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Teamsters Park upgrade finished

SOMETIME five years ago 40 residents provided input to the future of Teamsters Park at Montefiores after an invitation from council.

Last Thursday, the mayor, local councillors, park staff, and construction contractors gathered to officially launch the revamped public facilities, which has improved the area immensely.

While it has taken some years to complete, the final aspect will surely encourage increased usage of the park facilities.

Council received a state government Crown Reserves Improvement Fund grant of \$521,059 in July last year and construction began in May this year.

The upgrade includes the complete renewal of one tennis court, and the conversion of the other court into a multisport surface to provide increased recreational options.

A new perimeter fence was erected as part of the project and full replacement of the playground equipment cater to a broader range of children.

Earlier, the grass section used by the local Croquet Club twice a week, was top-dressed and levelled.

Teamsters Park has been a popular venue to children's birthday party barbecues for generations, and offers a spacious covered entertainment area with barbecue, toilets, and now new sun-shaded picnic tables, so the upgrade will be most welcomed and should entice an increased number of visits.

When the grant was announced, then mayor Mathew Dickerson said the new facilities would benefit the rapidly growing community of Montefiores and Wellington as well as support the nearby school.

"Members of the community have been lobbying Council and elected officials since 2019 calling for upgrades to the park and while there wasn't money in our budget, this grant gives us the opportunity to secure the funds needed to complete these projects."

Included in the photos are State Upper House representative Stephen Lawrence with mayor Josh Black with Councillors Richard Ivey, Phillip Toynton and Lucas Buttler, with open space recreation manager Ian McAlister.



**Inside this week
photo pages**

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Nanima update - 'Roads to Home project'

IT WAS with some interest that I observed the comments in the media/social media last week from Federal Member for Calare, Mr Andrew Gee, regarding the issues with the Nanima 'Roads To Home' Project, and the illegal dumping of rubbish on the Nanima Village Road.

Mr Gee's comments have prompted me to give an explanation from a Dubbo Regional Council (DRC) perspective on the two issues.

1. 'Roads To Home' Project

The first I knew of Mr Gee's interest in the 'Roads To Home' Program was when I received an email from his office at 9.54am on Friday 19 September 2025 inviting me to a meeting at 11am Tuesday 23 September (changed from the Monday).

Due to prior bookings, I was unable to attend. By a pure fluke of timing, the project is roughly three weeks away from being given the tick of approval.

Keep that in mind when someone crows shortly that it was their media frenzy that 'got the project moving'.

Here's the facts that would have been provided to Mr Gee if he had asked Council.

In a nutshell, the \$8 million NSW Government funded project is managed by a private certifier on behalf of the Wellington Local Aboriginal Land Council.

DRC will eventually take ownership of the infrastructure assets.

DRC is simply not going to sign off on anything that doesn't meet the strict requirements of community infrastructure.

I'm sure that Mr Gee wouldn't want the Nanima Village community to have sub-par infrastructure from this once-in-a-lifetime project, nor should he wish to see DRC ratepayers burdened with infrastructure that doesn't meet the highest of requirements.

As infrastructure assets are dedicated to Council, engaging Council as the Principal

Certifying Authority ensures Council is satisfied that infrastructure is designed and constructed to a standard that ensures the community is serviced to a satisfactory level, and that assets are suitable and fit for purpose.

The Applicant engaged the services of a private certifier as the Principal Certifying Authority to review all relevant designs and documentation for roadworks and drainage.

Council did not have an opportunity to review or comment on final engineering plans until after the Subdivision Works Certificate was issued by the private certifier on 11 August 2025.

Council issued a letter to the Principal Certifying Authority and Lyons Advantage on 29 August 2025, advising that there are a number of conditions that have not been complied with, and that a Section 138 (road opening) will not be issued until the issues

have been addressed.

A section 138 (road opening) application was lodged with Council seeking approval to commence works within the Nanima Village prior to Council having the opportunity to review or comment on the final engineering plans.

After receiving the final drawings, Council issued a letter, raising a number of key issues that needed to be resolved prior to any approval being provided to commence works.

If this is the "Red Tape" Mr Gee was referring to, then it's a shame he is willing to accept works that are below the standard Council will accept.

NEXT WEEK: Illegal Waste Dumping – Nanima Village Road

Josh Black

Language award



Ruth West - Aunty Ruth to many primary school students, has been awarded the Nanga Mai Award for Indigenous language.

Detectives release CCTV footage after the death of man in Wellington – Strike Force Rudall

Police have released CCTV footage as they investigate the death of a man whose body was found in Wellington three months ago.

About 10.15pm on Friday, July 25, 2025, police attended a home on Walker Crescent due to concerns for welfare for the resident.

Officers entered the home where the body of a 64-year-old man was located.

Officers attached to Orana Mid-Western Police District - with the assistance of State Crime Command Homicide Squad - established Strike Force Rudall and commenced an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the incident, which police believe was unprovoked.

As investigations continue

detectives have released CCTV footage of a man who maybe able to assist police.

The man is described as being about 175cm, thin build and was seen walking north along Thornton Street, Wellington at 2.59am on that Friday morning.

He was wearing a light-coloured beanie, navy coloured dressing gown, tan coloured pants and black/white/red coloured shoes.

Anyone who may be able to identify the man or has any available information about the incident or was in the area at the time with any available dashcam/mobile phone footage is urged to contact Dubbo Police Station or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Government inflicts deeper DPIRD cuts

THE MINNS Labor Government's coward cuts to the bush go much deeper than initially thought, after it was revealed close to 230 staff were told they no longer have a job at the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, according to NSW Nationals leader Dugald Saunders.

The figure is an increase on its previous claims 165 roles would go following the consultation process.

Mr Saunders said the move pointed to a complete lack of understanding of what our primary industries need.

"It feels like once again the Premier and the Agriculture Minister have been keeping secrets about the swift removal of these employees and the diabolical impact it will have on front-line services across regional NSW."

"We are talking about scientists, researchers, agronomists, irrigation specialists and key staff to our emergency response that are being axed

NSW leads national solar panel reuse and recycling scheme

COMMONWEALTH, state and territory governments have agreed to progress work towards a national product stewardship scheme for solar panels, ensuring they are managed from start to end of life.

At the recent meeting of the Energy and Climate Change Ministerial Council in Sydney, a paper was issued advocating a national mandated scheme to prevent solar panels ending up in landfill, instead directing them towards remanufacture or recycling. NSW is already developing a mandated stewardship program for batteries.

Annual solar panel waste volumes in Australia are predicted to nearly double over the next five years, from 59,340 tonnes in 2025 to 91,165 tonnes in 2030.

The surge in waste is expected to be greatest in metropolitan cities from domestic use, with volumes beginning to grow in regional areas from large-scale solar facilities after 2030.

Energy Ministers recognised increasing calls for improved end-of-life management of solar panels, including those at large-scale facilities.

Many solar panels are disposed of well before the end of their useful life and typically end up in landfill, stockpiled, or exported.

More than 95 per cent of a solar panel is recyclable and contains valuable materials, including aluminium, glass, copper, silver and silicon, which can be beneficially recovered and reused.

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"This decision is not just reducing a headcount but taking away years of knowledge and experience across a range of fields, and that's something you simply can't put a price on.

"It's become abundantly clear the consultation process was nothing more than a facade and actually led to more people's livelihoods being on the chopping block."

Mr Saunders said there were also questions around why the mass removal is happening when there are massive gaps across some agencies, including the Rural Assistance Authority responsible for flood grants and the biosecurity team.

"At the very same time when people are being terminated, the Government is pretending to uplift staff in certain areas, when the resources it currently has could be utilised," he said.

"The pretence of this Minister and the Minns Government is staggering and those being impacted deserve an explanation."

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New protections for domestic violence victim survivors

Residential compost giveaway returns

HIGH-RISK domestic violence offenders will be targeted by a new civil protection scheme now in effect.

The Serious Domestic Abuse Prevention Order (SDAPO) scheme allows courts to impose any conditions considered necessary to prevent domestic abuse perpetrators from using violence.

It's modelled on a scheme to combat organised crime and aims to keep relatives, children, and former, current or potential intimate partners of high-risk offenders safe from abuse and harm.

SDAPOs can last for up to five years and require the person who has the order imposed on them to report to a police station at a particular time, notify police when commencing an intimate partner relationship or of any dating profiles they create or use.

People who breach these orders face up to five years' imprisonment and/or a \$33,000 fine.

These orders can be sought when:

- * Someone has been convicted of two or more domestic violence offences with a maximum penalty of at least seven years imprisonment; or
- * They have been charged with a 'serious domestic violence' offence against a relative or a current or former intimate partner. This applies whether the person has been tried, acquitted, or had their conviction quashed or set aside.

The NSW Government is investing \$9.3 million to implement the SDAPO scheme created as part of amendments to the Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Act 2007 last year.

It builds on the reforms made to build a safer NSW:

- * Making it [harder] than ever for alleged domestic violence offenders to get bail and introducing electronic monitoring for those who are bailed, overseen by Corrective Services NSW.
- * Bringing in tougher penalties for serious, repeat breaches of Apprehended Domestic Violence Orders.

COUNCIL (DRC) is offering residents the opportunity to access compost at no charge during the month of October at the Wellington Waste Transfer Station and Dubbo's Whylandra Waste and Recycling facility.

The compost giveaway is for domestic use only with each household entitled to take the equivalent of one cubic metre of compost.

Residents must load the compost themselves into a trailer, ute or bags. Council will provide the shovel at the location for loading.

Council's resource recovery and efficiency manager, Jamie Lobb said the compost giveaway last year was very popular with over 320 tonnes collected by residents.

