

# SIX BONUSES



**(+ one) and a score of 646**

*At the August 1 Tournament in Moonee Ponds, Victoria, Edward Okulicz's 646 game was outstanding with Edward recording 6 bonuses - COSIEST, DROOPED, FEINTED, ENQUIRE (he had 2 spots to play that), VERSEMAN and GAUGERS. Mind you, his opponent (me) had started the game off with her own bingo ADuLATE - so he hadn't even needed the blanks!*

*Carol Johnsen*

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## Expurgation of "hate/slur" words

Much discussion has appeared on social media in opposition to the expurgation, over the past months, but it appears that it will eventually become part of tournament play across most of the world. The World English Speaking Players' Association (WESPA) is set to make an announcement on when it will be adopting CSW21. It is expected to be 1 January 2022.

WESPA will be releasing an initiation kit shortly and it is noted that the Collins website with its official word check is already using CSW21 noting that it is endorsed by WESPA.

Scopely Scrabble Go implemented the changes a couple of months ago with no warning and I have been advised that there has not been too much opposition to that happening. The adjudication and game apps Woogles, Zyzzyva, ULU and Xerafin will be updated to reflect the changes. It is not known what ISC will be doing. I am unsure as to whether CSW19 will be allowed as the word source in any or all of these apps..

Collins has not advised as to whether hard copies of CSW21 will be made available. With only 400+ words involved, the publisher may consider it is not worth printing hard copies until the next updated edition is due in 2024. A list of slur words researched by an American committee when comparing CSW19 and CSW21 was published in the June edition of Across the Board.

## Australian Masters / State Challenge & Trans Tasman

In light of the lockdowns and restrictions within States across Australia, we are sorry to advise that this year's Masters / State Challenge 2021 which was being held on September 11-12 in Bankstown, NSW is cancelled.

Thank you to Bob Jackman and the NSW Committee for their organisation and to those participants who were eligible.

*Carol Johnsen, CASPA Coordinator*

## **An announcement from WESPA on the updated word list**

***“The new edition of Collins Scrabble Words (CSW21) will be effective for tournament play starting January 1, 2022. Any WESPA-organized events, in person or online, after that date will use the updated list. A CSW21 Initiation Kit is being prepared for distribution soon to assist players in the transition.*”**

***All application developers who have licensed the Collins Scrabble Words list for use in their apps, websites, and tools have been contacted with the new list, and should complete updates before this date. Publication of a paper edition will follow at a later date. National associations should prepare implementation of the list for local events as soon as practicable after this date.”***

# Around the States

## Australian Capital Territory

### AGM

The ASPA ACT AGM was held on Saturday, July 24, 2021, at the Woden Southern Cross Club, Phillip. Congratulations to the following members who were elected to the new committee: John Hamilton (President); Owen Randall (Treasurer); Arlene Williams (Secretary/Public Officer); Terry Horan (Recreational Players Representative); and Vincent Nguyen (Tournament Players Representative). Some of the more interesting points coming out of the meeting that might be of general interest:

- The New Zealand-Australia travel bubble has recently closed. John explained the plans for the Trans-Tasman tournament to still go ahead; however, this will be reviewed closer to the date. John Hamilton pointed out the possibility of New Zealanders being able to attend the event but some members of the Australian team being unable to!
- Mattel has stated that words deemed offensive and/or hate speech should be removed from the dictionary. At the time of the AGM, a proposed date of January 1, 2022, had been made for the new dictionary – however, no official list of deletions is yet available. Many people stated that what words are or aren't offensive are subjective and found the changes unnecessary. Most agreed that ASPA ACT should make no decision whether or not to accept the new word list until more information is received from Mattel and WESPA. No vote (either formal or informal) was taken on the wordlist. However, the committee will consult with membership on the matter when more details become available.
- In the last twelve months, four new members have joined ASPA ACT but (in common with most Scrabble clubs) it is a constant crusade to find new members. Many suggestions came out of the meeting to promote the game: advertising in a Canberra weekly magazine; flyers in community centres; bus or light rail advertising (expensive); school Scrabble; and public events. John emphasised that

promoting the game is not just promoting tournament play but should also cater for people not interested in competing through club play and other events. The new committee will look at these options and continue to try and promote the game in the next twelve months.

### Tournament Roundup

The ACT Winter Open was run on June 26, 2021, at the Griffin Centre in Civic. Because of late dropouts, we only had nine players (thus just the one division). Noel Barrett won top position with John Hamilton in second place and Ronnie Bennett in third. High game winner was John Hamilton (567) and high word winner was Ronnie Bennett (**FASTENER** 158).

A great turnout for the AGM Tournament on July 24, 2021, at the Southern Cross Club, Woden (even with interstate players unable to attend due to the recent COVID outbreaks). Two divisions were formed with a round robin for six games and a “division crossover” for the final seventh game. In Division A, Tim Reddan came first followed by Noel Barrett and then Ronnie Bennett. High game was won by Ronnie (509) and high word by Noel (**LEATHERED** 92). In Division B, Stephen Saunders came first followed by Owen Randall and then Heather Sorenson. Stephen won the high game (474) and Jeff Danaher the high word (**CINDERED** 92).

### Upcoming Tournaments

The Almost Free Tournament – August 22 (Community Rooms, Southern Cross Club, Woden, ACT). Contact: John Hamilton [jjhamilton5@gmail.com](mailto:jjhamilton5@gmail.com), 0400 650 349.

The September Tournament – September 25 (Community Rooms, Southern Cross Club, Woden, ACT). Contact: Vincent Nguyen [vincent.xanguyen@gmail.com](mailto:vincent.xanguyen@gmail.com).

Both the Trans-Tasman Tournament (3 days) and the ACT Championships (2 days) are planned (if COVID allows) for the weekend Saturday, Sunday and Monday, November 20–22. They will be held at the Dickson Tradies Club in Dickson, Canberra. Contact: John Hamilton [jjhamilton5@gmail.com](mailto:jjhamilton5@gmail.com), 0400 650 349.

# New South Wales

## Tournament Roundup

*Despite the Sydney COVID lockdown, four tournaments happened in New South Wales over the last quarter, all in May and June, and each in a different geographical area.*

The first event was the inaugural Mudgee Tournament, organised by Philip Hamilton, directed by John Hamilton and catered for by mum Shelley Hamilton. Mudgee is a town about four hours north-west of Sydney, renowned for hobby farms and nearby wine growing. 24 players made the trip and there were some interesting starters including Michael McKenna now based in Sydney, Peter Shaw now based in nearby Oberon and three Queenslanders in Karen Richards, Rael Hayman and Caroline Scowcroft.

Ten games were played straddling two days and after 8 games Rod Talbot looked the likely winner being unbeaten. Unfortunately he lost his last two games to end up third behind

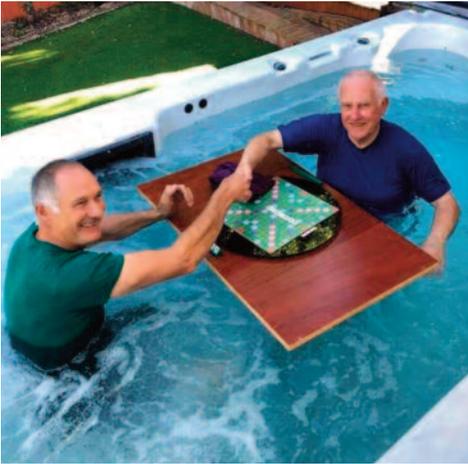
Joanne Craig (9 wins) and Bob Jackman (8 wins).

The following weekend saw the Empire Bay Mini Tournament take place. This event was ably organised and directed by Robyn Cameron, with 31 players taking spread over three divisions. Players rated over 1400 were excluded from the event. A Division was won by Sharon Sorenson, a local, from Marion Miller, while locals Shelley Cartwright and Donna MacDonald were first and second in B Division. C Division was won by Jan Consoli, one of the conveners of the Empire Bay club while Julie Banister was runner up.

Two weeks later 14 hardy players contested the Beecroft Marathon, traditionally staged in the Zetler Beecroft Residence complete with spa, dog and entertainment system. 14 was the perfect number for a marathon 13 games in pre-drawn round robin format. Despite his years John Holgate was not phased by the rigours of 13 hours of mostly continuous play to record 11 wins and triumph narrowly over Noel Barrett on 10 wins and similar spread.



*Caroline Scowcroft, Colleen Birch, Margaret Berliner, Joanne Craig, Phillip Hamilton. Bob Jackman, Jyoti Chandna and Rod Talbot at the Mudgee tournament in May*



*Sparring partners Noel Barret and Bob Jackman cooling down at the Beecroft Marathon*

A notable game was the penultimate one in which Bob Jackman and Janine Whittaker chalked up a total of 1090 points, with Bob's achieving high game of 688 and high word of 185 for **BRUCINES**.

