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Luke, 3, at a PALS playgroup in Sunbury. (Damjan Janevski) 294960\_03

## Connecting with PALS

Sunbury has secured a second Play and Learn Supported (PALS) playgroup, bringing together children of all abilities to connect through exciting, fun activities.

The first PALS playgroup began in Sunbury last year and was so successful that Playgroup Victoria inclusion co-ordinator Vicki McDonald was inspired to get another one up and running at Goonawarra Neighbourhood House. “We’re working with the staff there to build their capacity to run inclusive community groups and programs, the need for early childhood [learning] for all kinds of abilities was clear,” Ms McDonald said.

The first group, running Wednesday mornings at Dulap Wilim Hub, works in conjunction with Elly’s Music Playtime to create an inclusive musical space for children up to five years old.

The new group will meet on Fridays from 10.30am to noon, facilitated by trained staff members to provide not only a playgroup, but a music and movement experience.

Ms McDonald said the program “reduces stereotypes and discrimination, and children will start formal education with acceptance and understanding about difference within our community”.

# Gisborne growth fears

By Elsie Lange

Macedon Ranges council has been warned a proposed protected settlement boundary at Gisborne may be insufficient to protect the historic Gisborne township from overdevelopment.

The council is creating the Gisborne Futures plan, which it says will provide an updated vision for how the town “will grow and develop into the future”, while setting a “long term protected settlement boundary” aimed at safeguarding the character and environment

of the area.

But a consultation report handed to council showed the overwhelming majority of submissions were “concerned with the level of growth proposed or were opposed to further township expansion”.

The officers’ recommendation presented at a meeting on Wednesday, August 24, suggested council endorse the report, however councillor Rob Guthrie presented an alternate motion to “note” the report because he was “not happy with a couple of aspects of it”.

“I think we need to do a lot more work. At

this stage, without knowing the recent census figures, it’s very difficult to endorse it,” Cr Guthrie said.

The report said submitters “questioned the need for Gisborne to grow, and raised the need to update demographic and land demand and supply data”.

According to the report, primary concerns included a loss of street and environmental character, that Gisborne did not have the social or physical infrastructure to support growth and additional traffic congestion, among other issues.

Though fewer in number, other submitters supported the plan and further growth for Gisborne. Asked where growth should be prioritised, the overwhelming majority (75 per cent) said Gisborne East (Glen Junor).

That was followed by 13 per cent who said New Gisborne, north of the railway line, and 6 per cent who selected New Gisborne, east of the business park. In response to the concerns raised during consultation, council said in the report that Gisborne had been “identified in state and local policies as a regional centre that is promoted for growth”.



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# No toxic traces yet found in soil

By **Elsie Lange**

It cost \$132 million to establish the Bulla Hi-Quality processing facility to test contamination levels in the soil from the West Gate Tunnel Project (WGTP), yet none of the million tonnes transferred so far has been found to be toxic.

Residents' anxiety was high about the potential for the spoil to contain industrial chemicals, like PFAS, but so far, the decontamination site has found PFAS remains below "permitted" levels.

Sunbury Against Toxic Soil Facebook group founder Chris O'Neill said the community was concerned it would start to see "considerable volumes" of spoil that is contaminated over the next two thirds of tunnelling.

"Right now, the two tunnel boring machines are digging under residential areas, so one would expect the soil to be clean – people are living on top of it," Mr O'Neill said. "I would expect over the next couple months, [as the boring moves] over the other side of Yarraville towards more industrial areas, we'll start to see more contaminated spoil come into Bulla."

The Hi-Quality site began receiving the spoil in March.

WGTP acting chief executive Peter Lellyet said it was always expected the soil PFAS levels would be low and at levels that could be "managed to protect the community".

"The Hi-Quality site was built to ensure a conservative approach and has measures in place to ensure people and the environment are kept safe," Mr Lellyet said. "The amounts of PFAS detected in soil that has gone to Hi-Quality from the WGTP has been very low and less than the permitted levels."

"We regularly publish information on test results on the [Environment Protection Authority] website."

Mr O'Neill said if more extensive testing and engagement had been carried out, a facility the size of Bulla might not have been necessary, and residents may have been more open to the Hi-Quality facility.

"Had all the relevant departments engaged proactively with the community, maybe the community would have been more open knowing that the majority of the spoil coming was going to be clean fill."



Give Until It Hurts volunteers Garnet Jacob and Veena Moraes and Ignatious Fernandes. (Damjan Janevski) 295061\_02

## Determined to give until it hurts

Social worker Garnet Jacob from Sunbury is passionate about helping the most vulnerable people in the community, which is why he is part of Give Until it Hurts (GUIH) campaign to support homeless Victorians.

He said with rent and the cost of living continuing to soar, leading to more people experiencing housing stress and homelessness, he wanted to make a difference.

"Every second Friday our volunteers meet in Melbourne's [central business district] with prepackaged food and distribute these packs to people on the streets," Mr Jacob said.

"This winter, we distributed around 100-plus

packs ... We also distributed toiletry packs, beani es, sleeping bags, blankets, socks, gloves."

The volunteers hail from across Melbourne and Mr Jacob does his bit to collect items in Sunbury to donate, as well as gathering un-used or new items.

"[We are] asking people to register as volunteers and regular donors [to GUIH]," Mr Jacob said.

"We need money to purchase pre-packaged food, supermarket vouchers, sometimes we provide emergency accommodation overnight on a case-by-case basis.

"People can donate cash directly to our

business account so we can continue to provide this service to our fellow brothers and sisters who are living it rough."

He said what he hoped for is for people to "stop judging".

"[We should] love unconditionally and share our time, skills and talents by thinking outside the box on how we can together make a difference to one person, one family and one project at a time," he said.

"Join us, and make this world a better place for future generations."

To donate, or find out how to get involved, head to: <https://www.guih.org/>

## Party time for old Bulla Shire

It's decided: Hume council will throw a 160th birthday party for the old Shire of Bulla, following a general business item raised in June.

The milestone will be celebrated in September to potentially coincide with the Good Vibrations Bohemian Bulla Market or dates surrounding it, and the news thrilled councillor Jarrod Bell.

"I think it's important that we recognise the important history that local government has played in our community, and that 160 years of some form of local government in the Bulla district area is definitely a milestone worth celebrating," Cr Bell said.

"This report was generated out of a general business item that I moved ... officers have provided us with a great opportunity.

"They've done the research, and they've found that there's a fantastic community event called the Bulla Bohemian Market which occurs a couple of times a year.

"It just so happens to be that the next market coincides relatively closely with our 160th celebration."

Council has recommended the celebration take place to coincide with the market on Sunday, September 18, but has also budgeted for September 16 or 17 if necessary, setting aside between \$3050 and \$3640 depending on the chosen day.

The market day would be the more expensive option, but fellow Jacksons Creek Ward Cr Jack Medcraft said it was "a great idea".

"It will be, I'm sure, a fantastic celebration of local government and the community," Cr Bell said.

Cr Naim Kurt said he hoped to also celebrate the 165th anniversary of the former Broadmeadows City Council in November.

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# Rate arrears continue to soar

By Elsie Lange

Hume council is owed \$22.56 million in unpaid rate debts as of June this year, up \$2.3 million compared to the same time in 2021.

At a meeting on August 22, a report to council revealed general rates were responsible for the majority of arrears, with \$21.28 million owing.

As of June this year, 49.4 per cent of arrears, or \$11.15 million, was old debt, while 50.6 per cent, or \$11.41 million, is new debt – relating to

rates raised in 2021-22.

Craigieburn (\$4.97 million), Sunbury (\$2.7 million), Greenvale (\$2.5 million), Roxburgh Park (\$2 million) and Campbellfield (\$1.65 million) had the highest total arrears as of June 30, 2022.

According to the documents, of “significant impact” were 4276 COVID-19 payment arrangement applications received between April 2020 and June 2022.

Of those arrangements, 1160 are still active – of which 52 were previously with council’s debt

collection agency – and 3116 have been paid in full.

The top five suburbs with ongoing COVID-arrangements are Craigieburn (329), Mickleham (148), Sunbury (143), Greenvale (125) and Roxburgh Park (115).

Visual heat maps in the report show areas in the central and northern parts of Hume is where most of the debt is outstanding.

Hume deputy mayor Sam Misho urged residents with rate debts to organise a payment arrangement, as council had recommenced

collecting interest on outstanding rates on July 1 this year.

