

# ACROSS THE BOARD



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

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**Closing date for  
contributions to next  
issue of Across the Board  
7 August 2025**

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

Co-Ordinator: Carol Johnsen

Editor ATB: Richard Birch

Trademark (Mattel)

Liaison Officer: Julie Brice

Youth Coordinator:

Treasurer: John Hamilton

Rules Officer: Carol Johnsen

Web Coordinator: Barry Harridge

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Youth Coach

(Sub-officio): Karen Richards

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

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

## AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

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

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

## MINIMUM RATINGS CRITERIA

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

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

## WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP & WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP

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

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

## Sunday Night Woogles

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

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

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

# Around the States

## ACT

### **Growing interest in Youth Scrabble**

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

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

### **Tournaments**

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

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



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

## Upcoming Tournaments

Our next tournament will be on 21 June. Register via Terry Horan (horanfamily@optusnet.com.au 0424 229 254). Tournaments are played at the Southern Cross Club in Woden and all players are welcome.

Enquiries should be directed to Tim Reddan: [treddan@inet.net.au](mailto:treddan@inet.net.au) 02 6179 5000

## New South Wales

### Club News

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

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

### Upcoming Tournaments

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

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

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

## Tournament Summary

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Upcoming Tournaments**

Burwood Ratings Improvers,  
Saturday May 24th, Club Burwood RSL.  
Bob Jackman

0400 226541 [rjackman@ozemail.com.au](mailto:rjackman@ozemail.com.au)

Central Coast Winter Tournament  
Sunday June 8th Ourimbah RSL Club  
Sandra Elliott 0410 438 525  
[sandee1@iinet.net.au](mailto:sandee1@iinet.net.au)

Wollongong Winter  
Saturday June 14th  
Collegians, Wollongong Graeme Lock Lee  
0417 967 859. [gtlocklee@gmail.com](mailto:gtlocklee@gmail.com)

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

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

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

## **Queensland**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# North Queensland Scrabble Festival 2025



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

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

All tournaments will be CSW24 and WESPA-rated.

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

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

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

## ***AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS***

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

## ***MAGNETIC ISLAND PUB TRIVIA NIGHT***

Arcadia Hotel, Arcadia Bay  
Thursday 14th August 2025

## ***MAGNETIC ISLAND TOURNAMENTS***

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

## ***QUEENSLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS***

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

Please contact Julie Brice on  
+61 409 748 323 or [juliebrice@bigpond.com](mailto:juliebrice@bigpond.com)  
for more information or to register your interest.

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

*Paul Richards*  
*President, Scrabble Queensland*

## Upcoming Tournaments

Sunday May 18 ~ May Mayhem ~ Alexandra Room, Queen Alexandra Home, 347 Old Cleveland Rd, Coorparoo ~ Paul Richards ~ 0419 031 369 ~ [paulrichards7@gmail.com.au](mailto:paulrichards7@gmail.com.au)

Sunday June 1 ~ Southport ~ TBA ~ Diana McManus ~ [dianamcmanus4@gmail.com](mailto:dianamcmanus4@gmail.com)

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

Sunday June 29 ~ June Mindsport ~ Alexandra Room, Queen Alexandra Home, 347 Old Cleveland Rd, Coorparoo ~ Paul Richards ~ 0419 031 369 ~ [paulrichards7@gmail.com.au](mailto:paulrichards7@gmail.com.au)

Sunday July 20 ~ July Jaunt ~ Alexandra Room, Queen Alexandra Home, 347 Old Cleveland Rd, Coorparoo ~ Paul Richards ~ 0419 031 369 ~ [paulrichards7@gmail.com.au](mailto:paulrichards7@gmail.com.au)

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

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

Saturday 16 & Sunday 17 August ~ Queensland Championships ~ CIC Meeting Rooms, Level 1, 280 Flinders St, Townsville ~ Paul Richards ~ 0419 031 369 ~ [paulrichards7@gmail.com.au](mailto:paulrichards7@gmail.com.au) or Martin Waterworth ~ 0438 457 566 ~ [martinw7@gmail.com](mailto:martinw7@gmail.com)

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

0419 031 369 ~ [paulrichards7@gmail.com.au](mailto:paulrichards7@gmail.com.au)

Saturday September 13 ~ Toowoomba Spring ~ St David's Church Hall, cnr Mary and Alford Sts, North Toowoomba ~ Jane Brown 0417 903 079 ~ [jb.edits@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jb.edits@bigpond.net.au)

Sunday October 19 ~ October (AGM) ~ Kingsbury Room, Queen Alexandra Home, 347 Old Cleveland Rd, Coorparoo ~ Paul Richards ~ 0419 031 369 ~ [paulrichards7@gmail.com.au](mailto:paulrichards7@gmail.com.au)