Two weeks later it was down to Wollongong for many of the 49 players attending. Rene Chelton was the organiser and the venue was the usual Collegians Club, seemingly bigger and better since last time we were there. 8 games were played and in A Division it was John Holgate prevailing yet again, but only by spread over Bomaderry Club convenor Margaret Neal who impressed with her 6 wins in strong company. In B Division local veteran Keith Bioletti won with 7 wins over the consistent local Natalie Tadday on 6 wins. In C Division local Dorothy Fields won all her 8 games to record a comfortable win over Pat Schuberg.

Unfortunately our face-to-face tournament activity was cut short by the Sydney lockdown. A planned No Frills event had to be cancelled as did the Winter Challenge and Masters.

At the time of writing it is doubtful the NSW Championship will go ahead at the Bankstown Sports Club, Bankstown being in a more heavily locked down Local Government area. Players are advised to watch the NSW Tournament calendar at [scrabble.org.au/nsw/calendar](http://scrabble.org.au/nsw/calendar) for updates.

## Rating Gainers

<i>Mudgee</i> ~ 16/5	Margaret Berliner	+62
<i>Empire Bay</i> ~ 23/5	Jan Consoli	+58
<i>Beecroft</i>		
<i>Marathon</i> ~ 5/6	Noel Barrett	+51
<i>Wollongong</i> ~ 19/6	Margaret Neal	+67

## Club Affiliation

The lockdown period has been an ideal time to cleanse our list of NSW clubs and investigate a new model. It has been found that some clubs are closed, while some do not have any current members. These clubs have now been removed from our main club directory. Those that are thought to be still operating (or will operate post lockdown) have been listed on our website as a non-affiliated group. Those groups are Bundanoon, Cessnock, Mount Druitt, Oatlands, Quakers Hill, Ramsgate, Sanctuary Point, Tumut and Umina Beach. Brisbane Waters and Moulamein clubs are known to be closed and have been removed altogether.

We are moving to a model where a club will need to be affiliated to get the benefits of promotion and support from our Association. Club convenors of remaining clubs will be contacted in coming months and will be given the opportunity to nominate their status, either affiliated or non-affiliated. Alternatively, they can contact me (Bob Jackman) direct to indicate their preference.

## Queensland

*As I write this it is just two weeks to the Queensland Champs, scheduled for August 21st and 22nd at the Gold Coast. But, South East Queensland continues in lockdown at present so things are uncertain. Fingers crossed it will still go ahead.*

Meanwhile in the last few months, we were able to have all tournaments as scheduled, mostly further afield, from Townsville to Toowoomba. Townsville had to dodge a Covid scare, but still managed to hold all their events. Thanks to Julie Brice for continuing to arrange tournaments there. See her report. Toowoomba's winter tournament attracted well wrapped-up players from Brisbane, but

**Date Claimer!**  
**Australian  
National  
Championship**  
**16th-18th April 2022**

**Southport RSL  
Gold Coast, Queensland**

Word source CSW19  
WESPA Rated

Watch out for more information  
later this year.

*Not too early to lock this in  
and hope you are not locked out!*

we managed to keep everyone warm enough and enjoy the day.

At the 'July Surprise' tournament in Brisbane we experimented a bit. There were no prizes for place getters, but cash envelopes were given out through the day, for e.g the highest losing score in game 5; anyone with a Covid game score – ending in 19. Adding to the surprise element, I put random different amounts in envelopes so players could find they had won \$50, \$5 or something in between, and I had no idea how much anyone was getting as I handed them out.

It was also encouraging to welcome the Philip family, mum Anitha, daughter Jerene and son Joel. They seemed to enjoy their first tournament and all finished with wins. Well done! Thank you to those who helped them get tournament ready. It was also good to see young Ashwin Page back too. Congratulations to Ashwin for his selection to the Australian team in the WESPA Virtual Youth Cup. Good luck Ashwin!

Covid permitting, I hope to continue to be writing about more tournaments in the next ATB, including the State Champs. Stay safe everyone.

*Jane Brown*

## **Townsville Tournament**

I hope everyone had as much fun at the Townsville scrabble tournaments that we held recently as I did. We played four individual tournaments - Saturday 26/6 was divided into two round robins, Sunday 27/6 and Saturday 3/7 were open lagged draw, and Sunday 4/7 was a single round robin. The spreadsheet that I have developed made it very easy to print out the round robins for each participant.

We had originally intended to have the second weekend of tournaments at Magnetic Island and hold social scrabble afternoons at my place during the week. Townsville and Magnetic Island went into lockdown due to a Covid scare on Tuesday 29/6 and came out of lockdown on Friday 2/7 - just in time for us to run our second weekend of tournaments in Covid safe mode. Thank goodness we had already made the decision to move it to Townsville!

We have adopted some new processes for our tournaments. Each player is given a brown paper bag with their name on it containing score sheets, a rack, a pen, stickers, tournament information and draw. Players are requested to use the stickers to identify coffee cups, water cups, wineglasses, racks and pens. Each table of four players is provided with Glenn 20, antiseptic wipes and hand sanitiser. Players are requested to spray the board, tiles and tile bags with Glen 20 at the end of each game and to practice good hand hygiene. Masks were available on request for the first weekend and were made mandatory during play for the second weekend. If anyone would like a copy of the tournament information that we drafted up or other details of our processes please message me.

Some Covid safe snacks were available such as mini bags of chips, Cadbury favourites and individual cupcakes and muffins. Julie Walder's baked goods were amazing, you can see photos of the cakes on the Townsville Scrabble Group on Facebook. Lunches and Saturday night dinners had been arranged in advance, everyone did their best to observe the Covid restrictions.

The tournaments were very easy to run with Martin manning the computer and only one rule query that I can remember - but given that I start drinking at lunchtime that may well

have been a few more :-)) thanks again Martin, we couldn't have done it without you!

I was somewhat slack about arranging prizes and advised the prizes post tournament and direct deposited into peoples accounts. Prizes were \$7 for the winner of each section/tournament and \$5 each for runner-up, high word and high game. We prefer to spend tournament money on food up here which prompted one participant to comment "If I'd realised there were big cash prizes on offer I might have tried harder"

The tournament results have already been sent out so I won't include them again here but want to say that I was stoked to have my first 600+ tournament game against the ever gracious Tim Walton.

I had numerous requests to run these tournaments more often and I'm looking to do so again in September Covid permitting but it will be restricted to 16 players so please book early.

*Julie Brice*

*Mobile 0409 748 323*

## **South Australia**

***South Australia has been fortunate to be able to continue with their regular tournaments this year, albeit with COVID precautions in place.***

We also feel very fortunate that we were able to safely compete in the Australian championships and our hearts go out to all those who have had to endure extended lockdowns.

The June tournament was a highlight in the 25 year playing career of Paula Brown. A clean sweep of the B division gave her a stunning 86 rating points. Well done Paula.

The COVID era has seen a drop in regular player numbers. Several members have started new venues on the Meet Up site in an effort to recruit new players. Our thanks go to Daniel, Baheej, Rob and Tracey, along with those who support them.

Our recent AGM saw the resignation of Simon Walton as President and consequently the appointment of Jane Taylor. We thank Simon for his work and wish Jane well in her new role.

*Judy Mansfield*

## **Tasmania**

### **Upcoming Tournaments**

Bellerive Croquet Club (Night Comp) ~ 9 September ~ Bellerive Croquet Club ~ Margaret Bishop ~ [bishopm@y7mail.com](mailto:bishopm@y7mail.com)

Tasmanian Championships ~ 30 October (2 days) ~ Kingston ~ Martin Rose ~ [Martin@TheRoses.com](mailto:Martin@TheRoses.com)

Kingo Club (Night Comp) ~ 14 December ~ Martin Rose ~ [Martin@TheRoses.com](mailto:Martin@TheRoses.com)

## **Victoria**

***At the time of writing, Victoria has again been impacted by restrictions due to COVID: prior to this current situation, we had a brief period where in person events were able to run and it was enjoyed by those who took part.***

At our last in person competition, we saw Edward Okulicz attain a year record for highest game score of 646, (see page 1) a match which included 6 bonus plays (also a record for the year to date). Even with the brief periods of in person play to date, we have seen great support from our members backed up by some great plays and scores!!

Sadly, our State Championships have again been affected by COVID and have been rescheduled a second time to a date as yet specified (at the time of writing). Please check our website for all updated event information. It is important to note that we are making every effort to ensure our members have some way of enjoying the game from our Association - and highlights the importance of being a member in these challenging times.

Last year, we took steps to provide our members with a multi platform approach to Scrabble events, recognising that we all play our Scrabble in different ways. This strategy has done us in good stead for we are able to provide different activities for our membership even though the traditional in person events cannot proceed.

Regular readers of my report will recall we have an official online rating environment - importantly, it means that we are able to pivot to rated online activities when in person events are affected by COVID restrictions. The rating environment has seen new players

(and overall new members of Scrabble Victoria) join it; we now have 40 players with an E-rating and we hope to have more as this becomes a regular fixture on our calendar!

