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Jithuni Vidana (9 y.o. and youngest) best performance by Youth Player in Plate division in Adelaide over Easter, being presented with prize by CASPA Youth Coach Karen Richards

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM was held on 18 April in Glenelg, S.A. The following positions were elected unopposed:

Co-Ordinator: Carol Johnsen

Editor ATB: Richard Birch

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Liaison Officer: Julie Brice

Youth Coordinator:

Treasurer: John Hamilton

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Youth Coach

(Sub-officio): Karen Richards

Subsequent to the AGM, John Hamilton was elected unopposed as Youth Coordinator.

The meeting passed a motion thanking Tony Hunt and Tisa Ng for all the work they had done (and continue to do) with youth.

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to David Eldar, once again taking out the Championship (2003 (Plate); 2007, 2013, 2024 and 2025). Just as well that he won it – he forgot to bring over to S.A. the Perpetual Trophy!

Olga Visser claimed the top prize in the Plate division, a successive win for her also. Max Mason took out the Chris May Memorial Board with a ratings gain of 98 points and Jithuni Vidana (9 y.o.) was the best performing youngster.

MINIMUM RATINGS CRITERIA

For Tournament Directors, there is now a new minimum ratings criteria:

- Minimum 4 players
- Minimum 3 games
- No minimum number of rated players required

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP & WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP

The qualification period for the World Youth Championship (30 August – 1 September, Malaysia) and the World Scrabble Championship (formerly WESPA Scrabble Championship) (11-16 November, Accra, Ghana) end on May 30. We are looking forward to strong representation in both championships.

Unfortunately, the long-awaited Teams event which was planned to precede the World Championship was cancelled with various countries citing travel arrangements, costing, too much Scrabble as reasons. WESPA (the World English Speaking Players Association) will be looking to a more central venue for the event, likely in Asia.

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>

All games will use CSW24 and be unrated and of 20 minutes per player duration. Once you have a Woogles account you are free to start playing and chat to anyone else in the room. You can also engage in one-to-one chat while playing, and analyse any completed game you choose. All players in Australia are welcome to join in, though regular attendance on Sunday nights will necessitate State membership.

Around the States

ACT

Growing interest in Youth Scrabble

We are pleased with the burgeoning youth Scrabble scene in Canberra, with a northside club meeting regularly on Sunday afternoons under the tutelage of John Hamilton (Australian Youth Scrabble Coordinator), and a weekly after-school club in the southern suburbs with the oversight of Lexia Smallwood.

It has been good to have youth players playing in our monthly tournaments, and to have one of our young players among the small ACT contingent to Adelaide at Easter for the Australian Championship. Karen Richards (Australian Youth Coach) presented a one-day Youth Coaching Workshop on 30 March, and provided shorter coaching sessions to youth players in the few days prior to the ACT's first Youth Tournament on 10 May.

Tournaments

Our tournament on 22 February attracted 16 players, including 5 novice players, of whom 3 were aged 13 and under. The first three places went to (1st) John Hamilton with 8 games out of 8, (2nd) Rebecca Hill with 5 wins, and (3rd) Tim Reddan with 5 wins. John Hamilton took out both the high game (548) and the high word (**SCODIER**) for 110. Finally, Lexia Smallwood set a new ACT and National record for the longest word played (12 letters – **ALPHABETISES**) noting that Arlene Williams set it up with **ALPHA** and then extending to **ALPHABET** in prior moves.

It was lovely to have three of the novice players from our February tournament (Sam Pizzano, Cecilia Willis, and Hugh Boveington) return to compete again in our next tournament on 29 March. All place-getters won 6 games out of 8: Tony Hunt placed first, John Spaan second, and Noel Barrett third. Noel Barrett earned both high game (552) and high word (**PROPANES**) for 149.



Five novice entries in ACT February tournament: Cecilia, Lexia, Hugh, Sam, Sean

Upcoming Tournaments

Our next tournament will be on 21 June.
Register via Terry Horan
(horanfamily@optusnet.com.au 0424 229 254).

Tournaments are played at the Southern Cross Club in Woden and all players are welcome.

Enquiries should be directed to Tim Reddan:
treddan@inet.net.au 02 6179 5000

New South Wales

Club News

I am pleased to report a new club has been started on Central Coast at Toukley. The club was kicked off by Scrabble tragic Sandra Elliott who already convenes the Ourimbah Club. The new club meets on Fridays from 10pm to 2pm at The Ary, a licensed club operating in Toukley.

Also on the Central Coast, Empire Bay and Terrigal Clubs have indicated they do not wish to remain affiliated with Scrabble NSW so have been moved out of our main list of affiliated clubs. South West Rocks club, despite still operating is another club now moved out of our main list.

Upcoming Tournaments

A new tournament format is being planned due to a venture instigated by The Epping Club, a licensed club in Sydney's northern suburbs, on Sunday June 22nd. The plan is to have a social group running alongside an elite group, the latter basically made up of tournament regulars.

The social group will come from The Epping Club membership and anyone else wanting to take part in an unrated competition. It is likely the social group will be given our two-letter word list, and not use clocks. There will be generous prizes on offer for all as an incentive to join in for a fun day of Scrabble.

Revesby Club has been booked for the Chris May Winter Masters on July 26th and 27th. The tournament will be internationally rated, with two overseas players already entered. Trevor Halsall has indicated he will return to defend his title and it is hope Chris' widow Ksenia will again present the perpetual trophy to the winner.

Tournament Summary

Only five rated events were held during the quarter, stretching from Lake Macquarie near Newcastle in the north to Bomaderry near Nowra in the South.

The first of these was the Wollongong Summer Tournament on 22nd February. 40 players contested Round Robins in groups of 8, with Divisional winners being Joanne Craig (A), Janine Whittaker (B), Lexie Neale (C), Nathan Tang (D) and local Menchie Lowe (E). Josh Watt, tasked with manually recreating some pairings, achieved high word score of the day with **MANLIEST** for 140, while Ryan Sutton had the highest game score with 559.

The next event was The Matchplay Qualifier at Burwood on March 1st. There were Two Divisions, above and below 1300, with the top 8 in each to go through to the head-to-head playoffs. In A Division, Josh Watt and Rod Talbot were the top 2 finishers while in B Division Richard Birch and Steven Savona were the top 2. John Barker achieved the highest game score of the day with 526 while Bob Jackman had the highest word core of 131 for **GLADIOL**.

Next our regulars went south again, this time to Bomaderry on March 16th. A certain NSW President celebrated his birthday on the eve of the event in the Bowling Club dining room. Next day 32 player gathered at the venue in four Divisions to be ably directed by John Hamilton.

Divisional winners were Joanne Craig (A), Steven Savona (B), hostess Margaret Neal (C) and local player Greg Hopson (D). High game went to Joanne Craig with 571 with Dorothy Fields from Wollongong scoring the highest play of the day with **SQUARER** for 110.

Two weeks later we moved to the Birch Residence in Lake Macquarie, where 22 players contested an Open event of 8 x 20 minute per player games. 22 players were spoilt by the Birches with superb catering and barbecue lunch prepared by our host between games.

Eventual winner was Josh Watt with 7 wins, with Bob Jackman and host Richard Birch taking the minor placings. Bob scored both high game of 586 and high word of 131 with **ESTRIDGE**. Prizemoney was given to the

highest rating gainers which were Donna MacDonald (+48), Richard Birch (+39) and Krystyna Batten (+38).

The last event for the quarter was Tony Hunt's Lansvale Mindsports. Karen Richards visited from Queensland to coach some of the youngsters attending the event, comprised mostly of students but with a smattering of experienced players.

Tracy Bui who has been cutting her teeth at Petersham Club won three out of her four games as a novice to impress in her first outing. The top three placings of the 26 players were organiser Tony Hunt, winning all 4 games, Josh Watt and fast-improving youth player Nathan Tang.

Upcoming Tournaments

Burwood Ratings Improvers,
Saturday May 24th, Club Burwood RSL.
Bob Jackman
0400 226541 rjackman@ozemail.com.au

Central Coast Winter Tournament
Sunday June 8th Ourimbah RSL Club
Sandra Elliott 0410 438 525
sandee1@iinet.net.au

Wollongong Winter
Saturday June 14th
Collegians, Wollongong Graeme Lock Lee
0417 967 859. gtlocklee@gmail.com

The Epping Club Scrabble Comp
Sunday June 22nd,
Epping Club, 45-47 Rawson Street, Epping
Bob Jackman 0400 226 541
rjackman@ozemail.com.au

Chris May Memorial Winter Masters
Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th July
Lawson Room, Revesby Workers Club
2B Brett Street, Revesby
Bob Jackman 0400 226 541
rjackman@ozemail.com.au

Lake Macquarie Spring
Saturday 8th November
Private Residence, Balcolyn (Near Morisset)
Richard Birch. 0418 428 459
richardbirch@me.com

Queensland

Queensland has started using Facebook advertising to attract people to clubs and tournaments. Adverts target areas near the tournament or club venue, with those indicating an interest being followed up and encouraged to attend. So far, the results have been promising with 15 novices coming to tournaments since the beginning of the year.

Twelve Queenslanders attended the Australian Championships in Adelaide at Easter. Olga Visser won the Plate division. They all had a great time and look forward to going to the ACT next year.

The Nambour tournament on the Sunshine Coast was run successfully with 34 players including 7 novices, making it the largest field so far this year. Many thanks to Ruth Jones for organizing the event.

Another Sunshine Coast tournament will be run in Noosa on 24th May. This is being organized by Megan Marks who was one of the novices at the Nambour event. Megan has been running a scrabble club at Noosa for a while and was unaware of Scrabble Queensland until the Nambour event was promoted via Facebook.

Scrabble Queensland is again running programs as part of the Brisbane State High School Enrichment Program, an after-school activity that runs for 6 weeks in both terms 2 and 3. We have 2 regular players now that came from last year's programs. The program commences on 12th May.

Scrabble Queensland continues to run Mindsport events. These are aimed at youth and beginners. They typically have a short coaching session followed by a short tournament. Events have been held in January and April, with the next one planned for 15th June aimed at youth from the Brisbane State High School Enrichment Program.

This year's Queensland Championships will be held in Townsville in conjunction with the Australian Women's Championship with up to 6 days of scrabble from 9th August to the 17th August 2025. We look forward to seeing lots of people there.

A very special mention to one of the people who worked tirelessly behind the scenes for

North Queensland Scrabble Festival 2025



Townsville is proud to be hosting both the ***Australian Women's Scrabble Championship*** and the ***Queensland Scrabble Championship*** in 2025.