Sunday November 23 ~ November ~ Alexandra Room, Queen Alexandra Home, 347 Old Cleveland Rd, Coorparoo ~ Paul Richards ~ 0419 031 369 ~ [paulrichards7@gmail.com.au](mailto:paulrichards7@gmail.com.au)

Sunday December 7 ~ Southport ~ SOPO Club, Corner Scarborough/Lawson Sts ~ Diana McManus ~ [dianamcmanus4@gmail.com](mailto:dianamcmanus4@gmail.com)

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

## South Australia

### Upcoming Tournaments

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## Tasmania

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## Victoria

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Upcoming Tournaments

Check website  
[scrabble.org.au/victoria/calendar.htm](http://scrabble.org.au/victoria/calendar.htm)

### Western Australia

### Upcoming Tournaments

Check website:  
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3. Join Channel
4. Stay up to date 😊



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## From the National Championship...



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



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



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

*Below: The trophies*



S<sub>1</sub> C<sub>3</sub> R<sub>1</sub> A<sub>1</sub> B<sub>3</sub> B<sub>3</sub> L<sub>1</sub> E<sub>1</sub> *Victoria*

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# Scrabble History Now On YouTube

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

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

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

The historical segments added so far are:

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

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

To access this footage on your device type in <https://www.youtube.com/@ScrabbleAustralia>

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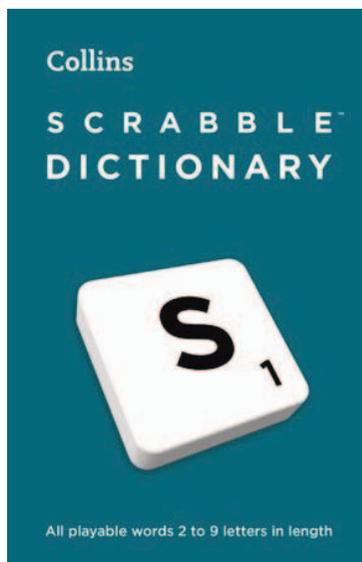
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## ACT

**Woden Night:** Wed 7pm  
Southern Cross Club, Woden  
Tim Reddan **02 6179 5000**  
[treddan@inet.net.au](mailto:treddan@inet.net.au)

**WODEN Day:** Thu 9am  
Southern Cross Club, Woden  
Terry Horan **0424 229 254**  
[horanfamily@optusnet.com.au](mailto:horanfamily@optusnet.com.au)

## NSW

### Greater Sydney Clubs

**Baulkham Hills:** Tuesdays from 7.00 pm  
Baulkham Hills North Primary School  
2 Girralong Ave, Baulkham Hills  
Chris Ostrowski **0410 448 286**  
[criskris@bigpond.net.au](mailto:criskris@bigpond.net.au)

**Bondi:** Wednesday from 7.00pm  
COA Krygier Centre **NEW ADDRESS**  
25 Rowe Street, Woollahra  
Owen Fisher **0412 931 440**  
[owenfisher@tpg.com.au](mailto:owenfisher@tpg.com.au)

**Inner West Day:** Tuesdays 9.30am to 1.30 pm  
Marrickville Library.  
Cnr Marrickville & Livingstone Rds  
Sue Tuckett **0401 644 096**  
[suetuckett@yahoo.com.au](mailto:suetuckett@yahoo.com.au)

**Lane Cove:** Thursdays 5.30pm to 9.00pm  
Lane Cove Bowling & Recreation Club  
151 Burns Bay Road, Lane Cove  
Julie Bailey **0427 035 465**  
[juliesimonds7@gmail.com](mailto:juliesimonds7@gmail.com)

**Macarthur:** 1st & 3rd Wednesdays from 7pm  
Western Suburbs League Club  
10 Old Leumeah Road, Leumeah  
Tony Hunt **0417 470 167**  
[audiolifeportrait@gmail.com](mailto:audiolifeportrait@gmail.com)  
John Holgate **0413 168 548**  
[john.holgate@ozemail.com.au](mailto:john.holgate@ozemail.com.au)

### Petersham Pub Night:

1st and 3rd Mondays from 7pm  
Petersham RSL Club  
30 Trafalgar Street, Petersham  
Ryan Sutton **0432 384 240**  
[fryziesutton@yahoo.com.au](mailto:fryziesutton@yahoo.com.au)  
Steven Savona **0411 815 981**  
[steven.savona@gmail.com](mailto:steven.savona@gmail.com)