Our monthly online leagues have attracted a loyal following, where members play a round robin competition every two weeks. This is another way that we can keep in touch and enjoy games against familiar people. The Scrabble Go platform has been a very effective medium for this, as it has for our monthly "live" events.

Duplicate Scrabble continues monthly, and this has seen an increase in player numbers as well. Running it using Zoom as an online medium allows for people to stay in touch, especially when we cannot meet up in person. We witnessed history in the country with David Eldar securing a perfect game in our August comp (812 out of 812). Naween's 811 (missing just the 1 point) also exceeded the previous record. We have used multiple programs to ensure an enjoyable player experience and have started to introduce Duplicate ratings into the equation.

We did a soft launch in French during June and, whilst COVID has kept the timelines for this at an early stage, we are looking forward to being able to expand this within the later stages of 2021.

The one real positive to note is that the strategic moves made in the difficult times of 2020 are starting to really show benefit - we are now able to provide Scrabble activities for our members in more ways than before. It is a

testament to the great support and actions of the Committee that we have been able to get this done and I am really thankful for their contributions and focus throughout!!!

Finally, we have launched a "New Member Pack" which includes a welcome letter, complimentary copies of the 2 and 3 letter word list, and a new player guide to playing events. We then backdated the issue of these to members who have joined in 2020 and trust that these are found informative and enjoyable.

If you know people who want to be a part of the Victorian Scrabble community, please let me know! And, if members of other State Associations want to learn more about what we have done, I am always available via email.

*Happy Scrabbling everyone.  
Nick Ivanovski*

## **Western Australia**

I was interested to read Tim Reddan's article "Made Up Game" on page 20 of the last ATB which featured a 14 letter word formed by adding a seven letter extension onto an existing seven letter word.

Although not formed in exactly the same way it reminded me of a 14 letter word from one of our tournaments where **COMPUTER** was played as a bonus through a floating letter in row 2 which Russell Honeybun subsequently extended to make **COMPUTERISED** to hit a DWS and later on extended it again to make **UNCOMPUTERISED** to hit the other DWS.

Congratulations to Russell Honeybun on winning the 2021 WA Championship, his 13th victory in all with the last eight being consecutive.

ASP(WA) held its AGM last month. In a year impacted by COVID-19 our Treasurer, Alan Mathews, reported a modest profit. There were no changes to our office bearers or committee members.

*Graham Bell, Chairperson ASP(WA)*

## **Upcoming Tournaments**

Bisection - 29 August - Carol Hudson - 9370 5692

Glenys Lawrie Memorial Open - 3 October - Carol Hudson - 9370 5692

Bisection - 31 October - Carol Hudson - 9370 5692

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are on  
pages 12 & 13**

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on page 14**

## 20 Word Quiz

Some sevens to increase your knowledge during isolation. We are looking for a specific line of definition.

Level = Expert

Solutions on page 16

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| 2. <b>AACEORS</b>  | 12. <b>AEILOSS</b> |
| 3. <b>AAELRTZ</b>  | 13. <b>APRRRUU</b> |
| 4. <b>AAGIRSY</b>  | 14. <b>CDEEIMN</b> |
| 5. <b>AAHNRTX</b>  | 15. <b>CIMOSSY</b> |
| 6. <b>ABELORU</b>  | 16. <b>CIMOTYZ</b> |
| 7. <b>ACCEILO</b>  | 17. <b>EEMNPRU</b> |
| 8. <b>ACCEINV</b>  | 18. <b>ELOPRSY</b> |
| 9. <b>ACEHIMT</b>  | 19. <b>FLOOPWX</b> |
| 10. <b>ACEHMTY</b> | 20. <b>MMOPSTY</b> |

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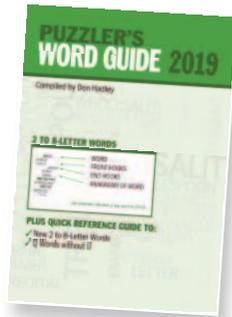
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## **ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING YAHOO GROUPS RE OZSCRABBLE**

In October 2020, Yahoo made the decision to shut down Yahoo Groups. As at December 15 2020, we will no longer be able to send or receive emails from Yahoo Groups.

The website will no longer be accessible.

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**The newsgroup Ozscrabble, which has been in operation in one form or another for around 30 years will cease to function.**

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To help aid in the transition away from Yahoo Groups, a Google Group has been set up to allow for email messages and discussions as it has been here. Equally, you can post from the new group itself.

The Group is called Scrabble Australia and can be found at the link below

<https://groups.google.com/g/scrabble-australia>

Join the Group and set your profile up in there; as with Yahoo Groups, there is an email address with which you can post

[scrabble-australia@googlegroups.com](mailto:scrabble-australia@googlegroups.com).

It is really sad to see Ozscrabble close. Hopefully, we can continue in Google Groups and thus maintain a proper conversation within the Scrabble Community

# Club Directory

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## New South Wales (area code 02)

Banora Point ~ Fri 1-3pm ~ Anne Bennett ~ 5513 0319

Baulkham Hills~Tue 7pm~Chris Ostrowski~0410 448 286

Belmont ~ Mon 1.30 – 4.30pm ~  
Bob Burr ~ 0431 887 087

Bomaderry ~ Wed 10:30am-4:30pm ~  
Margaret Neal 0428 429 077

Bondi ~ Wed 7.00 pm ~ Owen Fisher ~ 0412 931 440

Bowral 2nd & 4th Fridays, Sylvia Carless 0419 165 293

Brunswick Valley, Tues 1-4pm, Barbara Hancock ~ 0479  
183 183

Coffs Harbour ~ Wed 1-4pm ~ Keith Bancroft ~  
0421 334 216

Empire Bay ~ Tue 9.15-12.30 ~ Shirley Crocker 4369  
2634

Inner West Day (Marrickville) ~ Tues 9.30-13.30, Sue  
Tuckett, 0401 644 096

Lake Macquarie ~ Thurs ~ 10-1.00pm ~ Morisset  
Library, 39 Yambo St Morisset 4921 0573

Lane Cove 2nd-4th Thur, 6.00 ~  
Anne Hrovat 0414 560 536

Lismore ~ Wed 11-3 pm – Ademyi Johnson ~ 6622 0649

Macarthur, 1st & 3rd Wed 7pm, Tony Hunt 0417 470167

Maitland ~ Tue 10-2pm ~ Pam Rowlands ~ 0421 111 253

Mittagong 2nd-4th Tues, 10am-4pm, George Khamis  
0405 201 552

Newcastle ~ Sat 11.30-3.30pm ~ Julie Russell 4956 3008.

Nowra ~ Sat from 12.30 ~ Rodney Wallace 0412 931 780

Orange ~ Alt Sun from 2pm ~ Audrey Ferris ~ 6362 0068

Ourimbah ~ Thurs 10 ~2pm ~ Sandra Elliott 0410 438 525

Port Macquarie, Tues 1-3pm, Wayne Willis 0415 572 017

Revesby ~ Tue from 7pm ~ Peter Griffiths 0432 638 994

South West Rocks ~ Alternate Thurs 10am – 4pm ~  
Shirley Winkler ~ 6566 7220

St George ~ Tues 10-3pm ~ Jo Anne Deady ~ 9718 4069

Sutherland ~ Thur 10.30-4.00 ~ Ann Fiddler~9589 0128

Sydney ~ Monthly Sunday Comp 11.30am ~  
Cheryl Michler, 0408 595 219

Tahmoor ~ Mon from 1pm ~ Murray Hamer 4655 6755

Terrigal ~ Mon 10am-2pm ~ Mike Oxby ~ 4332 6485

Turrumurra ~ Tues 6pm ~ Janine Whittaker ~  
0408 421 340

Ulladulla ~ Mon 1pm – 5pm ~ Gary Pollard ~ 4456 5139

Wagga Wagga ~ Wed 7pm ~ Norm Byng 0418 293 453

Waverley ~ Tue 1 pm ~ Devorah Ullman ~ 0434 190 396

Wollongong ~ Mon evening and Thursday daytime ~  
Rene Chelton ~ 4283 2442

Woy Woy ~ Thur noon-4pm ~ Denise Smith ~ 4365 5645

## Queensland (area code 07)

Albert & Logan, Mon 12-4.30p.m.,  
Marilyn Smith 040 3205 040

Bargara, Thu 1.30pm Virginia Christian ~ 4159 1935

Brunswick Valley, Tues 1-4pm,  
Steve Bellerby ~ 02 6684 0872

Bundaberg, Liz Blanch 4155 2231

Coominya, Tues 6.30pm, Matthew Forno 0417 446 556

Coorparoo, Tues 9am-1pm, Benita O'Neill ~ 3398 4494

Lismore, Weds 1pm, Ademyi Johnson, (02) 6622 0649

Logan City, Tues noon – 4.30pm,  
Karrin Henderson 3133 3204

Redcliffe, Weds 1pm, Trish Brighton 0402 736 532

Redcliffe, Thurs 7pm, Trish Brighton 0402 736 532

Southport, Weds 1pm ~ Diana McManus 0419 022 520

Sunshine Coast ~ Nambour RSL ~ Fridays 2-4pm ~  
Anna Palmer ~ 07 5457 3116 or M: 0401 799 650.

