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Mini authors shine



Young storytellers with big dreams show their writing talents

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

And to top it off for the school, WPS had the highest participation rate of any school in the state with 18 entries.

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

Receiving the Encouragement Award (a \$40 gift voucher from Collins Bookshop and a letter of appreciation from CPNSW president, Lucie Peart) were Zara Ryan, who wrote "The Library Incident"; Jaxon O'Grady, who entered "No Boxers in the Stadium"; and Imogen Jones, who penned "The Burnt Newspaper Shop."

Ms Peart also thanked all the other Wellington Public School students who also took part in the historic competition: Emmelyn Grant for "The Princess and the Prince"; Albie Sears, "The Invisible Child"; Rosie Redfern, "The

Lost Treasure"; Aubree Wykes, "The Time We Fade"; Dwayne Miller, "Blood Flows Everywhere"; Sage Smith, "The Stolen Child"; Declan Brown, "The Disappearance"; Connor Blackhall, "Lucky One"; Lachlan Reid, "Black Out"; Lex Evangelista, "The Uncontrollable Cyborg"; Olivia Gardoll, "Heroes Vs Villains"; Hayley Knight, "The Lost Girl"; Jett Bullock, "Corrupted Newspapers"; Charlee Clavell, "Olivia's 12th Birthday Party"; Isabella Vandine, "Jealousy."

Sixteen of the 18 students were at school assemble on Monday morning to be part of the presentation to the award winners and their teacher, Ms Nicole Reid (Pictured above with **Wellington & District Leader** co-publisher, Sharon Wilson).

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

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

her efforts were greatly appreciated," Ms Peart said.

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



Nicole Reid and Sharon Wilson at the presentation.

Next Tuesday

Lest we forget - 11am, November 11

Mayoral Column

Interim General Manager announced - Duke Of Wellington Bridge Approaches

Interim General Manager announced

COUNCILLORS HAVE unanimously endorsed Luke Ryan as the Interim General Manager for Dubbo Regional Council once current CEO Murray Wood leaves to take up his new position at Coff Harbour City Council at the end of November.

This will ensure there is minimal disruption and that normal service is continued.

The Interim General Manager appointment will be for a period of up to 12 months to allow sufficient time to undertake the recruitment process for the permanent position.

This timeframe may be reduced should a suitable candidate be identified and is able to start sooner.

Mr Ryan is the current Director Infrastructure for DRC and has been with Council for the past four years. Prior to this he worked in a number of roles within local and state government for 25 years.

Mr Ryan's extensive experience in local government, deep understanding of regional priorities, and strong commitment to organisational stability places him in a

good position to move the organisation through this transition period.

Outcomes of the October Ordinary Council Meeting

Pest Bird Species – Results of survey and future direction - Councillors noted the results of the survey undertaken regarding the management of pest bird species in the Dubbo CBD and the Wellington Town Centre.

It was also noted that as part of the process of developing the 2026/2027 Budget and Operational Plan that options for the management of pest bird species in the Dubbo CBD and the Wellington Town Centre be developed, including financial implications and models of possible business owner financial participation.

It'd be good to see the numbers of these 'Flying Rats' reduced.

Update on North Yeoval Boundary Adjustment Project

Council adopted to inform Cabonne Shire

Council that it has no objection to the transfer of all relevant parcels within North Yeoval from the Dubbo Regional Council Local Government Area to the Cabonne Shire Council Local Government Area. Councillors supported Cabonne Shire Council making an application to the Minister for Local Government and the Governor for consent to alter the local government area boundary.

This has been an ongoing body of work for a few years now and looks like being completed by the end of June 2026.

November Council Meeting moved to Dubbo Chambers

Council endorsed moving the Ordinary Council Meeting on 18 November 2025 from the Wellington Chamber to be held in the Dubbo Chamber.

This change is to allow for new technology for Council meetings to be rolled out smoothly.

A 'catch-up' meeting will be held in Wellington next year once Councillors and Staff know how to work the new

technology system.

Duke Of Wellington Bridge Approaches

Provision of Design Services - Councillors determined to award the contract for the investigation and detailed design of an approved repair solution for the Duke of Wellington Bridge and its road approach be awarded to SMEC Australia Pty Ltd for the amount of \$363,385 (incl GST). Exciting times ahead.

Annual Bitumen Resealing Program

2025/2026 – Councillors adopted to award the contract for the Annual Bitumen Resealing Program 2025/2026 to Austek Spray Seal Pty for an upper limit amount of \$1,892,374 (incl GST).

Resealing stops water getting through the cracks and under the road, which then leads to the need for an expensive full rebuild.

Josh Black

Australia Day Awards nominations open and close early

COUNCIL (DRC) is seeking nominations to recognise outstanding citizens living in our community ahead of the 2026 Australia Day awards.

Mayor Josh Black said it was a great opportunity to recognise community members who had contributed significantly to the region.

"This region has a lot of outstanding community members who deserve to be recognised for their hard work, and what better way to acknowledge that work than to honour them with a nomination for an Australia Day Award," he said.

"There are several categories aimed at ensuring people are recognised across all areas of the region,"

Award nominations for Wellington

are Citizen of the Year; Senior Citizen of the Year; Young Citizen of the Year; Sportsperson; Young Sportsperson; Community Event of the Year; Services to Sport Award and Community Service/Achievement Awards

Residents are encouraged to submit nominations as soon as possible to avoid missing out.

Nominations will close at 9am on Monday 8 December 2025.

Nomination forms can be found online: www.dubbo.nsw.gov.au/community-groups/community-awards-and-tours/community-recognition-and-awards

Recipients will be announced at the Australia Day event in Wellington in the evening of Sunday, January 25.

Happy World Teachers Day at St Columba's



LAST WEEK, the St Columba's school fraternity celebrated the dedication, care, and passion of its teachers, who inspire and guide our students every single day at the Yeoval school.

Their commitment goes far beyond the classroom, sparking curiosity, building confidence, and helping each child reach their full potential.

The school community thanks all staff members for everything you do, both seen and unseen. The impact you make in nurturing faith, shaping lives, and guiding futures is truly extraordinary.

A heartfelt thank you is also extended to our wonderful parents, who provided a delicious

lunch to celebrate the day.

"Your kindness and support mean so much to our staff and school community."

Lions Christmas cakes and puddings now on sale - Don't forget garage trail sale at University Road

WELLINGTON LIONS members enjoyed handing out children's books in Cameron Park in conjunction with CFC and Barnardo's Children's Party, but they still have heaps of children's books in their preloved book shop at Kimbell's Kitchen, Warne Street for children to choose from as their own book to keep.

The book shop is open Thursday to Saturday 10am to 2pm.

Back in stock this festive season, the club is selling both sizes of Lions Christmas Cakes and Puddings in the book shop as well as in Wellington Craft Co-op.

Still the same prices as last year with the addition of a smaller 400g Gluten Free Cake.

It was interesting to note that a

foundation member of Wellington Lions (Cedric Wilson) was instrumental in starting Lions Christmas Cakes with the help of his employer Big Sister, and it is good to know they are still evolving with different dietary requirements although made by another Australian company.

Lions Club is joining with the rest of Australia in the Garage Sale trail on Saturday, November 8 and again on Saturday, November 15, from 8am to 2pm.

A number of barbecues, eskies, generator and other items will be for sale at the Lions shed at 27 University Road off Falls Road.

There will be a sausage sizzle available for early birds needing breakfast before checking out all the other places on the trail.

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Firefighting upgrade for Wuuluman fire brigade

THE NEED for quick water refilling of fire trucks during emergencies in the Wuuluman/Ungula districts has been fulfilled by Uungula windfarm principal construction contractor, Nacap Pty Ltd.

During reconstruction of the Twelve Mile Road in February, a fire broke out near the Ungula road turnoff which had the potential to rapidly grow and spread throughout the district.

A desperate phonecall from local, Oli Holland, to Nacap's Rick van Veen enabled the quick despatch of all available water carts and tankers to the fire which subsequently brought it under control.

As all fires would know, controlling a fire as quickly as possible once detected is critical.

A critical need for prompt fire tanker water refill to avoid fire spread was later discussed between Nacap and the Wuuluman Rural Fire Service volunteers and a solution was found.

It was recognised that a rapid fill, high volume pump would assist in getting water to the fire, quickly.

This would greatly reduce the risk of the fire spreading, as well as having a huge impact to the local community.

A rapid volume pump was handed over to the local brigade last week by Nacap.

The apparatus consists of a high-volume transfer pump capable of up to 1000L per minute which would fill a standard 4000 RFS heavy tanker in four minutes.

This would enable the first truck to a dam site to anchor the pump for subsequent users, or being highly mobile, the pump can be quickly moved to another dam site if the fire front changes course.

Either way it increases the capacity for the RFS to fight fires more effectively.

Nacap's Uungula project manager, Scott Sartori said Nacap was creating a positive legacy to the community and maybe have an effect on a more widespread basis whereby other RFS Brigades may target these pumps to help bolster their own firefighting arsenal for the future.

"It is hoped that there is little need for this equipment in the future, but with fuel loads

RIGHT: Wuuluman Rural Fire Service's 30 active members are comforted with the knowledge that their fire trucksd can refill their water tanks within several minutes after the donation of a fast-fill pump by Nacap Py Ltd.

Nacap's Uungula project manager, Scott Sartori presents the pump to Oli Holland as Nacap's Land Environment advisor Peter Stewart checks it out.

building and the country drying out as we get closer to Summer, it seems an opportune time to get a vital piece of equipment to where it's needed most," Mr Sartori said.

Mr Holland said he thanked Nacap for supporting the RFS and our local community not only with the pump, but also placing camlock fittings on all of their water tanks which firefighters can access in an emergency.

"By these measures we will be more prepared this fire season than ever before," he said.

"Back at the February fire, Nacap had seven water tankers at the scene within 20 minutes which more than helped to control the spread of that fire."



Mistletoe Roadshow

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OPEN NOW AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD NOMINATIONS

Australia Day Awards recognise those community members with outstanding achievements or citizenship activities in the past year, or those who have delivered outstanding service to an organisation over a number of years, above their normal employment duties.