**Revesby:** Tuesday Evenings from 6.45pm  
Picnic Point Bowling Club  
124 Lambeth St, Panania  
Peter Griffiths **0432 638 994**  
[phgriffiths60@gmail.com](mailto:phgriffiths60@gmail.com)

**St George:** Tuesdays 10am - 3pm  
Oatley RSL Club, 23 Letitia St, Oatley  
Jo Anne Deady **0431 624 970**  
[peterdeady@optusnet.com.au](mailto:peterdeady@optusnet.com.au)

**Sutherland:** Thursdays 10.30am - 3.00pm  
Sutherland United Services Club  
7 East Pde, Sutherland  
Ann Fiddler **02 9589 0128**  
[afiddler@bigpond.net.au](mailto:afiddler@bigpond.net.au)

**Sydney:** First Sunday each month  
From 11.30am, Competition  
Clontarf Cottage, Wallace St, Balmain  
Cheryl Michler **0408 595 219**  
[michlercheryl@hotmail.com](mailto:michlercheryl@hotmail.com)

**Waverley:** Tuesdays, from 1pm  
Waverley Community Centre  
31-33 Spring St, Bondi Junction  
Devorah Ullman **0434 190 396**  
[devorah@aptitude.com.au](mailto:devorah@aptitude.com.au)

### South Coast Scrabble Clubs

**Bomaderry:** Wednesdays 10.30am to 5pm  
Bomaderry Bowling Club  
cnr Meroo & Cambewarra Rds, Bomaderry  
Margaret Neal **0428 429 077**  
[margcneal@bigpond.com](mailto:margcneal@bigpond.com)

**Nowra:** Saturdays from 12.30pm  
Bomaderry Bowling Club  
cnr Meroo & Cambewarra Rds, Bomaderry  
Greg Hopson **0438 897 540**  
[greghopson604@gmail.com](mailto:greghopson604@gmail.com)

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**Wollongong:** WORDS: (Evening)  
Monday from 7pm  
Collegians Rugby League Club  
Flinders St, Wollongong  
Melissa Millwood **0419 446 997**  
[dogawash@gmail.com](mailto:dogawash@gmail.com)

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**Wollongong:** WORDS (Day)  
Thursday 1pm to 5pm  
Collegians Rugby League Club  
Cnr Balgownie Rd & Napier St, Balgownie  
Natalie Tadday **0451 588 456**  
[natalietad@gmail.com](mailto:natalietad@gmail.com)

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## Central Coast Clubs

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**Empire Bay:** See Non-Affiliated Clubs  
[janconsoli@optusnet.com.au](http://janconsoli@optusnet.com.au)

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**Ourimbah:** Thursdays 10am - 2pm  
Ourimbah RSL Club  
Sandra Elliott **0410 438 525**  
[sandee1@iinet.net.au](mailto:sandee1@iinet.net.au)

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**Toukley:** Fridays 10am - 2pm  
The Ary, 35 Holmes Avenue, Toukley  
Sandra Elliott **0410 438 525**  
[sandee1@iinet.net.au](mailto:sandee1@iinet.net.au)

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**Woy Woy:** Thursdays 12 noon - 4pm  
CWA Hall, cnr Ocean Beach Rd  
and Sydney Ave, Umina  
Denise Smith **02 4365 5645**  
[rladms@bigpond.net.au](mailto:rladms@bigpond.net.au)

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## Hunter Region Clubs

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**Belmont:** Mondays 1.30pm - 4.30pm  
Belmont Library, 19 Ernest Street, Belmont  
Bob Burr **0413 887 087**  
[bobburr@gmail.com](mailto:bobburr@gmail.com)

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**Lake Macquarie:** Thursdays, 9:30am to 1pm  
Bay Hotel Motel  
330 Fishery Point Road, Bonnells Bay  
Richard Birch **0418 428 459**  
[richardbirch@me.com](mailto:richardbirch@me.com)

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**Maitland:** Tuesdays 9.30am - 2pm  
Telerah Bowling Club  
Pam Rowlands **0421 111 253**  
[pamnpinky@gmail.com](mailto:pamnpinky@gmail.com)

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**Newcastle:** Saturdays 11.30am - 4.00pm  
West's City (was Panthers)  
King St, Newcastle  
Christine O'Neill **0407 484 851**  
[christinejoneill@gmail.com](mailto:christinejoneill@gmail.com)

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## Mid-North Coast

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**South West Rocks:** See Non-Affiliated Clubs

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## Southern Highlands Clubs

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**Bowral:** 2nd & 4th Fridays of month  
10am to 4pm  
Bowral Bowling Club  
40 Sheperd Street, Bowral  
Sylvia Carless **0419 165 293**  
[sylvia.carless@bigpond.com](mailto:sylvia.carless@bigpond.com)