We will also be running a few shorter tournaments on beautiful Magnetic Island to make traveling to North Queensland in winter even more tempting!

All tournaments will be CSW24 and WESPA-rated.

We experience 24 sunny days and an average daily maximum temperature of 26° in August, making it an ideal time to visit.

There are direct flights to Townsville from Cairns, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, and Adelaide, as well as overnight train trips from the Gold Coast and Brisbane.

The Townsville tournaments will be held in the CBD within walking distance of a range of accommodation and restaurant options. The Magnetic Island Bowls Club and Arcadia Hotel are both on the bus route and within walking distance of each other.

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

Townsville CIC Meeting Rooms,
280 Flinders St, Townsville
Saturday 9 & Sunday 10 August 2025

MAGNETIC ISLAND PUB TRIVIA NIGHT

Arcadia Hotel, Arcadia Bay
Thursday 14th August 2025

MAGNETIC ISLAND TOURNAMENTS

Magnetic Island Bowls Club,
18 Marine Parade, Arcadia Bay
Wednesday 13th August
and Thursday 14th August 2025

QUEENSLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Townsville CIC Meeting Rooms,
280 Flinders St, Townsville
Saturday 16th August
and Sunday 17th August 2025

Please contact Julie Brice on
+61 409 748 323 or juliebrice@bigpond.com
for more information or to register your interest.

Scrabble Queensland. Judy Mason, our treasurer for many years, has handed over duties to our new Treasurer, Yvette Copley. Judy was always very efficient and helpful in her role as Treasurer, and I am sure all Scrabble Queensland members join me in offering our sincere thanks for all her hard work over the years.

Paul Richards
President, Scrabble Queensland

Upcoming Tournaments

Sunday May 18 ~ May Mayhem ~ Alexandra Room, Queen Alexandra Home, 347 Old Cleveland Rd, Coorparoo ~ Paul Richards ~ 0419 031 369 ~ paulrrichards7@gmail.com.au

Sunday June 1 ~ Southport ~ TBA ~ Diana McManus ~ dianamcmanus4@gmail.com

Saturday June 14 ~ Toowoomba Winter ~ St David's Church Hall, cnr Mary and Alford Sts, North Toowoomba ~ Jane Brown 0417 903 079 ~ jb.edits@bigpond.net.au

Sunday June 29 ~ June Mindsport ~ Alexandra Room, Queen Alexandra Home, 347 Old Cleveland Rd, Coorparoo ~ Paul Richards ~ 0419 031 369 ~ paulrrichards7@gmail.com.au

Sunday July 20 ~ July Jaunt ~ Alexandra Room, Queen Alexandra Home, 347 Old Cleveland Rd, Coorparoo ~ Paul Richards ~ 0419 031 369 ~ paulrrichards7@gmail.com.au

Saturday August 9 & Sunday 10 ~ Australian Women's Championships ~ either or both days ~ CIC Meeting Rooms, Level 1, 280 Flinders St, Townsville ~ Julie Brice ~ 0409 748 323 ~ juliebrice@bigpond.com

Wednesday August 13 & Thursday 14 ~ Magnetic Island Tournaments ~ either or both days & Pub Trivia Thursday evening ~ Magnetic Island Bowls Club, 18 Marine Parade, Arcadia Bay ~ Julie Brice ~ 0409 748 323 ~ juliebrice@bigpond.com

Saturday 16 & Sunday 17 August ~ Queensland Championships ~ CIC Meeting Rooms, Level 1, 280 Flinders St, Townsville ~ Paul Richards ~ 0419 031 369 ~ paulrrichards7@gmail.com.au or Martin Waterworth ~ 0438 457 566 ~ martinw7@gmail.com

Sunday August 31 ~ August ~ Alexandra Room, Queen Alexandra Home, 347 Old Cleveland Rd, Coorparoo ~ Paul Richards ~

0419 031 369 ~ paulrrichards7@gmail.com.au
Saturday September 13 ~ Toowoomba Spring ~ St David's Church Hall, cnr Mary and Alford Sts, North Toowoomba ~ Jane Brown 0417 903 079 ~ jb.edits@bigpond.net.au

Sunday October 19 ~ October (AGM) ~ Kingsbury Room, Queen Alexandra Home, 347 Old Cleveland Rd, Coorparoo ~ Paul Richards ~ 0419 031 369 ~ paulrrichards7@gmail.com.au

Sunday November 23 ~ November ~ Alexandra Room, Queen Alexandra Home, 347 Old Cleveland Rd, Coorparoo ~ Paul Richards ~ 0419 031 369 ~ paulrrichards7@gmail.com.au

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

Upcoming Tournaments

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

Tasmania

Upcoming Tournaments

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

Victoria

Midway through the calendar year is always an exciting time in Victoria; as winter is about to set in, so our calendar is at its best in providing members with Scrabble in a way they want, on whatever platform they want.

June sees our flagship event, the Victorian Championship run over the King's Birthday holiday weekend. Held again in Preston, this event continues our 40 year celebrations. This is the 40th anniversary of the event as well as being, given COVID affected us one year, the 40th Championship. This two day celebration also features fundraisers for our young players who will be heading to

Malaysia in August for this year's World Youth Scrabble Championship.

By the time you read this, the event may have been run and won, so I hope if you have taken part, that you had an enjoyable time, no matter how well the tiles went for you.

This period also showcases our diverse offerings for members. The Friday after the Vics will see our latest iteration of Friday Night Scrabble. This series of events, offering rated play without the need for clocks has been one of the biggest areas of membership growth for us and each night offers players great company, food and drink at reasonable prices, and 4 games of Scrabble. The no-clock element means the night does not drag waiting for games and we end at a good time in the mid evening.

The second Victorian Online Open plays out over 2 weeks in June. Will Chris Scholten defend his title this year after winning the first ever of these events last year? These events allow players the chance for rated online play in the comfort of their own home on Saturday afternoons. With the weather expecting to get colder at this time, how better a way can you

spend an expected rainy Saturday by being inside (and warm) whilst playing Scrabble?

It is also appropriate to note that July 1 is the start of our membership year. Those people not already renewed to 2026 are encouraged to renew early, allowing us the opportunity to concentrate on bringing more people into our growing community of players.

On a final note, this past quarter has seen us welcome two new school clubs: whilst in their infancy (pardon the pun), we offer them all the support we can within Victoria to help them flourish.

Members who know anyone wanting to join us are encouraged to approach me with info and we will offer everything we can to help our Association grow.

Upcoming Tournaments

Check website

scrabble.org.au/victoria/calendar.htm

Western Australia

Upcoming Tournaments

Check website:

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



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- 2. Click to Go to Channel**
(or Download
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- 3. Join Channel**
- 4. Stay up to date** 😊



As seen on its numberplates, Adelaide is South Australia's 'Festival City'. I only made the move from Perth last year but even so, I am always reminded why it has this moniker, amazed how there is always something going on, advertisements for the next JAMBOREE, FIESTA or BEERFEST.

FESTIVALGOERS come far and wide from across town but also interstate and beyond to have a gander. It revs up in March when no sooner have the Christmas and New Years' celebrations subsided and leftovers polished off when MAD MARCH as it's known (which has its own stodgy anagram) comes around. A festival of festivals, it's a vibrant flurry of the arts, culture and events. DRAGSTERS rev at the Adelaide 500, PROSATEURS come for the Adelaide Writer's Festival. It's all topped off by the crown jewel, the Adelaide Fringe Festival, the largest of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere, where DIVAS, FUNNYMEN and TRUSTAFARIANS meet in the parklands for – well, any show you could imagine.

I even remarked that there was an EQUALITY in the air, world-class acts like the bombastic Ross Noble performing metres from the streetside daredevil and stuntman STUNTING and OUTSTUNTING the next MANKINI-clad HARLEQUIN next door. One could mosey about the Garden of Unearthly Delights and Gluttony for days on end, go from spritely CANCANS to a measured, insightful PLENARY to a surprisingly tasty VEGEBURGER to a pop-up art display filled with GALLERYITES.

It was oddly reminiscent, then, when we packed up the last trestle of the South Australian Scrabble Championships (held in March, of course) only to get back into tournament mode for the Australian Championships. Going from the state champs to the Nationals, plus the intermittent tournaments and weekly club play, this March and April has felt like our own FRINGELIKE festival of Scrabble, and the traditional Easter weekend of competitive word-slinging was the perfect way to top it all off.

103 keen, canny Scrabblers from all of Australia's states and territories (and beyond) descended on Adelaide – Glenelg, to be

precise. Play took place at the Holdfast Bay Bowls Club. In a delightful twist of coincidence, the 2025 Australian PETANQUE Championships were being lobbied into action just a few hundred metres up the road. Glenelg played host to a weekend where strategy wore two different hats, one dictionary-thick, the other broad-brimmed.

A most unlikely curveball came when tournament director James Gunner was sidelined with a bout of rhinovirus shortly before the tournament commencement. Fortunately, the tournament remained in the capable hands of Nick Ivanovski along with computer operator extraordinaire Lachlan Vnuk to ensure everything ran smoothly from clock start to challenge call.

Round 1 commences with that familiar chorus of tile rattling. Coming off his major victory at the City of Sydney Masters, Josh Watt romps ahead with six bingos, VERANDAS, SCROUGES, SIZEABLE, HEREUNTO, NAILSET and NONGLARE, getting to a final score of 587 and putting him firmly in front. Michael Vnuk plays WINNING for 90 – a sign of things to come?

In my first game, I am I drawn to play Cameron Farlow who won the championships in 2019. I draw the bag and get ahead with SIGNAGE, SNOTTIE, MORALIST and QUERIDA to win 524-399. The draw for Game 2 is put up only for everyone to find out it is identical to Game 1's. Back to the breakout room, everyone. Standby.

Funnily enough, my dumb luck followed me for the first day and much of the tournament. I somehow managed to go 7-2 on Day 1, putting me in second place. Personal highlights of the day included PROGERIA, AZOTH (81) and SIZZLER. Jane Taylor has a cracking game against Martin Waterworth, binging out with her third bingo of MARTINET to win by 276. Against Cameron, Adam Kretschmer extends his PATIENT with OUTPATIENT. No, that's not to surpass in patience.

I am reminded that Scrabble tournaments, particularly larger ones this one, produce a distinct, percussive ambience of tile clicks, clock clacks and counting. It is nostalgic and

familiar. What is just as familiar are the game-to-game CHINWAGS. The breakout room is alight with intense discussion and recapping of the last game's foibles, 'Well, she had everything', 'I missed NEOBLAST' and the always heartbreaking 'I had a word but nowhere to put it down'.

