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Green thumbs take centre stage



ELEVEN GARDENS have been entered in the revigorated Wellington Rotary Garden Competition judging tomorrow (Friday, October 31).

Sponsored by the *Wellington & District Leader* the competition has been restarted after several years in hibernation.

Rotary president Beth Hattenfels said she was thrilled to report that nearly every category was filled.

There are gardens entered in the Best Town Garden; Best Country Garden; Best Rose Garden; Prettiest Garden Bed; Best Non-Residential Garden; Best Small Space/Under-cover or Patio; Best Garden Established Under 5 Years; Best Water-Wise/Drought Smart Garden;

Best Edible/Kitchen Garden; Best "Kids Patch" or School Garden – cared for by a child or group of children.

Beth said the only category without an entry was Best Scary Scarecrow, though she's still hopeful a last-minute creative gardener might surprise judges before Halloween.

Judging Day, Friday, 31 October, also happens to be Halloween – "a perfect day to be out exploring Wellington's blooming gardens and seeing all the colour, creativity and community spirit our town has to offer," she said.

"It's shaping up to be a full and inspiring day for our judges, who are looking forward to visiting both town and country gardens across the district.

"We've been so impressed by the variety and passion

shown by everyone who have entered. Whether it's a neat front yard, a shady patio oasis, a flourishing veggie patch or a cheerful school garden, every entry adds to the pride and beauty of Wellington, and we are looking forward to visiting them all."

The Presentation Night and Awards will be held on Tuesday, November 18 from 5.30pm at The Grand Hotel.

Ms Hattenfels said Rotary was truly grateful for the *Leader*'s continued support in helping us promote this event.

"The *Leader* makes a big difference in keeping our community connected and celebrating all the good things happening "Wello Style."

Make sure you're on a winner next Tuesday

Community Safety message to new Commissioner

IT WAS great to have a visit to the region from the new Police Commissioner, Mal Lanyon two weeks into the job and he was already visiting priority areas for targeting youth crime and domestic and family violence.

Joining the Commissioner on the trip were a Deputy Commissioner and a whole range of other senior officers.

The message I relayed was that we need more police AND more diversionary programs that work so that our youth don't fall into crime.

Hopefully there is some money available for a pilot program to engage youth, particularly in the evenings when other services have closed for the day.

Domestic and family violence is also a priority of the new Commissioner, and I mentioned the need for more refuge accommodation in our region.

The NSW Legislative Assembly's

Committee on Law and Safety is currently undertaking an inquiry into community safety in regional and rural communities.

The Committee visited Dubbo on Tuesday to hear first-hand from stakeholders in the community.

I attended to give Council's views on the inquiry topic, and to participate in an informal roundtable discussion. Informal roundtable discussions, together with written submissions and public hearings, form an important part of the Committee's evidence-gathering process for an inquiry.

My message was the same as that given to the Police Commissioner – we need more police, we need more diversionary programs, the tougher bail laws have had an impact on crime rates in the last quarter although we are still 2.5 times above the state average which is unacceptable for our residents.

Village Visits Wrap Up

Councillors and Senior Staff have recently concluded a round of Village Visits with a meeting in the local hall.

Villages visited included Mumbil/Stuart Town/Euchareena, Eumungerie, Elong Elong/Ballimore, Wongarban/Geurie.

It was great for councillors and staff to hear directly from residents on local issues.

Commonwealth Government looking at speed zone changes

In what I see as a ridiculous blanket approach, the Commonwealth Government is currently calling for public submissions/feedback on a proposal to reduce speed limits on a series of roads outside of built-up areas where there are no sign-posted speed limits to help improve safety.

Yes, more fatalities occur on regional and rural roads than occur in the city, but that's because we drive at higher speeds, the roads are in worse condition than metropolitan roads, the distances needed to be covered are greater, and fatigue can become a factor.

I'd like to see a greater investment in improving road safety and the quality of our roads.

One thing the Feds could start with is increasing the amount of Federal Taxation returned to Councils from 0.5% back to the historical figure of 1 per cent - the Feds can keep the other 99pc of all Federal Taxation.

Just give Councils 1pc which would allow for heaps more spending on road safety upgrades.

Feedback - Google: Commonwealth reducing default speed limits

Josh Black

Roger remembers business in Thailand

TALKING TO someone in Thailand last week whilst they mourn the death of their Queen, raised memories of how it was when I was doing business there in the 1970's and 80's and how it has changed.

As we look around us here in Wellington today every top selling vehicle we see is manufactured in Thailand including Toyota, Ford, Isuzu, Honda, Mitsubishi and Nissan. Most others are made in South Korea or China.

This all started in the mid 1970's and the huge plants producing these vehicles employed state of the art Robotics Assembly, and minimum labour, which is in complete contrast with the former small labour-intensive low technology industries of the period I recall.

As an example during the 1970's and 80's I dealt with a typical Chinese/Thai Businessman who started his business making labour intensive wooden boxes.

This grew profitably to the point where he was able to venture into making Cardboard Boxes from waste paper on a small machine obsoleted by an American company, purchased and reinstalled by unskilled Thai locals.

We were able to get a respectable level of production from this, with many alterations and operator skill development, and his business grew to enable the purchase a new multi-million-dollar Board Making Machine without borrowing.

This example of ambition, basic enterprise, hands on hard work and innovation was characteristic of so many of the forerunners to Industry

Growth in places like Thailand and South Korea in the period, and is unfortunately something we in modern Australia will never be able to emulate.

With our differing perspective of status and wealth I will always remember being first picked up at Bangkok Airport by a small Chinese

man in King Gee shorts, a white singlet and sandals in his Toyota Corolla and years later when he was a multimillionaire being finally dropped off at the Airport by him in the same outfit and Toyota Corolla after being feted at a lavish dinner with his staff in his six-story office block. Such is life!

Landholders to be protected under new approach

AUSTRALIA ENERGY Infrastructure Commissioner Tony Mahar has outlined expectations for energy infrastructure that will address community concerns around who is responsible for the assets when they reach their end of life.

The Australian community faces a growing challenge in the coming decades, as a significant number of turbines, panels, and batteries installed nationwide may require decommissioning.

The community is rightly asking, "What happens when this infrastructure reaches the end of its life?"

The AEIC view is there must be more certainty and clarity around who pays, what measures are going to be in place and how much it will cost.

"The community needs more confidence that there will be collaboration and rock-solid commitments that landholders won't be left out of pocket if something goes wrong" Commissioner Mahar said.

It is well known that industry and government must work together to ensure a fair transition for all stakeholders. To achieve this, industry, all levels of government (local, state, and federal), and community members must commit to, financial protections, and clear expectations on how these pieces of infrastructure will be managed once they reach a stage where they are decommissioned or re-powered.

The crucial things that must be established include:

- a) Landholder agreements must contain a consistent suite of clauses and/or conditions addressing end-of-life activities.
- b) As part of a nationally consistent framework, state planning authorities should develop or revise mandatory model minimum requirements for end-of-life plans in regulatory conditions in consultation with industry.
- c) Development of a nationally consistent framework that enables appropriate and legally enforceable mechanisms to provide financial certainty for the costs of decommissioning focussed on timely industry contributions indexed over time.
- d) An updated and nationally consistent database be established to provide advice on costs for decommissioning recognising project specific characteristics.

"This issue needs to be sorted, and I'm committed to working with organisations like the Clean Energy Council, State and Federal Governments to make sure we provide more confidence and clarity on this important concern. I know there's been work done and will continue to be work done on it – let's get it done and move onto addressing other concerns so we can ensure the energy transition is smoother and fairer" Commissioner Mahar said.

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John Hunt retires from firefighting

LAST FRIDAY was John Hunt's last day as a firefighter.

Friday, October 24 marked the retirement of the Deputy Captain from Fire & Rescue NSW, 493 Station Wellington after serving 37 years as a Retained (On Call) Firefighter.

John was appointed on October 1, 1988 and was appointed Deputy Captain in 2017.

He has been a valuable and highly respected member of the Brigade providing unwavering support to the Brigade and his community of Wellington and beyond.

Always responding at the drop of the hat when his pager sounded, John has responded to all types of fires, Hazmat incidents, motor vehicle rescues and participated in community events to promote fire prevention and education.

For many years he has been a part of the 'Wellington Boots' championships team, competing in and on many occasions winning events at Regional and State Championships.

