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# Wellington's progress attracts new real estate agency

A NEW generation of real estate agents have hit town running and officially opened their office right in the heart of Wellington last Friday afternoon.

Ray White Richardson & Sinclair joins three other established agencies with their offices in Wellington.

The Ray White office is certainly familiar to most locals being Number 1 Nanova Crescent and originally Larum's corner store for dozens of decades and two generations.

Lately the building was home to Milky Daze café, but will now be home to The Ray White Richardson & Sinclair real estate and stock and property business headed by Justin Sanderson and Scott Sinclair, with Frank Power the local branch manager.

Just this week at the Ray White National Conference on the Gold Coast Ray White Richardson & Sinclair were awarded two rural gongs.

The team was awarded first for Livestock Office settled sales, and first for Livestock Office highest number of sheep sold.

The awards recognised this small business achieving big things.

While Frank Power will spend much of his time travelling between customers, the office will be managed by Renee Dwyer who will be looking after real estate and property management.

Frank will dedicate some of his working time in the office, but will largely be fulltime selling rural property across the four offices here, Dubbo, Warren and Nyngan.

"Although we cover territory from Molong to the Queensland border," he said.

Frank is a Wellington born and bred local who returned to his home town after leaving school and finishing university plus some time overseas.

After a term working in financial planning, he spent a few



The Ray White Richardson & Sinclair Wellington team that launched their new agency in town last Friday afternoon:- Steph Lane, Justin Sanderson, Frank Power, Scott Sinclair, Renee Dwyer and Jodie Brightman.

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years running his family's farm south of town, then several years with Michael White and Company.

Twelve years ago he launched into his real estate career with Ray White in Dubbo as a rural property sales specialist.

In that time Frank specialised in town and country residential property, and rural acreage property.

With his life partner Danielle Littlewood, the couple have

two children, Genevieve 10 and Dominique 6.

Mr Power said the opportunities for our business in Wellington are enormous.

"Wellington's right on the cusp of a boom, obviously with the projects that are already underway, plus the new ones coming on are giving a huge scope for this town."

"And we are part of it and want to help people realise their property dreams," he said.

## MARYVALE SOLAR AND ENERGY STORAGE PROJECT - JOB INFORMATION SESSION

Gentari Solar Australia and PCL Construction's Solar & BESS Division invite you to attend a job fair for the Maryvale Solar and Energy Storage Project.

The fair will provide an opportunity to learn more about the project, meet the construction team, network with subcontractors, and register your interest in employment opportunities.

Construction of the project commenced in July 2025 and will bring many benefits, including up to 360 jobs during the peak of the two-year construction period.

### EVENT DETAILS

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Dubbo RSL  
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## Future Proof: Drought Preparedness Roadshow (it's free!!)

KNOWING THAT the return of drought conditions is a certainty at some point, Dubbo Regional Council and Narromine Shire Council will combine forces to host 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.

The events will include topics such as drought trends, economic resilience, business diversification, mental health wellbeing and an exclusive movie screening of Just A Farmer featuring Leila McDougall.

Residents can register for individual workshops and panels, or for the whole series, by visiting [www.dubbo.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dubbo.nsw.gov.au). The Future Proof: Drought Preparedness Roadshow workshops are being delivered as part of the Central Orana Regional Drought Resilience Plan.

Register for free at 123tix \*\*\*

### Nearly 80 Veterinary students visit the region

It was great to welcome 78, third-year veterinary students from CSU Wagga Wagga and University of Sydney who visited the region to see first-hand regional veterinary career opportunities.

Rural Vets are becoming as rare as hen's teeth, and anything we can do to encourage students to take up the challenge is important.

With a growing need for vets in regional NSW, this annual program offers students the chance to tour local clinics, connect with industry representatives, and experience the diversity and uniqueness of regional practice where they can work with dogs, cats, equine, livestock and even the unique wildlife at Western Plains Zoo.

The visit also highlighted our region's vibrant lifestyle, support networks, and affordable housing options when compared to Sydney. \*\*\*

### Pioneer Park clubroom construction

Welbuilt Constructions have commenced work on the replacement of the Pioneer Park clubrooms.

The new facility will include sports change rooms and a canteen. \*\*\*

### New Lamb price record

Griffith saleyards own the National Lamb Price Record for this week with a price per head of \$479.50, \$2 better than Dubbo Saleyards the week prior. An incredible run of prices.

I see Forbes tries to beat Dubbo each week as well. \*\*\*

### Home Based Kitchens urged to register

Council is urging operators of home-based kitchens that sell food to notify and register their business.

Home-based kitchens, also known as 'dark kitchens', operate out of sight from customers and authorities, often from homes or industrial premises and rely on

social media and delivery apps to trade and serve customers. Without an identified physical premises, these types of kitchens are outside the reach of regulatory oversight such as inspections from food safety officers. The rules around the production and sale of food are strict for a reason. Food poisoning can be deadly.

We know these businesses are operating as they have a presence on social media. We are urging these businesses to head to the Council's website and register for free.

It is important we ensure that these businesses are handling food in a safe manner to safeguard the health and safety of their customers.

No matter how big or small, or if a business is home-based, online only or even temporary, if they are selling food to consumers, they need to let Council know.

Local Councils oversee retail food businesses in NSW. Those businesses that on-sell their food products to other businesses need to notify the NSW Food Authority.

Notifying Council before handling food for sale is a requirement under State law. **Josh Black**

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only or even temporary, if they are selling food to consumers, they need to let Council know."

Shane Clarke has recently started a temporary food van service after having a takeaway shop in Talbragar Street for three years.

Shane said, the process to register the food van with Council was simple and free. Staff came and inspected it and provided the paperwork to complete.

"The form was really easy to complete, and I just handed it in at the Council building. I think it is good to be able to talk to someone if you need to rather than just completing it online," Mr Clarke said.

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For more information about food safety or to register your business for free visit [www.dubbo.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dubbo.nsw.gov.au)

## Embedded battery device causes garbage truck fire

COUNCIL (DRC) 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 Friday.

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

The driver promptly moved the vehicle to a safe location and emptied the load.

Emergency services were called, and NSW Fire and Rescue attended the scene and extinguished the fire. NSW Police also attended for traffic management purposes.

The load of garbage that was emptied onto the road had to be cleared away once extinguished using a bobcat and skip bins.

Council's manager of resource recovery Jamie Lobb said an embedded battery device was identified to be the cause of the fire.

Items with embedded batteries must not be placed into the red-lid bin as they can cause a fire which was evident in this case.

"Garbage trucks are critical aspects of Council's fleet. They are high-valued assets not just in the cost to replace them but the service they provide to our community," Mr Lobb said.

"The quick action of the driver has ensured the garbage truck was not damaged however an extensive clean-up had to be undertaken."

Hazardous and prohibited items that cannot be placed in the red-lid bin include lithium-ion batteries, rechargeable batteries, embedded battery devices, flammable liquids such as petrol, paint

thinners and gas cylinders that are either full or empty.

Council has a free recycling program for embedded battery devices and household batteries at Wellington Transfer Station or Whylandra Waste and Recycling Facility.

Household batteries can also be dropped off at the Customer Experience Centres at Wellington and the Dubbo in the designated stations so that outcomes like this can be avoided.

**Check out local prices  
before heading  
out of town**

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### In Memory of Beryl O'Brien

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# Geurie district up in arms over Boree Solar Farm project

IT TOOK less than 24 hours to rally support from Geurie district residents and landholders to attend a protest against the proposed nearby Boree Solar Farm project and other projects in the local region.

Rally organiser Renee Harrison said more than 40 concerned residents gathered at the Geurie general store on Monday morning for a WIN TV news interview highlighting growing frustration over poor communication and consultation by renewable energy proponents in the Central West.

The media event, held outside the Geurie General Store, brought together community members opposing two major developments — the Boree Solar Project near Geurie, led by Venn Energy, and the Hampton Park Solar Project near Wongarboon led by ARES.

"Speakers from both communities told WIN TV they have been re-

peatedly sidelined, misinformed, or left in the dark about key project details, despite the scale and long-term impacts of the developments," Ms Harrison said.

"Many residents say they have had to fight for basic information and engagement that should be standard under NSW planning processes.

"Both the Geurie-based community group opposing Boree Solar and the Hampton Park action group have lodged formal complaints with the Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner (AEIC).

"These active cases cite failures in meaningful engagement, selective consultation, and the withholding of critical project information from directly affected landholders and neighbours.

"Attendees at the gathering said the strong turnout reflected a united call

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Geurie district residents follow a call to arms to support a protest against the Boree Solar Farm and others nearby projects on Monday.