The lively discussion is accompanied by a lovely CUPPA and the wonderful catering work of Jacqui Pearce and Margaret Gibson who worked at an amazing pace, delivering plate after plate of CRUDITES and CANAPES. They even surprised us with ice-cream cones towards the end of the day, a South Australian tradition I'm told. I'm not sure how that started, but it was a darn good idea.

After three days of hotly contested competition, it was a case of Scrabble déjà vu where both the Championship and Plate winners of the previous year ascended to retake their titles again in unison! In the Championship, a familiar face in Victoria's David Eldar triumphed commandingly with 20 wins, four games ahead of the runners up. A three-time world champion and now four-time Australian champion, Jane jokes that David's forgetting to bring the 2024 trophy back this year was an elaborate gamble, one that paid off.

It was Queensland veteran Olga Visser who returned to stake her claim, and that she did! Olga won the 2024 Plate with 16.5 wins, and she came back and outdid herself with 18 wins! She edged out New South Wales's Margaret Neal (also 18 wins) by just over 100 spread points. Frank Csarics rounded out the top 3 on 16 wins. South Australia's Judy Mansfield won the high game with an impressive 584 while Queenslander Anne Hough's OVERAGES for 158 took the high word.

The Championship's top 3 was rounded out by South Australia's own Adam Kretschmer in second and Victorian Trevor Halsall in third. Adam also took out the high game prize of 639, while David Eldar and fellow Victorian Geoff Wright tied for the high word with GINGERED and INTERVAL respectively for 158.

As someone who started playing as a youth, now at best an ADULTESCENT, I have to mention how fantastic it was to see such a

strong bevy of young people contesting this year's event with Oscar Ivanovski in the Championship and Maheu Papau T-Pole, Lev Roch, Danira De Silva, Sam Pizzano and Jithuni Vidana in the Plate. Nine-year-old Jithuni (Victoria) won the overall youth prize with 10 wins – well done Jithuni! Speaking about the YOUTHQUAKE, one insider source told me:

"I was really impressed by them. They were unfailingly polite and curious and good humoured. They remained enthusiastic the whole time and were a delightful addition". The Chris May Memorial Prize for highest rating gain went to yours truly, picking up 98 rating points.

Of course, it would be remiss of me not to extend a big thank you to Nick Ivanovski and Lachlan Vnuk, Michael and Rowena Vnuk for their name tag and scorebook designs, Antony Kimber, Susan Roberts, Judy Mansfield, Tony Miller and Daniel Piechnick of the committee, caterers Jacqui Pearce and Margaret Gibson and all who assisted with the set-up and set-down. Biggest of all, thank you to our efficient, invaluable state president Jane Taylor for leading a coordinated committee effort to put on a successful and memorable tournament.

If you're feeling FRINGY next March, drop into Adelaide for the weekend and play some Scrabble while you're at it! The torch now gets passed on to Canberra who will host the 2026 event. See you there!

From the National Championship...



It was déjà vu all over again with David Eldar taking out the Australian Championship and Olga Visser securing the Plate. Seen here with organiser Jane Taylor.



Top Left: David Eldar and Tony Hunt battling it out at the National Championship in Adelaide at Easter. This game finished as a rare loss for David with Tony Hunt scoring 448 to David's 378.



Left: SA's Max Mason - Winner of the Chris May memorial trophy ~ highest rating gain 98 points pushing him to 1789

Below: The trophies



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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.

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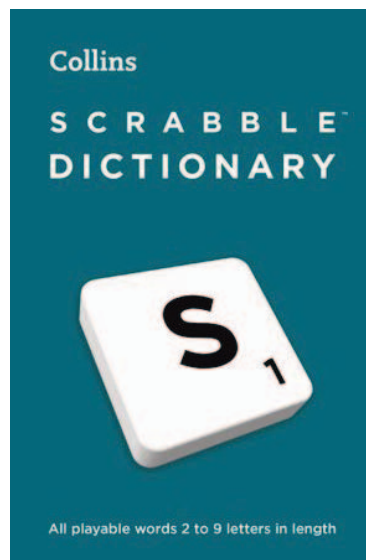
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ACT

Woden Night: Wed 7pm

Southern Cross Club, Woden

Tim Reddan **02 6179 5000**

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WODEN Day: Thu 9am

Southern Cross Club, Woden

Terry Horan **0424 229 254**

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NSW

Greater Sydney Clubs

Baulkham Hills: Tuesdays from 7.00 pm

Baulkham Hills North Primary School

2 Girralong Ave, Baulkham Hills

Chris Ostrowski **0410 448 286**

criskris@bigpond.net.au

Bondi: Wednesday from 7.00pm

COA Krygier Centre **NEW ADDRESS**

25 Rowe Street, Woollahra

Owen Fisher **0412 931 440**

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Inner West Day: Tuesdays 9.30am to 1.30 pm

Marrickville Library.

Cnr Marrickville & Livingstone Rds

Sue Tuckett **0401 644 096**

suetuckett@yahoo.com.au

Lane Cove: Thursdays 5.30pm to 9.00pm

Lane Cove Bowling & Recreation Club

151 Burns Bay Road, Lane Cove

Julie Bailey **0427 035 465**

juliesimonds7@gmail.com

Macarthur: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays from 7pm

Western Suburbs League Club

10 Old Leumeah Road, Leumeah

Tony Hunt **0417 470 167**

audiolifeportrait@gmail.com

John Holgate **0413 168 548**

john.holgate@ozemail.com.au

Petersham Pub Night:

1st and 3rd Mondays from 7pm

Petersham RSL Club

30 Trafalgar Street, Petersham

Ryan Sutton **0432 384 240**

fryziesutton@yahoo.com.au

Steven Savona **0411 815 981**

steven.savona@gmail.com

Revesby: Tuesday Evenings from 6.45pm

Picnic Point Bowling Club

124 Lambeth St, Panania

Peter Griffiths **0432 638 994**

phgriffiths60@gmail.com

St George: Tuesdays 10am - 3pm

Oatley RSL Club, 23 Letitia St, Oatley

Jo Anne Deady **0431 624 970**

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Sutherland: Thursdays 10.30am - 3.00pm

Sutherland United Services Club

7 East Pde, Sutherland

Ann Fiddler **02 9589 0128**

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Sydney: First Sunday each month

From 11.30am, Competition

Clontarf Cottage, Wallace St, Balmain

Cheryl Michler **0408 595 219**

michlercheryl@hotmail.com

Waverley: Tuesdays, from 1pm

Waverley Community Centre

31-33 Spring St, Bondi Junction

Devorah Ullman **0434 190 396**

devorah@aptitude.com.au

South Coast Scrabble Clubs

Bomaderry: Wednesdays 10.30am to 5pm

Bomaderry Bowling Club

cnr Meroo & Cambewarra Rds, Bomaderry

Margaret Neal **0428 429 077**

margcneal@bigpond.com

Nowra: Saturdays from 12.30pm

Bomaderry Bowling Club

cnr Meroo & Cambewarra Rds, Bomaderry

Greg Hopson **0438 897 540**

greghopson604@gmail.com

Wollongong: WORDS: (Evening)

Monday from 7pm

Collegians Rugby League Club

Flinders St, Wollongong

Melissa Millwood **0419 446 997**

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Wollongong: WORDS: (Day)

Thursday 1pm to 5pm

Collegians Rugby League Club

Cnr Balgownie Rd & Napier St, Balgownie

Natalie Tadday **0451 588 456**

natalietad@gmail.com

Central Coast Clubs

Empire Bay: See Non-Affiliated Clubs

janconsoli@optusnet.com.au

Ourimbah: Thursdays 10am - 2pm

Ourimbah RSL Club

Sandra Elliott **0410 438 525**

sandee1@iinet.net.au

Toukley: Fridays 10am - 2pm

The Ary, 35 Holmes Avenue, Toukley

Sandra Elliott **0410 438 525**

sandee1@iinet.net.au

Woy Woy: Thursdays 12 noon - 4pm

CWA Hall, cnr Ocean Beach Rd

and Sydney Ave, Umina

Denise Smith **02 4365 5645**

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Hunter Region Clubs

Belmont: Mondays 1.30pm - 4.30pm

Belmont Library, 19 Ernest Street, Belmont

Bob Burr **0413 887 087**

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Lake Macquarie: Thursdays, 9:30am to 1pm

Bay Hotel Motel

330 Fishery Point Road, Bonnells Bay

Richard Birch **0418 428 459**

richardbirch@me.com

Maitland: Tuesdays 9.30am - 2pm

Telerah Bowling Club

Pam Rowlands **0421 111 253**

pamnpinky@gmail.com

Newcastle: Saturdays 11.30am - 4.00pm

Wests City (was Panthers)

King St, Newcastle

Christine O'Neill **0407 484 851**

christinejoneill@gmail.com

Mid-North Coast

South West Rocks: See Non-Affiliated Clubs

Southern Highlands Clubs

Bowral: 2nd & 4th Fridays of month

10am to 4pm

Bowral Bowling Club

40 Sheperd Street, Bowral

Sylvia Carless **0419 165 293**

sylvia.carless@bigpond.com

Tahmoor: Monday from 1pm Taara Gardens

23 Estonian Road, Thirlmere

Bev Batros **0409 913 679**

bevbatros@yahoo.com.au

Virtual (Online) Clubs

Scrabble NSW Woogles: Sundays from 6pm

woogles.io/club/nswscrab

Bob Jackman **0400 226 541**

rjackman@ozemail.com.au

Non-Affiliated Scrabble Groups

The following are known serious and social groups that are not affiliated with Scrabble NSW. If you know of such a group and want it included here, email details to Bob Jackman

Blacktown Healthwise: Social

Val Haggett **0438 212 219**

Brunswick Heads: Serious

Steve Bellerby **0407 8447188**

Bundanoon: Social

Sandy McKenzie **0423 518 947**

Coffs Harbour:

Keith Bancroft **0421 334 216**

Empire Bay:

Jan Consoli **0402 246 427**

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Ettalong:

Pam Tuckwell **0404 045 360**

Kiama:

Marie Dalton **02 4233 2778**

Lismore:

Taran Tula **0434 053 925**

Mittagong:

George Khamis **0405 201 552**

Oatlands: Social

Lauraine Overton **0412 300 137**

Orange: Social

Audrey Ferris **02 6362 0068**

Port Macquarie: Social

Wayne Willis **0415 572 017**

Quakers Hill (Full):	Serious
Lauraine Overton	0412 300 137
Ramsgate:	Social
Dea Holland	02 9588 3415 aoch@optusnet.com.au
Sanctuary Point:	Social
Anne Reid	0410 012 642
South West Rocks:	Alt Thursdays
Shirley Winkler	02 6566 7220 shirley.winkler@bigpond.com
Terrigal:	
Mary-Michal Oxby	0402 846 485
Tumut:	
Bev Sutton	02 6947 6505
Wagga Wagga:	
Norm Byng	0418 293 453

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Bargara:	Thursday 1.30pm
Carlisle Gardens	
Virginia Christian	07 4159 1935 0408 278 236 barginhere@bigpond.com
Brunswick Valley:	Tuesday 1-4pm
Brunswick Heads Bowls Club	
Old Pacific Highway	
Brunswick Heads	
Steve Bellerby	0407 844 718
Bundaberg:	Brothers Sports Club
Liz Blanch	0435 018 364
Coorparoo:	Tuesday 8 am - 1 pm
Queen Alexandra Home	
347 Old Cleveland Rd	
Benita O'Neill	0407 434 855
Dalby:	Wednesday 6:30 pm
Kathleen Maher	mzeemaher@gmail.com
Logan City:	Tuesday 12-4:30pm
2nd and 4th of month	
Marsden Park Library,	
Chambers Flat Rd, Marsden Park	
Karrin Henderson	07 3133 3204 kahendos@optusnet.com.au
Logan Day:	Wednesday 12-5pm
1st and 3rd of month	
Meeting room, Hyperdome Library	
Olga Visser	07 3801 1362 visser@optushome.com.au

Logan Night:	Monday 5-8pm	
McDonalds meeting room		
Bryants Road, Loganholme		
Olga Visser	07 3801 1362	
visser@optushome.com.au		
Noosa:	Friday 10am-12pm	NEW CLUB
Noosa Library.		
Megan Marks		
megan_marks1@hotmail.com		
Redcliffe:	Wednesday 1-4pm	
Thursday 6:30-10pm		
Trish Brighton	0402 736 532	
brist@optusnet.com.au		
Southport:	Wednesday 1-5pm	
Some Sunday afternoons		
SOPUS Club,		
Scarborough Street		
Diana McManus	0419 022 520	
dianamcmanus4@gmail.com		
Sunshine Coast:	Friday 1-3:30pm	
Nambour RSL		
14 Matthew St		
Trevor Sauer	07 5445 7770	
sauer.1@bigpond.com		
Tangara BSHS after school:	Mon 3:30-5pm	
Private venue		
Tangara, West End		
Roberta Tait	0431 640 874	
taitroberta@hotmail.com		
Toowoomba:	Thursday 4 pm	
Newtown School Library		
24 Albert St, Newtown		
Jane Brown	0417 903 079	
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Townsville:	Alt Fridays and Saturdays at 3 pm	
Unit 1105/106 Denham St, Townsville		
Julie Brice	0409 748 323	
juliebrice@bigpond.com		
SA		
Blackwood:	Wednesday 12:45-4:00	
Blackwood Uniting Church		
266 Main Street Blackwood		
(Enter from Coromandel Parade)		
Raelene Nicholls	0416 203 515	
nichollsraelene@gmail.com		
Brighton:	Thursday 12:30pm	
Brighton Senior Citizens Club		
376 Brighton Road Hove		
Julie Hockley	0410 053 973	
jhock2@bigpond.com		

Henley & Grange: Friday 1:00 pm
Grange Uniting Church Hall,
Beach Street, Grange
Jacqui Pearce **0439 806 309**
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Noarlunga: Wednesday 7:30pm
Church of Christ Hall,
165 Beach Road, Noarlunga
Robyn Davill **0401 364 019**
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Plympton: Monday 6:00pm
Sachiez Kitchen, 295 Anzac Highway, Plympton
Tony Miller
www.meetup.com/adelaide-pub-scrabble/

Port Adelaide: Monday 2:30-5:30
Port Adelaide Library
2 Church St, Port Adelaide
Sarah Antoniw **08 8405 6584**
sarah.antoniw@cityofpae.sa.gov.au

Prospect: Tuesday 1:30pm
128 Prospect Road, Prospect
Louisa Atsas **0432 907 646**
atsas_tribe@yahoo.com

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Glenorchy: Tue 1pm
Jill Norton **08 6228 1861**

Kingborough: Tue 7.30pm
Khen Meering **08 6229 5840**

Ulverstone: Wed 9.30am
Jan Hill **08 6425 5415**

VIC

Ballarat: Tuesday 10am - 3pm
Russell Square Community Centre
Cnr Humfray St & Stawell St, Brownhill
Marjorie Clark **0456 098 982**
marjorieclark1@bigpond.com

Bayswater/Kilsyth:
Last Thursday of Month 7.00pm
Kilsyth Club, 1/15 Canterbury Rd
Bayswater North ~ Free to play
Justin Moyle **0477 774 701**
justin_mo@yahoo.com.au

Balwyn: Monday 1.00pm
Balwyn Community Centre
412 Whitehorse Road
Surrey Hills
Marj Miller **03 9850 2366**
mjwm9@bigpond.com

Bentleigh: 1pm-4pm Wednesday
Godfrey Streeet Community Centre
9 Godfrey Street, Bentleigh
Carol Johnsen **0476 639 195**
caroljscrabble@gmail.com

Box Hill: See **Surrey Hills**

Brunswick: 2nd & 4th Thursday 6pm-9pm
Joey Smalls
284 Sydney Rd, Brunswick
Rob York **0417 512 535**
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Essendon: Tuesday 7pm ~ 10pm
Essendon Senior Citizens Centre
5 Kellaway Ave, Moonee Ponds
Rob York **0417 512 535**
tryerbrook@gmail.com

Fairfield And Northcote: *Scrabble Club (FaNS)*
Monday 7.00pm ~ 9.00pm
Darebin U3A
26 Railway Place, Fairfield
Rob York **0417 512 535**
tryerbrook@gmail.com

Fitzroy: 1st Wednesday of month 7pm-10pm
Boardies Bar
189 Smith Street, Fitzroy
Nick Ivanovski **0412 175 251**
nicksfbemail@gmail.com

Geelong: Saturday 1.00pm
Christ Church Anglican, Geelong,
cnr Moorabool & McKillop Streets
Pauline Young **0429 829 773**
paueliyo@yahoo.com.au

Greensborough: Wednesday 1-4 pm
Watsonia Community Hall
35 - 47 Lambourn Rd, Watsonia
Angie Winkler **03 9439 1634**
acwinks@yahoo.com.au

Langwarrin: Tuesday 1 - 4 pm
Langwarrin Community Centre,
cnr Warrandyte & Lang Rds
Langwarrin
Alan Burn **0407 524 797**
monty.moo.mm@gmail.com

Maryborough: Saturday 10am - 12 pm
Maryborough Library
Chris Scholten
maryboroughscrabbleclub@gmail.com

Mount Martha: Tuesday 1.00pm
Room 5, Mt Martha House,
cnr Dominion Rd & The Esplanade
Heather ? **0418 562 529**

Mount Waverley: Weds 9.30am - 12.30pm
Golden Age Senior Citizens' Centre
47 Miller Crescent
Mount Waverley
Lynne Goodinson **0402 164 329**

Paynesville: Tuesday 10am - 3pm
Sylvia Galloway **0407 046 463**
sylgal1938@optusnet.com.au

Rosanna: 2nd & 4th Thursdays 6.30 - 9.30pm
Watsonia Library, 4/6 Ibbotson St,
Rob Hutchinson **0407 533 525**
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Surrey Hills: *Previously Box Hill*
Tuesdays fortnightly 1pm - 4pm
Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre,
157 Union Road, Surrey Hills
Judith McNaughtan **0447 387 493**
mcnaughtan43@optusnet.com.au

Warburton: Wednesday, 10am-Noon &
1st Saturday of the month 1pm-4pm
Warburton Community Space
25A Dammans Rd, Warburton
Lay-Hoon Ng **0408 802 207**
lay-hoon@bigpond.com

Wodonga: Saturday 10am-Noon
Hyphen Wodonga Library,
126 Hovell St Wodonga
Luke Breen **0424 841 438**
l.t.breen@outlook.com

Albany: Monday 9am-12pm
Albany Bridge Club,
Mill Street
Sue Reynolds **0432 059 566**
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Bassendean: Wednesday 9:30am-4pm
Bassendean Community Centre,
Lesser Hall,
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Hamersley (Tuesday): Tues 1pm-4:30pm
Stirling Leisure Centre,
20 Belvedere Road,
Hamersley
Joan Dye **0400 761 356**

Hamersley (Saturday): Sat 12:30-4:30pm
Stirling Leisure Centre,
20 Belvedere Road,
Hamersley
Mike Clarke **0438 606 617**
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Melville: Monday 10am-3pm
Melville Bowling Club,
582 Canning Highway,
Alfred Cove
Delys Carbon **0416 502 268**
Delcarbon@iinet.net.au

Nedlands: Tuesday 9:30am-12:30pm
Dalkeith Baptist Hall,
Waratah Avenue,
Dalkeith
Chris Hassell **0428 846 325**
cehassell@bigpond.com

Perth: Thursday 9:30am-4pm
Senior Citizens Centre,
Perth Railway Complex,
Wellington Street
Anne Stewart **0410 346 849**
asteckel42@gmail.com

Spearwood: Tuesday 10am-3pm
Senior Citizen's Centre,
Spearwood
Vera Ruddick **0438 803 823**

Results Roundup

ACT

16.11.2024 ACT Champs

OPEN: 1 Tony Hunt; 2 John Spaan; 3 John Hamilton; **HG** Phillip Hamilton 637; **HW** Madeleine Emerson **SETTLING** 104

18.01.2025 ACT JAN25

STARS: 1 Bob Jackman; 2 Noel Barrett; 3 John Spaan; **HG** Noel Barrett 595; **HW** Bob Jackman **DRAINING** 140

22.02.2025 Canberra February

ALL: 1 John Hamilton; 2 Rebecca Hill; 3 Tim Reddan; **HG** John Hamilton 548; **HW** John Hamilton **SCODIER** 110

29.03.2025 ACT March

ALL: 1 Tony Hunt; 2 John Spaan; 3 Noel Barrett; **HG** Noel Barrett 552; **HW** Noel Barrett **PROPANES** 149

