

ACROSS THE BOARD

WORLD



Jenny Templeton, a long time NSW Scrabble player seen here with Gout Gout the Australian sprinter with a string of records to his name. Jenny's son is Gout Gout's manager and invited her to attend the recent World Athletic Championships in Tokyo.

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7 February 2026

Rules Change - Declaring Blanks

Effective immediately

- 7.1 Blanks must be declared in writing on a neutral sheet of paper (such as a results slip). Where both blanks occur in the same word, their order must be made clear, on the paper used.
- 7.2 The player of a blank must record it before pressing the clock. If they do not, the opponent may immediately restart that player's clock, requesting that the blank be properly declared.

World Youth Championship

(Kuala Lumpur)

Congratulations to Oscar Ivanovski in achieving 11th place against very commendable opposition.

Thank you to Karen Richards (CASPA Coach), Tony Hunt, Tisa Ng and all those friends and parents attended with the children to enable this to happen.

Full Australian standing - Quota players:
Ashwin Page 64; Jithuni Vidanaparath 170th;
Kelvin Korn 88th; Nathan Tang 102; Oscar Ivanovski 11; Ryder Lo 84.

Other Australian players: Alvin Korn 147;
Danira de Silva 204; Hugh Boveington 210;
Justin Eng 190; Oliver Klistorner 149;
Phi Long Ma 192; Samuel Pizzano 178;
Shukanya Prachi 143.

Australian Women's Championship

Congratulations to Sally Martin (WA as the new Champion). There were players from all over Australia and from New Zealand with some of the *across the ditch* players ensuring a tough contest.

This event was held as part of the Festival of Scrabble in Townsville and nearby Magnetic Island. Two one-day events on Magnetic Island and the Queensland Championships back in Townsville completed the 9-day event which was an outstanding success, in part due to the wonderful weather conditions of northern Queensland at that time of the year

and the great organisation by the Queensland committee.

Let's hear it for more "Scrabble festivals".

Masters / State Challenge

Congratulations to Andrew Fisher, Masters Champion for the 4th time (2009, 2017 and 2018). And to the Victorian State Team of Oscar Ivanovski, Carol Johnsen and Nat Podesser for taking out the State Challenge Championship.

Thanks to Edward Okulicz and Naweene Fernando for their organisation of the event at the Oakwood Hotel in the Melbourne Dockyards which proved to be a very popular venue for this prestigious event. Streaming of Masters' games proved very popular.

Scrabble Championship (WESPAC)

Airport City, Accra, Ghana

To be held from 12th-15th November (before ATB goes to press). As part of the Australian quota, we wish the following players the best of luck: Karen Richards; Kashi Ross; Paul Richards; Russell Honeybun; Susan Rayner

WESPA - Biennial General Meeting

This meeting will be held on 15 November with elections occurring for Treasurer, Secretary and Committee positions. The only nomination for Chair is Lukeman Olowabi (Liberia) to take over from Chris Lipe (USA) whilst Chris has nominated for the role of Secretary.

I have once again nominated for the role of Secretary (held for the past 6 years) and I am pleased to report that Karen Richards has nominated for a position on the Executive Committee. Karen of course has always been heavily involved in the WESPA Youth sub-committee.

Office Holder Nominations

Every year, prior to the National Championship, each CASPA Officer position becomes vacant. If you would like to nominate for any of the positions indicated on page 2 of this publication, then direct your intention to the CASPA Coordinator

COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIAN SCRABBLE PLAYERS' ASSOCIATIONS (CASPA)



All the Presidents: Standing: Bob Jackman (New South Wales); Jane Taylor (South Australia); Geoff Shephard (Western Australia); Jonathan Ford-King (Tasmania); Paul Richards (Queensland); Tim Reddan (Australian Capital Territory); Nick Ivanovski (Victoria) Seated: Carol Johnsen - Coordinator

Australian Masters



Andrew Fisher, overall winner of the 2025 Australian Masters with 15 wins out of 24 games.

Past winners were:

2005	Trevor Halsall
2006	Bob Jackman
2007	Naween Fernando
2008	David Eldar
2009	Andrew Fisher
2010	Peter Kougi
2011	Edward Okulicz
2012	Edward Okulicz
2013	Alastair Richards
2014	Cameron Farlow
2015	Naween Fernando
2016	Joanne Craig
2017	Andrew Fisher
2018	Andrew Fisher
2019	Chris May
2020	NOT PLAYED DUE TO COVID
2021	NOT PLAYED DUE TO COVID
2022	Naween Fernando
2023	Edward Okulicz
2024	David Eldar

Scrabble History Now On YouTube

Some of you may recall Scrabble NSW producing twin DVDs entitled *Australian Scrabblers At Home and Abroad* which encapsulated the history of Scrabble in Australia up to 2007 as seen on TV News reports and various other special productions.

This priceless footage is now in the process of being transferred to You Tube with the first seven discreet items transferred, and a further eight to follow.

Josh Watt has set up a You Tube channel called Scrabble Australia where this footage is being archived. It is hoped that suitable content will be continually added. Submissions from other States will always be welcome.

The historical segments added so far are:

- TV News Reports of Australian Championships 1990-2007
- TV News Reports of International Tournaments 1993-2002
- TV News Reports of NSW Tournaments
- Scrabble Tidbits
- Today Show Report of 1997 Sydney Winter Masters

- 7.30 Report of 1999 World Championship in Melbourne
- Special feature on 2005 Ulladulla Championship

To access this footage on your device type in <https://www.youtube.com/@ScrabbleAustralia> If you then subscribe to Scrabble Australia you will then be able to easily locate all segments added in future.

Or scan QR Code below>



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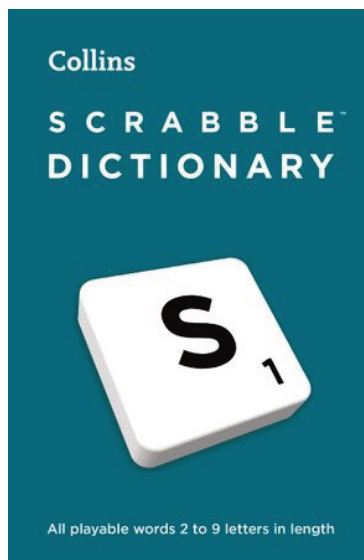
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State Challenge



... and the winners are – Vic Team: Oscar Ivanovski, Carol Johnsen, Nat Podesser



ACT Team: Tim Reddan, Rex Shakespeare, Caroline Scowcroft (not pictured)



NSW Team: *Graham Lock Lee, Garth van Vliet, Greg Pinchbeck*



Qld Team: *Paul Richards, Julie Brice, Sheryl Davidson*



SA Team: Angie Pearse, Antony Kimber, Françoise Finlayson



Tas Team: Lynne Jarvis, Jonathan Ford-King, Margaret Bishop



WA Team: Ben Lee, Sally Martin, Geoff Shephard



Live streaming of a game between Rod Talbot and Naween Fernando at the Australian Masters

Around the States

ACT

Put the Australian Championship and Plate into your diary, Easter 2026 Canberra, 4th, 5th, and 6th of April 2026 Eastlake Football Club

Full details full page advert elsewhere in this publication. See you there.

Upcoming Tournaments

2026 January 17 ~ Canberra Southern Cross Club ~ Tim Reddan ~ 02 6179 5000 ~ treddan@iinet.net.au

February 21 ~ Canberra Southern Cross Club ~ Tim Reddan ~ 02 6179 5000 ~ treddan@iinet.net.au

March 7 ~ Canberra Southern Cross Club ~ Tim Reddan ~ 02 6179 5000 ~ treddan@iinet.net.au

April 4-6 (3 days) Australian Championship and Plate ~ Canberra Southern Cross Club ~ Tim Reddan ~ 02 6179 5000 ~ treddan@iinet.net.au

Check website for more details:
www.scrabble.org.au/events/calendar.shtml

New South Wales

Club News

No new clubs have come on board since the last issue, but interest has been expressed in forming affiliated clubs at St Marys, Mona Vale and Berowra. Maitland club has been moved to unaffiliated status due to its inability to supply four members, the requirement in NSW for affiliation status. Scrabble NSW carries the insurance liability of its members and affiliated clubs, of which there are now 18. A new membership card is being developed to simplify the process of joining players in affiliated clubs who attend more than once. This will depend on the co-operation of the club co-ordinator.

AGM

The AGM of Scrabble NSW was held during lunchtime of Day 2 of the State Championships on 5th October. We thanked Graeme Lock Lee for his efforts while on the committee and welcomed in his place Victor Tung. No

nominations were received for the position of Vice President which has been left vacant.

The Epping Club Experiment

The format of the Epping Club competition held on Sunday 2nd November proved successful, and one that could be duplicated in future events, especially where Scrabble NSW runs the event on behalf of the host club.

In this event there was a rated Social Division, essentially for lower rated members, social members and newbies. In the Social Division, access to 2 letter words was allowed, the games were untimed and flat boards were used. It was found that three games could be comfortably played by the social group in the time it took the other Division to play 4 games. This meant that everyone broke for lunch at the same time and everyone finished at the same time, leading to only one set of presentations.

It is hoped to duplicate this format with a tournament hosted by Newcastle Club early in 2026

State Championship Summary

37 players attended the three-day event at Revesby Workers Club with a further 24 attending the one-day event on the Sunday. Edward Okulicz from Victoria won the event for the third consecutive year, with Graeme Lock Lee winning the one day event. Nathan Tang, one of Sydney's youth brigade took out the Joan Rosenthal award for the second year running, gaining 443 ratings points over the 12 months culminating in the State championship

Results, Facebook Event posts, Calendar, Achievements and You Tube

To access results of all NSW tournaments held in 2025 click on the green All Results button on our Home Page at <https://scrabble.org.au/nsw>

To view Facebook presentations including winners photos, click on the Facebook link at the bottom of the home page. Ashfield Tournament, Burwood Ratings Improvers, NSW Championship, Spring Marathon and Epping from the last quarter are all included .