You can nominate in eight categories for the 2026 Wellington Awards.

Nominate your neighbour or colleague by **Monday 8 December 2025**.

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Many enjoy The Lemon Tree Cafe official opening

DOZENS joined The Lemon Tree Cafe owners Tina Sayers and Andrea Ayling and their families and friends in celebrating the official opening of the Geurie cafe last Sunday.

The ladies said the cafe will be open Thursday through to Sunday each week.



Tina Sayers and Andrea Ayling.



The gang line up in between their very busy day.



Colin Hewett provide the entertainment.



Making Faces with Rie was a popular stop.



The Lemon Tree Cafe opening at Geurie was just the excuse for these ladies to party.



Shea Pascoe and Issabella Seton at the servery.

World War I mothers - Remembrance Day

Next Tuesday, November 11 at 11am we remember those who lost their lives while fighting for this Nation.

Remembrance Day 2025.

WHEN THE Wellington War Memorial was being planned, there was some contention about who would lay the foundation stone.

It was decided that this would be undertaken by mothers whose sons had enlisted in the Great War.

Five mothers were chosen and four actually took part in the stone laying ceremony on 25 April 1922.

Mrs Sarah Howlett

Sarah Jane Windus was born in Bathurst in 1870 and was the daughter of Edward and Sarah Ann Windus.

She married Samuel Howlett in 1889 in Walgett and together they produced eight children – seven sons and one daughter.

Four of Sarah's sons enlisted in World War I – Sydney, Alfred, Thomas and John.

Alfred was killed in France on 6 August 1916. Sarah died in Parramatta in 1929.

Mrs Sarah Sandry

Sarah Dawson was also born in Bathurst in 1860, the daughter of Jesse and Ellen Dawson.

At the age of 16, Sarah married Richard Sandry in Bathurst and they had 10 children.

Of those 10, four of Sarah Sandry's sons went to World War I – Clarence, Thomas, Arthur and John.

Thomas died in action in March 1917 and Arthur in June the same year.

She died in 1939 in Rockdale, Sydney.

Mrs Eliza Huggett

Born on 15 January 1863 in Young, Eliza was the daughter of Henry and Mary Gillespie.

Eliza Gillespie married Edward Huggett in 1882 in Carcoar. They had seven children, five sons and two daughters.

Four of Eliza's sons – George, James, Edward Jnr and Clifton all enlisted and went to World War I.

George Huggett was killed on 12 October 1917 and Edward on 10 August 1918.

Eliza had the honour of opening the Bodangora War Memorial on 7 September 1921.

Eliza Huggett died in Wellington on 4 April 1941 at the age of 78.

Mrs Mary McIver

Mary McIver was born Mary Campbell in Ayrshire, Scotland on 12 May 1859 and came to Australia with her husband, James and two children, Robert and Marion in 1885.

Subsequently, four more sons were born. Neil, Alexander, James and Thomas. James, Neil and Thomas all enlisted for World War I.

James died on 25 July 1916 and Thomas on 4 April 1918. The day before they were informed of his death, his parents received a letter from Thomas dated 9 February 1918 telling them that he had been in hospital with influenza but was about to return to his battalion.

Mary died at Haberfield in Sydney on 7 November 1942 and is buried at Rookwood Cemetery.

Mrs Florence Mary Herring

Born in Wellington, Somerset, UK, Florence Allen was the daughter of John Allen and his wife Ellen.

She married Henry Edward Herring in 1888 in Wellington NSW. Together they produced 13 children – 10 sons and three daughters.

The family lived in the Mumbil area. Three of Florence's sons, Gerald, Percival and Leslie went to World War I and, fortunately, all came home.

Florence Herring died on 29 March 1961 and is buried in Wellington Cemetery.

By Dorothy Blake

DV NOTIFY launch to boost victim-survivor safety

THE LAUNCH of a new digital service that will strengthen protections for victim-survivors of domestic and family violence will be piloted in the Orana-Mid Western Police District.

An initiative of both federal and state governments, DV Notify is a first-of-its-kind Australian service that alerts victim-survivors when an alleged perpetrator is released from custody.

The tool delivers real-time text and email updates from arrest through to final sentencing, helping victim-survivors make informed decisions about their safety.

Both governments jointly contributed to the \$3.9 million design, build and pilot of DV Notify while the NSW Government has committed a further \$8.9 million in the 2025–26 Budget to expand and enhance the service over the next two years.

The 12-month pilot will also be trialled in Liverpool Police Area

Command and Manning-Great Lakes Police District.

DV Notify has been developed with input from victim-survivors to ensure it is trauma-informed, victim-centred and culturally responsive.

The service also connects users with local support and crisis services for safety planning, emergency accommodation and legal help.

NSW Police and domestic violence workers in the pilot locations have been trained to inform victim-survivors about the new service, explain how it works, and provide them with support if they receive notifications.

Notifications will be available in 10 community languages common in the pilot areas, Arabic, Assyrian, Chinese, Hindi, Italian, Nepalese, Serbian, Spanish, Vietnamese, Urdu. Users can opt out at any time.

For more information about DV Notify, please visit: nsw.gov.au/dvnotify

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Wellington produces another national shearing champion

IT'S BEEN some decades since a Wellington shearer has been a national champion, but Tyler O'Hara is, and after only being competitive for 12 months.

Back during the last weekend of October, as NSW State senior champion, Tyler competed in the National Sport Shear championships at Jamestown, South Australia, and came out on top.

He had won at Dubbo show last May after first competing in the senior section at the show just 12 months before, and in that 12-months had jumped to third in the state among the top 12 senior shearers.

He defeated the other 11 at this year's Dubbo show to become state champion. ***

The 28-year-old gained his first pen back in 2016 after completing a two-week Dubbo shearing school course at TAFE.

Yeoval contractor at the time, Col Playton gave him a chance at the Black Springs shed in the Toongi district.

When Tyer decided to take shearing up professionally, his uncle, Warren Hurst, gave some solid advice, which he has stuck with since.

"There is only one way to shear, and one way only, and that was properly," he told him.

An additional feather in Tyler's hat is that his concentrated efforts earn him extra competition points from 'cleanness' – uniform shearing technique. ***

From now on he can compete in 'open' competition and has already earned many points from competing in Sport Shear events throughout the Orana and western region.

And while he sets his sights on another National title, deep-down, he'd like to be an international champion as well.

But he says he's not in a hurry.

"You've got to have quality and a bit of pace to get ahead, so, I'll take my time and do the work properly," he said.

According to Warren Hurst, Tyler is already running third in the state. ***

One award Tyler enjoyed winning was the Pat Bourke Trophy for shearing at Wellington Show.

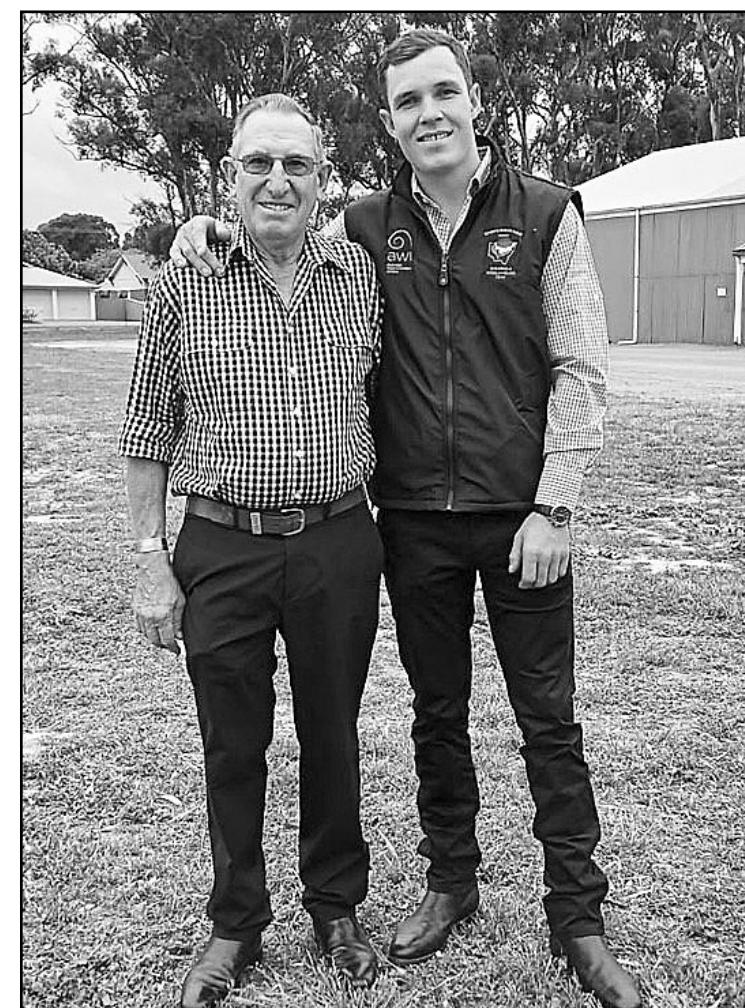
The trophy is in the shape of Australia with many shearing combs on which winners' names are engraved.

RIGHT: Tyler O'Hara during the National Sport Shear senior titles at Jamestown, SA.



ABOVE: Tyler O'Hara as state senior champion with reserve champion Jared Jessen of Uralla at Dubbo Show this year. Tyler went on to become National senior champion while Jared was placed third.

ABOVE RIGHT: Pictured at Jamestown, SA, Tyler with his uncle and mentor, Warren Hurst.



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Keith celebrates 100 wonderful years



Keith Rawson with his children and partners celebrate his 100th birthday at Maranatha House last Saturday. From left Lisa and eldest son, Stuart Rawson; Terry and Sue Walker (second eldest daughter); Lee McGrath (eldest daughter) and Elna and Stephen Rawson (second eldest son).

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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

FIGHT CONTINUES FOR EXPRESSWAY TO SYDNEY

In Question Time this week I put a question to the Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Catherine King, on federal funding to upgrade the Great Western Highway.