“It is a high interest rate, it is actually 10 per cent, it’s almost double the cash rate now,” Cr Misho said.

“However, if anybody engages in a payment arrangement, interest will not apply – so everyone that has a debt needs to get in touch with council, organise a payment arrangement, pay your debt and you will not be charged any interest. And I’m sure council will actually look at those applications with a passionate view.”

## Daffodil fest returns for 50th year

Describing the 50th anniversary of this year’s Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival as its golden jubilee couldn’t be more fitting for a celebration of the town’s bold and beautiful blooms.

Festival secretary, Margaret Dearricott, said people were delighted to attend the spring event again, especially after missing out during the pandemic.

“We’ve got a great parade lined up and some lovely exhibitions for people to see, [including the] daffodil art exhibition,” she said.

“Today is the closing day for entries [in the daffodil art exhibition] and I have 49 entries already, almost a record number.”

The program, running from September 1 to 11, is bursting with things to do, culminating in the much-adored parade and fair on the final day of the festival.

“We’ve had some wonderful entries into the parade and we should have a very pleasing fair at the Old Kyneton Primary School, the first event since the school moved away,” Ms Dearricott said.

Over the years thousands of people have attended, to check out visual and performing arts, markets, arts and crafts, gardens and flower shows and more.

At a Macedon Ranges council meeting last week, mayor Jennifer Anderson encouraged residents to support the festival.

“You won’t be disappointed, [there are] plenty of things on the agenda,” she said.

“Kyneton Horticultural Society’s got their annual show, they haven’t been able to have that for a couple of years. You’ve got the Doggie Dash back, the scarecrows are in the windows ... fantastic event.

“Fantastic that it’s back again and that we’re able to celebrate and enjoy spring together.”

Check out the festival program: <https://www.kynetondaffodilarts.org.au/festival-program/>

Elsie Lange



Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival secretary Margaret Dearricott can’t wait to welcome people to this year’s event.

## Council puts in pitch for Comm Games

Hanging Rock, the Autumn Festival, the forthcoming sports precinct and local roads have been put highlighted in Macedon Ranges council’s submissions to government’s Commonwealth Games 2026 ideas call-out.

Macedon Ranges council chief executive Bernie O’Sullivan said involvement in the Games would have great, ongoing economic benefits for the region.

“To have an involvement in the Commonwealth Games that will activate our economy and leave a legacy for the region would be really exciting and make residents proud of our beautiful shire and provide another way for them to be involved in the Games 2026,” Mr O’Sullivan said.

Hanging Rock was put forward as a location to host events linked to the Games, as well as a concept related to the beloved Autumn Festival.

Macedon Ranges mayor Jennifer Anderson said autumn was the perfect time to visit the area and the seeing the region at that time would be a vibrant experience for those headed to events at the Games.

“It would be great to showcase this to the world by being part of the Commonwealth Games event program.”

The forthcoming Macedon Ranges Regional Sports Precinct (MRRSP) was also submitted as an ideal venue to host competition, training or sporting demonstrations, as well as a proposal to have the official road race head through the ranges as part of its route from Gippsland to Bendigo.

## R U OK? Day activities in Sunbury and Macedon Ranges

A number of activities are being planned for R U OK? Day across Sunbury and the Macedon Ranges.

The nation-wide R U OK? Day campaign was started by Gavin Larkin in 2009 following the death of his father to suicide. The day encourages people to ask the question, ‘Are you OK?’, to help those who are struggling find connection, and to start conversations that could make a difference to them.

Sunbury and Community Health (SCCH), alongside Macedon Ranges council, Sunbury Business Association and Sunbury Connected Communities, invite community members, groups and local businesses to take part.

A free webinar presented by SCCH mental health first aid trainer and community partnership and engagement officer Matt

Gleeson, called Feel Confident to ask, ‘Are you OK?’, will take place on Thursday, September 1 at 6pm. The 30-minute program will provide a framework to be able to confidently ask how a person is doing, and what to do if they are struggling.

Leading up to R U OK? Day on Thursday, September 8, people are encouraged to sign up for a stencil kit, which includes a information about how all people, businesses and groups can share the message and get more people talking about how to prevent poor mental health and suicide.

In addition, a range of cafes across Sunbury and the Macedon Ranges will offer free coffees on R U OK? Day, also handing out explainers about how to have important conversations, as well as information on local services.

“Last year we worked with 20 cafes across Sunbury and the Macedon Ranges to provide 400 free coffees,” Mr Gleeson said.

“This meant that people had the opportunity to be exposed to the R U OK? message and discuss mental health. This year we hope that the free webinar and the stencil campaign will take this important message even further across our communities and help to save lives.”

To register for the webinar, go to [www.surveymonkey.com/r/RUOKSMRS](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RUOKSMRS).

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If you need mental health support, contact Lifeline on 13 11 14.



Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health’s Matt Gleeson will present Feel Confident to ask, ‘Are you OK?’. (Supplied: Chloe Smith Photography)



# Pavilion to honour Allan Walters

By Elsie Lange

Community consultation has wrapped and the results are in: pavilion number three at Eric Boardman Reserve will be named after the late Sunbury Kangaroos president Allan Walters.

At a meeting on Monday, August 22, council voted to accept the proposed name change and put it forward to the Registrar of Geographic Names for consideration and approval.

Feedback received by council during the consultation period was unanimously in agreement about renaming the pavilion after

Mr Walters.

Councillor Jack Medcraft said it was one of the saddest days in Sunbury’s history when Mr Walters was killed in an industrial accident last year.

“The ramifications of this have been felt by a lot of people in town, and by having the new building the new building opened just recently ... it highlighted years and years of work and lobbying by Allan to get something like this built,” Cr Medcraft said.

“I’m only sad that he never got to actually see how good the building was when it was

finished, that’s the sad part.

“But we’ll have his name up there forever and a day, and everyone will know who Allan Walters was.”

In submissions to council, residents outlined why they agreed the pavilion should be named after Mr Walters.

“Allan was a stalwart of community sport in Sunbury, and this would be a well-deserved memorial to his legacy,” one resident wrote.

“Allan is the reason Sunbury Kangaroos football club is the club it is today. He provided so much to the club, initiating a women’s

football program which now has two teams for the first time ever,” another wrote.

The Kangaroos described their “wholehearted” support for the name change in a submission too.

“Allan was a life member of [the Kangaroos] and his contribution to our club, as well as the senior club, was immeasurable,” the submission said.

“Naming the pavilion in Allan’s name would be a lovely way to honour his memory, as well as educating future members of our club of the significant contribution he made to it.”



Diggers Rest Primary School teacher Bradley Kemp and his daughters Willow, nine-months, and Isla, 3, with school pupils and principal Sheridan Thomas. (Damjan Janevski) 294955\_03

## School steps up for cerebral palsy

One of Digger’s Rest youngest residents is inspiring others to step up to raise awareness and funds for cerebral palsy.

Willow Kemp is the nine-month-old daughter of Diggers Rest Primary School teacher Bradley Kemp and was diagnosed with cerebral palsy shortly after she was born.

The school community is taking part in the STEPtember fundraiser run by the Cerebral Palsy Alliance, in support of Willow and to raise awareness about the disability.

Mr Kemp said the school had embraced the fundraising challenge.

“We feel it’s like a really good opportunity as a school just to be inclusive, to learn about different illnesses and disabilities,” he said.

“So hopefully with that awareness ... we feel like we create that broader and more engaging community spirit amongst everyone.”

For STEPtember, each class at the school will use a pedometer to track their daily steps at recess and lunch time in a competition to reach the highest step count, all while raising money to support those affected by cerebral palsy.

At the centre of the inspiration for the

school’s fundraiser is Willow, who Mr Kemp said “smiles all the time”.

“The resilience and things that she’s had to overcome is probably more than what some people would go through in a lifetime, she’s a trooper,” he said.

Mr Kemp said his family was very grateful for all those in the community who were supporting the cause.

“People are amazing, in times of need for people in the community ... people step up.”

Olivia Condous

## Kinder boost in Romsey

Macedon MP visited Romsey Kinder last week to announce more than \$47,000 in state government funding for the centre, as free kinder continues to be rolled out across Victoria.

The \$47,772 in Building Blocks Funding will be used to replace two outdoor forts at the kinder.

“Children living in Romsey will not only get the best start to life at kinder with the best facilities but their transition to school will be made that much easier,” Ms Thomas said.