Late inclusion: The winners at the Lake Macquarie Spring tournament. L-R: Colleen Birch; Denise Smith, Rod Talbot, Jean Noonan and Bob Jackman. Full report next edition.

To view a calendar of upcoming events at Sutherland and Bundanoon, Burwood (Janboree), and Revesby (CSIM) click on the green Calendar button on the home page

To view Achievements of NSW players, click on the red Player Achievements on the home page

To view You Tube clips of historical Scrabble footage, plus Shorts of local events at Epping Club, click on the You Tube link at the bottom of the Home Page

Upcoming Tournaments

Sutherland 6 December 2025

Bundanoon 13 December 2025

JanBoree 10 January 2026

CSIM 24-25 January 2026

Wollongong TBA February 2026

Matchplay Qualifier TBA February 2026

Bomaderry TBA March 2026

Lake Macquarie Autumn 21 March 2026

Check website for more details:

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Queensland

Queensland ran tournaments in Townsville, Toowoomba, Noosa and Brisbane during the last quarter. Queensland players also competed overseas with six at the World Seniors event in Berlin and five at the Continental Championship in Budapest. Karen Richards was awarded the 2025 Seniors 70 to 74 World Championship. Carmel Dodd was the highest finishing Australian in the World Seniors Championship. (her age group was won by Mike Baron USA who finished second overall)

Three Queenslanders competed in the World Youth Scrabble Championship held in Malaysia. They acquitted themselves well, with all of them gaining WESPA ratings. Thank you for representing us, Ashwin, Danira and Shukanya.

Townsville Scrabble Festival was held from 9th August until 17th August – 6 days of Scrabble over 9 days and 4 events. The Australian Women's Championship had 41 players with Sally Martin was crowned the 2025 Australian Women's Champion. The two one-day tournaments on Magnetic Island were also well attended with 46 people taking part. The final event of the Festival was the

Queensland Championship with 60 people competing.

Cameron Farlow is the 2025 Queensland Champion. This is the eighth time in a row and eleventh time overall Cameron has won the title. Well done Cameron!

The Australian MENSA Convention was held in Brisbane in October. A session talking about the benefits of Scrabble was presented by youth player Oliver (NSW) with assistance from his mother Sarah Klistorner and Karen Richards. Well done Ollie!

The second Noosa tournament had 34 players including 4 novices and 9 provisional players. Players came from Northern NSW to Bundaberg. Due to forecast severe weather, five other novices withdrew on the day, but said they would go to the Noosa club meetings. The event was promoted with Facebook advertising with those indicating 'interested' personally followed up. This has proved to be a successful way of attracting new players. Congratulations to Sheryl Davidson for winning the event.

The Scrabble Queensland Annual General Meeting was held on 19th October 2025. Copies of the reports can be accessed via the Scrabble Queensland webpage queensland.scrabble.org.au. The new office bearers are:-

President – Paul Richards

Vice President – Julie Brice

Secretary Treasurer – Yvette Copley

Membership Officer – Jane Brown

State Rules Officer – Arnold Appelhof

Ratings and Website Manager –

Martin Waterworth

Facebook Coordinator – Karrin Henderson

Committee Members – Ruth Jones,

Gail Hamilton, Karen Richards.

I give a big thank you to the committee for all your work over the last year. A special thank you to Olga Visser who has retired from the committee but I know will continue to work hard for Scrabble Queensland. Welcome to Gail Hamilton and Karen Richards who join the committee.

***Paul Richards**
President, Scrabble Queensland*

Upcoming Tournaments

Sunday December 7 ~ Southport ~ SOPO Club, Corner Scarborough/Lawson Sts ~ Diana McManus ~ dianamcmanus4@gmail.com

Sunday December 14 ~ Last Chance (promotion/demotion) Kingsbury Room, Queen Alexandra Home, 347 Old Cleveland Rd, Coorparoo ~ Olga Visser 3801 1362 visser@optushome.com.au

South Australia

It has been a busy few months of Scrabble travel. Firstly, my husband and I braved another motor home trip to Townsville, this time uneventful except for a flat tyre on the M1 into Brisbane and having to be towed off in a flatbed truck. After the last fiasco on the way to Perth to play in the WA champs this was a relatively minor incident. For those of you who don't know our first motor home burnt to the ground due to an electrical fault.



Jane Taylor's first motor home

The weather in Townsville was perfect, especially after escaping from the depths of a South Australian winter, and the Scrabble was fantastic. The Women's Champs were held the first weekend and attracted many players from New Zealand, who are even holding their inaugural Women's Champs in Auckland in January 2026. I can feel another trip coming on!

Outside the venue where we played on the Sunday was a fantastic market and just up the road was an interesting Wedgewood Exhibition, the only place in Australia to host

it. Congratulations to Sally Martin from WA who won the event.

After a day's rest we ventured over to Magnetic Island via ferry on a rough sea. There we held two half day tournaments in the open-air Bowls Club. One day we were taught how to play bowls and the next enjoyed a delicious sea food BBQ and one night participated in a Trivia competition. There was plenty of time for sight seeing using the bus service which only cost 50 cents per ride. By the time we left we were so relaxed with that island laid back feeling.

The next weekend the Queensland Champs were held, another fiercely battled competition and congratulations to Cameron Farlow for his victory in that competition, yet again.

The baton has been passed onto Canberra to run the Women's Champs in 2026. They will be held in the same venue as the Australian Championships on Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd of April which then gives a day of rest before the Australian Champs start on the Saturday 4th. Another fantastic five days of Scrabble in an interesting venue. I can feel another motorhome trip coming on!

Just after returning from Townsville, it was off to Melbourne for the Masters and State Challenge held in one of the best venues I have ever played in, with fantastic views out to Port Melbourne and accommodation as the same place as we played.

A few weeks later it was off to Sydney for the NSW Champs. I do so enjoy catching up with my Scrabble buddies and combining it to travel. No need to mention the "giant" flying cockroach at our accommodation Judy and Tracey.

Scrabble in South Australia has reduced to one tournament a month now that Saturday sessions no longer take place. We were disappointed when the Border Challenge was cancelled due to the Victorians being unable to field a team. There seems to be a long gap between each tournament now.

Jane Taylor, President Scrabble SA

Upcoming Tournaments

Check website:

www.scrabble.org.au/events/calendar.shtml

Tasmania

Vale Helen Metaxas

20.08.1962 - 24.08.2025

The Tasmanian Scrabble community would like to recognise the recent passing of Helen Metaxas. She will be remembered as a petite, lovely lady with a keen wit, cheeky smile, infectious laugh and a wonderful sense of humour, as well as a formidable opponent. May she finally rest in peace.

National Championship 2027

At our recent AGM it was decided that we will commit to hosting the 2027 Australian National Championships. We have formed an enthusiast organising committee and look forward to catching up for some games with our mainland scrabble friends in beautiful Hobart.

We are looking at encouraging more local players of all skill levels to join clubs and tournament play and promoting Scrabble through social media is one way to reach a wider audience - possibly bringing their attention to the competitive Scrabble scene. Noticing that a few of the other states have significant online followings we hope to create



Jon Ford-King and Margaret Bishop battling it out at the recent Tasmanian State Championship.

a similar social media presence. If you are on Facebook please follow the page 'Scrabble Tasmania' as each follower helps.

We would also like to welcome incoming President of Scrabble Tasmania Jon Ford-King and thank Martin Rose for all his contributions and hard work over the last 10 years as President.

Upcoming Tournaments

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Victoria

As players read this report, the Victorian Scrabble calendar year will almost be at its conclusion.

The Victorian Committee is looking ahead to 2026, with an exciting year upcoming.

In addition to our regular schedule of weekend events, and club activities, members can also expect:

- Our Online calendar to return, with both formats run through the year. These events complement our over the board options and, in addition, are invaluable for those who cannot make over the board events for one reason or another. It is all part of ensuring we have something on offer to allow people to play when they want and how they want.
- Friday Night Scrabble returning in February. These nights offer members competitive games in a relaxed atmosphere and are also ideal for newer members wanting to experience some friendly competition amongst fellow word lovers.
- An increase in internationally rated events on our calendar. The Victorian Championship and Decathlon will now be joined by The Wodonga Open (July 11-12). Wodonga is a good central location for players in Victoria, NSW, and ACT to come join us for some great games with the venue confirmed and on the Australian calendar already!
- On the topic of Wodonga, our regional calendar continues into 2026 with events planned for Ballarat and Geelong as well. Greater effort will be in place to get the

Border Challenge back up and running, which will also be internationally rated if it goes ahead.

Thank you to all players who have supported and continued to support Victorian events. Getting the news of what is on offer for 2026 out early enough hopefully assists people in planning their Scrabble year accordingly!

On a final note, congratulations to Andrew Fisher for winning the Australian Masters for this year and to the Victorian team for taking out the State Challenge, including Oscar's individual win in that event.

Victorian Scrabble is in a good place at the moment, and I cannot wait to share what we provide with more people.

