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Herb Smith's former Mudgee Rugby League team-mates who called into Wellington to personally sample and support him during his Dreamtime Tuka sampling day at Woolworths last Thursday included Elwyn Lang, Grahame Riley, Warwick Marskell, John Cover, Jock Brown, Woolworths' Merchandise Manager Donald Keith who also played with the Mudgee club, Herb Smith, Alan Bull and Charlie Comincioli.

Mudgee footy mates join Herb in tasty crumble test

DREAMTIME TUCA taste testing took a surprise turn for the creator of the popular product, Herb Smith, when nine of his former football tea-mates from Mudgee arrived at Wellington Woolworths to sample his Plum Crumble and Macadamia Butterscotch cake last Thursday.

And to their surprise, attending the product sampling was Woolworth's National Merchandise Manager, Donald Keith, a former Mudgee boy who also played with the club.

Dozens of locals turned-out for the sampling, all giving positive calls for Herb's products.

The two Dreamtime Tuka products were

placed on the shelves of some 600 Woolworths supermarkets along the nation's three Eastern Seaboard states for the first time last week.

And judging from feedback through facebook, and phonecalls, Herb's Tuka has been an utmost success with some stores already selling out.

Herb said it was early days before results of sales would be finally tallied, but reports had been very promising.

Dreamtime Tuka was created by Herb, who was inspired from his grandmother's home baking recipes using native plants and seeds of which he remembers from his boyhood.



Woolworths Catering Manager Laura Mc Leod, Assistant Catering manager Colin Wise, Herb Smith and Merchandise Manager, Donald Keith prepare to taste.

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NEXT WEEK - Future Proof: Drought Preparedness Roadshow (it's free!!)

A REMINDER about the Future Proof: Drought Preparedness Roadshow across Wellington, Dubbo, and Narromine from Monday, August 25 to Saturday, August 30.

The Roadshow will feature a series of panels and workshops to help future proof farmers and business owners against drought and its impacts.

Residents can register for individual workshops and panels, or for the whole series, by visiting www.dubbo.nsw.gov.au

The workshops are being delivered as part of the Central Orana Regional Drought Resilience Plan.

Register for free at 123tix.com.au

Embedded Battery causes garbage truck fire

An 'embedded battery' is a rechargeable battery (often Lithium-ion) that is built into an item.

They cause fires in bins, garbage trucks and at the tip.

Council is urging residents not to dispose of batteries and embedded battery devices in the red-lid bin after waste in a garbage truck caught on fire last week.

The garbage truck was undertaking the

domestic kerbside collection run, when a driver noticed smoke and flames coming from the garbage truck's load.

After the fire was extinguished an embedded battery device was identified to be the cause of the fire.

This is a timely reminder we have free recycling programs for embedded battery devices and household batteries at Wellington Waste Transfer Station.

Household batteries can also be dropped off at the Customer Experience Centres at Wellington and Dubbo in the designated stations.***

Welcome to the Region!

When people move to our region, Council wants to make them feel welcome.

Register before Monday, September 8 to attend our New Resident Event, where you can find out more about your new home amongst music, refreshments and other new residents.

Representatives from community groups, service providers, sporting clubs, volunteer organisations and Council services are on hand to answer questions and highlight how people can get involved in the community.

Local businesses, sporting groups, schools and community organisations are also encouraged to register a stall, providing a great opportunity to showcase what they offer and connect directly with new residents.

Tuesday 16 September, Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre
5.30pm to 7.30pm, RSVP required at <https://bit.ly/3J1fSRX> or 68014000

Children's Book Week

Calling all creative kids! To celebrate Children's Book Week from August 16 to 23, Macquarie Regional Library is running two competitions.

Children can enter the drawing competition for 5 to 8 years or the writing competition for children aged 9 to 12 years.

Competition winners will receive a selection of books from the Children's Book Week Shortlist. Entry forms can be collected from the Wellington or Dubbo Library with the competition closing Friday, August 29. To celebrate Children's Book Week, Macquarie Regional Library will be sharing some of the shortlisted Australian

children's books at the weekly Storytime, Rhyme Time and Wriggle and Rhyme events in local branches.

For more information about events and program at Macquarie Regional Library visit www.mrl.nsw.gov.au or contact 6801 4501.

Community Funding Program

Applications are open for the new Community Funding Program, which streamlines grant and funding opportunities.

This is a great opportunity for organisations looking to hold a Christmas community event to apply for funding.

Community groups and organisations who have projects or programs starting before May 2026 should apply.

These projects will be prioritised in the first assessment period.

Applications must be submitted via Smarty Grants by September 1, 2025 to be considered for the first assessment period.

For more information visit www.dubbo.nsw.gov.au/funding

Josh Black

Broken system - NSW agencies caught out under their own water regulations

GOVERNMENT MISMANAGEMENT has forced a complete halt to environmental watering in NSW, exposing the Minns Labor Government's tangled bureaucracy.

Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder, Dr Simon Banks stated that the decision to pause environmental watering was made "due to a recent shift in how held environmental water is interpreted under various NSW water-sharing and policy frameworks."

He added that this shift has caused "significant complexity and uncertainty, impacting [their] ability to deliver Commonwealth environmental water in NSW."

"The Minns Labor Government said it was committed to simplifying our water laws, yet even the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder is struggling to comply with this government's convoluted metering rules," State Opposition spokesperson for water Steph Cooke said.

"This is no longer about irrigators, it is about government agencies themselves being caught out mismanaging, misreporting, and potentially misappropriating water. When the very departments responsible for setting the rules can't

comply with them, the system is broken beyond repair." Recent media reports indicate that Minister for Water, Rose Jackson, has refused to comment on the uncertainty her management of the regulations has caused.

This comes a week after the Natural Resources Access Regulator issued a stop-work order at Toorale National Park, which is operated by the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, because it had not adhered to reporting obligations under its water license. These issues are particularly relevant as the Water Management Legislation Amendment (Stronger Enforcement and Penalties) Bill 2025 is due to be debated in the NSW Parliament.

"We have the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder saying our laws aren't fit-for-purpose at the same time the Minns Labor Government is seeking to introduce a new environmental civil penalty regime that raises serious questions in respect to the rule of law," Ms Cooke said.

"This government's approach has become so focused on red tape that even its own regulations are making it difficult to deliver water to the environment which is the very purpose of the state's water compliance rules.

"The Minister must take accountability, tell us how she intends to untangle the mess her government has created, and explain to the people of NSW why they should trust government agencies caught breaking their own rules."

Warning on water review

NSW FARMERS is calling for archaic, century-old water rules to be overhauled after the state government released a tone deaf 'what we heard' report on a review into stock and domestic water use. The report found most water users rejected the need for more red tape, and there was an opportunity to update permitted uses under the basic landholder right.

NSW Farmers Water Taskforce Chair Richard Bootle said the results of the review did not recognise that most farmers in the state today weren't aware just how outdated the rules have become.

"The stock and domestic rules haven't been updated since the Water Act of 1912. Farming has evolved, and our water rules must too – so farmers can use the water they need to grow

our food, in the most sustainable and efficient way they know how," Mr Bootle said.

"One fundamental for growing any broadacre crop is being able to control pests and weeds but the concept of spraying did not exist at the start of the last century – it is crucial that farmers be allowed to use their basic water right for this purpose and other key farm activities.

"NSW Farmers have been engaging with the state government on this

issue for over two years, offering up clear solutions to this problem and to now have no commitment to updating the rules is not good enough."

An expansion of essential uses for stock and domestic water under basic landholder rights was essential to ensuring modern farms could continue to produce food and fibre for the future, Mr Bootle said, with NSW Farmers calling for new guidelines to outline a modernised set of water rules.

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Wellington Aboriginal Health Service placed into administration again after board disputes



Story by Zaarkacha Marlan, ABC Western Plains

ADMINISTRATORS WERE called to the Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service (WACHS) after an investigation by the Registrar of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations earlier this year.

Registrar Trisha Stroud said the probe found disputes between the board's directors had halted meetings since March and had disrupted various parts of the organisation's operations.

"There were a lot of allegations, but ultimately it meant that the corporation wasn't being governed effectively, or in a way that was both compliant with its rule books, or in a way in which members of a corporation could reasonably expect of their directors," Ms Stroud said.

WACHS is responsible for providing health services to about 2000 people in Wellington and Dubbo, as well as outreach services to another 3000 people in Moree, the Blue Mountains, Penrith and Western Sydney.

Its services include primary health care, child and maternal health, drug and alcohol programs, social and emotional wellbeing support, and a range of other specialist programs.

The Office of the Registrar for Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) has vacated the board until February 2026.

Plans to restructure

Ms Stroud said directors had expressed a desire to split WACHS back into two separate entities - a solely Wellington member-owned and controlled health service for regional NSW, and a Greater Western Sydney Aboriginal Health Service.

The two regions were merged under a single governance structure during WACHS's last special administration in 2021.

"That will require some business restructuring, a complete overhaul of the corporations rule book, but also close negotiations with the funding bodies that currently fund services to the Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service but fund them for services in Wellington as well as Greater Sydney," Ms Stroud said.

While the special administration is scheduled for six months, Ms Stroud would not rule out an extension.

"Sometimes it's not until we get an administrator into the corporation that we understand the full breadth of the issue and total scope of work," she said.

"So I can't rule out an extension, but members and clients of the service can be assured our intention is to restore the corporation as quickly as we can, and return it to member control."

"We would never return a corporation back to members that still has legacy issues the new incoming board would inherit."

She said any structural changes could affect staffing locations, but stressed the priority was "minimal disruption" to clients in both Wellington and Greater Sydney.

"Inevitably the special administrator, as any board would do, will make some business and strategic decisions," she said.

"That may result in restructuring of positions and where staff are located."

Second administration in four years

The ORIC is responsible for the regulation of Aboriginal body corporates across the country, including registered native title groups.

There have been previous cases of special administrations going longer than expected.

The corporation previously went into special administration in 2021 after its board identified internal financial irregularities and requested regulatory intervention.

That process lasted until May 2022 and was aimed at stabilising the organisation's operations. While it was the second time WACHS has been placed into administration, Ms Stroud said the two matters were unrelated.