“We know families are struggling with the cost of living and free kinder will help make sure no child misses out on those vital early years.

“Women shouldn’t have to choose between having a job and having a family – and these reforms will help provide more support when and where it’s needed.”

Over the next decade the state government is set to deliver an “ambitious overhaul” of early childhood education and care in a \$9 billion investment.

In a statement, the government said it was expanding the Best Start, Best Life program with three new initiatives, including making kinder free across the state from next year, delivering a new year of universal pre-prep for four-year-olds and establishing 50 government-operated childcare centres.

The government said by 2023, families with a three-year-old or four-year-old will pay nothing for kinder, saving up to \$2500 per child a year.

“Over the next decade, four-year-old kinder will transition to pre-prep – increasing to a universal 30-hour a week program of play-based learning for every four-year-old child in Victoria,” the government said.



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# Cash push for old town hall

By Elsie Lange

Liberal Northern Victoria MP Wendy Lovell has backed Macedon Ranges council’s call for a government grant to develop Kyneton Town Hall.

The grant application for \$200,000 was finalised on August 17 and raised as an adjournment matter by Ms Lovell in state parliament the following day.

“The Kyneton Town Hall Reimagined project will make this premier venue even better, able to host a wider variety of events for the enjoyment of both the local community and visitors to the region,” Ms Lovell said.

“The increased tourist visitation will provide a significant economic benefit to the Macedon Ranges economy, with additional tourists spending in local retail, hospitality, and accommodation venues.

“The grant being sought is a major step towards making the project a reality and I call on [Regional Development Minister Harriet Shing] to support this important project and ensure the shire’s grant application is approved.”

Council community director Maria Weiss said population growth of the Macedon Ranges, projected to increase 24.7 per cent between 2021 and 2036, meant its major performing arts venue needed to be upgraded.

“The project would bring the region’s best performance venue in line with industry standards when it comes to accessibility to the stage and backstage areas,” she said.

The town hall was originally constructed in 1879, serving as the Kyneton Shire Hall until the town was incorporated into Macedon Ranges shire.



Kyneton Town Hall, formerly known as Kyneton Shire Hall, in 1929. (Supplied/ Kyneton Historical Society)

Ms Lovell said a 2019 compliance check of the building highlighted the need for a redevelopment indoors, with council having already completed a refurbishment of the building’s exterior.

Council is seeking funding to engage specialist consultants to prepare designs and financial strategies needed for architectural designs and construction.

Funding has been sought through the Regional Development Victoria’s Investment Fast Track Fund, to help deliver a better theatre, universal access, improved audio, seating, a refurbishment, meeting rooms and upgraded fire and security systems.



Cesare Bonacini turned 100 years old in August. (Supplied)

## Cesare feels ‘maybe 21’

This month, Cesare Bonacini, resident at Riddell Gardens Aged Care in Sunbury, turned 100 years old.

But he said he doesn’t feel old at all.

“I feel maybe 21,” Mr Bonacini said. “I am wondering if I should try going for another 100.”

Seventy years ago, Mr Bonacini made the decision to leave Italy and settle in Australia, and he said as a 30-year-old, he didn’t even know where Australia was on the map.

He’s seen many things over the past century, but what has stuck in his mind was World War II, because he “was in it”, as well as humans landing on the moon.

“I was very curious to see if there were any other people on the moon,” he said.

The war prevented Mr Bonacini from attending university, and he said if he could

go back and do it all again, he would go back and study.

Always funny, Mr Bonacini said the secrets to living a long life were “a lot of whisky, women and [to] live at peace with others around you”.

In sharing a final memory, the centenarian spoke of a humorous mishap when he first came to the country.

“When I was learning English, I wrote a letter to a government teacher ... after talking with her for a few weeks I thought she sounded quite young and lovely so I thought I should meet her,” he explained.

“I went to meet her and I found out she was 70 years of age. I was quite disappointed as you can imagine.”

Elsie Lange



Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews and Sunbury MP Josh Bull with workers at the Gap Road level crossing removal site. (Pictures: Supplied)



# Long term construction gain promises premier

Premier Daniel Andrews visited Sunbury’s Gap Road level crossing removal project site on Wednesday, August 24, saying the long-term benefits of the upgrade outweighed the short term pain.

His visit coincided with the resumption of train services along the Sunbury line, following ten days of around-the-clock construction.

During the closure, crews upgraded signalling and communications equipment

from Sunbury to Sunshine to prepare for more trains to run.

“We do thank everybody for having to deal with the fact that there’s been closures and there’s been shuts to the railway line ... but the community stuck together, and they’re very focused on getting this outcome.

“I want to thank the workers here, hundreds and hundreds of them who have done such a great job. We’re literally a couple of years ahead

of schedule.”

Sunbury MP Josh Bull said he felt “immensely proud” to be showing the premier the progress.

“It’s a transformative project, it’s a project that the community have advocated for a very long time,” Mr Bull said.

“I’m absolutely thrilled to be a part of a team that’s been able to get on and deliver it ... the rail bridge is done, the road base has been laid, and we’re absolutely looking forward to being

able to open it in the very, very near future.”

Mr Andrews described the bridge’s new artwork, designed by Yorta Yorta, Gunaikurnai and Gunditjmara artist from Sunbury Teena Moffatt, as “beautiful”.

“Compared to what it was, this is safer, much more efficient, allows you to move cars through the community much more quickly, there’s a traffic benefit obviously, and there’s clearly a public transport benefit as well,” he said.



# Plaque to honour pop fest duo

By Elsie Lange

George and Beryl Duncan will be memorialised for their service to the Sunbury Pop Festival. The couple gave permission for their property to be used as the site for the festival from 1972 to 1975, which was instrumental in establishing a festival which would become the blueprint for Australian live music events in the future. Beryl died in 1988, and George in 1990, but their legacy will be memorialised with a plaque, to be erected at the end of Duncans

Lane in Diggers Rest, adjacent to the existing Billy Thorpe plaque. At a council meeting on Monday, August 22, councillor Jack Medcraft said the Duncans called the donation of their property a “gift to the youth of Australia”. “Even though it was technically in Diggers Rest, the festival put the Sunbury region on the map for a whole generation,” Cr Medcraft said. “The Sunbury Music Festival also provided the template for some of the next generation Australian music festivals like the Big Day Out, Splendour in the Grass and Meredith.

“It couldn’t have happened without George and Beryl Duncan.” Cr Medcraft said he had fond memories of attending the festival, as many still do. “I’m sure that some of the offspring in Sunbury today are remnants of that happy time,” Cr Medcraft said. “There was dirt and lines and the beating sun, but the music was just fantastic, with some real idols of the era – Billy Thorpe and the Aztecs, Spectrum, Madder Lake, and even Queen.” In a report to council, officers estimated

the cost of the plaque would be approximately \$15,000. Fellow Jacksons Creek Ward councillor Jarrod Bell said the pop festivals had been “emblematic” of the Sunbury community, and the plaque was only fitting. “I know many in the community ... would be very excited to see that we’re continuing to celebrate in this anniversary year of the pop festivals,” Cr Bell said. “We’re continuing to celebrate and mark the important contributions of each of those who put the event together.”

## Men’s sheds celebrate

Men’s Sheds across Sunbury and the Macedon Ranges are vital places of connection and community. The Woodend Men’s Shed (WMS) is joining the groups across the country celebrating Men’s Shed Week, from September 4 to 10. According to the Australian Men’s Shed Association, the week is an annual opportunity to showcase the work of Men’s Sheds, highlighting to government, corporate partners, media and the community the contribution they make. This year, their motto is ‘a global village, doing local good’, and WMS president Kevin Davis said it’s been proved men’s sheds play an important role in improving men’s health, wellbeing and positive engagement. “A men’s shed provides a safe and friendly environment where males can gather together to work on meaningful projects in the company of other men, or simply have a cuppa and a chat with a mate,” Mr Davis said.

The Woodend Sheddies meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9am to 1pm, to work on a range of interesting projects. “Recent community activities have included manufacture of a range of wildlife nesting boxes, construction of a stage setting for the Mount Players, seating and play structures for Woodend Playgroup and Woodend Neighbourhood House and planter boxes for the Woodend Petanque Club,” Mr Davis said. “Members also undertake personal projects, such as furniture restoration, wood turning and picture framing.” The shed is inviting all community members to drop in and see what they do on their meeting days during Men’s Shed Week, at 988 Blackforest Drive (the old sawmill site). Membership is open to men over 18 years old. Details: 0491 141 084 or info@woodendmensshed.org



Woodend Men’s Shed president Kevin Davis with members Tony, Bob, Ray, Bill, Dave, Andy, Colin, Bob and Paul. (Damjan Janevski) 294825\_01

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The J Beekeeping Club president Mick Symczyk. (Damjan Janevski) 295387\_01

## A buzz around funding

A Diggers Rest beekeeping group is buzzing with excitement, after receiving a community grant to help boost their club.