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**Tahmoor:** Monday from 1pm Taara Gardens  
23 Estonian Road, Thirlmere  
Bev Batros **0409 913 679**  
[bevbatros@yahoo.com.au](mailto:bevbatros@yahoo.com.au)

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## Virtual (Online) Clubs

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**Scrabble NSW Woogles:** Sundays from 6pm  
[woogles.io/club/nswscrab](http://woogles.io/club/nswscrab)  
Bob Jackman **0400 226 541**  
[rjackman@ozemail.com.au](mailto:rjackman@ozemail.com.au)

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### Non-Affiliated Scrabble Groups

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

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**Blacktown Healthwise:** Social  
Val Haggett **0438 212 219**

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**Brunswick Heads:** Serious  
Steve Bellerby **0407 8447188**

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**Bundanoon:** Social  
Sandy McKenzie **0423 518 947**

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**Coffs Harbour:**  
Keith Bancroft **0421 334 216**

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**Empire Bay:**  
Jan Consoli **0402 246 427**  
[janconsoli@optusnet.com.au](mailto:janconsoli@optusnet.com.au)

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**Ettalong:**  
Pam Tuckwell **0404 045 360**

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**Kiama:**  
Marie Dalton **02 4233 2778**

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**Lismore:**  
Taran Tula **0434 053 925**

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**Mittagong:**  
George Khamis **0405 201 552**

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**Oatlands:** Social  
Lauraine Overton **0412 300 137**

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**Orange:** Social  
Audrey Ferris **02 6362 0068**

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**Port Macquarie:** Social  
Wayne Willis **0415 572 017**

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**Quakers Hill (Full):** Serious  
Lauraine Overton **0412 300 137**

**Ramsgate:** Social  
Dea Holland **02 9588 3415**  
[aoch@optusnet.com.au](mailto:aoch@optusnet.com.au)

**Sanctuary Point:** Social  
Anne Reid **0410 012 642**

**South West Rocks:** Alt Thursdays  
Shirley Winkler **02 6566 7220**  
[shirley.winkler@bigpond.com](mailto:shirley.winkler@bigpond.com)

**Terrigal:**  
Mary-Michal Oxyby **0402 846 485**

**Tumut:**  
Bev Sutton **02 6947 6505**

**Wagga Wagga:**  
Norm Byng **0418 293 453**

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## QLD

**Bargara:** Thursday 1.30pm  
Carlisle Gardens  
Virginia Christian **07 4159 1935**  
**0408 278 236**  
[barginhere@bigpond.com](mailto:barginhere@bigpond.com)

**Brunswick Valley:** Tuesday 1-4pm  
Brunswick Heads Bowls Club  
Old Pacific Highway  
Brunswick Heads  
Steve Bellerby **0407 844 718**

**Bundaberg:** Brothers Sports Club  
Liz Blanch **0435 018 364**

**Coorparoo:** Tuesday 8 am - 1 pm  
Queen Alexandra Home  
347 Old Cleveland Rd  
Benita O'Neill **0407 434 855**

**Dalby:** Wednesday 6:30 pm  
Kathleen Maher [mzeemaher@gmail.com](mailto:mzeemaher@gmail.com)

**Logan City:** Tuesday 12-4:30pm  
2nd and 4th of month  
Marsden Park Library,  
Chambers Flat Rd, Marsden Park  
Karrin Henderson **07 3133 3204**  
[kahendos@optusnet.com.au](mailto:kahendos@optusnet.com.au)

**Logan Day:** Wednesday 12-5pm  
1st and 3rd of month  
Meeting room, Hyperdome Library  
Olga Visser **07 3801 1362**  
[visser@optushome.com.au](mailto:visser@optushome.com.au)

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**Logan Night:** Monday 5-8pm  
McDonalds meeting room  
Bryants Road, Loganholme  
Olga Visser **07 3801 1362**  
[visser@optushome.com.au](mailto:visser@optushome.com.au)

**Noosa:** Friday 10am-12pm **NEW CLUB**  
Noosa Library.  
Megan Marks  
[megan\\_marks1@hotmail.com](mailto:megan_marks1@hotmail.com)

**Redcliffe:** Wednesday 1-4pm  
Thursday 6:30-10pm  
Trish Brighton **0402 736 532**  
[brist@optusnet.com.au](mailto:brist@optusnet.com.au)

**Southport:** Wednesday 1-5pm  
Some Sunday afternoons  
SOPUS Club,  
Scarborough Street  
Diana McManus **0419 022 520**  
[dianamcmanus4@gmail.com](mailto:dianamcmanus4@gmail.com)