"In 2007 the National Party turned the first sod on the Bells Line of Road Expressway.

"This kicked off a golden age of broken promises, delays, and funding raids on a fast road over the Blue Mountains that all major parties are guilty of. And, the traffic jams from the Central West to Sydney are worse than ever.

"Will your Government commit to turning the Great Western Highway into a genuine expressway to Sydney?"

While I was disappointed with her answer, I will not stop fighting for this crucial link between the bush and the city.



GOVERNMENT CASH MANDATE SELLS OUT RURAL COMMUNITIES

Australians should have a choice as to how they spend their hard-earned dollars. I will not be giving up the fight to keep cash King in Australia.

Last week in Question Time, I again challenged the Federal Government on why it won't support my Private Members Bill, Keeping Cash Transactions in Australia.

The Government's draft regulation on a cash mandate sells out vulnerable Australians and rural communities.

Australians who want to use cash will be abandoned. In country areas there are many people who don't buy their food and groceries from the big retailers.

The draft mandate is giving the green light for phasing out cash in Australia, when we should be preserving the cash economy.

As I mentioned in last week's update, my Bill would mandate that businesses operating in any face-to-face settings must accept cash.

The Government's draft regulation is a cop-out – it doesn't go far enough to ensure that Australians can choose how they will pay for what they buy.

Not everyone is able or wants to use online banking services. People worry about facing additional fees and surcharges, giving up their privacy, and dealing with the risk of fraud.

I'll say it again – we need to keep cash King in Australia.

LITTLE PEOPLE FLYING OUR FLAGS AT YUGNU



I recently attended Yugnu Wellington Early Learning Centre to present new flags. Thank you to all our early childhood educators for the wonderful work you're doing to nurture the promise of Australia.

LIONS CLUB MEMBERS GATHER FOR DISTRICT CONVENTION

It was great to catch up with Geurie Lions Club Members at the recent District 201N4 Convention in Bathurst.

Lions carry out community and humanitarian work on a local, national and international level. One of their big projects at the moment is drought relief.

They also assist countless people in need that the public never hears about – quietly making a difference to the lives of local people. Lions are always there for our communities.

As a proud Lions Club member, it was a pleasure to catch up with Peter Perry and Anne Jones OAM from Geurie.

Thank you to Bathurst Macquarie Lions Club for all their hard work on hosting a great convention!



RECOGNISING THE CENTRAL WEST'S AMAZING CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS

It was an honour to officially open the 2025 Central West Early Childhood Awards, presented by the Central West Early Childhood Collaborative last weekend.

The Awards, held in Bathurst, brought together around 300 early childhood educators from across the Central West.

The Central West Early Childhood Awards honour the men and women who constantly strive for excellence in childhood education.

The Awards recognise centres, leaders, and educators who go above and beyond to create meaningful learning experiences, nurture young minds, and build strong connections with families and communities.

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

Congratulations to all the Award winners, as well as Awards founder Katherine Wilson and the Central West Early Childhood Collaborative.



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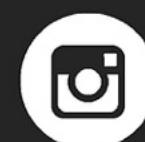
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WELLINGTON LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL (WLALC)

Notice of MEMBER'S MEETING

Notice is hereby given of a Member's meeting for the Wellington Local Aboriginal Land Council.

DATE: 19th November 2025

TIME: 5:30pm

PLACE: WLALC Hall, 163 Simpson Street

AGENDA:

1. Welcome/apologies
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Membership Status – **s.57A Inactive Members**
4. Membership Applications
5. General Business
6. The conduct of any other business placed on the agenda before the commencement of the meeting.

All inquiries about this meeting should be directed to the Wellington Local Aboriginal Land Council office staff during business hours.

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Around the electorate with our State Member Dugald Saunders



Chance for compassion

LAST WEEK, Dubbo's Chance North stopped into my office to share an update on his latest endeavour to help others - Cuddle Packs, full of little goodies to help kids feel safe or brave when they need it.

The Dubbo Public School student has a lot of ideas to help kids in need. He's previously donated backpacks and shoes to help kids who are less fortunate, and now he's working hard on a very generous donation project ahead of Christmas.

Chance's maturity, empathy and consideration for others blows me away every time we meet.

Keep up the great work, Chance!

DV Notify trial

A new service is currently being trialled in the Orana Mid-Western Police District to help keep domestic and family violence victim-survivors informed of the custody status of their perpetrator.

Through DV Notify, victim-survivors will get real-time text and email updates about whether the perpetrator has been released

from custody while the legal matter is ongoing. The service will also connect victim-survivors with state-wide and local support services to help with safety planning, emergency accommodation and legal assistance.

DV Notify will never share any information about the victim-survivor with the perpetrator. Users can opt out of DV Notify at any time. For more information, visit: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/legal-and-justice/dv-notify>

Veteran Grants

There's still time for eligible organisations to apply for the Veteran Community Grants Program.

Grants up to \$3000 are available for individuals and not-for-profit organisations who aim to promote appreciation of the service and sacrifice of military service personnel, or enhance the wellbeing of the NSW veteran community, in the following categories: * Local community historical research and education; * Preservation and display of memorabilia; * Public commem-

orative events; * Provide support to members of the NSW veteran community.

Applications close at 5pm on Tuesday 11 November 2025. For more information, visit: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/veteran-community-grants-program-2025-round>

2026 Seniors Diary

The 2026 Legal Topics for Seniors Diary is now available for pre-order directly through Legal Aid NSW.

This free diary is a much-anticipated and highly popular community resource, packed with practical legal information for older people on topics like wills, scams, housing and more.

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A strictly limited number of diaries will also be available from a variety of community organisations and my office when the diary is released in December.

Asbestos Awareness Month

November is National Asbestos Awareness Month. The reality is that it can be found in any residential home built or renovated before 1990, or in any commercial or non-residential building built before 2004.

It can lurk in brick, weatherboard, clad homes and apartments - in walls, floors, ceilings, eaves, bathrooms, fences, sheds, garages and even under old floor coverings.

If you believe your home contains asbestos but are not renovating or experiencing damage, the risk to you is relatively low; however, with no known safe level of exposure to asbestos, it is vital that any renovations or repairs to damage are handled with the correct personal protective equipment and disposed of in accordance with NSW regulations.

If in doubt, treat it like it is asbestos and contact a licensed asbestos assessor for assistance.

To find a licensed asbestos professional, disposal site and other helpful information, visit: <https://www.asbestos.nsw.gov.au/>

Until next time, Dugald

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The Body Snatchers

Part 2 of a short-story by local artist and writer, Eris Fleming

Continued from October 23

The neighbours flee — the dead frog - a volatile woman — a crisis of confidence — the interment — the church service — Mick prays for Duke.

MICK, pulling himself together, headed off to his shed and returned dragging a pick and shovel.

The good neighbours looked up at the sun getting hotter by the minute, then, glancing at their watches, were shocked at how time had flown and so hurried off home. Mick, now alone, was at sixes and sevens, unsure where to begin.

"That's life Mick, get over it," he lectured himself. "It's not as if it's Maureen or a rich uncle or something - when it's all said and done, it's just a dead cat."

Pretty soon he realised further words were a waste of time, would get him nowhere. He had to get on with it. Deciding on a spot near the rhubarb patch he started digging, went at it hard and fast and was all but done when Maureen appears with her prayer-book and beads, announcing it was almost time for church and he'd better hurry because it was a bad look to arrive late, and she just wasn't going to put up with it.

"All our friends," she insisted, "will be watching and if we arrive late, it will be all over town we're so old and stupid we can't even get to church on time."

Then, in a peculiar twist, on catching sight of the grave, her mind flew to the dead frog in the laundry. "Jesus Mary and Joseph!" she shrieked. "Now I see it! This is all the frog's fault! It's all because of that horrid little thing in the laundry. We must bury the frog with the cat and that will fix everything. It's meant to be. I insist!"

The frog saga goes back to Molly Molloy, Maureen's mum, who hailed from Tipperary. For her entire life Molly had had this strange thing about frogs, especially green ones. She hated frogs - was obstinate, mulish even and just wouldn't listen.

To her way of thinking, they were evil, the devil itself. And Maureen believed her. And so, on the Thursday, when busy with the washing, all hell broke loose when she walked on the frog - a green one too.

Her face wretched, tears coming freely, she blubbered, "This is the worst day of my life. We're cursed, ruined. Nothing will ever be the same. My mother warned me this could happen. It means a wretched future. I tell you Mick, we're doomed."

The poor woman was devastated, and Mick, more than a bit shaken himself, could do nothing more than drop the frog into a paper bag and toss it onto top shelf. That night Maureen had said a dozen extra prayers - especially to Saint Patrick.

Maureen, almost mental now, muttering prayer after prayer, rushed off to the bathroom. Mick, shaken at the outburst began to wonder just what, with all this going on, would John Wayne do and, within seconds,

decided to stand tall, press on and get both the cat and frog underground.

His hands were shaking, and he began to sweat. He needed a lift, something to boost his confidence, so he could be just that bit more like John Wayne. The bottle of brandy came to mind. He smiled, dropped the shovel and after a quick look about to check no one was watching (other than Henry), sneaked into the kitchen, grabbed the brandy, yanked out the cork and poured half a glass.

He tossed it down and waited a full minute. Nothing. He waited another minute. Still nothing - no confidence at all. He poured a second glass, and this time drank it more slowly.

In a few more minutes everything seemed easy. He was feeling good now, warm, and confident. He smiled and, for luck, tossed down one more. Thinking like John Wayne now, he said, "What the hell's all the fuss about? A ginger cat and a bloody green frog! Both dead - so what? What are those stupid Irish people on about? It's easy."

Back at the gravesite and feeling on top of things, he whistled some odd tune and shovelled away, keeping in mind to look sober, even a bit solemn should Maureen reappear.

The two dogs wailed away as Mick placed the cat and then the frog side by side in a shoebox, sealed the lid with sticky tape and lowered it into the grave.