Toowoomba, Tues, 10.00am, Jane Brown, 0417 903 079

Toowoomba, Thurs 6.30pm, Jane Brown 0417 903 079

Townsville, 2nd Weds of month ~ 5.30-8.30 p.m., Julie  
Walder. 4740 4175, Mob 0408 011 185.

## South Australia (area code 08)

Blackwood ~ Wednesday 12-4 ~ Raelene Nicholls  
0416 203 515 ~ nichollsraelene@gmail.com

Brighton ~ Thursday 12:30pm ~  
Julie Hockley 0410 053 973

Henley & Grange ~ Friday 1pm ~ Jacqui Pearce 0439  
806 309

Maslin Beach ~ Wednesday 1-4.30pm ~  
Rosemarie Mitchell 0448 948 224

Noarlunga / Christies Beach ~ Wednesday 7.30pm ~  
Robyn Davill 0401 364 019

Nuriootpa Library ~ Tuesday 1:30pm ~ (08) 8563 8440

Port Adelaide Library ~ Monday (excl. Public Holidays)  
2:30-5:30pm ~ sarah.antoniw@cityofpae.sa.gov.au

Prospect ~ Tuesday 1.30pm ~ Louisa Atsas 0432 907 646

Seaside (Yankalilla) ~ Monday 1pm ~  
Lorraine Downes 8558 2549

West Torrens Community Centre ~ Monday 2-4pm ~  
Katherine 8416 6333

### Tasmania (area code 03)

Beaumaris ~ Sun 2pm ~ Marion Merickel ~ 6372 5337

Bellerive ~ Thu 7pm ~ Margaret Bishop ~ 6244 5545

Glenorchy ~ Tue 1pm ~ Jill Norton ~ 6228 1861

Kingborough ~ Tue 7.30pm ~ Khen Meerding ~ 6229 5840

Ulverstone ~ Wed 9.30am ~ Jan Hill ~ 6425 5415

### Victoria (area code 03)

Ballarat ~ Tues 10m ~ Marjorie Clark ~ 0456 098 982

Balwyn ~ Mon 1pm ~ Marj Miller ~ 9850 2366

Bentleigh - Mondays 1pm-4pm (during School terms) -  
Carol Johnsen 0476 639 195

Box Hill ~ now called Surrey Hills (see below)

Cranbourne ~ Monday 9.30am-1pm ~ Cranbourne  
Library ~ Gayle Cameron ~ 0420 934 176

Essendon ~ Tue 7pm ~ Rob York ~ 0417 512 535

Fairfield/Northcote ~ Mon 7-9pm ~  
Rob York ~ 0417 512 535

Fitzroy - Occasional - Nick Ivanovski - 0412 175 251

Frankston North ~ Sat 1-5pm ~ Ray Alford ~ 5977 0819

Geelong ~ Sat 1.30pm ~ Marlene Ellis ~ 5275 0363

Golden Age (Mt Waverley) - Mondays - 9.30-3pm and  
Wed 9.30am-3pm ~ Christiane McCann ~ 0432 290 880

Greensborough Wednesday 1-4pm ~  
Marisa Nuccitelli ~ 9459 4529

Langwarrin ~ Tue 1-4pm ~ Alan Burn 0407 524 797

Mt Martha ~ Tue 1pm ~ Marjorie Barnes ~ 0402 081 466

Paynesville ~ Tues 10am ~ Sylvia Galloway ~ 5156 7443

Rosanna ~ 2nd & 4th Thurs ~ 6.30pm ~  
Rob Hutchinson ~ 0407 533 525

Surrey Hills ~ 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays - Judith  
McNaughton ~ 0447 387 493

Warburton ~ New club ~ Friday 10am-2pm ~ Lay-Hoon  
Ng ~ 0408 802 207

Watsonia ~ Wed 12-3pm ~ Angie Winkler ~ 9439 1634.

Welshpool ~ Mon 7pm ~ temporarily closed

Wodonga ~ Thur 1st & 3rd 5-8pm ~  
Ruth Grogan ~ 0448 989 833

### Western Australia (area code 08)

Albany ~ Mon 10am ~ Jane Taylor ~ 0429 448 666

Bassendean ~ Wed 9am ~ Anne Stewart ~ 0410 346 849

Bunbury ~ Fri 9am ~ Marie Cross ~ 9721 5704

Darlington ~ Tue 9am ~ Carmelita Maxwell ~ 9299 6713

Esperance ~ Sat 1pm ~ Ann Wallace ~ 0412 942 205

Floreat ~ Tues 12.30pm ~ Wendy Naunton ~ 9446 3108

Hamersley ~ Tues 1pm ~ Joan Dye ~ 9345 4275

Hamersley ~ Sat 1pm ~ Mike Clarke ~ 0438 606 617

Mandurah ~ Wed 8.30am ~ Marg Fisher ~ 9581 6852

Manjimup ~ Wed 1 pm ~ Pat Parkinson ~ 9771 2882

Melville ~ Mon 10am ~ Alan Mathews ~ 0400 330 615

Nedlands ~ Tues 9.45 am ~ Chris Hassell ~  
0428 846 325

Perth ~ Thurs 9 am ~ Anne Stewart ~ 0410 346 849

Rockingham ~ Mon 9.15am ~ Dee Harrison ~  
0431 345 139

Spearwood ~ Tues 10 am ~ Jenny Coetzee ~ 9434 9349

**Many clubs listed here have suspended regular meetings  
due to COVID-19 restrictions.**

**When those restrictions are lifted there will no doubt  
be many changes to this list.**

**We would hope to bring this list up to date when that happens.**

**Some clubs have ceased operating under various  
State affiliations and may still meet informally.**

**They have been removed from this list.**

# Results Roundup

## ACT

### 22.05.2021 Canberra May

**A:** 1 Tim Reddan; **2** John Hamilton; **3** John Spaan; **HG** Tim Reddan 526; **HW** Rob Hutchinson **QUANTISE** 98

**B:** 1 Tony Beer; **2** Lexia Smallwood; **3** Arlene Williams; **HG** Arlene Williams 452; **HW** Tony Beer **SPANNER** 87

### 26.06.2021 WINTER OPEN

**A:** 1 Noel Barrett; **2** John Hamilton; **3** Ronnie Bennett; **HG** John Hamilton 567; **HW** Ronnie Bennett **FASTENER** 158

### 24.07.2021 AGM Tournament

**COMBINED:** 1 Tim Reddan; **2** Noel Barrett; **3** Stephen Saunders; **HG** Ronnie Bennett 509; **HW** Jeff Danaher **CINDERED** 92

## NSW

### 15.05.2021 MUDGEE 2021

**ALL:** 1 Joanne Craig; **2** Bob Jackman; **3** Rod Talbot; **HG** Jyoti Chandna 559; **HW** Caroline Scowcroft **GALAXIES** 122

### 23.05.2021 EmpireBayMay

**A SECTION:** 1 Sharon Sorensen; **2** Marion Miller; **3** Colleen Birch; **HG** Colleen Birch 520; **HW** Marion Miller **EXHALES** 91

**B SECTION:** 1 Shelley Cartwright; **2** Donna Macdonald; **3** Steven Savona; **HG** Steven Savona 472; **HW** Shelley Cartwright **GROOMERS** 87

**C SECTION:** 1 Jan Consoli; **2** Julie Banister; **3** Josie Mally; **HG** Denise Smith 467; **HW** Marymichal Oxby **QUOTERS** 95

### 05.06.2021 BEECROFT MARATHON

**OPEN:** 1 John Holgate; **2** Noel Barrett; **3** Bob Jackman; **HG** Bob Jackman 688; **HW** Bob Jackman **BRUCINES** 185

### 19.06.2021 WORDS WINTER 19 JUNE

**A:** 1 John Holgate; **2** Margaret Neal; **3** Tony Hunt; **HG** John Holgate 602; **HW** John Holgate **STEADING** 140

**B:** 1 Keith Bioletti; **2** Natalie Tadday; **3** Marion Miller; **HG** Hailey Sutton 553; **HW** Hailey Sutton **JOSHING** 112

**C:** 1 Dorothy Fields; **2** Greg Hopson; **3** Pat Schuberg; **HG** Greg Hopson 509; **HW** Patrick Huyhn **EQUINOX** 114

## QLD

### 05.06.2021 Toowoomba Winter

**A:** 1 Martin Waterworth; **2** Jane Brown; **3** Sheryl Davidson; **HG** Sheryl Davidson 478

**B:** 1 Roslyn Murphy; **2** Karen Woodhead; **3** Kerry Reimers; **HG** Karen Woodhead 491

### 17.06.2021 Bethania Thu RR

**ALL:** 1 Sheryl Davidson; **2** Olga Visser; **3** Jeanette Hansen; **HG** Sheryl Davidson 484; **HW** Diana McManus **DARNING** 97

