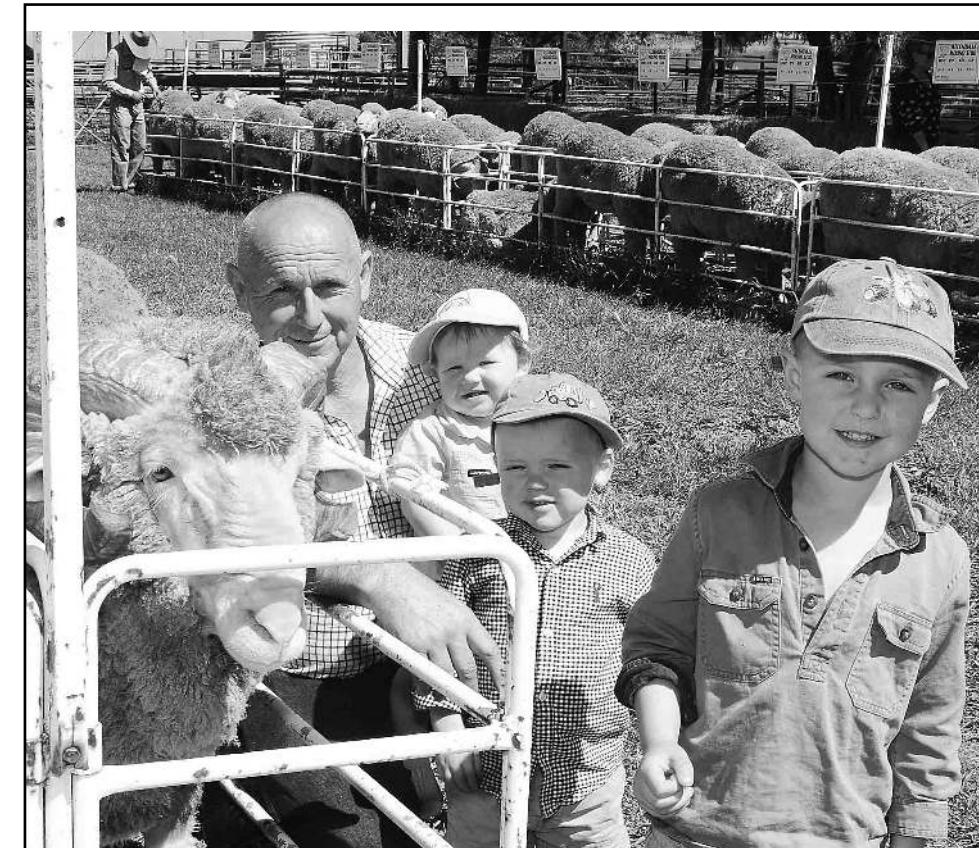
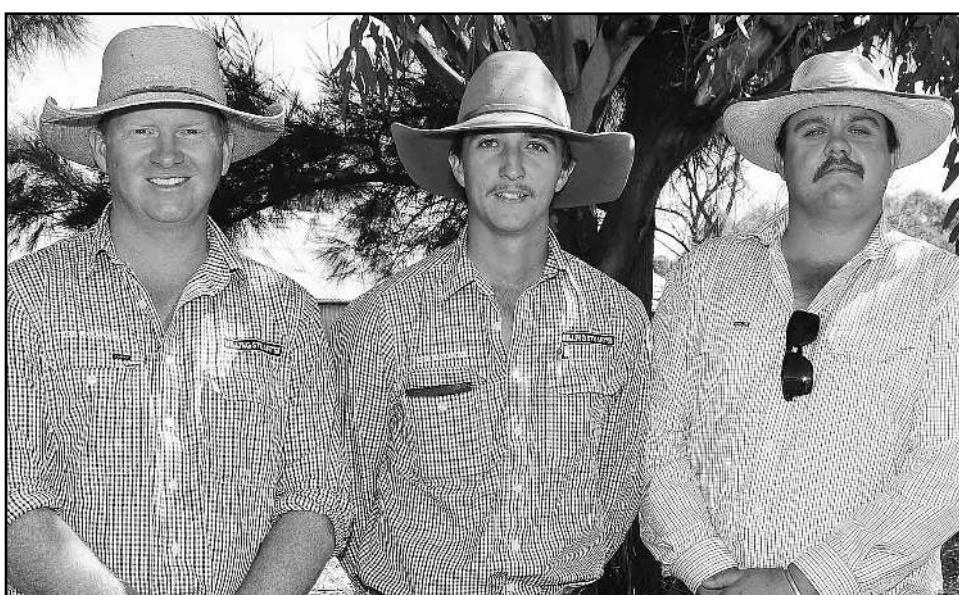