"This special administration is a completely separate event and I don't have concerns it's a continuing legacy of the first special administration," she said.

Matthew Mullen and Tony Jonsson from Grant Thornton Australia have been appointed as the joint special administrators until February 13, 2026.

ORIC and the special administrators will hold information sessions in Dubbo and Sydney to update members on the process and answer questions.

The front entrance of the Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service back in Covid days.

The medical service has become a mainstay among Wellington regional area residents.

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New owners of Keirle's Pharmacy were in Wellington recently for a customer 'Meet and Greet' barbecue run by Wellington Lions Club. Pictured are owners Rob Turner, Lochie Pettiford and Josh Casey with guest Roger Keirle (second from right).

The morning was an excellent opportunity to meet loyal Keirle's customers and have a chat over a sausage sizzle.



Landcare and DCCEEW Salinity team inspecting a saline site at Suntop in 2024.

Seeking salinity spots

MID MACQUARIE Landcare is asking property owners around the Wellington region to participate in a salinity scoping project.

If landholders have an area they are concerned about, Landcare can visit the property, assess the site and provide management recommendations to restore productivity.

"Last year we ran in a salinity snapshot where we inspected a few properties around Suntop and Comobella and what we found was very concerning," Landcare coordinator Danielle Littlewood said.

"Areas that we knew had been saline in the past seem to be expanding and new saline scalds are popping up where we've never seen them before".

Saline sites can show up as a wet and boggy area, bare ground that won't grow anything or you may simply be seeing a change in the way that plants are growing.

The good news is that salinity is manageable and those areas where past salinity management recommendations have been put in place, these areas are remaining stable despite the past three consecutive wet years," Ms Littlewood said.

"If you would like to take the opportunity to have a salinity inspection on your property and get some ideas for how best to manage it, contact Mid Macquarie Landcare."

Phone on 0457 115 525 or email info@mml.org.au

In Their Sights

Fashions Mount Rifle Club

Shooting results for August 16.

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tech talk

with Mathew Dickerson, Axxis Comworld



REMEMBER THAT electric tingle in the air when you first heard the modem's scratchy handshake?

That emblem of anticipation - the dial-up sound - will soon fall silent for AOL in the US. On 30 September 2025, America Online will officially discontinue its dial-up internet service, ending a 34-year era that introduced countless people to the Internet, often for the very first time.

Back in the 1990s and early 2000s, dial-up wasn't just a way to get online - it was a ritual.

Those squeals and beeps were a promise of connection, of entering the wider world from your own home. At its peak, AOL had more than 23-million dial-up subscribers in the United States. By last year, it was below 100,000 households still using AOL dial-up as their primary Internet service.

The thought of anyone still using dial-up today seems astonishing, but for many in rural or underserved regions it wasn't nostalgia keeping them there; it was neces-

sity. I was part of that dial-up generation in regional Australia. Back then, the experience came with its own unique set of challenges. Dial-up providers like OzEmail and OnAustralia - later BigPond via Telstra - often had exchanges hundreds of kilometres away in Sydney or Melbourne.

Connecting meant making a long-distance STD call, which in today's money cost around 70-cents per minute just to get online. That was before you even considered the fees from your Internet service provider.

Because of that, when we were setting up networks for clients in those days, we programmed their servers to connect only at set times - typically 10am and 3pm - to download and upload emails, and then disconnect again.

There was no constant connection, no instant replies. You sent something off and waited. It was faster than posting a letter, but not by much.

The whole process had a certain rhythm to it. You'd hear the click of the connec-

tion starting, the rising whine of the modem, the sudden burst of static, and then the satisfying silence when you were finally online.

Every minute was precious because every minute cost money.

And in smaller environments, there was always the risk of being kicked off if someone picked up the phone in another room. Even so, those connections felt magical. We were part of something new, something expanding faster than any of us could quite grasp.

Over time, we graduated through a parade of technologies. ISDN arrived, bringing a step up in speed and reliability. Then came ADSL, cable internet, Hybrid Fibre Coaxial, and eventually the National Broadband Network with Fibre to the Node and Fibre to the Premises.

Each advancement erased a little more of the wait, the noise, and the anticipation. It's been a steady march forward, bringing us to a world where the Internet is instant, seamless, and ever-present.

Now we're standing on the brink of yet another leap. From the middle of September, consumers on the NBN will have access to 2000 Mbps download speeds for FTTP connections. It's an unimaginable shift when you think back to those 33.6 kb/s or 56 kb/s modems of the dial-up days.

As the last of the dial-up lines fall silent, I can't help but smile at the memories - those early mornings and late nights spent watching that connection bar inch across the screen, the excitement of hearing "You've got mail," and the shared understanding among anyone who had to plan their online time carefully.

We've gained incredible speed, reliability, and convenience. The long wait may be gone forever, but the memory of it will always connect us.

Send a question or comment about this article to ask@techtalk.digital and the first 20 e-mails will receive a FREE Tech Talk compilation book!

Trefoil club learns about 'Country Hope'

DURING THE most recent Western Plain Trefoil Guild meeting on August 8, special guest speaker was Donna Falconer, who spoke about 'Country Hope', an organisation that helps families whose children have been diagnosed with Cancer in the Central West region.

The help they give is so greatly appreciated and financed from donations.

AT LEFT: Margaret Grasnick and Dianne Neville giving Donna Falconer (centre) a cheque donation and flowers as a thank you for coming to our meeting.



LOCAL news and the global fight for our fair share

When people pick up the *Wellington & District Leader*, they expect more than just headlines.

They expect honest reporting about what is happening in their neighbourhood, from Euchareena, Stuart Town and Mumbil to Wellington, Yeoval and Geurie and wider regions.

Local papers like the Leader do more than defend democracy, they live its values every day by earning trust and staying connected to the people they serve.

But that work is under threat when global tech giants profit from sharing our stories without paying their fair share to keep local reporting alive.

That is why Australia's push to force companies like Google, Meta and TikTok to pay local and regional publishers matters so much in communities across our region.

The News Bargaining Incentive would help ensure local papers, including the Leader, are not left carrying the cost while international platforms pocket the profit. Recently, Canada scrapped its own digital services tax after Donald Trump threatened tariffs in retaliation. The backdown made headlines worldwide and sparked fears Australia's plan might face similar pressure.

But the powerful US tech lobby has made it clear that Australia's approach is different, and less likely to attract the same backlash.

Unlike a broad digital services tax, Australia's measure is focused on making Big Tech fairly compensate local newsrooms for the trusted reporting our towns rely on.

The Computer and Communications Industry Association, which represents Amazon, Apple, Google and Facebook owner Meta, told The Australian Financial Review that while Australia's scheme is still on their radar, it is not seen as a direct attack like Canada's tax was.

That is reassuring for local publishers working to keep journalists in work and trusted news in towns

like Wellington and the small rural communities that depend on fair and accurate local coverage.

Meta has already walked away from paying for Australian news, while Google has kept up agreements covering more than 200 outlets. But the risk remains that without strong laws, tech companies could stop paying any time, leaving local papers, and the communities they serve, worse off.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has ruled out backing down during trade talks, and Assistant Treasurer Daniel Mulino says the new law is still a "key priority" for the government.

Under the plan, any platform that refuses to pay would face a new charge worth hundreds of millions of dollars each year.

Those that strike fair deals with local publishers can offset that charge, giving them a clear incentive to support trusted local news instead of fighting it.

Former ACCC chair Rod Sims said Australia must stand by its own laws, describing this as vital for a healthy democracy. That is especially true in towns like ours, where local papers are often the only connection people have to independent information about what is really happening in their own backyard.

Local papers like the Leader have a responsibility not just to exist, but to earn and keep trust.

We do this by being present in the community, asking tough questions, celebrating local wins, telling uncomfortable truths and giving people a place to feel heard, whether that is in Wellington or any of our surrounding towns and villages.

As the government prepares to release its long-awaited consultation paper, local publishers will be watching closely.

Because when it comes to holding Big Tech accountable, this fight is about more than just billion-dollar companies or trade deals.

It is about whether our region keeps its local stories, its local voice and its local trust.

Stuart Town conducts unique yard dog trial

BY MARK GRIGGS

A RELATIVELY new-comer to yard dog trialing, Tony Elton of Mendooran is now in the winner's circle after he won his first open competition with his three-year-old Kelpie, 'Lucy'.

They were trialing at the inaugural Stuart Town Yard Dog Trial last weekend, in a brand-new concept.

This trial has dogs putting eight Merino wethers through a course that replicates the transfer of sheep from a yard to a truck, then to another truck – back-to-back, then into another yard.

Designed and constructed as portable yards by some Stuart Town locals, the competition attracted dozens of dogs and owners in maiden, novice and open sections.

The district's advancement association and the local action group combined resources to conduct the unique – only at Stuart Town yard dog trial with a difference.

The two-day trials resulted in Brock Rasker of Boorowa with her Kelpie, Dan, win the maiden section, while Matt Sherwood of Geurie took out the Novice class with Luna.

Tony Elton with his wife, Jodi, have only been trialing for just over two years, and have competed in maiden and novice sections until last weekend.

The Eltons bought Lucy from Ian Johnston of Dubbo and both say they really enjoy the competitions.

"It's something we both love," Tony said, "and if you love doing something, then it makes it even better."

Due to the success of this unique trialing method, this style of competition will continue into the future, but only at Stuart Town.



Jodi and Tony Elton of Mendooran with 'Lucy' their three-year-old Kelpie which took out the open section at Stuart Town Yard Dog Trial last weekend.



Competition judge, Neil Lynch of Cooma with the open section winner Tony Elton accepting the trophy from major sponsor Jamie Howard of the Ironbark Inn Hotel, Stuart Town, and secretary of the local working dog group, Jen Rosten.



Brock Rasker of Boorowa, accepts the winning Maiden trophy for his dog, 'Dan', from Jamie Howard of the Ironbark Inn.



Novice class winner Matt Sherwood with 'Luna', is presented the trophy by David Whitby of Stuart Town.



'Duka', trialed by Wayne Hosie of Stuart Town.