Being an On Call Firefighter requires

significant commitment and as John's time in the Brigade comes to an end, the support of his family and his business should not go unrecognised.

Running out on family dinners and events and often closing his own business to maintain a response capability of the Brigade and to help others in time of

need, is testament to John Hunt's character and good will.

The Brigade members of 493 Station Wellington wish him all the very best and good health in his retirement from Fire & Rescue NSW and thank him for his 37 years of service.

By Mark Moroney, Captain.



LEFT: After 37 years of dedicated service to the NSW Fire Brigade - now Fire & Rescue, John Hunt hangs up his service helmet for the last time in the Wellington fire station.

John was an enthusiastic team competitor in the "Wellington Boots" championships on many occasions throughout the state.

He was appointed Deputy Captain of the station in 2017 and has been a mainstay of the local 'On Call' firefighters throughout all of those years.



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Find treasure in your neighbourhood when you participate in the Garage Sale Trail this month. It's Australia's biggest secondhand treasure hunt with over 3 million items going up for sale over two big weekends.

Events will take place across the region from 8-9 and 15-16 November, including an event at 1 Ford Street, Wellington over both weekends, and an event by Garry Freeman and Anne Bown on the first weekend.

From antiques and collectables, to furniture, homewares and tools and everything in between, there's a bargain for everyone this year.

Treasure, thrift, vintage, gems and one-of-a-kind finds. Scan the QR code to get started.



NSW Bill to ban Sex Selective Abortions

ON WEDNESDAY, October 22, my wife Jenny and I visited NSW Parliament House in Macquarie Street.

The reason for our visit was to attend a meeting to express support for a Bill introduced into Parliament by John Ruddick, to ban the practice of sex selective abortions in NSW.

The purpose of the Bill is to make this practice illegal.

As we remember, in 2019, the Berejiklian Government in NSW introduced the Abortion Law Reform Act, 2019. In the process of passing this bill, Tanya Davies attempted to include in the Bill, that it should be illegal to conduct gender-based abortions.

There were those in the Parliament who argued that there is no evidence that sex selective abortions are happening in NSW, or indeed Australia. Her suggestions were rejected.

Earlier in 2017, the then Senator Cory Bernardi attempted a similar Bill to stop sex selective abortions being paid for by Medicare.

Again, the argument presented was that there is no evidence that this practice is occurring in Australia.

However, a comprehensive study, released in 2025, conducted by Edith Cowan University and Murdoch University over a 21-year period, examining two million births in Australia provided evidence that sex selective abortions were being undertaken in Australia, especially in some migrant populations.

More information and detail can be sourced from the links included below.

"The sex ratio at birth for Australian-born mothers remains fairly constant, and the markedly skewed sex ratio at birth among certain migrant communities almost certainly point to human intervention," says the Vice-Chancellor's Research Fellow within the School of Nursing and Midwifery; Dr Amanuel Gebremedhin, <https://www.ecu.edu.au/newsroom/articles/research/new-research-uncovers-gender-birth-imbalances-in-australia>.

In summary, normally the ratio at birth is around 107 boys to every 100 girls.

In some migrant populations the ratio was around 133 boys to every

100 girls, which as Dr Gebremedhin, states would suggest some human intervention, a euphemism for killing the healthy baby girls in the womb.

Naomi Bunker, from Pro Life Health Professionals Australia, indicated that sex selective abortion is a breach of human rights, is wrong medically, is wrong ethically and is wrong morally.

This is another example of gender violence targeting girls and women.

According to Guttmacher (<https://www.guttmacher.org/regions/oceania/australia>) around half of unwanted pregnancies in Australia end in Abortion.

Around one in four women (a quarter) in Australia will have an abortion.

So, it would seem that the current Abortion Laws in Australia have significant support within the community.

As Christians, we believe that all human life is precious. We are made in the image of God which makes all of us special creations. All human life is to be treasured, valued and protected.

Under Australian and NSW law it is illegal to discriminate because of a person's sex.

We are strong advocates in our community to ensure that women and girls have equal opportunities to men and boys.

There has been strong criticism of the Liberal Party because allegations that the Party did not afford equal opportunities for women candidates.

The Labor Party has introduced "Emily's List" which provides a financial, political and personal support network for progressive Labor women in Australian politics.

That is, to encourage more women into politics.

Surely in this country we must support legislation before our parliament that sends a clear message that healthy babies in the womb should not be killed, just because they are girls.

Please take time to contact your local Member of Parliament (for most of us, Dugald Saunders), to inform him of your view.

David Ryan, Bodangora.

Massive consultation failure at Geurie

LAST WEEK I met with residents impacted by the Boree Solar project at Geurie.

Leasing paddocks on small productive acreages, Venn Energy is proposing a 250-megawatt solar farm, battery energy storage system and associated infrastructure.

One of the residents' big concerns has been appalling consultation from the developer.

When the project was announced, Venn Energy didn't even have a website up to explain it.

So far, it's been fly-in-fly-out, tick-a-box consultation with concerned neighbours told "we're building this like it or not"!

The residents are furious that so-called consultation has merely consisted of a single letter and the requirement, exclusively for direct neighbours, to proactively seek an appointment with a Venn representative.

More disappointing was Venn's refusal to conduct any community group sessions to workshop the proposal and accept feedback.

That's no way to treat a country community.

It's arrogance. And it's creating anger.

The landholders voiced many safety, environmental and operational concerns that "make the project location totally unsuitable"

A key concern is soil erosion as many of the panels would be constructed over sloping watercourses. The project proposes a footprint of 60,000 solar panels reaching five metres tall.

The loss of visual amenity (I visited homesteads surrounded on three sides) and declining real estate values are also concerning the community. I'm not against renewable energy but like many things in life it's about finding the right balance. We need a sensible, balanced and workable energy policy that's fair to everyone with proper, respectful and genuine consultation that doesn't treat locals as mugs.

When the National Party created and voted in renewable energy zones, they failed to properly regulate them.

The anger is real. Expect to hear a lot more about this in coming weeks and months.



The Gee Report

Andrew Gee
Federal Member for Calare



tech talk

with Mathew Dickerson, Axxis Comworld



I SOMETIMES wonder if I would have anything to write about in my tech columns if it wasn't for comic books and old TV shows.

So many of my columns draw inspiration from some futuristic fantasy dreamed up decades ago by imaginative writers and illustrators who had no idea how right they'd turn out to be.

Think Dick Tracy with his two-way wrist radio from 1946 and Richie Rich with his household video phone from 1960.

Today's inspiration comes from another old favourite: The Six Million Dollar Man.

This TV classic followed astronaut Steve Austin, rebuilt with "bionic" parts after an horrific crash. In particular his eye could zoom in miles away, see in the dark, and even record what he saw.

The show first aired in 1973, and its opening line became an enduring promise of human ingenuity. "We can rebuild him. We have the technology."

Now, more than 50 years later, we don't quite have the tech to zoom in on a number

plate from a kilometre away, but the spirit of that show is alive and well.

We're not building super-spies; we're restoring sight to people who thought they'd never see again.

A remarkable medical breakthrough is allowing people with severe vision loss to regain the ability to read and recognise faces - thanks to a combination of smart glasses and a tiny retinal implant.

This isn't science fiction - it's science precision. The technology targets a condition called age-related macular degeneration (AMD), a progressive disease that destroys the cells at the centre of the retina, robbing people of their central vision. For years, there's been no cure, no reversal - just a slow, cruel fading of sight. But that's changing.

The heart of this innovation is a 2-by-2-millimetre photovoltaic implant - essentially a microscopic solar panel - placed under the retina.

Patients wear a pair of camera-equipped glasses that capture the world in front of

them and convert it into a series of infrared light signals. These are sent to the implant, which then stimulates the optic nerve with tiny electrical pulses, imitating the way natural retinal cells would send images to the brain. It's as if the brain is learning a new language - one of light and electricity translating patterns into partial but meaningful vision.

The results have been extraordinary.

In trials across Europe, 80 per cent of patients experienced significant improvements in vision. Some were able to read printed text for the first time in decades. Others could navigate their surroundings or recognise faces again.

The images are monochrome and somewhat blurry, but after years - or even decades - of darkness, the return of any sight at all is nothing short of miraculous.

And while the tech isn't yet available outside clinical trials, researchers believe it could be offered through health systems within a few years.

It's worth pausing to reflect on how

extraordinary this is.

In 1973, we imagined a man with a bionic eye that could see things others couldn't.