Upcoming Tournaments

Check website

scrabble.org.au/victoria/calendar.htm

Western Australia

On 17 August, the team at the Bassendean Scrabble Club hosted its annual ASPA WA tournament for 2025. The club offered various prizes including alcohol (probably wine), cookies, chocolate bars, and shopping gift cards, which were awarded via raffles, the Word of the Day which was **AUGUSTE**, High Word and Game categories, and top three placings. The seven winners from the Word of the Day competition were Anne Zion, Ian Ting, Marge Roberts (twice), Anne Stewart, and Louise Love (twice). The winners from the High Word and Game categories in Divisions A and B as well as the top three placings in both divisions were David Vanzyl (twice), Benjamin Lee, Geoff Shephard, Anne Zion, Delys Carbon, Pauline Coulter (twice), Vera Etherton, and Naomi Zion.

Four Western Australian representatives made their pilgrimage to Melbourne, Victoria for the Australian Masters and State Team Challenge on the first weekend of September. In the Australian Masters tournament, David Vanzyl placed ninth in a field of twenty with ten wins out of nineteen. In the State Team Challenge which featured twenty-one players representing seven of the Australian states (or territories), Sally Martin placed fourth with twelve wins, Benjamin Lee placed ninth with ten wins, and Geoff Shephard placed twelfth



Faye Williams presented with the Glenys Lawrie Memorial Trophy by Geoff Shephard

with nine wins. Collectively, Western Australia placed third among the states (and territories) with a total of thirty-one wins.

The fifth edition of the Glenys Lawrie Memorial Open was held on 14 September, with the winner having their name engraved on the Glenys Lawrie Memorial trophy which models a lorry transporting a plethora of Scrabble tiles. After seven games, the minor winners for the High Word and Game categories, and third and second placings were Henry Yates, Ian Ting (twice), and Geoff Shephard, while the winner for first place and the Glenys Lawrie Memorial Open champion for 2025 was Faye Williams, who joins the exclusive club of only a handful of Memorial

Open winners in the history of Western Australian Scrabble and has her name engraved on the trophy. From the Press and Publicity Officer of Scrabble WA, "Faye, you're a Scrabble champion".

The next tournament hosted by Scrabble WA was the October Bisection on the 5th. A number of high scoring plays and games were featured from several players including scoring four or five bonuses in a game, games scoring above 500 and word plays scoring above 100. In A Division, the winner for first place and completing a clean sweep for the first time in his Scrabble career with seven out of seven was Ian Ting, who ascends to a personal best ASPA rating of 1654.

Meanwhile, in second place was David Vanzyl with five wins and a massive +886 point margin, and in third place was Benjamin Lee with five wins as well. David and Benjamin share the High Game category with 535 points, while Edie Mueller claimed the High Word with **SEDIMENT** for 140 points. In B Division, the winner for first place was Donna Sekkouah with six wins and a +262 point margin, while in second place was Rhonda Reynish with six wins as well and a +221 point margin. In third place was Joanna Moss with four wins, who also claimed High Word with **TWERKING** for 98 points. The High Game was claimed by Alan Mathews with 502 points.

Scrabble WA thanks the volunteers and the avid Scrabble players who resiliently attend regularly to these tournaments with vibrant enthusiasm and aplomb.

Ian Ting
Press and Publicity Officer, Scrabble WA

Upcoming Tournaments

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Sunday Night Woogles

If you like the idea of playing fellow Australian Scrabblers in real time, and find it difficult getting to a club or tournament, why not join us on Sundays nights at 8pm AEST for Woogles play in our dedicated virtual room.

To find out how to set up an account if you don't already have one, enter the dedicated room using your PC, tablet or phone, see the *Guide for Online Play with Woogles* at <https://scrabble.org.au/nsw/woogles.html>

AUSTRALIAN SCRABBLE CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

Canberra, Australian Capital Territory
4th, 5th, and 6th of April 2026

Eastlake Football Club:
3 Oxley St, Griffith ACT 2603

eastlakefc.com.au

CSW24 ~ 24 games ~ 25 minutes
\$150

Arrive around 8:30 am for a 9:00 start each day of the tournament.

RATINGS: Players rated at **1300** or above at time of registration will play in the Championship Division. International players with an equivalent WESPA rating will also play in this division. All other players will qualify for the Plate Division.

FEES: Registration fee is **\$150** and must be remitted to ASPA(ACT) no later than registration deadline Monday, 23rd of March 2026 to:

Account Name: AUSTRALIAN SCRABBLE PLAYERS ASSOCIATION ACT
BSB: 062-914 Account Number: 10135330

Please provide surname and initial in payment text of the bank transfer.
To ensure that you are registered properly, email aspa.act@gmail.com with the details of your payment, registration division, whether you will bring a rotating board/clock, dinner numbers, and any dietary requirements.

The venue can only accommodate 120 players so early registration is encouraged.

Awards will be presented at a dinner on Monday night 6th of April 2026 and prizes will be remitted to participant's bank. The dinner will be an additional \$50 per person and spouses and friends are welcome. Please ensure payment for the dinner is made by the registration deadline.

Note that each day tea and coffee will be available all day, along with morning and afternoon teas. Club rules do not permit food and drink from outside the club being consumed on premises. Lunch can be purchased from the club bistro or from a number of eateries at the nearby Kingston and (if you walk quickly) Manuka shops.

2026 Australian Women's Scrabble Championships



Dates: Wednesday April 1 & Thursday April 2 2026

Venue: Eastlake Football Club Kingston
3 Oxley Street, Griffith ACT 2603
Same venue as the Australian Scrabble Championships

16 Games Wednesday 8:30AM- for 9AM start
WESPA rated CSW 24 Thursday 8:30AM- for 9AM start
Costs \$100

Direct Deposit Preferred (*please include your name*) Susan MacGillivray
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Account: 03419910

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Please advise of dietary requirements at registration



Registration: <https://forms.gle/XBPmbTqBdpEHgKf29>



Scrabble® New Zealand

Inaugural Women's Championship Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th January, 2026

*Welcome. Calling women who love a good game of Scrabble.
Celebrate SNZ first women's wordtastic event - one wordplay at a time.*

Venue	Mt Albert Bridge Club, Councillors Drive, Auckland
View	Map location
Time	Saturday, 10 January: Report 8:45am for 9:00am start. Sunday, 11 January: Report 8:15am for 8:30am start.
Format	16 games. Limited entry numbers. Depending on numbers, one grade for all. SNZ and WESPA rated.
Rules	Scrabble NZ Constitution and Rules of Play scrabble.org.nz Lexicon CSW24.
BYO	Lunch. Short stroll across the park to Little French Cafe and eateries Morning and Afternoon refreshment breaks.
Prizes	Trophy. Top 8 placings. Best team. Cash prizes.
Entry	Payment of NZ\$50 entry fee is payable by Friday, 2nd January, 2026 Account name: NZ Association of Scrabble Players Kiwibank 38-9010-0771416-00 Include your name for reference. Overseas entrants are welcome and may pay their NZ\$50 entry in cash on the day.
Notify	Tournament Treasurer, Cicely Bruce treasurer.nzasp@gmail.com with entry details Full name Contact phone Date entry fee paid Member of (name)....club Independent player affiliated to SNZ. Bringing Clock and Board Yes No
Contact	Overseas Scrabble players are welcome. Email Tournament Director, Jenny Litchfield jenn.e.litchfield@gmail.com so we can confirm your club membership affiliation and eligibility to play in NZ tournaments as per SNZ Constitution & Rules of Play.

MINDSPORT

***YOUTH SCRABBLE
MINI-COMPETITION
Friday 3rd April 2026**
(*aged under 18 as at 3/4/2026)

IBIS STYLES Canberra
203 Goyder St, Narrabundah ACT 2604

1pm to 5pm
5 games, 25 mins per player, CSW24

ENTRY FEE: \$10 covers room hire plus levy payments
for Australian and International (WESPA) Scrabble
Ratings.

PRIZES (eg shirts) for Places, High Word/ High Game)

REGISTER: Karen,

email karen.d.richards@gmail.com

or Paul 0419 031 369

Number if running late on the day 0419 031 369

ADULT OPTION: also \$10 entry - If space permits, a 5-
game side tournament will also be run - groups of 6 in
Round Robins.

Certificates in lieu of prizes:

*If numbers are odd, an adult player may be included to even numbers.

Malaysia, August 2025

Australia sent a team of 14 to the twentieth iteration of the World Youth Scrabble Championship - the largest team since the halcyon days when we had three World Youth Champions (David Eldar 2006, Anand Bharadwaj 2010. and Michael McKenna 2012).

For 2025, the top 6 players (who qualified for free entry) were Oscar Ivanovski (Vic), Ashwin Page (Qld), Nathan Tang (NSW), Ryder Lo (NSW), Kelvin Korn (NSW) and Jithuni Vidanaparath (Vic).

Oscar put the world on notice by rising to the top of the field and holding the number 1

position for many rounds, but was unfortunately relegated to 11th overall. In a field of 218 players, that is still a great achievement.

Three of our team were prize winners in their respective age categories; Ryder Lo (Under 12). Oliver Klistorner (Under 10) and Justin Eng (Under 8).

Australia and Pakistan were the only countries who fielded players in all age groups. We were very proud of all youngsters for their sportsmanship and tenacity in competing against the best youth from around the world. All players (and their parents) enjoyed making international friends.