"The giveaway was in direct response to the community requesting access to the compost product," he said.

"We have responded to feedback from last year and have extended the giveaway to also be available from Wellington Waste Transfer Station.

"This allows greater accessibility to the compost during the giveaway period."

The compost is created from the contents of household green-lid food organics and garden organics (FOGO) bins, collected within the LGA.

The material is processed on site at Dubbo's Whylandra facility.

Compost has several benefits for plant growth including assisting to balance soil density, adding and



retaining nutrients and discouraging disease, pests and weeds.

"Residents can use the product in a similar way to Council, blending it with sandy loam for application on sporting fields, public gardens, and cemeteries in both Dubbo and Wellington," Mr Lobb said.

Good quality compost starts at the home. Residents can help create good quality compost by putting eligible food organics and garden organics in the green bin and keep it free of unacceptable items that cause contamination.

Residents can dispose of food scraps in a compostable bin liner or garden cuttings and grass clippings into their green bin rather than using their red bin to help divert

waste from landfill.

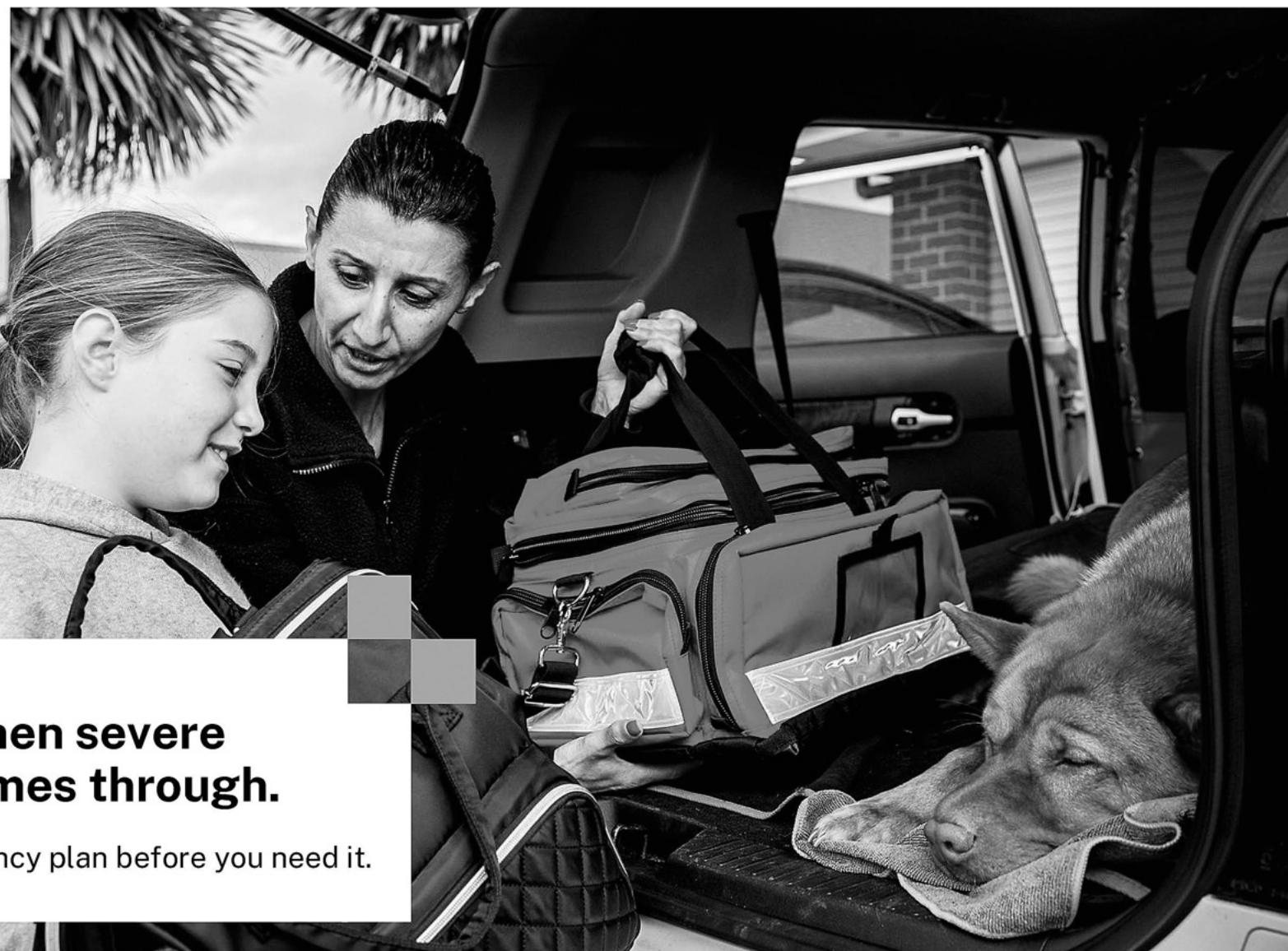
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Looking back at history - Wellington Museum

Maud - A young woman of the Victorian Era

DEEP WITHIN the storage room at the Wellington Museum, wrapped in tissue paper in a clothing coffin, is the most elegant wedding gown of white Shanghai silk, with Brussels lace trim and court train.

The hand stitched wedding gown is two pieces, a top and skirt with the tiniest waist and belonged to a young woman, Maud Ferguson, who wore the gown on her marriage to Alfred Ernest Fuller, 14 July 1897.

Maud and Alfred were married at St John's Wellington, Maud was 22 years old, and Alfred was aged 27 years.

To complement the white Shanghai silk wedding dress Maude's bouquet was orange blossoms. Her bridesmaid was Janet Ferguson her sister, who looked pretty in an electric blue dress with white silk vest and white straw hat.

Maud was born 27 March 1875 at Molong, into a wealthy Scottish pioneer family, her parents being Alexander William Bell Ferguson and Adelaide Hannah Phillips.

She had six siblings, one sister and five brothers. Her father, Alexander William Bell Ferguson's parents, settled at Black Rock in 1843, buying the Whitehorse Inn after the original owner, William Coomber went insolvent.

Maud's husband, Alfred Ernest Fuller was born in Kiama in 1870, the son of George Lawrence Fuller and Sarah Cunningham Miller.

Alfred was educated at Sydney Grammar School and St Andrews College at the University of Sydney where he received a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) 1879, a Master of Arts, 1882 and subsequently studied law under Sir William Patrick Manning and became a barrister in 1884.

Following their marriage Maud and Alfred moved to their home at Neurea, which was over 5000 acres of splendid agricultural and pastoral land, much of which was rich and verdant Bell River flats, managing 5000 sheep, 100 cattle and 100 blood horses. Allred was also one of the state's highest ranking horse breeders.

Maud lived in a time in the 1890s when the expectations of young women was to marry, have children and keep a nice household. Maud's role would have primarily been responsibility for management of the household, overseeing the domestic servants and their work.

The 1905 census indicates there were several workers at the Fuller household house, including one Chinese worker.

Another of Maud's responsibilities would have been creating a comfortable and respectable environment for their family, including the honourable upbringing of their children, three boys George, Alister and Stewart and two girls, Mary and Ruth.

Maud would have been expected to uphold and demonstrate her husband, Alfred's social status through hosting social events, including dinner parties, garden and tennis parities and to uphold the family's standing and good taste.

Maud and Alfred hosted many social events, often for large numbers of people.

Maud and Allred were also involved in many public organisations and district bodies in the Wellington area, attending or hosting fund raisers, meetings, and events.

Allred was at one time president of the Shire Council and the PA and H Society and heavily involved in the racing industry.

Alfred is remembered driving around in his Packard motor car, which he purchased in 1929.

Alfred and Maud both lived long, full and active lives, celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary in 1957 with family and friends.

On 25 April 1963 Alfred died aged 92 years; at his home, Neurea Estate he was survived by Maud, and their children.

Maud died 1 June 1963, aged 83 years, peacefully in her home.



\$400 million lawsuit filed from broken timber contracts

THE AUSTRALIAN Forest Products Association NSW (AFPA NSW) said NSW taxpayers face a Victoria-style financial disaster following a recent decision to ban hardwood harvesting across 176,000 hectares of State Forest to create the so-called Great Koala National Park.

AFPA NSW CEO James Jooste sounded the alarm as paper manufacturer Opal moves to take the Victorian Government to court for tearing up its timber supply contract, with \$402 million being pursued in damages.

"Victoria is now a case study in what happens when governments rip up legally binding contracts under pressure from extreme activist groups," Mr Jooste said.

"The same mistake is being repeated here in NSW. By removing up to a third of the north coast's productive public hardwood timber, the Government has guaranteed that supply contracts will be broken and taxpayers will be left to foot the bill. A \$400 million bill for Opals broken wood supply agreement would take the total cost of ending native forestry in Victoria to \$2 billion," he said.

Wood supply agreements in NSW are contracts between Forestry Corporation, a state-owned company, and timber mills and are underwritten by the NSW Government."

To deliver on the new park boundaries, the NSW Government would need to walk away from contracted volumes because there simply isn't enough public timber available to meet all obligations.

"The industry warned government during consultation that the damages bill for broken wood supply agreements alone could reach \$389 million in the first year of the announcement," Mr Jooste said.

"So far, only \$146 million has been set aside for assessment and management of the park, with no clarity on compensation for mills, workers or communities."

Mr Jooste said the parallels with Victoria should ring alarm bells for anyone concerned about sovereign risk in NSW. "This is not just about forestry businesses and jobs, it's about investor confidence. What business will invest in NSW if government contracts can be torn up overnight without proper consultation or fair compensation?"