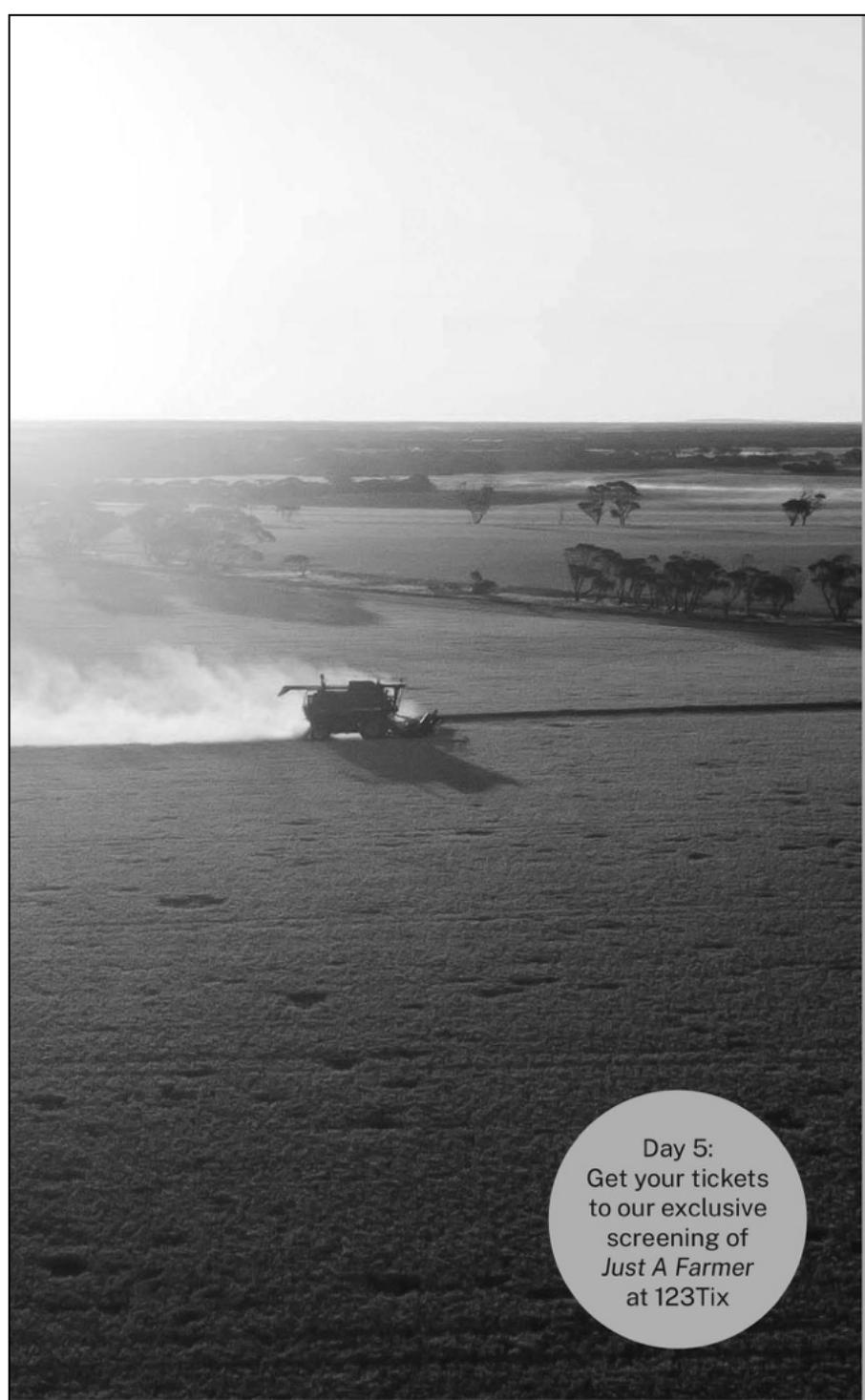
Protestors from the Geurie district voice their concerns of the proposed Geurie Boree Solar Farm during a meeting with WIN TV on Monday.  
...Renee Harrison photos.

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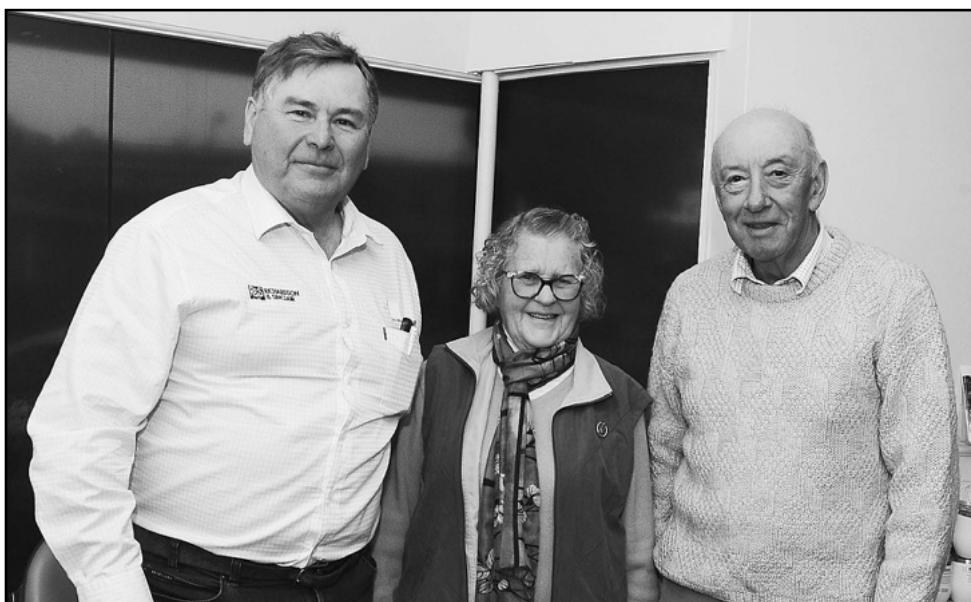
# Ray White Richardson & Sinclair opening



Charlie and Jason Fearnley with Steph Lane and Izzy Wettenhall.



Stella-May Miller and Danielle Littlewood with Jodie and Adam Brightman.



Scott Sinclair with Jill and David Pullen at the official opening.



Possible office managers and agents of the future.

## Solar farm protest at Geurie



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for transparency, fair treatment, and proper planning — not just for these two projects, but for all large-scale energy developments in regional NSW.

"Both groups say they have also been let down by their local members, who they believe have failed to adequately represent and advocate for the affected communities."

"As Wendy Tuckerman MP and state member for Goulburn stated 'Listen to the voices of regional communities who are exhausted from being ignored, overlooked and sacrificed'.

Published on the Geurie facebook page was "Incredibly frustrated members of the Geurie community exercised their democratic right to express their views about the impact on local landholders.

Questions asked by the group include:

1. Has the local area been saturated in new energy projects, to justify more projects being built near Geurie?
2. When is it that other parts of NSW will "share the load" and have their landholders host various wind and solar projects?
3. Is the impact upon our community and landholders (including neighbours) being adequately measured to ensure any negative impact is being managed or compensated?

## First shipment of turbine tower parts arrive

### From New Economy.

THE FIRST shipment of turbine tower parts for Squadron Energy's huge Uungala wind farm has arrived at the Port of Newcastle, one of the world's largest coal export ports, in preparation for installation of the first of the project's 69 turbines.

The 414 megawatt (MW) Uungala wind farm near Wellington will be the largest in the state, once complete – until others such as the massive, recently approved 1.45

gigawatt (GW) Yanco Delta project is built.

Squadron Energy, controlled by iron ore billionaire and green energy evangelist Andrew Forrest, said in a LinkedIn post on Friday that the turbine tower sections would be stored at the port before being transported to site later this year, with installations scheduled to start early next year.

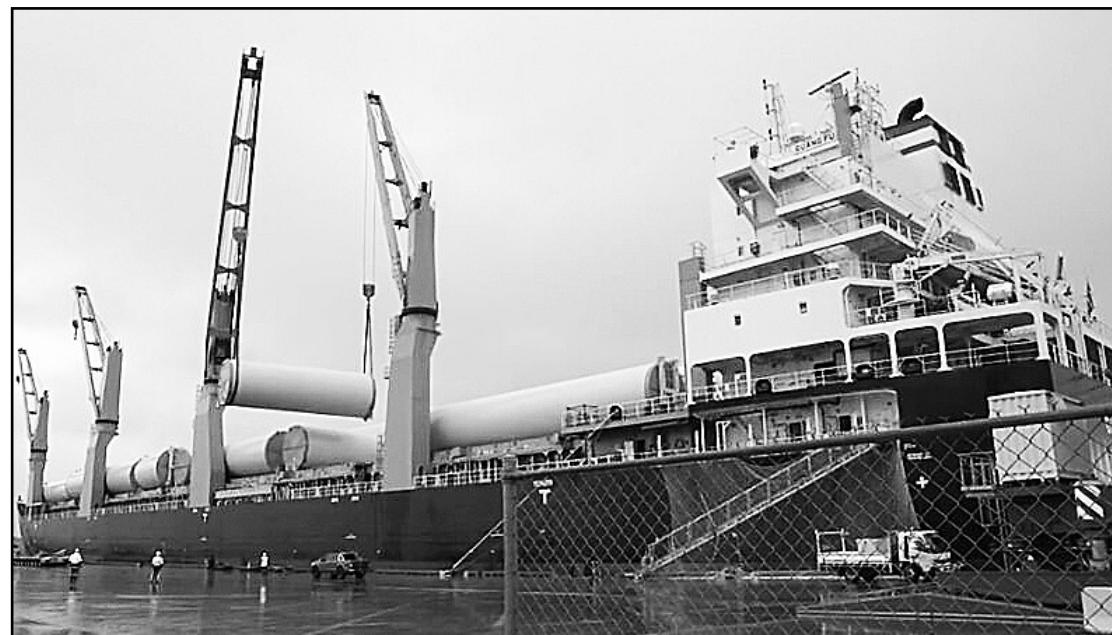
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Squadron says the 126 tower sections spent eight days at sea before arriving at Newcastle,

with the next shipment expected from next month.

The parts range in length from 10 to 29 metres long.

The turbine tower components will be delivered to the Uungala site via more than 700 oversize overmass deliveries under police escort, which will take place over a 12-month period.

The [Uungala] shipment is the first of up to 30,000 wind farm components expected to pass through the port over the next decade.



# Peta's bookwriting debut as a self-publisher

BY LUCY KEIRLE

LOCAL FIRST-TIME author Peta Wilson has recently self-published her debut title, "A New Crown", a story inspired by her grandmother Joyce Abra.

The picture-book featuring beautiful illustrations by Caroline Keys, perfectly encapsulates rural life, growing up in a large family and the power of resilience.

Peta has lived in Wellington for close to 30 years, but grew up on a cattle grazing property at Barraba and as her father (Tony Abra) was a police officer, has also lived in cities as well as the coast.

The mother of three, Peta is an educator, and now she says, an author.

The story is about a young girl with 11 siblings and it's their story much of which was inspired by grandmother Joyce and her memories of those childhood years with her brothers and sisters.

From stories told by Joyce, Peta set out to write a heart-warming country tale about family, love and honouring the past

"I've always had a love of storytelling and capturing memories, and now I get to do that through books," Peta said.

The story captures the essence of country life - it's warm, nostalgic, and full of love and resilience.

Joyce lived until almost 102, and many of the small details in the story are drawn from the memories she shared about her childhood.

"Writing the book was my way of honouring her legacy, and the strong family bonds that shaped her life."

Peta's working with children has helped me write in a way that is simple, heartfelt, and meaningful for young readers.

"It's taught me how powerful a few well-chosen words can be, especially when they speak to emotion, family, or imagination," she said.