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22.02.2025 Wollongong Summer

A: 1 Joanne Craig; 2 Tony Hunt 5; 3 Bob Jackman; **HG** Ryan Sutton 559; **HW** Josh Watt **MANLIEST** 140

B: 1 Janine Whittaker; 2 Greg Pinchbeck; 3 John Holgate; **HG** Greg Pinchbeck 493; **HW** Chris Ostrowski **SQUINTER** 94

C: 1 Lexie Neale; 2 John Barker; 3 Natalie Tadday; **HG** Natalie Tadday 476; **HW** Margaret Neal **OUTRANK** 99

D: 1 Nathan Tang; 2 Kerri Friend; 3 Cheryl Michler; **HG** Nathan Tang 480; **HW** Dorothy Fie **ANTIQUES** 131

E: 1 Menchie Lowe; 2 Krystyna Batten; 3 Liz Jackman; **HG** Liz Jackman 526; **HW** Phi Long Ma **GUIDERS** 91

01.03.2025 MATCHPLAY QUALIFIER

A DIVISION: 1 Josh Watt; 2 Rod Talbot; 3 Rocky Sharma; **HG** John Holgate 523; **HW** Bob Jackman **GLADIOLE** 131

B DIVISION: 1 Richard Birch; 2 Steven Savona; 3 Chris Ostrowski; **HG** John Barker 526; **HW** Chi Wai Lo **WAITING** 93

16.03.2025 Bomaderry

A: 1 Joanne Craig; 2 Bob Jackman; 3 Tony Hunt; **HG** Joanne Craig 571; **HW** Joanne Craig **SPANCEL** 105

B: 1 Steven Savona; 2 Kerry Constable; 3 Richard Birch; **HG** Steven Savona 497; **HW** Kerry Constable **STAYNED** 96

C: 1 Margaret Neal 6; 2 Dorothy Fields; 3 Kerri Friend; **HG** Kerri Friend 520; **HW** Dorothy Fields **SQUARER** 110

D: 1 Greg Hopson; 2 Cora Cikaric; 3 Julie Banister; **HG** Julie Banister 520; **HW** Greg Hopson **RETRACE** 95

29.03.2025 LAKE MACQUARIE AUTUMN

OPEN: 1 Josh Watt; 2 Bob Jackman; 3 Richard Birch; **HG** Bob Jackman 586; **HW** Bob Jackman **ESTRIDGE** 131

13.04.2025 LansVale Minds

OPEN: 1 Tony Hunt; 2 Josh Watt; 3 Nathan Tang; **HG** Josh Watt 588; **HW** Kelvin Korn **RADIANTS** 122

QLD

15.02.2025 Nambour

A: 1 Karen Richards; 2 Carmel Dodd; 3 Jane Brown; **HG** Carmel Dodd 525; **HW** Carmel Dodd **TATHING** 96

B: 1 Karrin Henderson; 2 Yvette Copley; 3 Jenny Schafer; **HG** Roslyn Murphy 449; **HW** Roslyn Murphy **JANGLES** 122

C: 1 Brenton Gray 6.5 ; 2 Diana McManus; 3 Ruth Jones; **HG** Patti Ashwin 536; **HW** Patti Ashwin **DESIGNS** 95

23.02.2025 February Frolic

A: 1 Cameron Farlow; 2 Martin Waterworth; 3 Sheryl Davidson; **HG** Brenton Gray 533; **HW** Paul Richards **APPLIED** 102

B: 1 Ruth Jones; 2 Nicholas Chin; 3 Tracey Michel; **HG** Tracey Michel 478; **HW** Jill Paterson **SEEKING** 110

16.03.2025 March Madness

ALL: 1 Ryan Gray; 2 Cameron Farlow; 3 Jenny Schafer; **HG** Cameron Farlow 577; **HW** Olga Visser **DORIZES** 112

22.03.2025 TSV23March25

A: 1 Julie Brice; **2** Ryan Anderson; **3** Tim Walton;
HG Ryan Anderson 671; **HW** Ryan Anderson
VIEWINGS 203

06.04.2025 April Warmup

A: 1 Carmel Dodd; **2** Cameron Farlow; **3** Glenys Logan; **HG** Cameron Farlow 508; **HW** Sheryl Davidson **SCRAPED** 120

B: 1 Arnold Appelhof; **2** Liz Blanch; **3** Roslyn Murphy; **HG** Arnold Appelhof 480; **HW** Roslyn Murphy **SEEKING** 86

C: 1 Elize Plaganyi; **2** Jill Paterson; **3** Diana McManus; **HG** Jill Paterson 464; **HW** Jill Paterson **ROAMING** 95

11.04.2025 Mindsport April

A: 1 Olga Visser; **2** Brenton Gray; **3** Karen Richards; **HG** Karen Richards 481; **HW** Tracey Michel **ROCKIER** 98

SA

15.02.2025 Saturday Sessions February

A: 1 Daniel Piechnick; **2** Antony Kimber 4; **3** Adam Kretschmer; **HG** Daniel Piechnick 560; **HW** Tracey Kneebone **SCARILY** 103

B: 1 Susan Roberts; **2** Paula Brown; **3** Helen Jones; **HG** Karyn Crease 506; **HW** Karyn Crease **EVADERS** 98

08.03.2025 SA Champs

A: 1 Trevor Halsall 13 1; **2** Adam Kretschmer 11 ; **3** Carmel Dodd; **HG** Daniel Piechnick 612; **HW** Tei Ngatai **SQUEEZY** 146

22.03.2025 Sat March

A: 1 Daniel Piechnick; **2** Tony Miller; **3** Jane Taylor; **HG** Daniel Piechnick 492; **HW** Jane Taylor **GUSSETS** 93

B: 1 Rowena Vnuk; **2** Helen Jones; **3** Wendi Symes; **HG** Helen Jones 471; **HW** Kenn Rawlings **ENVELOPE** 83

06.04.2025 SA April

A: 1 Adam Kretschmer; **2** Tony Miller; **3** Jane Taylor; **HG** Tony Miller 590; **HW** Michael Vnuk **HOGTIED** 105

B: 1 Pat Hudson; **2** Rowena Vnuk; **3** Tracey Kneebone; **HG** Tracey Kneebone 512; **HW** Elana Jaremyn **SIZINGS** 106

17.04.2025 Warmup

A: 1 John Hamilton; **2** Julie Brice; **3** Paul Richards; **HG** John Hamilton 482; **HW** Paul Richards **MOTHERED** 149

B: 1 Tracey Kneebone; **2** Olga Visser; **3** Tim Walton; **HG** Tracey Kneebone 482; **HW** Tracey Kneebone **SLANTER** 82

C: 1 Maheu Papau T-Pole; **2** Lev Roch; **3** Sam Pizzano; **HG** Maheu Papau T-Pole 529; **HW** Danira De Silva **SELLINGS** 113

18.04.2025 Mindsport Adelaide

OPEN: 1 Vyasa Dheva Nithyana; **2** Jithuni Vidana; **3** Lev Roch; **HG** Lev Roch 673; **HW** Lev Roch **GRANTED** 90

19.04.2025 National Championship and Plate

CHAMPS: 1 David Eldar; **2** Adam Kretschmer; **3** Trevor Halsall; **HG** Adam Kretschmer 639; **HW** Geoff Wright **INTERVAL** 158

PLATE: 1 Olga Visser; **2** Margaret Neal; **3** Frank Csarics; **HG** Judy Mansfield 584; **HW** Anne Hough **OVERAGES** 158

TAS

08.02.2025 Ulverstone Saturday

OPEN: 1 Jane Taylor; **2** Margaret Bishop; **3** Jan Hill; **HG** Margaret Bishop 505

09.02.2025 Ulversstone Sunday

OPEN: 1 Jane Taylor; **2** Martin Rose; **3** Jan Hill; **HG** Martin Rose 538

08.03.2025 Ross March

OPEN: 1 Martin Rose; **2** Margaret Bishop; **3** Jan Hill; **HG** Martin Rose 545

VIC

07.02.2025 Friday Night 070225

OPEN: 1 Rob York; **2** Fadlan Satria; **3** Oscar Ivanovski; **HG** Angie Winkler 524; **HW** Rob York **VIOLENT** 90

23.02.2025 Bayside Open 1 2025

OPEN: 1 Nick Ivanovski; **2** Alan Burn; **3** Peter Kougi; **HG** Peter Kougi 623; **HW** Frank Csarics **FRITZES** 117

07.03.2025 Friday Night 070325

OPEN: 1 Paula Messer; **2** Carol Mascitti **3:** 3 Rob York; **HG** Paula Messer 453; **HW** Julie Carr **TAMPERS** 92

16.03.2025 Sunday Sessions 5

ANTIMUON: 1 Fadlan Satria; **2** Trevor Halsall; **3** Geoff Wright; **HG** Trevor Halsall 612; **HW** Trevor Halsall **DAMPIEST** 98

BOSTANGI: 1 Rex Shakespeare; 2 Rob Hutchinson; 3 Jenny Brysha; **HG** Rob Hutchinson 501; **HW** Paula Messer **HERDING** 99

CARSPIEL: 1 Bill Doherty; 2 Glen Chandler; 3 Lynne Goodinson; **HG** Glen Chandler 489; **HW** Angie Winkler **MASTERS** 77

DAIDZEIN: 1 Eileen Mills; 2 Adi Idham Siregar; 3 Jithuni Vidana; **HG** Jithuni Vidana 446

22.03.2025 Ballarat Open

OPEN: 1 Joanne Craig; 2 John Rider; 3 Craig Murdoch; **HG** Joanne Craig 561; **HW** Carol Rollmann **HEARINGS** 158

06.04.2025 April Full Day

A: 1 Geoff Wright; 2 Fadlan Satria; 3 Sumbul Siddiqui; **HG** Trevor Halsall 572; **HW** Geoff Wright **BENCHING** 110

B: 1 Rob York; 2 Rob Hutchinson; 3 Adi Idham Siregar; **HG** Adi Idham Siregar 564; **HW** Adi Idham Siregar **VERBALS** 102

11.04.2025 Friday Night 11 April

OPEN: 1 Jessica Richards; 2 Mark Gillespie; 3 John Minas; **HG** Mark Gillespie 550; **HW** Jessica Richards **SLEAVING** 98

04.05.2025 Sunday Sessions 2

DARTH VADER: 1 Ayorinde Saidu; 2 Geoff Wright; 3 Nat Podesser; **HG** Oscar Ivanovski 556; **HW** Ayorinde Saidu **CAJOLER** 113