'Duka' holds his mob while Wayne Hosie opens a yard gate.



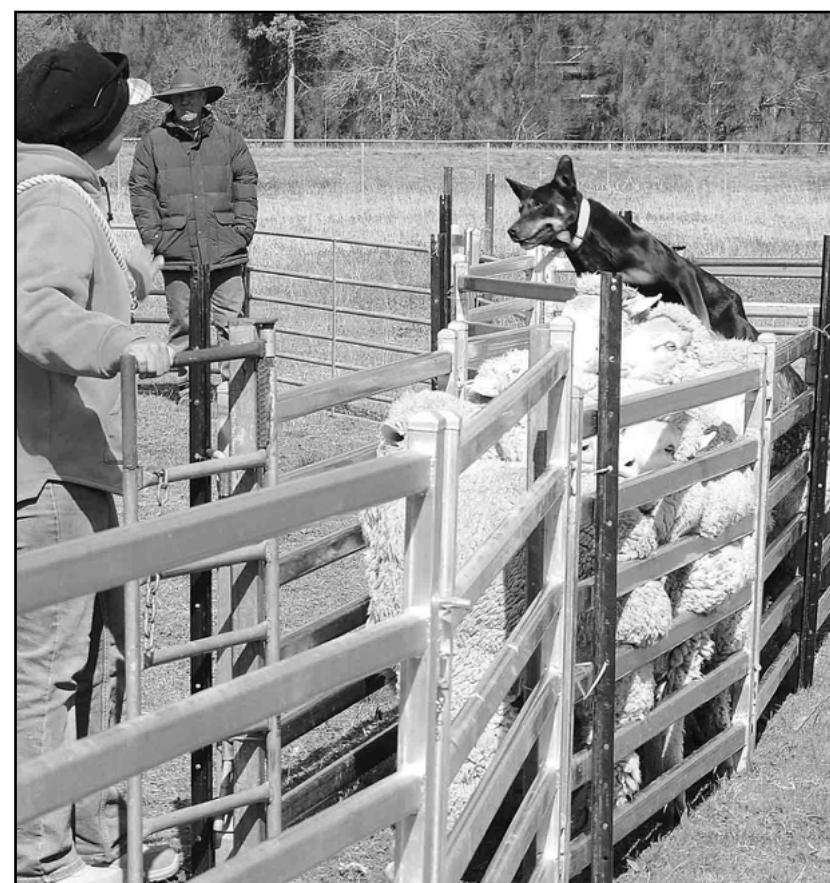
Nikki West of Dubbo is in control of 'Boss'.



Sharon Cardwell of Tooroweenah and 'Spinner' waits for their trial, - and above left 'Spinner' in action



Kahlee O'Leary of Geurie with 'Dude'.



Koby Rowe of Stuart Town encourages 'Rip' to push the wethers up.

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Honouring our Vietnam Veterans - Words are never enough

NOT LONG ago, I was asked by a group of visiting school students at Parliament House whether I still get nervous when speaking in public.

I admitted that I sometimes do, but the speeches that make me most nervous are those delivered to veterans.

Why? Because the truth is, mere words will never be enough to convey the debt of gratitude we owe our Vietnam veterans, and indeed all Australians who've worn our nation's uniform.

On Anzac Day this year, I began with the 4am dawn service in Bathurst. Later, at the RSL Club, I was in the breakfast queue. In front of me was a veteran. From his medals I could see he'd served in Vietnam and I struck up a conversation with him. It turned out he had served in the SAS and had multiple deployments to Vietnam and many other places.

When I asked him about Vietnam, he said something that has stayed with me: "You know in the Vietnam War, Australia never lost a battle."

He was right. From the better known and documented battles like Long Tan, Coral-Balmoral and Binh Ba, to countless smaller engagements that we'll never hear of, Australians served with distinction.

Every story is different. Some fought in dense jungles where even seeing the enemy engaged was difficult, if not impossible.

Others served at sea or in the air. Some never saw combat. But everyone, in every branch of service, had a role to play in the success of Australian operations.

The loved ones and family members of those deployed endured a great deal.

At Bathurst's Vietnam Veterans' Day commemoration, Beverly Mills, who is the wife of a Bathurst Vietnam veteran, described those who served - whether they were a regular or Nasho - as signing a blank cheque for their country. Meaning that when they joined up and got deployed, none of them knew the price they would have to pay. 523 would give everything.

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The Gee Report

Andrew Gee
Federal Member for Calare

At a recent veterans' function in Mudgee, I met one veteran who still has his hands and arms bandaged from Agent Orange.

The sacrifice of veterans but also those who care for them, continues to this day.

And the wounds inflicted when many veterans got home are still a source of great sorrow to our veterans and many in our community. They sure are to me.

All of us should be asking ourselves what we can each do, in our own way, to support our veterans and their families.

Caring for our veterans and their families is a tangible way of honouring all who have served through the generations.

While words can never be enough, on behalf of a grateful community I offer our Vietnam veterans a heartfelt thank you.

I know they are too humble to ever consider themselves great, but I firmly believe they are great Australians.

They loved our country so much that they were all willing to write that blank cheque to lay down their lives for Australia and their mates. They all deserve our eternal gratitude.

Their endurance on the battlefield brought great success and when they got home, many of them had to endure more than any generation or any veteran should.

We honour all who served with such distinction and the 523 Australians who so tragically never got to see their country or their loved ones again.

With pride and gratitude, we honour our Vietnam veterans and their families.

Lest We Forget

Around the electorate with our State Member Dugald Saunders



Book Week (16 – 23 August)

ON TUESDAY I had the opportunity to judge the best costumes at St Pius School's Book Week celebrations.

Children's Book Week is an annual event which has been inspiring young minds for 80 years. Reading is such an important skill for all ages as it expands knowledge, encourages critical thinking while also providing an outlet for stress relief and promoting imagination.

I was so impressed with the creativity and thought that each student put into their costumes this year, so it was very difficult to pick just two winners from each year group!

Well done to Mr Schwager and staff for putting on yet another successful Book Week event!

Teal Table event

A big congratulations to Kristina and Alice Powell of Narromine for putting on a successful fundraising dinner on Saturday night.

Approximately 100 people attended the

Teal Table event at the Lazy River Estate to raise funds and awareness for Ovarian Cancer Australia and the Teal Trek.

For women in regional and remote areas who have been diagnosed with ovarian cancer, the Teal Trek's Teal Support Program provides vital access to care and support during the hardest times of their lives.

Providing a free telehealth outreach program, the Teal Support Program wraps women in support from diagnosis to treatment and beyond, linking together specialist clinical, psychological and emotional support services.

Special guest speaker, Cath Osborne, spoke about her work as the Deputy Chief Radiation Therapist for the Western NSW Local Health District and the services that are available to cancer patients at Dubbo's very own Western Cancer Centre.

It is fantastic to see so many people coming together to raise funds for this important service – no woman with ovarian cancer should have to go through treatment alone.

Training review

Consultation is underway on a comprehensive review of the Apprenticeship and Traineeship Act 2001 (A&T Act).

Current and former apprentices and trainees, employers of apprentices and trainees, Group Training Organisations, schools and careers advisers, parents and carers are among the stakeholders Training Services wants to participate.

The A&T Act underpins how apprenticeships and traineeships operate in NSW, setting out the framework for the roles and responsibilities of employers, apprentices, trainees and training providers, and governs key processes including contract registration, supervision, completions and compliance.

This review is a timely opportunity to modernise the legislation to give more support to apprentices and trainees especially those who face extra challenges, make sure the system keeps up with change, and cuts unnecessary paperwork to help more people finish their training successfully.

Submit feedback by September 11 at:

www.nsw.gov.au/have-your-say/apprenticeship-traineeship-act-review

Law not optional

The NSW Police Force Rural Crime Prevention Team has issued a reminder to firearm holders that safe storage requirements are not optional.

Recent investigations into firearm thefts have concluded that they could have been avoided if the legislation was followed by the licensed firearms holder.

If you store firearms at a property considered an uninhabited dwelling like a hobby farm, weekender or secondary farm, you must put in place additional safe storage.

It is the responsibility of all firearms holders to ensure their firearms are not stolen, lost or come into the hands of another person who is not authorised to possess the firearm.

Discover more at the NSW Firearms Registry website: www.police.nsw.gov.au/on-line_services/firearms

Until next time, **Dugald**

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- ✓ Introduced Bill into Parliament to ban foreign buying of residential property for two years. The Coalition and the Labor Party voted against it and then they both announced it as their policy!
- ✓ Backed Independents' Bill to reduce dominance of big supermarkets. All major parties voted against it and then Coalition announced it as their policy!
- ✓ \$50 million for storm and flood recovery in the Central West
- ✓ Secured the Parliamentary Inquiry into the Disaster Response of Insurers
- ✓ \$2 billion for Great Western Highway upgrade
- ✓ \$2.02 million for replacing the Terrabella, Burrendong and Gundy Creek Bridges
- ✓ \$738,000 for the Cameron Park footbridge
- ✓ 60 mobile phone towers and base stations for Calare

- ✓ \$560,000 for Stuart Town water security project
- ✓ Secured upgrade of Wellington Hospital Emergency Department
- ✓ \$1.5 million for the intergenerational childcare facility at Wellington's Maranatha House
- ✓ \$1.1 million for Ponto Falls Road upgrade
- ✓ \$26,700 for the Driver Reviver site at the Wellington Information Centre
- ✓ \$1.176 million for improvements at Wellington Caves
- ✓ \$1.2 million for security CCTV in Wellington and Calare communities
- ✓ \$650,000 for upgrades at Wellington Christian School
- ✓ \$200,000 for improvements at Kennard Park
- ✓ \$46,454 for Geurie Racecourse and Recreation Reserve Revitalisation Project Stage Two
- ✓ \$50,000 for Wellington Library's outdoor reading room
- ✓ Video link for Wellington Court House

OUR REGION COMMEMORATES THE 52ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF AUSTRALIA'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE VIETNAM WAR

On Monday 18 August, our region and country came together to commemorate the 52nd anniversary of the end of Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War and 59th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan.