Then, brushing both dogs aside, Mick shovelled hard and fast. In another minute the deed was done. He stood back, brushing his hands clean, a huge weight gone from his shoulders. It was over. Thank God for brandy and John Wayne!

Then, glancing at his watch, he dropped the shovel, rushed inside, and with a quick change into his Sunday best, took Maureen by the arm and hurried off, arriving at Saint Patrick's in the nick of time.

The service was the usual humdrum thing, Mrs O'Leary's fall during the sermon the only thing of note. It seems she nodded off and over she went. There was quite a commotion and a lot of blood.

The sermon was cut short. (The following week, she had X-rays, then an operation.)

After the service, there were a few awkward moments when Mick, in idle conversation, let it be known he'd mentioned Duke in his prayers, hoping he was in a happy place and free from pain.

Some of Mick's more conservative friends were affronted at such a notion and made the point praying for animals was not and never had been part of Christian doctrine.

It was simple enough - cats and frogs didn't have souls and so silly old Mick had wasted his time.

"Who, for heaven's sake," one of them asked, "had ever heard of a cat, let alone a frog, going to heaven? That's ridiculous! Utterly ridiculous!" Others, standing nearby, when they heard Mick's words came over and said, "What, in heaven's name, were you thinking Mick? Get your priorities right mate." Mick, somewhat

taken aback, blamed the cat's tragic death and then the mad rush so it wouldn't be all over town they were too old and stupid to get to church on time. He didn't mention the brandy, though some, in an aside, quietly voiced their suspicions.

It was a few minutes past 11 when the Tuckers, quite pleased with themselves as most Christians are after church on Sunday, were home again. Being close to God for an hour or so had put a surety in their step, had them convinced righteousness, a certain dignity was theirs, and so, they were thinking what, on such a pleasant day, a Sunday at that, could further go wrong?

Nothing. From here on it would be easy. But, as things turned out, it wasn't. No dogs rushed to meet them, no barking either - not a single bark. Dead silence. Indeed, there were no dogs. They called out, searched here and there - still no dogs.

In a minute, they came upon the desecrated gravesite, the cardboard box shredded, with bits of the frog scattered here and there - but still no cat.

Duke and the dogs had vanished. They looked once more, this time stumbling on drag marks leading away from the gravesite through the spinach and tomatoes to the kitchen door.

Once inside there were the two terriers fussing over their feeble friend as, up close to the fire, and feeling increasingly alive, he nibbled away at the last of some fruitcake pilfered from the kitchen next door.

Postscript

Duke hung on grimly, fought hard, and after 10 days at the vet hospital was back home with his friends. In just weeks, he was again doing God's work, his two comrades as confused as ever.

Everyone, well almost everyone, in town had heard. It's fair to say there was considerable debate. A number wrote to the paper.

One letter stated, "What's all the fuss about? It's a stupid dumb animal - not the Prime Minister. A storm in a teacup!"

Another lot, calling themselves cat lovers, wrote: "This should never have happened. It's a shocking example of cruelty to animals. It's pathetic. This Tucker person should be charged with something - that silly Irish wife of his too. And what about the hater with his baits? The police, just this once, should get their finger out and do something."

The letters flew back and forth.

Then it was religion. One man, calling himself *A Curious Observer*, wrote suggesting, that if it was as it seemed, that Mick's prayers somehow saved the cat then surely Mick must be considered a prophet, some kind of holy man with mystical powers - anyway something like that.

"There's just one simple question to ask: Is this a miracle or not? In my opinion it's a miracle alright - and so, the man's a saint. And with that fact well and truly established, the town should act, cash in on it. The mayor should lobby for a canonisation

— and once that's in the bag the council should commission a life-size (or bigger) statue of Saint Mick and his two acolytes Henry McLeod and Bill Darcy, all three with big halos. The statues would be mounted on a huge boulder at the entrance to town and should be lit up at night. Tourism would explode. And furthermore, everyone with a sick cat should pray to Mick and if he pulls off another miracle it would mean a further boost to the economy. The town would be rich."

Another wrote: "Forget Mick. He's a bloody idiot. So's his wife. The poor cat owes its life to the two dogs who dug him out. The rest is rubbish, complete rubbish. And another thing, if Mick's so bloody good at savin' things, how come he didn't save the frog his stupid wife trod on?"

The Curious Observer wrote yet again, on this occasion with the thought that just maybe Maureen, with her thing for frogs was some kind of witch and, if that should be the case, it's a fair thing to say she should be burned at the stake.

The ideal time would be a Saturday night. And if they added some fireworks and a band and planned it for when the weather was fine and mild it would be a great night out for the whole family.

Easter long weekend would be perfect.

A disgusted Committed Christian wrote that all that childish correspondence so far published was typical of this town - it demonstrated nothing more than a cabal of ignorant, soulless people with little respect for anybody or anything - especially the church. This whole sorry episode is not, for a moment, funny. It's a disgrace!

Professor Humphrey Blackett-Smith from the UNSW vet school had the final word.

His reasoning was simple: the poor cat may have looked dead but wasn't - and fortunately for Duke, there was sufficient air in the box to sustain life until the two terriers rescued him. The frog, he wrote, was irrelevant - as were the Irish.

The controversy continued for several more months.

Mick was never canonised and so there was no statue.

The Irish continued to imagine things and worry a lot about nothing.

Just one month on Bill Darcy, rushing off to an A.A. meeting, was run over and killed by a drunken driver, also on his way to the meeting.

Henry McLeod continued perving. At the age of 82, while photographing some unwitting neighbours, he fell from a tree in his own backyard and broke his neck. He died smiling.

Duke continued with God's work for 10 more years. Litters of ginger kittens were a regular occurrence. He and the two terriers remained good friends.

Mick's new hero was Clarke Gable. As time passed, he grew a moustache, slicked down his hair and with the aid of a walking stick, got around the house mumbling, "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn."

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6.00 Morning Programs. **10.30** End Game With Tony Armstrong. Final. **11.25** Crime Night! **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 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** Grand Designs Australia. **9.00** Long Lost Family. **9.45** Portrait Artist Of The Year. **10.35** ABC Late News. **10.50** The Business. **11.10** Grand Designs Revisited. **11.55** Late Programs.

7two **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.00** Escape To The Country. **2.00** South Aussie With Cosi. **2.30** Air Crash Investigations. **3.30** Harry's Practice. **4.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue. **4.30** Better Homes And Gardens. **5.30** Escape To The Country. **6.30** Bargain Hunt. **7.30** Father Brown. **8.30** Line Of Duty. **11.10** Murdoch Mysteries. **12.10** Late Programs.

9Entertains **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.05** ER. **2.50** Heartbreak High. **3.35** Richard Osman's House Of Games. **4.05** QI. **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** Hard Quiz. **9.05** Gruen. **9.45** Late Programs.



6.00 Morning Programs. **11.00** The Following Events Are Based On A Pack Of Lies. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** The Newsreader. **1.55** Grand Designs Australia. **2.50** Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. **3.25** Grand Designs Revisited. **4.10** Long Lost Family. **5.00** Antiques Roadshow. **6.00** QI. **6.30** Hard Quiz. **7.00** ABC News. **7.35** Gardening Australia. **8.35** Maigret. New. **9.30** Hard Quiz. **10.00** Crime Night! **10.30** Spicks And Specks. **11.00** ABC Late News. **11.15** Silent Witness. **12.15** Late Programs.

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

9Entertains **6.00** Morning Programs. **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. **7.30** QI. **8.05** Would I Lie To You? **8.35** MOVIE: Fool's Gold. (2008) **10.25** Late Programs.



6.00 Rage Charts. **7.00** Weekend Breakfast. **9.00** Rage. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **12.30** Beyond Paradise. **1.30** Maigret. **2.20** All Creatures Great And Small. **3.10** Last Night Of The Proms. **4.50** Spicks And Specks. **5.25** Landline. **5.55** Australian Story. Final. **6.25** I Was Actually There. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30** Beyond Paradise. Final. **8.30** Return To Paradise. Final. **9.25** The Following Events Are Based On A Pack Of Lies. Final. **10.30** Neighbours Does Hard Quiz. **11.00** Rage.

7two **6.00** Morning Programs. **11.30** GetOn Extra. **12.00** Hornby: A Model Empire. **2.00** Better Homes And Gardens. **4.30** Harry's Practice. **5.00** Horse Racing. Five Diamonds Ladies Day and Charity Raceday. **5.30** RSPCA Animal Rescue. **6.00** Dog Patrol. **6.30** The Yorkshire Vet. **8.30** Escape To The Country. **11.30** Late Programs.

9Entertains **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.15** My Family. **3.05** Heartbreak High. **3.50** Portrait Artist Of The Year. **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** Live At The Apollo. **8.50** The Stand Up Sketch Show. **9.15** Ab Fab. **9.40** Late Programs.



6.00 Morning Programs. **11.00** Compass. **11.30** Songs Of Praise. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **12.30** Landline. **1.30** Gardening Australia. **2.30** 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. **8.50** The Forsytes. New. **9.45** MOVIE: Priscilla Queen Of The Desert. (1994) Guy Pearce. **11.25** Anh's Brush With Fame. **11.50** 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. **3.40** 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: Under The Knife. **9.05** 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. **9.30** First Dates UK. **10.30** Australia's Most Dangerous Prisoners. **11.30** Gatecrashers. **12.30** Life. **1.30** Travel Oz. **2.00** Home Shopping. **4.00** NBC Today. **5.00** Sunrise Early News. **5.30** Sunrise.

7mate **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.30** Highway Patrol. **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. **8.00** American Dad! **9.30** MOVIE: Billy Madison. (1995) Adam Sandler. **11.30** Late Programs.

9Family **6.00** Kids' Programs. **4.25** Super Monsters. **5.30** Peter Rabbit. **6.05** PJ Masks. **6.45** Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom. **7.05** Rocket Club. **7.35** Ninjago: Dragons Rising. **8.00** Operation Ouch! **8.35** Secrets Of The Zoo. **9.20** Amazing Animal Friends. **10.10** The Mysterious Benedict Society. **10.40** Late Programs.