In 2025, we've built one - but instead of creating superhumans, we're restoring humanity. The goal isn't surveillance or superpowers; it's something far simpler and infinitely more profound: giving people back their connection to the visual world.

There's a poetic symmetry in that. Decades ago, Steve Austin's fictional eye was a symbol of technological dominance. Today, our real-world version is a symbol of compassion, healing, and hope.

We might not be able to make a person better, stronger, faster - but thanks to the quiet genius of modern science, we're a little closer to seeing the world through new eyes.

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

Touch Footy off to a flying start

THE 2025 Wellington Touch season is off to a flying start at Pioneer Park, with teams across all grades hitting the fields for fast, competitive, and social games under perfect spring conditions.

A and B Grade competitions kicked off with great intensity in Round 1, showcasing slick ball movement and plenty of early-season energy.

Round 2 saw C and D Grade teams take the field, with a mix of familiar faces and new players bringing enthusiasm and community spirit to every game.

The season continues each Wednesday evening from 5pm at Pioneer Park, and spectators are encouraged to come down, cheer on their teams, and enjoy the local action.

Abraham Dearmer



Banana farmers condemn biosecurity backflip

NSW FARMERS has slammed a review into banana imports that could devastate the industry and put the nation's biosecurity at risk.

Just weeks ago the Federal Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry announced a review of quarantine arrangements for bananas imported from the Philippines into Australia.

NSW Farmers member and Coffs Harbour banana grower Paul Shoker said news authorities were considering opening the gates to imported produce from the country was

nothing but a kick in the guts for the nation's \$1.3 billion banana industry.

"Australia's banana growers produce enough fresh, tasty fruit for the whole nation, so there's no need to import bananas from other countries, and risk bringing in a long list of exotic pests and diseases with them," Mr Shoker said.

"It only takes one slipup, and we've got a pest or disease spreading through the landscape, devastating family farms and stripping livelihoods from hardworking Australians."

Mr Shoker warned there would

be serious consequences for Australia's future food security if the nation's biosecurity standards continued to be treated as a pawn in international trade.

"More than 90 per cent of the fresh food we eat here in Australia is domestically produced, so if exotic pests and disease enter the nation and decimate our farms, then the reality is we'll be looking for something to eat," Mr Shoker said.

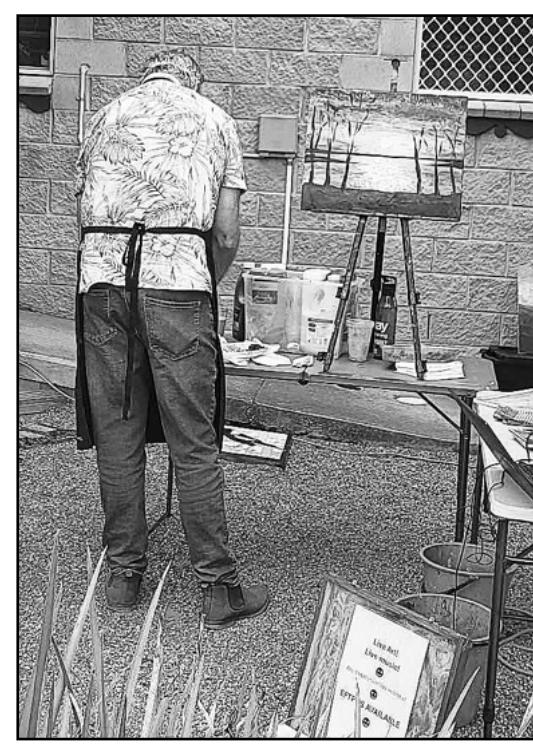
"If the Federal Government thinks this is going to end well, then excuse the pun – but they've gone bananas."



Successful Art Market weekend

WELLINGTON ARTS' market weekend was a grand success for artists and attendees.

Last Saturday and Sunday at Kinrock Studio in Gisborne Street, the 'return and earn' concept won hands down while visitors could view hundreds of artworks, plus watch artists at work.



In Their Sights



Fashions Mount Rifle Club

Results for Saturday, October 18.

Hunting Class: R. Downton 91.3; S. Barnes 87.5; S. King 86.6; L. Hough 84.2. 500 Yards: L. Hough 114.3; S. King 109.2; J. Pirie 102; N. Pirie 98; B. Hollow 97.4.

Next shoot Saturday, November 1, at Cobar.

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Binjang Community Radio Annual General Meeting Thursday 27, November 7pm
Wellington Soldiers Memorial Club All welcome

Committee for Provision of Aged Persons Accommodation Incorporated
 will be holding their
2025 Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 11 November from 5.30pm at the Cow & Calf Hotel

Public Notice

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

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Diggers to hit the water on November 11

Wellington Diggers Swimming Club 2025/26 Season will commence on Tuesday, November 11 at the Wellington Aquatic & Leisure Centre starting at 6pm.

Events to be contested are 25 and 30 metre swims, 50m and Brace Relay for Senior and Junior members.

To compete in the weekly swim, adults must be members of the Wellington Soldiers Memorial Club and for juniors to compete, a family member must compete on the night.

Membership is \$2 for Adults, Swim cost is \$5 per person plus pool entry. After swim BBQ is

included.

The Club recently held the AGM with Terry Dray re-elected, Vice-President – Colin Sheridan, Secretary – Janelle Frappell, Treasurer – Di Donnelly, Captain – Nick Knowles, Vice-Captain – Wayne Rich, Committee – Luke Wykes, Colin Wykes, Katharine O'Rourke.

The Western District Championships will be held in Cobar on Sunday, February 8, 2026.

Cost will be advised at the Tuesday Swim.

New Members are always welcome for more information contact Terry Dray – 0408 294 526.

The Platypus

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5 is a special day at Wellington Library.

It's an opportunity to meet popular author Karly Lane from 10.30 to 11.30am.

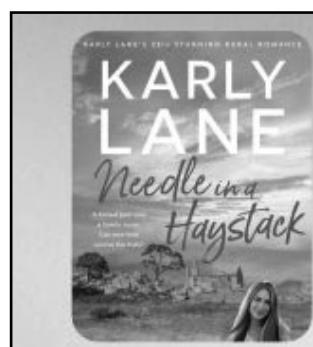
Hear what motivates Karly's writing, plus the back stories behind some of her novels.

Karly is an author who lives and breathes rural Australia.

She writes a wide variety of rural and women's fiction.

Morning tea is provided and everyone is welcome, why

not bring a friend.
 The author's talk is free, but booking are preferred. Phone: 6845 1780.

**Around the electorate with our State Member Dugald Saunders****Drought support turns to dust**

THE NSW Liberal and Nationals Coalition has slammed the Minns Labor Government for making it almost impossible for farmers to qualify for drought support.

New data has revealed only about a quarter of applicants have been approved for assistance under Labor's Drought Ready and Resilient Fund after the Government made key changes to the assessment process.

In contrast, the Coalition's billion-dollar Farm Innovation Fund, which was later renamed the Drought Infrastructure Fund, had an approval rating of about 80 per cent, with almost 6500 successful applications since 2019.

Labor's Drought Ready and Resilient Fund is supposed to support primary producers to prepare for, manage and recover from drought.

Sneakily switching up the assessment process does not benefit our primary producers; you know something has gone incredibly wrong when you have more luck getting a loan from a bank than qualifying for a government program.

In Parliament last week, the NSW Nationals highlighted the devastating 12-months producers in the southern parts of NSW have been experiencing.

We called on the Government to act immediately and decisively to deliver direct drought relief and support to regional, rural and remote communities, but this was voted down by both Labor and the Greens.

The Minns Government needs a complete rethink of this fake assistance.

Failing to prepare is preparing to fail, and that is exactly what we're seeing here.

*** packages.

They'll be exempt from park entry fees, and families will still have to pay.

Labor claims it's about "accessibility" and "visitor experience", but those are just buzzwords to hide the truth.

Let's call this out for what it actually is: the privatisation of public land.

This is outright hypocrisy from a government that has always claimed it is opposed to privatisation.

Park Privatisation

The Minns Labor Government is planning to privatise 23 camping grounds in some of the state's most popular National Parks.

Under Labor's plan, campgrounds at 16 National Parks, including nearby Wollemi, Warrumbungle and Abercrombie Karst Conservation Reserve, will be handed over to private operators.