At the Orange Vietnam Veterans Day service, I was honoured to deliver the address, alongside Chris Colvin, President of the Orange RSL Sub-Branch. The Rev Gary Neville led the prayers, with moving performances by students from Orange High School,

and the proud presence of cadets from the 252 Army Cadet Unit. The Vietnam War was Australia's longest military engagement of the 20th Century. Over a decade, 60,000 Australians served, with 3,000 wounded and 523 never coming home.

As I said in my speech, words will never be enough, but on behalf of a grateful community, to all Vietnam veterans and their families - a heartfelt thank you. They are great Australians. Lest We Forget.



NEW AMENITIES BLOCK FOR BORENORE CWA MEMORIAL HALL

Tuesday was a special day for the Borenore community!

I had the honour of cutting the ribbon at the opening of the Borenore CWA Memorial Hall amenities block, a project the CWA has been working on for a long time.

Yep those old long drops are finally a thing of the past!

This wouldn't have been possible without the hard work of CWA members, who put in a mighty effort to prepare and manage the grant that made today's opening a reality.

The weather kept us inside, but we still cut the ribbon in true style in the warmth of the hall in front of a capacity crowd!

A highlight of the day was the performance from the Borenore School kids. Their recorder rendition of Mary Had a Little Lamb and lively version of Iko Iko had everyone smiling.

We then joined together for the annual Soup Day fundraiser, complete with Dawn's famous apple slice which was a perfect way to round out a wonderful celebration of community spirit.

Thank you Borenore CWA for the wonderful work you do for the Borenore community, our region and country!



COMMUNITY HALL SECURES FEDERAL GRANT FOR NEW SOLAR PANELS

I was out at Coxs Creek near Rylstone recently to visit the members of the Rylstone Region Community Association and announce \$12,000 in federal grants for solar panels for their new hall and also funding for internet connectivity and insurance costs.

The area was badly hit by the Black Summer bushfires and with \$1.4 million in bushfire recovery funding, the Association was able to build a new hall. It's a wonderful community hub that will also serve as a gathering point in future disasters.



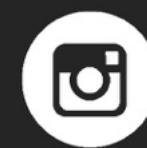
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6.00 Morning Programs. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Silent Witness. **2.00** Anh's Brush With Fame. **2.30** Back Roads. **2.55** Grand Designs. **3.45** Grand Designs Australia. **4.40** Long Lost Family: What Happened Next. **5.30** Antiques Roadshow. **6.30** Hard Quiz. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30** **7.30**. **8.00** Back Roads. **8.30** Griff's Great American South. Final. **9.15** The Family Next Door. **10.10** ABC Late News. **10.25** The Business. **10.45** Culture By Design. Final. **11.10** Late Programs.

7two **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.00** South Aussie With Cosi. **2.30** Air Crash Investigations: The Accident Files. **3.30** The Real Seachange. **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. **9.50** Murdoch Mysteries. **11.50** Late Programs.

7mate **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.00** Highway Patrol. **3.00** Talking W. **3.30** The Force: Behind The Line. **4.00** Swamp People: Serpent Invasion. **5.00** American Restoration. **5.30** Storage Wars. **6.00** American Pickers. **7.00** Pawn Stars. **7.30** Towies. **8.30** MOVIE: John Wick: Chapter 3 - Parabellum. (2019) **11.10** Late Programs.

7NEWS **6.00** Kids' Programs. **5.20** Thomas And Friends: All Engines Go. **5.45** Kangaroo Beach. **7.05** Pipipenguins. **7.35** Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures. **7.50** The Inbestigators. **8.05** Operation Ouch! **8.40** Secrets Of The Zoo. **9.25** Teenage Boss: Next Level. **9.50** The Mysterious Benedict Society. **10.40** Late Programs.

7NEWS **6.00** Morning Programs. **3.35** Richard Osman's House Of Games. **4.05** QI. **4.40** MythBusters. **5.30** Car S.O.S. **6.15** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. **7.05** Richard Osman's House Of Games. **7.35** QI. **8.05** Would I Lie To You? **8.35** Hard Quiz: Battle Of The Fuddy Duds. **9.05** Gruen. **9.45** Late Programs.

7two **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.00** Escape To The Country. **2.00** Discover. **2.30** Sydney Weekender. **3.00** The Great Australian Doorstep. **3.30** The Great Outdoors. **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.

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7NEWS **6.00** Rage Charts. **7.00** Weekend Breakfast. **9.00** Rage. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **12.30** Grantchester. Final. **1.15** Professor T. **2.05** All Creatures Great And Small Christmas Special. **3.00** Great Southern Landscapes. **3.25** Earth. **4.30** Would I Lie To You? **5.00** Dr Ann's Secret Lives. Final. **5.25** Landline. **5.55** Australian Story. **6.30** Back Roads. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30** Beyond Paradise. **8.30** Midsomer Murders. **10.00** The Family Next Door. **10.55** Miss Austen. Final. **11.50** Rage.

7two **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.30** Better Homes And Gardens. **4.00** The Yorkshire Vet. **5.00** Horse Racing. Saturday At The Valley. Winx Stakes Day and Saturday Raceday. **5.30** RSPCA Animal Rescue. **6.00** Every Bite Takes You Home. **6.30** The Yorkshire Vet. **8.30** Escape To The Country. **11.30** Late Programs.

7NEWS **6.00** Morning Programs. **4.05** Richard Osman's House Of Games. **4.35** MythBusters. **5.25** Car S.O.S. **6.15** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. **7.05** Spicks And Specks. **7.35** QI. **8.05** Guy Montgomery's Guy Mont Spelling Bee (NZ) **8.50** The Stand Up Sketch Show. **9.40** Late Programs.

7NEWS **6.00** Morning Programs. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **12.30** Landline. **1.30** Gardening Australia. **2.30** Griff's Great American South. Final. **3.15** Nigella Bites. Final. **3.40** Martin Clunes: Islands Of The Pacific. **4.30** Joanna Lumley's Spice Trail Adventure. **5.30** Antiques Roadshow. **6.30** Compass. Final. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30** Austin. **8.00** The Family Next Door. **8.55** Jack Wright. New. **9.40** MOVIE: Sunday Too Far Away. (1975) Jack Thompson. **11.10** Take 5 With Zan Rowe. **11.45** Late Programs.

7two **6.00** Morning Programs. **11.30** Your Money & Your Life. **12.00** NFL. NFL Preseason. Week 3. Arizona Cardinals v Las Vegas Raiders. **3.30** The Real Seachange. **4.00** Escape To The Country. **7.00** Greatest Escapes To The Country. **7.45** Mrs Brown's Boys. **8.30** Vera. **10.30** Manhunt: The Night Stalker. **11.30** Late Programs.

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6.00 Morning Programs. **8.30** Deal Or No Deal. **9.00** Lingo. **10.00** Ent. Tonight. **10.30** Gordon Ramsay's Secret Service. **11.30** Judge Judy. **12.00** Everyday Gourmet. **12.30** Family Feud. **1.00** News. **2.00** Wheel Of Fortune. **2.30** Lingo. **3.30** 10 News: Afternoon. **4.00** Neighbours. **4.30** The Bold And The Beautiful. **5.00** 10 News+. **7.00** Deal Or No Deal. **7.30** The Dog House Australia. **8.30** Law & Order: SVU. **9.30** The Cheap Seats. **10.30** 10's Late News. **10.55** 10 News+. **11.55** Late Programs.

10drama **6.00** Home Shopping. **8.00** Navigating The World. **9.00** Numb3rs. **10.00** JAG. **12.00** Days Of Our Lives. **12.45** The Young And The Restless. **1.30** FBI: International. **2.30** JAG. **4.30** Numb3rs. **5.30** JAG. **7.30** NCIS. **10.20** FBI: International. **11.15** SEAL Team. **12.15** FBI: International. **1.15** Home Shopping.

10Gem **6.00** Morning Programs. **11.30** My Favorite Martian. **12.00** Midsomer Murders. **2.00** Dalgliesh. **3.10** Antiques Roadshow. **3.40** MOVIE: Eight O'Clock Walk. (1954) **5.30** Yorkshire Auction House. **6.30** Antiques Roadshow. **7.30** RBT. **8.30** Emergency. **9.30** RPA. **10.30** Chicago Med. Return. **11.30** Late Programs.

10comedy **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.10** Becker. **2.30** Frasier. **3.30** The Neighborhood. **4.00** Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. **4.30** The King Of Queens. **5.00** Becker. **5.30** Frasier. **6.30** Neighbours. **7.00** Friends. **8.00** The Big Bang Theory. **9.30** Becker. **10.00** Frasier. **10.30** South Park. **11.00** The Neighborhood. **11.30** Late Programs.

10comedy **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.00** Becker. **2.30** Frasier. **3.30** Ghosts. **4.00** Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. **4.30** The King Of Queens. **5.00** Becker. **5.30** Frasier. **6.30** Friends. **7.30** MOVIE: The Addams Family. **(1991)** **9.30** Becker. **10.00** Frasier. **10.30** South Park. **11.00** Ghosts. **11.30** Late Programs.

10Gem **6.00** Morning Programs. **10.30** Pointless. **11.30** My Favorite Martian. **12.00** Midsomer Murders. **2.00** Dalgliesh. **3.00** Antiques Roadshow. **3.30** MOVIE: Lucky Jim. (1957) **5.30** Yorkshire Auction House. **6.30** Antiques Roadshow. **7.30** Police Rescue Australia. **8.30** To Be Advised. **1.00** Late Programs.

10comedy **6.00** Morning Programs. **12.00** WorldWatch. **2.00** Great Australian Road Trips. **3.00** Nula. **3.45** The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. **4.15** Secrets Of The Royal Palaces. **5.05** Jeopardy! **5.30** Letters And Numbers. **6.00** Mastermind Australia. **6.30** SBS World News. **7.30** The Good Ship Murder. **8.25** The Royals: A History Of Scandals. **9.20** Britain's Most Luxurious Train Journeys. **10.15** SBS World News Late. **10.45** Catch Me A Killer. **11.40** The Shelter. **11.50** Romulus. **3.10** Late Programs.