Victoria and Louise Monk, Wattle Grove, Mendooran with Jess Redfern and Florence.

BOTTOM RIGHT: April Falconer demonstrates the Prattley Datamars portable weighing system after the Allendale rams sale

Report and photos by Mark Griggs

BELOW: Lachlan Stuart and James Gibson of sale agents Milling Stuart, Dunedoo, with Bailey Monk, Wattle Grove, Mendooran. The Monk family purchased four rams.



Tony Inder with grandchildren Florence and Bobby Redfern and Oscar Hibberd.





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Queensland first-time buyer found the “wow” factor in Bella Lana rams

BY MARK GRIGGS

RAM values continue to rise at Bella Lana on-property Merino ram sales, with this year's average lifting by \$54 on last year's average which was \$372 higher than the 2023 sale.

At Scott and Anna Brien and family's 17th sale last Friday (September 19), 84 of the 92 rams offered at auction sold to a top of \$5500 and averaged \$2401.

Another four rams sold at \$5000 and higher.

The top-priced \$5500 ram was knocked down to Accelerate Ag, a first-time buyer who stated only that it would be transitioned into a Southern Tablelands non-mulesed flock.

The 17.3-micron ram was within the top ASBVs five per cent for yearling clean fleece weight and 20pc for adult clean fleece weight, yearling weight, and yearling sample length.

Two rams sold at \$5250 second top price with returning buyer for the second year, the Matt Cumming and family of Inverell securing one among their six ram purchases for an average \$2427.

This ram was a high performing potential sire in the top 10pc ASBVs for yearling clean fleece weight of 30.5, and sustainable Merino index at 138.

The Cummings run 700 flock ewes growing 15.5-micron wool and returned after buying three rams last year.

Mr Cumming said Bella Lana progeny showed better bodies and more wool.

“They (last year's purchased rams) are breeding better bodied and more brighter wool,” he said.

Another repeat buyer, Boris Ostini of Boomey, paid the other \$5250 for a 16.7-micron ram in the top 10pc for post weaning weight in his two purchases.

Two rams sold at \$5000 each with the first, a sole purchase of a partnership of A Cosgrove and T Pearce of Triangle Flat Lyndhurst, while the second, being the next lot sold, going to Warwick Leeson, Angleview, Dunedoo, who has been buying Bella Lana rams for close to two decades and securing two rams this year.

The Cosgrove families, located in the Rockley district have been consistent buyers of rams from Bella Lana, and another branch of the family bought three rams for a \$2917 average.

Sourcing Bella Lana rams for nearly as long, Richard and Susie Marshall Wargandinna, Burren Junction, returned and secured five rams while paying to \$4500 and a \$3450 average.

O'Connell based John Bestwick Pastoral Company, returned and bought eight rams for a \$2188 average while topping at \$3000 twice. The Bestwick flock has performed well at Bathurst Merino flock ewe competitions over the years.

“Wow Factor”

Queensland flock breeders from the Mitchell region Kym and Ian Handley were looking for a new ram source and were told about Bella Lana sheep.

They finished shearing on their Tyrconnel Downs property at Mungullala on Wednesday and “jumped into their car” on Thursday, and went home on Friday with 10 rams of which nine were purchased at auction for a \$2389 average while the other was bought post-sale.

Mrs Handley said they were running a 1700 ewe flock of 18-micron average and cutting 4kg fleeces.