Private operators will have the right to book and resell campsites, hire out caravans, tents and equipment, and sell food

grades to digital technology and smart infrastructure; and construction or upgrades to range facilities, including accessible amenities and environmental sustainability initiatives.

Applications close at 1pm on Monday 17 November.

For more, visit: <https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/grants/safe-shooting-program>

50 Years of Dubbo Touch

Players young and old came together on Sunday to celebrate Dubbo Touch Association's milestone 50th anniversary.

The gala saw community spirit come alive as 12 club members were recognised with Life Membership. What started out as a seven aside Sunday competition in 1975, has turned into a club that runs four competitions across the year.

A huge congratulations once again.

Until next time,
Dugald

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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 Gundu Creek Bridges

✓ \$738,000 for the Cameron Park footbridge

✓ 60 mobile phone towers and base stations for Calare

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

✓ Secured upgrade of Wellington Hospital Emergency Department

✓ \$1.5 million for the intergenerational childcare facility at

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

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

✓ \$1.176 million for improvements at Wellington Caves

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

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

✓ \$200,000 for improvements at Kennard Park

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

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

✓ Video link for Wellington Court House

WE NEED TO KEEP CASH KING IN AUSTRALIA!

This week in Question Time, I again challenged the Government on why it won't support my Private Members' Bill to keep cash 'king', ensuring access for essential services for everyone in our regional and rural communities.

In response to my Keeping Cash Transactions in Australia Bill 2024, the Government recently released its draft regulation on a cash mandate.

It's a dud! It goes no further than forcing the supermarket giants and big fuel companies to keep cash for transactions of \$500 or less.

Australians around our nation who still want to use cash for everyday transactions will be abandoned. In country areas there are many people who

don't buy their food and groceries from the big retail providers.

My Bill mandates that businesses operating in any face-to-face settings, must accept cash for transactions that don't exceed \$10,000.

Sadly, the Minister's response remains highly disappointing.



Andrew with fellow Independents Dai Le and Bob Katter at Parliament House supporting the Keeping Cash Transactions in Australia Bill - July 2024.

LITHGOW HALLOWEEN CARNIVALE STREET PARTY



I had an incredible time as the Incredible Hulk at the Lithgow Halloween Carnivale Street Party.

SCABBING FLAT BRIDGE SAGA CONTINUES

I recently met with Michelle Tomkins to discuss the extraordinarily ridiculous situation facing the Geurie community regarding Scabbing Flat Bridge.

The NSW Government has whacked a heritage order on the bridge which means it can't handle the loads that farmers need to get across the bridge to get produce to market.

This is despite an identical bridge at Rawsonville, near Dubbo, not being the subject of a heritage order. How does this happen?

To complete this bureaucratic masterpiece, the NSW Government is spending big money on the project, knowing full well that the trucks that farmers need won't be able to use the bridge.

Michelle Tomkins and the Geurie community are determined that this craziness will not stand. I'm with them.



BINJANG RULES THE AIRWAVES



It's always a pleasure to pop into Binjang Community Radio for a catch-up with Tony Graham – king of the Wello airwaves – and get the latest news and community updates.

Q&A WITH WELLINGTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL STUDENTS

I was terrific to visit Wellington Christian School earlier this month where I presented the student leaders with an Aussie flag for their newly installed flagpole.

We had a great chat, with one very bright student even asking me what my position on fiscal policy was! Excellent question and it was fantastic to see the students so engaged in politics, public policy and their local community.

Wellington Christian School was literally built by the community and it continues to deliver outstanding education in a very caring environment. It's always a pleasure to see the great things that are happening there!



LOCAL SPORTING CHAMPIONS GRANTS CLOSE TOMORROW

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.

Application close tomorrow 31 October 2025

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6.00 Morning Programs. **10.30** End Game With Tony Armstrong. **11.30** Mother And Son. Final. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Silent Witness. **2.00** Parliament Question Time. **2.55** Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. **3.25** Grand Designs. **4.10** Long Lost Family. **5.00** Antiques Roadshow. **5.55** QI. **6.25** Hard Quiz. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30** **7.30**. **8.00** Grand Designs Australia. **9.00** Long Lost Family. **9.45** Mystery Road: Origin. Final. **10.35** ABC Late News. **10.50** The Business. **11.10** Grand Designs. **12.00** Late Programs.

7two **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.00** Escape To The Country. **2.00** South Aussie With Cosi. **2.30** Air Crash Investigations. **3.30** Harry's Practice. **4.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue. **4.30** Better Homes And Gardens. **5.30** Escape To The Country. **6.30** Bargain Hunt. **7.30** Father Brown. **8.30** Line Of Duty. **11.50** Late Programs.

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6.00 Morning Programs. **2.30** The Force: Behind The Line. **3.00** Talking W. **3.30** Mountain Men. **4.30** American Restoration. **5.00** Storage Wars. **5.30** American Pickers. **6.30** Pawn Stars. **7.30** Family Guy. **8.30** American Dad! **9.30** MOVIE: You Don't Mess With The Zohan. (2008) Adam Sandler. **11.50** Late Programs.

6.00 Kids' Programs. **4.25** Super Monsters. **5.20** Mojo Sweptops. **5.45** Kangaroo Beach. **6.40** Super Monsters. **7.05** Rocket Club. **7.35** Ninjago: Dragons Rising. **8.00** Operation Ouch! **8.35** Secrets Of The Zoo. **9.20** Amazing Animal Friends. **10.05** The Mysterious Benedict Society. **10.40** Late Programs.

6.00 Today. **9.00** Today Extra. **11.30** 9News Morning. **12.00** Budget Battlers. **1.00** Great Australian Detour. **1.30** 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** A Current Affair. **7.30** RBT. **8.30** Love Island Australia. **9.50** 9News Late. **10.20** Confessions Of A Teenage Fraudster. **11.20** Chicago Med. **12.10** Tipping Point. **1.05** Hello SA. **1.30** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **2.00** Late Programs.

6.00 It's Academic. **7.30** Get Clever. **8.30** Flushed. **9.00** Home Shopping. **10.00** Malaysia Kitchen. **10.30** House Rules. **12.00** The Blacklist. **3.00** Jabba's Movies. **3.30** House Of Wellness. **4.30** Bondi Vet. **6.30** Judge Judy. **7.30** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares. **9.30** Ramsay's 24 Hours To Hell And Back. **11.30** First Dates UK. **12.30** Late Programs.

6.00 Morning Programs. **2.00** Parliament. **3.10** 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** Boyer Lecture Series. **11.00** Late Programs.

6.00 Morning Programs. **8.00** Bold. **8.30** Deal Or No Deal. **9.00** Lingo. **10.00** Ent. Tonight. **10.20** Dog House. **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** Neighbours. **4.30** The Bold And The Beautiful. **5.00** 10 News. **6.00** 10 News+. **7.00** Deal Or No Deal. **7.30** Gogglebox Australia. **8.30** The Celebrity Traitors UK. **9.50** Law & Order: SVU. **10.50** 10's Late News. **11.15** Cheap Seats. **12.15** Late Programs.

6.00 Home Shopping. **8.00** Escape Fishing With ET. **9.00** The Living Room. **10.00** JAG. **12.00** Days Of Our Lives. **12.45** The Young And The Restless. **1.30** Numb3rs. **2.30** JAG. **4.30** The Living Room. **5.30** JAG. **7.30** NCIS. **10.20** Evil. **11.30** Numb3rs. **12.25** Home Shopping.

6.00 Morning Programs. **1.00** Midsomer Murders. **3.10** Antiques Roadshow. **3.40** MOVIE: The Big Job. (1965) **5.30** The Travelling Auctioneers. **6.30** Antiques Roadshow. **7.30** Clarkson's Farm. **8.30** MOVIE: The Full Monty. (1997) Robert Carlyle, Tom Wilkinson. **10.20** Yes, Prime Minister. **11.20** Poirot. **12.30** Late Programs.

6.00 Morning Programs. **2.50** Insight. **4.00** WorldWatch. **6.00** Our Medicine. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** The Curse Of Oak Island. **10.10** The UnXplained With William Shatner. **11.00** Kabul. New. **12.50** Homicide: Life On The Street. **1.45** Late Programs.