J Beekeeping Club has received a Jemena Community Grant as one of seven projects across Melbourne's north-west, gaining \$1850 to support the club's activities.

Club president Mick Symczyk said the funding would help to buy safety suits for prospective beekeepers attending beginner workshops, providing better access for more people to join in the past time.

"We just want to encourage people who may be interested and point them in the right direction," he said.

The club is passionate about educating

those who are new to the hobby in important biosecurity measures to promote responsible beekeeping.

The funding will also be used for better audio visual equipment to facilitate educational presentations.

Mr Symczyk said the club was grateful to Jemena for the grant and was keen to welcome everyone in.

"It's open to everybody, old people, young people, all sorts of different people come to the club.

"It doesn't matter who you are, if you like bees, we'll help you along."

Olivia Condous

### Briefs

**Community satisfaction declines**  
Community satisfaction with Macedon Ranges council has continued to plummet to the lowest level in 10 years, dropping four points in the past year, and eight points since 2020. Council scored 50 (out of 100) for its overall performance, compared to the state average of 59. In 2020, council rated 58. Council rated lowest in the areas of unsealed roads (37) and building and planning permits (39). Both areas have decreased satisfaction since 2021 – eight and four points respectively. However, council performed well in 2022 for waste management (71) and public areas (66). Next highest rated was its COVID-19 response (64).

### Future jobs

The state government will help job training and skills facilities to collaborate, in order to assist Victorians to gain employment and create more jobs. A new Skills Plan from the government outlined the state's challenges in connecting training and skills with jobs, as well as identifying the key industries that will require more workers in the coming years. The plan also provides guidance for TAFEs, universities and training and education providers to tailor their courses to match local industry and community need.

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# Crazy characters for Book Week

Whether it inspires delight or dread, Children’s Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Book Week, which ran from August 20 to 26, saw lots of tiny humans and excited teachers donning the costumes of the characters they love.

As astronauts, mice, fairies and princesses from Complete Kids Early Learning in Sunbury made their way down Barkly Street last Tuesday, passers-by couldn’t help but smile.

In tandem, led by their teachers, they were full of beans to show off their costumes.

The centre’s early childhood teacher Jennelle Marshall absolutely loves celebrating the CBCA initiative.

“ Good children’s literature is important from the moment they are born ”

- Jennelle Marshall

“Book Week provides an opportunity for the children to dress up and share their favourite books, but more importantly, to acknowledge and explore the new Australian children’s books each year that are shortlisted by the [CBCA],” Ms Marshall said.

“Good children’s literature is important from the moment they are born.

“A good book can take you places, teach [you] things, [help] develop and imagination and for early childhood, they are an important took in learning to read.”

The teachers at Holy Trinity Catholic Primary School in Sunbury took up a range of different Book Week activities, including a funny surprise for the kids.

“To launch Book Week, the staff secretly dressed up as ‘Bad Guys,’ Holy Trinity learning and teaching-literally leader Olivia Hodgetts said.



**Left:** Freya, Arden, Logan and Olivia from Complete Kids Early Learning in Sunbury dressed up for Book Week. **Top right:** Teachers dressed up as Aaron Blabey’s Bad Guys at Holy Trinity Catholic Primary School in Sunbury. **Right:** Jackson, Charli, Freya, Emmason, Victoria, Jasper, Logan, Olivia, Alaska and Emma from Complete Kids Early Learning dressed up for Book Week. (Pictures: Supplied)

“Just like the characters in the well known Aaron Blabey book, staff wore black suits, white shirts and of course sunglasses and greeted the students in the morning, [much] to their astonishment.

“The students have also enjoyed lining up at the end of snack and lunch, to the music from the Bad Guys movie soundtrack.”

Ms Hodgetts said one of her favourite aspects of Book Week was the new theme announced by the CBCA each year – this year’s was ‘Dreaming with Eyes Open’.

“It enables the school to think creatively about how to include the theme into the planned activities,” she said.



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# Badminton tournament a big hit

Sunbury Ladies Badminton Club hosted a hugely successful tournament in August, with over 80 players registered to take part.

People came from far and wide to take to the courts at Eric Boardman Stadium on August 18, with players from clubs including Craigieburn, Northern Ladies, Werribee, Geelong, Thornburn, Bendigo, Ballarat and the Sikh Ladies Badminton getting involved.

Sunbury Ladies Badminton Club secretary Cathie Briggs said with membership numbers dwindling after COVID-19 lockdowns, it was great to see such involvement.

“Many of our members worked tirelessly to ensure the day was a success, that includes wrapping gifts, arranging raffle tickets, preparing courts, equipment, and food, canvassing local businesses, preparing documents and grading players,” Ms Briggs said. “The day would not have been so successful without the input from these amazing people.”

She also said it would not have been possible without generous contributions from local businesses, and praised the support from the Sunbury Basketball Association.

Funds raised on the day will be donated to a worthy charity.



1/ The Sikh Ladies Badminton club. 2/ The lunch for the day was provided by members. 3/ Sunbury Ladies Badminton Club's Wendy Hallinan with a joyful participant. 4/ Craigieburn's Hij Konak. 5/ Tournament participants enjoying lunch and afternoon tea. 6/ Vicky Franks and Norma Scoble from Sunbury Ladies Badminton Club. (Pictures: Supplied)

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# Volunteers fear for the future

Volunteers across the state are feeling the heavy strain of increasing service demands and the burgeoning cost of living, and some fear they will soon be forced to give up dedicating their time for financial security, as Fatima Halloum learns.

“You wouldn’t hit someone’s pet dog while you’re driving and keep going, would you?”

It’s a rhetorical question asked by Sue Anderson, a Wildlife Victoria volunteer for more than 22 years.

Part of Ms Anderson’s role in the organisation involves responding to call outs relating to hurt or distressed animals, like a displaced kangaroo in suburbia or ones that have been injured by being hit by a vehicle.

“A lot of people don’t even bother ringing, they’ll hit them and they leave them, [but] If they saw what I saw, they wouldn’t do that,” Ms Anderson said.

“If a vehicle hits them in the face or smashes their jaw, the poor things will starve to death slowly. As they get sicker and weaker I have even seen the foxes starting to eat them alive.

“[If] they break their legs, the bones are often protruding or the injury might swell up with infection to double the size and eventually go black and get covered with maggots.”

Often joeys are left alive in the pouches of the females and will die from hypothermia if not found in time.

“ It’s almost become a full-time thing because of ... the number of rescues we’re getting lately ”

- Trevor Crawford

The Wildlife Emergency Response Line is a free service offered to all Victorians, and volunteers are on call each day, seven days a week.

As we move into the busy spring-summer period, the organisation is expecting to receive about 300 calls a day, placing additional strain on an already fragile service.

“There’s more people, they’re expecting more from us ... there’s not enough [volunteers], because most people have to go to work to survive and pay their bills,” Ms Anderson said.

Ms Anderson works with many volunteers across the state, including Trevor Crawford, who says he joined Wildlife Victoria because he loves animals.

“I find that it gives me direction and a purpose to be out there helping,” he said.

“It tends to take up your entire day most days, but unfortunately that also means no time to work, so you have zero money coming in and no financial support to do these rescues.”

Mr Crawford also runs his own security company which he often takes a backseat to his animal rescuing.

“It’s almost become a full-time thing because of ... the number of rescues we’re getting lately,” he said.

“I get calls all the way to Daylesford, through the outskirts of Ballarat, the outskirts of Geelong and Melbourne’s western suburbs.”

Altercations with native wildlife was once reserved for dusty gravel roads deep in the Australian outback, but as housing development pushes further into animals’ habitats, their contact with humans is becoming more regular.

“Talking to rescuers who have done this for 20-plus years, they all are saying that rescues have never ever been anything close to this busy before,” Mr Crawford said.

“We have such unique native animals ... people travel from all over the world to see them and yet we look at them as if they’re a pest.