SKYWALKER: 1 Carol Johnsen; 2 Bobby Malela Hutagal; 3 John Rider; **HG** Bobby Malela Hutagal 678; **HW** Bobby Malela Hutagal **POETISER** 149

HAN SOLO: 1 Glen Chandler; 2 Carol Mascitti 3 Doreen Ivanovski; **HG** Glen Chandler 502; **HW** Glen Chandler **ENTRIES** 81

LEIA: 1 Mark Gillespie; 2 Annette Casey; 3 Jithuni Vidana; **HG** Mark Gillespie 586; **HW** Fintan Conway **YEARLING** 94

WA

09.02.2025 February Bisection

A DIVISION: 1 Russell Honeybun; 2 David Vanzyl 5; 3 Ian Ting; **HG** Ian Ting 540; **HW** John Salmon **HITCHED** 100

B DIVISION: 1 Janet Kirk; 2 Rhonda Reynish; 3 Donna Sekkouah; **HG** Joanna Moss 495; **HW** Henny Yates **SOFTENS** 105

09.03.2025 March Trisection

A DIVISION: 1 Benjamin Lee; 2 Sally Martin; 3 Ian Ting; **HG** Benjamin Lee 516; **HW** Benjamin Lee **LACQUERS** 110

B DIVISION: 1 Cori Lodder; 2 Alan Mathews; 3 Joanna Moss; **HG** Joanna Moss 472; **HW** Delys Carbon **BRASSIER** 131

C DIVISION: 1 Naomi Zion; 2 Bettina Tonkin 4; 3 Marge Roberts; **HG** Carol Hudson 444; **HW** Naomi Zion **REHOUSE** 93

13.04.2025 Joy Deans Memorial

OPEN: 1 Anne Zion; 2 Dianne Ward; 3 John Salmon; **HG** Sally Martin 601; **HW** Ian Ting **STYLISE** 103

04.05.2025 Melville Tournament

DIVISION A: 1 Sally Martin; 2 Geoff Shepheard; 3 Anne Zion; **HG** Sally Martin 549; **HW** Sally Martin **TENDENCE** 158

DIVISION B: 1 Anne Stewart 2 Joanna Moss 3 John Salmon; **HG** Anne Stewart 545; **HW** Anne Stewart **QUEAN**

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Teresa Dean wrote this poem in 2003 on her reflections on the lead up to the Nationals. How fitting that David Eldar, no longer a young lad not only won again, but is reigning World Champion. Unfortunately our media coverage was gazumped by the death of Pope Francis.

THE ROAD TO EASTER 2003

It started back in 2002

During the presentation dinner in WA

When it was announced that in 2003

The championships were to be held in SA.

There's plenty of time

The venue has already been booked

Players will come

As there are many who are hooked.

First on the agenda

Were some tips from the west

The equipment and the volunteers

Too numerous to mention the rest.

What numbers would we be looking at

A hundred do you think?

Let's start moving

Before we are on the brink.

By November we'd prepared the lists

The schedules and the times to update

The letters for sponsorships

The phone calls to make.

Let's look at our budget

What can we afford?

For the prizes and the trophies

For the winners from home and abroad.

Entries are now open from January 1

Travellers are making arrangements by net or by phone

They will be flying and arriving by cars

Being billeted, staying in motels or coming from home.

The final draft of the scorebook

The bookmark, the booklet and mags

The pamphlets and the brochures

The pens and the cups with the labels to fill the red bags.

*Let's not forget our tile bags
Numbered and in our State colours
Sprung from just an idea
Lovingly sewn by one of our Club members.*

*Less than 2 weeks remain
There are more than 100 players now
Surely, the total won't reach 120
But finally, 140 somehow.*

*Thursday is now upon us
The time to prepare
Organise the tables and the chairs
And the food for us to share.*

*The boards, the challenge and result slips,
Table numbers, rack covers and decorations for show
The clocks and the tiles, some carefully transported from the Vics
Easter bunny... we're ready to go!*

*Finally, the day has arrived
The committee and helpers are ready at their stations
The competitors are steadily streaming in and pinning on their name tags
Locally, from abroad and other nations.*

*The computer operator awaits the final list
And in the wings is the tournament director
Last minute instructions to the runners and the look-ups
And suddenly... a warm welcome from our co-ordinator.*

*Over the next 3 days the competition is tough
The blue and red dots show up the highs and the lows
But in amongst the success and the disappointments
The feeling of appreciation from the visitors is shown.*

*Some in the limelight
Some behind the scenes
Heartfelt thanks to all those volunteers
Happily helping and full of beans.*

*The media coverage is overwhelming
From the radio, the papers and the TV
They all wish to know what makes us tick
What words we play from 'A' to 'Zee'.*

*Congratulations to Bob Jackman, our Masters victor
And to our youngster in the Open, David Eldar.
Now time to close and to say goodbye from Glenelg
And looking forward to the next one in Canberra.*

Teresa Dean

Records 2025 so far...

High game score	671	Ryan Anderson 671 against Helen Hynes 323 at 22.03.2025 TSV23March25
Large game margin	387	Nick Ivanovski 637 against Chris Scholten 250 at 01.02.2025 40th Birthday Event
High drawn game	475	Paul Richards and Liz Blanch at 15.02.2025 Nambour
High combined score	1031	Daniel Piechnick 535 and Adam Kretschmer 496 at 15.02.2025 Saturday Sessions February
High average score	515.8	(4 games) Josh Watt at 13.04.2025 LansVale Minds
High average spread	238.3	(6 games) Vyasa Dheva Nithyana at 18.04.2025 Mindsport Adelaide
High losing score	504	Fadlan Satria 504 lost to Jane Taylor 514 at 26.01.2025 CITY OF SYDNEY MASTERS
Long winning streak	16	(6+8+2) Joanne Craig at 16.03.2025 Bomaderry and 22.03.2025 Ballarat Open and 19.04.2025 National Championship and Plate
High word	203	VIEWINGS: Ryan Anderson at 22.03.2025 TSV23March25
Games this year	117	Karen Richards (117), Jane Taylor (110), Arnold Appelhof (92)
High opening score	100	REZONES: Tim Reddan at ACT March 29.03.2025
High play, not bonus	135	OZ(On)AtES: Trevor Halsall at SA Championship 08.03.2025
High play, not triple triple	146	SQUEeZY: Tei Ngatai at SA Championship 09.03.2025
Long word	12	ALPHA+BET+ISES: Lexia Smallwood at Canberra February 22.02.2025
Many bingos	6	VE(R)ANDAS; (S)CROUGES; SIZEAB(L)E; HEREUN(T)O; NAILSEt; NONGLARE: Josh Watt at Australian Championship 19.04.2025
Many consecutive bingos	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

National Ratings

at 4 May 2025

*Every player currently financial, active and with a rating in Australia is listed here.
This is how the ratings stand on 4 May 2025 as taken from the website.*

1	David Eldar	VIC	2147	54	Garth van Vliet	NSW	1512
2	Peter Kougi	VIC	1922	55	Chris Scholten	VIC	1508
3	Edward Okulicz	VIC	1896	56	Heather Long	VIC	1505
4	Andrew Fisher	VIC	1893	57	Jyoti Chandna	NSW	1504
5	Trevor Halsall	VIC	1882	58	Alan Burn	VIC	1500
6	Cameron Farlow	QLD	1881	59	Rex Shakespeare	VIC	1497
7	Joanne Craig	NSW	1875	60	Graeme Lock Lee	NSW	1489
8	Naween Fernando	VIC	1861	61	Paul Richards	QLD	1484
9	Josh Watt	NSW	1853	62	Dianne Davis	VIC	1484
10	Esther Perrins	NSW	1845	63	Asanka Dissanayake	NSW	1484
11	Ryan Sutton	NSW	1795	64	Quentin Abbott	QLD	1483
12	Max Mason	SA	1789	65	Phillip Hamilton	NSW	1475
13	Michael Hornung	VIC	1782	66	Dianne Brumby	TAS	1474
14	Russell Honeybun	WA	1753	67	Antony Kimber	SA	1470
15	Adam Kretschmer	SA	1750	68	Martin Rose	TAS	1459
16	Tony Hunt	NSW	1749	69	Gwen Lampre	VIC	1458
17	Mythili Rudra	VIC	1746	70	Antonios Syrigos	SA	1458
18	Nick Ivanovski	VIC	1733	71	Norma Fisher	VIC	1455
19	Bob Jackman	NSW	1714	72	Lois Binnie	VIC	1455
20	David Vanzyl	WA	1714	73	Therese Nichols	NSW	1455
21	Victor Tung	NSW	1712	74	Michael Vnuk	SA	1454
22	Daniel Piechnick	SA	1696	75	Kashi Thiris	VIC	1448
23	Carmel Dodd	QLD	1688	76	Helen Hynes	QLD	1442
24	Stephen Mooney Pursell	TAS	1682	77	Edie Mueller	WA	1439
25	Geoff Wright	VIC	1679	78	Peter Shaw	NSW	1432
26	Jane Taylor	SA	1656	79	Tim Reddan	ACT	1431
27	Noel Barrett	ACT	1641	80	Carolyn Watt	WA	1427
28	Rod Talbot	NSW	1626	81	Sheryl Davidson	QLD	1424
29	Ryan Anderson	QLD	1618	82	Ray Alford	VIC	1424
30	Alistair Kane	VIC	1610	83	Marianne Bentley	VIC	1421
31	Rael Hayman	NSW	1609	84	Khen Meerding	TAS	1415
32	Fadlan Satria	VIC	1605	85	Margaret Webb	TAS	1410
33	Sally Martin	WA	1604	86	Alex Lam	NSW	1409
34	Tony Miller	SA	1600	87	Martin Waterworth	QLD	1401
35	John Hamilton	ACT	1597	88	Tony Williams	ACT	1399
36	Ian Ting	WA	1596	89	Steven Savona	NSW	1396
37	Oscar Ivanovski	VIC	1590	90	Susan Rayner	WA	1396
38	John Spaan	ACT	1584	91	Carol Johnsen	VIC	1395
39	Chris Hall	WA	1578	92	Diyath Visidagamage	NSW	1395
40	Malcolm McAnulty	SA	1565	93	Lainie Mercieca	VIC	1387
41	Rocky Sharma	NSW	1558	94	Roberta Tait	QLD	1384
42	Jon Ford-King	TAS	1557	95	Jegatheva Jegathesan	WA	1384
43	John Holgate	NSW	1551	96	Liz Blanch	QLD	1383
44	Dianne Ward	WA	1548	97	Madeleine Emerson	ACT	1381
45	Karen Richards	QLD	1547	98	Kate Gullan	VIC	1378
46	Geoff Shephard	WA	1547	99	Kerry Constable	NSW	1377
47	Jeremy Yip	NSW	1541	100	Keri Heart	QLD	1368
48	Anne Zion	WA	1530	101	Arnold Appelhof	QLD	1366
49	Guy Newsham	QLD	1528	102	Faye Williams	WA	1364
50	Julie Brice	QLD	1524	103	Craig Murdoch	VIC	1362
51	Howard Rayner	WA	1524	104	Neil McLean	VIC	1361
52	Nat Podesser	VIC	1514	105	Greg Pinchbeck	NSW	1357
53	Jane Brown	QLD	1513	106	Jenny Brysha	VIC	1354