A major lesson she learnt from her writing process was that taking small, slow steps were still progress.

"I started writing down memories on the day Joyce passed away, and it quickly began to form the bones of a story," Peta said.

"Although I started writing in April 2022, I was determined to finish what I began - to honour her and her 11 siblings."

"Sadly, Clare, the youngest sibling, was the only one still with us to see the finished book."

"But with such a large extended family to share it with, I'm incredibly proud to have brought it to life," she said.

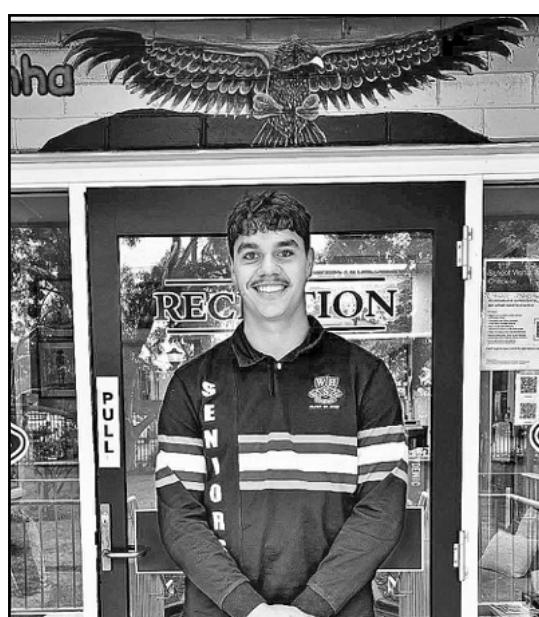
## Nathaniel Robinson signs on with the Sea Eagles

IT MUST be that time of year when rugby league teams select new players as Wellington High School Year 12 student, Nathaniel Robinson has officially signed-up with the Manly Sea Eagles.

Nathaniel's rugby league journey started with the Wellington Cowboys, where he played all throughout his junior years, developing into an outstanding athlete.

He has represented the Western Rams in various representative squads, trialled for the Combined High Schools team, and was selected for the prestigious Clontarf State of Origin NSW team, showcasing his skill and leadership on and off the field.

In 2025, Nathaniel took the leap into First Grade, consistently



delivering dominant performances that made him a standout in every match. His physicality, game sense, and composure under pressure have caught the attention of scouts - and now, one of the NRL's top clubs. Nathaniel's signing



Wellington's self-publisher Peta Wilson has just released her first book "A New Crown" and plans to release her second before Anzac Day next year.

"It's a moment that's very close to my heart and once again inspired by family and the town of Barraba.

"I come from a long line of military service, and I wanted to honour that legacy.

"While there are many beautiful children's books about ANZAC Day, I felt the emotion and atmosphere of the dawn service specifically was missing.

"I'm working with the same illustrator again, and we're hoping to release it in time for ANZAC Day next year."

When asked what advice she could give to bussing young writers and illustrators, Peta said to start small and write from the heart.

"Don't wait for permission - just begin.

"The most meaningful stories often come from real emotion and lived experience."

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Where can people get a copy of A New Crown? You can purchase it directly from Peta's website: [www.rememberwhen-books.com.au](http://www.rememberwhen-books.com.au). It's also available at: Babes in the Bush, Barraba; Alice Mary Designs, Wellington, and The Long Track Pantry, Jugiong.

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line too.

# Yeoval gold news

## From Yeoval Satellite

Yeoval mining update IN THE March 2025 edition of Yeoval Satellite, we reported on Orange-based company Godolphin Resources and its mining exploration activities in the Yeoval district.

Godolphin has been exploring our district's mining potential since 2020 under their Mining Exploration Licence 8538 – which covers around 290 square kilometres.

A recent announcement on Godolphin's website stated that Canadian-based mineral exploration and development company Great Plains Metal Corporation has the potential to earn up a 70 per cent interest in Godolphin's Goodrich and Yeoval copper gold projects within two

years through an 'earn-in' and 'joint venture agreement.'

Great Plains will be focused on exploring for a potential discovery of a large tonnage porphyry gold-copper system.

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Chris Redfern calls it a day for firefighting.

WELLINGTON HAS a small band of dedicated retained firefighters, but one of them after 23 years of service, local builder Chris Redfern hung up his gear last week for the last time at the local Fire and Rescue brigade.

Chris was appointed to the Wellington Brigade on the first of August 2002 and has provided outstanding

service and commitment to protect his community.

So much so, that he has received the National Medal and the Fire and Rescue NSW Long Service and Good Conduct Medal with 1 Clasp.

A builder by trade, it was nothing for him to down tools and respond to incidents to assist others in their time of need.

## Underground air raid shelter tours for war descendants

EIGHTY YEARS ago this week, Australians celebrated Victory in the Pacific when Japan accepted the Allied demand for unconditional surrender on 15 August 1945, ending the Second World War.

When news broke around our state and nation that after five years, 11 months and 11 days of fighting, the war was finally over, people gathered in cities and towns and cried and hugged in jubilation.

The state government is commemorating this important anniversary of VP Day with a series of activities and events to honour the service of our veterans, their families and all who endured the war at home.

Descendants of Second World War veterans are being offered an exclusive opportunity to visit the Air Raid

Shelters in the disused St James train tunnels beneath Hyde Park for a guided talk. The tours of the shelters deep below the CBD, includes an opportunity to explore the inscriptions etched on the walls by veterans and Sydneysiders who had hunkered underground when the air raid sirens sounded during the war.

For the first time, members of the public will also be able to get up close to a painstakingly restored searchlight, used 80 years ago to light up the skies around Sydney to identify enemy aircraft, on display this week at the northern forecourt of the Anzac Memorial in Hyde Park. For more information visit: <https://www.anzacmemorial.nsw.gov.au/event/commemorate-80-years-victory-pacific>

## National Homelessness Week 2025

LAST WEEK was National Homelessness Week.

On Census night in 2021, more than 122,000 people were estimated to be experiencing homelessness in Australia – 56 per cent were male, 44pc were female, of that number 21pc were aged 25 to 34 and 20pc were Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (First Nations) people.

At this time, around 47,900 (39pc) people were living in severely crowded dwellings, over 24,300 (20pc) were living in supported accommodation for the homeless and 7600 (6.2pc) were rough sleepers.

In our electorate of Calare, there were close to 400 experiencing homelessness in 2021, this included people living in improvised and over-crowded dwellings, tents or sleeping out, staying temporarily in other households or living in boarding houses.

Sadly, this number is rising year on year not only in our communities but right across the nation.

Homelessness Week aimed to shine a spotlight on this crisis by building community support and engaging with government representatives to secure a commitment to end homelessness.

During the week homelessness services and community groups raised awareness of the impact of homelessness, and the solutions needed to end homelessness, and advocated for change through national and local community events.

There are a number great community organisations who provide vital services right across our region, making a real difference to those who are doing it tough.

Last week Wattle Tree House in Bathurst and the Orange Aboriginal Land Council hosted their annual sleepout at the Bathurst Sports Ground.

There was great food, music, games, face painting, and conversations.

While I was there, I spoke with two blokes who were about to become homeless and had been found a home by Wattle Tree House.

They move in this week – that's great work right there. I also met Anita Van Dartel from Mary MacKillop Today. Mary MacKillop Today promotes financial inclusion and offers fair and equitable credit to people with low incomes.

Anita wants the word to spread that Mary MacKillop Today now offers No Interest Loan Schemes (NILS) across Australia with offices across the Central West.

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## The Gee Report

Andrew Gee  
Federal Member for Calare

\* Borrow up to \$3000 for bond on a new rental property or for recovery from a natural disaster.

\* Borrow up to \$1000 for a phone, tablet and other small electronic devices.

\* NILS for Vehicles offers fee-free, interest free loans ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000 to help eligible individuals purchase a vehicle. Repayments are made in simple fortnightly instalments over a period of up to 48 months.

For details on these loans and other services call (02) 6331 2010 or email [info@mmtloans.org.au](mailto:info@mmtloans.org.au) \*\*\*

The 2025 theme for National Homelessness Week was "Homelessness Action Now" and although the week has ended I remain committed to working with our community organisations to support for those people currently experiencing homelessness and working on long term solutions to seeing the end of homelessness for good.  
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## Three great grant opportunities now open!

### Future2 "Make the Difference!" Grants

This grant provides funding for projects that improve financial wellbeing in our communities. More information can be found at: <https://future2foundation.org.au/grants/future2-make-the-difference-grants/>

### Rail Trails Australia Community Grants

This grant supports projects to enhance and promote our rail trails. More information can be found at: <https://www.railtrails.org.au/news/rtc-announces-2025-community-grants/>

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## with Mathew Dickerson, Axxis Comworld



SCREENS ARE such an embedded part of our lives that we rarely stop to consider just how far they've come.

Yet the leap we've just witnessed – from flat to foldable to rollable – marks a major milestone in how we interact with technology.

Let's rewind the tape (literally, for those who still remember VHS).

The first standard for high-quality electronic display was the cathode-ray tube (CRT). These chunky, heavy screens were the dominant format for televisions and computer monitors from the 1930s through to the early 2000s.

CRTs had staying power – they were the kings of clarity and colour in their day – but they were also physically enormous and increasingly impractical as technology advanced.

In the notebook space, the first leap away from CRTs came with monochrome LCD screens in the early 1980s. They were slim and portable – ideal for the early laptop format – but visually uninspiring, often

limited to black and green visuals.

They got the job done, but was like working through a window smeared with fog.

The arrival of colour LCDs in the late 1980s and early 1990s was a watershed moment.

Suddenly, laptops weren't just about convenience – they could compete with desktops on experience too. Over time, LCDs evolved into LED, OLED, AMOLED, and other brilliant display types, getting thinner, sharper, more power-efficient, and more vibrant.

At the same time, televisions were going through a metamorphosis of their own.

LCD and plasma screens replaced CRTs, paving the way for ultra-thin LED panels.

Televisions went from furniture-sized beasts to featherweight wall-hangers.

And then, in a moment that seemed straight out of a sci-fi flick, LG unveiled the world's first rollable OLED TV in 2019 – a screen that could unroll itself from a box like a futuristic scroll.

