

ACROSS THE BOARD



Long time NSW stalwart Norma Tracey pictured at her wedding to Wally Shand on Australia Day. Her local Council (Lane Cove) closed the street for her to have a street wedding. 150 people attended including their many children and grandchildren and a representation of Scrabblers some who have known her for 30 years

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contributions to next
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Well, doesn't it seem like everything is back to normal? I attended a tournament on the weekend (Feb 5) at Mordialloc (bayside, south of Melbourne) and had the loveliest time meeting with returning players.

We love this venue ... but ... Melbourne is so large (over 100km in diameter), that the committee is struggling to find suitable, affordable venues that might attract most players - but we keep trying.

I wonder if other States are having the same problem. I urge members and players to be on the lookout for suitable venues and bring them to the attention of their local associations.

Congratulations to Rael Hayman on his appointment as Australian Youth Coach and CASPA thanks Tony Hunt for his initiative in creating this important role.

Australia is gearing up for the WESPA Championship to be held in Las Vegas in July with 13 spots allotted as our quota. David

Eldar (as a previous WSC Champion) has automatic entry thus making room for another player. Anand Bharadwaj has been studying in California since July last year and CASPA has granted a dispensation to him to forgo the qualifying criteria so that he can represent Australia at the event. Updates on the qualifiers can be seen at scrabble.org.au/events/23AUS/index.html.

The CASPA AGM will be held on the weekend of the Championship and any comments, queries can be addressed to me at caroljscrabble@gmail.com.

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Contributions to Across the Board

We are always looking for items of interest to publish in your magazine. If you have an idea but not sure how to go about getting it included, just email the Editor outlining what you have in mind. We are happy to include high resolution photos of Scrabble related events, short stories, annotated games, puzzles, articles on strategy or word power. When submitting by email, be sure to include "ATB" in the subject line. richardbirch@me.com

Wespa Championship 2023

It is 4 years since the last in-person WESPA Championship was held (Goa, India in November 2019).

A virtual Championship was held in 2021, won by Alastair Richards (formerly of Australia, now NZ). So anticipation is growing where, once again, the best players in the world will unite in Las Vegas, USA in July this year.

Australia has earned a quota of 13 players over the years and our qualifying process is in train (details can be found on the national website) with updates on the players who have qualified and who will be attending.

However, all is not lost for those other players who might want to join in.

There are many tournaments around the Championship but, most of all, is the Last Chance Qualifier (LCQ) to be held on Friday July 21 - open to all players not already qualified for WESPAC.

This 8-game tournament will consist of one division and paired using tsh - with gibsonization (determined by number of games plus spread - 1000 points per round). The top 20% placegetters will be awarded slots in the Championship and, in addition, the highest placing youth player (born after July 15, 2005) will qualify.

The packed WESPA Championship schedule should please/challenge even the most game-hardened competitor:

July 21 - WESPAC Hearts Warmup - 8 games - NWL & CSW

July 21 - WESPAC Last Chance Qualifier - 8 games - CSW (Open to those not qualified for WESPAC)

July 22-25 - WESPAC Main event - 32 games - CSW (8 games per day)

July 22-24 WESPAC Diamonds Challenge - 24 games - NWL & CSW (8 games per day)

July 25 - WESPAC Clubs Challenge - 8 games - NWL & CSW

July 26 - WESPAC Spades Challenge - 8 games - NWL & CSW

July 26 - WESPAC Finals - best of 7 games play-off between top 2 - CSW

The WESPA Biennial General Meeting will be held at 8pm on Monday July 24 (Carol Johnsen, CASPA Coordinator and WESPA Secretary will attend by zoom). Any queries, etc. can be addressed to her at caroljscrabble@gmail.com.

For those who are interested in attending, please be sure to check the COVID requirements of the US and, more particularly, the host NASPA. For updates on all aspects of the tournament, these can be found at:

Registration form:

scrabbleplayers.org/tourneys/2023/reg/index.html

Event website:

[https://scrabbleplayers.org/w/2023_WESPA_Championship_\(WESPAC\)](https://scrabbleplayers.org/w/2023_WESPA_Championship_(WESPAC))

Links can also be accessed from NASPA's main landing webpage:

<http://scrabbleplayers.org/>

Also, a most notable tournament - WORD CUP 2023 is a 31-game Championship Level Scrabble event - being held in Albany, NY (Marriott Albany Hotel, Wolf Road, Albany) from June 30 - July 4 with alluring prize money \$US50,000 - donation courtesy of WGPO (on top of entry fees)! Also \$US10,000 top prizes for NWL & CSW competitors (min 50 players per); generous division, class and fun prizes, etc.

Questions, etc. - email

wordcup@letsplayscrabble.com -

[//www.letsplayscrabble.com/wordcup2023](http://www.letsplayscrabble.com/wordcup2023)

Announcing the Inaugural

Australian Women's Scrabble Championship

Monday 13th March, 2023

To be held in

Adelaide

in the suburb of Prospect (just north of the city)

The event will be directed by Paul Richards and will take place the day after the South Australian Scrabble Championships (Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th March at the same venue). There will be 25-minute games with a lagged draw.

What better way to warm up for the Australian Championships in April?

Adelaide is in festival mode in March with the Adelaide Fringe Festival, Adelaide Festival, Womadelaide and the Adelaide Cup.

Why not plan a holiday based around Scrabble?

Entries to: Antony Kimber - AntonyKimber@outlook.com, 0487 122 347

Enquiries to: Jane Taylor - jjsroadshow@gmail.com, 0408 981 833

Around the States

ACT

Upcoming Tournaments

Check website for upcoming tournaments.

New South Wales

Five events were held during the quarter, but as I type a sixth is being held in Wollongong, to be reported in the next issue.