“But also they’re suffering, they’re ... lovely to be around ... and to leave them on the side of the road with their legs smashed to bits, dying slowly over days or weeks, nobody would want that for their family pet.”

Mr Crawford believes the volunteers’ work is essential, but says it’s unfortunate their work is unrecognised.



**Above:** Trever Crawford caring for a distressed wallaby. (Sue Anderson) **Right:** The organisation responds to calls for many types of animals, such as an Eagle. (Bernie McRitchie)

“The people that take the calls and send the people out is funded by donations, but rescuers aren’t [paid],” he said.

“The problem is the only people that are able to [volunteer] are people who have that financial backing behind them already, or people that are retired, so they’re not going to be rescuing for very long anyway.”

Younger volunteers tend to rescue until they run out of money, Mr Crawford says, and with inflation affecting food, gas and mortgage, many volunteers are already struggling.

“It’s not sustainable for us ... I think at a bare minimum costs need to be covered, you’re at least breaking even, then you’re not chewing into your savings,” he said.

A spokesperson for the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning said the department believes the work that wildlife shelters and foster carers do is “critically important to help rehabilitate injured and orphaned wildlife”.

“To give them a hand helping, the Victorian government is providing \$230,000 to support wildlife rehabilitators in Victoria as part of the Wildlife Rehabilitator Grants program,” the spokesperson said.

“Wildlife shelter operators and foster carers can apply for grants of up to \$3000 for equipment, infrastructure, consumables, education and training.”

Currently, the organisation relies on funding from, businesses, philanthropic trusts and foundations, bequests, project grants and the kindness of individual donors.

There are non-monetary ways people can help too.

If you witness an animal in anguish, there are

a few ways to make the rescue process easier for volunteers.

“We can search for hours and hours and not find the animal because it’s lying in the grass,” Mr Crawford said.

“If you see an animal, stop, mark your location [by] getting a pin drop on google maps or tying something to a tree ... and then call Wildlife Victoria, it makes it a hell of a lot easier for us.”

Details: 8400 7300.



The volunteers say many rescues take place in areas with high development. (Sue Anderson)



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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### Malmsbury trivia night

Malmsbury Country Fire Authority will throw a night of trivia to raise funds to allow them to purchase additional specialised fighting equipment. It's set to be a fun night full of prizes, games and auction items. The night starts at 6pm on September 3, and the Malmsbury Hotel, 85 Mollison Street. Adult tickets are \$30, children are \$10. Price includes a light supper, drinks are at bar prices.  
■ <https://bit.ly/3AJildc>

### Plant produce swap

Bring plants, seedlings, cuttings, herbs, veggies or fruit from your garden, or a recipe, to swap with other produce-loving green thumbs at Sunbury Library on Saturday, September 3, 10.30am-noon. To swap means to bring one from home and take one home, and all levels of experience are welcome.  
■ <https://bit.ly/3PWBrBe>

### Paper Jewellery Workshop

Make wearable jewellery out of paper at a free workshop on Thursday, September 8, 7.30pm to 9pm at the Sunbury Library. Use up old books, magazines and any lovely paper you have lying around and give it a new life.  
■ <https://bit.ly/3CDEnzK>

### Cool climate cinema

Do you love short films? Do you love connecting with others who do too? Head along to the Macedon Ranges Film Society's Cool Climate Cinema – a collection of Australian and international short films across genres including drama, comedy and animation. It's happening on Saturday, September, with two sessions at 1.30pm and 6.30pm. Tickets are \$28 and  
■ <https://bit.ly/3ww6s81>

### Village connect

A new service for older people and carers provided by Macedon Ranges council for residents over 55 years old to stay socially connected, chat with others in the community and enjoy some free coffee and cake. Happening on Tuesdays and Thursday at cafes across the municipality, there's sure to be one near you. Check out the link below for more information.  
■ <https://bit.ly/3AMUrxm> or call 5422 0262

### Arts and games night

Get creative at the Sunbury Youth Centre as part of an art and games night each Wednesday at the Sunbury Youth Centre, 3.30pm to 5.30pm. There's a range of arts and crafts to try, and if art isn't your thing, there's a wide variety of games. The program is for people aged 12 to 18 years old and is free. 51-53 Evans Street, Sunbury.

### Carer connect chat

Are you caring for someone close to you? Go and connect with other carers in your local area, share a light lunch, have a chat at 12pm on the first Wednesday of the month. Head to Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health, 1 Caroline Chisholm Drive, Kyneton. The next meeting is on Wednesday, September 7.  
■ 9744 9267 or [deb.mccallum@scchc.org.au](mailto:deb.mccallum@scchc.org.au)

### Are you OK workshop

Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health's Matt Gleeson will present 'Feel Confident to Ask, "Are you OK?"' in a free webinar on Thursday, September 1. The 30-minute program will help empower you to confidently ask how someone is, and be equipped to know what to do next if they are not.



■ Register: <https://bit.ly/3CgWbR0>

### Reservoir Dogs

Catch the Mount Players adaptation of the Quentin Tarantino classic 'Reservoir Dogs' with an all female cast, happening until September 4 at the Mountview Theatre in Macedon. Evening performances are at 8:00pm and Sunday Matinees at 2:00pm. Tickets are between \$25 and \$30. Head to the link below for further details.  
■ <https://bit.ly/3bJQBLR>

### HarmoniX Vocal Company

Get involved with an all-male, auditioned singing group happening on Thursday evening, 7pm to 9.30pm in Sunbury. The group is inviting new members to join. The group also has a mixed choir, Dynamix Vocal Company, rehearsing Tuesday evenings. 7pm to 9.30pm. Both groups rehearse at Dulap Wilim Hub, 11 Leichardt Street, Sunbury. No auditions required, just bring your love of music.  
■ [harmonixvcmc@gmail.com](mailto:harmonixvcmc@gmail.com)

### Jacksons Creek Combined Probus

Visit or become a new member of the Jackson's Creek Combined Probus Club, gathering on the second Monday of each month at the Sunbury Football Club at 10am. Enjoy outings and meetings each month with a friendly group of men and women, and twice yearly trips away staying in cabins and caravans.  
■ Doug, 5428 3317, or Teresa, 9746 3402

### Craft and conversation

If you're a passionate crafter and want some company, why not head down to the Sunbury Library on Mondays at noon for the craft and conversation group. The program is free and open to people aged 15 years and older.  
■ <https://bit.ly/39Blu20>

### Chill Out Sunbury

Are you between 12 and 18 years old and want to engage with other young people, participate in activities such as trivia, games, art, music, competitions, personal development and more? Chill Out Sunbury

is for you. It's free and happens every Wednesday, 3.30-5.30pm at the Sunbury Youth Centre, 51-53 Evans Street.  
■ <https://bit.ly/3ImVgVh>

### Sunbury Ladies Badminton Club

Get involved with a welcoming, fun, social group of women who have spread the word of ladies badminton since 1999. Social games are on Mondays, 9.30am-noon, and team competitions are on Thursdays, 9.30am-12.30pm at Eric Boardman Stadium, Wilsons Lane.  
■ [sunburylbc@gmail.com](mailto:sunburylbc@gmail.com)

### Come have a chat

Delve into deeper topics and enjoy intriguing conversations by joining the Table 8 Discussion Group. The key theme for the coming months will be kindness. The chats take place every Tuesday from 10.30-11.30am at Macedon Lounge, 40 Victoria Street, Macedon.  
■ Carol, 0431 186 575

### Sunbury badminton fun

The Sunbury Badminton Club has a new extra playing time on Wednesdays, 10am-noon. All are welcome to attend at Clarke Oval Stadium, 49 Riddell Road, with equipment provided and coaching available. Playing for the first time is free.  
■ [sunburybc@gmail.com](mailto:sunburybc@gmail.com)

### Family History and Heritage Society

If you've got a hankering to learn more about Sunbury and even your own family history, why not check out the Sunbury Family History and Heritage Society, meeting at 1.30pm on the third Thursday of each month at the Sunbury Senior Citizens Centre, 8 O'Shanassy Street, Sunbury.  
■ <https://bit.ly/3jvM6oJ>

### Lancefield park run relaunch

Lace up your runners and join the relaunch of Lancefield's 5km park run, happening every Saturday at 8am at Lancefield Park. No need to be speedy - participants can go at any pace. Make your way to 62 Chauncey Street, Lancefield, and remember to register.