And just as a throwaway, let's not forget

mobile phones. From the iconic Motorola brick with its single-line LED display to modern smartphones with foldable, curved, or near bezel-less OLED screens, phones have showcased perhaps the most dramatic form factor changes of all.

Which brings us to the rollable laptop.

Lenovo has unveiled the ThinkBook Plus Gen 6 with a screen that physically grows.

At the press of a button, the 14-inch OLED display silently rolls upwards, transforming into a 16.7-inch vertical workspace.

It's not just a gimmick – the resolution expands from 2000×1600 to 2000×2350. The transformation takes about eight seconds, and the motor is nearly silent.

More screen space, better ergonomics, and no need for a second clunky monitor.

Personally, I love the idea.

When I'm at the office, I've got multiple 32-inch monitors giving me all the screen real estate I need. But when I'm on the road, I'm stuck with a single 15-inch screen in a motel room. To compensate, I

pack a second 15-inch portable display – but the extra device, cables and setting up is always a bit of a compromise.

A laptop with a built-in rollable display? That could be a game-changer for road warriors.

It's slightly heavier than a standard laptop due to the mechanical housing required for the screen but as with most tech, this will improve over time.

So, where to next?

If the past 100 years of screen evolution is any guide, expect more of the impossible to become possible.

We're likely to see fully flexible screens, wearable displays integrated into clothing, even holographic or projection-based screens that appear and disappear at will.

One day, perhaps, we'll look back at rollable screens the same way we now look at CRTs – quaint, limited, and laying the groundwork for something even greater.

For now, though, the future is rolling out – quite literally!

# Big afternoon celebration - Jespresso's 10th year

UPWARDS OF 60 loyal customers and friends helped Jess Gough celebrate her Jespresso Coffee business celebrate its 10th year of business last Saturday at the shop in Lee Street.

While it has been 10 years of coffee brewing, seven of these have been in Wellington, so many of Jess' friends and coffee followers from Orange and Dubbo were amongst guests, many of whom wore pink, being the Jespresso business trade colours.

During the afternoon with background musical entertainment from Alister Scott, a beautifully decorated anniversary cake made by Crème Patissiere, Dubbo, was cut and distributed among guests after Jess and Audrey welcomed all and gave a rundown of Jess' business history.

Jess sincerely thanked all of her loyal customers, and especially her parents Peter and Lyn, whom Jess said backed her all the way with any decisions she made.

Jess said that it was nice to be able to thank her customers who call into the shop on a daily basis, they were Jespresso's family.

Included in the speeches, Jess' daughter Audrey also welcomed everyone and hoped they would enjoy the party.

A barbecue lunch was provided by WOK's Catering.

In the seven years Jess Gough has been brewing coffee in Wellington, she has also started up several businesses - first with the original Jespresso at the Macquarie River end of Lee Street; Arthur View Cafe at 56 Lee Street, which is now the home Jespresso, and "Made in Wello", which she later sold.



ABOVE: Leon Gough with son, Peter, great-granddaughter Audrey Burfitt (7), granddaughter Jess and her mother Lyn all ready to cut the 10th anniversary cake on Saturday.



LEFT: Penny Cook is snapped with Megan Deval and Bec Mason.

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## Yeoval Central School Book Week



### 2025 BOOK WEEK PARADE

On Friday 8 August, Yeoval Central School celebrated its 2025 Book Week Parade with the theme 'Book an Adventure.'

The following students were recognised for their creative costumes:

#### K/1:

- 1st Place: Toretto
- 2nd Place: Navana

#### Year 2:

- 1st Place: Hudson
- 2nd Place: Ashley

#### Years 3/4:

- 1st Place: James
- 2nd Place: Brooke & Sophia

#### Years 5/6:

- 1st Place: Audrey

The first-place winners each received a \$10 book voucher, while the second-place winners got a \$5 book voucher. Additionally, Yeoval Preschool also took part in this year's Book Week Parade.

A big thank you to all students who donned their favourite costumes, and our judges for their efforts in making the difficult decisions!



## Around the electorate with our State Member Dugald Saunders



### Road safety grants

NSW CENTRE for Road Safety is calling for applications for the 2025 Community Road Safety Grants program.

Only community-based and charity organisations can apply, including incorporated community associations, community trusts, registered not-for-profits/charities and social enterprises.

The Community Road Safety Grants program helps community groups to implement small scale, local projects to increase road safety awareness and encourage safer behaviour on our roads.

Projects funded through the program will align with the 2026 Road Safety Action Plan and the Safe System approach to improving road safety.

Grants up to \$5000 are available for local community road safety projects to increase road safety awareness in specific community groups or locations.

A limited number of \$30,000 road safety grants are also available for larger projects which involve a broader reach within the

community.

To apply, submit your application online by September 15 using the SmartyGrants portal.

Further information at:  
[www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/community-community-grants](http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/community-community-grants)

### WAT funding boost

NSW's Wheelchair Accessible Taxi (WAT) fleet is expected to get a boost from operational support grants and a new round of interest-free loans.

The NSW Government is offering the \$2500 grant for eligible WAT vehicle owners to address the ongoing shortage of Wheelchair Accessible Taxis in the state.

It will help with the higher costs associated with operating a WAT vehicle on the road compared to a standard taxi and is now open for applications.

A new round of the Wheelchair Accessible Taxi Loan Scheme is also open to assist taxi operators to put new and additional accessible taxis into operation.

The maximum loan value increases to \$125,000, with the interest-free loans to fund the cost of purchasing, modifying and/or retrofitting a vehicle for use as a compliant WAT vehicle.

Wheelchair Accessible Taxis are an essential part of the NSW transport system and help people with disability to get to health appointments, engage in employment and education and participate in social activities.

Further details on both the operational support grants and the loan scheme are available on the Transport for NSW website:

[www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/programs/point-to-point-transport/accessible-point-to-point-transport-initiatives](http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/programs/point-to-point-transport/accessible-point-to-point-transport-initiatives)

### WOMEN OF THE YEAR

Nominations for the 2026 NSW Women of the Year Awards and grant applications to host Women's Week events in March next year are now open.

The awards, which are also a culmination

of NSW Women's Week, aim to recognise and celebrate incredible women who improve the lives of people in our state.

The Awards to be presented at the International Convention Centre, Sydney on Thursday 5 March 2026 are seeking nominations for women and girls until 9 September.

There are six categories including NSW Premier's Woman of Excellence, Community Hero, Young Woman of the Year (aged 16-30), Aboriginal Woman of the Year, Regional Woman of the Year and young girls (aged 7-15) can be nominated in the Ones-to-Watch award category.

Expressions of Interest for grants close 19 August with organisations hosting NSW Women's Week events able to apply for up to \$50,000.

Visit the NSW Women's Week webpage for more details: [www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/2026-nsw-womens-week](http://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/2026-nsw-womens-week)

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## INDEPENDENT FEDERAL MEMBER FOR CALARE

### RUNS ON THE BOARD FOR WELLINGTON

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

- ✓ Secured the Parliamentary Inquiry into the Disaster Response of Insurers
- ✓ \$2 billion for Great Western Highway upgrade
- ✓ \$2.02 million for replacing the Terrabella, Burrndong 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

## HOMELESSNESS WEEK SLEEPOUT!

Last week was Homelessness Week, and Wattle Tree House hosted its annual sleepout at Bathurst Sports Ground.

There was great food, music, games, face painting, and conversations. You could even pick up an awesome beanie and other goodies!

Wattle Tree House, Orange Local Aboriginal Land Council and many other community groups are making a real difference.

While I was there, I spoke with two local blokes who were about to become homeless and had been found a home by Wattle Tree House. They move in this week – that's great work right there.

I also met Anita Van Dartel from Mary MacKillop Today. Mary MacKillop Today promotes financial inclusion and offers fair and equitable credit to people with low incomes.

Anita wants the word to spread that Mary MacKillop Today now offers No Interest Loan Schemes (NILS) across Australia with offices throughout the Central West.

These loans do not attract interest and have no fees. Here are the details:

- ✓ Borrow up to \$2,000 for essentials such as appliances or furniture, car repairs, a new computer or laptop, or medical, dental, or vet expenses.

- ✓ Borrow up to \$3,000 for a rental bond or to support recovery from a natural disaster.

- ✓ Borrow up to \$1,000 for a phone, tablet, or other small electronic devices.

- ✓ NILS for Vehicles offers fee-free, interest-free loans ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000 to help eligible individuals purchase a vehicle. Repayments are made in simple fortnightly instalments over a period of up to 48 months.

For more information on these loans and other services:

PHONE: (02) 6331 2010

EMAIL: info@mmtloans.org.au



Andrew with Anita Van Dartel (right) from Mary MacKillop Today

## NEW LIFELINE HUB OPENS!

Recently, I joined the Mudgee community for the official opening of the Lifeline Central West Mudgee Hub.

It's a very important step in bolstering crisis support and mental health services in the area.

Special guest for the opening was former Wallabies captain Nick Farr-Jones who spoke passionately about the need for mental health support and for the community to get involved and volunteer.

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Lifeline Central West who continue to make a real difference to the lives of so many, right across our region.

Our sincere thanks to the staff and volunteers of Lifeline for all that they do.

Lifeline – 13 11 14



Andrew with Lifeline Central West CEO Stephanie Robinson and former Wallaby Nick Farr-Jones

## 10/10 FOR TEN4TEN!

It was a real pleasure welcoming Rose, Abby, Bianca, Harmony, Sofia, Lauren, Tully, Milo, Nina and Amelia to Parliament House as part of Regional Development Australia Central West's TEN4TEN Leadership Dialogue.

On the backstage tour, the underground tunnels were a clear highlight, and we had a great chat over lunch before a

lively Question Time. There was also a ministerial meeting and a catch-up with Bob Katter, which rounded out a memorable visit to Parliament House! A huge thank you to Katie, Lynda, and Josh for bringing these incredible young leaders to Canberra.

The future of the Central West is looking bright!



## LOCAL SPORT GRANT PROGRAM

The NSW Government's Local Sport Grant Program 2025 is now open, offering up to \$50,000 per state electorate to support grassroots sport.