"Transparency, honesty and respect for contracts must underpin government decision-making."



Elaine Meacham celebrated her 85th birthday with her four sons (Ross, Andrew, Wayne and Brett Rich and their families last Saturday night in Wayne's backyard, which was perfectly manicured for the occasion. Family and friends came from all around the Central West, Newcastle and beyond to wish Elaine the happiest of birthdays.

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OGDEN'S COACHES Wellington announced the retirement of Alastair Graham, the Curra Creek school run driver who has been safely transporting children to school and home for some 24 years.

Eisteddfod volunteers thanked for community effort

WELLINGTON EISTEDDFOD Society extends its heartfelt thanks to the incredible team of more than 60 volunteers who generously gave their time, energy, and enthusiasm to help make the 2025 Wellington Eisteddfod a resounding success.

Running from June 18 to July 3, this year's Eisteddfod attracted some 4000 performers across dance, music, and speech categories.

"And none of it would have been possible without the unwavering support of our dedicated volunteers and the generosity of our valued sponsors," volunteer coordinator Ailsa Comiskey said.

"From ushering and timekeeping to running the door and helping backstage, volunteers kept the event running smoothly with grace and good humour.

"We are so lucky to have such a strong sense of community amongst our volunteers here in Wellington."

"I lost count of how many people volunteered their time for one shift and then asked if they could be rostered on for more."

For some volunteers, it was also a chance to catch up on the little things.

Carla Taylor laughed, "It's actually quite good because I can do all those little jobs I don't get time to do while I'm sitting here waiting."

Others simply enjoyed the atmosphere. Lucy Maurice was surprised when her shift ended, exclaiming, "Oh, am I finished already?" and Susan Atkinson summed it up best: "It's fun, and a privilege to be part of such a great event."



Volunteer Gratitude and Info Night – New Volunteers Welcome!

To celebrate this spirit of community and to connect with those who may be interested in joining the Eisteddfod team next year, the Wellington Eisteddfod Society is hosting a Volunteer Gratitude & Information Night at Wellington Soldiers Memorial Club (a Platinum Sponsor) on Monday, October 13 from 6pm to 7pm.

Ailsa Comiskey, will be showcasing a new rostering system which will be adopted to streamline processes in 2026.

"Whether you volunteered this year, helped out in previous years, or are curious about getting involved in 2026, we warmly invite you to come along for a relaxed evening of thanks, conversation, and community spirit."

Eisteddfod AGM 2025

The Annual General Meeting will follow starting at 7pm and finishing by 8pm.

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RSVP to Ailsa Comiskey 0437 737 931 or Jess Holland 0488 335 135

Regions need real connectivity

FARMERS AND regional residents have been left to cope with dangerous holes in mobile coverage as the federal government delivers a lack-lustre response to a major telecommunications review.

Recently the federal government finally issued a response to the 2024 Regional Telecommunications Review, promising little to improve the rural connectivity divide after spending nine months reviewing the report.

NSW Farmers rural affairs committee member Sarah Thompson said the lack of government action on the issue was bitterly disappointing as many farm communities continued to struggle with poor or non-existent mobile coverage.

"We know mobile coverage maps have not told the truth, and many farmers and communities were stripped of what little mobile coverage they had when the 3G networks were shut down last year," Mrs Thompson said.

"There's gaping holes in our connectivity, and nothing's been done to deliver the mobile service we need to stay safe, let alone connected."

Draft legislation to establish a Universal Outdoor Mobile Obligation (UOMO) was released by the federal government – but farmers urged this must guarantee reliable and affordable mobile service, and complement other efforts in the space.

Work to expand mobile coverage, reduce blackspots, boost data capacity on networks and increase access to connectivity technologies was urgently needed to deliver acceptable connectivity in the regions, Mrs Thompson said.

"Both the Regional Telecommunications Review and a recent Senate inquiry told us plain and simple what work needs to be done to fix our connectivity crisis, and our governments must listen," Mrs Thompson said.

"Our federal government has promised us universal mobile coverage, so they must deliver it – alongside better oversight, strategy and competition in the telecommunications space.

"We can't continue with mobile coverage like this, and farmers, the people who literally feed the nation, deserve better than this."

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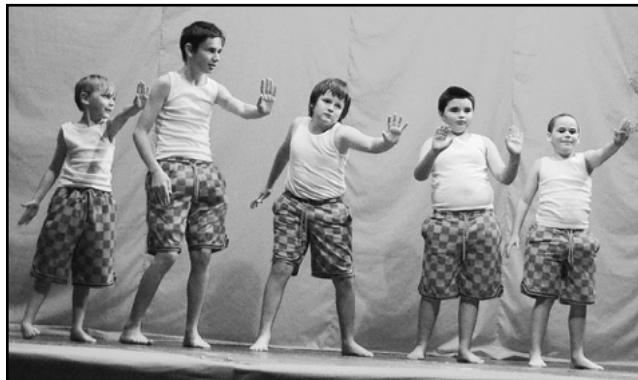
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Around the electorate with our State Member Dugald Saunders



Macquarie Home Stay opening

I WAS delighted to join Rod Crowfoot, Andy Single, Susan Madden and other special guests at the official opening of Macquarie Home Stay's 'CWA of NSW Guesthouse' last week.

The opening of the 26-room Guesthouse marks the completion of Home Stay's second stage expansion plans, and means dozens more patients, family and carers who have had to travel to Dubbo for treatment now have access to a 'home away from home'.

It's still hard to believe that the vision Rod had for Macquarie Home Stay all those years ago – back when he was still in real estate, and I was still on the radio – is no longer just a pipe dream, and while this project was funded in-part by the NSW Liberal and Nationals when in Government, the Guesthouse ultimately couldn't have gotten off the ground without the incredible support of numerous community organisations and individual donors.

Congratulations once again to Rod and the Home Stay team on another stage complete, and a huge thank you to everyone who raised funds or donated to support

Home Stay's expansion and continued operations.

Regional crime

Less than a week after the Minns Labor Government chose to vote against the Liberal and Nationals' strong bail reforms in Parliament, another regional community has been left reeling after a 41-year-old man was attacked at a park in Dubbo.

NSW Police have now confirmed that one of the alleged offenders was already out on bail – a scenario we are seeing far too often.

Our police are doing the best they can but are constantly let down by Labor's revolving door of meaningless commitments.

Something needs to immediately change if we are going to stop these serious repeat youth offenders from carrying out crime sprees across our cities and towns.

It is beyond disappointing Labor chose to play politics with people's lives, rather than take a bipartisan approach to find a sensible way forward.

Celebrating small business month

October is NSW Small Business Month, and to celebrate, I want to hear from you!

If there's a small business in the Dubbo Electorate that you think deserves recognition, simply shoot me an email at dubbo@parliament.nsw.gov.au, explaining who they are and why you love them.

Who knows, I may even give them a shout out online throughout the month.

Defibrillator grant opens

Eligible sporting clubs and facilities in the Dubbo Electorate are invited to apply for the 2025/26 round of the Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program.

Up to \$3000 is available to assist applicants with the purchase of an approved Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and associated equipment.

Applications close 1 December or upon funding allocation for this round being exhausted, whichever occurs first.

A total of \$500,000 has been allocated to this round and applications are being assessed in the order they are received, so it's important for organisations to get their ap-

plications in now.

For more information, visit:
<https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/grants/local-sport-defibrillator-grant-program>

Long weekend reminder

Double Demerit Points apply this Labour Day long weekend, starting 12am Friday, October 3 and continuing until 11.59pm Monday, October 6.

Road users are on notice that double points apply for speeding, using a mobile phone illegally, riding without a helmet, not wearing or incorrectly wearing a seatbelt or carrying passengers not wearing or incorrectly wearing a seatbelt or restraint.

Another long weekend reminder - **Daylight Saving starts** Sunday, October 5 at 2am, when clocks are moved forward one hour to 3am.

For tips on how to adjust to the time change, visit:
<https://www.nsw.gov.au/about-nsw/day-light-saving>

Until next time, **Dugald**.

Andrew GEE MP

INDEPENDENT FEDERAL MEMBER FOR CALARE

Your True Country
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RUNS ON THE BOARD FOR WELLINGTON

- ✓ Introduced Bill into Parliament to ban foreign buying of residential property for two years. The Coalition and the Labor Party voted against it and then they both announced it as their policy!
- ✓ Backed Independents' Bill to reduce dominance of big supermarkets. All major parties voted against it and then Coalition announced it as their policy!
- ✓ \$50 million for storm and flood recovery in the Central West
- ✓ Secured the Parliamentary Inquiry into the Disaster
- ✓ Response of Insurers \$2 billion for Great Western Highway upgrade
- ✓ \$2.02 million for replacing the Terrabella, Burrendong and 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



SHOUT OUT TO BARNARDOS!

Barnardos does very important work supporting families and young people in the Wellington area. It was terrific to catch up with Jess recently to present new Aboriginal and Aussie flags to the team.

Thank you all for your great contribution to our region!

WELLINGTON ARTS CENTRE ON THE MOVE!

Wellington Arts Centre is moving into its new home at the old Bill's Cafe site in Union Bank Lane, Wellington.

To help with the move I was delighted to present Emily Falson and Lisa Thomas with a \$1,200 Volunteer Grant which will help pay for CCTV at the new location.

There's a heap of work to do but the results will be spectacular!

Well done Wellington Arts! Can't wait for the opening!



ILLEGAL TOBACCO – MASSIVE GOVERNMENT FAILURE

The explosion of the sale of illegal tobacco and vapes is set to go down as one of the greatest policy failures in Australian history.