**Sunshine Coast:** Friday 1-3:30pm  
Nambour RSL  
14 Matthew St  
Trevor Sauer **07 5445 7770**  
[sauer.1@bigpond.com](mailto:sauer.1@bigpond.com)

**Tangara BSHS after school:** Mon 3:30-5pm  
Private venue  
Tangara, West End  
Roberta Tait **0431 640 874**  
[taitroberta@hotmail.com](mailto:taitroberta@hotmail.com)

**Toowoomba:** Thursday 4 pm  
Newtown School Library  
24 Albert St, Newtown  
Jane Brown **0417 903 079**  
[jb.edits@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jb.edits@bigpond.net.au)

**Townsville:** Alt Fridays and Saturdays at 3 pm  
Unit 1105/106 Denham St, Townsville  
Julie Brice **0409 748 323**  
[juliebrice@bigpond.com](mailto:juliebrice@bigpond.com)

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## SA

**Blackwood:** Wednesday 12:45-4:00  
Blackwood Uniting Church  
266 Main Street Blackwood  
(Enter from Coromandel Parade)  
Raelene Nicholls **0416 203 515**  
[nicholsraelene@gmail.com](mailto:nicholsraelene@gmail.com)

**Brighton:** Thursday 12:30pm  
Brighton Senior Citizens Club  
376 Brighton Road Hove  
Julie Hockley **0410 053 973**  
[jhock2@bigpond.com](mailto:jhock2@bigpond.com)

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**Henley & Grange:** Friday 1:00 pm  
Grange Uniting Church Hall,  
Beach Street, Grange  
Jacqui Pearce **0439 806 309**  
[jacquap47@yahoo.com.au](mailto:jacquap47@yahoo.com.au)

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**Noarlunga:** Wednesday 7:30pm  
Church of Christ Hall,  
165 Beach Road, Noarlunga  
Robyn Davill **0401 364 019**  
[davills@internode.on.net](mailto:davills@internode.on.net)

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**Plympton:** Monday 6:00pm  
Sachiez Kitchen, 295 Anzac Highway, Plympton  
Tony Miller  
[www.meetup.com/adelaide-pub-scrabble/](http://www.meetup.com/adelaide-pub-scrabble/)

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

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**Prospect:** Tuesday 1:30pm  
128 Prospect Road, Prospect  
Louisa Atsas **0432 907 646**  
[atsas\\_tribe@yahoo.com](mailto:atsas_tribe@yahoo.com)

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## TAS

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

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

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

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## VIC

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

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

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

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

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**Box Hill:** See **Surrey Hills**

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**Brunswick:** 2nd & 4th Thursday 6pm-9pm  
Joey Smalls  
284 Sydney Rd, Brunswick  
Rob York **0417 512 535**  
[tryerbrook@gmail.com](mailto:tryerbrook@gmail.com)

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**Essendon:** Tuesday 7pm ~ 10pm  
Essendon Senior Citizens Centre  
5 Kellaway Ave, Moonee Ponds  
Rob York **0417 512 535**  
[tryerbrook@gmail.com](mailto:tryerbrook@gmail.com)

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

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

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

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

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

**Maryborough:** Saturday 10am - 12 pm  
Maryborough Library  
Chris Scholten  
[maryboroughscrabbleclub@gmail.com](mailto:maryboroughscrabbleclub@gmail.com)

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

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

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

**Rosanna:** 2nd & 4th Thursdays 6.30 - 9.30pm  
Watsonia Library, 4/6 Ibbotson St,  
Rob Hutchinson **0407 533 525**  
[rh\\_slash@yahoo.com.au](mailto:rh_slash@yahoo.com.au)

**Surrey Hills:** *Previously Box Hill*  
Tuesdays fortnightly 1pm - 4pm  
Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre,  
157 Union Road, Surrey Hills  
Judith McNaughtan **0447 387 493**  
[mчнаughtan43@optusnet.com.au](mailto:mчнаughtan43@optusnet.com.au)

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

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

**Albany:** Monday 9am-12pm  
Albany Bridge Club,  
Mill Street  
Sue Reynolds **0432 059 566**  
[suerey23@bigpond.com](mailto:suerey23@bigpond.com)

**Bassendean:** Wednesday 9:30am-4pm  
Bassendean Community Centre,  
Lesser Hall,  
48 Old Perth Road  
Anne Stewart **0410 346 849**  
[asteckel42@gmail.com](mailto:asteckel42@gmail.com)

**Hamersley (Tuesday):** Tues 1pm-4:30pm  
Stirling Leisure Centre,  
20 Belvedere Road,  
Hamersley  
Joan Dye **0400 761 356**