Eligible local clubs can apply for \$2,000-\$20,000 for equipment, uniforms, facilities, and initiatives that boost participation and inclusion.

The aim of the grant is to boost lifelong participation in sport and active recreation, expand access for under-represented groups e.g. women and girls, culturally diverse communities, people with disability, First Nations peoples, LGBTQIA+ and support capacity-building, facility improvements, and long-term sustainability for local clubs.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 1:00PM, 18 AUGUST 2025

For guidelines and to apply, visit: [sport.nsw.gov.au/grants/local-sport-grant-program](http://sport.nsw.gov.au/grants/local-sport-grant-program)

## NSW WOMEN'S WEEK GRANTS

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available to support events and activities celebrating women and girls during NSW Women's Week (2-8 March 2026).

APPLY BY 11:59PM, 29 SEPTEMBER 2025

[nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/](http://nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/)  
[2026-nsw-womens-week](http://2026-nsw-womens-week)

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## GRANT FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR MEN'S SHEDS

Men's Sheds across Australia are invited to apply for funding through the National Shed Development Programme (NSDP).

This competitive grants program, delivered by the Australian Government Department of Health, Disability & Ageing and administered by the Australian Men's Shed Association (AMSA),

is open to all Men's Sheds—regardless of location or AMSA membership.

The NSDP provides direct financial support to:

- ✓ Improve the health and wellbeing of shed members
- ✓ Support the delivery of health-related programs and activities

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN. For more information and to apply, visit: <https://mensshed.org/for-mens-sheds/grant-funding>

- ✓ Upgrade facilities and equipment
- ✓ Enhance the long-term sustainability of Men's Sheds

This is a valuable opportunity for sheds to strengthen their role in supporting men's health and building community connections.

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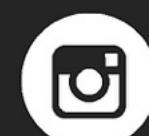
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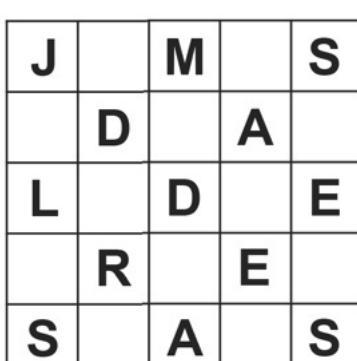
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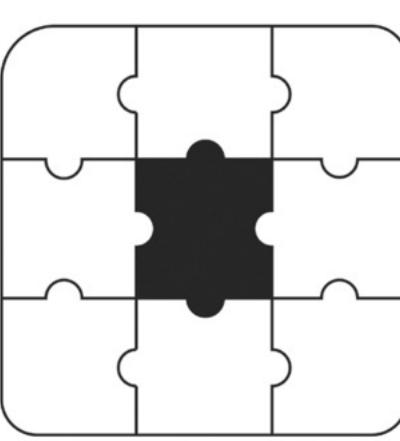
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**7flix** **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.15** Jabba's Movies. **1.45** My France With Manu. **2.40** Starstruck. **3.55** Australia's Got Talent. **5.45** MOVIE: Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs. (2009) **7.30** MOVIE: Evan Almighty. (2007) **9.30** MOVIE: Fun With Dick And Jane. (2005) Jim Carrey. **11.20** MOVIE: The Favourite. (2018) **1.40** Late Programs.

**9NEWS** **6.00** Morning Programs. **3.00** News. **3.30** If You're Listening. **3.50** News. **4.15** Planet America: Wknd Ed. **5.00** News. **5.30** Asia News Week. **6.00** Evening News. **6.30** Aust Story. **7.00** National News. **7.30** Back Roads. **8.00** News Tonight. **8.30** Stateline. **9.00** Nightly News. **9.30** Foreign Correspondent. **10.00** Late Programs.

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**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** Griff's Great American South. **3.15** Nigella Bites. **3.40** Martin Clunes: Islands Of The Pacific. **4.30** Joanna Lumley's Spice Trail Adventure. **5.30** Antiques Roadshow. **6.30** Compass. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30** Austin. **8.00** The Family Next Door. **8.55** Miss Austen. Final. **9.50** MOVIE: Puberty Blues. (1981) Nell Schofield. **11.15** Take 5 With Zan Rowe. **11.45** Late Programs.

**7two** **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.30** Discover. **2.00** South Aussie With Cosi. **2.30** The Great Australian Doorstep. **3.00** Your Money & Your Life. **3.30** The Zoo. **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.

**900 Entertains** **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.10** ER. **2.55** Heartbreak High. **3.40** A Bite To Eat. **4.05** Would I Lie To You? **4.40** MythBusters. **5.30** Car S.O.S. **6.15** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. **7.05** Claire Hooper's House Of Games. Final. **7.35** QI. **8.05** The Piano UK. **8.55** Planet America: Weekend Edition. **9.45** Late Programs.

**6.00** NBC Today. **7.00** Weekend Sunrise. **10.00** The Morning Show: Weekend. **11.30** Sunday Footy Feast. **12.30** Behind Behani. **1.00** To Be Advised. **4.00** Better Homes And Gardens. **5.00** Seven News At 5. **5.30** Sydney Weekender. **6.00** Seven News. **7.00** The Voice. **8.40** 7NEWS Spotlight. **9.40** 24 Hours In Police Custody. **10.40** Crime Investigation Australia: Most Infamous. **12.00** Jamestown. **2.00** Home Shopping. **3.30** Million Dollar Minute. **4.00** NBC Today. **5.00** Sunrise Early News. **5.30** Sunrise.

**7mate** **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.00** Mark Berg's Fishing Addiction. **2.00** Fishy Business. **2.30** AFL Pre-Game Show. **3.00** Football. AFL Round 23. Sydney v Geelong. **6.00** The Wash Up. **7.00** Border Security: Australia's Front Line. **8.30** MOVIE: Gladiator. (2000) Russell Crowe, Joaquin Phoenix. **11.40** Late Programs.

**900 Family** **6.00** Kids' Programs. **5.25** We're Going On A Bear Hunt. **5.55** Octonauts. **6.30** The Adventures Of Paddington. **6.50** Andy And The Band. **7.05** Do Not Watch This Show. **7.35** The Mysterious Benedict Society. **8.25** Fresh Off The Boat. **9.05** Abbott Elementary. **9.50** Speechless. **10.10** Merlin. **10.55** Late Programs.

**6.00** Morning Programs. **10.00** Wide World Of Sports. **11.00** NRL Sunday Footy Show. **11.45** Rugby League. NRL Women's Premiership. Round 7. Wests Tigers v St George Illawarra Dragons. **1.45** Rugby League. NRL Women's Premiership. Round 7. Sydney Roosters v Newcastle Knights. **3.30** Rugby League. NRL. Round 24. North Queensland Cowboys v Newcastle Knights. **6.00** 9News Sunday. **7.00** The Block. **8.40** 60 Minutes. **9.40** 9News Late. **10.10** Body In The Suitcase. **10.45** 10 News+. **12.00** Shopping. **2.00** Late Programs.

**7flix** **6.00** Flushed. **7.00** It's Academic. **8.30** Get Arty. **10.00** Behave Yourself. **11.00** Take Me Out. **1.35** Home And Away. **4.30** The Voice. **6.00** Gold Coast Ocean Rescue. **6.30** Puppy School. **7.30** Law & Order: Criminal Intent. **8.30** Law & Order: SVU. **10.30** Bones. **12.30** Lie To Me. **1.30** Alias. **3.00** Burn Notice. **5.00** American Crime.

**900 NEWS** **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.00** News. **2.30** Aust Story. **3.00** News. **3.30** Offsiders. **4.00** Landline. **5.00** ABC News With Auslan. **5.30** ABC News Regional. **6.00** ABC Evening News. **6.30** Stateline. **7.00** ABC National News. **7.30** Insiders. **8.40** If You're Listening. **9.00** ABC Nightly News. **9.30** Australian Story. **10.00** Late Programs.

**6.00** Mass. **6.30** Key Of David. **7.00** Joseph Prince. **7.30** Freshly Picked. **8.00** Roads Less Travelled. **8.30** 4x4 Adventures. **9.30** GCBC. **10.00** MasterChef Aust. **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. Return. **8.45** Watson. **9.45** FBI. **10.45** 10 News+. **12.00** Shopping. **2.00** Late Programs.

**10 drama** **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** Navigating The World. **12.00** JAG. **4.00** Pooches At Play. **4.30** Bondi Rescue. **5.00** IFISH. **5.30** JAG. **7.30** NCIS. **10.20** FBI: International. **11.15** Nancy Drew. **12.15** Home Shopping.

**6.00** Morning Programs. **12.00** WorldWatch. **12.30** PBS Washington Week. **1.00** Motor Racing. Hi-Tec Oils Super Series. **5.10** Going Places With Ernie Dinglo. **5.40** Kursk: 10 Days That Shaped Putin. **6.30** SBS World News. **7.30** Colosseum Rise And Fall. New. **9.25** Pompeii's Secret Underworld. **10.20** Tutankhamun: Secrets Of The Toxic Tomb. **11.15** Eva Longoria: Searching For Mexico. **1.35** 24 Hours In Emergency. **3.25** Wuthering Harlots: Pride And Prostitution. **4.20** Late Programs.

**10 comedy** **6.00** Deal Or No Deal. **8.00** Frasier. **10.00** Ridiculousness. **11.00** The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. **2.00** Ridiculousness. **3.00** Frasier. **4.00** Friends. **6.30** The Big Bang Theory. **9.35** Frasier. **10.30** Ridiculousness. **11.30** South Park. **12.30** Home Shopping. **1.30** South Park. **2.30** Home Shopping.

**VICELAND** **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.00** Jeopardy! **4.05** WorldWatch. **4.35** PBS Washington Week. **5.00** Kars & Stars. **5.50** Alone Sweden. **6.40** Abandoned Engineering. **8.30** The Sinking Of A Superyacht. **9.25** Great Australian Road Trips. **10.25** Forbidden History. **12.15** A Beginner's Guide To Grief. **1.35** Letterkenny. **2.05** Late Programs.