The first of these was the Lake Macquarie Spring held in the spacious residence of our trusty editor, on the shores of Lake Macquarie on 26th November. As usual catering and conditions were first class as 24 players spread around the house in 3 Divisions, playing a Round Robin with a final King of the Hill game. Winners were Rael Hayman (A), Sharon Sorenson (B) and Rene Chelton (C), all notching up 6 wins of their 8 games. Liz Jackman, returning from illness, achieved the highest rating gain with 42 points.

A week later players headed south for Ann Fiddler's Sutherland tournament. 38 players were split into 3 nearly equal Divisions playing 8 games. A Division was tight with John Holgate prevailing over Ryan Sutton on spread, while in B Moana Nepia dropped only one game to beat Dorothy Fields on 5 wins. C Division was won by Pat Schuberg, also with 7 wins with Kara Eddington running up with 6 wins. High word for the day belonged to Tony Hunt with WAXLIKE for 123.

The first event for 2023 was the historical JanBoree on 7th January, organised by Steven Savona for Scrabble NSW. A healthy contingent of 48 players gathered at Burwood RSL for the traditional 9 game Round Robin, in groups of 10 players. The top 2 in each Division were Rael Hayman and John Holgate (A), up and coming youth player Alex Lam and Chris Ostrowski (B), New Zealand visitor Lynn Carter and Richard Birch (C) and Julie Banister and Josie Mally (D). Noel Barrett in A Division scored the highest word of the day with **ADMITTED** for 167.

A week later, picturesque Bundanoon in the Southern Highlands was our destination, with 36 players making the trip from NSW and

ACT. Vincent Nguyen stepped up and organised and ran the event on behalf of John Hamilton who was unable to do it this year. Vincent did a great job, ensuring everyone enjoyed the day while not playing himself. The event was run as a 9 game open, with Tony Hunt taking out the honours by winning all of his games except the opening one against Margaret Berliner. Ronnie Bennett (ACT) was runner up with Rod Talbot third, both one win behind Tony. John Spaan (ACT) scored the high game score with 185 for **REDUCING**.

Two weeks later 34 players rated over 1000 gathered at the Bankstown Sports Club to contest the annual City of Sydney International Masters. There was a notable absence of top interstate players, but we welcomed Howard and Sue Rayner from Western Australia competing in NSW for the first time. After 20 games Bob Jackman emerged the narrow winner with 13 wins, having led by three game over night. Joanne Craig, back in town from New Zealand, was runner up with same number of wins, while Esther Perrins came in third, one win back and with the highest spread. Tony Williams (ACT) made the highest scoring play with **SAGENITE** for 136. This is the second part of the NSW Report:

Tournament Achievements

Lake Macquarie (8 games)	
High Rating Gain Liz Jackman	42
High Margin Sharon Sorensen	510
Sutherland (8 games)	
High Rating Gain Moana Nepia	57
High Margin Tony Hunt	661
JanBoree (9 games)	
High Rating Gain Chris Ostrowski	49
High Margi. Julie Banister	832
Bundanoon (9 games)	
High Rating Gain Tony Hunt	49
High Margin Tony Hunt	684
CSIM (20 games)	
High Rating Gain Bob Jackman	50
High Margin Esther Perrins	1156

Upcoming Tournaments

Contact details and flyers for the following events can be found in our continually updated Tournament Calendar on the Scrabble NSW website:

Sunday 26th February ~Matchplay Qualifier
Revesby Workers Club

Saturday 4th March ~ Lake Macquarie
Private Home

Sunday 26th March ~Bomaderry
Bomaderry Bowling Club

Tuesday 18th April ~ Oatley (CSW22)
Oatley RSL Club

Sat 22nd & Sun 23rd April ~ Wallerawang
Wallerawang Bowling Club

Sunday 21st May ~ Central Coast
Ourimbah

Queensland

Queensland tournaments resumed for the new year. Most tournaments this year will be held at Queen Alexandra Home on Sundays. A trial last year of having more tournaments on Saturdays did not result in any increase in numbers attending, and some regular players were unable to attend on Saturdays.

Jeanette Hansen is again running mid-week tournaments at her home on the second Thursday every second month.

A vote was held in January to determine if Queensland would change tournaments run by ASPAQ to the CSW22 word list. By a very narrow margin, the result was 'Yes'. This means tournaments run by ASPAQ will change to the CSW22 word list as from 1st May 2023. Tournaments run by clubs or individuals can use the CSW19 word list if it is advertised as such.

The ballot was sent to all Queensland tournament players (as listed on the Australian ratings list – 57 players). For the vote to count, the player needed to be a financial member of ASPAQ (48 players). The motion was that ASPAQ Tournaments change to using CSW22 word list as from 1st May 2023. The results were:

Number of people eligible to vote: 48

Number of people who voted: 41 (85%)

Yes vote: 17 (41%)

No vote: 15 (37%) (also 1 vote from an unfinancial member)

Abstain/ Don't care votes: 9 (22%)

The Yes vote was fairly even across rating bands, but the No vote was very strong in the 1000 to 1400 rating bands.

Rating Band	Yes	Abstain/ Don't Care	No	Total
Up to 800	3	2	1	6
800 to 1000	3	1	0	4
1000 to 1200	4	2	8	14
1200 to 1400	1	2	4	7
Above 1400	6	2	2	10
Total	17	9	15	41

Paul Richards

March Madness

Sunday 19th March 2023

Queen Alexandra Home

347 Old Cleveland Rd, Coorparoo

Arrive and Register by 8:45am for a 9:00am start.

Contact 0419 031 369 (before 8:45am) if running late or unable to come.

Format: Small group progressive round robin (4 player groups)

9 Games, 22 minutes each player

CSW19 word list.

Progression based on Wins and Aggregate for each three game set

Final results based on Wins and Margins for overall group

Cost: \$20

Tea & Coffee and biscuits will be provided.

**Registration to Paul Richards
0419 031 369**

**or email
paulrichards7@gmail.com**

South Australia

Civil War

Once a year, South Australia has a Civil War tournament based on geographical lines.