**Hamersley (Saturday):** Sat 12:30-4:30pm  
Stirling Leisure Centre,  
20 Belvedere Road,  
Hamersley  
Mike Clarke **0438 606 617**  
[mikec@ans.com.au](mailto:mikec@ans.com.au)

**Melville:** Monday 10am-3pm  
Melville Bowling Club,  
582 Canning Highway,  
Alfred Cove  
Delys Carbon **0416 502 268**  
[Delcarbon@iinet.net.au](mailto:Delcarbon@iinet.net.au)

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

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

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

# Results Roundup

## ACT

### 16.11.2024 ACT Champs

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

### 18.01.2025 ACT JAN25

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

### 22.02.2025 Canberra February

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

29.03.2025 ACT March

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

## NSW

### 22.02.2025 Wollongong Summer

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

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

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

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

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

### 01.03.2025 MATCHPLAY QUALIFIER

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

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

### 16.03.2025 Bomaderry

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

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

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

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

### 29.03.2025 LAKE MACQUARIE AUTUMN

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

### 13.04.2025 LansVale Minds

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

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### 15.02.2025 Nambour

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

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

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

### 23.02.2025 February Frolic

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

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

### 16.03.2025 March Madness

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

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### 22.03.2025 TSV23March25

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

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### 06.04.2025 April Warmup

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

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

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

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### 11.04.2025 Mindsport April

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

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## SA

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### 15.02.2025 Saturday Sessions February

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

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

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### 08.03.2025 SA Champs

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

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### 22.03.2025 Sat March

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

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

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### 06.04.2025 SA April

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

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

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### 17.04.2025 Warmup

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

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

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

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### 18.04.2025 Mindsport Adelaide

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

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### 19.04.2025 National Championship and Plate

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

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

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## TAS

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### 08.02.2025 Ulverstone Saturday

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

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### 09.02.2025 Ulversstone Sunday

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

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### 08.03.2025 Ross March

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

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## VIC

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### 07.02.2025 Friday Night 070225

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

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### 23.02.2025 Bayside Open 1 2025

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

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### 07.03.2025 Friday Night 070325

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

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### 16.03.2025 Sunday Sessions 5

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

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

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

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

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### 22.03.2025 Ballarat Open

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

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### 06.04.2025 April Full Day

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

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

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### 11.04.2025 Friday Night 11 April

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

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### 04.05.2025 Sunday Sessions 2

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

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

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

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

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## WA

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### 09.02.2025 February Bisection

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

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

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### 09.03.2025 March Trisection

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

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

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

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### 13.04.2025 Joy Deans Memorial

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

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### 04.05.2025 Melville Tournament

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

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

**DIVISION C:** 1 Pauline Coulter; 2 Marge Roberts 3 Chris Sanders; **HG** Pauline Coulter 468; **HW** Chris Sanders **SLATHERED** 98

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

## THE ROAD TO EASTER 2003

*It started back in 2002*

*During the presentation dinner in WA*

*When it was announced that in 2003*

*The championships were to be held in SA.*

*There's plenty of time*

*The venue has already been booked*

*Players will come*

*As there are many who are hooked.*

*First on the agenda*

*Were some tips from the west*

*The equipment and the volunteers*

*Too numerous to mention the rest.*

*What numbers would we be looking at*

*A hundred do you think?*

*Let's start moving*

*Before we are on the brink.*

*By November we'd prepared the lists*

*The schedules and the times to update*

*The letters for sponsorships*

*The phone calls to make.*

*Let's look at our budget*

*What can we afford?*

*For the prizes and the trophies*

*For the winners from home and abroad.*

*Entries are now open from January 1*

*Travellers are making arrangements by net or by phone*

*They will be flying and arriving by cars*

*Being billeted, staying in motels or coming from home.*

*The final draft of the scorebook*

*The bookmark, the booklet and mags*

*The pamphlets and the brochures*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Teresa Dean**