10comedy **6.00** Morning Programs. **10.00** Ridiculousness. **11.00** Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. **4.30** The Fast History Of. **6.05** Over The Black Dot. **3.40** WorldWatch. **5.40** The Fast History Of. **6.05** If You Are The One. **7.05** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** Sex: A Bonkers History. **9.25** Sex With Sunny Megatron. **10.30** Homeland. **12.25** Late Programs.

10comedy **6.00** Morning Programs. **10.00** Ridiculousness. **11.00** What's Up Down Under. **1.00** Exploring Off The Grid. **11.00** Judge Judy. **11.30** Fire Country. **12.30** Australia By Design: Architecture. **1.00** JAG. **5.00** Reel Action. **5.30** JAG. **7.30** NCIS. **10.20** FBI: International. **12.15** Home Shopping.

10Gem **6.00** Morning Programs. **3.00** Rugby Union. Shute Shield. Finals. Week 2. **5.00** Rugby League. NRL Women's Premiership. Round 8. Parramatta Eels v Sydney Roosters. **7.00** Customs. **7.30** Keeping Up Appearances. **8.30** Rugby Union. Women's Rugby World Cup. Pool A. Australia v Samoa. **11.15** Late Programs.

10comedy **6.00** Mass. **6.30** Key Of David. **7.00** Joseph Prince. **7.30** Freshly Picked. **8.00** Roads Less Travelled. **8.30** 4x4 Adventures. **9.30** Everyday Gourmet. **10.00** GCBC. **10.30** Survivor: Australia V The World. **1.30** Location, Location, Location Australia. **2.30** House Hunters Australia. **3.00** Australia By Design: Architecture. **3.30** Wheel Of Fortune. **4.00** Lingo. **5.00** 10 News. **6.00** 10 News+. **7.00** Survivor: Australia V The World. **8.30** Watson. **9.30** FBI. **11.30** 10 News+. **12.30** Late Programs.

10drama **6.00** Home Shopping. **8.00** All 4 Adventure. **9.00** Reel Action. **9.30** What's Up Down Under. **10.00** Pat Callinan's 4x4 Adventures. **11.00** Numb3rs. **12.00** JAG. **4.00** Pooches At Play. **4.30** Bondi Vet. **5.00** Ifish. **5.30** JAG. **7.30** NCIS. **10.20** FBI: International. **11.15** Nancy Drew. **12.15** Home Shopping.

10Gem **6.00** Morning Programs. **12.30** MOVIE: Beach Party. (1963) **2.30** MOVIE: Some Like It Hot. (1959) **5.00** M*A*S*H. **6.00** Rugby League. NRL Women's Premiership. Round 8. Wests Tigers v North Queensland Cowboys. **8.00** M*A*S*H. **8.30** To Be Advised. **10.30** The Closer. **11.30** Late Programs.

VICELAND **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.50** Jeopardy! **4.55** WorldWatch. **5.25** PBS Washington Week. **1.00** Speedweek. **3.00** Cycling. Arctic Race Of Norway. H'lights. **4.00** Going Places With Ernie Dingo. **4.30** Cycling. UCI World Tour. La Vuelta. **5.30** Hitler-Stalin: A Secret Relationship. **6.30** SBS World News. **7.30** Rome Underground. **8.25** Secret Lives Of The Roman Emperors. **9.35** Tulum: The Last City Of The Mayan Empire. **10.35** The U.S. And The Holocaust. **12.55** 24 Hours In Emergency. **3.35** Late Programs.

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7two **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.00** Weekender. **2.30** Impossible Builds. **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** Hitler's Holocaust Railways With Chris Tarrant. New. **12.00** Late Programs.

900 Entertains **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.50** Heartbreak High. **3.35** A Bite To Eat. **4.10** Would I Lie To You? **4.40** MythBusters. **5.30** Car S.O.S. **6.15** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. **7.05** Richard Osman's House Of Games. **7.35** QI. **8.05** Would I Lie To You? **8.35** Penn & Teller: Fool Us. **9.20** Whose Line Is It Anyway? **9.45** Late Programs.

6.00 Sunrise. **9.00** The Morning Show. **12.00** Seven's National News At Noon. **1.00** MOVIE: Therapy Nightmares. (2022) **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 Voice. **9.00** The Rookie. **10.00** S.W.A.T. **11.00** The Agenda Setters. **12.00** Gone. **1.00** Hooten & The Lady. New. **2.00** Home Shopping. **4.00** NBC Today. **5.00** Sunrise Early News. **5.30** Sunrise.

7mate **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.00** Rides Down Under: Aussie Truckers. **3.00** Boating. Circuit Boat Drivers C'ship. **4.00** Swamp People: Serpent Invasion. **5.00** American Resto. **5.30** Storage Wars. **6.00** American Pickers. **7.00** Pawn Stars. **8.00** Outback Crystal Hunters. **9.00** Aussie Gold Hunters. **10.00** Late Programs.

900 Family **6.00** Kids' Programs. **4.25** Mecha Builders. **5.20** Thomas And Friends: All Engines Go. **5.45** Kangaroo Beach. **7.05** Piripenguins. **7.35** Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures. **7.50** The Investigators. **8.05** Dr Ann's Secret Lives. **8.45** Contraption Masters. **9.30** The Crystal Maze. **10.15** Merlin. **11.00** Late Programs.

6.00 Today. **9.00** Today Extra. **11.30** 9News Morning. **12.00** The Block. **1.30** Young Sheldon. **2.00** Pointless. **3.00** Tipping Point. **4.00** 9News Afternoon. **4.30** Tipping Point Australia. **5.30** WIN News. **6.00** 9News. **7.00** A Current Affair. **7.30** The Block. **8.45** 100% Footy. **9.45** Opal Hunters: Red Dirt Road Trip. **10.45** 9News Late. **11.15** A Killer Makes A Call. **12.10** Footy Classified. **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** Flushed. **7.00** It's Academic. **8.30** Beat Bugs. **9.00** Home Shopping. **10.30** House Rules: High Stakes. **12.00** Revenge. **3.00** Gold Coast Ocean Rescue. **3.30** The Voice. **5.00** First Dates Australia. **6.00** Bondi Vet. **7.00** Judge Judy. **7.30** Law & Order: Criminal Intent. **8.30** Law & Order: SVU. **9.30** Law & Order. **10.30** Bones. **12.30** Late Programs.

900 NEWS **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** Planet America. **11.00** Late Programs.

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10 drama **6.00** Home Shopping. **8.00** IFISH. **8.30** Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. **9.00** Numb3rs. **10.00** JAG. **12.00** Days Of Our Lives. **12.45** The Young And The Restless. **1.30** FBI: International. **2.30** JAG. **4.30** Numb3rs. **5.30** JAG. **7.30** NCIS. **10.20** FBI: International. **11.15** SEAL Team. **12.15** Home Shopping.

10 Gem **6.00** Tennis. US Open. Day 1 Late. **3.00** Antiques Roadshow. **3.30** Our Dream Farm With Matt Baker. **4.30** Are You Being Served? **5.30** Yorkshire Auction House. **6.30** Antiques Roadshow. **7.30** Death In Paradise. **8.40** Recipes For Love And Murder. **10.40** The Closer. **11.40** French And Saunders. **12.20** Late Programs.

6.00 Morning Programs. **12.10** WorldWatch. **2.05** Secrets Of The Royal Palaces. **2.55** Garage Dreams. **3.35** The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. **4.05** Jeopardy! **4.30** Letters And Numbers. **5.00** Cycling. UCI World Tour. La Vuelta. H'lights. **6.00** Mastermind Australia. **6.30** SBS World News. **7.30** Portugal With Michael Portillo. **8.20** Abandoned Railways From Above. **9.15** Moulin Rouge: Yes We Can-Can! **10.15** SBS World News Late. **10.45** Classified. **11.35** Tokyo Vice. **1.40** Blackport. **2.35** 24 Hours In Emergency. **3.30** Late Programs.

10 comedy **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.00** Ghosts. **1.30** The King Of Queens. **2.00** Becker. **2.30** Frasier. **3.30** Ghosts. **4.00** Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. **4.30** The King Of Queens. **5.00** Becker. **5.30** Frasier. **6.30** Neighbours. **7.00** Friends. **8.00** The Big Bang Theory. **10.00** Becker. **10.30** Frasier. **11.30** Late Programs.

VICELAND **6.00** Morning Programs. **3.05** Wine Lovers' Guide. **3.35** WorldWatch. **5.30** Food That Built The World. **7.05** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** Music Videos That Defined The 90s. **9.25** Never Mind The Buzzcocks. **10.10** Big Backyard Quiz. **11.10** Cycling. UCI World Tour. La Vuelta. Stage 3. **1.50** Late Programs.

6.00 Morning Programs. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** I, Jack Wright. **2.00** Parliament Question Time. **3.00** Anh's Brush With Fame. **3.25** Grand Designs. **4.15** Long Lost Family: What Happened Next. **5.00** Antiques Roadshow. **6.00** Spicks And Specks. **6.30** Hard Quiz. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30** **7.30**. **8.00** Foreign Correspondent. **8.30** Killer Whale: Australia's Megapod. **9.30** Living With Devils. **10.30** ABC Late News. **10.45** The Business. **11.00** Four Corners. **11.50** Late Programs.

7two **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.00** Escape To The Country. **2.00** Creek To Coast. **2.30** Impossible Builds. **3.30** Harry's Practice. **4.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue. **4.30** Better Homes And Gardens. **5.30** Escape To The Country. **6.30** Bargain Hunt. **7.30** Call The Midwife. **8.45** Foyle's War. **10.55** The Yorkshire Vet. **11.55** Late Programs.

900 Entertains **6.00** Morning Programs. **3.40** Richard Osman's House Of Games. **4.10** Would I Lie To You? **4.40** MythBusters. **5.30** George Clarke's Old House, New Home. **6.20** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. **7.10** Richard Osman's House Of Games. **7.35** QI. **8.05** Would I Lie To You? **8.35** Summer Love. **9.40** Late Programs.