The southern team wears red and the northern blue. Victoria Gates, one of the competitors, wrote this poem following the tournament.

It was on again! The war of North against South

In this little old Adelaide town!

Which was going to verb it out and take that darned Scrabble CROWN!

The nouns started jumping and the adjectives started to shout.

The gerund lay on the Ridge and like all snipers showed showed its mighty clout.

Already crippled without the Kretschmer the North did its best.

But rewriting history the South had all the wrest!!



No more **FUGLY**, no more **MOFO**. On AFL Grand Final Day in September 2012 Mel was looking for somewhere to go that would not be filled with drunken football fans. She went to the Gov, a famous pub in Adelaide, and found a group of people collectively known as Adelaide Pub Scrabble.

As soon as Mel learned that the words at the top of the eulogy were allowed in Scrabble she was hooked, happily telling everyone and anyone within earshot of this fact, passers-by who had stopped to watch for a minute or so would be informed of a few other choice descriptive words also. Her first opponent that first day was myself, beginning a ten year friendship in and out of Scrabble.

The very next day, Mel jumped headlong into tournament Scrabble, eventually racking up more than one thousand tournament rated games. On more than a few occasions the silence of the room would be filled with a loud whoop of joy or a very spontaneous, “well f#%k me” when her opponent successfully challenged a word Mel thought would be allowed.

Every one of us looked toward the sound of the voice and knew it was Mel being herself. With the arrival of Covid, and the end of Adelaide Pub Scrabble, Mel was looking for a way to continue her weekly dose.

As she and I lived just ten minutes apart we decided to meet up at her place, for a few hours each Saturday or Sunday if both were free. We played over four hundred games in the two and a half years since April 2020.

Our last game was in October 2022, Through various reasons, Mel chose to end her life six days later. She was only 38 years old.



On January 22nd, 2023 Scrabble SA held the Mel Leckie Memorial tournament. There were no cash prizes and all entry fees plus the proceeds of the trading table were donated to Suicide Prevention Australia. \$440 was raised. Mel's Mum, Barbara Spears attended before play got underway, speaking warmly and emotionally of how much the Scrabble tournament meant to Mel.

Rest in peace, Mel, your fearless character, fearless character will be very much missed by friends, family and the South Australian Scrabble community.

Tasmania

Check website for upcoming tournaments.

Victoria

Welcome to all Victorian members to the first of the ATB reports for 2023!

The year has started really well after a year dedicated to return after restrictions etc; last year's Decathlon was a great way to end 2022 as we completed our second WESPA rated event of the year.

At the time of writing, three of our current year events have been held; the Aestival, the Plate & Side, and The Bayside Open.

Congratulations to David Eldar, Angie Winkler, Noel Coulter, myself, and Rob Hutchinson as division prize winners to start 2023. Special congratulations have to go to Rob as the new Plate Champion!

On a related note, it is so good to see so many familiar faces return to play, including Del Stitz and Michael Hornung (after 8 years) at the Bayside Open recently held.

This recent Open event has helped support our aim of providing events across the state to cater for the various locations of our players. To that end, there will be events in the north-west, inner East, a return to the peninsula, as well as events in regional Victoria during this year.

Our website has all these updated events now featured – please keep checking our site for all updated information... and even if you cannot attend the events but are keen to keep following proceedings, our Live Standings page allows you to do just that.

This is also in addition to being the host state for the Nationals this year.

Scrabble has definitely returned to our state and we continue to provide enjoyable events to all those in attendance!

Rated Online play has seen us welcome some new players to this important part of what we offer in Scrabble Victoria. Expansion into Tablet events is being foreshadowed, which follows from our policy of being able to look



Trevor Halsall and Andrew Fisher battling it out recently

after players by providing them Scrabble options in any way they want on all the platforms they use. Recent player feedback gave us an average review rating of 4.6 out of 5 for our Saturday Online events, news which is hugely appreciated personally as these events are always such a pleasure to put on. If you have not taken part in these and are keen to see what all the fuss is about, please get in touch with me!

Club expansion is on the agenda after recent social media advertising has generated club opportunities in two parts of the state – we hope this is the beginning of a regrowth of club players in locations determined by findings from our ongoing promotions.

On a final note, congratulations to Peter Kougi and Mythili Rudra on the birth of their first child. It was wonderful to see the young family at The Bayside Open; for an event that was one of our best attended in that area for a long time, it added such joy to what was already an enjoyable day.

Till next time, Happy Scrabbling!

Western Australia

Chris Hall is now the WA President.

Check website for upcoming tournaments.

2023 AUSTRALIAN SCRABBLE CHAMPIONSHIP

8 April to 10 April 2023

Windy Hill Social Club, Cnr Napier & Brewster Sts, Essendon, Victoria.
Generous cash and other prizes in both divisions.

Championship: Players rated **1300** or above or reaching 1300 in the six months period prior to the championship have the option to play in this section.

Plate: Players rated under **1300**.

Format: 24 games - 8 games Saturday, 9 Sunday & 7 Monday.
Australian rules, free challenge, 25 min games
CSW19 reference (Note: Not WESPA-rated)
Tight Australian Draw
(see article by *Paul Richards* in this edition of the ATB)

Entry fee: \$150 Includes morning & afternoon teas.

Lunch can be purchased in club's bistro or nearby shops.

All players must register by 8.30am at the venue on 8 April and be ready to start play by 9am. If you are running late you must ring an emergency number below.

More details and entry form available at scrabble.org.au/events/23AUS/flyer.html where there is information about submitting your entry and payment.

Entries can be submitted immediately but we request that bank transfer payments are not made until 1 March to allow for any unforeseen event cancellation. Entries and payment required by 30 March latest.