6.00 Sunrise. **9.00** The Morning Show. **12.00** Seven's National News At Noon. **1.10** Blankety Blank. **2.00** Bridge Of Lies: 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 Legacy. (2012) Jeremy Renner, Rachel Weisz, Edward Norton. **11.15** GetOn Extra. **11.45** Motorway Patrol. **12.15** Healthy, Wealthy & Wise. **1.15** In Plain Sight. **2.30** Home Shopping. **4.00** It's Academic. **5.00** House Of Wellness.

7mate **6.00** Morning Programs. **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. First qualifying final. North Melbourne v Hawthorn. **9.15** MOVIE: Contraband. (2012) Mark Wahlberg, Ben Foster. **11.30** Late Programs.

9Family **6.00** Kids' Programs. **3.55** Stan Can. **4.10** Andy's Safari Adventures. **4.25** Super Monsters. **5.30** Peter Rabbit. **6.05** PJ Masks. **6.45** Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom. **7.05** Gardening Australia Junior. **7.35** Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures. **8.00** To Be Advised. **8.30** Hard Quiz Kids. **9.00** Robot Wars. **10.00** Merlin. **10.40** Late Programs.



6.00 Today. **9.00** Today Extra. **11.30** 9News Morning. **12.00** Our State On A Plate. **12.30** Horse Racing. Melbourne Cup Carnival. Oaks Day. **6.00** 9News. **7.00** A Current Affair. **7.30** RBT. **8.30** RPA. **9.30** A+ After Dark. **10.30** 9News Late. **11.00** Chicago Med. **11.50** Tipping Point. **12.40** Australia's Top Ten Of Everything. **1.30** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **2.30** Global Shop. **3.00** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **4.00** Believer's Voice Of Victory. **4.30** A Current Affair. **5.00** Today Early News. **5.30** Today.

7flix **6.00** It's Academic. **7.30** Get Clever. **8.30** News Of The Wild. **9.00** Home Shopping. **10.00** Malaysia Kitchen. **10.30** House Rules. **12.00** The Blacklist. **3.00** The Goldbergs. **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.

9NEWS **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 Today. **9.00** Today Extra. **11.30** 9News Morning. **12.00** MOVIE: Cooking Up 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. **8.40** MOVIE: The Dry. (2020) Eric Bana, Matt Nable, Genevieve O'Reilly. **11.00** Law & Order: Organized Crime. **11.50** Tipping Point. **12.40** Pointless. **1.30** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **4.00** Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. **4.30** Late Programs.

7flix **6.00** Morning Programs. **12.00** The Blacklist. **3.00** The Goldbergs. **3.30** First Dates UK. **4.25** MOVIE: Playmobil: The Movie. (2019) **6.25** MOVIE: Puss In Boots: The Last Wish. (2022) **8.30** MOVIE: Jerry Maguire. (1996) Tom Cruise, Cuba Gooding Jr., Renée Zellweger. **11.20** MOVIE: Dream Horse. (2020) **1.40** 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. **7.35** 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** Late Programs.



6.00 Morning Programs. **7.30** Farm To Fork. **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** Farm To Fork. **1.30** 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+. **7.00** Deal Or No Deal. **7.30** The Celebrity Trailors UK. **8.55** Gogglebox Australia. Final. **10.25** 10's Late News. **10.50** The Cheap Seats. **11.45** Late Programs.

10drama **6.00** Home Shopping. **8.00** What's Up Down Under. **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. **3.00** Antiques Roadshow. **3.30** MOVIE: Brothers In Law. (1957) **5.30** The Travelling Auctioneers. **6.30** Antiques Roadshow. **7.30** Clarkson's Farm. **8.30** MOVIE: Analyze This. (1999) Robert De Niro, Billy Crystal. **10.35** Major Crimes. **11.35** Late Programs.

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6.00 Morning Programs. **10.00** My Market Kitchen. **10.30** GCBC. **11.00** Talkin' Bout Your Gen. **12.00** How Did They Fix That? New. **1.00** Silvia's Italian Masterclass. **1.30** The Yes Experiment. **2.00** Charming China. **2.30** Buy To Build. **3.00** Australia By Design: Innovations. **3.30** Well Traveller. **4.00** Cook With Luke. **4.30** To Be Advised. **5.00** 10 News. **6.30** The Dog House Australia. **7.30** Selling Houses Australia. **8.30** Ambulance UK. **9.45** Gogglebox Australia. Final. **11.15** The Gilded Age. **12.30** Late Programs.

10drama **6.00** Home Shopping.



6.00 Morning Programs. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Landline. **2.00** Restoration Australia. **2.55** QI. **3.25** Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. **3.55** Grand Designs Revisited. **4.45** Long Lost Family. **5.30** Antiques Roadshow. **6.30** Hard Quiz. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30** **7.30**. **8.00** Australian Story. **8.30** Annabel Crabb's Civic Duty. New. **9.20** Media Watch. **9.35** Planet America. **10.10** I Was Actually There. **10.45** ABC Late News. **11.00** The Business. **11.15** Creative Types With Virginia Trioli. **11.45** Late Programs.

7two **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.30** Jabba's Movies. **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.

900 Entertains **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.40** 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** House Of Games. **7.35** QI. **8.05** Would I Lie To You? **8.35** Penn & Teller: Fool Us. **9.20** Whose Line Is It Anyway? **9.40** Late Programs.

6.00 Sunrise. **9.00** The Morning Show. **12.00** Seven's National News At Noon. **1.10** Blankety Blank. **2.00** Bridge Of Lies. **3.00** The Chase. **4.00** Seven News At 4. **5.00** The Chase Australia. **6.00** **7News Local**. **6.30** 7News @ 6:30. **7.00** Home And Away. **7.30** My Kitchen Rules. **9.00** The Rookie. **10.00** Alert: Missing Persons Unit. **11.00** S.W.A.T. **12.00** Girlfriends' Guide To Divorce. **2.00** Home Shopping. **4.00** NBC Today. **5.00** Sunrise Early News. **5.30** Sunrise.

7mate **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.30** Full Custom Garage. **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.

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

6.00 Today. **9.00** Today Extra. **11.30** 9News Morning. **12.00** The Golden Bachelor. **1.30** Getaway. **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** To Be Advised. **10.00** 9News Late. **10.30** The Equalizer. **11.20** Transplant. **12.10** Tipping Point. **1.05** Hello SA. **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** News Of The Wild. **9.00** Home Shopping. **10.00** The Greatest Aussie Caravan. **10.30** House Rules. **12.00** The Blacklist. **3.00** My Kitchen Rules. **4.30** Bondi Vet. **6.30** Judge Judy. **7.30** Law & Order: Criminal Intent. **8.30** Law & Order: SVU. **9.30** Law & Order. **10.30** Bones. **12.30** White Collar. **3.00** Roswell.

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

6.00 Morning Programs. **8.00** Bold. **8.30** Deal Or No Deal. **9.00** Lingo. **10.00** Ent. Tonight. **10.30** Jamie's Air-Fryer Meals. **11.30** Judge Judy. **12.00** Farm To Fork. **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** Big Brother Australia. **8.40** Sam Pang Tonight. **9.40** Talkin' Bout Your Gen. **10.40** 10's Late News. **11.05** 10 News+. **12.05** Late Programs.

10 drama **6.00** Morning Programs. **8.30** Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. **9.00** The Living Room. **10.00** JAG. **12.00** Days Of Our Lives. **12.45** The Young And The Restless. **1.30** Numb3rs. **2.30** JAG. **4.30** The Living Room. **5.30** JAG. **7.30** NCIS. **9.25** Blue Bloods. **10.20** NCIS: Hawaii'. **11.15** The Real CSI: Miami. **12.15** Late Programs.

900 Gem **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.00** Building Icons. **2.00** Journey To Europe. **3.00** Antiques Roadshow. **3.30** MOVIE: The Queen Of Spades. (1949) **5.30** The Travelling Auctioneers. **6.30** Antiques Roadshow. **7.30** Death In Paradise. **8.40** Shakespeare And Hathaway. **10.40** Major Crimes. **11.40** Late Programs.



6.00 Morning Programs. **12.10** WorldWatch. **2.05** The Airport: Back In The Skies. **3.00** Going Places. **3.40** The Cook Up. **4.10** Michael Palin In Nigeria. **5.05** Jeopardy! **5.30** Letters And Numbers. **6.30** Mastermind Australia. **6.30** SBS World News. **7.35** Bill Bailey's Vietnam Adventure. New. **8.30** American Prince: JFK Jr. New. **9.20** Jimmy Carr's I Literally Just Told You. New. **10.15** SBS World News Late. **10.45** Conviction: The Case Of Stephen Lawrence. **11.40** Late Programs.

10 comedy **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.00** Ridiculousness. **2.00** The Neighborhood. **2.30** Becker. **3.00** The King Of Queens. **4.00** Farm To Fork. **4.30** Poppa's House. New. **5.00** Becker. **5.30** The King Of Queens. **6.30** Neighbours. **7.00** Friends. **8.00** The Big Bang Theory. **10.00** Becker. **10.30** The King Of Queens. **11.30** Late Programs.

900 VICELAND **6.00** Morning Programs. **3.00** History's Crazy Rich Ancients. **3.25** Bamay. **3.55** WorldWatch. **5.50** The Food That Built The World. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** Sue Perkins: Into Alaska. Final. **9.25** Never Mind The Buzzcocks. **10.05** Warren's Vortex. **11.05** Tell Me What You Really Think. **12.05** Late Programs.



6.00 Morning Programs. **11.45** ABC News Mornings. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** The Forsytes. **2.00** Restoration Australia. **3.00** QI. **3.30** Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. **4.00** Grand Designs. **4.45** Long Lost Family. **5.30** Antiques Roadshow. **6.30** Hard Quiz. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30** **8.00** Hard Quiz. **8.30** Who I Was Actually There. Final. **8.30** The Piano UK. **9.20** The Art Of. **9.50** The Assembly. **10.35** Media Watch. **10.55** ABC Late News. **11.10** The Business. **11.25** Late Programs.