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Southern Cross Club, Woden

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St George: Tuesdays 10am - 3pm

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From 11.30am, Competition

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Waverley: Tuesdays, from 1pm

Waverley Community Centre

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cnr Meroo & Cambewarra Rds, Bomaderry

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Wollongong: WORDS: (Evening)

Monday from 7pm

Collegians Rugby League Club

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Ourimbah RSL Club

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Bay Hotel Motel

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Southern Highlands Clubs**Bowral:** 2nd & 4th Fridays of month

10am to 4pm

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Brunswick Heads Bowls Club
Old Pacific Highway
Brunswick Heads
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Bundaberg: Brothers Sports Club
Liz Blanch **0435 018 364**

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Logan City: Tuesday 12-4:30pm
2nd and 4th of month
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1st and 3rd of month
Meeting room, Hyperdome Library
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McDonalds meeting room
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Noosa: Friday 10am-12pm
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Redcliffe: Wednesday 1-4pm
Thursday 6:30-10pm
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Southport: Wednesday 1-5pm
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Private venue
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Toowoomba: Thursday 4 pm
Newtown School Library
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SA

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Brighton Senior Citizens Club
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Henley & Grange: Friday 1:00 pm
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Noarlunga: Wednesday 7:30pm
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Plympton: Monday 6:00pm
Sachiez Kitchen, 295 Anzac Highway, Plympton
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Port Adelaide: Monday 2:30-5:30
Port Adelaide Library
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VIC

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Bentleigh: 1pm-4pm Wednesday
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Box Hill: See **Surrey Hills**

Brunswick: Every Thursday 6pm-9pm
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Essendon: Tuesday 7pm ~ 10pm
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Christ Church Anglican, Geelong,
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Greensborough: Wednesday 1-4 pm
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Langwarrin Community Centre,
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Maryborough: Saturday 10am - 12 pm
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Mount Martha: Tuesday 1.00pm
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Mount Waverley: Weds 9.30am - 12.30pm
Golden Age Senior Citizens' Centre
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Mount Waverley
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Rosanna: 2nd & 4th Thursdays 6.30 - 9.30pm
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Bassendean: Wednesday 9:30am-4pm
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Results Roundup

ACT

23.08.2025 ACT AUGUST

Open: 1 Noel Barrett; 2 John Spaan; 3 Ronnie Bennett; **HG** Ronnie Bennett 541; **HW** John Spaan **ECZEMAS** 110

20.09.2025 ACT0925

Open: 1 Tim Reddan; 2 John Hamilton; 3 Susan MacGillivray; **HG** Tim Reddan 533; **HW** John Hamilton **DILATES** 110

28.09.2025 Little Tuggers

Open: 1 Andrea Twell; 2 Rebecca Hill; 3 John Hamilton; **HG** Sam Pizzano 557; **HW** Sam Pizzano **SOUNDING** 90

11.10.2025 ACT October 11

Open: 1 Ronnie Bennett; 2 Lexia Smallwood; 3 Tim Reddan; **HG** Ronnie Bennett 623; **HW** Arlene Williams **WAITERS** 102

01.11.2025 Gungahlin Mini

Open: 1 John Hamilton; 2 Sam Pizzano; 3 Alex Boiko; **HG** 570 Terry Horan; **HW** John Hamilton **OVERSIZE** 98

08.11.2025 ACT Championship

Open: 1 John Spaan; 2 John Hamilton; 3 Ronnie Bennett; **HG** 645 John Spaan; **HW** John Hamilton **QUOTIENT** 194

NSW

23.08.2025 Inner West Divisional

A Division: 1 Jakob Teitelbaum; 2 John Holgate; 3 Esther Perrins; **HG** Victor Tung 587; **HW** Ryan Sutton **BLANKED** 100

B Division: 1 Greg Pinchbeck; 2 Ivor Zetler; 3 Ryder Lo; **HG** Moana Nepia 523; **HW** Josie Mally **RETTING** 100

C Division: 1 John Barker; 2 Gerard Imer; 3 Chi Wai Lo; **HG** John Barker 531; **HW** Charlotte Middleton **SIZZLES** 98

D Division: 1 Brendan Tia; 2 Oliver Klistorner; 3 Lyn Reitano; **HG** Brendan Tia 469; **HW** Luke Brattoni **EQUATING** 90

20.09.2025 BURWOOD IMPROVERS 3

A Division: 1 Tony Hunt; 2 Rod Talbot; 3 Bob Jackman; **HG** Tony Hunt 513; **HW** Yvonne Edwards **DETOXING** 122

B Division: 1 John Barker; 2 Margaret Berliner; 3 Ryder Lo; **HG** John Barker 513; **HW** Dorothy Field **ZAPPERS** 93

C Division: 1 Devorah Ullman; 2 Charlotte Middleton; 3 Julie Banister; **HG** Sonya Froment 443; **HW** Lyn Reitano **FONDLES** 84

30.09.2025 Cabra Mindsport

Open: 1 Tony Hunt; 2 Danny Evers; 3 Vinh Nguyen; **HG** Vinh Nguyen 674; **HW** Kevin Lam **WIZARDS** 128

05.10.2025 NSW Championship One Day

Open: 1 Graeme Lock Lee; 2 Krystyna Batten; 3 Harry Hubber; **HG** Jean Noonan 573; **HW** Krystyna Batten **SELFING** 105

06.10.2025 NSW Championship 2025

Open: 1 Edward Okulicz; 2 Esther Perrins; 3 Ronnie Bennett; **HG** Ryan Sutton 650; **HW** Trevor Halsall **EMICATES** 158

18.10.2025 Spring Marathon

Open: 1 Bob Jackman; 2 John Holgate; 3 Jakob Teitelbaum; **HG** Karen Richards 569; **HW** Jyoti Chandra **INCOMERS** 185

02.11.2025 Epping Competition 2

A Division: 1 Victor Tung; 2 Esther Perrins; 3 Ryan Sutton; **HG** Tony Hunt 589; **HW** Victor Tung **RENEWAL** 108

B Division: 1 John Barker; 2 Eddi Kewley; 3 Oliver Klistorner; **HG** Oliver Klistorner 559; **HW** Charlotte Middleton **TOMMIES** 96

Social Division: 1 Katherine Boniadian; 2 Estrella Ileteo; 3 Phi Long Ma; **HG** Phi Long Ma 555; **HW** Phi Long Ma **BLAZERS** 102

QLD

09.08.2025 Women's Championship

Open: 1 Sally Martin; 2 Liz Fagerlund; 3 Carmel Dodd; **HG** Joanne Craig 583; **HW** Karrin Henderson **COUPLERS** 167

13.08.2025 Magnetic Island Wednesday

A: 1 Cicely Bruce; 2 Karen Richards; 3 Sally Martin; **HG** Sally Martin 536; **HW** Karen Richards **DOVERING** 158

B: 1 Paul Richards; 2 Liz Fagerlund; 3 Val Mills; **HG** Val Mills 471; **HW** Julie Brice **FATHERS** 97

C: 1 Keri Heart; **2** Martin Waterworth; **3** Jenny Brysha; **HG** Keri Heart 496; **HW** Keri Heart
PLUMBED 108

D: 1 Greg Pinchbeck; **2** Barry Harridge;
3 Rosemary Cleary; **HG** Greg Pinchbeck 523;
HW Greg Pinchbeck **JUBILATE** 84

E: 1 Sharon Sorensen; **2** Caroline Scowcroft;
3 Bobby Malela Hutagal; **HG** Sharon Sorensen
447; Caroline Scowcroft; **HW** Sharon Sorensen
EXERTED 112

F: 1 Yvette Copley; **2** Rob York; **3** Lynn Carter;
HG Rob York 534; **HW** Yvette Copley **ENABLES**
85

G: 1 Gail Hamilton; **2** Josie Mally; **3** Jill Paterson;
HG Gail Hamilton 459; **HW** Josie Mally
NOTHING 89

H: 1 Tracey Michel; **2** Ruth Jones; **3** Cecilia Khoo;
HG Tracey Michel 454; **HW** Ruth Jones
SONLIER 86

14.08.2025 Magnetic Island Thursday

A: 1 Sally Martin; **2** Jane Taylor; **3** Joanne Craig;
HG Cicely Bruce 517; **HW** Jane Brown
QUINZES 142

B: 1 Murray Rogers; **2** Julie Brice; **3** Martin Waterworth;
HG Julie Brice 574; **HW** Murray Rogers
EXEMING 137

C: 1 Barry Harridge; **2** Greg Pinchbeck; **3** Carol Johnsen;
HG Carol Johnsen 508; **HW** Bobby Malela Hutagal
ANTISERA 113

D: 1 Rob York; **2** Glenys Logan; **3** Tim Walton;
HG Rob York 508; **HW** Glenys Logan **EQUINES**
131

E: 1 Olga Visser; **2** Susan Macgillivray; **3** Lynn Carter;
HG Lynn Carter 522; **HW** Margaret Bishop
SHOWINGS 104

F: 1 Cecilia Khoo; **2** Ruth Jones; **3** Jill Paterson;
HG Cecilia Khoo 480; **HW** Cecelia Khoo
SHACKLES 113

17.08.2025 Queensland Championship

A: 1 Cameron Farlow; **2** John Hamilton; **3** Bob Jackman;
HG Francoise Finlayson 572;
HW Jane Brown **GRASSIER** 140

31.08.2025 Winter Goodbye

Open: 1 Cameron Farlow; **2** Arnold Appelhof;
3 Paul Richards; **HG** Cameron Farlow 549;
HW Maartin Waterworth **EJECTING** 118

13.09.2025 Toowoomba Spring

A: 1 Karrin Henderson; **2** Sheryl Davidson;
3 Jane Brown; **HG** Maureen See 558;
HW Glenys Logan **READINGS** 149

B: 1 Jenny Schafer; **2** Roslyn Murphy; **3** Ruth Jones;
HG Roslyn Murphy 495; **HW** Mary Wilmott
SQUINTER 101