Enquiries: Carol Johnsen – caroljscrabble@gmail.com - 0476 639 195

Emergency phone numbers during tournament:
James Gunner (Tournament Director) – 0401 348 822
Carol Johnsen – 0476 639 195

Club Directory

Any changes to this club directory should be made to the Editor editor@scrabble.org.au as well as your State representative. Club information to be limited to name of club, time of operation, club contact and contact phone number. Full details can be obtained by visiting <http://www.scrabble.org.au/clubs/index.htm>

ACT (area code 02)

Southern Cross Club, Woden Thurs 9 am to 1 pm,
Terry Horan ~ 0424 229 254

Southern Cross Club, Woden Wed 7 pm to 10 pm
Tim Reddan ~ (02) 6179 5000

New South Wales (area code 02)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lake Macquarie ~ Thursday 9.00 am - 1.00 pm ~
Richard Birch 0418 428 459

Lane Cove: Thursdays 5.30 to 9.00pm
Julie Simonds, 0427 035 465

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

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

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

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

Nowra ~ Sat from 12.30 ~ Greg Hopson ~ 0438 897 540

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tahmoor ~ Mon from 1pm ~ Bev Batros 0409 913 679

Terrigal ~ Mon 10am~2pm ~ Mike Oxyb ~ 4332 6485

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

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

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

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

Queensland (area code 07)

Albert & Logan, Mon 12-4.30pm,
Marilyn Smith 0403 205 040

Bargara, Thurs 1.30pm, Virginia Christian 4159 1935

Brunswick Valley, Tues 1-4pm,
Stephen Bellerby 0407 844 718

Bundaberg, Liz Blanch 4155 2231

Coominya, Matthew Forno 0417 446 556

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

Logan City, Tues 12 ~ 4.30pm,
Karrin Henderson 3133 3204

Redcliffe, Wed 1pm, Trish Brighton 0402 736 532

Redcliffe, Thurs 7pm, Trish Brighton 0402 736 532

Southport, Wed 1pm, Diana McManus 0419 022 520

Sunshine Coast, Trevor Sauer, 5445 7770

Toowoomba, Thurs 6.30pm, Jane Brown 0417 903 079

Townsville, 2nd Wed of month, 5.30-8.30 pm,
Julie Walder, 4740 4175, Mob 0408 011 185

South Australia (area code 08)

Blackwood ~ Wednesday 1-4 ~ Raelene Nicholls
0416 203 515 ~ nichollsraelene@gmail.com

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

Collinswood ~ Friday 6:00pm ~
Rob Marotta ~ 0401 978 098

Fullarton ~ Friday 6:30pm ~
Tracey Kneebone ~ 0418 816 482

Pub Scrabble at Highway ~ Monday 6:00pm ~
Baheej Al Kassem ~ 414 081 641

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

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

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

Prospect ~ Tuesday 1.30pm ~ Louisa Atsas 0432 907 646

Tasmania (area code 03)

Beaumaris ~ Sun 2pm ~ Marion Merickel ~ 6372 5337
Bellerive ~ Thu 7pm ~ Margaret Bishop ~ 6244 5545
Glenorchy ~ Tue 1pm ~ Jill Norton ~ 6228 1861
Kingborough ~ Tue 7.30pm ~ Khen Meering ~ 6229 5840
Ulverstone ~ Wed 9.30am ~ Jan Hill ~ 6425 5415

Victoria (area code 03)

Ballarat ~ Tues 10m ~ Marjorie Clark ~ 0456 098 982
Balwyn ~ Mon 1pm ~ Marj Miller ~ 9850 2366
Bentleigh - Wednesday 1pm-4pm (during School terms)
Carol Johnsen 0476 639 195
Box Hill ~ now called Surrey Hills (see below)
Brunswick East - New club Pub Scrabble, 2nd Thursday
of the month - 4pm-8pm, Alchemy Brewing Company,
396 Lygon Street,
East Brunswick, Rob York - 0417 512 535 -
tryerbrook@gmail.com
Brunswick - 2nd Thurs - 4pm-8pm - Rob York - 0417
512 535
Cranbourne ~ Monday 9.30am-1pm ~ Cranbourne
Library ~ Gayle Cameron ~ 0419 302 185.
Essendon ~ Tue 7pm ~ Rob York ~ 0417 512 535
Fairfield/Northcote ~ Mon 7-9pm ~
Rob York ~ 0417 512 535
Fitzroy - New club Pub Scrabble
1st Wednesday of the month - 7pm-10pm
Boardies Bar, 189 Smith Street, Fitzroy
Nick Ivanovski - 0412 175 251 - nicksfbemail@gmail.com
Geelong ~ Sat 1.30pm ~ Marlene Ellis ~ 5275 0363
Golden Age (Mt Waverley) ~ Wed 9.30am-3pm ~ Lynne
Goodinson - 0402 164 329
Greensborough Wednesday 1-4pm ~
Marisa Nuccitelli ~ 9459 4529
Langwarrin ~ Tue 1-4pm ~ Alan Burn 0407 524 797
Maldon - (new club) 1st Saturday of the month
Maldon Athenaeum Library
Tina Fratta - 0437 094 469
Mt Martha ~ Tue 1pm ~ Marjorie Barnes ~ 0402 081 466
Paynesville ~ Tues 10am ~ Sylvia Galloway ~ 5156 7443
Rosanna ~ 2nd & 4th Thurs ~ 6.30pm ~ Watsonia
Library ~ Rob Hutchinson ~ 0407 533 525
Surrey Hills ~ Tuesdays fortnightly - Judith McNaughton
~ 0447 387 493
Warburton - 1st Saturday of the month - 1pm-4pm
Lay-Hoon Ng ~ 0408 802 207
Watsonia ~ Wed 12-3pm ~ Angie Winkler ~ 9439 1634.
Welshpool ~ Mon 7pm ~ temporarily closed
Wodonga - Mon 4pm-6pm - Luke Breen - 0424 841 438