7two **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.30** Our Town. **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. Return. **7.30** Call The Midwife. **8.45** Judge John Deed. **10.45** Autopsy USA. **11.45** Late Programs.

900 Entertains **6.00** Morning Programs. **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? **8.35** Not Going Out. **9.35** Spooks. **10.30** Late Programs.

6.00 Sunrise. **9.00** The Morning Show. **12.00** Seven's National News At Noon. **1.10** Blankety Blank. **2.00** Bridge Of Lies. **3.00** The Chase. **4.00** Seven News At 4. **5.00** The Chase Australia. **6.00** **7News Local**. **6.30** 7News @ 6:30. **7.00** Home And Away. **7.30** The 1% Club. **8.30** Murder In A Small Town. **9.30** Homicide: With Ron Iddles. **10.30** Grosse Pointe Garden Society. **11.30** Lopez Vs. Lopez. **12.00** MOVIE: Secrets Of A Marine's Wife. (2021) **2.00** Home Shopping. **4.00** NBC Today. **5.00** Sunrise Early News. **5.30** Sunrise.

7mate **6.00** Morning Programs. **12.30** Pawn Stars. **1.30** Outback Crystal Hunters. **2.30** Aussie Gold Hunters. **3.30** Mountain Men. **4.30** American Restoration. **5.00** Storage Wars. **5.30** American Pickers. **6.30** Pawn Stars. **7.30** Outback Truckers. **9.30** Outback Farm. **10.30** Ice Road Truckers. **11.30** Late Programs.

900 Family **6.00** Kids' Programs. **3.45** Fizzy And Suds. **4.10** Andy's Safari Adventures. **4.25** Super Monsters. **5.30** Peter Rabbit. **6.05** PJ Masks. **6.25** The Adventures Of Paddington. **6.55** Rocket Club. **7.35** Ninjago: Dragons Rising. **8.00** Operation Ouch! **8.35** Deadly 60. **9.05** Shark With Steve Backshall. **9.55** Merlin. **10.35** Late Programs.

6.00 Today. **9.00** Today Extra. **11.30** 9News Morning. **12.00** The Golden Bachelor. **1.30** Find My Country House Australia. **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** Taronga: Who's Who In The Zoo. **8.30** Taronga: Who's Who In The Zoo. **9.30** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. **10.30** CSI: My Country House Australia. **1.30** Late Programs.

7flix **6.00** It's Academic. **7.30** Get Clever. **8.30** News Of The Wild. **9.00** Home Shopping. **10.00** The Greatest Aussie Caravan. **10.30** House Rules. **12.00** The Blacklist. **3.00** My Kitchen Rules. **4.30** Bondi Vet. **6.30** Judge Judy. **7.30** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. **9.30** CSI: Miami. **11.30** CSI: New York. **12.30** White Collar. **3.00** Roswell.

900 NEWS **6.00** Morning Programs. **3.30** The Dismissal. **50** Years On. **3.00** News. **4.00** Afternoon Briefing. **5.00** ABC News With Joe O'Brien. **6.00** ABC News Hour. **7.00** ABC National News. **7.30** **7.30**. **8.00** ABC News Tonight. **8.45** The Business. **9.00** The World. **10.00** ABC Nightly News. **10.30** Late Programs.

6.00 Morning Programs. **7.30** Farm To Fork. **8.00** Bold. **8.30** Deal Or No Deal. **9.00** Lingo. **10.00** Ent. Tonight. **10.30** Jamie Oliver: Fast & Simple. **11.30** Judge Judy. **12.00** Farm To Fork. **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** Big Brother Australia. **8.40** The Cheap Seats. **9.40** FBI: Most Wanted. **10.40** 10's Late News. **11.05** 10 News+. **12.05** Late Programs.

10 drama **6.00** Home Shopping. **8.00** What's Up Down Under. **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. **9.25** NCIS: Hawaii'. **10.20** Numb3rs. **11.15** The Real CSI: Miami. **12.15** Home Shopping.

900 Gem **6.00** Morning Programs. **11.30** Find My Country House NZ. **12.00** Poirot. **1.00** Shakespeare And Hathaway. **3.00** Antiques Roadshow. **3.30** MOVIE: The Amorous Prawn. (1962) **5.30** The Travelling Auctioneers. **6.30** Antiques Roadshow. **7.30** New Tricks. **8.40** The Chelsea Detective. **10.40** Major Crimes. **11.40** Late Programs.

900 VICELAND **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.15** Dreaming Whilst Black. **2.45** Where Are You Really From? **3.50** WorldWatch. **5.50** The Food That Built The World. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** Sue Perkins: Into Alaska. Final. **9.25** Go Back To Where You Came From UK. **10.25** Late Programs.



6.00 Morning Programs. **12.30** National Press Club Address. **1.35** Media Watch. **2.00** Restoration Australia. **3.00** QI. **3.30** Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. **4.00** Grand Designs. **4.45** Long Lost Family. **5.30** Antiques Roadshow. **6.30** Hard Quiz. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30** **7.30**. **8.00** Hard Quiz. **8.30** Who I Was Actually There. Final. **8.30** The Piano UK. **9.20** The Art Of. **9.50** The Assembly. **10.**

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FIRST OF all I must thank Julia for writing Agri-topics last week whilst Carol and I had a break with another daughter, Emily in Camperdown and enjoying the delights of Southern Victoria.

Julia has finished her term of 12 years with Grain Growers board and must step down.

RFCs reports a busy month. Winter crop harvesting is well under way in our region. As per normal, many farms north of Dubbo started earlier (from Sept), those in the south from October due to planting earlier.

Following inspection and analysis of crops for quality, yield and biosecurity to decide whether to cut for hay or grain, looking at rainfall totals and outlook across the region with hay prices being higher (around \$380 to \$400) than grain (\$300-\$350/t).

G H MITCHELL. Australian wool buyers and processors have announced to woolgrowers that they have developed a new fibre combining cotton and wool to produce a new fibre (74% cotton and 26% or there about wool as I remember).

This new fibre will have the strength, flexibility of cotton combined with the softness warmth and absorption of wool and is expected to hit the market next year.

BOM weather patterns with the high moving out of the Australian Bight which is allowing systems to move through the south-east. This will provide for a tricky harvest with more showers in the forecast for this week across most Australian cropping areas with the heaviest (up to 50mm) for the SA south east, Victoria and NSW Riverina.

Markets at a glance

Wool.. Fourth weekly loss with the EMI closed at 1413c/kg clean, down 14 cents, national offering 33,535 bales including 2479 NZ bales. Sydney Merino fleece Finer MPG's (16.5m & 17m) rose 14c & 8c respectively on day 1, before all MPG's lost ground on day. Merino skirtings down 10 to 20c, crossbred slipped then firmed, cardings down 5 cents, locks unchanged, NRI 1447c/kg clean, down 17 cents. 10.8% passed-in, 1067 bales withdrawn.

Cattle.. DBO 30th 5465 head. Young cattle to trade firm, vealers and yearlings 380c to 474c/kg. Feeder steers and lightweight feeder heifers up to 20c dearer, heavier feeder heifers 5c/kg dearer. Feeder steers to 510c, heifers 326c to 455c/kg. Young cattle to restockers considerably dearer, steers to 588c, heifers to 440c/kg. Grown steers and heifers firm, steers 420c/kg to 477c/kg, heifers 420c to 459c/kg. Cows up to 20c dearer, 2&3 scores to processors 320c/kg to 404c/kg. Heavy cows 390c to 420c. Cows to restockers to 358c/kg. Heavy bulls to 399c/kg.
Grain.. DBO Fletcher APW \$299, APH2 \$20, H2 +\$10, AUH2 -\$5, ASW1 -15. AGP1 -\$45, SFW1 -\$50, FED1 -\$70. Canola \$738. Faba Beans \$320.

Sheep.. DBO 3rd. 6370 sheep, down 330, 17,700 lambs, up 1200. Light lambs to processors \$6 dearer, 12kg to 18kg 2 scores \$120 to \$178. Trade new season up to \$22 dearer, \$193 to \$308. Trade old lambs \$15 to \$20 dearer, and more, 20kg to 24kg \$230 to \$326. Heavy lambs \$25 to \$30 dearer, old lambs over 24kg \$266 to \$400. Merino lambs up to \$20 dearer, trade weights \$177 to \$299. Heavy Merinos to \$310. Young lambs to restockers firm \$94 to \$198. Hoggets to \$284.

Clearance sale continues. Phone for some bargains.

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WEEKLY MARKET REPORT
Week ending October 31, 2025
AWEX Northern Micron Indices Comparison

AWEX INDEX	This Week S18/25	This Week M18/25	Last Sale S17/25	Sydney Change	Last Year Sydney	Sydney Yearly Change
17	1992	1986	2025	-33	1657	+335
18	1850	1866	1880	-30	1483	+367
19	1713	1716	1732	-19	1383	+330
20	1641	1660	1662n	-21	1308	+33
21	-	1658	-	-	1280n	-
26	-	795	805n	-	595n	-
28	640n	653	645n	-5	385n	+255
MC	813n	735n	818n	-5	711n	+102

Still trying to level out

A VERY similar result in last week's wool market compared the past couple, with the downward drift still present. Again, the finer end was under the most pressure, falling from 30 to 42 cents in the North, slightly in front of the two other centres. Middle microns were better supported, with Melbourne showing slight improvements by single digits. Skirtings followed the direction of the fleece market, cardings weakened across the country, and crossbreds were a mixed result, the finer end giving back up to 43 cents, whilst the broader edge saw small losses under 10 cents. Looking at the numbers over the past five years, the 21, 28 and 30-micron indicators are still running at 98% of their highest price during that time period. 19-microns are at 88%, whilst 17-microns are at 50%, showing just how the lack of European activity has held back returns on these types.