107	Judy Godfrey	WA	1350	165	Victoria Gates	SA	1204
108	Caroline Polak Scowcroft	ACT	1348	166	Lexie Neale	NSW	1200
109	Benjamin Lee	WA	1345	167	Tracey Kneebone	SA	1195
110	Ian Tsoi Yin	SA	1337	168	Pat Hudson	SA	1189
111	Angie Pearse	SA	1334	169	Tracy Bui	NSW	1187
112	Rob Hutchinson	VIC	1333	170	Anne Hough	QLD	1181
113	Olga Visser	QLD	1332	171	Finola Carey	NSW	1178
114	Barry Harridge	VIC	1331	172	Anne Stewart	WA	1171
115	Richard Birch	NSW	1329	173	Penny Wells	TAS	1171
116	Ros Wilkinson	TAS	1328	174	Yvonne Edwards	NSW	1165
117	Maureen Gardner	QLD	1322	175	Marion Miller	NSW	1165
118	Ashwin Page	QLD	1321	176	Natalie Tadday	NSW	1164
119	Shaun Donnelly	VIC	1320	177	Josef Peeters	QLD	1163
120	Chris Ostrowski	NSW	1317	178	Kim Grayson	NSW	1161
121	Lexia Smallwood	ACT	1310	179	Stephen Saunders	ACT	1161
122	Margaret Neal	NSW	1309	180	Fiona Braendler	SA	1159
123	Ivor Zetler	NSW	1308	181	Cheryl Michler	NSW	1157
124	Justin Moyle	VIC	1308	182	Kerry Reimers	QLD	1155
125	Peter Griffiths	NSW	1307	183	Julie Krieg	SA	1154
126	Glenys Logan	QLD	1304	184	Paula Messer	VIC	1153
127	Frank Csarics	VIC	1303	185	Sylvia Galloway	VIC	1153
128	Karrin Henderson	QLD	1297	186	Sandy McConnell	TAS	1152
129	Kris Howat	VIC	1296	187	Wendi Symes	SA	1147
130	Francoise Finlayson	SA	1295	188	Yan Rui Ko	QLD	1147
131	Ryan Gray	QLD	1294	189	Cori Lodder	WA	1145
132	Karen Woodhead	QLD	1293	190	Siva Sivapalasundram	VIC	1143
133	Vinh Nguyen	NSW	1292	191	John Minas	VIC	1140
134	John Rider	VIC	1288	192	Roslyn Murphy	QLD	1136
135	Jacqui Pearce	SA	1280	193	Rhonda Reynish	WA	1132
136	Rob York	VIC	1278	194	Judy Mansfield	SA	1130
137	Teresa Dean	SA	1276	195	Bernadette Donehue	TAS	1130
138	Louise Love	WA	1273	196	Helen Jones	SA	1125
139	Pam Bennett	NSW	1271	197	Oliver Podesser	VIC	1121
140	Moana Nepia	NSW	1268	198	Betty Smith	TAS	1120
141	Yvette Copley	QLD	1256	199	Vicki Russell	QLD	1119
142	Monica Dwyer	NSW	1255	200	Tei Ngatai	SA	1119
143	Adi Idham Siregar	VIC	1255	201	Bill Doherty	VIC	1118
144	Mardi Healy	VIC	1248	202	Karyn Crease	SA	1117
145	June Valentine	VIC	1243	203	Ryder Lo	NSW	1117
146	Bobby Malela Hutagal	VIC	1242	204	Michael Smitheram	VIC	1114
147	Janine Whittaker	NSW	1241	205	Sandra Elliott	NSW	1111
148	Sharon Sorensen	NSW	1239	206	Sally Macallan	VIC	1111
149	Katie Rowe	VIC	1239	207	Pam Thomas	TAS	1109
150	John Salmon	WA	1239	208	Jessica Richards	VIC	1109
151	Tim Walton	QLD	1235	209	Kara Eddington	NSW	1106
152	Maureen See	QLD	1234	210	Alan Mathews	WA	1103
153	Rowena Vnuk	SA	1232	211	Rhys McGuckin	QLD	1102
154	Kannan Sethuraman	VIC	1231	212	Jayanthi Viswanathan	VIC	1101
155	Margaret Bishop	TAS	1230	213	Lynne Jarvis	TAS	1099
156	Susan Roberts	SA	1228	214	Jenny Schafer	QLD	1098
157	Jan Hill	TAS	1220	215	Susan MacGillivray	ACT	1095
158	Rob Marotta	SA	1217	216	Dieter Jedamski	SA	1091
159	Colleen Birch	NSW	1217	217	Nathan Tang	NSW	1091
160	Owen Randall	ACT	1216	218	Julie Robins	SA	1089
161	Christie Godby	VIC	1216	219	Vincent Nguyen	ACT	1080
162	Noel Coulter	VIC	1208	220	Glen Chandler	VIC	1077
163	Margaret Griggs	TAS	1207	221	Stephen Morrow	NSW	1077
164	Jeffery Lam	NSW	1206	222	Brenton Gray	QLD	1077

223	Kerri Friend	NSW	1075	281	Julie Banister	NSW	964
224	Marion Merickel	TAS	1074	282	Patti Ashwin	QLD	963
225	Sherie Brown	QLD	1068	283	Valerie Beck	WA	962
226	Joanna Moss	WA	1066	284	Louisa Atsas	SA	960
227	Josie Mally	NSW	1065	285	Margaret Sella	SA	960
228	Rebecca Hill	ACT	1065	286	Denise Heathcote	VIC	951
229	Jill Paterson	QLD	1063	287	Jenny Kearney	VIC	947
230	Andrew Smith	NSW	1062	288	Divina Taschke	QLD	946
231	Margaret Berliner	NSW	1060	289	Maree Swanson	TAS	938
232	Nicholas Chin	QLD	1056	290	Paula Brown	SA	937
233	John Barker	NSW	1054	291	Cherry Chapman	VIC	933
234	Gail Hamilton	QLD	1054	292	Julie Carr	VIC	933
235	Rene Chelton	NSW	1053	293	Kenn Rawlings	SA	931
236	Carol Mascitti	VIC	1052	294	Luke Breen	VIC	931
237	Mal Eden	VIC	1051	295	Carol Hudson	WA	930
238	Tony Kalayzich	NSW	1050	296	Cecilia Willis	ACT	923
239	Sue Fullerton	NSW	1049	297	Jane Li	SA	922
240	Pat Schuberg	WA	1046	298	Liz Jackman	NSW	916
241	Margaret Clifford	NSW	1045	299	Mitch Dowling	NSW	913
242	Dorothy Fields	NSW	1039	300	Julie Bingham	TAS	912
243	Cindy Brunniche	TAS	1039	301	Lynne Goodinson	VIC	908
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249	Jan Irwin	QLD	1033	307	Marge Roberts	WA	886
250	Tim Guidera	SA	1032	308	Bettina Tonkin	WA	885
251	Arlene Williams	ACT	1029	309	Tracey Michel	QLD	885
252	Kelvin Korn	NSW	1028	310	Elizabeth McKean	VIC	881
253	Graham Bradley	QLD	1027	311	Thanu Sriskantharaja	WA	876
254	Terry Horan	ACT	1026	312	Janette Meulen	QLD	869
255	Jeanette Hansen	QLD	1025	313	Deep Dhanda	QLD	864
256	David Eddington	NSW	1021	314	Janet Kirk	WA	863
257	Kathryn Tiffen	NSW	1019	315	Megan Allford	QLD	863
258	Asher Chhabra	NSW	1019	316	Menchie Lowe	NSW	861
259	Martin Conteh	NSW	1018	317	Etty Meerding	TAS	860
260	Greg Hopson	NSW	1013	318	Annette Casey	VIC	857
261	Glenys Dettmann	VIC	1010	319	Chi Wai Lo	NSW	853
262	Al Thawer	NSW	1009	320	Jenny Templeton	NSW	850
263	Ruth Jones	QLD	1005	321	Sean Daly	ACT	850
264	Elize Plaganyi	QLD	1004	322	Jithuni Vidana	VIC	849
265	Donna MacDonald	NSW	1003	323	Devorah Ullman	NSW	836
266	Carol Rollmann	VIC	1000	324	Kathleen Maher	QLD	836
267	George Papp	QLD	999	325	Clare Millar	VIC	836
268	Doreen Ivanovski	VIC	996	326	Emanuel Atsas	SA	832
269	Baheej Al Kassem	SA	995	327	Pauline Coulter	WA	832
270	Alex Timpano	NSW	995	328	Mark Gillespie	VIC	826
271	Neal Whibley	SA	992	329	Eileen Mills	VIC	815
272	Henny Yates	WA	990	330	Vera Etherton	WA	811
273	Ted De Boer	QLD	988	331	Carol Crawford	WA	809
274	Liz Catchpole	QLD	987	332	Robin Clements-Brown	QLD	809
275	Krystyna Batten	NSW	984	333	Julie Szabo	QLD	801
276	Julie Walder	QLD	984	334	Nick Belloff	QLD	799
277	Warren Hancock	QLD	984	335	Elana Jaremyrn	SA	796
278	Jenny Coetzee	WA	983	336	Chris Sanders	WA	796
279	Denise Smith	NSW	982	337	Sue Lyons	SA	792
280	Angie Winkler	VIC	976	338	Naomi Zion	WA	787