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### Rotary club

The Sunbury Rotary Club meets every Tuesday at the Sunbury Bowling Club from 7pm.  
■ [sunburyrotary@gmail.com](mailto:sunburyrotary@gmail.com)

### Ladies probus

The Woodlands Ladies Probus Club of Sunbury meets on the fourth Monday of each month at the Sunbury Bowling Club at 9.45 am. The club is based on fun, friendship and fellowship and enjoys monthly outings, an annual trip away and a lot of fun meetings.  
■ Leonie, 0401 764 182

### Sunbury Ladies Probus Club

The Sunbury Ladies Probus Club meets at 9.30am on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Sunbury Football Social Club rooms. The friendly group of women enjoy outings, film mornings, speakers and presenters, as well as special events like holidays and bus trips. New members are warmly welcomed.  
■ Pat, 0433 789 754, or Sylvia, 0417 170 142

### Sunbury Combined Probus Club

The Sunbury Combined Probus Club meets every fourth Thursday of the month at the Sunbury Football Social Club at 10am.  
■ Carmel, 0416 477 271

### Toastmasters

Sunbury & Macedon Ranges Toastmasters helps its members develop their public speaking, communication and leadership skills. The group meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month, from 7.20-9.30pm, at the Sunbury Senior Citizens Hall.  
■ [vpm-4185@toastmastersclubs.org](mailto:vpm-4185@toastmastersclubs.org)

### Garden club

The Sunbury Garden Club meets on the first Tuesday of every month. There is a guest speaker at each meeting, which starts at 7.30pm at the Sunbury Football Club.  
■ Cheryl, 9744 1663



PUZZLES

SUDOKU No.096

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

easy

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easy medium hard

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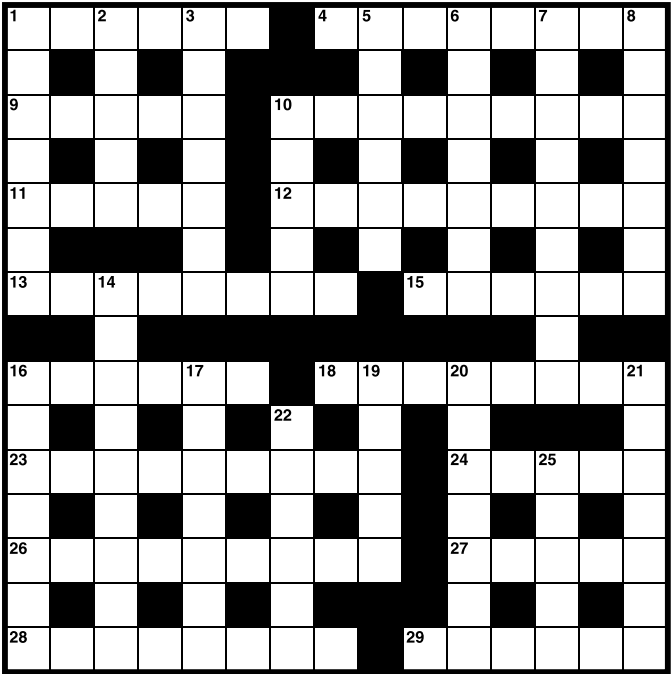
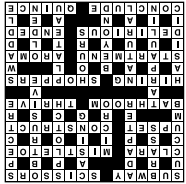
Insert the missing letters to make 10 words – five reading across the grid and five reading down.

NOTE: more than one solution may be possible

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QUICK CROSSWORD No.096

- ACROSS
- 1 Underground railway (6)
  - 4 Cutting tool (8)
  - 9 Female name (5)
  - 10 Christmas plant (9)
  - 11 Overturn (5)
  - 12 Compile (9)
  - 13 Room for cleansing (8)
  - 15 Prosper (6)
  - 16 Engaging (6)
  - 18 Buyers (8)
  - 23 First screen of a video game (5,4)
  - 24 Scent (5)
  - 26 Light-headed (9)
  - 27 Finished (5)
  - 28 Finish (8)
  - 29 Central Asian fruit (6)
- DOWN
- 1 Yield to (7)
  - 2 Alloy (5)
  - 3 Device to connect non-compatible equipment (7)
- 5 Cover (6)
- 6 Stain (7)
- 7 Unduly prominent (9)
- 8 Ghost (7)
- 10 Very small (5)
- 14 Waterproof canvas cover (9)
- 16 Relating to a mystical Jewish movement (7)
- 17 Inborn (7)
- 19 Periods of 60 minutes (5)
- 20 Tableland (7)
- 21 Wrap a baby tightly (7)
- 22 Exceeding (6)
- 25 Ancient (5)



DECODER No.096

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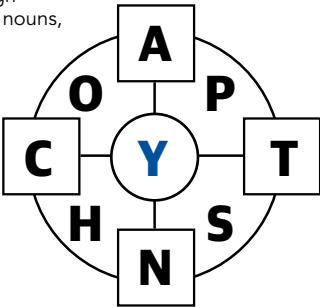
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9-LETTER WORD

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

Today's Aim:  
18 words: Good  
27 words: Very good  
36 words: Excellent



achy, ahoy, ashy, canopy, cony, copy, cosy, cyan, cyst, hasty, hay, hypo, nasty, nosy, pansy, party, pasty, patly, pays, pony, posy, pytho, scanty, shanty, soapy, soya, stay, stony, SYCOPHANT, synth, syphon, tansy, toys, yacht, yaps

WORDFIT No.096

3 LETTERS

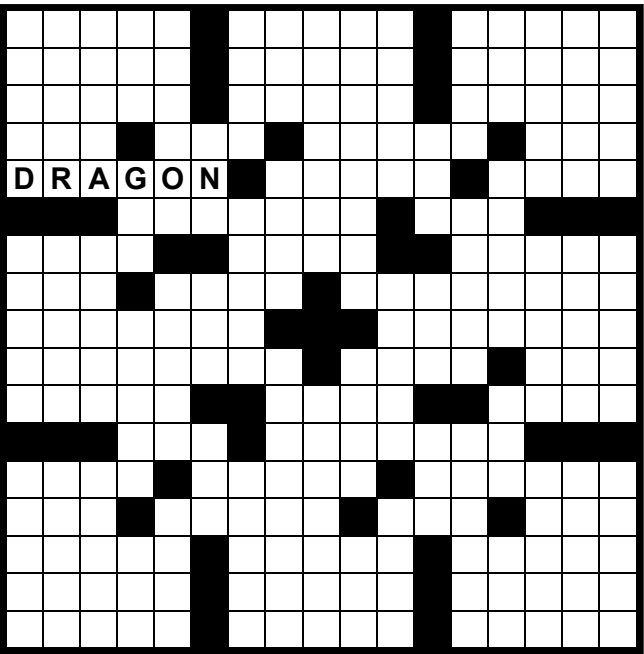
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- SEA
- SPA
- TAG
- TIN
- TOP

4 LETTERS

- ACRE
- BANK
- BOSS
- DEER
- DESK
- GABS
- GRAM
- MERE
- MEWS
- MUGS
- OVEN
- RELY
- SLAG
- TICK

5 LETTERS

- ABOVE
- AGILE



- ALERT
  - ANGLE
  - AROMA
  - ARSES
  - BAGEL
  - BINGO
  - BLASE
  - CASES
  - CLEAR
  - DEBIT
  - EAGLE
  - EDGER
  - ELEGY
  - GALAS
  - GENES
  - GLIDE
  - GOADS
  - IRATE
  - ISSUE
  - KNEES
  - LEADS
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- LEGAL
  - LINER
  - LINGO
  - MILKY
  - OCTAL
  - OGLED
  - OXIDE
  - RAKES
  - RANGE
  - RAVEL
  - SEEKS
  - SLANG
  - SPECK
  - START
  - STEAK
  - TASKS
  - TIARA
  - TIPSY
  - TREKS
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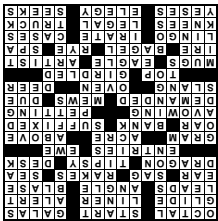
- 8 LETTERS
- DEMANDED
  - DOGGEREL
  - RELAPSES
  - SUFFIXED

6 LETTERS

- ARTIST
- BRAGON
- ERECTS
- LESSON

7 LETTERS

- ANGRIER
- AVOWING
- ENTRIES



QUICK QUIZ No.096



1 In which year was Stonehenge (pictured) roped off from the public as a result of serious erosion?

- 2 Which four days each year, however, does English Heritage still permit access to the site?
- 3 Under Italian law, dry pasta can only be made from either of which two ingredients (and water)?
- 4 The Ishihara colour test is used to test for what?
- 5 What is the floral emblem of Queensland?
- 6 How many teams play in the National Rugby League competition?
- 7 What species originates from the lake underlying Mexico City and is sold as a pet under the name 'wooper looper' in Japan?
- 8 Pteromechanophobia is a fear of what?
- 9 What is the official currency of Nauru?
- 10 At 44 hectares and with a population of around 900, what is the smallest country in the world by both area and population?