The tax on tobacco has been made so high that it has created a thriving market of illegal tobacco products across the nation.

From our smallest country towns to our largest cities, tobacco shops are the new boom industry and while some shops do the right thing, many do not.

With an ineffective enforcement system, the result is the creation of an illegal industry that is controlled by organised criminals.

It's estimated that half of all tobacco sales in Australia are now illegal and that organised crime is raking in \$10 billion a year in revenue. Tobacco-related crime, including hold-ups and fire-bombings, is on the rise.

In the meantime, the Government is losing billions of dollars in tax revenue, legitimate retailers are losing sales and are looking to exit the business, and doctors warn that smoking rates are rising.

This is a massive government failure that is set to have devastating impacts on the health of Australians.

You'd have to go back to prohibition in the United States to see a policy failure like this.

While the Australian Government assures us that action is being taken, I don't think it's anywhere near effective enough.

The government needs to either come up with decent enforcement measures or reduce the tobacco tax. It's as simple as that. The safety of our communities and the health of our residents are at stake.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS MINISTER VISIT TO THE ELECTORATE

It was a pleasure to welcome the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Matt Keogh, to Bathurst last week.

He told the Parliament in Question Time that he would visit us and he's been true to his word.

He was in town to discuss the establishment of a Veterans' and Families' Wellbeing Centre in Orange and Bathurst with spokes out to our smaller communities.



The tragic truth is that our country has let our veterans down for too long - as the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide so tragically highlighted.

These Wellbeing Centres are a step in setting things right. It was a very positive and meeting and visit and we are now working on progressing our proposal! Thanks Minister Matt!

Australia's Veterans. Always Support Them. Never Forget Them.



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

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6.00 Morning Programs. **11.10** Mother And Son. **11.40** If You're Listening. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Silent Witness. **1.55** Restoration Australia. **2.55** Anh's Brush With Fame. **3.25** 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** Back Roads. **8.30** Grand Designs New Zealand. **9.15** Mystery Road: Origin. **10.10** Take 5 With Zan Rowe. **10.40** ABC Late News. **10.55** The Business. **11.10** Grand Designs. **12.00** Late Programs.

7two **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.00** Escape To The Country. **2.00** Room For Improvement. **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. **2.05** ER. **2.50** Heartbreak High. **3.35** Osman's House Of Games. **4.05** QI. **4.40** MythBusters. **5.30** 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.



6.00 Morning Programs. **10.30** The Pacific. **11.00** Antiques Roadshow. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Mystery Road: Origin. **1.55** Restoration Australia. **2.55** Anh's Brush With Fame. **3.25** Grand Designs. **4.10** Long Lost Family. **5.00** Antiques Roadshow. **6.00** Spicks And Specks. **6.30** Hard Quiz. **7.00** ABC News. **7.35** Gardening Australia. **8.35** Professor T. **9.20** Hard Quiz. **9.55** Mother And Son. **10.20** ABC Late News. **10.40** The Assembly. **11.25** Silent Witness. **12.25** 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. Return. **8.30** Escape To The Country. **11.30** Late Programs.

ABC Entertains **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.00** ER. **2.40** Heartbreak High. **3.35** House Of Games. **4.05** Would I Lie To You? **4.40** MythBusters. **5.30** Old House, New Home. **6.20** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. **7.05** House Of Games. **7.35** QI. **8.05** Would I Lie To You? **8.35** MOVIE: Murder By Numbers. **10.00** Merlin. **10.45** Late Programs.



6.00 Rage Charts. **7.00** Weekend Breakfast. **9.00** Rage. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **12.25** Beyond Paradise. **1.25** Professor T. **2.10** I, Jack Wright. **3.00** The Larks. **3.50** Jullia Zemiro's Home Delivery. **4.15** The Assembly. **5.00** Take 5 With Zan Rowe. **5.30** Landline. **6.00** Australian Story. **6.30** Back Roads. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30** Beyond Paradise. Return. **8.30** Return To Paradise. **9.30** Mystery Road: Origin. **10.30** I, Jack Wright. Final. **11.15** Rage.

7two **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue. **1.30** Room For Improvement. **2.00** The Great Australian Doorstep. **2.30** Better Homes And Gardens. **4.00** The Yorkshire Vet. **5.00** Horse Racing. Epsom Day and Turnbull Stakes Day. **6.00** Dog Patrol. **6.30** The Yorkshire Vet. **8.30** Escape To The Country. **11.30** Late Programs.

ABC Entertains **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.05** ER. **2.50** My Family. **3.20** Heartbreak High. **4.05** House Of Games. **4.40** MythBusters. **5.30** Clarke's Old House, New Home. **6.15** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. **7.05** Spicks And Specks. **7.35** QI. **8.05** Guy Mont Spelling Bee (NZ). **8.55** The Stand Up Sketch Show. **9.40** Late Programs.



6.00 Morning Programs. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **12.30** Landline. **1.30** Gardening Australia. **2.30** David Attenborough's Kingdom Of Plants. **3.20** Grand Designs New Zealand. **4.10** Bill Bailey's Wild West Australia. **5.00** Antiques Roadshow. **6.00** Pilgrimage: The Road Through The Alps. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30** The Assembly. **8.15** Mystery Road: Origin. **9.05** The Following Events Are Based On A Pack Of Lies. New. **10.05** Mother And Son. **10.35** MOVIE: Love And Other Catastrophes. (1996) **11.55** Late Programs.

7two **6.00** Morning Programs. **11.00** Healthy, Wealthy & Wise. **12.00** Escape To The Country. **2.00** South Aussie With Cosi. **2.30** Escape To The Country. **3.30** RSPCA Animal Rescue. **4.00** The Great Australian Doorstep. **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.

ABC Entertains **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.15** ER. **2.55** Heartbreak High. **3.40** A Bite To Eat. **4.10** Would I Lie To You? **4.40** MythBusters. **5.30** Old House, New Home. **6.20** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. **7.05** Spicks And Specks. **7.35** QI. **8.10** Stratton's Stories Of Australian Cinema. **9.10** Planet America: Wknd Ed. **9.55** Late Programs.



6.00 Sunrise. **9.00** The Morning Show. **12.00** Seven's National News At Noon. **1.10** Blankety Blank. **2.00** Bridge Of Lies. **3.00** The Chase. **4.00** Seven News At 4. **5.00** The Chase Australia. **6.00** 7News Local. **6.30** 7News @ 6:30. **7.00** Home And Away. **8.30** Jim Jefferies And Friends. New. **9.30** The Amazing Race. Return. **11.00** Gatecrashers. New. **12.00** Life. **1.00** Travel Oz. **1.30** Harry's Practice. **2.00** Home Shopping. **4.00** NBC Today. **5.00** Sunrise Early News. **5.30** Sunrise.

7mate **6.00** Morning Programs. **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: Pineapple Express. (2008) Seth Rogen, James Franco. **11.45** Late Programs.

ABC Family **6.00** Kids' Programs. **4.10** Andy's Prehistoric Adventures. **4.25** Super Monsters. **5.20** Mojo Swoptops. **5.45** Kangaroo Beach. **7.05** Pirlipenguins. **7.35** NinjaGo: Dragons Rising. **8.00** Operation Ouch! **8.35** The Secret Life Of The Zoo. **9.20** Teenage Boss: Next Level. **9.45** The Mysterious Benedict Society. **10.35** 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: Ticket To Paradise. (2022) George Clooney, Julia Roberts, Kaitlyn Dever. **10.45** Motorway Patrol. **11.15** GetOn Extra. **11.45** Healthy, Wealthy & Wise. **12.45** Riviera. **2.00** Home Shopping. **4.00** Late Programs.

7mate **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.00** Carnage. **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 8. Melbourne v Essendon. **9.15** MOVIE: True Lies. (1994) Arnold Schwarzenegger. **12.15** Late Programs.

ABC Family **6.00** Kids' Programs. **4.10** Andy's Prehistoric Adventures. **4.25** Super Monsters. **5.20** Mojo Swoptops. **5.45** Kangaroo Beach. **7.05** Gardening Australia Junior. **7.30** Good Game Spawn Point. Final. **8.05** Be Cool, Scooby-Doo! **8.35** MythBusters "There's Your Problem!". **9.00** Robot Wars. **10.00** Merlin. **10.45** Late Programs.



6.00 NBC Today. **7.00** Weekend Sunrise. **10.00** The Morning Show: Weekend. **12.00** Horse Racing. Epsom Day and Turnbull Stakes Day. **5.00** Seven News At 5. **5.30** Border Security: Australia's Front Line. **6.00** Seven News. **7.00** Healthy, Wealthy & Wise. **8.00** MOVIE: Die Hard 2. (1990) **10.30** MOVIE: The Jackal. (1997) **1.00** Riviera. **3.00** Home Shopping. **4.00** It's Academic. **5.00** House Of Wellness.

7mate **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.00** Football. AFL Women's. Round 8. GWS Giants v St Kilda. **3.00** Football. AFL Women's. Round 8. North Melbourne v Sydney. **5.00** Counting Cars. **6.00** Pawn Stars. **7.00** Storage Wars. **7.30** MOVIE: Spider-Man 2. (2004) **10.10** MOVIE: Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls. (1995) **12.10** Late Programs.

ABC Family **6.05** Bananas In Pyjamas. **6.25** Ready, Steady, Wiggle! **6.45** The Adventures Of Paddington. **6.40** Bluey's Big Play. **7.30** Hard Quiz Kids. Return. **8.00** Kids BBQ Championship. **8.40** Chopped Junior. **9.20** Fresh Off The Boat. **10.05** Abbott Elementary. **10.25** Speechless. **10.45** PokéMon: Diamond And Pearl. **11.05** Late Programs.