6.00 Morning Programs. **12.00** WorldWatch. **2.00** The Idea Of Australia. **3.05** Bollywed. **3.35** The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. **4.05** Eternal Sky. **5.05** Jeopardy! **5.30** Letters And Numbers. **6.00** Mastermind Australia. **6.30** SBS World News. **7.35** Eva Longoria: Searching For Spain. **8.25** From That Small Island: The Irish Story. New. **9.25** Blue Lights. **10.30** SBS World News Late. **11.00** Davos 1917. **11.55** The Shelter. **2.20** Dance In Focus: Still Life. **2.45** Late Programs.

10 comedy **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.00** The Neighborhood. **2.30** Becker. **3.00** Frasier. **4.00** Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. **4.30** The Neighborhood. **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** To Be Advised. **11.00** The Neighborhood. **11.30** Late Programs.

6.00 Morning Programs. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Mystery Road: Origin. Final. **1.50** Grand Designs Australia. **2.50** Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. **3.20** Grand Designs. **4.10** Long Lost Family. **4.55** Antiques Roadshow. **5.55** QI. **6.30** Hard Quiz. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30** Gardening Australia. **8.30** Professor T. Final. **9.20** Hard Quiz. **9.50** Mother And Son. Final. **10.20** The Assembly. Final. **11.05** ABC Late News. **11.20** Silent Witness. **12.20** Late Programs.

7two **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.00** DVine Living. **1.30** Sydney Weekender. **2.00** House Of Wellness. **3.00** The Great Australian Doorstep. **3.30** Harry's Practice. **4.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue. **4.30** Better Homes And Gardens. **5.30** Escape To The Country. **6.30** Bargain Hunt. **7.30** Renters. **8.30** Escape To The Country. **11.30** Late Programs.

NN Entertains **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.55** Heartbreak High. **3.40** Richard Osman's House Of Games. **4.10** Would I Lie To You? **4.40** MythBusters. **5.30** Amazing Spaces. **6.20** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent Down Under. **7.05** House Of Games. **7.35** QI. **8.05** Would I Lie To You? **8.35** MOVIE: Ride Like A Girl. (2019) **10.10** Late Programs.

6.00 Sunrise. **9.00** The Morning Show. **12.00** Seven's National News At Noon. **1.10** Blankety Blank. **2.00** Bridge Of Lies: Celebrity Specials. **3.00** The Chase. **4.00** Seven News At 4. **5.00** The Chase Australia. **6.00** 7News Local. **6.30** 7News @ 6.30. **7.00** Better Homes And Gardens. **8.30** MOVIE: The Bourne Ultimatum. (2007) Matt Damon, Julia Stiles, David Strathairn. **10.50** Motorway Patrol. **11.20** GetOn Extra. **11.50** Border Security: Australia's Front Line. **12.20** Healthy, Wealthy & Wise. **1.20** Late Programs.

6.00 Morning Programs. **2.30** Nature Gone Wild. **3.00** Timbersports. **3.30** Mountain Men. **4.30** American Restoration. **5.00** Storage Wars. **5.30** American Pickers. **6.30** Pawn Stars. **7.00** Football. AFL Women's. Round 12. Hawthorn v North Melbourne. **9.15** MOVIE: Terminator: Dark Fate. (2019) **11.50** Late Programs.

6.00 Kids' Programs. **2.25** Bea's Block. **2.50** Gardening Australia Junior. **3.05** Play School. **3.55** Super Monsters. **4.35** Ariell. **5.20** Mojo Sweptops. **5.45** Kangaroo Beach. **6.50** Room On The Broom. **7.30** The Ghastly Ghoul. **8.00** To Be Advised. **8.25** Hard Quiz Kids. **9.20** Chuck. **9.55** Merlin. **10.40** Late Programs.

6.00 Today. **9.00** Today Extra. **11.30** 9News Morning. **12.00** MOVIE: The Clue To Love. (2021) **2.00** Pointless. **3.00** Tipping Point. **4.00** 9News Afternoon. **4.30** Tipping Point Australia. **5.30** WIN News. **6.00** 9News. **7.00** A Current Affair. **7.30** David Attenborough's Asia. **8.30** MOVIE: The Meg. (2018) Jason Statham, Li Bingbing, Rainn Wilson. **10.40** Race To The Melbourne Cup Carnival. **11.40** Law & Order: Organized Crime. **12.35** Tipping Point. **1.30** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **2.00** Late Programs.

6.00 Morning Programs. **10.00** Malaysia Kitchen. **10.30** House Rules. **12.00** The Blacklist. **3.00** Fresh TV. **3.30** First Dates UK. **4.30** MOVIE: Smurfs: The Lost Village. (2017) **6.20** MOVIE: Dolittle. (2020) **8.30** MOVIE: Sleepless In Seattle. (1993) Tom Hanks, Meg Ryan, Ross Malinger. **10.50** MOVIE: Lucy In The Sky. (2019) **1.25** Late Programs.

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** ABC Evening News. **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** News. **11.00** 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** The Dog House. **8.30** House Hunters Australia. **9.30** The Graham Norton Show. **10.30** 10's Late News. **10.55** 10 News+. **11.55** Late Programs.

6.00 Home Shopping. **8.00** Escape Fishing With ET. **9.00** The Living Room. **10.00** JAG. **12.00** Days Of Our Lives. **12.45** The Young And The Restless. **1.30** Numb3rs. **2.30** JAG. **4.30** The Living Room. **5.30** JAG. **7.30** NCIS. **10.20** Evil. **11.30** Blue Bloods. **12.25** Numb3rs. **1.25** Home Shopping.

6.00 Morning Programs. **3.00** Antiques Roadshow. **3.30** MOVIE: Warlords Of Atlantis. (1978) **5.30** The Travelling Auctioneers. **6.30** Antiques Roadshow. **7.30** Secret Life Of The Auction House. **8.30** MOVIE: Three Men And A Little Lady. (1990) Tom Selleck, Steve Guttenberg. **10.30** To Be Advised. **11.30** Late Programs.

6.00 Morning Programs. **2.15** The Bee Whisperer. **3.05** Bamay. **3.35** WorldWatch. **5.35** If You Are The One. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** Women Who Rock. **9.35** Sex



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6.00 Morning Programs. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **12.30** Landline. **1.30** Gardening Australia. **2.30** Miriam & Alan: Lost In Scotland And Beyond... **3.15** Long Lost Family. **4.10** The Role Of A Lifetime. **5.00** Antiques Roadshow. **6.00** Grand Designs Australia. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. **8.00** Portrait Artist Of The Year. New. **8.55** The Following Events Are Based On A Pack Of Lies. Final. **9.55** Mother And Son. Final. **10.25** Take 5 With Zan Rowe. **10.50** MOVIE: My Brother Jack - Part 2. (2001) **12.25** Late Programs.

7two **6.00** Morning Programs. **11.00** Healthy, Wealthy & Wise. **12.00** Escape To The Country. **1.00** The Surgery Ship. **2.00** South Aussie With Cosi. **2.30** Escape To The Country. **3.30** Hornby: A Model Empire. **4.30** Escape To The Country. **7.30** The Marlow Murder Club. **8.30** Vera. **10.30** The Thief, His Wife And The Canoe. **11.30** Late Programs.

9Entertains **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.50** Heartbreak High. **3.35** A Bite To Eat. **4.05** Would I Lie To You? **4.40** MythBusters. **5.30** Amazing Spaces. **6.15** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent Down Under. **7.05** Spicks And Specks. **7.35** QI. **8.05** Louis Theroux's Forbidden America. **9.10** Planet America: Wknd Ed. **9.55** Late Programs.



6.00 Morning Programs. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Landline. **2.00** Parliament Question Time. **3.00** Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. **3.25** Grand Designs. **4.15** Long Lost Family. **5.00** Antiques Roadshow. **6.00** QI. **6.30** Hard Quiz. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30** **7.30**. **8.00** Australian Story. **8.30** Four Corners. Final. **9.15** Media Watch. **9.35** Planet America. **10.05** I Was Actually There. **10.40** ABC Late News. **10.55** The Business. **11.10** Creative Types With Virginia Trioli. **11.40** Late Programs.

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

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6.00 Morning Programs. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** The Following Events Are Based On A Pack Of Lies. Final. **2.00** Parliament Question Time. **2.55** Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. **3.25** Grand Designs. **4.15** Long Lost Family. **5.00** Antiques Roadshow. **6.00** QI. **6.30** Hard Quiz. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30** **7.30**. **8.00** I Was Actually There. **8.35** End Game With Tony Armstrong. Final. **9.25** The Art Of. **9.55** The Assembly. **10.40** Media Watch. **10.55** ABC Late News. **11.10** The Business. **11.25** Late Programs.