Western Australia (area code 08)

Albany ~ Mon 9am -Jane Taylor ~ 0429 448 666
Bassendean ~ Wed 9am ~ Anne Stewart ~ 0410 346 849
Darlington ~ Tues 9am ~
Carmelita Maxwell ~ 0415 183 545
Floreat ~ Tues 12.30pm ~
Wendy Naunton ~ 0411 824 502
Hammersley (Tues) ~ 1pm ~ Joan Dye ~ 0400 761 356
Hammersley (Sat) ~ 1pm ~ Mike Clarke ~ 0438 606 617
Mandurah ~ Wed 8.30am ~ Marj Fisher ~ 9581 6852
Manjimup ~ Wed 1pm ~ Pat Parkinson ~ 9771 2882
Melville ~ Mon 10am ~ Rosie Anghie ~ 9450 6856
Nedlands ~ Tues 9.30am ~ Chris Hassell ~ 0428 846 325
Perth ~ Thurs 9.30am ~ Anne Stewart ~ 0410 346 849
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Vera Ruddick ~ 0438 803 823

MAGNIFICENT SEVENS

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with part of speech and hook status
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Results Roundup

ACT

12.11.2022 ACT Championship

OPEN: 1 Rael Hayman; 2 Karen Richards; 3 John Spaan; **HG** Karen Richards 545; **HW** John Spaan **DEDUCES** 97

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26.11.2022 LAKE MACQUARIE SPRING

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B: 1 Sharon Sorensen; 2 Margaret Berliner; 3 Natalie Tadday; **HG** Margaret Berliner 515

C: 1 Rene Chelton; 2 Liz Jackman; 3 Kathryn Tiffen; **HG** Krystyna Batten 495

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OPEN: 1 Tony Hunt; 2 Ronnie Bennett; 3 Rod Talbot; **HG** Ronnie Bennett 648; **HW** John Spaan **REDUCING** 185

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OPEN: 1 Bob Jackman; 2 Joanne Craig; 3 Esther Perrins; **HG** John Holgate 643; **HW** Tony Williams **SAGENITE** 136

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A: 1 Cameron Farlow; 2 Jane Taylor; 3 Karrin Henderson; **HG** Cameron Farlow 552; **HW** Cameron Farlow **GEYSERS** 101

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Jan's Jottings

Another instalment of Jan's Jottings appears as an attachment to this main magazine due to its length.

This will only be available in the digital version of ATB.

These jottings are essentially learning aids penned by Jan Serisier, a much loved NSW player who passed away in 2014.



Editor's Note

A few years ago, I hosted a series of Speedy tournaments. They started off unrated but later attracted their own rating system. The first was 10 minutes each on the clock and later amended to 12 minutes each.

On one of these 12 minute games Jan Serisier was my opponent. Towards the end she hesitated and said "I'm not sure if I should play this word, it might not be allowable". I replied that given that choice, which is the lesser of two evils? Having to take it off, or; having regrets later to find it was OK and scored huge.

I should have kept my mouth shut, it was OK and scored hugely. I cannot for the life of me remember the word. All that I can recall is that she beat me with a margin of over 300.