6.00 Sunrise. **9.00** The Morning Show. **12.00** Seven's National News At Noon. **1.00** To Be Advised. **2.30** Border Security: International. **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 Voice. **9.00** The Front Bar. **10.00** Unfiltered. **10.45** The Agenda Setters. **11.45** Autopsy USA. **12.45** Fairly Legal. **2.00** Home Shopping. **4.00** NBC Today. **5.00** Sunrise Early News. **5.30** Sunrise.

7mate **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.00** Outback Crystal Hunters. **3.00** Aussie Gold Hunters. **4.00** Swamp People: Serpent Invasion. **5.00** American Restoration. **5.30** Storage Wars. **6.00** American Pickers. **7.00** Pawn Stars. **8.00** Outback Truckers. Return. **10.00** Aussie Truck Rehab. **11.00** Big Rig Bounty Hunters. **12.00** Late Programs.

900 Family **6.00** Kids' Programs. **4.25** Mecha Builders. **5.20** Thomas And Friends: All Engines Go. **5.45** Kangaroo Beach. **7.05** Piripenguins. **7.35** Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures. **7.50** The Investigators. **8.05** Operation Ouch! **8.40** Deadly 60. **9.10** Expedition With Steve Backshall. **10.00** Merlin. **10.45** Late Programs.

6.00 Today. **9.00** Today Extra. **11.30** 9News Morning. **12.00** The Block. **1.15** Getaway. **1.45** My Way. **2.00** Pointless. **3.00** Tipping Point. **4.00** 9News Afternoon. **4.30** Tipping Point Australia. **5.30** WIN News. **6.00** 9News. **7.00** A Current Affair. **7.30** The Block. **9.00** Paramedics. **10.00** 9News Late. **10.30** The Grand Tour. **11.00** 9News Late. **11.50** La Brea. **12.35** Footy Classified. **1.30** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **2.30** Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. **3.00** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **4.00** Late Programs.

7flix **6.00** Morning Programs. **8.30** Beat Bugs. **9.00** Home Shopping. **10.30** House Rules: High Stakes. **12.00** Revenge. **3.00** A Moveable Feast. **3.30** The Voice. **5.00** First Dates Australia. **6.00** Bondi Vet. **7.00** Judge Judy. **7.30** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. **8.30** CSI: Miami. **9.30** CSI: New York. **10.30** CSI: Miami. **11.30** Late Programs.

900 NEWS **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. **10.15** Four Corners. **11.00** Late Programs.

6.00 Morning Programs. **8.00** Bold. **8.30** Deal Or No Deal. **9.00** Lingo. **10.00** Judge Judy. **10.30** Survivor: Australia V The World. **12.00** Everyday Gourmet. **12.30** Family Feud. **1.00** News. **2.00** Wheel Of Fortune. **2.30** Lingo. **3.30** 10 News: Afternoon. **4.00** Neighbours. **4.30** The Bold And The Beautiful. **5.00** 10 News. **6.00** 10 News+. **7.00** Deal Or No Deal. **7.30** Survivor: Australia V The World. **8.45** FBI: Most Wanted. **10.35** 10's Late News. **11.00** 10 News+. **12.00** Late Programs.

10 drama **6.00** Home Shopping. **8.00** Navigating The World. **9.00** Numb3rs. **10.00** JAG. **12.00** Days Of Our Lives. **12.45** The Young And The Restless. **1.30** FBI: International. **2.30** JAG. **4.30** Numb3rs. **5.30** JAG. **7.30** NCIS. **10.20** FBI: International. **11.15** SEAL Team. **12.15** JAG. **1.15** Home Shopping.

10 Gem **6.00** Tennis. US Open. Day 2 Late. **3.00** Antiques Roadshow. **3.30** Our Dream Farm With Matt Baker. **4.30** Are You Being Served? **5.30** Yorkshire Auction House. **6.30** Antiques Roadshow. **7.30** New Tricks. **8.40** Agatha Raisin. **9.40** Grantchester. **10.50** The Closer. **11.50** French And Saunders. **12.30** Late Programs.

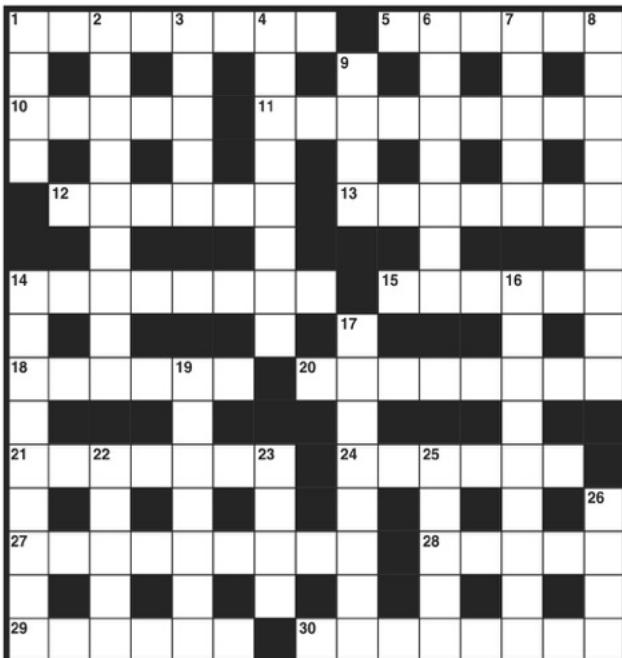
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VICELAND **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.25** Alone: The Skills Challenge. **2.50** Aussie Jokers. **3.25** WorldWatch. **5.25** Food That Built The World. **7.00** Jeopardy! **7.30** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** MOV

PUZZLES

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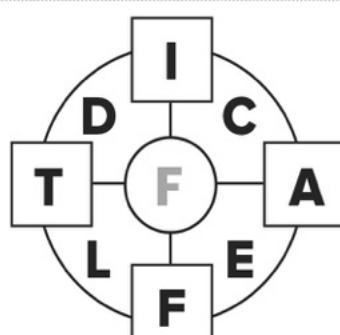
ACROSS

- 1 True (8)
- 5 Takes footage online (6)
- 10 Available over the bar (2,3)
- 11 Male name (9)
- 12 Football strike with the head (6)
- 13 Ways (7)
- 14 Uncivilised (8)
- 15 Art of dwarfing shrubs or trees (6)
- 18 Classic Nabokov novel (6)
- 20 Most distant (8)
- 21 Impulse (7)

9-LETTER

No. 136

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



Today's Aim:

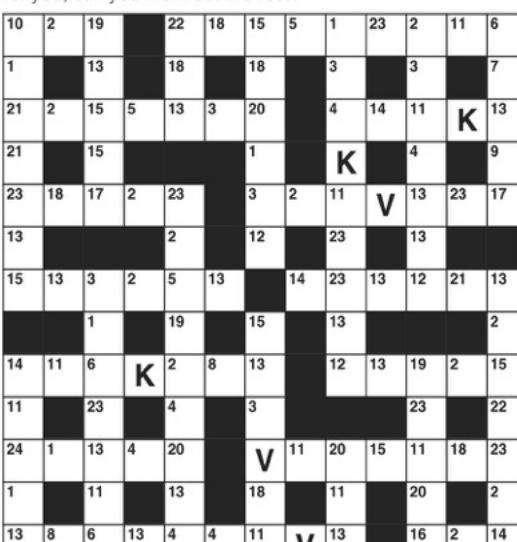
23 words: Good

34 words: Very good

46 words: Excellent

CODEWORD

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



SOLUTIONS: 1 = U, 2 = A, 3 = N, 4 = S, 5 = M, 6 = C, 7 = H, 8 = X, 9 = W, 10 = J, 11 = L, 12 = D, 13 = E, 14 = P, 15 = R, 16 = Z, 17 = Y, 18 = Q, 19 = B, 20 = T, 21 = G, 22 = F, 23 = L, 24 = Q, 25 = K, 26 = V.

QUICK QUIZ

1. Which Anglo-American supergroup consisted of George Harrison, Jeff Lynne, Roy Orbison, Tom Petty (pictured) and Bob Dylan?
2. Who provides the voice of Lady Bluebury in the 2011 animated film *Gnomeo & Juliet*?
3. What type of musical instrument is a djembe?
4. Who directed the film *Double Indemnity* (1944)?
5. In what year was the Rubik's Cube first sold?
6. Which musical group released the album *Physical Graffiti* in 1975?
7. Which horse won the 2024 Melbourne Cup?
8. What refers to either the practice of or the promotion of complete abstinence from alcoholic beverages?
9. Who wrote a series of children's books about scarecrow Worzel Gummidge?
10. What is the capital city of China?



No. 136

WORDFIT

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| 3 LETTERS | TARS |
| ADO | TEEM |
| AIL | VOWS |
| AIM | |
| ANY | |

DOWN

- 1 Upon (4)
- 2 Principal church of a diocese (9)
- 3 Very quick (5)
- 4 Rail around ship's stern (8)
- 5 Comic book villain (7)
- 7 Egyptian capital (5)
- 8 Provisional (9)
- 9 Period (4)
- 14 Maryland city (9)
- 16 Most pungent (9)
- 17 Large Australian spider (8)
- 19 — Maslany, star of *Orphan Black* (7)
- 22 Small in French (5)
- 23 Go by ship (4)
- 25 Adage (5)
- 26 Egyptian goddess (4)