7two **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.00** Creek To Coast. **2.30** Hornby: A Model Empire. **3.30** Harry's Practice. **4.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue. **4.30** Better Homes And Gardens. **5.30** Escape To The Country. **6.30** Bargain Hunt. **7.30** Call The Midwife. **8.45** Judge John Deed. **10.45** The Yorkshire Vet. **11.45** Late Programs.

9Entertains **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.05** ER. **2.50** Heartbreak High. **3.35** Richard Osman's House Of Games. **4.05** Would I Lie To You? **4.40** MythBusters. **5.30** Amazing Spaces. **6.15** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent Down Under. **7.05** House Of Games. **7.35** QI. **8.05** Would I Lie To You? **8.40** Austin. **9.35** Spooks. **10.25** Late Programs.



6.00 Morning Programs. **12.00** News. **12.30** National Press Club Address. **1.35** Media Watch. **2.00** Parliament Question Time. **3.00** Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. **3.30** Grand Designs Revisited. **4.15** Long Lost Family. **5.00** Antiques Roadshow. **6.00** QI. **6.30** Hard Quiz. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30** **7.30**. **8.00** Hard Quiz. **8.30** Crime Night! New. **9.00** Spicks And Specks. **9.30** Guy Montgomery's Guy Mont Spelling Bee (NZ) **10.15** If You're Listening. **10.35** ABC Late News. **10.50** The Business. **11.05** Planet America. **11.40** Late Programs.

7two **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.00** Sydney Weekender. **2.30** House Of Wellness. **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** Heartbeat. **8.45** Inspector George Gently. **10.45** Air Crash Investigations. **11.45** Late Programs.

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6.00 NBC Today. **7.00** Weekend Sunrise. **10.00** The Morning Show: Weekend. **12.00** House Of Wellness. **1.00** Football. AFL Women's Round 12. Collingwood v Brisbane Lions. **3.00** To Be Advised. **4.10** Motorbike Cops. **4.30** Border Security: Australia's Front Line. **5.00** Seven News At 5. **5.30** Sydney Weekender. **6.00** Seven News. **7.00** The Voice. Final. **9.00** AC/DC: The World's Greatest Rock Band. **10.00** 24 Hours In Police Custody. **11.00** Crime Investigation Australia: Most Infamous. **12.15** Late Programs.

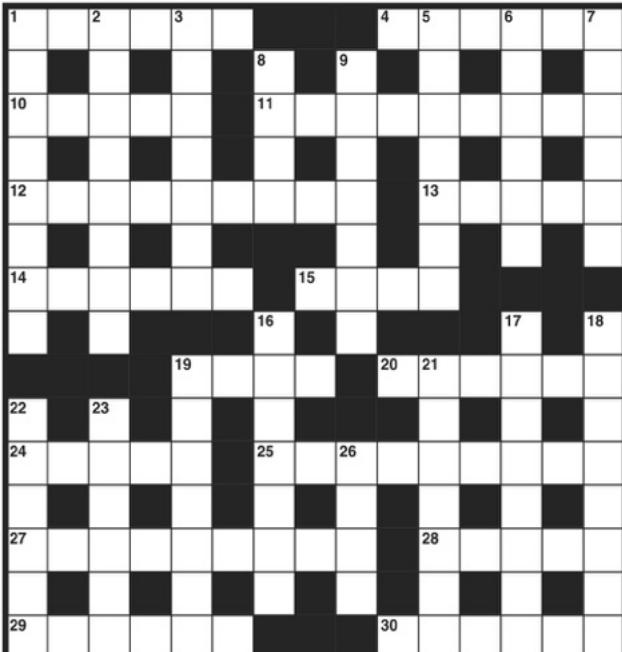
7mate **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.00** Red's Fishing Adventures. **2.30** Al McGlashan's Fish'n With Mates. **3.00** Duck Dynasty. **4.00** Full Custom Garage. **5.00** Counting Cars. **6.00** Border Security USA. **6.30** Border Security: Int. **7.00** Border Security. **8.30** MOVIE: Jurassic World Dominion. (2022) **11.25** Late Programs.

9Family **6.00** Kids' Programs. **5.10** Super Monsters. **6.30** The Adventures Of Paddington. **6.50** Andy And The Band. **7.05** Do Not Watch This Show. **7.35** The Mysterious Benedict Society. **8.10** Cronton. **8.35** Fresh Off The Boat. **9.20** Abbott Elementary. **10.00** Speechless. **10.20** Merlin. **11.10** Late Programs.

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- 1 Contract part (6)
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- 14 Figure (6)
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20 Modernise (6)
24 Detached (5)
25 Maritime mercenary (9)
27 Of lower status (9)

9-LETTER

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:

14 words: Good

21 words: Very good

29 words: Excellent



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- 28 Finished (5)
29 Lasso (6)
30 Railway employees (6)

DOWN

- 1 Cutting very short (8)
2 Self-government (8)
3 Retention (7)
5 One who evens the score (7)
6 Mouth fluid (6)
7 Horsemen (6)
8 Straddling (4)
9 Victorian mountain range (7)
16 Having a small piece broken off (7)
17 Plant yielding fragrant oil (8)
18 Archipelago off the coast of Scotland (8)
19 Lucerne (7)
21 Tableland (7)
22 Bondman (6)
23 Serious (6)
26 Scottish island (4)

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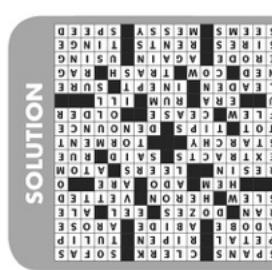
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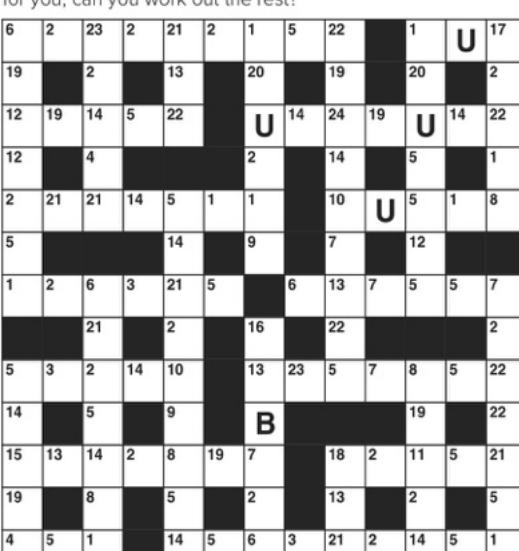
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CODEWORD

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



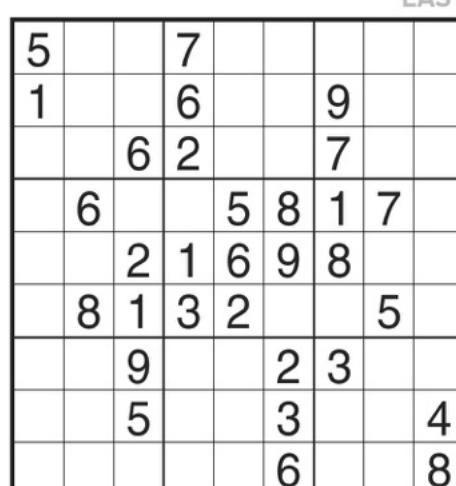
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SUDOKU

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

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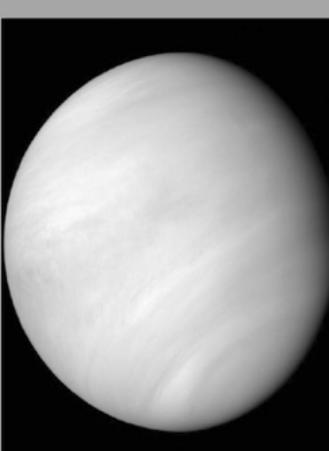


SOLUTIONS

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QUICK QUIZ

- Rutabaga is a vegetable more commonly known as what?
- How many moons orbit the planet Venus (pictured)?
- Mycology is a branch of biology that studies what?
- Keratitis is a condition affecting what part of the body?
- What colour does neon gas glow when it is electrified?
- Timbuktu is in which country?
- The pilgrims in Geoffrey Chaucer's Canterbury Tales were on their way to visit the shrine of which saint?
- The molecule graphene is an allotrope of which element?
- Podgorica is the capital city of which country?
- What are the two main ingredients in a traditional martini?