Ratings Snapshot

Top 200 at 21 February 2023

1	David Eldar	2080	68	Kashi Thirisi	1452	135	Keri Heart	1275
2	Chris May	2052	69	Alex Lam	1451	136	Vincent Nguyen	1274
3	Andrew Fisher	2017	70	Susan Rayner	1442	137	Steven Savona	1273
4	Anand Bharadwaj	1982	71	Garth van Vliet	1441	138	Monica Dwyer	1272
5	Edward Okulicz	1928	72	Anne Zion	1438	139	Shirley de Silva	1271
6	Cameron Farlow	1922	73	Dianne Davis	1434	140	Teresa Dean	1270
7	Peter Kougi	1888	74	Jegatheva Jegathesan	1433	141	John Hayes	1267
8	Naween Fernando	1859	75	Sheryl Davidson	1432	142	Susan Roberts	1266
9	Esther Perrins	1851	76	Rob Hutchinson	1430	143	Rob Marotta	1265
10	Trevor Halsall	1821	77	Malcolm McNulty	1429	144	Julie Pampling	1257
11	Russell Honeybun	1793	78	Ivor Zetler	1427	145	Natalie Tadday	1249
12	Daniel Piechnick	1793	79	Darren Chaitman	1422	146	Yvonne Edwards	1246
13	Joanne Craig	1790	80	Justin Moyle	1421	147	Peter Bauer	1246
14	Victor Tung	1777	81	Carol Johnsen	1419	148	Penny Wells	1244
15	Michael Hornung	1775	82	Chris Scholten	1418	149	Peter Griffiths	1242
16	David Vanzyl	1764	83	Antony Kimber	1412	150	Moana Nepia	1241
17	Bob Jackman	1749	84	Angie Pearse	1405	151	Lynne Jarvis	1237
18	Adam Kretschmer	1741	85	Glenys Logan	1405	152	Janet Bau	1237
19	Tim Mason	1722	86	Geoff Shephard	1402	153	Frank Csarics	1234
20	Rod Talbot	1718	87	Ros Wilkinson	1401	154	Margaret Gibson	1234
21	Ryan Sutton	1701	88	Chris Ostrowski	1398	155	Rod Casey	1229
22	Ronnie Bennett	1700	89	Felicity Devitt	1396	156	Margaret Bishop	1220
23	Mythili Rudra	1694	90	Neil McLean	1393	157	Richard Birch	1218
24	Stephen Mooney Pursell	1692	91	Therese Nichols	1392	158	Anne Schick	1218
25	Jane Taylor	1680	92	Trish Brighton	1385	159	John Salmon	1218
26	Andrew Hamblin	1675	93	Roberta Tait	1384	160	Hanne Marks	1217
27	Nick Ivanovski	1666	94	Adam Kauschke	1384	161	Judy Mansfield	1217
28	Rael Hayman	1665	95	Margaret Webb	1377	162	Sue Gergeliffi	1216
29	John Holgate	1663	96	Faye Williams	1374	163	Caroline Polak Scowcroft	1216
30	Wayne Jones	1660	97	Peter Shaw	1372	164	Owen Randall	1210
31	Rocky Sharma	1657	98	Kerry Constable	1369	165	Barbara Joffe	1210
32	John Spaan	1642	99	Jyoti Chandna	1367	166	Olga Visser	1207
33	Tony Hunt	1641	100	Jon Ford-King	1366	167	Jeffery Lam	1207
34	Nat Podesser	1616	101	Alex Boiko	1359	168	Karen Woodhead	1206
35	John Hamilton	1615	102	Khen Meerding	1357	169	Khwanjai Thammaping	1202
36	Alistair Kane	1613	103	Helen Metaxas	1349	170	Nancy Sparling	1200
37	Paul Richards	1600	104	Jazzie Dela Cruz	1349	171	Robyn Cameron	1200
38	Sally Martin	1596	105	Jenny Brysha	1346	172	John Linney	1199
39	Noel Barrett	1593	106	Arnold Appelhof	1342	173	Christie Godby	1190
40	Karen Richards	1583	107	Lexie Neale	1341	174	Janine Whittaker	1189
41	Graeme Lock Lee	1580	108	Francoise Finlayson	1336	175	Yvette Copley	1189
42	Trevor Tao	1574	109	Colleen Birch	1330	176	Victoria Gates	1189
43	Geoff Wright	1570	110	Marvi Delfin	1326	177	Cheryl Michler	1186
44	Dianne Brumby	1569	111	Tracey Kneebone	1324	178	Evelyn Goh	1185
45	Ian Ting	1556	112	Lainie Mercieca	1323	179	Tim Walton	1184
46	Tony Miller	1548	113	Barry Harridge	1320	180	Christiane McCann	1182
47	Helen Hynes	1531	114	Susan MacGillivray	1316	181	Kerry Reimers	1181
48	Jane Brown	1526	115	June Valentine	1316	182	John Rider	1179
49	Heather Long	1523	116	Maureen See	1315	183	Kim Grayson	1175
50	Jeremy Yip	1512	117	Margaret Neal	1313	184	Helen Finneran	1174
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56	Howard Rayner	1495	123	Oscar Ivanovski	1307	190	Mardi Healy	1160
57	Alan Burn	1491	124	Martin Waterworth	1306	191	Sylvia Galloway	1157
58	Carmel Dodd	1489	125	Rob York	1306	192	Wendi Symes	1155
59	Julie Brice	1484	126	Jan Hill	1303	193	Cori Lodder	1154
60	Lois Binnie	1482	127	Margaret Griggs	1292	194	Tony Kalayzich	1152
61	Chris Hall	1471	128	Larissa Huxley	1291	195	Vicki Russell	1151
62	Michael Vnuk	1468	129	Hailey Sutton	1289	196	Karyn Crease	1143
63	Tony Williams	1460	130	John Barker	1287	197	Jean Gillespie	1137
64	Greg Pinchbeck	1459	131	Sharon Sorensen	1283	198	Michael Smitheram	1136
65	Antonios Syrigos	1458	132	Jacqui Pearce	1282	199	Oliver Podesser	1135
66	Karrin Henderson	1456	133	Kris Howat	1278	200	Norma Tracey	1131
67	Martin Rose	1452	134	Noel Coulter	1278			

Awkward Strings

Michael Vnuk (South Australia) recently posted about a sign he spotted in Adelaide.



This got him wondering if the YRD element of this sign had any cousins in the lexicon. There are but two words plus their plurals.

Then David Eldar (Victoria) weighed in. He has been compiling lists of what he calls “Strings” of awkward combinations.

“I actually have a full list of ‘strings’, and their respective amount of solutions.

“That is to say, for example, the string UYA has 4 solutions; BUYABLE/S and THUYA/S. Some of these are quite good. Here’s one; there are 3 solutions for RSUN. Two are words that a decent level Scrabble will know, top 3000 probable bingo, and its plural (which has a common word anagram). The other one is a ridiculous 11, that I suppose is guessable? It has 10 million google hits, so it’s probably a thing”.

So David sent in 2 and 3 lists of his strings.

A small sample follows below.

Due to space constraints words containing these strings on later pages will be limited to shorter ones. There may be multiple solutions.

To do your own research in ULU or Zyzzyva or other search apps, go to the PATTERN panel and type in for the first 3 letter example @AAH@ and it will return WAAH.