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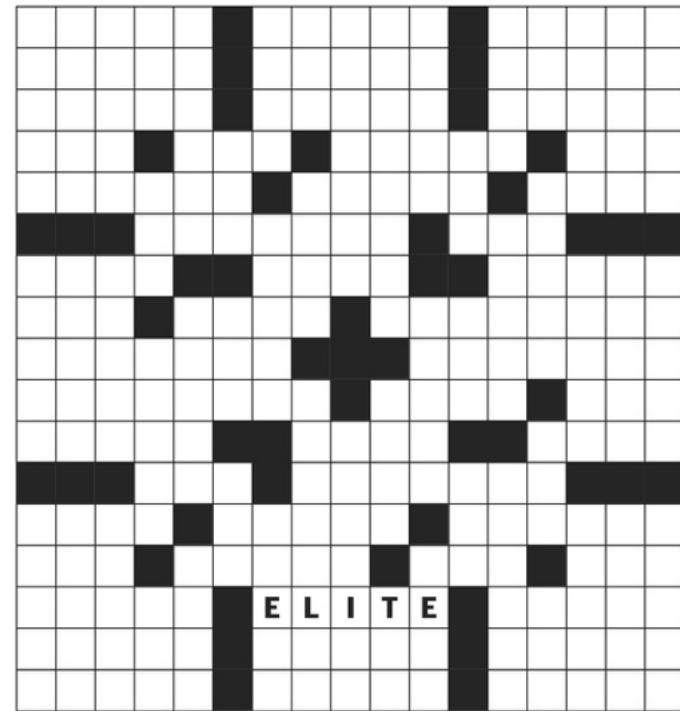
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| EAR | BLISS |
| GOT | CELLO |
| HUE | CYSTS |
| KIT | EAGER |
| LSD | EARLS |
| NEE | EASEL |
| OVA | EDGER |
| POT | EDICT |
| RED | ELITE |
| SAD | ENDOW |
| TIE | EVADE |
| TNT | EVENT |
| TOO | GAPES |

4 LETTERS

- | | |
|-------|-------|
| GONNA | SILOS |
| BATS | SLATS |
| BEER | INLET |
| EATS | IRATE |
| GEAR | LARVA |
| MATS | LINGO |
| MESS | LUPIN |
| OPEN | PALER |
| PIER | PONDS |
| PURR | RENDS |
| SEAL | RESTS |
| STIR | STAUD |

5 LETTERS

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| TIARA | SCANT |
| TONES | SIEGE |
| PIER | GENIE |
| PURR | GONNA |
| SEAL | BATS |
| STIR | BEER |
| | EATS |
| | GEAR |
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SAILS VEILS PURSING

6 LETTERS

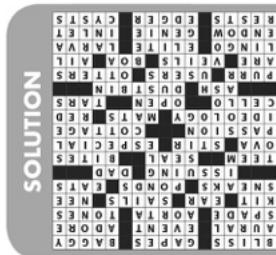
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| ENTANGLE | ASHEVE |
| ESPECIAL | SCANTY |
| IDEOLOGY | YESES |
| YODELLED | |

7 LETTERS

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| ENTANGLE | COTTAGE |
| ESPECIAL | DUSTBIN |
| IDEOLOGY | ISSUING |
| YODELLED | PASSION |
| | PERSONA |

8 LETTERS

- | | |
|----------|--------|
| ENTANGLE | ASHEVE |
| ESPECIAL | SCANTY |
| IDEOLOGY | YESES |
| YODELLED | |



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No. 086

SUDOKU

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

			8	3	9	2		
7	2	4				9		
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No. 136

EASY

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

WORD SEARCH

No. 046

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

N	A	R	L	A	C	I	G	O	L	O	H	T	Y	M
O	S	L	A	S	H	E	R	B	I	O	P	I	C	Y
I	T	A	A	N	A	I	P	O	T	S	Y	D	N	S
T	E	C	N	A	M	O	R	D	M	A	D	G	S	T
O	I	I	C	E	V	I	T	C	E	T	E	D	P	E
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T	E	S	A	C	L	A	Y	M	A	T	I	N	A	T
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E	Z	E	U	N	O	R	E	L	L	I	R	H	T	M
H	E	I	S	T	N	A	N	I	M	A	T	I	N	O

ACTION	MYSTERY
ANIMATION	MYTHOLOGICAL
BIOPIC	PARODY
CLAYMATION	PERIOD
COMEDY	ROMANCE
CRIME	SATIRE
DETECTIVE	SCIENCE FICTION
DRAMA	SITCOM
DYSTOPIAN	SLASHER
FANTASY	SPOOF
HEIST	STOP MOTION
HISTORICAL	THRILLER
HOBBY	UTOPIAN
MUSICAL	ZOMBIE

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Colder weeks continue, chance of rain on Friday, Saturday and Wednesday.

Grain

Not much change in international future markets with grains either firm or easing with soybean taking the biggest hit. In local markets West Coast old crop cereal prices were flat, canola up to \$5/t. East Coast cereals a little firmer at southern ports but under pressure still in the north. Canola old crop prices up \$12 to \$14/t.

There is little appetite to forward sell at current prices with a wide gap between the bid and offer with end users comfortable to hit the offer for top up amounts if they have to ensure adequate supply to harvest says Richard Kosh.

Cattle market update

Over the past few months Brazilian beef imports have quietly overtaken Australia as the number one exporter to the US. While our shipments were seasonally lower from January to April and affected by processing disruptions, this is a worrying development, given we currently enjoy a 26.3pc tariff rate advantage over Brazilian beef into the US.

Additionally, South American beef trades at a 9-10c/lb down to Australian product, indicating that South America has a significant cost advantage over Australian product (mostly from lower land values and labour costs).

Brazil is quickly moving towards replacing the US as our largest competitor in our export markets. Export demand remains strong across our key markets with China starting to take a larger proportion of our exports as US exports to China fall.

The shortage of heavy weight steers across the south has seen southern processors venture north to find suitable quality stock. One southern processor quoted \$7.40/kg dw for bullocks in southern Queensland and happy to pay the freight cost of 40c/kg to drag them south, given the lack of finished stock available south of Dubbo.

Markets at a glance

Wool market in recess back next week

Cattle: DBO 14th. 7330 head, back 150. Young trade cattle 10c dearer, vealers and yearlings 438c to 504c/kg, feeder steers and light heifers 8c to 15c cheaper, heavier heifers 9c dearer. Feeder steers 440c to 542c, heifers 394c to 486c/kg. Young cattle to restockers up to 20c cheaper, steers to 606c/kg, heifers to 472c/kg. Grown steers and heifers 10c dearer, steers 452c to 494c/kg, heifers 370c to 479c/kg. Cows 4c to 8c cheaper, 2 and 3 scores 250c to 370c/kg. Heavy cows 342c to 405c, ave 386c/kg. Cows to restockers dearer, 151c to 384c/kg. Heavy bulls cheaper to 404c/kg.

Sheep: DBO 18th. 10,870 sheep, +920; 36,730 lambs, +8560. Light lambs to processors \$8 cheaper, 12kg to 18kg 2-scores \$120 to \$185.

Trade new season firm, \$220 to \$290. Trade old lambs \$6 cheaper, 20kg to 24kg \$185 to \$277.

Heavy to 30kg \$8 cheaper, extra heavy firm, 24kg to 30kg \$200 to \$262, extra heavy over 30kg \$330 to \$477. New season lambs 290 to \$332 1180c/kg cwt. Merino lambs to \$6 dearer, trade \$180 to \$275, heavy Merinos to \$320.. Lambs to restockers \$48 to \$208. Hoggets at \$319, mutton softer by \$10 to \$15.

STOCK CLEARANCES

Antiques, ag chem, fungicides, dips, drenches, fencing, tray top truck, power sprayer, fork lift.

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Stock report by Ross Plasto

DUBBO CATTLE 7330 head. Good numbers of prime cattle in all sections. many to suit backgrounders and feeders. Also, good numbers of plainer cattle, some lacking finish from far west. Young trade cattle 10c dearer, vealers and yearlings 438c to 504c/kg. Feeder steers and light heifers 8c to 15c cheaper, heavier heifers 9c/kg dearer. Feeder steers 440c to 542c, heifers 394c to 486c/kg. Young cattle to restockers up to 20c cheaper, steers to 606c/kg, heifers to 472c/kg. Grown steers and heifers 10c dearer, steers 452c to 494c/kg, heifers 370c to 479c/kg. Cows 4c to 8c cheaper, 2 and 3 scores 250c to 370c/kg. Heavy cows 342c to 405c, ave 386c/kg. Cows to restockers dearer, 151c to 384c/kg. Heavy bulls cheaper to 404c/kg.

SHEEP. 36,730 lambs up 8500. Fair to good quality, good numbers of both trade and heavy weights. Also large numbers of Merino lambs

making up almost half the numbers. Most buyers operating except southern export. Light lambs to processors \$8 cheaper, 12kg to 18kg 2-scores \$120 to \$185. Trade weight new season firm, \$220 to \$290, ave 1170c/kg cwt. Trade old lambs firm to \$6 cheaper, 20kg to 24kg \$185 to \$277, ave 1050c to 1150c/kg cwt. Heavy lambs to 30kg \$8 cheaper, extra heavy firm, 24kg to 30kg \$204 to \$368, extra heavy over 30kg \$330 to \$477 to equal the centre record. New season lambs over 24kg \$290 to \$332, ave 1180c/kg cwt. Merino lambs firm to \$6 dearer, trade \$180 to \$275, heavy to \$320. Lambs to restockers \$48 to \$208, hoggets to \$319.

MUTTON. 10,870. Most grades represented and \$10 to \$15 cheaper. Merino ewes \$40 to \$270, crossbred ewes \$99 to \$240. Merino wethers \$142 to \$288, most sheep averaging 700c and 760c/kg cwt.

No wool report this week. Sales restart next week

Innovative wool products revolutionise textile industry

A GROUNDBREAKING innovation, called Wool Alginate Fibre Blend – blending super-soft wool and brown seaweed to create a natural performance fibre, is one of the revolutionary product development projects that Australian Wool Innovation (AWI) is working on.

The product showcases the versatility and superior performance of wool, reinforcing its position as a sought-after and adaptable natural fibre.

AWI Chief Executive Officer John Roberts said product innovation was an essential part of what AWI does for woolgrowers.

"At AWI, we want wool in as many different products as possible, so we work at pushing the boundaries of wool technology."

"These new developments not only highlight the incredible versatility and performance of wool but also underscore our dedication to sustainability and innovation."

"We believe these advancements will set new standards in the textile industry and open up exciting opportunities for designers and manufacturers worldwide."

Mr Roberts said innovation was at the heart of what we do at AWI.

"By continuously exploring new applications and technologies for wool, we help create products that meet the evolving demands of consumers who prioritise sustainable and natural fibres."

"This not only helps us tap into new markets but also reinforces wool's position as a premium, eco-friendly material."