**6.00** Morning Programs. **10.00** Dr Ann's Secret Lives. **10.30** Midsomer Murders. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Landline. **2.00** Anh's Brush With Fame. **2.30** Back Roads. **2.55** Grand Designs. **3.45** Grand Designs Transformations. **4.40** 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** Four Corners. **9.15** Media Watch. **9.35** Planet America. **10.05** ABC Late News. **10.20** The Business. **10.40** A Life In Ten Pictures. **11.30** Late Programs.

**7two** **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.30** The Great Australian Doorstep. **2.00** Weekender. **2.30** The Yorkshire Steam Railway: All Aboard. **3.30** Harry's Practice. **4.00** The Zoo. **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** What The Killer Did Next. **11.30** 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? **4.35** 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** 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** To Be Advised. **2.35** Motorbike Cops. **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. **8.55** The Rookie. Return. **9.55** S.W.A.T. Return. **11.00** The Agenda Setters. **12.00** Gone. **2.00** Home Shopping. **4.00** NBC Today. **5.00** Sunrise Early News. **5.30** Sunrise.

**7mate** **6.00** Morning Programs. **3.00** Supercars C'ship. Support Races. Dunlop Series. H'lights. **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. **8.40** Contraption Masters. **9.25** 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** Get Arty. **9.00** Home Shopping. **10.30** House Rules: High Stakes. **12.00** Revenge. **3.00** The Voice. **4.55** 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** The Rising. **1.30** Alias. **2.30** Late Programs.

**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. **8.30** Deal Or No Deal. **9.00** Lingo. **10.00** Survivor: Australia V The World. **11.45** Ent. Tonight. **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. **9.00** Have You Been Paying Attention? **10.00** 10's Late News. **10.25** 10 News+. **11.25** Stephen Colbert. **12.30** Late Programs.

**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** Fire Country. **2.30** JAG. **4.30** Numb3rs. **5.30** JAG. **7.30** NCIS. **10.20** Fire Country. **11.15** SEAL Team. **12.15** Home Shopping.

**Gem** **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.00** World's Greatest Engineering Icons. **3.15** Antiques Roadshow. **3.45** MOVIE: The Man In The White Suit. (1951) **5.30** Yorkshire Auction House. **6.30** Antiques Roadshow. **7.30** Death In Paradise. **8.40** Recipes For Love And Murder. **9.40** Harry Wild. **10.50** The Closer. **11.50** Late Programs.

**6.00** Morning Programs. **12.10** WorldWatch. **2.00** Brendan Gleeson's Farewell To Hughes. **3.10** Grand Tours Of Scotland's Rivers. **3.45** The Cook Up. **4.15** Secrets Of The Royal Palaces. **5.05** Jeopardy! **5.30** Letters And Numbers. **6.00** Mastermind Australia. **6.30** SBS World News. **7.35** Portugal With Michael Portillo. **8.25** Abandoned Railways From Above. **9.20** Britain's Most Beautiful Road. **10.15** SBS World News Late. **10.45** Classified. **11.35** A Criminal Affair. **11.55** Blackport. **2.00** Late Programs.

**10 comedy** **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.30** The King Of Queens. **2.00** 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. **10.00** Becker. **10.30** Frasier. **11.30** Late Programs.

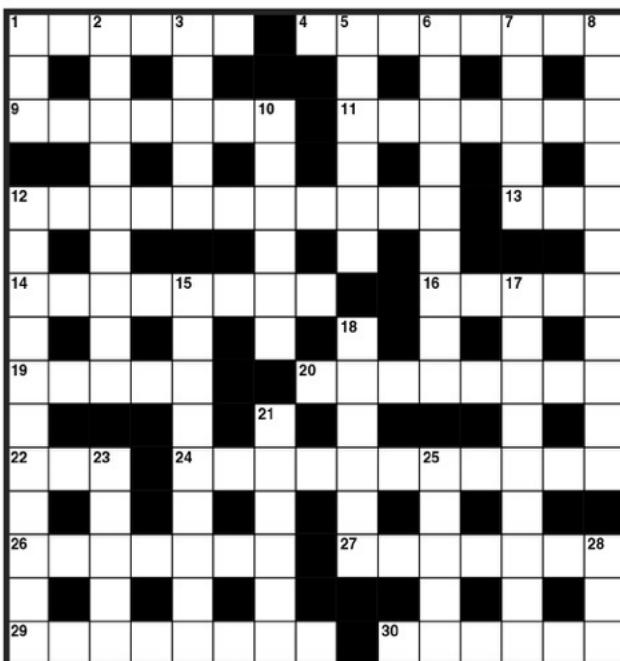
**VICELAND** **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.25** Roswell: The First Witness. **3.20** Wine Lovers' Guide. **3.50** WorldWatch. **5.45** The Fast History Of. **6.10** New York Super Airport. **7.05** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** Jon Richardson: Knitwit. **9.25** Never Mind The Buzzcocks. **10.05** Late Programs.



**6.00** Morning Programs. **10.00** Australian Story. **10.30** Compass. **11.05** Miss Austen. Final. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Countdown 50 Years On. **2.50** Grand Designs. **3.40** Grand Designs Transformations. **4.45** Long Lost Family. **5.30** Antiques Roadshow. **6.30** Hard Quiz. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30**. **7.30**. **8.00** Foreign Correspondent. **8.30** Dr Ann's Secret Lives. Final

# PUZZLES

## CROSSWORD



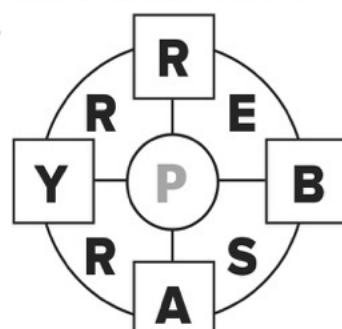
### ACROSS

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4 Rant and rave (8)  
9 Traditional English sponge cake (7)  
11 Imbricate (7)  
12 Souvenirs (11)
- 13 Firearm (3)  
14 Arduous (8)  
16 Capital territory of India (5)  
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20 Influenza strain (5,3)  
22 Phone program (3)  
24 Reciprocal (11)

### 9-LETTER

No. 135

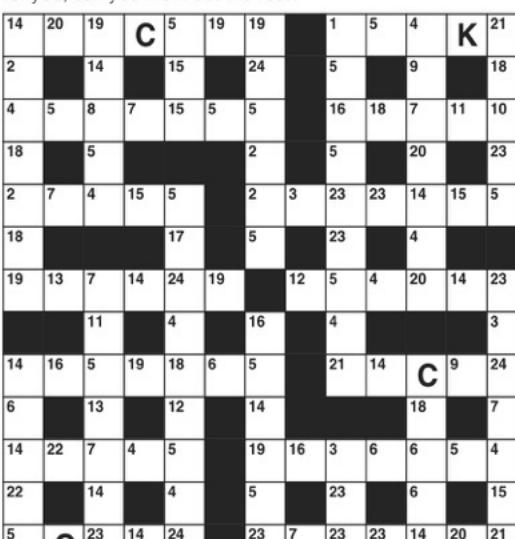
Using the nine letters in the grid, how many words of four letters or more can you list? The centre letter must be included and each letter may only be used once. No colloquial or foreign words. No capitalised nouns, apostrophes or plural words ending in "s".



Today's Aim:  
18 words: Good  
27 words: Very good  
38 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:

14 = A, 15 = G, 16 = W, 17 = X, 18 = Q, 19 = S, 20 = B, 21 = Y, 22 = Z, 23 = L, 24 = T, 25 = C, 26 = K.

ANSWERS: 1 = J, 2 = P, 3 = I, 4 = R, 5 = E, 6 = M, 7 = U, 8 = F, 9 = H, 10 = D, 11 = N, 12 = V, 13 = Q.

## QUICK QUIZ

- Who wrote and directed the film *Inception*?
- What common pet goes by the Latin name *Cavia porcellus*?
- What nationality was Nostradamus?
- In which state did Julia Gillard attend high school?
- What is the name of the protagonist in Charles Dickens' *Great Expectations*?
- What does the acronym of the company IBM stand for?
- What city is the capital of the Solomon Islands?
- Which architect is credited with the design of the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum in New York City?
- For what is Robert Baden-Powell noted?
- What is US musical artist Lady Gaga's (pictured) real name?



No. 135

## WORDFIT

3 LETTERS      5 LETTERS

ADO      TREK

ALL      AGENT

APT      ALLAY

ASH      ALLOT

BRA      ALOUD

CUE      ARCED

DDT      ARGUE

DOG      ASIDE

DOT      BALED

EAT      CACAO

EGO      CAPES

ERA      CARGO

GEE      CASTS

HOP      CEASE

LEG      CHIDE

LSD      CUTER

ORE      DOTES

PAN      DROLL

RIB      ENSUE

RUE      ERASE

SUE      FINER

THE      GENES

TOT      GLUED

4 LETTERS

BEST      GREAT

CAGE      HEEDS

CEDE      MANGE

COST      OASES

DEER      ODDER

EARL      ONSET

FLAK      OPERA

GARB      OUTDO

REEL      PASTA

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TOTS      STOOG

6 LETTERS

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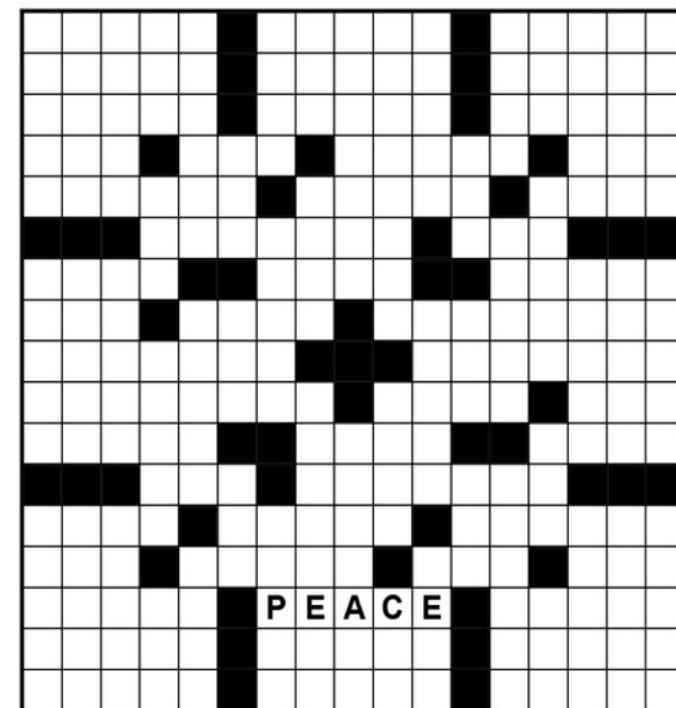
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ADDITION