Of the Bella Lana rams, Mrs Handley said they had the ‘Wow’ factor.

“When you open their wool, that's what you feel,” she said.

While chasing increased wool production, Mrs Handley said they also wanted that dual-purpose sheep and felt these purchases would turn their production around.

They had just finished shearing 3200 sheep and aim to increase their breeding flock to 2000.

Yeoval based Minnamurra Grazing returned and bought 10 rams averaging \$1650 and topping at \$2500, while the Clarke family of Mehruda, Bakers Swamp also returned and secured eight rams to \$3750 and \$1719 average.

The ale was conducted by Nutrien Stud Stock, Dubbo with John Settree the auctioneer.



Nutrien stud stock specialist Brad Wilson, Dubbo holds the \$5500 top-priced ram heading to Accelerate Ag in the Southern Tablelands with Bella Lana principals Anna and Scott Brien, with daughter Jane Cox with grand-daughter Alice, and auctioneer John Settree, Nutrien, Dubbo.



Jonno Berney, Nutrien Mitchell, Qld; accompanied first-time buyers Kym and Ian Handley, Tyrconnel Downs Pastoral, Mungullala, Qld, who bought nine rams at auction for a \$2389 average, plus another post sale.



Lucy (3) and Alex (1) Cumming of Inverell, snapped with one of dad's purchases. The Cumming family returned for their second year and secured six rams while paying to equal second-top price of \$5250 and a \$417 average.



Virginia Rice, Hill View, Cookamidgera, snapped with Anna Brien, Bella Lana stud, Dripstone near Wellington, and Greg and Tracey Stubberfield, Killara, Bedgerabong.



Tom and Annabelle Roberts with daughter, Miley, Euarra, O'Connell bought eight rams for John Bestwick's Bestwick Pastoral Company topping at \$3000 twice and averaged \$2188.



AWN Mudgee agent Brett Cooper chats with long-time buyer Warren Leeson, Anglewood, Dunedoo, prior to the Bella Lana Merino ram sale at Wellington. The Leeson family secured two rams while paying up to \$5000.

Warriors Grand Finals

Gallant effort falls just short in women's grand final thriller

BY JESSICA CHOWN

THERE WAS heartbreak on Sunday for our women's team, who fell just short in their grand final clash against RSL 79ers, going down 3-2 in a tightly contested battle.

Despite the result, the match was a proud and emotional moment for Wellington Warriors club, filled with grit, heart, and unforgettable scenes on the big stage.

Led by inspirational captain Jane Pearce, the team, flanked by junior club players, ran out to a roar of support.

Many of the women now playing at senior level once stood in the same junior boots - and on this day, some were even joined by their own children.

It was a heartwarming moment that captured the spirit and legacy of the club.

The game kicked off with intensity, but a red card just 10 minutes in saw the team reduced to ten players for the remaining 90 minutes - a massive blow in such a high-stakes match.

Down 2-0 at half-time, the team regrouped and returned to the field with renewed determination.

A tactical shift paid off early in the second half, with Pearce stepping up to the penalty spot and calmly slotting the ball into the back of the net to close the gap.

Midfield maestros Casey Caldenk and Ciara Ryan were instrumental in turning the tide, creating multiple opportunities with precise passes and relentless pressure.

Their efforts soon saw the ball land

at Pearce's feet again, and the captain delivered - smashing home the equaliser and bringing the score to 2-2.

Despite being a player down, the team continued to battle bravely. RSL managed to break through once more, scoring what would ultimately be the match-winner.

Goalkeeper Sam "Brick Wall" Cremona was in top form, pulling off a string of outstanding saves to keep the scoreline within reach, but time ran out before an equaliser could be found.

"I am so proud of this team of ladies," Jane Pearce said after the match.

"We started the season with several players who hadn't played in over seven years, alongside some juniors stepping up into seniors. They trained hard every week and truly earned their spot in the grand final."

The team also extended a massive thank you to their major sponsor, Cow & Calf Hotel.