6.00 NBC Today. **7.00** Weekend Sunrise. **10.00** The Morning Show: Weekend. **12.00** Bathurst Preview Show. **1.00** House Of Wellness. **2.00** Behind Behani. **2.30** To Be Advised. **4.10** Motorbike Cops. **4.30** Border Security: International. **5.00** Seven News At 5. **5.30** Sydney Weekender. **6.00** Seven News. **7.00** The 1% Club. **8.00** Andrew And Fergie: Duke And Duchess Of Excess. New. **9.30** MOVIE: The Bee Gees: How Can You Mend A Broken Heart. (2020) Barry Gibb, Maurice Gibb. **12.00** Late Programs.

7mate **6.00** Morning Programs. **3.00** Duck Dynasty. **4.00** Full Custom Garage. **5.00** Counting Cars. **6.00** Border Security USA. **7.00** Border Security: Australia's Front Line. **8.30** MOVIE: The Lost World: Jurassic Park. (1997) Jeff Goldblum. **11.10** Border Security: Australia's Front Line. **11.30** Late Programs.

ABC Family **6.05** Bananas In Pyjamas. **6.25** Ready, Steady, Wiggle! **6.45** The Adventures Of Paddington. **7.15** Bluey's Big Play. **7.35** MOVIE: My Freaky Family. (2024) **9.05** MOVIE: Hotel Transylvania: Transformania. (2022) Andy Samberg, Selena Gomez. **10.25** Horrible Histories. **10.55** Late Programs.



6.00 Today. **9.00** Today Extra. **11.30** 9News Morning. **12.00** The Block. **1.15** Explore. **1.30** Tipping Point. **2.30** Canoeing. ICF Slalom World Championships. Group 1 finals. **4.00** 9News Afternoon. **4.30** Tipping Point Australia. **5.30** WIN News. **6.00** 9News. **7.00** A Current Affair. **7.30** NRL Grand Final Countdown. **10.00** MOVIE: John Wick. (2014) Keanu Reeves, Ian McShane. **12.00** Tipping Point. **1.00** Destination WA. **1.30** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **2.30** Global Shop. **3.00** Late Programs.

7flix **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.10** A Foodies Guide To Kyushu Japan. **1.40** Australia's Got Talent. **3.05** First Dates UK. **4.00** House Of Wellness. **5.00** Bondi Vet. **7.00** Judge Judy. **7.30** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. **8.30** Ramsay's Costa Del Nightmares. **9.30** Ramsay's 24 Hours To Hell And Back. **11.30** 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. **10.15** Foreign Correspondent. Final. **11.00** ABC Late News. **11.30** Late Programs.

9NEWS **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.

GEM **6.00** Morning Programs. **11.30** My Favorite Martian. **12.00** M*A*S*H. **2.00** As Time Goes By. **3.00** Antiques Roadshow. **3.30** MOVIE: Lease Of Life. (1954) **5.30** The Travelling Auctioneers. **6.30** Antiques Roadshow. **7.30** Clarkson's Farm. **8.40** Fawlty Towers. **10.00** Blackadder The Third. **11.20** French And Saunders. **12.00** 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.

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6.00 Morning Programs. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Landline. **2.00** Restoration Australia. **2.55** Anh's Brush With Fame. **3.25** 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** I Was Actually There. **10.40** ABC Late News. **10.55** The Business. **11.10** A Life In Ten Pictures. Final. **12.05** 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.

9Entertains **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.10** ER. **2.55** Heartbreak High. **3.40** A Bite To Eat. **4.10** Would I Lie To You? **4.40** MythBusters. **5.30** Amazing Spaces. **6.20** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. **7.05** House Of Games. **7.35** QI. **8.05** Would I Lie To You? **8.35** Penn & Teller: Fool Us. **9.20** Whose Line Is It Anyway? **9.40** Late Programs.



6.00 Morning Programs. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** The Following Events Are Based On A Pack Of Lies. **2.00** Parliament Question Time. **2.55** Anh's Brush With Fame. **3.25** Grand Designs. **4.15** Long Lost Family. **5.00** Antiques Roadshow. **6.00** Spicks And Specks. **6.30** Hard Quiz. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30** **7.30**. **8.00** I Was Actually There. Return. **8.30** Take 5 With Zan Rowe. **9.00** MOVIE: Slim & I. (2020) **10.40** Media Watch. **11.00** ABC Late News. **11.15** The Business. **11.30** Late Programs.

7two **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.30** The Great Australian Doorstep. **2.00** Creek To Coast. **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** Call The Midwife. **8.45** Foyle's War. **10.45** The Yorkshire Vet. **11.45** Late Programs.

9Entertains **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.10** ER. **2.50** Heartbreak High. **3.35** 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. **7.05** House Of Games. **7.35** QI. **8.10** Would I Lie To You? **8.40** Austin. **9.35** Spooks. **10.30** 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** Anh's Brush With Fame. **3.25** Grand Designs. **4.15** Long Lost Family. **5.00** Antiques Roadshow. **6.00** Spicks And Specks. **6.30** Hard Quiz. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30** **7.30**. **8.00** Hard Quiz. **8.30** Mother And Son. **8.55** The Assembly. **9.40** Guy Montgomery's Guy Mont Spelling Bee (NZ) **10.25** If You're Listening. **10.45** ABC Late News. **11.00** The Business. **11.20** 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.

9Entertains **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.10** ER. **2.50** Heartbreak High. **3.40** 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. **7.05** House Of Games. **7.35** QI. **8.05** Would I Lie To You? **8.40** Unforgotten. **9.25** Spooks. **10.20** 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 At 6:30. **7.00** Home And Away. **7.30** My Kitchen Rules. **9.00** The Rookie. **10.00** Alert: Missing Persons Unit. **11.00** S.W.A.T. **12.00** The Great Diamond Heist. **1.00** 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** Motor Racing. **NDRC** Top Doorslammer. Replay. **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. **8.30** Aussie Gold Hunters. **9.30** Aussie Salvage Squad. **10.30** Mighty Ships. **11.30** Late Programs.

9Family **6.00** Kids' Programs. **2.50** Gardening Australia Junior. **3.05** Play School. **4.10** Andy's Prehistoric Adventures. **4.25** Super Monsters. **5.20** Mojo Swop tops. **5.45** Kangaroo Beach. **7.05** Piripenguins. **7.35** Ninjago: Dragons Rising. **8.00** Operation Ouch! **8.35** Gladiators. **9.35** The Crystal Maze. **10.20** Merlin. **11.05** Late Programs.



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6.00 Today. **9.00** Today Extra. **11.30** 9News Morning. **12.00** MOVIE: The Perfect Wedding Match. (2020) **2.00** Pointless. **3.00** Tipping Point. **4.00** **9News Afternoon**. **4.30** Tipping Point Australia. **5.30** WIN News. **7.00** A Current Affair. **7.30** The Block. **9.10** Murder Down Under. **10.10** 9News Late. **10.40** The Equalizer. Return. **11.35** Transplant. **12.30** Tipping Point. **1.30** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **2.30** Global Shop. **3.00** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **4.00** Late Programs.

7flix **6.00** It's Academic. **7.30** Get Clever. **8.30** Flushed. **9.00** Home Shopping. **10.00** Gold Coast Ocean Rescue. **10.30** House Rules. **12.00** Instant Hotel. **1.15** Rebel Wilson's Pooch Perfect. **2.30** Grand Crew. **3.00** My Kitchen Rules. **4.30** Bondi Vet. **6.30** Judge Judy. **7.30** Law & Order: Criminal Intent. **10.30** Bones. **12.30** Quantico. **3.00** Burn Notice.

9NEWS **6.00** Morning Programs. **3.00** ABC News. Afternoons. **4.00** Afternoon Briefing. **5.00** ABC News With Joe O'Brien. **6.00** ABC News Hour. **7.00** ABC National News. **7.30** **7.30**. **8.00** ABC News Tonight. **8.45** The Business. **9.00** The World. **10.00** ABC Nightly News. **10.30** Planet America. **11.00** ABC Late News. **11.30** Late Programs.



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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? Final. **9.40** Talk

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AS WE are now in spring the mornings are warmer around 11 or 12 degrees the days have tops of around 24 or better. Rain expected Mon 6, Wed 8th and Thurs 9.

Headline rural news last week was the wool EMI recording its largest weekly rise in six years maintaining its positive run for 10 weeks, equal longest for 38 years.

The increasing global focus on sustainability and ethical practices presents a significant opportunity for the wool market. Wool is a natural and renewable fibre and its production involves minimal chemical processes compared to synthetic alternatives. Consumers are becoming more conscious of the environmental and social impacts of their purchasing decisions, leading to a growing demand for sustainable and ethically sourced products.

Wool's biodegradability, durability and recyclability make it an attractive choice for eco-friendly fashion brands.

Factors such as population growth, rising disposable incomes in emerging economies and changing fashion trends influence the global demand for wool products.

On Wednesday, September 24, the Federal Court handed down judgment in relation to the proceedings between Abbey Laboratories and Virbac. In particular Abbey Laboratories had commenced proceedings claiming that Virbac's patent (which covers Virbac's Cydectin platinum product) is invalid. Virbac filed a cross claim alleging that Abbey's Levamox Duo product infringes Virbac's patent. The court concluded that Virbac's patent is valid and that Abbey's Levamox Duo product infringes that patent. The court has ordered that from October 22, 2025 that Abbey must cease manufacturing importing, selling, supplying or otherwise disposing of Levamox Duo in Australia. A good outcome for Virbac.