### 26.06.2021 Townsville Saturday

**A:** 1 Julie Brice; **2** Helen Hynes; **3** Caroline Scowcroft; **HG** Liz Blanch 516; **HW** Julie Brice **GATHERED** 98

**B:** 1 Carol Mascitti; **2** Kara Eddington; **3** Maureen Harrison; **HG** Kara Eddington 504; **HW** Carol Mascitti **SUNRISE** 87

### 27.06.2021 Townsville Sunday

**ALL:** 1 Julie Brice; **2** Liz Blanch; **3** Caroline Scowcroft; **HG** Julie Brice 491; **HW** Caroline Scowcroft **QUARTER** 112

### 03.07.2021 TSV redux (MI) Sat

**AAA:** 1 Julie Brice; **2** Helen Hynes; **3** Caroline Scowcroft; **HG** Julie Brice 606; **HW** Julie Brice **FORESAY** 97

### 04.07.2021 TSV redux (MI) Sun

**AAA:** 1 Julie Brice; **2** Liz Blanch; **3** Martin Waterworth; **HG** Julie Brice 522; **HW** Tim Walton **DITZIER** 106

### 11.07.2021 July Surprise

**A:** 1 Cameron Farlow; **2** Karen Richards; **3** Sheryl Davidson; **HG** Karen Richards 532; **HW** Karen Richards **TAPELIKE** 98

**B:** 1 Karen Woodhead; **2** Elize Plaganyi; **3** Lyn Mandelikova; **HG** Elize Plaganyi 522; **HW** Laurel Burrows **SQUIRES** 100

## SA

### 22.05.2021 SEAFORD MAY 2021

**ALL:** 1 Michael Vnuk; **2** Antony Kimber; **3** Jane Taylor; **HG** Carmel Dodd 530; **HW** Michael Vnuk **RELOADS** 98

### 06.06.2021 SA June

**A:** 1 Carmel Dodd; **2** Daniel Piechnick; **3** Jane Taylor; **HG** Daniel Piechnick 625; **HW** Carmel Dodd **DEBUTING** 140

**B:** 1 Paula Brown; **2** Rowena Vnuk; **3** Anthony Radosevic; **HG** Helen Jones 498; **HW** Judy Mansfield **SWOOPED** 96

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### 19.06.2021 JUNE SEAFORD

**ALL:** 1 Daniel Piechnick; 2 Jane Taylor; 3 Trevor Tao; **HG** Daniel Piechnick 594; **HW** Carmel Dodd  
**REQUIRE** 110

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### 04.07.2021 SA July

**A:** 1 Daniel Piechnick; 2 Adam Kretschmer; 3 Rowena Vnuk; **HG** Daniel Piechnick 523; **HW** Adam Kretschmer  
**PEERING** 106

**B:** 1 Helen Jones; 2 Neal Whibley; 3 Louisa Atsas; **HG** Helen Jones 506; **HW** Fiona Braendler  
**JIHADIS** 95

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### 17.07.2021 Seaford July

**A:** 1 Adam Kretschmer; 2 Daniel Piechnick; 3 Carmel Dodd; **HG** Adam Kretschmer 518; **HW** Adam Kretschmer  
**DEMENTS** 93

**B:** 1 Rowena Vnuk; 2 Dieter Jedamski; 3 Nancy Sparling; **HG** Dieter Jedamski 456; **HW** Judy Mansfield  
**PENCILED** 88

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### 01.08.2021 Lyndee Hill

**A:** 1 Carmel Dodd; 2 Jane Taylor; 3 Tracey Kneebone; **HG** Rowena Vnuk 532; **HW** Paula Brown  
**MARKETS** 100

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## TAS

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### 15.05.2021 SH

**ALL:** 1 Jon Ford-King; 2 Martin Rose; 3 Jan Hill; **HG** Martin Rose; **HW** Margaret Griggs  
**COURSES** 105

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### 06.06.2021 Bel Winter

**OPEN:** 1 Stephen Mooney Purse; 2 Martin Rose; 3 Margaret Bishop; **HG** Margaret Bishop 505

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### 10.07.2021 Kingston July

**OPEN:** 1 John Hayes; 2 Khen Meerding; 3 Martin Rose; **HG** Jan Hill 532; **HW** Khen Meerding  
**PATCHED** 99

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## VIC

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### 16.05.2021 May Tournament

**A:** 1 Nat Podesser; 2 Dianne Davis; 3 Trevor Halsall; **HG** Nat Podesser 528; **HW** Nat Podesser  
**INSULATE** 113

**B:** 1 Glen Chandler; 2 Noel Coulter; 3 Christie Godby **HG** Frank Csarics 510; **HW** Christiane McCann  
**INQUEST** 128

**C:** 1 Annette Casey; 2 Faye Leeder; 3 Angie Winkler; **HG** Annette Casey 451; **HW** Faye Leeder  
**QUITTING** 114

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### 04.07.2021 The Midwinter

**A:** 1 Anand Bharadwaj; 2 Dianne Davis; 3 Edward Okulicz; **HG** Anand Bharadwaj 546; **HW** Anand Bharadwaj  
**RATIFIED** 98

**B:** 1 Kannan Sethuraman; 2 Lainie Chojna; 3 Frank Csarics; **HG** Lainie Chojna 532; **HW** Khwanjai Thammaping  
**MENTIONS** 131

**C:** 1 Angie Winkler; 2 Ann Goodwin; 3 Annette Casey; **HG** Angie Winkler 493; **HW** Lay-hoon Ng  
**SHAFTERS** 104

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### 01.08.2021 AUGUST 1

**A:** 1 Edward Okulicz; 2 Kris Howat; 3 Geoff Wright; **HG** Edward Okulicz 646; **HW** Kris Howat  
**SERVINGS** 140

**B:** 1 Shirley De Silva; 2 Doreen Ivanovski; 3 Noel Coulter; **HG** Noel Coulter 491; **HW** Carol Rollmann  
**CARVIES** 87

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## WA

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### 16.05.2021 MELV2021

**A:** 1 Chris Hall; 2 Tim Mason; 3 Graham Bell; **HG** Chris Hall 566; **HW** Chris Hall  
**DEBATERS** 158

**B:** 1 Anne Stewart; 2 Cori Lodder; 3 Alan Mathews; **HG** Anne Stewart 508; **HW** Carol Hudson  
**BREATHE** 102

**C:** 1 Tanissha Suppiah; 2 Carol Crawford; 3 Pat Locke; **HG** Pat Locke 434; **HW** Chris Sanders  
**JABBERS** 94

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### 06.06.2021 WASC2021

**A:** 1 Russell Honeybun; 2 Graham Bell; 3 Chris Hall; **HG** Chris Hall 565; **HW** Cori Lodder  
**PASTRIES** 140

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### 27.06.2021 BASS2021

**A:** 1 Ian Ting; 2 Chris Hall; 3 Geoff Shepheard; **HG** Ian Ting 538; **HW** Ian Ting  
**SPARRED** 95

**B:** 1 Cori Lodder; 2 Anne Stewart; 3 Gillian Street; **HG** Cori Lodder 532; **HW** Anne Stewart  
**DISTEND** 91

**C:** 1 Henny Yates; 2 Naomi Zion; 3 Janet Kirk; **HG** Henny Yates 521; **HW** Henny Yates  
**HEELINGS** 167

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### 18.07.2021 2021 AGM Round Robins

**A:** 1 Graham Bell; 2 Ian Ting; 3 Geoff Shepheard; **HG** Graham Bell 468; **HW** Graham Bell  
**DOWLNES** 94

**B:** 1 Faye Williams; 2 Gillian Street; 3 Alan Mathews; **HG** Gillian Street 510; **HW** Cori Lodder  
**CRASHED** 106

**C:** 1 Delys Carbon; 2 Naomi Zion; 3 Vera Etherton; **HG** Carol Hudson 502; **HW** Pauline Coulter  
**DERANGER** 131

*I have retired from club and tournament play, but still amuse myself with a daily Right-hand vs Left-hand game. This has several advantages:*

- Lookup is permitted (thanks, ULU and the current dictionary of permitted words)
- I always win
- I learn intriguing words that I would never have imagined (unfortunately I've not yet had cause to include any of them in my conversation)

Word buffs might like to have a go at guessing these exemplars. If you recognise a real word, it can be morphed into a more unusual one.