"Without their support we wouldn't be able to have the opportunities we do."

Looking ahead, Pearce expressed hope for growth

"Next year, we'd love to field both a first-grade and second-grade women's team. It's a great sport - fun, competitive, and a wonderful way to be part of an amazing club."

While the result may not have gone their way, the legacy of this grand final run will inspire the next generation, and this team has undoubtedly left their mark.



Cohan Hyde make a gigantic leap to kick for the Warriors in the third grade grand final.

Jo Ivey photo.

Mens two teams' grand final wins dashed

BY BRANDON CARTER

Wellington Warriors First Grade Men vs Dubbo Bulls

THERE WAS a sense of déjà vu as Wellington Warriors first grade mens team conceded a late goal which sealed another heartbreaking grand final loss against Dubbo Bulls in eerily similar scenes to 2023.

The match had its twists and turns. The ever-reliable Dias Kautsari found the back of the net early to calm the nerves and give the Warriors a well-deserved lead.

Bulls hit back with a penalty of their own to leave it 1-1 at half-time.

Bulls scored again early in the second half to hit the lead.

The Warriors continued to fight on and threw caution to the wind in one last desperate attempt at finding an equaliser.

In the 85th minute, Dias Kautsari's header found the back of the net to give a renewed sense of hope.

Unfortunately, Wellington switched off after the goal and allowed Bulls to score the winner 2 minutes later.

Final score 3-2

It was a remarkable achievement to make the grand final and come so close to winning, considering the team was sitting in fifth and in real danger of missing the finals altogether with only three weeks left in the season.

Wellington Warriors Third Grade Men vs East Dubbo United (EDU)

Imagine you're playing a FIFA video game where you dominate most of the game, having 10 shots to your opponent's three but still find a way to lose.

That is unfortunately what happened to the Wellington Warriors 3rd grade men in their grand final vs EDU.

Wellington came out firing and kept EDU pinned in their own end for the first 20 minutes of the match, but despite creating multiple chances could not just not find the net.

EDU capitalised on some weak defence from a corner to open the scoring just before halftime and took a 1-0 lead into the break.

The Warriors were in a somewhat familiar position, as many times during the season they

trailed at the break before fighting back in the second half to win.

The fight back was immediate, just two minutes into the second half another pinpoint corner from CJ Wheatley found Warriors captain Brandon Carter unmarked in the box and the deflected header crossed the line to make it 1-1.

Momentum was with the Warriors as they pressed forward, but they blew some golden opportunities in front of goal and that would prove costly.

After narrowly missing another chance, the ball went from end to end in a flash as EDU capitalised, scoring a late winner with a brilliant strike from outside the box against the run of play.

Final score 2-1.

Despite the heartbreaking loss, it was still a successful season for third grade, taking home the minor premiership in a very competitive division.

The Wellington Warriors would like to thank all of our supporters for making the trip to Apex Oval in Dubbo to cheer on our mens teams.

It was truly an amazing site to see so many Wellington fans in enemy territory.

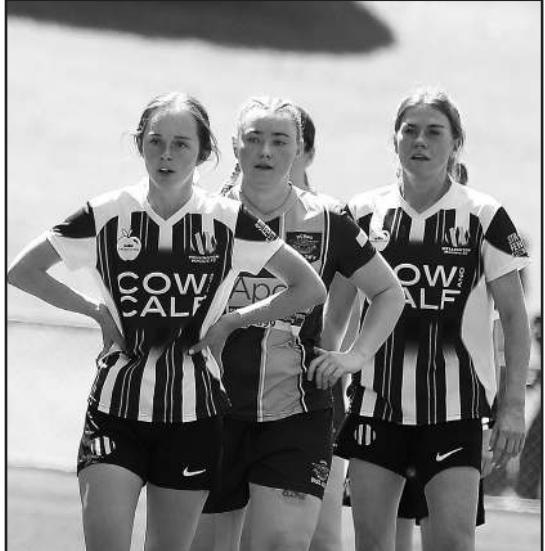


Warrior supporter on fire.Jo Ivey photo.