# Records 2025 so far...

<i>High game score</i>	<b>671</b>	Ryan Anderson 671 against Helen Hynes 323 at 22.03.2025 TSV23March25
<i>Large game margin</i>	<b>387</b>	Nick Ivanovski 637 against Chris Scholten 250 at 01.02.2025 40th Birthday Event
<i>High drawn game</i>	<b>475</b>	Paul Richards and Liz Blanch at 15.02.2025 Nambour
<i>High combined score</i>	<b>1031</b>	Daniel Piechnick 535 and Adam Kretschmer 496 at 15.02.2025 Saturday Sessions February
<i>High average score</i>	<b>515.8</b>	(4 games) Josh Watt at 13.04.2025 LansVale Minds
<i>High average spread</i>	<b>238.3</b>	(6 games) Vyasa Dheva Nithyana at 18.04.2025 Mindsport Adelaide
<i>High losing score</i>	<b>504</b>	Fadlan Satria 504 lost to Jane Taylor 514 at 26.01.2025 CITY OF SYDNEY MASTERS
<i>Long winning streak</i>	<b>16</b>	(6+8+2) Joanne Craig at 16.03.2025 Bomaderry and 22.03.2025 Ballarat Open and 19.04.2025 National Championship and Plate
<i>High word</i>	<b>203</b>	<b>VIEWINGS:</b> Ryan Anderson at 22.03.2025 TSV23March25
<i>Games this year</i>	<b>117</b>	Karen Richards (117), Jane Taylor (110), Arnold Appelhof (92)
<i>High opening score</i>	<b>100</b>	<b>REZONES:</b> Tim Reddan at ACT March 29.03.2025
<i>High play, not bonus</i>	<b>135</b>	<b>OZ(On)AtES:</b> Trevor Halsall at SA Championship 08.03.2025
<i>High play, not triple triple</i>	<b>146</b>	<b>SQUEeZY:</b> Tei Ngatai at SA Championship 09.03.2025
<i>Long word</i>	<b>12</b>	<b>ALPHA+BET+ISES:</b> Lexia Smallwood at Canberra February 22.02.2025
<i>Many bingos</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>VE(R)ANDAS; (S)CROUGES; SIZEAB(L)E; HEREUN(T)O; NAILSEt; NONGLARE:</b> Josh Watt at Australian Championship 19.04.2025
<i>Many consecutive bingos</i>	<b>4</b>	<b>MATADOR; CRaFTING; WALDOES; ENCAENI(A):</b> Joanne Craig at CITY OF SYDNEY MASTERS 26.01.2025 <b>CLAMMED; CERULEAN; HUNDREDS; VIEWInGS:</b> Ryan Anderson at TSV23Mar 23.03.2025 <b>VE(R)ANDAS; (S)CROUGES; SIZEAB(L)E; HEREUN(T)O; NAILSEt; NONGLARE:</b> Josh Watt at Australian Championship 19.04.2025

# National Ratings

at 4 May 2025

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

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

<b>107</b>	Judy Godfrey	WA	1350	<b>165</b>	Victoria Gates	SA	1204
<b>108</b>	Caroline Polak Scowcroft	ACT	1348	<b>166</b>	Lexie Neale	NSW	1200
<b>109</b>	Benjamin Lee	WA	1345	<b>167</b>	Tracey Kneebone	SA	1195
<b>110</b>	Ian Tsoi Yin	SA	1337	<b>168</b>	Pat Hudson	SA	1189
<b>111</b>	Angie Pearse	SA	1334	<b>169</b>	Tracy Bui	NSW	1187
<b>112</b>	Rob Hutchinson	VIC	1333	<b>170</b>	Anne Hough	QLD	1181
<b>113</b>	Olga Visser	QLD	1332	<b>171</b>	Finola Carey	NSW	1178
<b>114</b>	Barry Harridge	VIC	1331	<b>172</b>	Anne Stewart	WA	1171
<b>115</b>	Richard Birch	NSW	1329	<b>173</b>	Penny Wells	TAS	1171
<b>116</b>	Ros Wilkinson	TAS	1328	<b>174</b>	Yvonne Edwards	NSW	1165
<b>117</b>	Maureen Gardner	QLD	1322	<b>175</b>	Marion Miller	NSW	1165
<b>118</b>	Ashwin Page	QLD	1321	<b>176</b>	Natalie Tadday	NSW	1164
<b>119</b>	Shaun Donnelly	VIC	1320	<b>177</b>	Josef Peeters	QLD	1163
<b>120</b>	Chris Ostrowski	NSW	1317	<b>178</b>	Kim Grayson	NSW	1161
<b>121</b>	Lexia Smallwood	ACT	1310	<b>179</b>	Stephen Saunders	ACT	1161
<b>122</b>	Margaret Neal	NSW	1309	<b>180</b>	Fiona Braendler	SA	1159
<b>123</b>	Ivor Zetler	NSW	1308	<b>181</b>	Cheryl Michler	NSW	1157
<b>124</b>	Justin Moyle	VIC	1308	<b>182</b>	Kerry Reimers	QLD	1155
<b>125</b>	Peter Griffiths	NSW	1307	<b>183</b>	Julie Krieg	SA	1154
<b>126</b>	Glenys Logan	QLD	1304	<b>184</b>	Paula Messer	VIC	1153
<b>127</b>	Frank Csarics	VIC	1303	<b>185</b>	Sylvia Galloway	VIC	1153
<b>128</b>	Karrin Henderson	QLD	1297	<b>186</b>	Sandy McConnell	TAS	1152
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*Scrabble is all fun and games until someone loses an I, and as the old adage goes – there is no I in TEAM*