ANSWERS: 1. 1977 2. Summer and winter solstice, spring and autumn equinox 3. Durum wheat flour or durum wheat semolina 4. Red-green colour deficiencies (in sight) 5. Cooktown orchid 6. 16 7. Axolotl 8. Flying 9. Australian dollar 10. Vatican City





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  - Installation of ten (10) new Optus remote radio units (RRU)
  - Installation of seven (7) new Optus combiners behind panel antennas
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- Optus regards the proposed installation as a Low-impact Facility in accordance with the Telecommunications (Low-impact Facilities) Determination 2018 (Amendment No.1, 2021) based on the description above.
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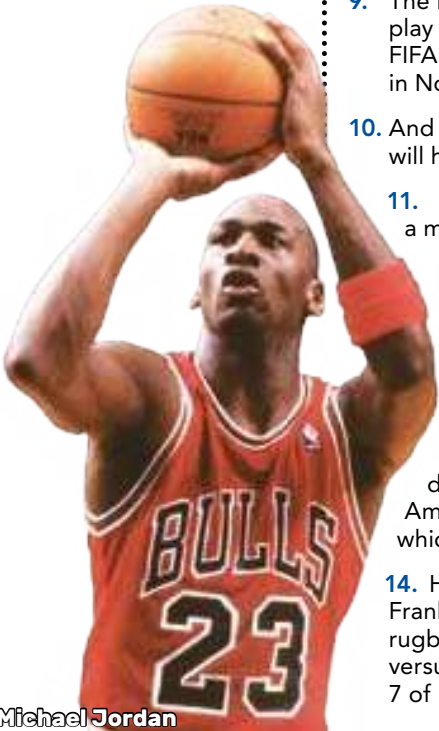
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- 1. Which AFL player is currently facing backlash for 'sledding' Harrison Petty on field?
- 2. In which country did the recreational/competitive sport free diving originate?
- 3. Australian Paralympian Madison de Rozario is best known for competing in which sport?
- 4. Who won the premier league in the 2016-17 season?



Michael Jordan

- 5. Which '90s baseball-themed film was remade into a TV series in 2022?
- 6. In fencing, What does the term 'touch' mean?
- 7. Talented AFL ruckman Paddy Ryder, recently announced his retirement from which club?
- 8. Which country came third in the medals tally at the 2022 Commonwealth games?
- 9. The Matildas are set to play which team in the FIFA World Cup warm-up in November?
- 10. And which Australian city will host the game?
- 11. Over what distance is a marathon run?
- 12. Former Adelaide player Ben Rutten last coached which AFL club?
- 13. In the 1993 film Rudy, the titular character dreams of playing American football at which US college?
- 14. How many tries did Frank Burge score for rugby league club Glebe, versus University in round 7 of 1920?

- 15. Which Dutch soccer manager led Australia's national men's team as far as the round-of-16 at the 2006 World Cup?
- 16. Australian basketball legend Lauren Jackson is set to return to the WNBL after signing with which team for the 2022-23 season?
- 17. Which former professional road racing cyclist married his longtime partner Anna Hansen in 2022?
- 18. At which Olympics was Ella Green a member of Australia's gold medal-winning national rugby sevens team?
- 19. In what ladder position did Carlton finish the 2022 AFL home and away season?
- 20. In the 2006 film The Damned United, Welsh actor Michael Sheen plays the coach of which English soccer club?
- 21. Name the retired sprinter who recently applied to trademark his famous celebration pose as a logo.
- 22. What number is at six o'clock on a standard dartboard?



Paddy Ryder

- 23. AFL's Brisbane Lions have a club song with the tune of what country's national anthem?
- 24. Which F1 Grand Prix was held last weekend on August 28th?
- 25. In a rowing crew, what is the person steering the boat called?
- 26. Which stadium is home to the English national football team?
- 27. What sport is Evonne Goolagong Cawley most famous for playing?
- 28. Name the documentary miniseries centred on the career of Michael Jordan.
- 29. How many Paralympic gold medals has wheelchair racer Kurt Fearnley won?
- 30. Newcastle Knights' Hannah Southwell suffered a season-ending injury to what body part during a round one NRLW match?

1. Dayne Zorko 2. USSR (Russia) 3. Wheelchair racing 4. Chelsea 5. A League of Their Own 6. When the tip of the of the weapon makes contact with the opponent 7. St. Kilda 8. Canada 9. Sweden 10. Melbourne 11. 42.195 kilometres 12. Essendon 13. Notre Dame 14. Eight 15. Gus Hiddink 16. Southside Flyers 17. Lance Armstrong 18. Rio de Janeiro 2016 19. Ninth 20. Leeds United 21. Uasin Bolt 22. Three 23. France 24. Belgian Grand Prix 25. Cowsain 26. Wembley Stadium 27. Tennis 28. The Last Dance 29. Three 30. ACL/knee

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By Derek Ogden, Marque Motoring

Some would say, not before time, Jeep has brought back an extra row of seats to its Grand Cherokee large sports utility vehicle range, turning it into a full seven-seat SUV. While at it, the maker has boosted its iconic off-roader with more technology.

The replacement for the big five-seater, the long wheelbase L comes in three versions, beginning with the Grand Cherokee L Night Eagle, selling for \$82,250, plus on-roads, then the mid-range L Limited (\$87,950) and the L Summit Reserve (\$115,450).

The flagship Summit Reserve (on test) included Palermo quilted leather, 21-inch wheels, a McIntosh premium sound system, front-seat ventilation and massaging, four-zone climate control and air suspension, while a \$5500 Advanced Technology Group, with head-up display, wireless phone charging, night vision camera and front interactive passenger display, was added, taking the price to more than \$120 grand, before on-road costs.

A new-generation five-seat model - with the same technology and styling as the seven-seat L - will follow to Australia later this year, with the option of 4xe plug-in hybrid power.

**Styling**

For a vehicle so big, at more than five metres long, the Grand Cherokee L Summit is well proportioned - width more than two metres, yet height well under two metres - gives the SUV a bold yet sleek aerodynamic coupe character.

One onlooker compared the test car looks to a Range Rover, which in this case, was a bit of a stretch, literally. Indeed, at more than 5.2 metres long, the 'L' is easy to find in a crowded car park, as it inevitably sticks out from the standard car space.

The front consists of an upper metallic grille with Jeep's trademark seven slots flanked by LED headlamps. Below is a full grille-width air vent incorporating LED daytime running lights.

From the rear, the SUV belies its bulk with simple horizontal lines incorporating wraparound tail lights and twin alloy tipped exhaust pipes. Side on, 21-inch polished painted alloy wheels, a standard fitment on Summit, support a sporty street presence.



The Grand Cherokee has become grander, with increased dimensions, seven seats and boosted technology. (Pictures: Supplied)

**Interior**

The increase in the horizontal exterior allows for a boost to the wheelbase and cabin space in general, something not lost on occupants aboard the test vehicle. In a first for Jeep, the Grand Cherokee L boasts

Uberesque seating for a driver and six passengers in space and comfort.

All three rows are easily accessed, even the power-operated third row, with the second row tumbling well out of the way, leaving the back to weigh in with adult leg room.

Carry-on bits and pieces find a home in a range of storage spaces, including a deep box in the centre console and bottle holders in the centre and doors all round. Rear passengers have the advantage of retractable blinds, just in time for summer heatwave predictions.

Luggage is not left behind in the storage stakes, with 487 litres available with all three rows in use, leading up to a cavernous 2395 litres with the two sets of rear seatbacks folded flat. There's a cabin-wide cubby under the floor where the jack is stored.

**Infotainment**

A state-of-the-art McIntosh audio is now offered for the first time in a full-size SUV. It is made up of a 17-channel amplifier producing up to 950 Watts of power through 19 custom-made speakers, including a 10-inch sub-woofer.

Apple CarPlay wireless support means an iPhone can be connected without having to plug it into the vehicle. The system brings contacts, audio apps, Apple Maps and more on board, all through the Uconnect system.