28.09.2025 September Scramble

Open: 1 Cameron Farlow; **2** Karen Richards;
3 Olga Visser; **HG** Cameron Farlow 515;
HW Ruth Jones **RESTARTS** 131

10.10.2025 Youth October

Open: 1 Ashwin Page; **2** Shukanya Prachi;
3 Danira De Silva; **HG** Ashwin Page 512

19.10.2025 October AGM

A: 1 Cameron Farlow; **2** Carmel Dodd; **3** Karen Richards;
HG Cameron Farlow 548; **HW** Martin Waterworth
PRODDERS 92

B: 1 Brenton Gray; **2** Karen Woodhead; **3** Jill Paterson;
HG Brenton Gray 485; **HW** Ruth Jones
PARENTS 89

C: 1 Jeanette Hansen; **2** Elize Plaganyi; **3** David Bergman;
HG Jeanette Hansen 454;
HW Anthony Yap **GRAINES** 91

D Half: 1 Graham Murphy; **2** Rendra Yap;
3 Sabrina Luton; **HG** Graham Murphy 368;
HW Graham Murphy **SALTIES** 70

01.11.2025 Noosa

A: 1 Sheryl Davidson; **2** Ryan Gray; **3** Carmel Dodd;
HG Paul Richards 503; **HW** Ryan Gray
EQUALIZE 122

B: 1 Olga Visser; **2** Kerry Reimers; **3** Brenton Gray;
HG Kerry Reimers 538; **HW** Josef Peeters
HURRIED 89

C: 1 Warren Hancock; **2** Anna Palmer; **3** Fiona Meredith;
HG Lucy Dodd 511; **HW** Megan Marks
PAINTERS 99

SA

03.08.2025 Lyndee Hill

A: 1 Tony Miller; **2** Max Mason; **3** Antony Kimber;
HG Tony Miller 600; **HW** Tony Miller
WHISKER 126

B: 1 Tei Ngatai; **2** Susan Roberts; **3** Dieter Jedamski;
HG Susan Roberts 495; **HW** Louisa Atsas
REQUOTED 104

30.08.2025 Seaford August

Open: **1** Max Mason; **2** Tracey Kneebone;
3 Judy Mansfield; **HG** Max Mason 534;
HW Rowena Vnuk **BRIDLING** 98

14.09.2025 SA September

A: **1** Daniel Piechnick; **2** Adam Kretschmer;
3 Geoff Wright; **HG** Daniel Piechnick 536;
HW Michael Vnuk **OZONISE** 102

B: **1** Susan Roberts; **2** Dieter Jedamski; **3** Tim Guidera; **HG** Nathan Bennett 528; **HW** Nathan Bennett **FOODIES** 102

12.10.2025 SA October

A: **1** Daniel Piechnick; **2** Antony Kimber; **3** Tony Miller; **HG** Antony Kimber 504; **HW** Susan Roberts **RESIZED** 128

B: **1** Baheej Al Kassem; **2** Nathan Bennett;
3 Neal Whibley; **HG** Margaret Sella 495;
HW Baheej Al Kassem **TRIANGLE** 158

TAS

12.08.2025 Kingston

Open: **1** Margaret Webb; **2** Stephen Mooney Pursell; **3** Jon Ford-King; **HG** Jon Ford-King 521;
HW Penny Wells **FOAMINGS** 170

25.10.2025 Tas Champs

Open: **1** Stephen Mooney Pursell; **2** Jon Ford-King; **3** Martin Rose; **HG** Stephen Mooney Pursell 570; **HW** Stephen Mooney Pursell
GUNFIRES 122

VIC

01.08.2025 FNS August

Open: **1** Oscar Ivanovski; **2** Rob York; **3** Mark Gillespie; **HG** Rob York 537; **HW** Rob Hutchinson **TRENCHES** 131

10.08.2025 Sunday Sessions 3

A Division: **1** David Eldar; **2** Nick Ivanovski;
3 Oscar Ivanovski; **HG** Nick Ivanovski 524

B Division: **1** Rob Hutchinson; **2** Paula Messer;
3 Bobby Malela Hutagal; **HG** Frank Csarics 518;
HW Paula Messer **QUERIED** 112

C Division: **1** Eileen Mills; **2** Lynne Goodinson;
3 Rosie Whalen; **HG** Eileen Mills 455; **HW** Lynne Goodinson **OAKIEST** 80

24.08.2025 The Classic (Inc AGM)

Alpha: **1** Andrew Fisher; **2** Ayorinde Saidu;
3 Naween Fernando; **HG** Andrew Fisher 541

Bravo: **1** Rob Hutchinson; **2** Dianne Davis;
3 Gwen Lampre; **HG** Nat Podesser 514;
HW Rob Hutchinson **SNOOPIER** 122

Charlie: **1** Oliver Podesser; **2** Rob York; **3** Glen Chandler; **HG** Oliver Podesser 571; **HW** Rob York **FUNKERS** 105

05.09.2025 Friday Night Sep 5

Open: **1** Nick Ivanovski; **2** Rob Hutchinson;
3 Benjamin Lee; **HG** Nick Ivanovski 550;
HW Nick Ivanovski **TETANIZE** 114

07.09.2025 Australian Masters & State Challenge

Masters: **1** Andrew Fisher; **2** Naween Fernando;
3 Cameron Farlow; **HG** David Eldar 641;
HW John Hamilton **TREESHIP** 176

States: **1** Oscar Ivanovski; **2** Julie Brice; **3** Nat Podesser; **HG** Oscar Ivanovski 586; **HW** Oscar Ivanovski **GLISTENS** 140

13.09.2025 Geelong Scrabble Open

Open: **1** Rob Hutchinson; **2** Rob York; **3** John Rider; **HG** Rob Hutchinson 505; **HW** Rob York **WOOLIER** 102

28.09.2025 Essendon

A Division: **1** Andrew Fisher; **2** David Eldar;
3 Oscar Ivanovski; **HG** David Eldar 585;
HW David Eldar **AREOLOGY** 158

B Division: **1** Geoff Wright; **2** Jenny Brysha;
3 Chris Scholten; **HG** Barry Harridge 497;
HW Paula Messer **SHEATHS** 111

10.10.2025 FNS October

Open: **1** Nick Ivanovski; **2** Rob York; **3** Rob Hutchinson; **HG** Nick Ivanovski 519; **HW** Rob Hutchinson **NAILSETS** 131

26.10.2025 Bayside Open 2

Open: **1** Peter Kougi; **2** Oscar Ivanovski; **3** Nat Podesser; **HG** Peter Kougi 561; **HW** Jenny Brysha **HARBORED** 106

07.11.2025 FNS

Open: **1** Michael Hornung; **2** Oscar Ivanovski;
3 Rob Hutchinson; **HG** Michael Hornung, Oscar Ivanovski 525

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17.08.2025 Bassendean 2025

A Division: **1** David Vanzyl; **2** Benjamin Lee;
3 Geoff Shephard; **HG** David Vanzyl 550;
HW Anne Zion **TRIAZIN** 102

B Division: 1 Delys Carbon; **2** Pauline Coulter;
3 Vera Etherton; **HG** Naomi Zion 454;
HW Pauline Coulter **WHITENS** 109

14.09.2025 Glenys Lawrie Memorial

Open: **1** Faye Williams; **2** Ian Ting; **3** Geoff Shephard; **HG** Ian Ting 551; **HW** Henny Yates
STEERING 122

05.10.2025 October Bisection

Division A: **1** Ian Ting; **2** David Vanzyl;
3 Benjamin Lee; **HG** David Vanzyl, Benjamin Lee 535; **HW** Edie Mueller **SEDIMENT** 140

Division B: **1** Donna Sekkouah; **2** Rhonda Reynish; **3** Joanna Moss; **HG** Alan Mathews 502;
HW Joanna Moss **TWERKING** 98

09.11.2025 November Bisection

A Division: **1** Howard Rayner; **2** Louise Love;
3 John Salmon; **HG** Faye Williams 532;
HW Joanna Moss **BRONZER** 135

B Division: **1** Naomi Zion; **2** Chris Sanders;
3 Marge Roberts; **HG** Naomi Zion 442;
HW Naomi Zion **PROVIDE** 92

Traveller's Tales

Richard Birch

I signed off last edition in this column as we left Peru on this year's trip of a lifetime. While everything is still fresh in my mind, the story continues...

We did a couple of short city drives around **LIMA**, the capital of Peru from our berth in the port of Callao. There is no walking out of the port which is heavily guarded, even passport checking on the bus on our return.

Our guide admitted that corruption is a way of life there, but they are on to it, with a reported four ex presidents doing jail time. The current president whizzed past us, we were told, on her way to lunch, holding up us valuable tourists. And I believe that she is also now an ex president awaiting investigation.

Lima has the distinction of it never raining, Donkey's Belly, that is grey, is how it is described, hardly ever seeing the sun, still no rain to speak of.

Pisco is further down the coast where it really does not rain, ever, unless you call 0.2mm annually rainfall. A long bus trip from the Port into the city has desert on either side of the road, nothing ever grows there. This is the start of the Atacama Desert usually associated with **CHILE** a short distance away.

The city of **PISCO** is quite compact with hotels, restaurants, **GEEGAW** stalls lining a narrow strip along the water. Backpackers and other hardy travellers are catered for with diving, snorkelling, sailing, all on offer. New resorts are being built. An international airport brings the tourists in.

As can be expected, things are expensive which didn't deter our fellow passengers from loading up their suitcases with yet more stuff.

From Peru it was a long haul across the **PACIFIC**, on the itinerary as a stop, was Easter Island, no landing, just to circumnavigate the Island and wave to the residents.