*The solutions are on page 19*

## Set #1

ADELGTY  
AEHMNOT  
CENTAURY  
AADGOPRS  
DGIMSTU  
AAEIKMRR  
ANCHORED  
AINNNOST  
PIDDLES  
CDEIOLLU

## Set #2

Here is another set of 10 with no letters having more than 1 point value:

ELNNRSTU  
AEILLNU  
EELNORTT  
I INRSTU  
EI INNOS  
INLIERS  
E IILLST  
AEEILNRS  
AILNSTT  
AINNNOST

## Set #3

These all contain **K** or **V**

AAEIKMRR  
KINDLIER  
ACEIKOP  
ACDOSTV  
NOVICES  
AAELSTUV  
AEIRSSTV  
ADEEITVW  
EIINOSTV  
ADDEENV

## Definitius

Jane Brown

I recently came across some interesting 7 letter words ending in **-IUS**. Can you match them with the correct meaning?

Some can be guessed but others are not so obvious.

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|------------|---------------------------|
| 1. CONGIUS | a. A precious stone       |
| 2. GLADIUS | b. The third person       |
| 3. PIUPIUS | c. A gallon               |
| 4. PLUVIUS | d. A Roman sword          |
| 5. SARDIUS | e. A sea monster          |
| 6. TERTIUS | f. Maori skirts           |
| 7. ZIFFIUS | g. Insurance against rain |

*The solutions are on page 19*

## 20 Word Quiz

*Solutions from page 10*

**Disease related**

- |             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| 1. MALARIA  | 11. EQUINIA |
| 2. ROSACEA  | 12. LOIASES |
| 3. LAZARET  | 13. PURPURA |
| 4. AGYRIAS  | 14. ENDEMIC |
| 5. ANTHRAX  | 15. MYCOSIS |
| 6. RUBEOLA  | 16. ZYMOTIC |
| 7. COELIAC  | 17. PREMUNE |
| 8. VACCINE  | 18. LEPROSY |
| 9. HEMATIC  | 19. FOWLPOX |
| 10. ECTHYMA | 20. SYMPTOM |

***The Youth Scrabble scene in Australia continues to be dominated by players from NSW. Of the 34 nationally listed junior players who have recently played rated tournaments, 28 are located in NSW, with most of those having an association with the Cabramatta Public School Scrabble Club.***

Of note, the Lam brothers, Alex and Jeffery continue to show improvement. Jeffery, the younger of the two, still maintains the national record for high game (710), high margin (487) and high word (**ANTIQUES**, 293) which occurred at the OITOO on 5th January. Ronnie Bennett (ACT) retains his position as the highest rated junior in the country with a national rating of 1559 (43rd nationally) at time of writing.

The 6th Interschool Scrabble Tournament (Battle of the Brains) was due to be held in Term 3 but had to be postponed until Term 4. We have interest from a number of Sydney schools, supported by Scrabble NSW volunteers. We have also received an expression of support from Mattel Australasia for 2022. As a goodwill gesture, Mattel has provided us with 24 new Scrabble sets for this year's event. We look forward to working collaboratively with Mattel as we plan our activities for next year.

The 2021 WESPA Youth Cup has gone online for the 2nd time, hosted again by the Pakistan Scrabble Association. Australia/New Zealand was offered 6 spots in the original quota. Scrabble New Zealand declined to submit any candidates this year, but have expressed

interest in running a Trans-Tasman Youth Qualifier event next year to determine the best young players from both sides of the Tasman to represent their countries. Some players and countries dropped out resulting in our quota being extended from 6 to 8. The 8 chosen representatives from Australia, in ratings order, are Ronnie Bennett (ACT), Alex Lam (NSW), Jeffery Lam (NSW), Asher Chhabra (NSW), Patrick Huynh (NSW), Ashwin Page (QLD), Raymond Tri (NSW) and Vinh Nguyen (NSW).

Juniors in NSW who would like to participate in their first rated tournament are encouraged to enter an OITOO (Out In The Open Open). These events are typically held on the first Tuesday of each school holiday - except for the summer holidays where it is held early January. People in other states interested in introducing juniors to rated tournaments are directed to their relevant state committee who will assist in recommending an appropriate tournament.

A recent online development is the Australian Koalas Club on Woogles. This is an online space which allows junior players from across the country to connect, chat and play games of Scrabble with each other. Entry to the room is by invitation only. If you're interested in finding out more, please contact me.

*Tony Hunt  
CASPA Youth Coordinator  
Ph: 0417 470 167*

*Some of the juniors (plus a few not so junior) at the April OITOO By the River, East Hills*



# Records 2021 so far...

<i>High game score</i>	<b>710</b>	Jeffery Lam v. Vinh Nguyen 223 at 05.01.2021 oitoo by lake 05012021
<i>Large game margin</i>	<b>487</b>	Jeffery Lam 710 against Vinh Nguyen 223 at 05.01.2021 oitoo by lake 05012021
<i>High drawn game</i>	<b>468</b>	Trevor Tao 468 against Carol Johnsen 468 at 06.03.2021 SA Champs
<i>High combined score</i>	<b>1109</b>	Peter Kougi 664 against John Barker 445 at 03.04.2021 OZ CHAMPS
<i>High average score</i>	<b>527</b>	(6 games) David Eldar at 07.02.2021 Bayside Scrabble
<i>High average spread</i>	<b>190</b>	(7 games) Anand Bharadwaj at 17.01.2021 VICTORIAN PLATE/SIDE
<i>High losing score</i>	<b>492</b>	Victor Tung 492 against Andrew Fisher 523 at 03.04.2021 OZ CHAMPS
<i>Long winning streak</i>	<b>12</b>	Chris May: over CSIM and OZ Champs 03.04.2021
<i>High word</i>	<b>293</b>	<b>ANTIQUES</b> : Jeffery Lam at 05.01.2021 oitoo by lake 05012021
<i>High opening score</i>	<b>102</b>	<b>SQUIDGE</b> : John Hamilton at ACT Winter Open 26.06.2021
<i>High play, not bonus</i>		
<i>High play, not triple triple</i>		
<i>Long word</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>WOMANISERS</b> : Vincent Nguyen 13.02.2021
<i>Many bingos</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>VERSEMAN; FEINTED; DROOPED; ENQUIRE; GAUGERS; COSIEST</b> : Edward Okulicz at August 1 01.08.2021
<i>Many consecutive bingos</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>ETERNI(Z)E; (S)EAHORSE</b> ; °: Joanne Craig at OZ Champs 03.04.2021

## Handy Lists

*A look around the Scrabble Australia website [scrabble.org.au](http://scrabble.org.au) unearthed some handy lists. Here is a selection*

### Pseudo-Misspellings

There are hundreds of words in the dictionary which look as if they have been misspelt - they can often provoke a challenge (good to use where there is a 5 point bonus for an unsuccessful challenge ie WESPA Rated) - or a chuckle - from your opponent. Here is a starter list which you can add to on your travels through the dictionary.

<b>AFFOORD</b>	<b>AMBASSY</b>	<b>AMMIRAL</b>	<b>AMUCK</b>	<b>ANOUGH</b>	<b>APATITE</b>
<b>ARTIFACT</b>	<b>ASBESTUS</b>	<b>ASPERATE</b>	<b>ATCHIEVE</b>	<b>ATTONE</b>	<b>CACoon</b>
<b>CARRECT</b>	<b>COALA</b>	<b>CENTRY</b>	<b>CHESNUT</b>	<b>CHICKORY</b>	<b>CIGARET</b>
<b>COPPY</b>	<b>COZY</b>	<b>CROCHE</b>	<b>CUNDUM</b>	<b>CUTLAS</b>	<b>CYDER</b>
<b>DORNOCK</b>	<b>DROWND</b>	<b>EXTASY</b>	<b>EXTATIC</b>	<b>FANTOM</b>	<b>GALIVANT</b>
<b>GOLLIWOGG</b>	<b>GOODBYS</b>	<b>GREWSOME</b>	<b>HOLESOM</b>	<b>JALOPY</b>	<b>KREEP</b>
<b>KNOWE</b>	<b>KULTUR</b>	<b>KUMQUAT</b>	<b>MISTERY</b>	<b>MORALLS</b>	<b>MUSKLES</b>
<b>MUSTACHE</b>	<b>OMBRELLA</b>	<b>PEEPUL</b>	<b>PENSIL</b>	<b>POLLICY</b>	<b>POYNANT</b>
<b>PRANCK</b>	<b>RABBET</b>	<b>SKEEING</b>	<b>SYCOSIS</b>	<b>TALLENT</b>	<b>TROPHI</b>
<b>UMBRELLO</b>					

*Eureka and their alter ego, Hanne Marks are putting their quill pen away to concentrate on reading books. If you want to find gems in books, go and read them yourself. We thank Hanne for her many columns over the years. (Editor)*

My latest and last find for the Eureka column comes from Jacqueline Kent's "A Certain Style – Beatrice Davis – a literary life" (my copy Newsouth Publishing 2018); it's part of the title of the chapter about Xavier Herbert: 'Beating the **BIBLIOPOLIC BABBITTS**'.

I've had a blast. It's a day.