When talking with exporters about their prediction for this week's market, it's always interesting to hear what things look like on the other side of the market. Of the processors they supply, those that had stock welcomed the market rise, which improved the value of their position. Others that were not in that situation faced heading a market that was

running hot, looking like a new price point had been made. The increase in wool value stretched the available funding facilities all along the processing pipeline, from exporter to spinner and weaver, so much so, that some of the auction buyers were almost at the end of their monetary limit by the end of the second week of rises. This also resulted in letters of credit from the early-stage processors getting pushed back further than usual, putting exporters in a very difficult situation when the auction was running. Thankfully nobody in the pipeline ran into payment problems, but what it did show is that rallies of that magnitude, whilst great if you were fortunate enough to sell at that time, create so much downside to both buyers and sellers when the dust settles and the market finds the level that works for all participants. The slow, steady weekly 10 to 20 cent rise has the ability to be the most sustained.

This week's offering was back by over 5000 bales on what was published, no doubt this trend will continue whilst the market is trying to level out. Macwool and Carmichael have catalogued 750 bales in a national offering prediction of 34,598.

YOUR WOOL IN SAFE HANDS



Stock report by Ross Plasto

DUBBO CATTLE yarded 5465. Very good quality yarding with good numbers in all sections and large numbers of young cattle to suit feeders. Fair numbers of weaners to suit backgrounders and restockers. Young trade cattle firm, vealers and yearlings 380c to 474c/kg. Feeder steers and lightweight heifers up to 20c dearer, heavier feeder heifers 5c/kg dearer. Feeder steers 380c to 510c, heifers 326c to 455c/kg. Young cattle to restockers considerably dearer, steers to 588c, heifers to 440c/kg. Grown steers and heifers firm, steers 420c to 477c/kg, heifers 420c to 459c/kg. Cows up to 20c dearer, 2 and 3 scores to processors 320c to 404c/kg. Heavy cows 390c to 420c, ave 410c/kg. Cows to restockers to 358c/kg. Heavy bulls to 399c/kg.

Dubbo Sheep yarded 17,700 lambs, 6370 mutton. Fair numbers of well finished trade lambs, only odd pens of heavy weights. Good numbers of secondary lambs and hoggets and good numbers of Merinos. Light lambs to processors \$6 dearer, 12kg to 18kg 2 scores \$120 to \$178. Trade new season lambs up to \$22 dearer, \$193 to \$308. Trade old lambs \$15 to \$20 dearer, and more, 20kg to 24kg \$230 to \$326. Heavy lambs \$25 to \$30 dearer, old lambs over 24kg \$266 to \$400. Merino lambs up to \$20 dearer, trade weights \$177 to \$299. Heavy Merinos to \$310. Young lambs to restockers firm \$94 to \$198. Hoggets to \$284/head.

Mutton.. All grades represented in 6370 head. Light and medium weight ewes \$7 to \$12 dearer, better heavy ewes up to \$25 dearer. Merino wethers cheaper on quality. Merino ewes \$50 to \$260, crossbred ewes \$120 to \$302. Merino wethers \$150 to \$270 with most sheep selling from 730c to 830c/kg cwt.

Wool.. The slow-down of the losses in the wool market continued last week with the 14-cent decline in the EMI registering the smallest market movement (in either direction) over the past 10 selling weeks. In a positive sign when looked at in US dollars the EMI actually gained 5 cents for the week. In the Northern region the indicator declined 4 cents on the first day and a further 13 cents on the final day. Finer Merino types were most affected with the better style types still receiving good competition. Discounts for any imperfection in the finer Merino categories appear to be widening as buyers cherry pick to fill orders. National offering fell along way short of the expected 36,000 bales with just over 31,000 bales presented. 27,496 bales were sold for the week with a passed-in rate of 11.5%. Major buyers included Endeavour Wool, PJ Morris and Sequoia. This week's sale is in the Wednesday, Thursday format due to the public holiday in Victoria on Tuesday. Weekly quantities available for the next fortnight look like falling below 35,000 bales nationally and should remain around that figure up until the December recess, barring any dramatic shift in price levels.

**Around the tracks
with Col Hodges**

Racing at Mudgee

POPPIE GORTON, a champion eventing rider, is now an apprentice jockey with leading Hawkesbury trainer Brad Widdup and the winners are starting to flow.

From only 14 race rides Poppy Gorton has ridden four winners, the latest on Dodgy Freckle at Mudgee, which followed a winning double a week before at Bathurst.

All her winners have been trained by Brad Widdup who sent the grey mare Dodgy Freckle to Mudgee for the 1200 metres Kelly's Irish Pub Maiden Plate.

A narrow leader turning for home, Dodgy Freckle (\$3) had a stirring battle down the straight with Long Time Lovers (Zoe Hunt, \$11) before prevailing by a short neck with Just Breathe (Izzy Neale, \$3.80) in third place.

Apprenticed to Dubbo trainer Clint Lundholm, Zoe Hunt has ridden over 60 winners and it was a good ride to win the 1400m Mudgee Golf Club Maiden Plate on the Kylie Kennedy, Narromine trained Spirit Of Saintly.

Well positioned running fourth, Spirit Of Saintly (\$2.50 equal favourite), in the straight wore down the leader Conversations (Shayleigh Ingelse, \$2.50 equal favourite) to win by a length while four lengths away third was Feelen Corny (Kody Nestor, \$3.30).

An all the way winner over 1850m at Mudgee in early October, the Dale Wagstaff, Newcastle trained Zartamay had since been unplaced at Bathurst before returning to Mudgee on Saturday for the 2000m Mudgee Soldiers Club Benchmark 50 Handicap.

Again, in the front-runners role, Zartamay (Izzy Neale, \$3.60) kept going strongly to account for Shadow Shot (Jake Pracey-Holmes, \$4) and Beg Me (James Rogers, \$7).

Another win for the female apprentices when Gold Smiles (\$5) patiently ridden by Tilly McCarroll for Gunnedah trainer Sally Torrens, came from last for a close win over Barcoo River (Michael Heagney, \$4.40) and Simply Better (Nick Hyde, \$3.40) in the 1100m Pink Up Mudgee Region Benchmark 50 Handicap.

Final race the 1400m XXXX Mudgee Mug Benchmark 50 Handicap saw the Nikki Pollock, Scone trained Criminal Art (Billy Cray, \$10) lead for home and hold on for a comfortable win from Just One Look (Shayleigh Ingelse, \$9) and Jade Division (Dylan Stanley, \$3 fav.).

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Banning Gambling advertising

THIS WEEK in Parliament I initiated a debate on the need to ban gambling advertising.

It's a crisis.

In my speech I pointed out that the consequences of gambling can be catastrophic, including job loss, bankruptcy, broken relationships, domestic and family violence, and suicide.

The Productivity Commission estimates that the social cost of problem gambling in 2024 was up to \$12.5 billion.

The tragic human cost is heartbreaking and is there for all to see in every community in Australia if we're prepared to listen and look.

We need to ban gambling advertising.

In late August, I attended a gambling Roundtable in Parliament, where we heard from Australian cricketer Usman Khawaja, who called out the government for being too slow to ban gambling advertising.

We also heard from 'Kate', who didn't want to be identified, whose brother took his life by suicide, brought on by gambling.

Kate said her brother lost \$10,000 a year from gambling.

"This is exactly the burden that our 24-year-old brother was carrying six days before he ended his life," she said.

"On this particular day he walked into the kitchen with pain all over his face and I could tell something was wrong, so I prompted him, are you okay? ... He could barely find the words.

"Six days later, my dad, sister and I found him 500 metres from our childhood home.

"The sound dad made, the look on my sister's face, haunts me every moment of every day."

Kate said her brother's suicide note stated, "I'm so disgusted and revolted with myself that I want to end my life before my addiction ruins more people around me."

Gambling advertising is a constant source of concern among community members who want the Federal Government to do something about it.

In my speech I also highlighted that one of the reasons given for inaction on banning gambling advertising is that media outlets would lose revenue.

It's true that media, and regional media in particular, are struggling, yet action is needed.

I also pointed out to the Parliament that we need



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Federal Member for Calare

to find ways to implement a ban on gambling advertising and support vital media at the same time.

I believe that this could be achieved by introducing a 0.5 per cent levy on each bet placed by gamblers.

This would raise \$1.2 billion.

That is almost 10 times the revenue that would be lost by TV stations.

This funding could be used by the Federal Government for advertising in regional and national media, including important messaging on support available to help break gambling addiction.

A support package such as this must be a vital part of a ban on gambling advertising.

It's crucial that we preserve the independence and viability of regional media, and this would be an effective way of doing it without placing an additional burden on taxpayers.

The addiction of the major parties to donations from betting companies also needs to be broken.

It's time that politicians of all persuasions do something about it, because the price of inaction on a ban on gambling advertising is more lives destroyed, and more lives lost.

We can't wait any longer.

Communities across Australia are crying out for action.

They want us to do something, yet, every time they ask, every time they call, their voices and their pleas are not heeded.

As a Parliament and a country, we can do much better than this.

We can't wait any longer.

We need to ban gambling advertising, and we need to do it on the double.

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Clare Stiff speaks out about Endometriosis

I WAS grateful enough to attend the Gulgong Endometriosis Girls Night Out and what an amazing experience it was.

As Wellington Show Society NSW Young Woman of 2025, I was asked to speak at the event alongside the amazing Brooke Watts.

Together we told our stories, educated others on endometriosis and shared our strategies to dealing with the disease.

Anyone who knows me can tell I am very passionate about women's health and agricultural life - also reflected through my current research study soon to be released.

However, I have never truly told my story of battling endo to a group

of people.

This disease is incurable and under researched often dismissed/mismanaged by many medical professionals.

My story is just one of many and something I hope to continuously share and encourage others to do the same.

I would like to thank the hosts of the night for inviting me as a guest speaker and Brooke Watts for her guidance.

I also want to show my appreciation for my biggest supporters - my gorgeous family and friends!

They have helped me through this journey with endo and continue to do so, advocating for themselves and others with the condition.

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AS a kid visiting Sydney, I remember standing on Circular Quay, wide-eyed as the Manly Hydrofoil skimmed across the harbour.