A 10.25-inch digital instrument cluster looks after sat nav, along with mechanical features such as tyre pressure monitoring and driving aids.

There's a roof-mounted rear facing 'kid cam' camera that will police questionable behaviour in the back two rows. It even has a zoom mode.

**Engines / transmissions**

All models are powered by the tried-and-tested 3.6 litre Pentastar naturally aspirated V6 engine, delivering 210 kW of peak power and 344 Nm of maximum torque to all four wheels through an eight-speed automatic transmission. The flagship Summit adds a more advanced four-wheel-drive system with a low-range transfer case.

**Safety**

Top-shelf safety features take the Grand Cherokee L Summit to new heights. These include adaptive cruise control with stop/go, full speed collision warning with autonomous braking and pedestrian and cyclist detection.

Then there's blind spot monitoring and rear cross-traffic alert and, last but not least, active

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Jeep Grand Cherokee L Summit Reserve: \$115,450
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lane management.

All these use a selection of loud warning beeps at times hard to pinpoint the source of the potential trouble, while driving assistance, such as active lane management, can be over-intrusive.

**Driving**

At on-road cruising speeds the engine is refined and powerful. However, intrusive wind noise is a bit of a blow and the expansive exterior mirror stands out as a blind spot for the driver on negotiating such obstacles as roundabout kerbing.

Fuel consumption is a downer - it's premium unleaded petrol - which nudged over 14 litres per 100 kilometres in city and suburban work. This was trimmed to 12 litres per 100 kilometres on a motorway run.

The Summit boasts ground clearance of up to 276 mm, while higher levels of articulation work to keep all four tyres on the ground to maintain stability. Off road, Jeep 4x4 systems ensure the right tyre has traction when needed.

Precision steering and optimal wheelbases enable all L models to negotiate tight spots and manoeuvre around rocks. As for wading, high air intakes and special water sealing, combined with the Jeep Quadra-Lift suspension, can take the vehicles through up to 610 mm of water.

**Summary**

The Grand Cherokee L Summit is sold by Jeep on the pretext of its size and advanced technology. If that floats your boat and you have a lazy \$100 grand-plus lying around, this could be the SUV for you.



# Diggers Rest back in the race downing Macedon

Diggers Rest is back in the race to finals in the Riddell District Football League, after taking out Macedon in a knockout semi final match.

After a tough 93 point loss to Wallan the week before, the Burras beat the Cats in a 12.9 (81) - 10.4 (64) win.

The Burras powered ahead in the first quarter, leading by four goals to one, but fell behind by the third when the Cats took the lead.

Diggers Rest coach Jamie Lobb said having a few players returned to the team restored confidence.

“We had a few players back onside yesterday ... that gives the guys a bit of confidence,” Lobb said.

“We went into the last quarter a couple goals down, but the guys threw everything into it and managed to get back up ... we probably should have won by a bit more.”

Mitchell Jensen kicked the majority of the team’s goals, scoring five, and Lobb acknowledged he played a solid match.

“Mitch Jensen had a good game up forward,” he said.

Jensen currently sits as the fourth highest scorer in the seniors league, with 55.

Other scoring players included Lachlan Ronaldson with two goals and Thomas Taylor, Jamie Lobb, Thomas Schwarzenberg, Christopher Lawton and Matthew Krul with one each.

Matthew Krul, Luke Delahey, Mitchell Jensen, Jaidyn Caruana, Patrick Jackson were named as the team’s best. For Macedon, Jason Cooke kicked five, Matthew Knox scored two and Jack Kernan, Karl Staudt and Daniel Salpietro scored one each.

The best for the Cats were Matthew Dick, Jordan Dyer, Jason Cooke, Jonathan Barnett, Jae Wilton and Alastair Collins.

Following Sunday’s win, the Burras are now set to face Wallan again in the preliminary round for a spot in the grand final against Riddell on September 11.

Lobb said the team would be focussed on winding down from the weekend’s match and thinking ahead to Saturday’s battle for the finals.

“Sunday games are always hard, with training early in the week ... we’ll do a bit of recovery, watch a bit of match vision,” he said.

“We’ll figure out what went well, what went wrong and come up with a plan.”

The next match for the team will be a challenge, after Wallan has beaten Diggers Rest the last two times they’ve gone head-to-head.

“It will be a tough game, but the guys are confident we can get the win,” Lobb said.

It was a less successful day for the Diggers Rest reserves on Saturday, as they lost to Wallan 7.8 (50) - 3.6 (24).

The Burras reserves will face Melton Centrals on September 3 for a spot in the grand final against Wallan.



Diggers Rest player Thomas Schwarzenberg. (Joe Mastroianni). 279827\_02

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# Jets’ season over in two

By Elsie Lange

The Sunbury Jets’ Big V men’s championship division season has come to an end following a second consecutive loss to Wyndham on Saturday, 87-75.

Jets coach John White said the team was disappointed and surprised the grand final series was over in just two matches.

“It would have been nice to take it to a third game,” White said.

The team faced a few injuries leading into the series and White said he was proud of the players for their season in the face of it all.

“Ish Sanders came into the series with an AC joint injury in his shoulder and we had Trevon Clayton with a back issue, and Nathan Marshall with two bad ankles ... three of our starters,” White said.

“It’s not an excuse for us ... we’ve been able to manage the injuries but it was another bit of adversity we had to deal with during the week.”

The first quarter finished tight, with Wyndham ahead 26-25, and White said both teams did a good job of “executing their scout against each other”, before Jets finished half time down again, 47-56.

“The third quarter started a bit the same as the second quarter finished ... But we had a time out with about five minutes to go in that third quarter and made some adjustments defensively, which seemed to work,” White said.

He said three-quarter time “came at the wrong time” for the Jets, as Wyndham pushed on in the fourth quarter and “[held] us out”.

“I was pretty happy with the performance of Sanders for us,” White said.

“Obviously with the injury, but [he] also had a lot of extra attention placed onto him by Wyndham and they did a good job for the most part, but he was able to keep the scoreboard ticking over for us.”

Sanders was the Jets’ top scorer for the match (27), followed by Gerald Blackshear (12), Maxwell Barkeley (9), Clayton (8) and Marshall (4).

White said the team would now have time to “grieve” before taking the lessons they learnt from this season into the next.

“It’s not a short turnaround, but it’s not a long one either,” he said.

“We’ve got to look to start recruiting again in about a month’s time and then we go into our open try-outs phase for next season.”

White came on as men’s coach in September last year and said since then, the team made



Ish Sanders. (Supersport Images)

an effort to recruit good people, “rather than good talent”.

“I feel that you can always teach talent how to play, but the people we recruited were just amazing for us,” he said.

“Every personality fitted in really well with

the group, so that’s a really massive lesson going forward, is that that’s going to be a staple for us.

“In terms of our on court play, we’ve got to learn to make adjustments to deal with extra attention on certain players.”

## Hawks soak in final build-up

The realisation of a first A-grade grand final for Woodend-Hesket in the Riddell District Netball League is slowly starting to sink in.

Having never played finals before, the side is now the first team through to the decider after beating Macedon on Saturday.

Hawks coach and star defender Meg Grbac said it was a pretty amazing feeling for the club as a whole.

“It is crazy,” she said. “We’re all super excited.”

“Following the game it was a bit hard to comprehend what we had done, but now it is awesome.

“At the start of the season we had the belief that we had a really good squad, it was more about getting more consistency playing with each. The girls have all hit form at the right of the year.”

The Hawks won through to the decider after knocking off minor premiers Macedon, 31-27. The Hawks led at every break and were able to hold off the fast finishing Cats.

One of the early adjustments the Hawks had to make was how to defend the Cats, who were without the competition’s leading goal scorer Chloe Williams.

“Chloe makes a massive difference,” Grbac said. “She’s such a beautiful player. We didn’t know what to expect defensively for us. We had to adapt to what they were going to do. We were able to do it quite well.”

The Hawks were also a player down with midcourter Hayley Rogers missing the game. She’s expected to be back for the grand final.

The Hawks under-19 side will be hoping to join the A-grade team in a grand final this weekend, as they play in a preliminary final.

Grbac said they would just try to keep things as normal as possible the next few weeks.

“I feel really lucky to have come to the club at a good time,” she said. “So much has been done the last five to six years to get the netball program where it is. There’s so much support and so many people at the club getting behind us.”

Macedon will face Diggers Rest in the preliminary final.



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