## Definitius

*Definitius Answers from page 16*

1. **CONGIUS** = c. *A gallon*
2. **GLADIUS** = d. *A Roman sword*
3. **PIUPIUS** = f. *Maori skirts*
4. **PLUVIUS** = g. *Insurance against rain*
5. **SARDIUS** = a. *A precious stone*
6. **TERTIUS** = b. *The third person*
7. **ZIFFIUS** = e. *A sea monster*

## Clubs 15 years ago

*The earliest ATB that I could find in my records was September 2006. I thought I would do a comparison of active clubs. Back then there was even a club in the Northern Territory, Alice Springs run by one Marg MacCarthy.*

State	2006	2021	Change
ACT	2	2	—
NSW	49	34	-15
NT	1	0	-1
QLD	23	15	-8
SA	15	10	-5
TAS	9	4	-5
VIC	30	20	-10
WA	17	15	-2
<b>National</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>-46</b>

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### Set #1

- ADELGTY = DALGYTE
- AEHMNOT = NATHEMO
- CENTAURY = CYANURET
- AADGOPRS = PODAGRAS
- DGIMSTU = MIDGUTS
- AAEIKMRR = KRAMERIA
- ANCHORED = RONDACHE
- AINNOST = SANTONIN
- PIDDLES = DISPLED
- CDEIOLLU = LODICULE

### Set #2

- ELNNRSTU = TRUNNELS
- AEILLNU = UILLEAN
- EELNORTT = TELETRON
- IINRSTU = SIRTUIN
- EIINNOS = INOSINE
- INLIERS = RESILIN
- EIILLST = ILLITES
- AEEILNRS = ALIENERS
- AILNSTT = LATTINS
- AINNNOST = SANTONIN

### Set #3

- AAEIKMRR = KRAMERIS
- KINDLIER = DINKLIER
- ACEIKOP = PAIOCKE
- ACDOSTV = VODCAST
- NOVICES = COVINES
- AAELSTUV = VALUATES
- AEIRSSTV = TRAVISES
- ADEEITVW = TIDEWAVE
- EIINOSTV = NOVELTIES
- ADDEENV = ADVENED



# Ratings Snapshot

Top 200 at 9 August 2021

1	David Eldar	2130	68	Khen Meerding	1461	135	Penny Wells	1282
2	Chris May	2078	69	Carol Johnsen	1457	136	Larrie Strautmanis	1279
3	Jakob Teitelbaum	2040	70	Jyoti Chandra	1455	137	Peter Bauer	1269
4	Andrew Fisher	2009	71	Alex Boiko	1449	138	Glenys Logan	1269
5	Naween Fernando	1938	72	Kashi Thirix	1441	139	Darren Chaitman	1265
6	Anand Bharadwaj	1936	73	Jon Ford-King	1441	140	Cheryle Jerram	1264
7	Esther Perrins	1925	74	Alan Burn	1429	141	June Valentine	1263
8	Cameron Farlow	1892	75	Margaret Neal	1423	142	Gary Pollard	1262
9	Peter Kougi	1870	76	Greg Pinchbeck	1421	143	Natalie Tadday	1260
10	Daniel Piechnick	1837	77	Trish Brighton	1421	144	Margaret Gibson	1258
11	Edward Okulicz	1831	78	Geoff Shepheard	1419	145	Julie Pampling	1257
12	Joanne Craig	1823	79	Malcolm McAnulty	1418	146	Maureen See	1254
13	Michael Cameron	1797	80	Tim Reddan	1417	147	Sue Gergelifi	1249
14	Michael McKenna	1788	81	Jegatheva Jegathesan	1416	148	Rod Casey	1248
15	David Vanzyl	1775	82	Kerry Constable	1415	149	Christie Godby	1248
16	Trevor Halsall	1764	83	Chris Scholten	1409	150	Sandra Masel	1240
17	Adam Kretschmer	1755	84	Martin Waterworth	1405	151	Noel Coulter	1238
18	John Holgate	1746	85	Therese Nichols	1405	152	Joyce Browett	1238
19	Victor Tung	1737	86	John Barker	1401	153	Francoise Finlayson	1236
20	Wayne Jones	1732	87	Adam Kauschke	1400	154	Rob Hutchinson	1236
21	Mythili Rudra	1728	88	Colleen Birch	1399	155	Alex Lam	1232
22	Stephen Mooney Pursell	1720	89	Roberta Tait	1398	156	Wendy Taylor	1231
23	Bob Jackman	1713	90	Anne Zion	1396	157	Lorraine Thomas	1228
24	Rael Hayman	1708	91	Keith Bioletti	1395	158	Margaret Bishop	1226
25	Russell Honeybun	1701	92	Benjamin Lee	1394	159	Anne Schick	1226
26	Graham Bell	1694	93	Barry Harridge	1392	160	Susan MacGillivray	1223
27	Rod Talbot	1691	94	Gwen Lampre	1392	161	Marjorie Giffen	1221
28	Tim Mason	1688	95	Arnold Appelfhof	1392	162	Norma Tracey	1217
29	Andrew Hamblin	1685	96	Chris Ostrowski	1391	163	Kannan Sethuraman	1216
30	Karen Richards	1684	97	Marj Miller	1379	164	Moana Nepia	1214
31	Carmel Dodd	1672	98	Kris Howat	1373	165	Dieter Jedamski	1214
32	John Hamilton	1659	99	Ros Wilkinson	1373	166	Janine Whittaker	1213
33	Joan Rosenthal	1639	100	Olga Visser	1372	167	Marion Miller	1213
34	Geoff Wright	1623	101	Caroline Polak Scowcroft	1369	168	Rowena Vnuk	1210
35	Nick Ivanovski	1621	102	Jenny Brysha	1368	169	Elaine Capewell	1210
36	Helen Hynes	1614	103	Keri Heart	1367	170	Yvonne Edwards	1205
37	Chris Hall	1605	104	Sharon Sorensen	1366	171	Nancy Sparling	1202
38	Simon Walton	1596	105	Lexie Neale	1366	172	Robin Andersen	1200
39	Noel Barrett	1594	106	Tony Williams	1363	173	Frank Csarics	1198
40	Tony Hunt	1588	107	Margaret Griggs	1360	174	Glen Chandler	1196
41	Nat Podesser	1586	108	Margaret Webb	1357	175	Yvette Copley	1191
42	Tony Miller	1574	109	Lainie Chojna	1353	176	Cori Lodder	1188
43	Ronnie Bennett	1559	110	Felicity Devitt	1353	177	Khwanjai Thammapping	1188
44	Paul Richards	1555	111	Carolyn Watt	1350	178	John Salmon	1186
45	Trevor Tao	1554	112	Angie Pearse	1349	179	Hanne Marks	1185
46	Jane Taylor	1551	113	Faye Williams	1349	180	Mal Eden	1182
47	Norma Fisher	1541	114	Judy Godfrey	1346	181	Rhona Kenyon	1174
48	Rocky Sharma	1537	115	Jan Hill	1345	182	George Khamis	1169
49	Michael Vnuk	1530	116	Liz Blanch	1335	183	Jan Chapman	1169
50	Dianne Ward	1530	117	Karrin Henderson	1333	184	Tony Kalayzich	1167
51	Eddie Mueller	1524	118	Hailey Sutton	1329	185	Jenny Schafer	1167
52	Jane Brown	1517	119	Peter Shaw	1328	186	Jeanette Hansen	1165
53	John Spaan	1516	120	Shirley de Silva	1315	187	Rob York	1161
54	Dianne Davis	1510	121	Shaun Donnelly	1314	188	Alan Mathews	1160
55	Ivor Zetler	1505	122	Monica Dwyer	1310	189	Tim Walton	1160
56	Martin Rose	1503	123	Rhonda Rickard	1309	190	Margaret Berliner	1156
57	Graeme Lock Lee	1499	124	John Rider	1308	191	Carol Mascitti	1152
58	Sheryl Davidson	1496	125	Pam Bennett	1307	192	Dianne Gibson	1149
59	Sally Martin	1494	126	Gillian Street	1300	193	Victoria Gates	1149
60	Julie Brice	1486	127	Anne Stewart	1298	194	Pam Thomas	1146
61	Ian Ting	1477	128	Tracey Kneebone	1298	195	Owen Randall	1146
62	Garth van Viet	1476	129	John Hayes	1297	196	Jenny Mitchell	1143
63	Mark Smith	1471	130	Louise Love	1296	197	Roslyn Murphy	1140
64	Antonios Syrigos	1468	131	Susan Roberts	1293	198	Shelley Cartwright	1133
65	Dianne Brumby	1467	132	Phillip Hamilton	1291	199	John Linney	1133
66	Antony Kimber	1465	133	Jacqui Pearce	1285	200	Sandra Elliott	1132
67	Heather Long	1463	134	Richard Birch	1283			

*When I left school, my Dad signed me up for an apprenticeship in his trade, printing. I never worked under him but he taught me a lot about our side of the trade. We were called **COMPOSITORS** or **COMPS** for short.*

Over time, I became a Layout Artist, Type Assembler, Typesetter, Desktop Publisher, landing on Graphic Artist today. Basically the same thing, but these changes came about as technology moved on.