It looked like magic – a boat that rose out of the water, gliding on V-shaped wings, slicing the journey from 35 minutes to just 15. Sadly, I never managed to ride one before the service was retired in 1991, sunk not by a lack of fascination but by high operational costs.

But that early wonder stayed with me. The idea of wings under water was mesmerising.

After all, Australia's most famous flirtation with underwater aerodynamics wasn't public transport but sport – the 1983 America's Cup.

When Australia II's "winged keel" toppled 132 years of American dominance, it wasn't just a victory on the water; it was a victory for engineering imagination, albeit it was 30 years before the rules of this competition allowed full hydrofoiling.

What we are witnessing now, though, is

the next evolution of those underwater wings. Hydrofoils, once the realm of niche speedboats and experimental ferries, are back – sleeker, quieter and, crucially, electric.

In the same way an aeroplane's wings lift it through air, a hydrofoil lifts a boat above the water, leaving only the foil beneath the surface.

The result? Less drag, less fuel, and far less noise. The fascination with foils has always been speed and efficiency.

Early hydrofoils were fast but mechanically complex, powered by fossil fuels and built from weightier metals.

By the 60s and 70s, we'd taken the technology about as far as we could with the materials and engines of the time.

Then, like the Manly Hydrofoil, the idea largely sank beneath the waves.

Fast forward to today, and hydrofoils are once again taking off – quite literally – thanks to a cocktail of modern technologies.

Carbon fibre has replaced steel, sensors and microcomputers keep the boats auto-

matically balanced, and batteries deliver smooth electric power.

The result? Boats that glide silently, creating almost no wake and cutting energy use by up to 80 per cent.

They are not just favoured by sports enthusiasts chasing thrills with eFoils but also by public transport planners and engineers looking for greener options.

In Stockholm, a Swedish company called Candela has built electric hydrofoil ferries that promise to halve travel times while using a fraction of the energy of traditional boats.

The first trials have been so successful that cities from India to the United States are now looking to adopt similar designs.

The beauty of these new ferries is in their efficiency.

A conventional boat ploughs through water, constantly fighting resistance with the large surface of the hull in contact with the water. A hydrofoil rises above it, slicing effortlessly through with the finesse of a glider.

And because they sit higher, passengers don't feel the bobbing of the waves – which could mean the end of seasickness for the daily commuter.

Of course, there are still challenges.

Hydrofoils work best on smaller vessels, as larger ships lose the speed and efficiency advantage.

There's also the occasional concern about hitting a submerged object – although new sensor systems are being developed to detect hazards like logs or even curious sea lions.

It's fascinating that, after more decades of tinkering, the true age of the hydrofoil might only just be beginning – not driven by the need for speed, but by the need for sustainability.

From the Manly Hydrofoil to the America's Cup and now to silent, electric ferries, it feels like we've come full circle.

The dream of flight over water has never really died – it's just been waiting for the right materials, the right mindset, and perhaps the right moment.

Swim Pointscores - Carmen Gain photos



104th Dr Nat Barton Memorial Swimming Carnival

THE 104th Dr Nat Barton Memorial Swimming Carnival was held over the weekend with an impressive 213 swimmers from across New South Wales taking part.

Competitors travelled from as far as Gunnedah, Bathurst, Blayney and Coonamble, joining local swimmers for a great day of racing.

Wellington was proudly represented by 31 swimmers, and it was fantastic to see so many of our own athletes supporting the carnival and giving their best in the pool.

A special thank you goes to Pip Smith, who refereed the day, and to David Grant and Michael Horton for their work

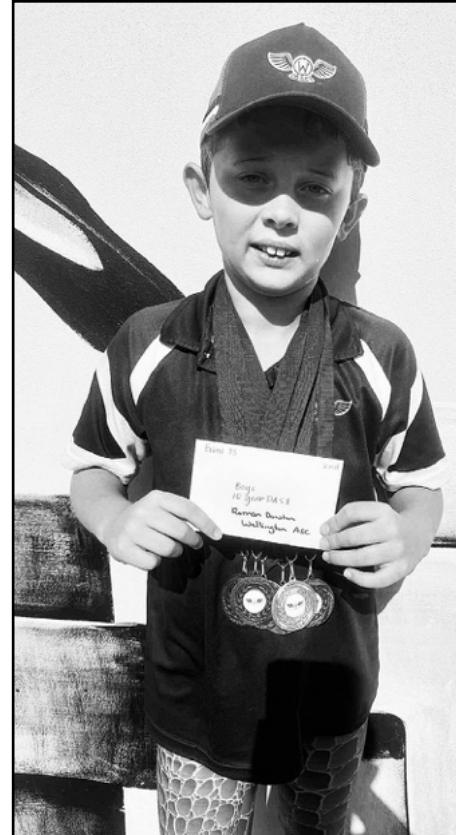
as starters.

Chris Stevens did an amazing job arranging the events and coordinating the races to ensure everything ran smoothly.

Our 25-metre events were a highlight, showcasing the enthusiasm and courage of our younger swimmers — for some, it was their very first carnival experience.

The Wellington Amateur Swimming Club extends sincere thanks to all families, volunteers, and committee members who helped make the day such a success.

Carmen Gain



A BUSY week of golf coming up with a Ladies Tournament tomorrow (Friday) and the Men's 72-Hole Club Championships on Saturday and Sunday and another buys weekend following.

This Saturday and Sunday's events are Stroke events, being Round 1 and Round 2 of the Wellington Physiotherapy Therapy Club Championships.

The following week, Seeded will be in effect, all golfers not seeded must Tee-Off prior to 11.30 off the 1st otherwise tee-off on the 10th.

No PREFERRED LIES from now on.

Club Championships Gradings are A 0 to 9, B 10 to 17, C 18 plus.

Last Saturday's events were the Wellington Soldiers Memorial Club November Monthly Medals.

A grade Medal winner was Matt Ringland who showed that you don't need Preferred Lies to have a good score, final score 66nett.

Runner-up award went to Stephen Whiteman who put together a good score as well to finish with a 70nett a countback.

B grade winner, and yes this is correct, Rod Pedron, you couldn't keep the smile off his face as his final score was

69nett.

Runner-up was Doug Ney, welcome back Dougie, final score 70nett.

Prize winners were Elton Keeffe, Patrick Slack-Smith, 70netts; David Hyde, Peter Payne, David Naveau, John Gersbach 72netts; Ron Cowan, Brad Hyland, John Donnelly, Malcolm Payne 73netts; David Ryan, Mitchell Cusack 74netts a countback.

Nearest the Pins on the 3rd Rob Parnell, 8th Kurt Cusack, 14th Stephen Whiteman, 16th John Donnelly.

Club sponsored NTP in two-shots on the 4th went to John Donnelly.

Jespresso Cafe longest drives went to Kurt Cusack in A grade and Paul Hannelly in B grade.

Brent Eather Encouragement award was taken out Liam Conn who had an absolute shocker to finish with an 86nett, only one person cheered for him, I won't say who.

Wednesday's ladies day was a Stroke event won by Kathy Martin, and what a day out it was for Kathy who conquered the course to finish with a 70nett and on her Birthday, want a nice present.

Runner-up on a countback was Marie Cornish with 73nett.

Prize winners were Kim Gersbach, Janelle Frappell 73netts; Robert Baker 74nett.

Thursday an Individual Stableford winner on a course that must have plenty of run was Mitchell Cusack with 40pts. Runner-up with 39pts was John Gersbach.

Prize winners were Rod McMahon, Daniel McCullum 38pts, James Armstrong 37pts; Ron Cowan 36pts on a countback.

Iberdrola, Wellington Soldiers Memorial Club nine-hole competition played Round 4 last week with James Fleming the winner on 30nett, good to see no letters going home. Runner up had a 32nett, just don't know who.

Raffle winner was Mr lucky himself, Tim Parker.

Front nine holes to be played this week.

Nominations are open for the Wellington Mowers and Chainsaws Summer Competition – teams need to nominate a co-ordinator. Get those teams in for an early draw.

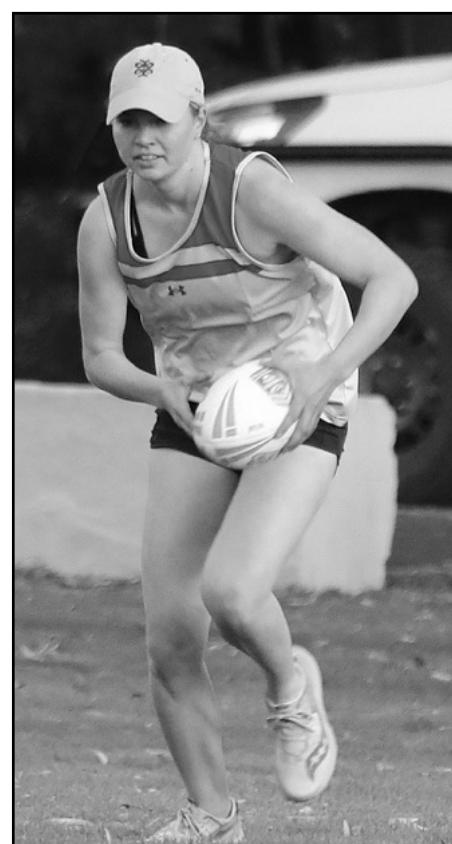
It will be good to see the good golfers out there giving it all they have, and the honest golfer like me, he'll just shrug his shoulders and try again.

Saturday, December 13 is the golf club's presentation night.

19th Hole

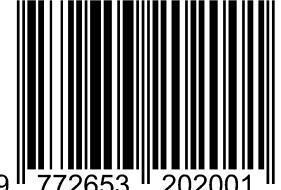


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That's a try

FAST-PACED games and great community spirit were on display at Pioneer Park last Wednesday as A and B Grade teams battled through Round 2 of the Squadron Energy Cup, highlighted by strong performances from Bell River Hay, Fast Eddie Owens Plumbing, and Lousicks.

In the Tremain Ivey Junior Competition, Round 3 brought plenty of smiles and skilful play from our younger teams, with JR Cowboys, Touch Downs, and Pocket Rockets standing out.

Abraham Dearmer



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