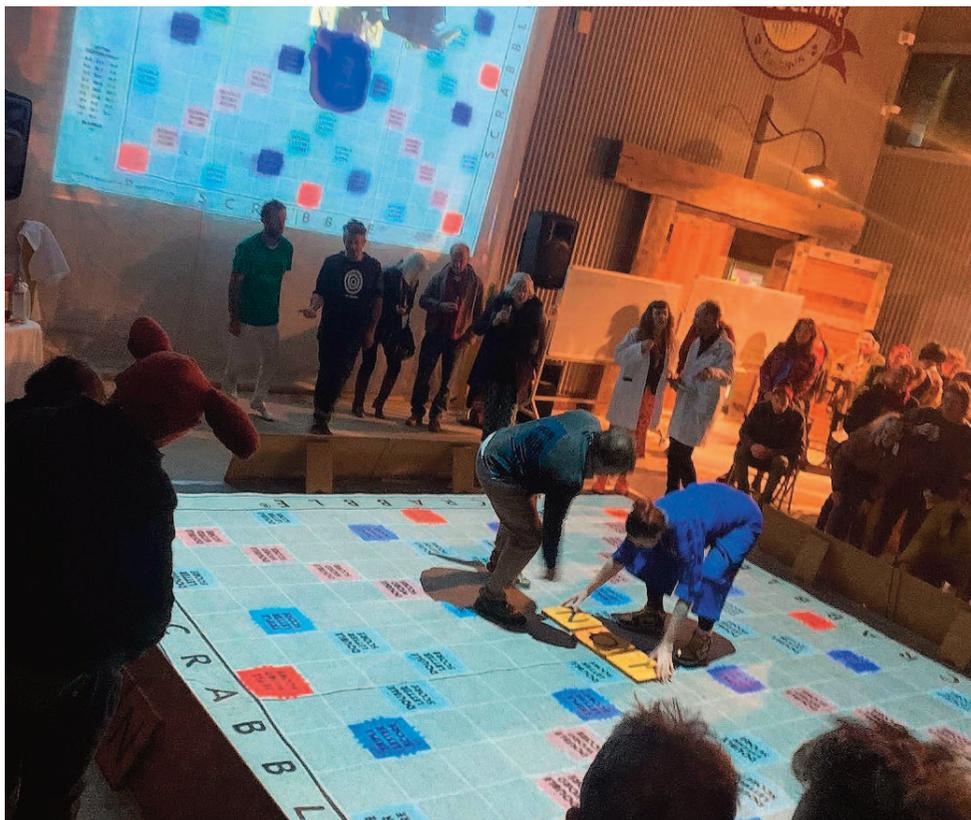
The Giant Scrabble Battle at Castlemaine Fringe Festival on March 28 was all about team work and community building. A scrabble enthusiast friend of mine invited me to come along and join his team at The Salvage Yard in Castlemaine. I wish I could say that I was a useful addition to the team. There were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

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

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

The board is approximately 5m x 5m.





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

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

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

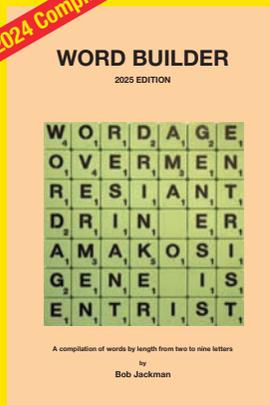
The winning team received this incredible trophy which was handmade by Jim Naylor, who is a classically trained sculptor.



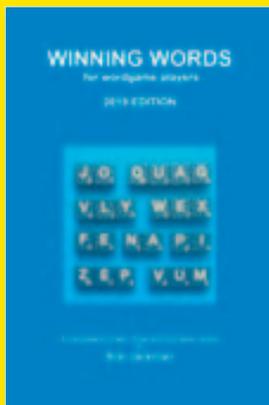
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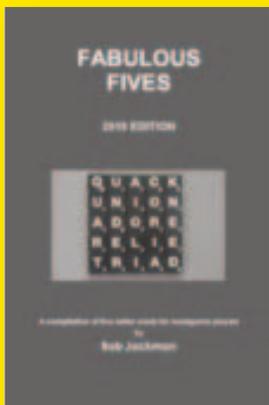
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