ANSWERS: 1. Swede. 2. None. 3. Fungi. 4. Eye (come). 5. Red (or orange-red). 6. Mail. 7. Saint Thomas Becket

WORD SEARCH

No. 056

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

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AGATE	JASPER	TEKTITE
AMBER	LAPIS	TIGER EYE
AMETHYST	LAZULI	TOPAZ
AZURITE	METEORITE	TURQUOISE
BARYL	ONYX	VERDITE
BLOOD-STONE	OPAL	ZIRCON
CALCITE	ORTHO-CLASE	
CITRINE	PEARL	
DIAMOND	PERIDOT	
FLUORITE	QUARTZ	
GARNET	RUBY	
IRONSTONE	SPHENE	
JADE	SPINEL	

SECRET MESSAGE: Precious jewels are buried in

the earth

ANSWER: 1. Eye (come). 2. Orange-red. 3. Yellow. 4. Red (or orange-red). 5. Red (or orange-red). 6. Mail. 7. Saint Thomas Becket

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By Julia Hausler

WHILST MICHAEL is away, I'm filling in on this week's Agritopics.

The world grain stocks are being reported at record highs and our domestic prices are currently reflecting this.

So what, if anything, will assist Australian grain farmers to shift this price slump?

In this week's column the focus is going to look at some of the emerging opportunities for Australian grain both domestically and internationally.

A current project being undertaken by Grains Australia is to specifically focus Australian feed grains into the Chinese swine industry. Grains such as wheat, barley and lupins will be targeted with an aim to have greater technical understanding and utilisation in China's largest feed mills.

China has been rebuilding its swine herd since 2021 after African swine fever had severe effects. The current herd rebuilding may have peaked this year at 40.3million but there is still a good opportunity for Australian grains to increase in volume of the feed requirements.

Have you heard of "dairy-beef"? Rabobank, RaboResearch have been analysing the rise of strategic integration of beef genetics into the dairy herd as a solution to global protein demand, herd welfare and climate pressures.

"It is believed that around 20 per cent of (dairy) calves are currently entering the adult beef supply chain – a clear signal that dairy-beef integration is gaining traction".

If this trend continues there could be significant opportunities for grain-fed dairy -beef systems.

The recent commitments by the federal Government to invest \$1.1 billion under the Cleaner Fuels Program has been a great boost to the low carbon liquid fuels (LCLF) conversation.

This is definitely a major step forward for domestic manufacturing opportunities for Australian grain. Canola is the primary crop that will initially benefit. The Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC) launched a LCLF Roadmap last week that is "designed to position Australian growers at the forefront of the increasing global feedstock demand supporting the transition to renewable fuels".

Australia is the second largest canola exporter after Canada but has been shut out of the largest importing country, China, since 2020.

This could all be about to change. Reporting from AGCanada, claims China have had concerns about blackleg disease from Australian canola. However recent conversations between Chinese and Australian officials have been working towards a framework to address phytosanitary concerns and some trial shipments from Australia.

Some of this conversation has benefitted from the trade unease of Canada putting levies on Chinese EVs and China responding with duties on Canadian canola.

I hope you have enjoyed reading about some of the emerging opportunities for Australian grains.

They may not impact prices immediately but there is definitely good work being undertaken by many across the grains sector to ensure our grains are promoted.

Whether you have started harvest or are on the cusp of starting, I would like to wish all grain farmers a safe and productive harvest.

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WEEKLY MARKET REPORT
Week ending October 24, 2025
AWEX Northern Micron Indices Comparison

AWEX INDEX	This Week \$17/25	This Week M17/25	Last Sale \$16/25	Sydney Change	Last Year Sydney	Sydney Yearly Change
17	2025	2013	2083	-58	1674	+351
18	1880	1891	1932	-52	1520	+360
19	1732	1725	1751	-19	1388	+344
20	1662n	1656	1672	-10	1318	+344
21	-	1652	-	-	1280n	-
26	805n	838	845n	-40	-	-
28	645n	650	645n	0	380n	+265
MC	818n	746n	829n	-11	708n	+110

Are we at the bottom yet?

In last week's wool market, our thoughts that we had found a base level at the close of selling was half right, with the 19.5 indicator and broader falling only marginally by the close of business. The finer end however experienced the greatest pressure price wise, the drop being around 50 cents. Interestingly, the offering fell back to just over 34,000 bales once the withdrawn lots were taken into account. This was after 40,000 bales were rostered at the close of last week, showing that many growers had a definite price point in mind and are prepared to hold out for the time being. The passed-in rate fell to 12.8%, which was around half of the prior week's figure, again showing that growers are sticking to values that they are happy with. Buyers tell us that this helps the current market situation by taking the pressure off quantity that could have seen the pricing continue a downward run similar to the previous week's triple digit falls. On the flip side of these recent larger offerings, AWTA testing figures from July to September show that 16.2% less bales have been core compared

to the same period last year. The recent auction quantities have only been 3.3% less than last year, meaning that the difference is wool that has been on hold now catalogued for sale. Some business had started to be written for this week according to the grape vine, but not large volumes, with the expectation of finding a new price level soon that hopefully will be the base that can be worked off. By now all registered growers should have received their AWI election papers, with voting opening for the candidates. The sheep and wool organisations that represent growers are all encouraging voters to do some research and not pass up the opportunity to be heard by selecting the most suitable candidate in their view, rather than pass on the voting rights as a proxy to the chairman. If anyone has any questions relating to this election, please get in touch with our office or Rep and we will be able to help. Almost 39,000 bales are for this week, but if the past couple of sales are anything to go off, we will most likely not see that quantity offered. Macwool and Carmichael presented 900 bales yesterday.

YOUR WOOL IN SAFE HANDS



Stock report by Ross Plasto

DUBBO CATTLE sale yarded 5512. Mostly good quality yarding, usual buyers in attendance. Young cattle to trade 15c to 20c dearer, vealers and yearlings 410c to 510c/kg. Light feeder cattle 5c to 8c dearer, heavier steers and heifers 6c/kg cheaper. Feeder steers 20c to 505c, heifers 355c to 454c/kg. Young cattle to restockers around firm, steers to 550c, heifers to 485c/kg. Grown steers and heifers 11c dearer, steers 400c to 470c/kg, heifers 425c to 467c/kg. Heavy cows 2c dearer, secondary cows 17c/kg dearer. Two and 3 score cows to processors 300c to 380c/kg. Heavy cows 360c to 405c, ave 389c/kg. Cows to restockers 265c to 358c/kg. Bulls 30c dearer to 394c/kg. Dubbo Sheep. 16,500 lambs. Much plainer with a larger percentage of secondary lambs. Some good runs of neat new season lambs, very limited numbers of heavy weights. Most of usual buyers operating with restocker support. Trade weight new season lambs firm to \$4 cheaper, \$195 to \$280, ave 1080c to 1130c/kg cwt. Heavy new season lambs to \$299, ave 1125c/kg cwt.

Trade old lambs firm, 20kg to 24kg \$220 to \$280. Heavy old lambs \$6 dearer, over 24kg \$286 to \$376. Merino lambs \$6 dearer, trade Merinos \$181 to \$278, heavy to \$300. Young lambs to restockers \$10 dearer, \$111 to \$195. Hoggets to \$270.

Mutton. Most grades represented. 6700 head. Light and medium weight sheep \$6 dearer, better heavy sheep were close to firm. Merino ewes \$85 to \$250, crossbred ewes \$195 to \$275. Merino wethers \$80 to \$274. Most sheep averaged 630c to 700c/kg cwt.

Wool. The market continued to backtrack last week however the rapid pace in movements slowed down noticeably. The national offering was 40,000 bales but just 33,727 were offered after almost 11% of the catalogue was withdrawn prior to sale. The NRI lost 13 cents on Tuesday and a further 20 cents on Wednesday. Finer Merino types suffered the largest falls. 29,404 bales were sold with 12.8% passed-in, falling considerably compared to prior week's 25%. Major buyers included Techwool, PJ Morris and Endeavour Wool. The Eastern market indicator closed the week 18% higher than the opening level of the 2025/26 season. Upcoming national weekly offerings appear to be remaining below the 40,000-bale figure. When this figure has been breached in recent times the trade has been able to become more selective with purchases resulting in declining prices. Demand is obviously superior to what we have seen the past few years but still needs more depth and consistency to continue to point the market in the right direction.