We had our customary games of Scrabble while we circled Easter Island. In view of the **MOAI** statues, Colleen played **MOAI** against me. I am going out on a limb here and guess that never in the history of Scrabble has that word been played while viewing the definition.

Commentary from on board told us the Moai were carved in the quarry then walked in a waddling motion to their display site. I know it works, I've seen it in use in the buffet on the ship. For those old enough to remember, an ABC identity once noted that the Moai bore a striking resemblance to the caretaker Prime Minister of 1975, Malcom Fraser.

There is one flight a day in from Chile and same day flight out. The plane must carry enough fuel to arrive at Easter Island then turn back if landing is too dangerous.

Pitcairn Island is even smaller but supports 50 or so people. It has no airport, so a medical emergency entails a 36 hour boat trip to French Polynesia, we just sailed around it.

Tahiti, is that nearest bit of civilisation, and being French territory, it has a high standard of living, nice houses, well stocked supermarkets, great coffee.

Moorea across the water from Papeete is a heartbreakingly beautiful island, featured in the movie *South Pacific*. Coral reefs, majestic peaks. I don't think I could live there, though, I couldn't find a Scrabble Club. The nearest one would be in Auckland, the final stop on our journey home.

Records 2025 so far... at 16 November 2025

<i>High High game score</i>	693	Kris Howat 693 against Elizabeth McKean 260 at 27.07.2025 July FD 2025
<i>Large game margin</i>	433	Kris Howat 693 against Elizabeth McKean 260 at 27.07.2025 July FD 2025
<i>High drawn game</i>	475	Paul Richards and Liz Blanch at 15.02.2025 Nambour
<i>High combined score</i>	1065	David Eldar 630 and Josh Watt 435 at 26.07.2025 CMWM2025
<i>High average score</i>	515.8	(4 games) Josh Watt at 13.04.2025 LansVale Minds
<i>High average spread</i>	259.8	(4 games) Vinh Nguyen at 30.09.2025 Cabra Mindsport
<i>High losing score</i>	504	Fadlan Satria 504 lost to Jane Taylor 514 at 26.01.2025 CITY OF SYDNEY MASTERS
<i>Long winning streak</i>	36	(11+18+5+2) David Eldar at 07.06.2025 40th Anniv Vic Champs and 26.07.2025 CMWM2025 and 10.08.2025 Sunday Sessions 3 and 06.09.2025 Australian Masters
<i>High word</i>	203	VIEWINGS : Ryan Anderson at 22.03.2025 TSV23March25
<i>Games this year</i>	321	Karen Richards (321), Jane Taylor (277), Paul Richards (262), Greg Pinchbeck (242), Arnold Appelhof (239)
<i>High opening score</i>	102	TRIAZIN : Anne Zion at Bassendean 17.08.2025
<i>All time</i>	124	BEZIQUE Joan Rosenthal in 1997 and BEZIQUE Sally Martin in 2004
<i>High play, not bonus</i>	135	OZ(On)AtES : Trevor Halsall at SA Championship 08.03.2025
<i>High play, not triple triple</i>	150	SQ(U)EEZED : Adam Kretschmer at SA June 01.05.2025
<i>Long word</i>	12	ALPHA+BET+ISES : Lexia Smallwood at Canberra February 22.02.2025
<i>Many bingos</i>	6	VE(R)ANDAS; (S)CROUGES; SIZEAB(L)E; HEREUN(T)O; NAILSet; NONGLARE : Josh Watt at Australian Championship 19.04.2025
<i>Many consecutive bingos</i>	4	MATADOR; CRaFTING; WALDOES; ENCAENI(A) : Joanne Craig at City of Sydney Masters 26.01.2025 CLAMMED; CERULEAN; HUNDREDS; VIEWInGS : Ryan Anderson at TSV23Mar 23.03.2025 VE(R)ANDAS; (S)CROUGES; SIZEAB(L)E; HEREUN(T)O; NAILSet; NONGLARE : Josh Watt at Australian Championship 19.04.2025 OUTSAILS; FOLIATES; DEMEANED; STATION : Karen Woodhead at April Antics 27.04.2025 DONATES; (C)OLOURER; (G)LIMMERS; FLATTER(S) : Victor Tung at Epping Club Comp 02.11.2025

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National Ratings

at 18 November 2025

*Every player currently financial, active and with a rating in Australia is listed here.
This is how the ratings stand on 10 August 2025 as taken from the website.*

1	David Eldar	VIC	2126	54	Nat Podesser	VIC	1513
2	Andrew Fisher	VIC	2008	55	Garth van Vliet	NSW	1506
3	Jakob Teitelbaum	NSW	2000	56	Heather Long	VIC	1505
4	Peter Kougi	VIC	1923	57	Alan Burn	VIC	1500
5	Edward Okulicz	VIC	1911	58	Antony Kimber	SA	1497
6	Cameron Farlow	QLD	1894	59	Graeme Lock Lee	NSW	1495
7	Naween Fernando	VIC	1892	60	Jane Taylor	SA	1494
8	Ayorinde Saidu	VIC	1877	61	Paul Richards	QLD	1491
9	Josh Watt	NSW	1871	62	Rocky Sharma	NSW	1491
10	Sam Amarasinghe	QLD	1848	63	Greg Pinchbeck	NSW	1485
11	Esther Perrins	NSW	1837	64	Asanka Dissanayake	NSW	1484
12	Bob Jackman	NSW	1797	65	Guy Newsham	QLD	1482
13	Michael Hornung	VIC	1797	66	Ray Alford	VIC	1478
14	Trevor Halsall	VIC	1794	67	Phillip Hamilton	NSW	1474
15	David Vanzyl	WA	1775	68	Geoff Shepheard	WA	1463
16	Nick Ivanovski	VIC	1761	69	Antonios Syrigos	SA	1458
17	John Spaan	ACT	1755	70	Therese Nichols	NSW	1452
18	Russell Honeybun	WA	1753	71	Karrin Henderson	QLD	1447
19	Rod Talbot	NSW	1750	72	Lois Binnie	VIC	1447
20	Ryan Sutton	NSW	1750	73	Benjamin Lee	WA	1445
21	Adam Kretschmer	SA	1748	74	Martin Rose	TAS	1444
22	Mythili Rudra	VIC	1746	75	Ryan Gray	QLD	1444
23	Victor Tung	NSW	1739	76	Sheryl Davidson	QLD	1440
24	Joanne Craig	NSW	1728	77	Steven Savona	NSW	1435
25	Oscar Ivanovski	VIC	1726	78	Helen Hynes	QLD	1434
26	Noel Barrett	ACT	1725	79	Michael Vnuk	SA	1428
27	Max Mason	SA	1723	80	Dianne Davis	VIC	1427
28	Daniel Piechnick	SA	1712	81	Jyoti Chandna	NSW	1423
29	Stephen Mooney Pursell	TAS	1703	82	Marianne Bentley	VIC	1421
30	Ronnie Bennett	ACT	1695	83	Tim Reddan	ACT	1411
31	Carmel Dodd	QLD	1676	84	Gwen Lampre	VIC	1410
32	John Hamilton	ACT	1674	85	Khen Meerding	TAS	1409
33	Ian Ting	WA	1654	86	Alex Lam	NSW	1409
34	John Holgate	NSW	1652	87	Rob Hutchinson	VIC	1407
35	Fadlan Satria	VIC	1646	88	Peter Shaw	NSW	1401
36	Tony Miller	SA	1637	89	Tony Williams	ACT	1399
37	Sally Martin	WA	1628	90	Susan Rayner	WA	1396
38	Tony Hunt	NSW	1612	91	Norma Fisher	VIC	1395
39	Alistair Kane	VIC	1610	92	Carol Johnsen	VIC	1395
40	Ryan Anderson	QLD	1606	93	Liz Blanch	QLD	1395
41	Julie Brice	QLD	1587	94	Margaret Webb	TAS	1391
42	Dianne Brumby	NSW	1573	95	Martin Waterworth	QLD	1380
43	Geoff Wright	VIC	1566	96	Arnold Appelhof	QLD	1379
44	Karen Richards	QLD	1555	97	Faye Williams	WA	1378
45	Chris Hall	WA	1554	98	Rex Shakespeare	VIC	1378
46	Dianne Ward	WA	1548	99	Kate Gullan	VIC	1378
47	Malcolm McAnulty	SA	1547	100	Barry Harridge	VIC	1376
48	Jon Ford-King	TAS	1545	101	Jenny Brysha	VIC	1375
49	Jeremy Yip	NSW	1541	102	Edie Mueller	WA	1373
50	Howard Rayner	WA	1537	103	Ashwin Page	QLD	1372
51	Anne Zion	WA	1529	104	Kerry Constable	NSW	1367
52	Jane Brown	QLD	1520	105	Madeleine Emerson	ACT	1366
53	Chris Scholten	VIC	1517	106	Kashi Thiris	VIC	1365