Markets at a glance

Wool.. EMI closed 1452c/kg clean, up 109c from 29,773 bales. Sydney Merino flc, all MPGs closing at least 114c higher on back of consistent strong demand, 99+% clearance both days. Merino skirtings rose up to 150c. Faulter lots lifted up to 80c. XB rose up to 75c. NRI closed 1493c/kg clean, up 117c. Cardings up 16c, .09% passed-in, 284 bales withdrawn.

Cattle.. 25th DBO. 6046 head, down 1794. Young cattle to trade firm to 5c cheaper, vealers and yearlings 450c to 519c/kg. Feeder steers firm to 5c dearer, heifers 10c to 20c cheaper. Feeder steers 470c to 540c/kg, heifers 414c to 494c/kg. Young cattle restockers cheaper, steers to 584c/kg, heifers to 498c/kg. Grown steers 4c to 6c cheaper, 460c to 532c, heifers 6c/kg dearer, 440c to 500c/kg. Heavy cows firm, secondary cows dearer, 260c to 402c.

Sheep.. DBO 29th 11,375 sheep (-430). Lambs 30,150 (+1130). 40% of lambs were Merino. Light lambs to processors firm, 12kg to 18kg 2-scores \$135. to \$183. Trade new season firm, \$210 to \$292. New season firm, over 24kg \$282 to \$320. Trade old lambs firm to \$5 cheaper, 20 to 24kg \$190 to \$291. Heavy old lambs firm, over 24kg \$274 to \$428. Trade Merino lambs \$150 to \$295, heavies to \$340. Hoggets to \$319. Mutton all grades firm. M wethers \$166 to \$279. Heavy xb ewes \$199 to \$320.

Grains.. Dry again in south with crops going off. A predict a sudden Stratospheric warming event which may be a game changer for weather

Stock Clearance continuing to clear stocks.

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Stock report by Ross Plasto

DUBBO CATTLE yarded 6646. Good numbers of prime cattle in all sections, fair numbers to suit feeders and good numbers of weaners in store condition to suit restockers and backgrounders. Young trade cattle firm to 5c cheaper, vealers and yearlings 450c to 519c/kg. Feeder steers firm to 5c dearer, 470c to 540c, heifers 10c to 20c cheaper, 414c to 494c/kg. Young cattle to restockers cheaper, steers to 584c, heifers to 498c/kg. Grown steers 4c to 6c cheaper, 460c to 522c, heifers 6c/kg dearer, 440c to 500c/kg. Heavy cows firm, secondary cows 7c/kg dearer. Two and 3 score cows to processors 260c to 402c, heavy cows 386c to 438c, ave 416c/kg. Cows to restockers 170c to 360c/kg. Heavy bulls little dearer to 450c/kg.

Dubbo Sheep. Lambs 30,150. Fair selection of trade and heavy weight lambs. Large numbers of Merinos, Merino lambs over 40% yarding. Light lambs to processors around firm, 12kg to 18kg 2-scores \$135 to \$183. Trade new season lambs firm, \$210 to \$292, ave 1120 and 1175c/kg cwt. Heavy new season lambs firm, over 24kg \$292 to \$320. Trade old lambs firm to \$5 cheaper, 20kg to 24kg \$190 to \$291, ave 1120c and 1160c/kg cwt. Heavy old lambs firm, over 24kg \$274 to \$428. Best Merinos lambs finishing fully firm. Trade Merinos \$150 to \$295, heavy \$340 - carcass prices for better types comparable to crossbred lambs. Young lambs to restockers \$102 to \$200, feeders paid \$170 to \$191. Hoggets to \$319/head.

Mutton.. 11,375 mostly good quality yarded. All grades were firm. Merino ewes \$81 to \$298, heavy crossbred ewes \$199 to \$329. Merino wethers \$166 to \$279, carcass prices 790c to 830c/kg cwt.

Wool. Schute Bell reported the 10th consecutive weekly rise occurred this sale, breaking the trend of slow but steady increases. Tuesday's sale in the Northern region witnessed a huge daily gain in the overall market of 77 cents as buyer appetite became large. Instead of pausing for breath as the market often does after a large daily movement it surged again on Wednesday by another 40 cents. After coming under renewed interest last week, the finer types continued to gain the most ground as did the broader cross-bred types with some of those recording an extraordinary 20% increase in the space of a fortnight. Reports of a positive Nanjing wool market conference in China at the back end of last week proved correct with a strong message sold by the Australia contingent that supply will be well down. As always when we see increases like this it may take time for processors to adjust to the new price levels but it does appear that the whole wool pipeline remains short of stock. Last week's closing level has tested the double top seen since post covid in June 21 and again in June 22. 29,248 bales sold nationally with an almost non-existent passed in rate of 1.8%. A little bit more quantity has been enticed onto the market this week, but in reality, it's just over 35,000 bales.



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WEEKLY MARKET REPORT Week ending September 26, 2025

AWEX Northern Micron Indices Comparison

AWEX INDEX	This Week S13/25	This Week M13/25	Last Sale S12/25	Sydney Change	Last Year Sydney	Sydney Yearly Change
17	2070	2078	1877	+193	1617	+453
18	1965	1965	1787	+178	1442	+523
19	1759	1780	1629	+130	1328	+431
20	1684n	1688	1570	+114	1262n	+422
21	-	1670	-	-	-	-
26	-	875	-	-	-	-
28	685n	670	610n	+75	-	-
MC	808n	784n	792n	+16	696n	+112

Market hits top gear

NOT SINCE 1987 has the market risen for 10 consecutive weeks, and six years since the market has risen this much in one week. The EMI surged past 1400 cents to close at 1453, a rise of 109 cents for the week. Significant gains were made across nearly all sectors with the exception of cardings, which have been left at the blocks, with expectations that they will follow suit in a few weeks. At the Nanjing Wool Conference finally after 10 years of requests for a week's recess for Chinese New Year, the Australian wool trade agreed with some provisions. The announcement was greeted with rounds of applause and that set the tone for an upbeat conference. After several presentations from various sectors which showed either low stocks of greasy wool at early-stage processors (about half of the five-year average) or reduced production at source countries, especially Australia, it was clear this market was on the way up. The question was by how much? After day one consensus was at least 50 cents, by day two it was 100. The sad truth about this recovery and confirming what we felt early in the year was that it was ready to move then but for the Trump tariff war. Orders dried up along the pipeline as processors

became nervous and decided to sit tight. Whilst still not resolved they can no longer wait, and they accept that chaos may be the new normal. Don attended the conference and spent a few days visiting mills with the Endeavour Wool team, giving a great insight into what to expect for the coming months. Some processors have built up stocks and they were visibly excited, whilst those who had little stock were less enthusiastic and were a little nervous about the extent of the rise. Everyone agreed that a long and steady rise would be more helpful for continued sales along the pipeline as it takes time to absorb a shift like this and any sudden fall wouldn't be good. Every processor we visited was asking about production levels and in particular non-mulesed certified RWS wool. All mills need a component of export business and much of this is now non-mulesed RWS. The China domestic market doesn't demand this, but a green theme is emerging, and it was visible since last visiting China 10 years ago. The skies are much clearer and EV vehicles everywhere! This week's offering is just over 35,000 bales, with Macwool and Carmichael wool offering over 900 bales on the first day of selling.

YOUR WOOL IN SAFE HANDS

**Around the tracks
with Col Hodges**

Racing at Come By Chance

RUGBY LEAGUE was a big talking point at the weekend not only because of the finals in Melbourne and Sydney but also because former NRL players Gavin Groth and Terry Fahey were the trainers of three of the six winners on Saturday at the Come-By-Chance Picnic races.

Gunnedah based Gavin Groth who played for the Balmain Tigers had a winning double with Accrue and Sunday Scaries while Terry Fahey (Rabbitohs, Roosters and Raiders) won with Great Flame.

Ridden by Zara Lewis, the Groth trained Accrue (\$5.50) took on a 10-horse field in the 1400 metres Rabo Bank & Statewide Sheds - O'Brien Memorial Come-By-Chance Picnic Cup and led all the way to win by over six lengths from Peak Road (Ashley Boyd, \$17) and Akauwheo (Sebastian Galea, \$3.50).

Brazilian born Leandro Ribeiro was aboard Sunday Scaries (\$4) which led throughout to beat Brutalism (Arthur Pollock, \$1.80 favourite) and Earlington (Ashley Boyd, \$6) in the 1000m Maiden Plate.

Following wins for Terry Fahey over the past fortnight with Ternini (Mendooran) and Great Flame (Geurie), Great Flame (Paul Zerafa, \$3.50) led all the way to win the 1600m Class B Handicap from Zoucan Toucan (Zara Lewis, \$5) and Sun Beauty (Leandro Ribeiro \$2.80 equal fav).

Sold for \$1,400,000 at the yearling sales in 2022 the royalty bred Casablanca failed to win a race in the first five starts and was sold again in 2024 for \$11,000 to Dubbo trainer Cindy Monaghan, Tim Moses and Angus Barlow.

A winner at Parkes for the new owners and trainers, Casablanca (Sebastian Galea, \$3.50) added to the tally when in front all the way for a nearly two-lengths win over Vinlago (Ricky Blewitt, \$5) and One Command (Arthur Pollock, \$2.70 fav) in the 1200m Conditional Picnic Handicap at Come-By-Chance.

Raced by the family of the late George Wright, for many years a successful and popular trainer at Parkes, the Joe Hodgson, Coonamble trained Ilikesoobooogie (Ashley Boyd, \$4) led on the inside when beating Smart 'N' Ritzy (Ricky Blewitt, \$2.80 fav) and Western Eagle (Paul Zerafa, \$7) in the 800m Class 3 Trophy Handicap.