*Around the tracks
with Col Hodges*

Racing at Coonabarabran

A VERY big crowd at Coonabarabran on Sunday witnessed a record-breaking feat when Siena Grima rode the winner in five successive races.

The winning haul for the leading apprentice jockey included the \$75,000 Imperial Hotel-Coonabarabran Showcase Cup on the Jeremy Gask, Scone trained Who Ever Thought.

Tracking the leading pair The Hanger Cat and Shamedy in the 1600 metres Cup, Who Ever Thought (\$2.50 to \$2.10 favourite) was sent to the front approaching the home turn and in an exciting finish held off by a short head Rhythm Is A Dancer (Kody Nestor, \$5.50 to \$8) with the very consistent Lockdown Gamble (Jake Pracey-Holmes, \$3.30) a game third.

Tamworth trainer Sue Grills supplied two of the Siena Grima winners, Somerton Smart in the 1200m Brett Bowman Racing & Breeding - Super Maiden Handicap and Night Fighter in the 1400m Futurity Pastoral-Benchmark 66 Baradine Cup.

Debut maker Somerton Smart (\$3.50) enjoyed a nice run behind the leaders before beating Yiasou (Dylan Stanley, \$20) and Bullant (Reece Jones, \$3.80) while Siena Grima from midfield followed the inside rail all the way home on Night Fighter (\$4.20) to win by over a length from Awesome Tycoon (Brontë Simpson, \$31) and Slush Fund (Zoe Hunt, \$6).

Starting the ball rolling for Siena Grima was the Paul Clisby, Dubbo trained Supreme Style, \$1.45 to \$1.30 favourite which raced handy to the speed before breaking clear from Just Joan (Shannen Llewellyn, \$11) and Street Skater (Wendy Peel, \$10) in the 900m Barron's Tyres & Mechanical and Big Sky Experiences Maiden Plate.

Siena Grima was also aboard the Holly Williams, Tamworth trained Enterprise Legend (\$4 to \$3.30 fav) all the way winner of the 1100m Coonabarabran Bowling Club-Cup Day Showcase Sprint from Life's A Party (Reece Jones, \$17) and Rouge Moulin (Anna Roper, \$3.40).

The now retired jockeys Greg Ryan and Tony Cavallo have ridden five successive winners at meetings in the Central Districts and western area however it is doubtful if an apprentice has equalled the achievement of Siena Grima.

At the highly successful Coonabarabran Cup meeting there were also wins for the Michael Mulholland trained Shadow Dane (Reece Jones, \$5 to \$4.40), the Jackie Greentree trained Sunday (Jake Pracey-Holmes, \$4 to \$3.40) and Cresta Run (Anna Roper, \$1.75 to \$1.50 fav) trained by Brett & Georgie Cavanough.

Spring racing continues at Dubbo on Saturday and the following Tuesday while the Warren Cotton Cup is on Sunday, November 9.

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SPROUTS ACTIVITIES >>



Sprouts is back this term! Thank you to our Year 6 Student Leaders for spending time with our Sprouts students doing buddy reading.

K-2 ACTIVITIES >>



Kindy learned how to write sentences, while Years 1 and 2 had an amazing time exploring living and non-living things today! With help from Mr. Delez and Mrs. Cassel, they discovered fascinating insects and worms. The students were thrilled to find so many of God's unique little creatures—learning truly comes alive outdoors!

YEAR 5-6 ACTIVITIES >>



Year 5 and 6 students showed incredible creativity and research skills with their detailed Biome Diorama projects. They explored global ecosystems and how plants and animals adapt to their unique climates. Well done to our young scientists for bringing the world's biomes into the classroom!

YEAR 6 LEADERS WITH HON ANDREW GEE >>



The Hon Andrew Gee presented an Australian flag for our newly installed flagpole — a wonderful addition to our school grounds. A heartfelt thank you to Mr Gee for visiting our school and for this meaningful gift to our community.

Swim Pointscores - Carmen Gain photos



Breaststroke Week

It was another fantastic turnout for Wellington Swimming Club's Breaststroke Week Pointscores, with great swims and strong numbers filling the pool deck.

Swimmers are showing steady improvement each week, and there's plenty of excitement as we prepare to tackle Butterfly in the next round.

Last Sunday, 11 Wellington swimmers travelled to Dubbo for the first carnival of the season, hosted by Orana Aquatic.

The team came home with plenty of personal bests and podium finishes.

Results:

Lakyn – 5 First ribbons, a second and a third; Roman – two Seconds and three thirds; Elsie – two Seconds; Imogen – three Seconds and two third placings; Macy – two Thirds; Reign Smith – attended his first carnival, earning a second and three third prizes; and Ronnie gained eight First placings in the Multiclass division

Well done to all our swimmers on a great start to the season!

This weekend, Wellington will proudly host the 104th Dr. Nat Barton Memorial Swimming Carnival — one of the longest-running meets in Western NSW.

Dr. Nat Barton was a highly respected Wellington doctor and a passionate supporter of local sport, particularly swimming.

His dedication to the health and wellbeing of the community, along with his commitment to encouraging young athletes, left a lasting legacy that continues to be celebrated each year through this event.

The carnival attracts swimmers from across the region and offers a great day of competition, camaraderie, and community spirit.

We look forward to welcoming everyone poolside for another memorable day in honour of Dr. Barton.

Carmen Gain



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Golfing News

Wendy's Canowindra gold success

Wellington Soldiers Memorial and Golf Club ladies were out in force again last week playing in the WDLGA Golf competitions at Canowindra with one of the trio winning her grade.

Wendy Slack-Smith won the Gold section while Kathy Martin played in the Silver and Cathy Loo-Shui in the Bronze.

Wendy hit a 70nett and will now venture to Stone Cutters golf course in December.

Congratulations to you all on making it to the playoffs.

Last Saturday's event was an Individual Stableford won by Richard Agar who compiled a great score of 43pts.

Runner-up was Peter Holden who finished on 41pts on a countback.

Prize winners were David East 41pts; Mitchell Cusack 40pts; Elton Keefe 39pts; Rod Miller, Reid Armstrong, David Ryan, Ashley Bullock, Drew Stone, Malcolm Payne all with 37pts; John Gersbach, Gary McCarroll, Nathan Stewart, Sam McManus, 36pts; Peter Payne, Kurt Cusack 36pts on a countback.

Nearest the pins on the 3rd Jono Smith, 8th Paul West, 14th Gary McCarroll, 16th Rod Miller.

Jespresso Cafe longest drives went to Kurt Cusack in A grade and Steve Kiss in B grade.

Brent Eather Encouragement award was

taken out by Garry McNaughton who thought he was still on the GSOH Trip, final score 25pts.

Wednesday's ladies day was an Individual Stableford won by Marg Hollow who showed everybody how to play the game with a massive 40pts.

Runner-up on a countback with 35pts was Denise Haesler.

Prize winners were Gae Drew, Kim Gersbach 35pts; Nathan Stewart, Wendy Slack-Smith 34pts on a countback.

Thursday's Individual Stableford winner was Ashley Bullock who didn't show much on the GSOH Trip, final score 35pts.

Runner-up and he is getting good at it, Peter Holden 33pts.

Iberdrola, Wellington Soldiers Memorial Club 9-hole competition Round 2 winner with a great score of 29nett was Peter Neuenhaus. Runner-up was mister unlucky Tim Parker with a 30nett.

Round 3 winner was Michael Bullock with 29nett with Ashley Bullock runner-up on 33nett.

Raffle winner of Round 2 Steven McCarroll, Round 3 Joe Ryan.

Back nine holes to be played this week.

There will be no mystery hole prize this year so a raffle will help provide for a better presentation night which will be held after the final round.



Wendy Slack-Smith, Cathy Loo-Shui and Kathy Martin competed at Canowindra.

Wellington Mowers and Chainsaws is the sponsor of our Summer Competition and nominations are now open.

Each team needs to nominate a team co-ordinator.

Get those teams in so a draw can be organised.

Gradings for the Club Championships sponsored by Wellington Physiotherapy are A 0 to 9, B 10 to 17, C 18 plus.

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

This Saturday's events are the November Monthly Medal sponsored by Wellington Soldiers Memorial Club.

Also Rounds 1 and 2 of the Wellington Physiotherapy Therapy Club Championships, and the George Hollow Putting Competition.

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