ENDANGER

GUERRILLA

RESIDENT

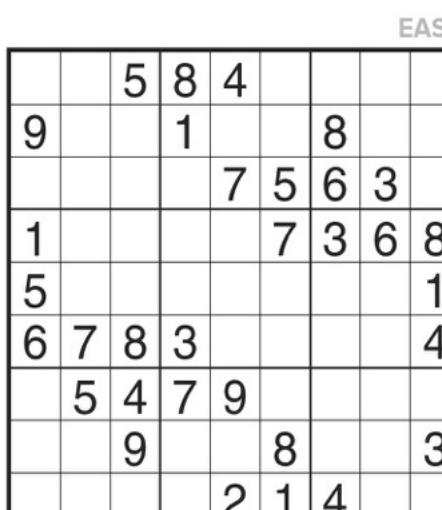


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No. 085

## 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.

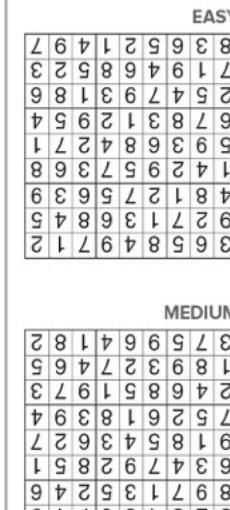


No. 135

### EASY



### MEDIUM



### SOLUTIONS



## WORD SEARCH

No. 045

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



ALBANIA	MALTA
ANDORRA	MOLDOVA
AUSTRIA	MONACO
BOSNIA	NORWAY
CZECH REPUBLIC	POLAND
DENMARK	PORTUGAL
ESTONIA	ROMANIA
FINLAND	RUSSIA
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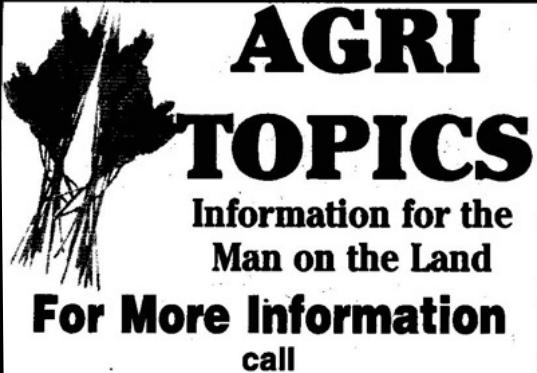
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The past week saw coolish mornings and warm days. This week should be similar with a chance of showers on Saturday and Sunday.

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**VETCH** A LOT of interest was shown in vetch at a recent dual cropping forum. There are three species but for mixed farming in Wellington we would choose Common Vetch. Sow in March with say, oats and with rain will show vigorous growth, and being a legume will pump nitrogen into soil. Cut for hay early to mid-September. It is necessary to cut before pod formation and will also remove weeds such as rye grass, before setting seed. You will get grazing from late autumn till August. Vetch is a high-quality feed with high protein levels and metabolisable energy with biomass retained in the hay. It has become a valuable part of NSW farming systems primarily for its feed/hay value and rotational benefits. GRDC has guides for information

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**LIME**:- Soil acidity is common in Eastern Australia. Soil becomes more acidic due to acidifying processes of the nitrogen cycle and removal of agricultural produce. To address the acidification, lime (calcium carbonate) is added to soil. With traditional farming it's recommended to apply 2.5t/ha lime every 8 to 10 years and to maintain soil pH of above 5 (ideal between 5.6 and 6.5 in the 0 to 10cm surface layer). As calcium carbonate (lime) is no-soluble, lime must be worked in to 10cm then picks up moisture to become calcium bi-carbonate giving the ability to move in the soil and improve the pH. Acidification needs to be monitored and managed by soil sampling in 5cm intervals to a depth of 20cm. This will arm growers with the confirmation of the effectiveness of their acid soil management strategies.

### Markets at a glance

**CATTLE**. DBO 7th. 7480, up 3020. Vealers and yearlings firm, 360c to 490c/kg. Feeder heifers up to 12c dearer, steers 440c to 536c, heifers to 475c/kg. Young cattle to restockers considerably dearer, steers to 608c, heifers to 548c/kg. Grown steers, heifers firm, steers 390c to 497c/kg, heifers 420c to 478c/kg. Cows 21c to 27c cheaper, 2 and 3 scores 250c to 367c/kg. Heavy cows 365c to 420c, ave 390c/kg. Cows to restockers 242c to 385c/kg. Heavy bulls to 404c/kg.

**GRAINS**. Markets have steadied after recent rainfall. Supply looks to be almost locked-in, but concerns about demand for US grains due to Trump's aggressive trade policies. NSW markets are back, buyers factor in a big crop currently \$325/t wheat, \$300/t barley. Domestic market being held up by livestock sellers pushing grain into stock.

**SHEEP**. DBO 11th. 9950 sheep +2750; 28,170 lambs + 4620. Light lambs to processors \$15 cheaper, 12 to 18kg 2-scores \$106 to \$196. Trade new season firm to \$5 cheaper, \$172 to \$290. Trade old lambs \$7 to \$15 cheaper, 20kg to 24kg \$170 to \$300. Heavy to \$22 cheaper, over 24kg \$35. to \$410. Heavy new season to \$320. Merino lambs cheaper, trade weights \$170 to \$263. Heavy Merino lambs to \$301. Young Merino lambs to restockers firm \$90 to \$221. Hoggets firm to \$3.44.

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### Stock report by Ross Plasto

DUBBO CATTLE sale yarded 7480. Good numbers of prime cattle in all sections to suit processors, backgrounders and feeders. Large numbers of cows. Not all regular buyers operating, some southern processors choosing not to bid though there was extra restocker support from the New England. Young cattle to trade around firm, vealers and yearlings 360c to 490c/kg. Feeder steers and heifers up to 12c dearer, steers 440c to 536c, heifers 384c to 475c/kg. Young cattle to restockers considerably dearer, steers to 608c, heifers to 548c/kg. Grown steers and heifers firm, steers 390c to 497c/kg, heifers 420c to 478c/kg. Cows 21c to 27c cheaper, 2 and 3 scores 250c to 367c/kg. Heavy cows 365c to 420c, ave 390c/kg. Cows to restockers 242c to 385c/kg. Heavy bulls to 404c/kg.

Dubbo Sheep yarded 28,170 lambs. Good selection of trade and heavy weights throughout.

Also good numbers of Merino lambs, some in plainer condition. Not all regular buyers operating with a major southern export processor closed for maintenance. Light lambs to processors \$15 cheaper, 12kg to 18kg 2-scores \$106 to \$196. Trade weight new season lambs firm to \$5 cheaper, \$172 to \$290, ave 1110 to 1190c/kg cwt. Trade old lambs \$7 to \$15 cheaper, 20kg to 24kg \$170 to \$300, ave 1100c to 1180c/kg cwt. Heavy lambs up to \$22 cheaper, over 24kg \$255 to \$410, ave 1170c/kg cwt. Heavy new season to \$320. Merino lambs up to \$22 cheaper, trade weights \$170 to \$263. Heavy Merino lambs to \$301. Young lambs to restockers firm, \$90 to \$221. Hoggets firm to \$344/head.

Mutton. 9950 mixed where most grades \$7 to \$15 cheaper. Merino ewes \$110 to \$290, crossbred ewes \$150 to \$290. Merino wethers \$112 to \$280, most sheep ave 715c to 795c/kg cwt.

No wool report this week.

### Labor's agriculture roundtable all talk, no action

LABOR'S agriculture productivity roundtable must help, not hinder, the agriculture sector, says leader of The Nationals David Littleproud.

He feared farmers would end up being the target of higher taxes and green and red tape, with the agriculture industry forced to bear the brunt of Labor's ideology.

"Labor can ease the burden farmers are facing at its roundtable, starting with ditching its terrible new superannuation tax plan, which will target farms worth more than \$3 million in self-managed super funds (SMSFs) and force farmers to sell their land, instead of passing it onto families," Mr Littleproud said.

"Many families previously set up SMSFs as their future retirement and for succession planning, unaware Labor could come for their assets. Labor can't even tell us how many primary producers, small and family business owners will be impacted.

"Less farmland means less supply, and when supply goes down, prices go up."

"What remains of farmland also risks being cut up with renewables, or facing unwanted rules."

"Under Labor, we now have an extra 5000 pieces of regulation. Labor must fix its reckless race to renewables and create an energy mix."

"We are concerned the Prime Minister and the Treasurer are building the ground for higher taxes on farmers and more union influence."

"Our farmers can't afford to pay more or be taxed more, because input costs and material costs are already too much."

"Under Labor, electricity is up 32

per cent and gas up 30pc. Despite productivity gains, there is a cost squeeze, which impacts supply chains."

"We also need to protect our strong biosecurity, rather than trading it away in a potential deal for the Prime Minister to win favour with US President Donald Trump."

"We need to have confidence in the imports entering Australia, but Labor is unwilling to have an independent science review for transparency and assurance. The independent Inspector General of Biosecurity, this year, recommended independent scientific reviews of import risk assessments."

"The value of agriculture production is forecast to be \$91 billion in 2025-26."

"But Labor is stifling the inputs into agriculture, including creating worker shortages on our farms by refusing to reinstate the Agriculture Visa, while also failing to fix its unworkable Pacific Australia Labour Mobility Scheme, which can't get enough workers to get food from paddock to plate."

"When regional Australia does well, all of Australia does well. If Labor is serious about making life easier for our farmers, it needs to implement policies which will give farmers hope and confidence."

Orange cherry farmer Fiona Hall said farmers aware continuing to see their margins squeezed.

"If farming becomes unviable, it flows on to local jobs, tourism and small business. We need policies that give farmers the confidence to invest and the tools to keep producing world class food."