Group 1 Two Letter Strings

VG	XR	YY	ZJ	ZT	SZ	JJ	JL
ZQ	XD	JS	BZ	CW	TQ	HQ	ZN
WJ	UW	FG	ZC	QS	CB	CP	

Group 2 Three Letter Strings

AAH	BMH	FYD	AJW	JWA	IWR	YAY	BKA
JRI	AKG	YKS	JIA	EUF	OAY	WFR	BUA
PKU	RQA	BYK	XLS	ALX	LXE	CAX	PCI

CEZ	AVT	VTA	SPT	FHU	OBZ	BZA	MCU
CRW	RWT	CYD	FBL	KRS	KTY	NKV	HKY
UCD	CDA	UFU	PFS	UOB	DUX	WAA	CDE
LPY	WFT	EWK	XEA	XEU	FAA	AQI	QIR
FIQ	FJE	XIH	YBY	MDS	UZY	FYK	AIJ
ATV	DXU	SZE	SZY	GRR	RRR	RRL	GUQ
UQI	JJE	JJI	WKL	EJR	YLR	HJI	GTY
OMD	WZA	YGG	PNA	JAF	JEG	JIF	JIZ
GPA	JOM	JYM	JYN	EYK	SZO	AUA	VAF
ZYB	EBK	BKU	HRJ	NUX	RVS	OIP	YFS
AHW	ARX	RXI	GIH	ZUT	DCI	IRZ	XUP
MUH	MUX	MVU	DUJ	XTD	FKE	FTT	MHS
PGE	FOK	UIJ	TBY	TVY	XYN	YEZ	ZEK
DKO	AEE	EEO	EOY	OAH	OJK	JKI	ZHK
IXY	YKU	UKY	WWI	OLJ	LJE	JII	PWN
PZA	QAJ	JAQ	QAP	QIB	QOR	KUI	HML
IOJ	DZA	SAJ	RFW	LZY	WBS	RFY	RVY
XLO	EXV	XVA	LFY	LZY	EQA	IXF	XMO
WWH	OJD	JDS	GDS	FUI	YUZ	WKY	LPN
KPU	BPU	BZE	SUH	SUJ	SYV	AUO	XII
TYB	HTK	NQS	ZII	TUQ	TUZ	WYF	YIY
IYN	AEX	QUH	MFY	NIJ	LFC	FCO	WRU
NYK	IFD	FDA	IVD	DKA	VOZ	ZHD	GYU
RPW	WEX	ILJ	LJA	WUK	WUX	WYC	WYS
IWY	WYG	WYT	XOA	KUZ	YEX	YIB	YUT
ZAW	ZAY						

RDV	RRG	ASV	ABV	CEQ	AEQ	AKV	MSW
WTS	MTM	GDU	EXM	AXX	XXE	RCC	AEZ
RFV	FVE	UFY	MSF	MYW	YXY	ASR	WIX
VGA	VGO	VVO	WMR	YCC	BYF	BYM	GSF
HUV	JRE	JOE	NXR	XRI	AOB	RBW	RMK
NSB	WDK	YYA	HFR	EDQ	EFB	EFW	BIX
ZOQ	NZP	ZPY	RGF	RGM	IBF	OUX	IJW
JWO	GSG	BIW	IZJ	ZJE	IZN	KCU	NCM
IPV	PVE	WBY	WGU	WJO	WZY	JAA	DHR
YSN	OHR	BYX	ONX	OFH	OKF	OKP	OMK
SSD	MRY	WLF	XBA	XFU	OXK	XKE	OKR
XRO	OYK	AEH	KKY	MSS	EFN	TZS	ZSK
MHI	KWH	HLW	LNB	DTS	BUQ	UQS	QSH
RRF	USG	SUU	UUT	BUV	UYB	UZK	ZZC
ZCU	ZZS	ZSA	ZWO	BDR	CSP	HDS	MPG
OEW	EIU	HPH	EIB	LKP	OIX	AOT	AUQ
EKF	FCH	OVN	HIY	MPD	CYX	CWE	NUU
OKH	OLN	PYF	IIF	OTQ	HSU	VYN	ABG
ZYW	WCU	SSJ	CSA	YGN	IDZ	SYU	EVL
DHY	KCI	GOX	DLS	MII	OGV	GVA	OSR
OOW	WFN	GSV	TDY	CTW	DUH	UHK	HKH
LSV	MBB	MMK	MKO	DUY	UYK	RFN	CBL
GGB	GGF	GGN	GGP	HTV	KPH	KPW	XIR
LMW	GYS	GNC	VOQ	RLK	RPM	EUB	UCY

SII	HMJ	VEJ	EVZ	VZO	XSO	HLB	FAJ	LTJ	GCH	GSU	HKN	HYW	WOI	OIW	LFK
CYV	MHA	UXB	FEZ	IOQ	LMD	NNM	ZZG	FSB	KGI	UDJ	WYV	HRZ	YAQ	AQO	QON
FJO	EXW	IXW	UOX	UVO	UXG	YSW	GXD	YIL	OZU	YUG	RZU	ZUE	FIU	KKU	ZYP
THG	WLP	XGL	XSK	AWZ	ULH	ZZT	ZTO	ZUP	ZYD	ZYT	ZYZ	YZZ	ZYV		
FYL	YLF	FYN	IJI	NZF	ZFE	ASF	OCN								
AZP	MCL	RZT	ZTR	RLF	RLH	GJE	LUH								
UHW	YOX	GOZ	PEV	SSQ	OSZ	WNU	RUY	DZU	WLD	AHC	AAP	DOH	OFN	EKW	JUA
NIY	GUC	FWE	GWY	YMK	MKH	YRF	TTJ	NYP	NYR	PUY	ASD	MNY	VYZ	XEB	LZA
FNI	JJA	FPA	LUJ	RMD	NPF	AUY	UYN	AUJ	BIH	DSF	WGE	WLL	XLA	OYH	AKP
VDO	WKM	VYH	VYW	LPD	PDE	XAV	XOK	YOZ	GSE	HRS	QAS	UYA	UZU	YRN	BYZ
GHV	OII	NDQ	OPF	WLR	VNY	MHU	XYZ	LZO	APC	RHS	HIH	UMJ	LBY	GII	OOE
YDY	MNB	PNU	IJT	JTI	NKJ	KJE	NNK	CII	WTR	WFO	JEV	PSF	CUV	CWT	WTC
NQI	QIL	IVS	VYL	JAE	GDW	LSB	WCR	MMS	AFB	GNF	SKB	JEB	FTP	HKO	YKO
JEF	JEI	GJI	IMJ	PIJ	DHP	HNB	JOJ	SYG	ECZ	CZE	EKU	RYU	AOI	XYE	RYH
OUY	UWS	AMK	AOK	TYD	DMU	IDV	GUH	WGH	XEE	XST	IXU	LUY	CSO	MGE	EVS
KUY	UYU	LLJ	HUH	OBK	TUH	YKY	WIA	UJE	WCI	WGA	BBS	NKG	BSM	HUJ	GYO
EUZ	GSS	KUF	KUK	UKR	MKU	SAA	ASZ	RYK	UMT	GUP	GYE	YNN	RSB	AOM	VDA
CMU	MPP	CEJ	GSY	NZK	ZKN	AOD	AOG	VYS	KUV	IJR	CTZ	ODJ	ZEW	MDE	FFK
UWI	AXN	AFC	AFH	AFM	FMO	AFW	NSR	YDN	YXB	MNL	IHR	OFY	ZWE	JHA	JNA
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There are many more in David's List

A short sample of solutions appear over the page.