First leg of a winning double for Zara Lewis was the Nikki Pollock, Scone trained The Defiant One (\$4) which came from third on the rails to win the 1000m Open Sprint from Showtime Sassy (Ricky Blewitt, \$3.50) and Shaquila (Ashley Boyd, \$2 fav).

Overall, a successful meeting with a big crowd at Come-By-Chance.

Racing at Dubbo on Friday, Mudgee on Saturday and on Sunday at the Mungery Picnics.



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K-2 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL >



What an amazing end to Term 3! Our joint K-2 Athletics Carnival with Dubbo Christian School, held here at WCS, was an absolute blast! A huge thank you to our wonderful teachers, staff, and the parents and carers from both DCS and WCS who helped make the day such a great success.

YEAR 4 EXCURSION >



Our Year 4 students capped off Term 3 with a fantastic excursion to the Wellington Caves, followed by an overnight stay at Taronga Western Plains Zoo in Dubbo. It was a wonderful opportunity for hands-on learning, fun, and building memories together.



Wellington Public School NAIDOC Day

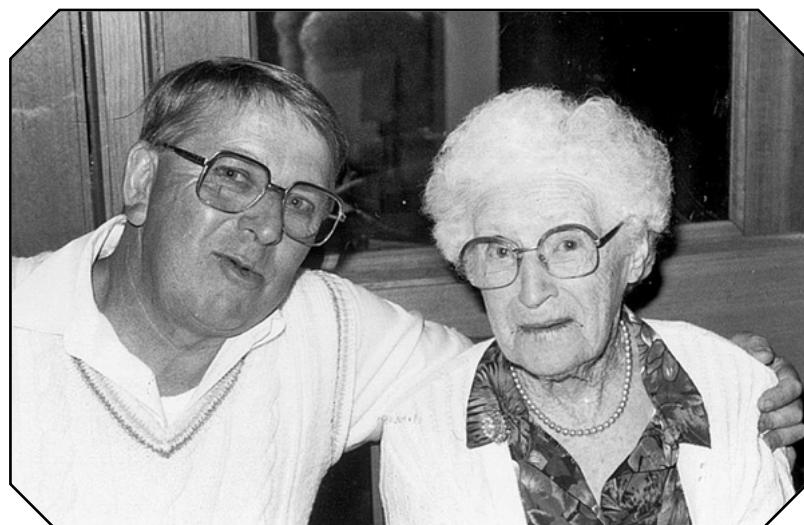


Throwback Thursday

Looking back at some local youngsters and young at heart - help preserve their names by contacting the “Leader”.



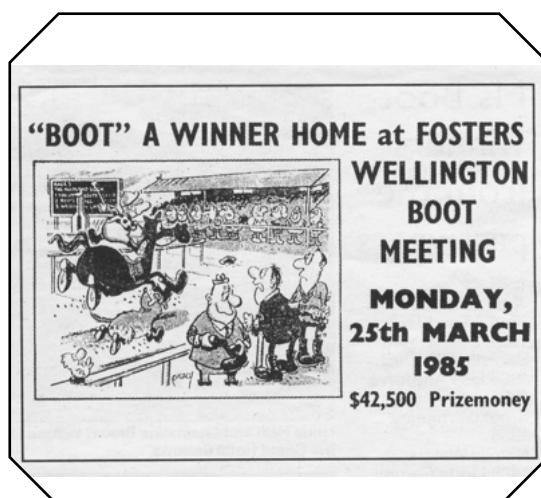
Mayor Kevin Offner and Mr Boot at the official opening of the new Macquarie Bridge.



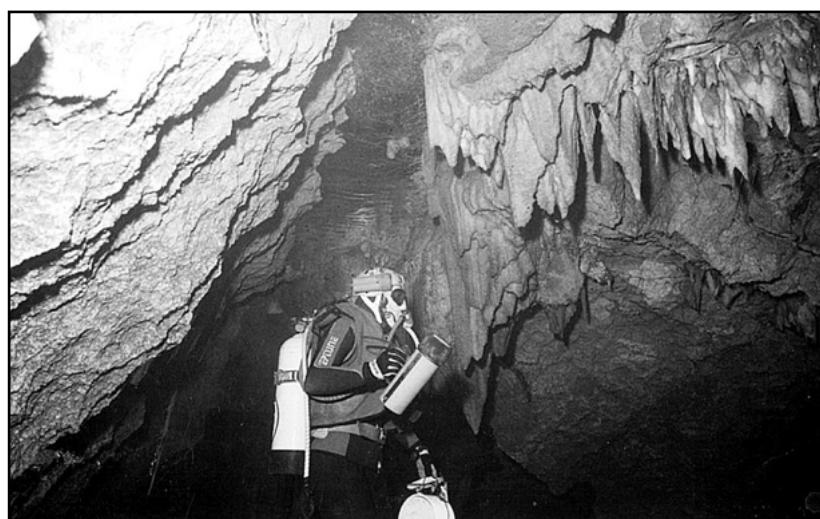
Renown artist Bill O'Shea with his mother.



Shire President and also Mayor of Wellington Kevin Offner.



1985 Wellington Boot race promotional poster.



A river cave under the Wellington Caves complex.



Anyone name these ladies?



Crossing the mighty Macquarie.



Senior Sergeant Neil Scarr, a co-founder of PCYC



Wellington Mens Basketball team won their own Carnival. Gary Quinn, Terry Dray, Terry Bourke, Neil Miller, John O'Dell, front- Guy Smith, Michael McManus and Anthony Martin.

Multi Service Centre's hard work paying off

NDIS CLIENT support takes up many hours of support staff time at Wellington Multi Service Centre, totalling some 2500 hours in the past 12 months.

This was just one of the many positive reports presented to the Service's annual general meeting last Thursday by new manager, Sharon Doherty.

She took over from Clare Manning who had served as manager for some 30 years and retired in June leaving a well guided and healthy service centre management.

On presenting her management report, Mrs Doherty said it was an honour to take up the position left by Ms Manning, who's hard work had built a strong foundation.

Currently the multi service centre provided services to 61 aged care clients, many of whom using multiple services. NDIS clients remain at

nine requiring supports ranging from four to 18 hours a week totalling 2500 hours, and currently 'onboarding' two other participants.

Most of these supports have been provided by the centre's six care workers across both aged care and NDIS services, and some hours by volunteers, who mainly deliver meals on wheels.

President and committee chair Lisa Bennett was unanimously re-elected for another year and reported the service continued to deliver high quality care ranging from Meal-On-Wheels, Social Support, in home respite, and for clients with a disability, supporting them in their homes and community under NDIS.

"We were audited earlier this year under the Aged Care Commission and have met all of our reporting requirements for Aged care and NDIS," Ms Bennett said.

Renewables manufacturing hub rewards western Sydney - not the bush

National leader Dugald Saunders said the state government had delivered yet another blow to regional communities dealing with the botched renewables rollout, rewarding Western Sydney with dozens of jobs through the new manufacturing hub.

"It's hard to fathom the Premier and Environment Minister are putting this investment in Blacktown over the bush, when the city won't feel any of the impact of this transition but will reap all the benefits," Mr Saunders said.

"It's our communities that are hosting these projects in their backyards and it's our communities that are suffering for it, yet they are the ones that miss out."

"I have always said it's regional NSW that is doing the heavy lifting when it comes to renewables and impacted residents, businesses and

communities need to be fairly compensated. "The recent report from the inquiry examining the regional impact of renewable energy zones has again reinforced the need for a pause and stocktake on all projects across the state.

"There are long-standing concerns around the lack of consultation and growing community angst, which is why an urgent moratorium is needed because the Government isn't doing anywhere near enough to protect those being affected.

"The fact the state's only active REZ is already completely overblown should sound the alarm that we need to hit the brakes and make changes before it's too late.

"Labor has failed at every hurdle here and today's announcement is yet another example of regional communities being completely let down."



with Mathew Dickerson, Axxis Comworld

The Gee Report

Andrew Gee
Federal Member for Calare

LAST WEEK Bathurst solicitor Emma Mason addressed world leaders at the United Nations in New York on the upcoming social media ban for under sixteens in Australia.

Emma's daughter, Tilly, tragically took her own life after horrific online bullying.

Emma's courage in speaking about this issue here and overseas is both profound and extraordinary. I recently met with Emma when she was in Parliament House to hold talks with the Prime Minister.

She wants to make sure that Australia is ready for the social media ban that starts on December 10th.

The new policy will prevent Australians under the age of 16 from creating or keeping a social media account.

Parents, carers, teachers and community members need to be aware of it.

While many young people are opposed to the ban, as a father of four, I am in favour of it.

While social media does have some positive aspects, the harm it can cause children is immense. This ban is needed.

The onus is now on the Australian Government to make sure that the ban is effective.

Creative Australia's creative futures fund 2025 is now open

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



The Gee Report

Andrew Gee
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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

Finally, recognition of market failings for nation's chicken farmers

A NEW review into the chicken meat supply chain has come as no surprise to farmers waiting on action to address market power misuse in the poultry industry.

The Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES) released the initial findings of its independent review of market failure within the chicken meat supply chain.

According to NSW Farmers, the report found that processors were still using their market power to squeeze poultry growers, with more protections desperately needed to stop an exodus of farmers from the industry.

It identified a mandatory Code of Conduct as a potential response to the overwhelming evidence of market failure.

"It's pleasing to see the

concerns NSW Farmers has raised through this process taken up by ABARES," NSW Farmers' principal economist Samuel Miller said.