### Around the tracks with Col Hodges

#### Louth washout

DESPITE THE Louth meeting being called off on Saturday morning due to a wet track, a huge crowd stayed on to enjoy the afternoon at the iconic outback venue.

First prize for the Calcutta winner of the Yabby race was a staggering \$7000 while the Calcutta held the previous night on the Louth race (bidders money later refunded) had a record final pool of \$28,000 with a first prize of \$20,000.

Best news is that the famous Louth races for 2026 are now less than 12 months away!

#### Racing at Dubbo

TRACEY BARTLEY, a former top jockey and now successful trainer at Wyong, landed a winning double, Cuban Cigar and Mabel, last Sunday at Dubbo.

The well named Cuban Cigar (by Churchill) looked an outstanding prospect for the future when winning the 1100 metres Peacockes Solicitors Super Maiden Plate.

A three-year-old gelding, Cuban Cigar (\$4.40) was at debut and after being near last turning for home, under skilful riding by Mitchell Bell, weaved through the big field then finished fast to win by a length from King Jerry (Shae Wilkes, \$14) and Supreme Style (Siena Grima, \$2.60 favourite).

Aaron Bullock was aboard the other Bartley winner, the seven-year-old mare Mabel which had won six races and over \$400,000 prizemoney, prior to Dubbo.

Finishing well, on the inside, Mabel (\$3 fav) scored by a half-length from Enterprise Legend (Winona Costin, \$4) and Midnight Dream (Siena Grima, \$8.50) in the 1100m GM Specialty Vehicles Handicap.

A winning double also for Mudgee trainer Mack Griffith who won the opening races with Silent Ace (Jake Pracey-Holmes) which led throughout as a \$31 outsider in the 1300m Barnson Maiden Handicap, and Crown Legend (Aaron Bullock) a \$4.20 chance in the 1600m Orana Mall Benchmark 58 Handicap.

Orange based apprentice Jordan Quince is building momentum in the apprentice jockey ranks and the first leg of a double was the Brett Robb trained Deion in the 1400m Active Earth Landscape Supplies Handicap

Headed in the straight by Kranich (Chad Lever, \$1.65 fav), Deion (\$5.50 to \$7.50) fought back to win by a half-neck with over two lengths to the third-placed Lockdown Gamble (Aaron Bullock, \$5).

The promising Wonder Step (Jordan Quince, \$6 to \$3.90) came from the back of the field with a big run down the outside to beat Nova Centauri (Reece Jones, \$9.50) and the leader Signatories (Mitchell Bell, \$11) in the 1100m Pink Angels Benchmark 58 Handicap.

Making it three wins in succession the Garry Lunn trained Bonnie And Bruce was again very well ridden by leading apprentice Siena Grima in the 1400m Western Olains Automotive Class 2 Handicap.

From the outside barrier in a big field, Bonnie And Bruce (\$8) travelled in a handy position behind the leaders before finishing best for a convincing win over Fantasy Crowned (Leeshelle Small, \$12) and Highland Eightee (Grant Buckley, \$4 fav).

Resuming from a spell and in a shorter than favourable distance, the Connie Greig trained Mrs Bull sprung a surprise when winning the 1100m Tracserv Country Boosted BM 58 Handicap.

Tackling the leaders halfway down the straight, Mrs Bull (\$26) finished gamely to win by a half-length from Grins (Tilly McCarroll, \$20) and Canny Prospect (Grant Buckley, \$15).

A six-year-old chestnut mare, Mrs Bull has been a good money-spinner for the Greig stable with four wins and 25 placings from 47 starts.

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Racing at Gilgandra (Collie Cup) on Saturday and Bathurst on Monday.

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# Wellington Public School

## Year 6 Canberra Excursion



# Junior Warriors - Jo Ivey photos

IT WAS another chilly start, but the sun soon came out for a great day of soccer in Wellington on Saturday.

The Warriors teams played at home, with plenty of smiles, focus, and teamwork on display.

Photos capture the action from our youngest players right through to our older age groups, showcasing the talent and enthusiasm across all levels.

**Katrina Gersbach**



# Redbacks claim strong wins in junior rugby

IT WAS a big weekend for the Wellington Redbacks, with mixed results across the grades.

The Under 12s scored a convincing home-ground victory over third-placed Forbes, running out 42–21 winners.

Geordie, Braxton, and Eli each crossed for a try, while Albert powered over the line three times. Jasper converted one try, with Diesel adding five successful kicks.

Best-and-fairest points went to Oli (3), Alia (2), and Will (1).

The 12s remain in sixth position and will look to build on the win with another home game this weekend against Orange Emus Green.

The Under 14s travelled to Orange City and were beaten

right on the final whistle, going down 27–24 in a nail-biter.

Riley and Gabriel both scored a try apiece, while Hugh crossed twice. Riley converted two tries.

The team remains comfortably in fourth place on the ladder and will enjoy a bye this weekend.

Meanwhile, the Wallas travelled to Parkes for their Gala Day on Sunday, with Wellington fielding two teams for each grade.

It was a great day of development for all ages, with the Under 10s taking on the challenge of playing on a full field.

Excitement is already building for next year, when they will step up to compete in the Under 12s competition.

**Seniors eye grand final spot but need a win against Blayney**

In the Seniors' first round of finals, the Redbacks faced the Geurie Goats in Geurie in a bruising, high-contact contest.

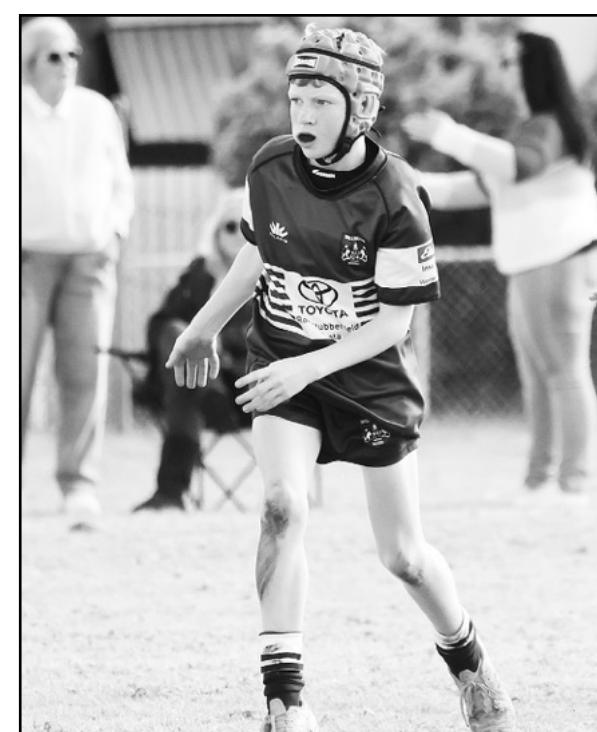
The match stayed tight until the end, but Wellington fell just short, 26–23.

Dan, Cameron, and Jeremy all scored tries, with Jack converting one and slotting two penalty goals.

The Redbacks now face Blayney in a must-win final to keep their grand final hopes alive.

**Carmen Gain**

## U12s Redbacks - Alisha Spradbrow photos



# Junior Redbacks - Carmen Gain photos





## Golfing News

IT'S BEEN a big week of golf on Wellington's great course with plenty of winners and of course there had to be some losers.

Last Sunday's Wellington Mowers and Chainsaws Par 3 Championships were played in four grades.

A grade attracted plenty of golfers thinking they were a chance of winning, but Kurt Cusack showed them a clean pair of heels to finish with 81 off the stick.

Handicap winner was Patrick Slack-Smith with 86nett.

B grade's David Naveau gave a chipping lesson to claim the winner's prize with 92 off the stick, while handicap winner was Peter Holden with 79nett.

In C grade Peter Payne came away with the win with a 105 off the stick, with Ashley Bullock with 87nett the handicap winner.

Ladies' winner was Wendy Slack-Smith who was too consistent for the field, her final score 108 off the stick. Handicap winner was Cheryl Royal with 79nett.

Final of the Cornish Trophy was played last Saturday with the team of John Gersbach and Peter Holden, who had inside information, taking on Rod Miller and Paul West

The match was a close affair early, but as play went on John and Peter just became

## John Gersbach and Peter Holden take out Cornish Trophy

too consistent, gaining a 3 and 2 victory.

Congratulations to both teams on making the Final and many thanks to the Marie and Peter Cornish for the sponsorship of this event for more than 10 years.

Also last Saturday, an Individual Stableford was played with the winner being Josh Bullock on a countback finishing with 38pts.

Runner-up was Ben Charlton from Dubbo Golf Club also with 38pts.

Prize winners were Brad Conn 37pts; Peter Holden 36pts; Paul Hannelly, Malcolm Payne, David O'Brien, Daniel James Smith, Dubbo, James Cusack, Charles-town, 35pts; Mitchell Cusack 34pts; Nathan Stewart 33pts; David Naveau, Ashley Bullock 31pts on a countback.

Nearest the pins on the 3rd Zac McManus, 8th James Cusack, 14th Joe Ryan, 16th Richard Agar.

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

Jespresso Cafe longest drives went to Matt Ringland in A grade and Zac McManus in B grade.

Brent Eather Encouragement award was taken out by Amie Ringland who enjoyed herself, although only finishing with 14pts, she did save a few gentlemen who didn't have the best of days either.



Cornish Trophy finalists, Rod Miller, Paul West, Marie Cornish, John Gersbach, Peter Holden.

Wednesday's Ladies golf day included the August Monthly Medal with

Jan Payne the winner after out-playing all, and being the only player to shoot under her handicap - final score 69nett.

Runner-up was Denise Haesler who put together a decent round to finish with a 74nett.

Prize winners were, Carmel Cohen, Wendy Slack-Smith 75netts on a countback.

Putting Competition was shared between Kathy Martin and Denise Haesler with 29. NTP went to Marg Hollow.

Thursday's Individual Stableford, and no surprises as to the winner. Joe Ryan finishing with 37pts, while runner-up was James Armstrong 36pts and a big smile.

Prize winners were John Gersbach 35pts, Blake Whiteman 30pts on a countback.

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