BOTTOM PICTURE : Photo by Nic Pic NSW.



Warriors Ladies Grand Final





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Golfing News

IT'S BEEN a very busy couple of weeks at Wellington Soldiers Memorial Golf Club with championships, charity days, ladies visiting Parkes for WDLGA Championships as well as our local regular golf days.

Cusack's Butchery Men's Foursomes(27 holes) Championships resulted in Mitchell Cusack and Kurt Cusack combining brilliantly to take the winner's prize with 149 from Joe Ryan and Gary Cusack who finished with a156.

Handicap winners were Josh Bullock and Trent Forrest with 149nett.

B grade's Noel Stanford and Rod McMahon put the cleaners through the field to finish with a winning 168, while they also claimed the Handicap win with 146nett. Runners-up were Rod Miller and Paul West with 180.

Ladies travelled to Parkes to play in the WDLGA competition after playing qualifying events throughout the year locally.

Wendy Slack-Smith was the only local lady to claim a prize, and it was a major one at that, she was the runner-up in the Division 1, well done Wendy and congratulations to all the ladies representing our Club.

Last Saturday was a Stroke event with John Gersbach the winner and has realised the GSOH trip is coming up and is trying to scare off the opposition, his final score

was 71nett.

Runner-up was Malcolm Payne on a countback with 74nett.

Prize winners were David East 74nett; David Hyde, Micheal Brindle from Dubbo, Peter Holden, Rod Miller Aaron Clarke from Dubbo 76netts; Rob Parnell, Patrick Slack-Smith, Nate Conn, and Brad Hyland from Dubbo 77netts on c/b.

Nearest the Pin on 3rd Daniel James Smith, 8th David Ryan, 14th Rod McMahon, 16th Rod Irwin.

Club sponsored NTP in two- shots on the 12th and was taken out by Malcolm Payne.

Jespresso Cafe longest drives went to Kurt Cusack in A grade and Nate Conn in B grade.

Brent Eather Encouragement award was taken out by Brad Conn who had a day to forget with his final score being 96nett.

Wednesday's ladies day was an 18-hole and 27-hole competition.

Winner of the 18-hole event was Kathy Martin with 73nett, and she also claimed the Myer Cup, 27-hole event with 109nett.

Runner-up on countback was Wendy Slack-Smith, who was also runner-up in the Myer Cup, 18-hole score 75nett, 27-hole score 112.

Wendy Slack-Smith also claimed the Sanyonara Salver 27-hole Stroke event with 142.

Gae Drew claimed Barton Cup 27-hole Stableford with 117.5nett. Runner-up was Cathy Loo-Shui with 123.5nett.

Prize winners were Gae Drew 75nett; Jan Payne 77net; Cathy Loo-Shui 78nett.

NTP went to Kathy Martin.

Thursday's Individual Stableford gained an influx of golfers from Bathurst which spurred on our locals.

Winner of the day was Stephen White-man, welcome back, his final score was 43pts. Runner-up was Glen Hope on a countback with 36pts.

Prize winners were Rod Irwin 36pts; Stephen McDonald 35pts; Darrell Bourke, Ashley Bullock, Joe Ryan with 34pts; Anthony Wils 32pts; David Lilly 31pts on c/b. The second annual 2nd Annual Wedgetail Charity Golf Day was held last Sunday with a big field making it a very enjoyable day out.

Winners of the day were Adam and Joe Ryan, runners-up were Lewis and Jordan Stanley. Third place went to Isaiah Hill and Cody Conn.

The golf course will be CLOSED from 1pm Saturday, front nine holes can be teed off from, also completely closed Sunday and Monday.

There's a Working Bee on Sunday and it would be very much appreciated if anybody can help.



Wedgetails Golf Day winners, Joe and Adam Ryan

The Iberdrola Twilight Thursday 9-hole competition will be running again once daylight savings starts, ask Gary McCarroll or Rod Pedron for more information.

This Saturday's event is an Individual Stableford.
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