107	Jegatheva Jegathesan	WA	1362	164	Christie Godby	VIC	1206
108	Judy Godfrey	WA	1348	165	Yan Rui Ko	QLD	1204
109	Louise Love	WA	1344	166	Katie Rowe	WA	1202
110	Craig Murdoch	VIC	1344	167	Margaret Bishop	TAS	1199
111	Neil McLean	VIC	1344	168	Julie Krieg	SA	1196
112	Diyath Visidagamage	NSW	1344	169	Yvonne Edwards	NSW	1195
113	Nathan Tang	NSW	1340	170	Kerry Reimers	QLD	1192
114	Bobby Malela Hutagal	VIC	1339	171	Sandy McConnell	TAS	1189
115	Ian Tsoi Yin	SA	1337	172	Noel Coulter	VIC	1188
116	Lainie Mercieca	VIC	1332	173	Tracy Bui	NSW	1187
117	Alex Boiko	ACT	1322	174	Paula Messer	VIC	1186
118	Shaun Donnelly	VIC	1320	175	Owen Randall	ACT	1179
119	John Rider	VIC	1310	176	Penny Wells	TAS	1178
120	Rowena Vnuk	SA	1309	177	Finola Carey	NSW	1178
121	Rob York	VIC	1309	178	Tei Ngatai	SA	1173
122	Vinh Nguyen	NSW	1308	179	Jan Hill	TAS	1171
123	Judy Mansfield	SA	1307	180	John Barker	NSW	1170
124	Ros Wilkinson	TAS	1307	181	Jean Noonan	NSW	1168
125	Chris Ostrowski	NSW	1305	182	Oliver Podesser	VIC	1167
126	Frank Csarics	VIC	1305	183	Linda Weiss	VIC	1167
127	Peter Griffiths	NSW	1305	184	Marion Miller	NSW	1165
128	Tracey Kneebone	SA	1303	185	Jan Irwin	QLD	1165
129	Pam Bennett	NSW	1302	186	Susan Roberts	SA	1163
130	Keri Heart	NSW	1300	187	Rhonda Reynish	WA	1162
131	Richard Birch	NSW	1298	188	Stephen Saunders	ACT	1161
132	Roberta Tait	QLD	1291	189	Karen Woodhead	QLD	1158
133	Lexia Smallwood	ACT	1291	190	Khwanjai Thammaping	VIC	1154
134	Margaret Neal	NSW	1289	191	Sylvia Galloway	VIC	1153
135	Justin Moyle	VIC	1281	192	Jenny Schafer	QLD	1149
136	Julie Pampling	QLD	1278	193	Fiona Braendler	SA	1148
137	Moana Nepia	NSW	1273	194	Yvette Copley	QLD	1147
138	Margaret Griggs	TAS	1273	195	Wendi Symes	SA	1147
139	Ivor Zetler	NSW	1272	196	Heather Bernstein	NSW	1147
140	Colleen Birch	NSW	1271	197	Natalie Tadday	NSW	1146
141	Bill Doherty	VIC	1271	198	Janine Whittaker	NSW	1143
142	Maureen See	QLD	1255	199	Pat Hudson	SA	1142
143	Angie Pearse	SA	1254	200	Kim Grayson	NSW	1138
144	Mardi Healy	VIC	1254	201	Lynne Jarvis	TAS	1137
145	John Salmon	WA	1253	202	Susan MacGillivray	ACT	1135
146	Teresa Dean	SA	1249	203	Kay Anderson	QLD	1135
147	Monica Dwyer	NSW	1249	204	Vicki Russell	QLD	1132
148	Brenton Gray	QLD	1248	205	Anne Hough	QLD	1131
149	Caroline Polak Scowcroft	ACT	1246	206	Cori Lodder	WA	1125
150	Kris Howat	VIC	1245	207	Glen Chandler	VIC	1125
151	June Valentine	VIC	1243	208	Helen Jones	SA	1125
152	Tim Walton	QLD	1239	209	Tony Kalayzich	NSW	1122
153	Glenys Logan	QLD	1235	210	Betty Smith	TAS	1120
154	Francoise Finlayson	SA	1231	211	Ryder Lo	NSW	1115
155	Victoria Gates	SA	1230	212	Cheryl Michler	NSW	1114
156	Hailey Sutton	NSW	1229	213	Adi Idham Siregar	VIC	1114
157	Rob Marotta	SA	1217	214	Stephen Morrow	NSW	1112
158	Anne Stewart	WA	1215	215	James Ives	ACT	1111
159	Lexie Neale	NSW	1214	216	Karyn Crease	SA	1109
160	Jeffery Lam	NSW	1213	217	Roslyn Murphy	QLD	1107
161	Olga Visser	QLD	1211	218	Rhys McGuckin	QLD	1102
162	Sharon Sorensen	NSW	1208	219	Gail Hamilton	QLD	1100
163	Janet Bau	VIC	1208	220	Sandra Elliott	NSW	1093

221	John Minas	VIC	1092	278	Angela Thomson	VIC	1003
222	Josie Mally	NSW	1091	279	Delys Carbon	WA	1000
223	Josef Peeters	QLD	1086	280	Neal Whibley	SA	999
224	Jessica Richards	VIC	1086	281	George Papp	QLD	999
225	Michael Sacco	VIC	1084	282	Liz Catchpole	QLD	982
226	Fiona Meredith	QLD	1083	283	Julie Hanson	VIC	982
227	Arlene Williams	ACT	1081	284	Carol Rollmann	VIC	981
228	Jill Paterson	QLD	1080	285	Nathan Bennett	SA	978
229	Jayanthi Viswanathan	VIC	1080	286	Terry Horan	ACT	975
230	Julie Carr	VIC	1078	287	Sue Fullerton	NSW	974
231	Harry Hubber	NSW	1076	288	Diana McManus	QLD	973
232	Gerard Imer	NSW	1076	289	Cindy Brunniche	TAS	967
233	Zachary Young	NSW	1076	290	Krystyna Batten	NSW	964
234	Donna Sekkouah	WA	1075	291	Valerie Beck	WA	962
235	Vincent Nguyen	ACT	1073	292	Aaron Tran	NSW	961
236	Tony Patterson	NSW	1072	293	Kenn Rawlings	SA	958
237	Julie Robins	SA	1070	294	Patti Ashwin	QLD	957
238	Baheej Al Kassem	SA	1070	295	Jeanette Hansen	QLD	955
239	Julie Walder	QLD	1070	296	Neil Leow	NSW	955
240	Ruth Jones	QLD	1070	297	Jane Li	SA	953
241	Sherie Brown	QLD	1068	298	Cherry Chapman	VIC	951
242	Michael Smitheram	VIC	1068	299	Mark Gillespie	VIC	948
243	Dieter Jedamski	SA	1064	300	Charlotte Middleton	NSW	948
244	Joanna Moss	WA	1064	301	Joanne Mujic	VIC	946
245	Kelvin Korn	NSW	1064	302	Henny Yates	WA	942
246	Cecilia Khoo	NSW	1060	303	Louisa Atsas	SA	940
247	Alex Timpano	NSW	1057	304	Jenny Coetzee	WA	939
248	Suzanne Healey	SA	1056	305	Julie Banister	NSW	939
249	Nicholas Chin	QLD	1056	306	John Halim	NSW	935
250	Marion Merickel	TAS	1054	307	Luke Breen	VIC	931
251	Rene Chelton	NSW	1053	308	Maree Swanson	TAS	928
252	Mal Eden	VIC	1051	309	Dorothy Fields	NSW	926
253	Tim Guidera	SA	1050	310	Shruthi M Suresh	QLD	925
254	Katherine Boniadian	NSW	1050	311	Marge Roberts	WA	919
255	Margaret Clifford	NSW	1045	312	Janet Kirk	WA	918
256	Estrella Iletto	NSW	1045	313	Margaret Sella	SA	914
257	Carol Mascitti	VIC	1044	314	Julie Bingham	TAS	912
258	Pam Thomas	TAS	1041	315	Tracey Michel	QLD	912
259	Rebecca Hill	ACT	1038	316	Megan Marks	QLD	912
260	Alan Mathews	WA	1037	317	Kerry Garnsey	NSW	904
261	Kerri Friend	NSW	1036	318	Kelvin Nguyen	NSW	903
262	Anthony Radosevic	SA	1033	319	Julie Szabo	QLD	901
263	Anna Palmer	QLD	1032	320	Devorah Ullman	NSW	900
264	Andrew Smith	NSW	1032	321	Cecilia Willis	ACT	900
265	Virginia Christian	QLD	1028	322	Ann Fiddler	NSW	899
266	Graham Bradley	QLD	1027	323	Lynne Goodinson	VIC	898
267	Denise Smith	NSW	1026	324	Pepita Ridgeway Nich	QLD	896
268	Warren Hancock	QLD	1019	325	Sunny Wright	NSW	892
269	Emmanuelle Pratt	SA	1019	326	Annette Casey	VIC	888
270	Dorothy Barracrough	VIC	1018	327	Liz Jackman	NSW	876
271	Greg Hopson	NSW	1013	328	Thanu Sriskantharaja	WA	876
272	Kathryn Tiffen	NSW	1013	329	Elizabeth McKean	VIC	873
273	Margaret Berliner	NSW	1012	330	Isabelle Levantard	NSW	871
274	Elize Plaganyi	QLD	1010	331	Kathleen Maher	QLD	868
275	Donna MacDonald	NSW	1008	332	Andrea Twell	ACT	866
276	Angie Winkler	VIC	1004	333	Anthony Yap	QLD	865
277	Ted De Boer	QLD	1003	334	Naomi Zion	WA	863