339	Leonie Balsley	TAS	784	397	Jeff Danaher	ACT	598
340	Maddy Gilbo	VIC	782	398	June Lewis	WA	597
341	David Lam	NSW	780	399	Linda Foulkes	QLD	591
342	Sui Yung Webster	QLD	779	400	Wendy Drake	SA	589
343	Graham Murphy	QLD	755	401	Anne Pragnell	QLD	588
344	Maureen Harrison	QLD	739	402	Kate Herrigan	QLD	585
345	Del Stitz	VIC	737	403	Kaye Campbell	VIC	584
346	Jo Anne Deady	NSW	728	404	Peter Bailey	NSW	583
347	Rosie Whalen	VIC	725	405	Phi Long Ma	NSW	581
348	Oliver Klistorner	NSW	722	406	Rita van Lieshout	QLD	579
349	Sam Pizzano	ACT	720	407	Nicole Lowe	VIC	574
350	Roland Page	QLD	720	408	Rebecca Hughes	QLD	568
351	Eddi Kewley	NSW	714	409	Felix Pham	NSW	566
352	Suraj Kolarkar	QLD	713	410	Mitchell Dawes	QLD	564
353	Emil Makara	VIC	711	411	Tony Beer	ACT	557
354	Lay-Hoon Ng	VIC	709	412	Samuel Sedgman	QLD	556
355	David Bergman	QLD	709	413	Eric Phan	NSW	543
356	Mary Wilmott	QLD	707	414	Geoff Watts	QLD	542
357	Fintan Conway	VIC	700	415	Keena Tri	NSW	540
358	Theresa Greal	QLD	699	416	Melissa Kok	VIC	537
359	Tristan Hon	NSW	699	417	Tisa Ng	NSW	534
360	Megan Marks	QLD	699	418	Ashley Korn	NSW	531
361	Michael Smith	WA	697	419	Lucas Hogan	WA	527
362	Finley Hutton	VIC	694	420	Lyn Reitano	NSW	522
363	Ann Roach	QLD	693	421	Ros Haines	WA	521
364	Cora Cikaric	NSW	692	422	Edrick Long	NSW	515
365	Tessa Knight	VIC	689	423	Robert Paxton	NSW	513
366	Claire Freedman	QLD	686	424	Carolyn Miller	VIC	500
367	Robyn Davill	SA	684	425	Julie Bailey	NSW	500
368	Judy Mason	QLD	680	426	Danira De Silva	QLD	500
369	Val Martin	VIC	679	427	Faye Burt	NSW	500
370	Vincent Nuon	NSW	679	428	Anne Talbot	NSW	500
371	Maxine Baker	WA	675	429	Annie Ly	NSW	500
372	Ethan Tenaglia	TAS	670	430	Henry Szulc	SA	500
373	Lucas Luu	NSW	661	431	Eva Kharouni	QLD	500
374	Leona Smyth	SA	654	432	Hugh Boveington	ACT	500
375	Margaret Inglis	QLD	645	433	Raymond Hsieh	QLD	500
376	Tanishsha Suppiah	WA	645	434	Daniel Liu	QLD	500
377	Raymond Tri	NSW	641	435	James Dinh	SA	500
378	Danny Evers	NSW	639	436	Albert Wang	NSW	500
379	Rena Aitken	VIC	633	437	Sanvi Shah	NSW	500
380	James Parker	VIC	633	438	Vanessa Lee	QLD	500
381	Janelle Seal	NSW	632	439	Edward Hung	SA	500
382	Brendan Tia	NSW	631	440	Raghav Agrawal	QLD	500
383	Ross McDougall	SA	631	441	Kalani Hettiarachchi	QLD	500
384	Ngun Hre	VIC	629	442	Peter Caelli	QLD	500
385	Mary Camilleri	NSW	625	443	Kim Kourouche	ACT	500
386	Jayden Hall	VIC	625	444	Carolynn Walsh	VIC	500
387	Andrew Thorpe	WA	620	445	Natalie Page	QLD	500
388	Louise Player	QLD	620	446	Kevin Boun	NSW	500
389	Gaile Clark	QLD	613	447	Joy Enevers	QLD	500
390	Chloe Ochnio	QLD	611	448	Divine Nillos	NSW	500
391	James Lo	NSW	609	449	Justin Eng	NSW	500
392	Alistair Scott	QLD	609	450	Sabina Senkans	VIC	500
393	Evan Hsieh	QLD	608	451	Selena Kuch	NSW	500
394	Stephanie Agius	VIC	603	452	Tanvi Bongale	NSW	500
395	Emily Robertson	VIC	603	453	Sreyov Pheng	NSW	500
396	Alvin Korn	NSW	600	454	Micky Huang	NSW	500

455	Hemali Dave	NSW	500	467	Babette Urban	QLD	500
456	Jay-Hanz Mesa	NSW	500	468	Erica O'Connor	QLD	500
457	Angela Ngo	NSW	500	469	Hayden Campbell	VIC	500
458	Amy Sedgman	QLD	500	470	Heather Bowles	VIC	500
459	Valerie Shum	NSW	500	471	Nary Sinh	NSW	500
460	Caroline Hutton	VIC	500	472	Amy Ngo	NSW	500
461	Randi Hidayat	VIC	500	473	Jayco Lo	NSW	500
462	Bryan Whelan	VIC	500	474	Tony Bergman	QLD	500
463	Callie Gilbo	VIC	500	475	Daniel Klistorner	NSW	500
464	Laiken Lam	NSW	500	476	Lexi Steinberg	ACT	500
465	Micaiah Lam	NSW	500	477	Robyn Hardina	NSW	500
466	Lyn Turton	VIC	500				



Youth at the National Championship at Easter in Adelaide, South Australia



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Scrabble is all fun and games until someone loses an I, and as the old adage goes – there is no I in TEAM

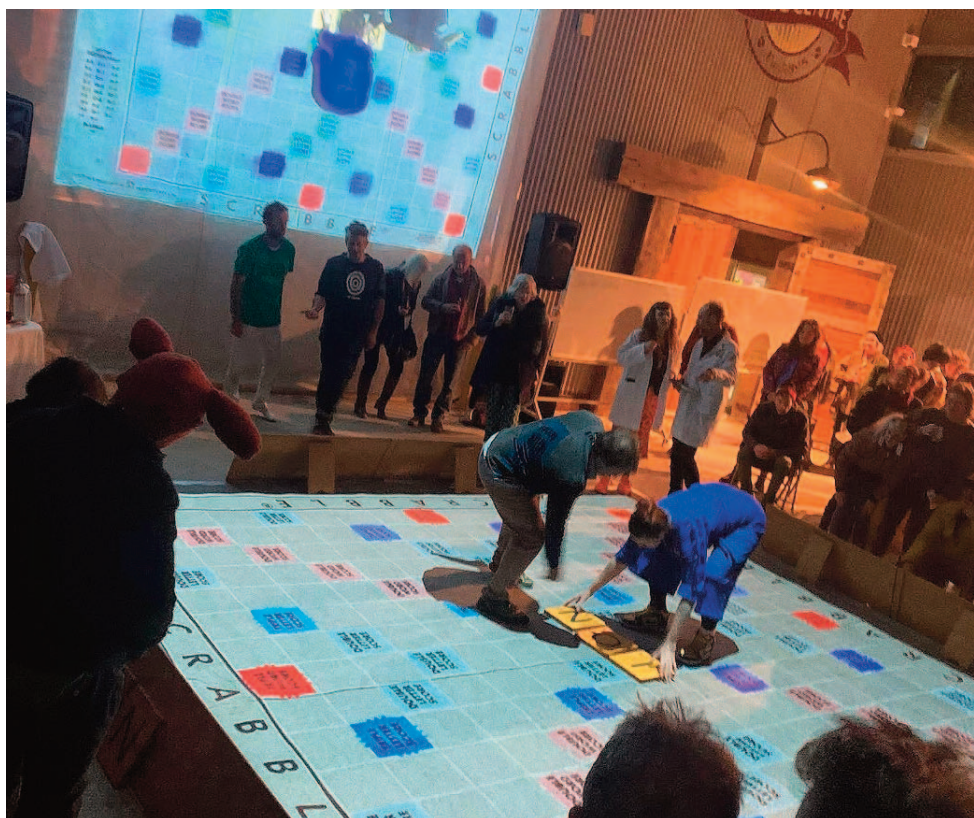
The Giant Scrabble Battle at Castlemaine Fringe Festival on March 28 was all about team work and community building. A scrabble enthusiast friend of mine invited me to come along and join his team at The Salvage Yard in Castlemaine. I wish I could say that I was a useful addition to the team. There were 16 teams in all – with 4 rounds of 4 teams playing off for the position of round winner. Each team had 4 turns each, with 2 minutes on the clock to get the word on the board. The four winning teams then went through to the Grand Final round. But there's only so much that can be done with strategy and the letters **CITTTTV** when opponents were laying down bingos. As the designated 'team expert' I was much, much better at finding great words that other teams missed in the rounds prior to ours, than I was in actually helping my team when it came to the crunch.

But there's always next year... Our final cumulative score was 83, with the winning team managing a 98 point word, and a final score of over 150.

Camilo Demarco and his Department of Alphabology (Camillo's late father Horacio and late partner Trish) brainstormed the concept of a giant scrabble game after a camping trip. They really wanted to find a way for multiple people to join in the game rather than standing around watching. Trish, Horacio and Camilo handmade the tiles, which I can confirm felt lovely to hold. They are made of plantation hoop pine and are approximately 30cm x 30cm. The tiles were quite easy to pick up and place on the board which was projected onto the floor. (Although this clumsy author has to confess to accidentally standing on an opposing team's word and hopes to be invited back with no hard feelings!)

The board is approximately 5m x 5m.





The judging team AKA Ministers of Alphabology did a fantastic job of bringing tiles to each team, timekeeping and word checking.

The purpose of this immensely fun event was to raise money for the not for profit charity, 'I Am Someone'. This is a local charity which creates projects aimed at lifting children with no family support out of extreme poverty, focussing on four different communities in Africa. They raised \$2500 on the night, which is an incredible effort.

A wonderful team of volunteers did a power of work behind the scenes, and the event really did run very smoothly. Plenty of good food, drinks and a spirit of inclusivity abounded, and I had a great time.

The winning team received this incredible trophy which was handmade by Jim Naylor, who is a classically trained sculptor.



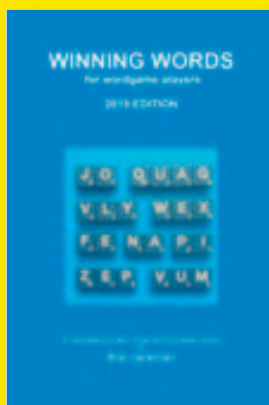
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