When I was **INDENTURED** at the company that printed *The Financial Times* in London, across the road from St Paul's Cathedral, there were still guys who spoke in point size not in number but in name and they were seemingly random in size. So, 6pt was **NONPAREIL** (pronounced NOMPRUL by comps) 8pt **BREVIER**, 9pt, **BOURGEOIS**, 10pt **LONG PRIMA**, 12pt **PICA** (a survivor today). And these were only approximate comparisons.

By necessity, typesetting and printing had to be generally under the one roof. Hot Metal type was mainly lead, with added tin and **ANTIMONY** to give smoothness and hard wearing properties, so it was heavy.

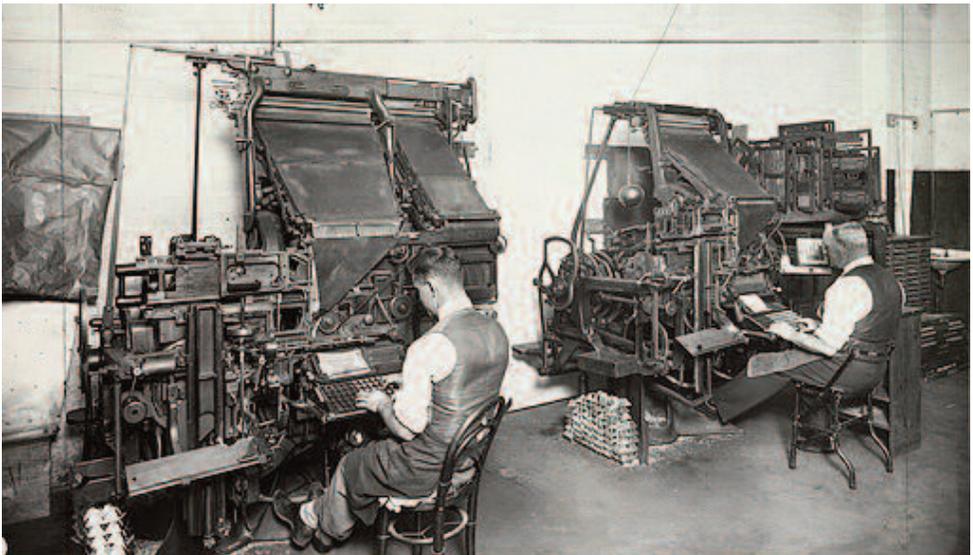
There were a few different methods, hand typesetting in a **STICK** where each **STAMP**

(letter or space) was picked out of a lower and upper case, and those terms also survive today. Justifying each line meant varying the width of each space, **EM** being a space the same as the point size and **EN** being a space half the point size and thinner spaces and their incremental combinations. **EMS** were called **MUTTONS** in long hand, sometimes **QUADS** or **QUADRATS** and **ENS** were called **NUTS** also in long hand.

The height of all printing surfaces was .918 of an inch (a bit over 23mm) which is exactly the diameter of the British **SHILLING** coin.

Then there was **MONO** where a casting machine molded each stamp and created stories line by line. And that was driven by punched paper tape created in another room by keyboard, both very noisy rooms.

Then came **LINOTYPE**, used extensively in newspapers. The operator all but sat in the things which were monstrous, but very effective when it came to churning out lots of product. Newspapers had rows of the things. The *Sydney Morning Herald* where I worked for a while had a team of 8 mechanics on call at peak time. Each machine had a dedicated typeface (**FONT** or **FOUNT**) and type size. The



*Linotype machines, Anthony Hordern and Sons department store, c. 1935, by AE Foster, State Library of New South Wales*

keyboard layout was very different to **QWERTY** which we use on modern computers.

Headlines were either set in moveable type or on a machine called a Ludlow which injected molten lead into a mold (I still have a scar on my wrist from a “squirt” of lead which clung to me way back in the '70s).

All the pages were **IMPOSED** in a **CHASE** (steel rectangular frame) with sometimes 16 pages and all the furniture, spacers and finally the **QUOINS** to lock it all up on the **STONE**.

It was **PLANED** down to make sure nothing was sticking up. Lifted slightly to make sure nothing dropped down then sometimes three men (in a male dominated trade) would lift the **FORME** as the finished article was called onto a transport device, wheeled into the lift and down to the machine room and onto the printing press. I reckon some formes would weigh in excess of 50 kg.

Of course, sometimes things didn't go according to plan and the whole thing would fall apart, (half way out of the lift was most dramatic) and that was called **PIE**.

Once on the press, another proof would be taken and sent to the proof readers. The Reading Room in large companies had pairs of people checking proofs, the senior Proof Reader and the Copy Holder, usually an apprentice or someone who had fallen foul of management. Overseen by an **OVERSEER** looking down from a raised desk.

If changes were to be made – a machine revise – then some unlucky compositor or apprentice would load up with a case of type, necessary tools and the proof and sometimes spend the next two days inside a printing press fiddling with lines of type.

If it was, say, a legal document rather than a magazine then Linotype was used and much quicker to correct as the machine revise person had just the corrected lines of type (**SLUG**) and a **BODKIN** to lift an old line and replace it.

Whatever the end result, one emerged from the machine room covered in ink, happy to see daylight again.

Where movable type had been used, a lot of the rarer fonts would have been purchased from a type **FOUNDRY** so they needed to be replaced back in their case when the job had

been printed. This was called **DISSING** which was the reverse of setting. It was an unpopular task which they taught at the London School of Printing and legend has it that compositor students would put the type in their pockets and dump it into the River Thames from Blackfriars Bridge.

Compositors had to read upside down and mirror reversed and getting the stamps into their correct spot in the type case involved spotting the difference between lower case **bāp̄q̄**. The origins of “Mind your Ps and Qs” is said to have stemmed from this skill.

Through a trade agreement and tradition, there was an annual printers' picnic called a **WAZZGOOSE** or **BEANO**. The ones I went on involved sitting on a coach for hours, lots of drinking then a 2 day hangover.

It was a trade steeped in tradition but also one with lots of dangers and health hazards, hearing impairment, exposure to dangerous chemicals ... and everybody smoked on the job, either actively or passively.

The printing trade has changed a lot and in many ways, and was at the cutting edge of new technology. The methods overlapped as that technology took over bringing new phrases and new uses of existing words. Typing onto gloss paper and the correction methods gave us “Cut and Paste”.

For a while, photographic material manufacturers ruled the roost, supplying high end cameras and scanners and the consumables such as film and chemicals.

Then gradually compositors retrained to become digital operators, (or got jobs elsewhere). Files could be transmitted direct to plate for printing and that still exists today. But for short run jobs there are digital printers where each copy can differ slightly to the previous copy.

I have watched many regular publications cease their print run and go digital, and even abandoning a downloaded file in favour of a website.

My Dad told me that being a compositor, would ensure me a job for life. Nine years after I finished my (6 year) apprenticeship I no longer handled lead type (hot metal).

But my view is that we still have a long way to go before we abandon ink on paper.

*In the March 2017 ATB I inducted four multimillionaires who scored 2,000,000 or more points in tournament play. I updated this study in the March 2020 ATB to add another two players, taking my illustrious group up to six.*

But what about the remaining 99% of our tournament players, or roughly 90% if 1,000,000 points is our threshold instead? Are they moving closer towards these milestones? To what extent are players dropping off our rating list and are new players taking their place?

By comparing snapshots of our rating list that I took in January 2017 and January 2020 it is possible to answer some of these questions as shown in the following table:

<b>Players in January 2017 Rating List</b>	53
Add: New Players added to the 2020 Rating List	157
Less: Players from 2017 not in the 2020 Rating List	230
<b>Players in January 2020 Rating List</b>	580

The total number of rated players between my two “Rich List” rating snapshots fell by 73, or just under 4% per year.

Historical State membership records kept by CASPA show similar long-term percentage declines.

During these three years we added 157 new players (24% growth or about 8% per year) but for numerous reasons, some of which (like death or infirmity) State Associations have no control over, 230 rated players from 2017 were no longer active in 2020 (35% decline or some 12% per year).

Since then our rating list dropped to around 330 players in March 2021 as COVID-19 prevented all States from holding tournaments for periods varying from 3 to 9 months, but players automatically dropped off this list if they have not played a ratable event in the last 12 months.

Our rating list currently has 416 players, but still well down from January 2020 pre COVID-19 numbers. The following table shows the number of years ago they entered their first tournament. Interestingly, for 115 (almost 30%) of these players it was 1998 (when our archives began) or earlier.

Years	0-1	2-4	5-7	8-10	11-13	14-16	17-19	20-22	23+
Players	34	42	35	33	32	42	46	37	115

The advertising slogan for our upcoming Australian Census is “Every stat tells a story”, however opinions will differ on the relevance of the stats I’ve collected, the best way to present them and the story they actually tell.

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