335	Etty Meerding	TAS	862	392	Emil Makara	VIC	711
336	Menchie Lowe	NSW	861	393	Lay-Hoon Ng	VIC	709
337	Chi Wai Lo	NSW	859	394	Emily Robertson	VIC	709
338	Chris Sanders	WA	856	395	Jimmy Nguyen	NSW	709
339	Eileen Mills	VIC	855	396	Robyn Davill	SA	707
340	John Freeman	VIC	850	397	Charley Rouse	NSW	704
341	Huy Lam	NSW	850	398	Maureen Harrison	QLD	699
342	Sean Daly	ACT	850	399	Tristan Hon	NSW	697
343	Oliver Klistorner	NSW	849	400	Finley Hutton	VIC	694
344	Sam Pizzano	ACT	848	401	David Bergman	QLD	693
345	Lucas Luu	NSW	840	402	Danny Evers	NSW	686
346	Nick Belloff	QLD	836	403	Arlene Smith	VIC	685
347	Jenny Templeton	NSW	826	404	Mary Wilmott	QLD	678
348	Hen Ridgeon	QLD	823	405	Ngun Hre	VIC	676
349	Jithuni Vidana	VIC	822	406	Harrison Tran	NSW	676
350	Elana Jaremyrn	SA	819	407	Maxine Baker	WA	675
351	Vera Etherton	WA	817	408	Fintan Conway	VIC	672
352	Jayden Hall	VIC	811	409	Tessa Knight	VIC	671
353	Carol Crawford	WA	809	410	Eric Phan	NSW	668
354	Paula Brown	SA	804	411	Erica O'Connor	QLD	668
355	Eddi Kewley	NSW	802	412	Kieran Phinith	NSW	666
356	Emanuel Atsas	SA	799	413	Sonya Froment	NSW	664
357	Meighan Hall	QLD	791	414	Kevin Lam	NSW	664
358	Brendan Tia	NSW	790	415	Rizwan Lotia	VIC	661
359	Megan Allford	QLD	788	416	Lyn Reitano	NSW	656
360	Clare Millar	VIC	787	417	Raymond Tri	NSW	653
361	Leonie Balsley	TAS	784	418	Maureen Heslop	ACT	653
362	Pauline Coulter	WA	784	419	Sam Lee	NSW	652
363	Vincent Nuon	NSW	783	420	Margaret Inglis	QLD	649
364	Carol Hudson	WA	780	421	Phi Long Ma	NSW	649
365	David Lam	NSW	780	422	Janelle Seal	NSW	647
366	Samuel Sedgman	QLD	780	423	Danira De Silva	QLD	641
367	Marcus Robertson	ACT	780	424	James Lo	NSW	640
368	Diana Hilly	NSW	774	425	Jeff Danaher	ACT	635
369	Bettina Tonkin	WA	773	426	Hugh Boveington	ACT	630
370	Bryson Johnson	QLD	767	427	Jaelene Mesa	NSW	629
371	Jo Anne Deady	NSW	766	428	Arham Shenhzad	NSW	626
372	Lucy Dodd	QLD	758	429	Mary Camilleri	NSW	625
373	Shukanya Prachi	QLD	758	430	Rendra Yap	QLD	624
374	Tricia Quinn	QLD	749	431	Karam Idwer	NSW	619
375	Graham Murphy	QLD	747	432	Gaile Clark	QLD	613
376	Margaret Bougie	QLD	746	433	Chloe Ochnio	QLD	611
377	Michael Smith	WA	740	434	Ross McDougall	SA	609
378	Cheryl Lockwood	QLD	740	435	Wara Rizvi	ACT	603
379	Pauline Young	VIC	738	436	Rita van Lieshout	QLD	602
380	Christine Fuoco	NSW	738	437	Althea Wright	VIC	601
381	Del Stitz	VIC	737	438	June Lewis	WA	597
382	Alvin Korn	NSW	736	439	Peter Bailey	NSW	592
383	Rosie Whalen	VIC	734	440	Stephanie Agius	VIC	592
384	Roland Page	QLD	734	441	Rena Aitken	VIC	591
385	Ethan Tenaglia	TAS	730	442	Nick Johnson	NSW	590
386	Rudolf Puntschuh	NSW	719	443	Wendy Drake	SA	589
387	Cora Cikaric	NSW	719	444	Jan Wibrow	QLD	589
388	Rosemary Luyendyk	QLD	718	445	Kaye Campbell	VIC	584
389	Val Martin	VIC	714	446	Heather Bowles	VIC	584
390	Laiken Lam	NSW	714	447	Tim Whiting	NSW	583
391	Suraj Kolarkar	QLD	713	448	Angelina Nguyen	NSW	583

449	Olwen Steel	VIC	577	506	Tunmi Olupona	QLD	500
450	Rebecca Hughes	QLD	568	507	Joy Enevers	QLD	500
451	William Tran	NSW	566	508	Ilona Smith	QLD	500
452	Andrew Thorpe	WA	565	509	Marita Costello	QLD	500
453	Mitchell Dawes	QLD	564	510	Sarah Klistorner	NSW	500
454	Tiara Huynh	NSW	562	511	Deyana Rizvi	ACT	500
455	Julie Bailey	NSW	558	512	Ryan Zheng	NSW	500
456	Anne Pragnell	QLD	553	513	Adam Al-Quronfuli	NSW	500
457	Babette Urban	QLD	553	514	Carole Ruggiero	VIC	500
458	Albert Wang	NSW	552	515	Kate Black	QLD	500
459	Edrick Long	NSW	548	516	Lewis Otto	QLD	500
460	Luke Brattoni	NSW	545	517	Janice Young	VIC	500
461	Vanessa Pham	NSW	545	518	Ana Rose Palatty	ACT	500
462	Robert Paxton	NSW	542	519	Jacqui Olsen	QLD	500
463	Amy Sedgman	QLD	542	520	Hannah Wood	NSW	500
464	Sabrina Luton	QLD	542	521	Shindy Oluwole	ACT	500
465	Keena Tri	NSW	540	522	Marion East	VIC	500
466	Amy Ngo	NSW	540	523	Ryan Cuninghame	NSW	500
467	Divine Nillos	NSW	537	524	Anne Choy	NSW	500
468	Melissa Kok	VIC	537	525	Caroline Hutton	VIC	500
469	Tisa Ng	NSW	534	526	Randi Hidayat	VIC	500
470	Geoff Watts	QLD	534	527	Virsa Aka	VIC	500
471	Jayco Lo	NSW	532	528	Jennifer Jarrard	VIC	500
472	Angela Ngo	NSW	531	529	Hayden Campbell	VIC	500
473	Micaiah Lam	NSW	530	530	Nary Sinh	NSW	500
474	Carolyn Miller	VIC	529	531	Lyn Hall	QLD	500
475	Lucas Hogan	WA	527	532	Jenny Whitehead	QLD	500
476	Elly Spiteri	VIC	523	533	Jill Sandberg	QLD	500
477	Ros Haines	WA	521	534	Judith Bone	QLD	500
478	Helen Giblett	NSW	517	535	Marian Batley	QLD	500
479	Anne Bates	NSW	515	536	Rosa Westrup	QLD	500
480	Elaine McGinnes	VIC	511	537	Sarah Clark	QLD	500
481	Ashley Korn	NSW	510	538	Muntaha Humayrah	NSW	500
482	Jay-Hanz Mesa	NSW	505	539	Ryan Phantharangsy	NSW	500
483	Rebecca Booth	WA	502	540	Sunaira Sadi	NSW	500
484	Justin Eng	NSW	500	541	Thomas Hanna	NSW	500
485	Faye Burt	NSW	500	542	Rosalie Young	NSW	500
486	Anne Talbot	NSW	500	543	Michael Spiteri	VIC	500
487	Eva Kharouni	QLD	500	544	Hamish McPherson	NSW	500
488	Louise Player	QLD	500	545	Daniel Bouten	VIC	500
489	James Dinh	SA	500	546	Khai Nguyen	NSW	500
490	Selena Kuch	NSW	500	547	My Huynh	NSW	500
491	Claire Choong	NSW	500	548	Lexi Steinberg	ACT	500
492	Nayu Vuppala	ACT	500	549	Daniel Fu	QLD	500
493	Felix Pham	NSW	500	550	Lachlan Randolph	QLD	500
494	Victoria Louis	NSW	500	551	Simon Wilson-Ahap	QLD	500
495	Henry Szulc	SA	500	552	Darius Zarghami	QLD	500
496	Kalani Hettiarachchi	QLD	500	553	Marion Slattery	QLD	500
497	Rose Cuninghame	NSW	500	554	Anne-Marie Howarth	QLD	500
498	Kevin Boun	NSW	500	555	Heather Peall	QLD	500
499	Vanessa Lee	QLD	500	556	Kay Goatham	QLD	500
500	Edward Hung	SA	500	557	Naida Illes	NSW	500
501	Zachary Soutanich	NSW	500	558	Cath Sweeney	QLD	500
502	Alice Alzohayri	NSW	500				
503	Tofarati Oluwole	ACT	500				
504	Kathryn Edney	VIC	500				
505	Natalie Page	QLD	500				

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WITH QU OF QUINCES ON THE DOUBLE
THE TOURNAMENT ~~WENT~~ WELL FOR ME.
MY COUNTERPART THEN SET ME UP
FOR TRIPLE TRIPLE Z ON ZEE.
THE X IS SOON IN SAME POSITION
WITH EXTASIES THE WORD.
I CANT BELIEVE IT, AS I NEVER
HAVE SEEN SUCH THING OR HEARD.
AND THEN THE J ON TRIPLE LETTER
MY JINGLED REACHES THE DOUBLE.
THIS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IS MINE
THERE WONT BE ANY TROUBLE.
BUT WHAT REALLY HIT THE LID
WAS A TRIPLE TRIPLE WORD,
AN EIGHT LETTER ONE, YOU KNOW.
MY OPPONENT SAID: "YOU NERD"
THE TROPHY SHINES SO BRIGHT AND CLEAR
AND FULL OF JOY I SCREAM.
AND THEN I FELL OUT OF MY BED!
~~WAKE UP IT WAS A DREAM~~
IT HAS BEEN ONLY A DREAM!