"This report confirms what we all know that poultry farmers are feeling the effects of market power misuse on an extreme scale, and have been for many years. Government-funded research has already shown us farmers are struggling with unfair contract terms, little to no choice in processors, and many other conditions that are making it impossible to survive in the industry, let alone thrive."

According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, NSW has lost 27 per cent of its poultry farms since 2011 due to declining margins.

"A mandatory code of conduct was essential to protect the growers who remained," Mr

Miller said, "with the Federal Government urged to implement this code before it was too late.

"Fair trading and fair prices for farmers and consumers will only come if we have a mandatory code of conduct that demands better behaviour from processors within the poultry meat industry.

"Farmers need greater powers to negotiate and better enforceability of their contracts – and a code enforced by our nation's competition watchdog would deliver this.

"Chicken is a staple most Aussies are putting in their shopping cart, and ABARES is warning that it could soon become too expensive for families to afford, while our farmers are forced out of business because they're getting nothing in return, and can't do anything about it."



IT IS estimated that art forgeries generate US\$6 billion each year.

Now, I don't know if there is a Department of Global Counterfeit Canvases diligently auditing the black market, but I'll trust the authorities on this one.

It certainly sounds like a big number – until you remember that Leonardo da Vinci's Salvator Mundi sold at auction for US\$450 million. Thirteen dodgy da Vincis later and you've got yourself the six-billion-dollar forgery industry.

Throw in Warhols, Picassos and Monets and suddenly it's not hard to imagine.

For those of us who don't have a spare couple of hundred million tucked in the glovebox to splash on a genuine masterpiece, the closest we get is a smart TV in "art mode," rotating through classics on a digital canvas.

I'm quite content with that – though it lacks the brushstroke texture and faint whiff of turpentine that purists adore.

AI is poised to disrupt the art world in two very different ways. On the one hand, robots are learning to paint almost

indistinguishable copies of famous works.

On the other, those very same robotic copies are helping train AI systems to spot forgeries.

One startup has built an AI-powered robotic painter capable of recreating the works of Norval Morrisseau, an Indigenous Canadian artist renowned for his vibrant, symbolic style.

These aren't cheap posters or digital reproductions – the robot wields an actual paintbrush, studies the pressure, motion and quirks of the original, and painstakingly paints replicas that carry texture and depth.

The replicas are sold as authorised copies with the blessing of Morrisseau's estate.

Buyers get a painting that looks and feels authentic, but without the need to mortgage a small island to afford it.

Here's the twist: those same robot-made copies are also being fed into an AI system to detect forgeries.

This model is trained to detect subtle inconsistencies – brushstrokes that falter, pigments that feel just a shade off, even

quirks like when the robot paused mid-stroke to reload its brush.

With each copy, the detection system gets sharper, learning to identify forgeries that even seasoned experts might struggle to catch.

The truth is, forgery has always been part of art's story.

The moment society decided a canvas could be worth as much as a skyscraper, someone somewhere started sharpening their brushes with larceny in mind.

Historians have long acted as art detectives, squinting at strokes and pigments, but human experts are few and far between – and forgers have been getting better.

Imagine a future where every piece up for auction undergoes machine authentication, giving buyers confidence that the Renoir they've just bought won't peel away to reveal a Bunnings receipt.

It could also democratise art ownership: authorised robot-made replicas for a few thousand dollars, instead of leaving the joy of a textured oil painting only to the ultra-wealthy.

Of course, there will be debates.

Does a robot-painted "copy" diminish the value of originals, or does it make art more accessible while safeguarding authenticity?

Is it still art if the brush was guided by algorithms rather than an artist's trembling hand at 2am after too much coffee?

What's clear is that AI is giving art a shakeup – on both sides of the canvas.

It's helping ordinary people hang beautiful works, and it's helping the experts sleep a little easier knowing that billion-dollar scams may soon be harder to pull off.

And if one day I do find myself in a shady alley, face-to-face with a man in dark glasses offering me a "genuine" Rembrandt, I know whose opinion I'll trust. Not his – but the AI's.

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

Warriors Presentations - Jo Ivey Photos



Casey Caldenk COACHES AWARD and Jane Pearce.



Robbie Adams and Kwena Matlou PLAYERS OF THE YEAR.



Brandon Carter presenting Matt Jones-Porter ROOKIE OF THE YEAR.



Ciara Ryan MOST IMPROVED and Jane Pearce.



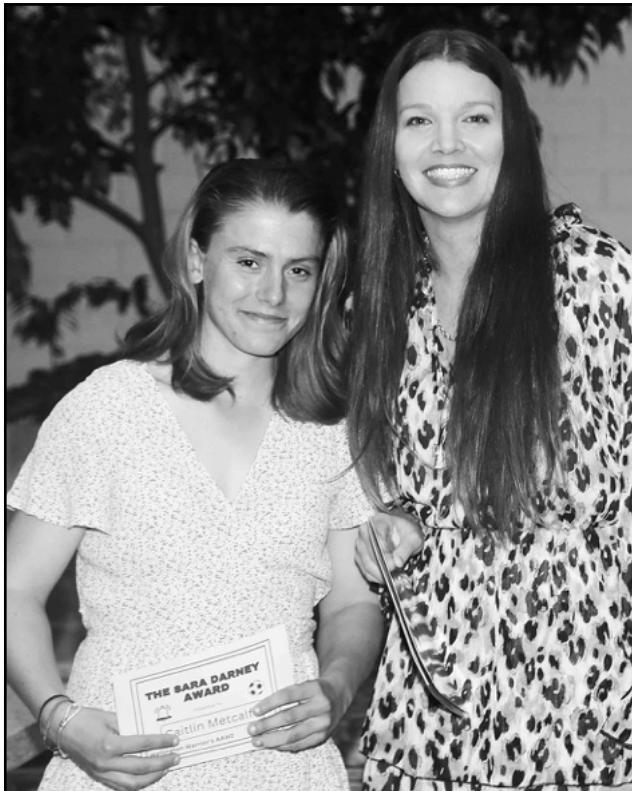
Nicky Drew THE TEAM SPIRIT and Jane Pearce.



Chloe Belle TOUGH COOKIE AWARD, Jane Pearce.



Charlotte Belle, Rookie of the year and Jane Pearce.



Caitlin Metcalf THE SARA DARNEY AWARD.



Georgia Miller MOST UNPREDICTABLE AWARD.



Sofye Sebelic-Lodding, MOST IMPROVED SOCIALISER with team captain Jane Pearce.



Tina AhSee, THE MOST CONSISTANT AWARD presented by Jane Pearce.



Jane Pearce presents Jess Chown the CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR.

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Golfing News

WELLINGTON SOLDIERS Memorial Golf Club members have been travelling around in various competitions lately.

Denise Haesler and Joe Ryan ventured to Forbes after qualifying of the Keno Mixed Ambrose. Denise and Joe didn't claim the winner's prize, but they were awfully close, they finished with a 64nett, winners finished with 63.

Josh Bullock went on a golf trip with a difference - he was the manager of a primary school golf team, although none of the youngsters were victorious, Josh enjoyed himself.

Last Saturday's event was an Individual Stableford.

Winner was Rene Wykes who claimed her maiden win and there will probably be plenty more, final score 42pts.

Runner-up was Daniel McCullum who probably would have won on any other day, final score 40pts.

Prize winners were Cathy Loo-Shui 39pts; John Donnelly 37pts; Steven McCullum 36pts; Mitchell Cusack, Nathan Stewart, Drew Stone, Kurt Cusack 35pts; David Hyde, Matt Ringland, Aaron Clarke, David East 34pts; Garry McNaughton, Gary McCullum 33pts on a countback.

Nearest the pin on the 3rd David Hyde, 8th Rod Pedron, 14th Garry McNaughton, 16th Mitchell Cusack.

Greens are all 'cored' up

Club sponsored NTP in two-shots on the 6th was taken out by Kurt Cusack.

Jespresso Cafe longest drives went to Garry McNaughton in A grade and Jono Smith in B grade.

Brent Eather Encouragement award went to Nate Conn who compiled a fantastic 19pts, yes 19pts.

Wednesday's ladies golf was an Individual Stableford with Denise Haesler the winner after hitting her way around the course to finish with 38pts.

Runner-up was Paul Hannelly finishing with 35pts. Well done Paul, stick to Wednesday's looks easier than Saturdays for you.

Prize winners were Wendy Slack-Smith 32pts; Steven McCullum, Kim Gersbach 31pts; Pauline Potts, Marg Hollow 30pts.

Thursday's Individual Stableford attracted an influx of golfers from Bathurst.

Winner of the day was Daniel McCullum who cleaned the field up easy, his final score was 40pts.

Runner-up was Elton Keefe with 35pts on a c/b. Prize winners John Gersbach 35pts, David O'Brien, Noel Stanford 34pts, Rod McMahon 33pts, Neale McCabe 32pts on c/b.

To the small but very much appreciated volunteers who ventured to the course on Sunday with the coring of the greens, your

efforts were very much appreciated, to all the rest of the golfers no complaining now.

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

This Saturday's event is a three-person Ambrose, all players are to play in a group of 6, Novice players are most welcome to join in the day's event.

19th Hole



Denise Haesler was Wednesday's winner and accompanied Joe Ryan at Forbes to play in the Keno Qualifying comp.

Warriors Presentation night



Lilly Sheridan is presented THE SILENT ASSASSIN award from Wellington Warriors' Ladies captain Jane Pearce at the awards presentation night at the Cow & Calf Hotel last weekend.

More of Jo Ivey's photos appear on Page 19

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