The Wool Alginate Fibre Blend is one of four innovative trends AWI is

highlighting:

Wool Alginate Fibre Blend

Developed in partnership with Südolle Group and IMPETUS Portugal Têxteis, combining fibres from land and sea, this Blend integrates the capabilities of wool with the natural advantages of brown seaweed and offers a circular solution for performance apparel, medical textiles, workwear, and home textiles.

Whole Garment Knitting Technology

Merino wool can be knitted into garments using whole garment knitting technology, enhancing comfort, reducing waste, and enabling the creation of sophisticated, innovative designs for both apparel and footwear.

Lightweight Performance Wool

This collection of functional fabrics combines lightweight construction with exceptional softness, offering protection against elements such as wind and sun. Designed for versatility, these fabrics are ideal for sports, outdoor adventures, and everyday lifestyle wear. With next-to-skin comfort, stretch, moisture management, breathability, and natural odour resistance, they provide a high-performance, natural alternative to traditional synthetic soft-shell materials.

Wool Denim

Durable, versatile, and iconic, wool denim reimagines this classic fabric by blending the timeless appeal of denim with the natural benefits of wool, including comfort, breathability, durability, and adaptability.

**Around the tracks
with Col Hodges**

Racing, Collie Cup

Gilgandra

WELL-KNOWN as a hotelier and in the insurance business, Wayne Brown has now become a successful racehorse trainer at Tamworth and on Saturday at Gilgandra he won the \$20,000 Collie Hotel-Collie Cup with So Country.

Racing in front of a big crowd which exceeded all expectations, the eight-year-old gelding So Country led by a narrow margin from Medinah in the 1280 metres Cup.

Breaking clear in the straight, So Country (Shannen Llewellyn, \$4.20) won by over three lengths from All Words (Andrew Banks, \$61) which came from last while Dream Game (Jordan Quince, \$7.50) was a long-neck away, third.

Leading apprentice Shannen Llewellyn had kicked off the day with a win on the Connie Greig trained Miss Adamas in the 1200m Chandlers Chaff-Brophy Memorial Maiden Handicap.

Placed 14 times from 29 previous starts, Miss Adamas (\$5.50) finally broke through when setting the pace and lasting to beat Spicy Margherita (Andrew Banks, \$31) and Firefinch (Izzy Neale, \$11) in a three-way photo finish.

Trained at Coonamble by Michael Denison, Emphatic Bel in a thrilling finish won the 800m Three Rivers Machinery Benchmark 50 Handicap.

Given a good run behind the leader Redline by Kody Nestor, Emphatic Bel (\$4.20) held out the fast-finishing Glowing Rapids (Zoe Hunt, \$3.60) by a half-head with a long neck to Redline (Shannen Llewellyn, \$18).

Kody Nestor later led most of the way on the Clint Lundholm trained South Bullaway (\$7.20) to win the 1100m Western Farm Machinery-Coxsedge Memorial from Pee Dee (Izzy Neale, \$4) and Mean Girls (Wendy Peel, \$3.40 favourite).

Clint Lundholm brought up a winning double when Always Fiorente (\$3.80 fav) ridden by informal apprentice Zoe Hunt, travelled in third position before overtaking the leaders Pampuni (Jordan Quince, \$4) and Magic Alwyns (Wendy Peel, \$13) in the 1600m Hair & Beauty For You Benchmark 50 Handicap.

Hawkesbury trainer Fabio Martino won the 1100m WDI Clinic Benchmark 50 Handicap with Grand Bellezza (Ryan Bradley, \$2.60 fav) while the Brett Robb, Dubbo trained Capital Beauty (Izzy Neale, \$1.80 to \$1.75 fav) won the 1000m Gilgandra Toyota-Keith Kilby Memorial Maiden Plate.

Racing on Saturday at Mudgee and the Narromine Gold Cup on Sunday.

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Eight keen bowlers along with Mr Williams and Miss Sally hit the lanes for a fun day of Ten Pin Bowling! Mundi and Miss Sally knocked down the competition in round one, while Sophie and Dom rolled to victory in round two. It was a fantastic day out with friends, filled with laughter, cheers, and great bowling! Thank you to Mr Thompson for driving the bus.

From this we selected 4 bowlers to represent Wellington Public School at the Inclusive Sport Ten Pin Bowling Day in Dubbo this Friday the 15th of August. Congratulations to Stevie, Dom, Sarah and Mundi. We wish them all the best for Fridays Competition against other Dubbo schools.



Wellington Warriors stun League leaders in Dubbo

By Brandon Carter

AN UNDERSTRENGTH Wellington Warriors Men's 1st Grade side pulled off their performance of the season last Thursday night, securing a stunning 4-2 win over ladder-leaders Macquarie United under the lights in Dubbo.

The tone was set early when Dias Kautsari latched onto a pinpoint through ball from Dai Pham and coolly slotted home the opener.

Moments later, Robert Adams made no mistake from the penalty spot to double the lead.

Macquarie clawed one back with a penalty spot kick just before half-time, setting up a tense second half with the score at 2-1.

The halftime message was clear: the next goal was crucial - and the Warriors delivered.

Kwena Matlou was electric all night and got the reward he deserved with a goal of his own, before Dias struck again to make it 4-1.

Tempers flared as frustration set in for the Sky Blues.

To their credit, MUFC threw everything forward in the final 15 minutes, grabbing a goal and creating several chances - but the Warriors' defence stood tall to close out an invaluable 4-2 win.

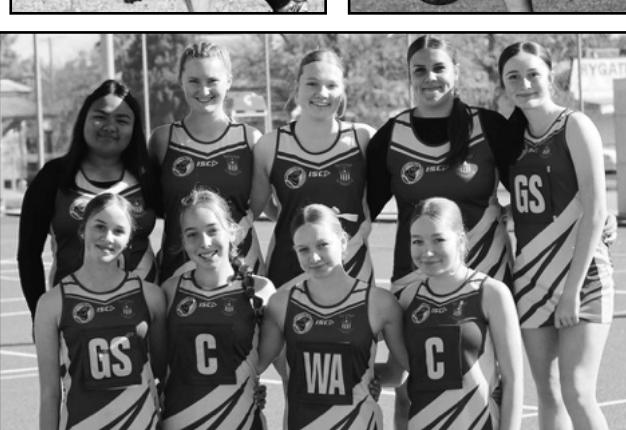
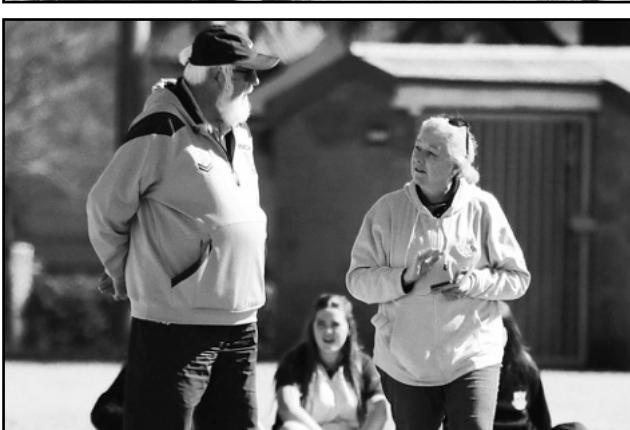
The result rockets the Warriors into third place on the ladder with just two rounds remaining.

It's an incredibly tight race, with only two points separating second and fifth - every game from here is a final.

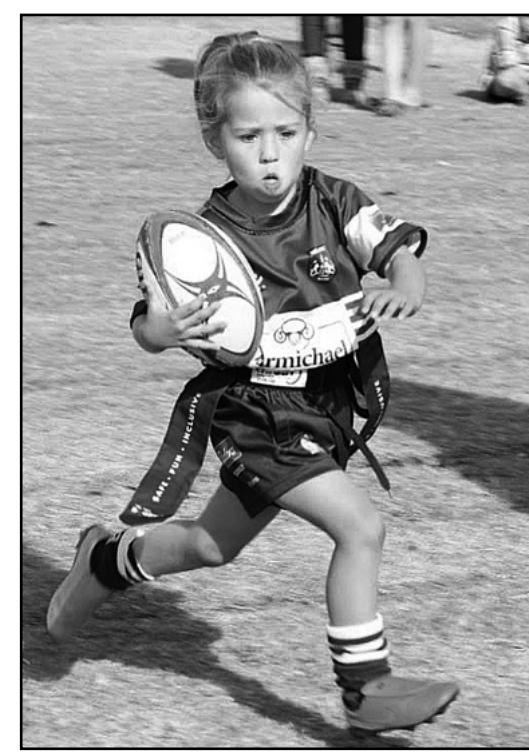
Finals footy is calling – let's go, Warriors!

Don Green Cup -

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U10s & Wallas - Carmen Gain photos



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Redbacks spurred on by win against Blayney - now they meet the Goats again

Redbacks Seniors faced a must-win clash against the Blayney Rams in their push towards the grand final.

In a tight, hard-fought encounter, the Redbacks were spurred on by a strong home crowd behind their local Wellington team which proved too strong in the end, taking the win 34–25.

Tries came from Kym, Brad, Schenker, Emosi, and Cooper, with Jack and Robert adding the conversions.

The victory sets up another showdown with Geurie - this time on their home turf.

To secure a Grand Final berth against Molong, the Redbacks must come away with the win.

Redbacks Round 11 –

U12s fall short

JUNIOR REDBACKS
Under 12s hosted Orange Emus Green at Rygate last weekend with the Emus sitting in third place on the ladder proving tough oppo-

sition to the local side in a closely contested game.

However, the Redbacks went down 12–19, but congratulations to Sam and Jack, who both scored tries, and to Jasper, who successfully converted one.

Best and Fairest points went to Geordie, Connor, Koopah, and Jasper T, with Geordie Mason earning the Players' Player award.

Wallas

On Sunday, our Wallas travelled to Dubbo for their Gala Day.

There was some great defence, sharp attacking moves, and skilful play from our juniors, who now have just one more Gala Day to go for the season.

The Under 14s had the bye in Round 11.

Looking ahead to Round 12, the Under 12s will take on second-placed Dubbo Roos Blues, with kick-off at 9:30am while the Under 14s play Dubbo Red which are sixth on the ladder.

Carmen Gain



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