Records 2023 so far...

High game score	616	Alex Lam 616 against Hailey Sutton 320 at 07.01.2023 JANBOREE
Large game margin	358	Noel Barrett 610 against Ivor Zetler 252 at 07.01.2023 JANBOREE
High drawn game	0	<i>yet to record</i>
High combined score	960	Rael Hayman 492 against John Holgate 468 at 07.01.2023 JANBOREE
High average score	492.0	(7 games) Nick Ivanovski at 08.01.2023 AESTIVAL 2023
High average spread	104.9	(7 games) Nick Ivanovski at 08.01.2023 AESTIVAL 2023
High losing score	468	John Holgate 468 against Rael Hayman 492 at 07.01.2023 JANBOREE
Long winning streak	0	<i>yet to record</i>
High word	167	ADMITTED: Noel Barrett at 07.01.2023 JANBOREE
High opening score	0	<i>yet to record</i>
High play, not bonus	0	<i>yet to record</i>
High play, not triple triple	0	<i>yet to record</i>
Long word	0	<i>yet to record</i>
Many bingos	0	<i>yet to record</i>
Many consecutive bingos	0	<i>yet to record</i>

String Samples

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Michael Vnuk's **YRD** solutions are **FYRD(S)** and **MARTYRDOM(S)**

David Eldar's **RSUN** solutions are **COUNTERSUNK** and **AFTERSUN(S)**,

Some random strings and sample solutions follow. Many may have multiple results. And many have very unlikely 10-15 letters.

IJW = **BIJWONER(S)**

CTW = **DUCTWORK(S)**

VG = **AVGAS(S)** plus an 11 & 12

UW = **VROUW(S)**

WU = **WUD(U(S), WULL(S), SWUM, WUXIA(S))**

UCY = **SAUCY, GAUCY, SPRUCY, EUCYLIC**

HTV = **EIGHTVO(S)**

ANF = **PANFRY, MANFUL**

SUU = **BUSUUTI(S)**

UHO = **TAUHO(S)**

ZWO = **BUZZWORD(S)**

XVA = **SEXVALENT**

BUV = **BUVETTE(S)**

CYX = **COCCYX(ES)**

LKU = **WALKUP(S)**

OKV = **STOCKVEL(S)**

YRB = **MYRBANE(S)**

AJW = **AJWAN(S)**

QAP = **QAPIK(S)**

UYK = **DUYKER(S)**

SIW = **SIWASH, WYSIWYG**

IDZ = **DAIDZEIN(S)**

ALX = **CALX(ES), FALX**

LKP = **CHALKPIT**

ZSL = **VIZSLA(S)**

IVD = **VIVDA(S), YRIVD**

UUT = **BUSUUTI(S)**

TZS = **BRITZSKA(S)**

RLK = **ERKLING(S)**

MMB = **DUMBELL(S)**

OYK = **BOYKIE(S)**

IYN = **TYIYN(S), TIYN(S)**

HPH = **PHPHT**

QSH = **BUQSHA(S)**

EIB = **CEIBA(S), MEIBOMIAN**

ZJE = **BIZJET(S)**

The situation in Australia at the moment is very fertile for the growth of Scrabble.

Covid made it very hard to stage face-to-face activities but we've moved past that.

We have a successful model of after school Scrabble clubs which can be rolled out across the country.

The missing element to the equation is willing volunteers to step in and guide the children as to how to play the game.

Teachers can't do it. Parents can't do it - alone.

If we are to grow the ranks of Scrabble players here, existing players who know the rules, know the scene will need to play a more active role rather than just playing amongst themselves.

So if you are an "older Australian" Scrabble player and you'd like to make your mark on

the Scrabble world, once you've accepted that maybe you've missed your chance to be world champion, why not consider being a local champion and team up with at least one more like-minded person and share the joy of the game with future generations.

You will gain the support of parents and teachers who are acutely aware that literacy and numeracy are key pillars of education.

Learning Scrabble is probably more consistent with these educational objectives than any other game or sport.

And you and your young protégés will be able to link in with the existing Youth Scrabble community in Australia.

And you never know, you might discover and help develop a future champion.

Kids need the opportunity – older Aussies Scrabble players can provide it.

Appointment of Australian Youth Coach

I am pleased to report that we have found and appointed a suitable candidate for the role of Australian Youth Coach.

This position was created to fulfil the role of assisting those young Scrabble players who have demonstrated commitment to the game to the extent that they have fulfilled the requirements to represent Australia at the WESPA Youth Cup.

It was also created to underline the importance of supporting young players in recognition that they will lead the game into the future.

The successful candidate is Rael Hayman from Sydney.

We welcome Rael to this role.

We want young players, and prospective young players, their parents and teachers to know that they are supported in helping them achieve their Scrabble goals, whether it is working towards Masters, or just learning the game, having fun and playing with their peers.

Initial inquiries should be directed to me and then I can point people in the right direction and ensure that they have every opportunity

to link in to the existing Youth Scrabble community in Australia.

Here's a link to Scrabble Australia's WYC page showing current status of rated junior players in Australia

<https://www.scrabble.org.au/ratings/selective/2023WYSC.html>

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This is a crossword where the clues can be solved by the Straight method or as a Cryptic. The solutions are the same which ever way you choose. The solutions are on page 24.

Straight clues

Across

- 1 Large NZ insect (4)
- 5 One who disappears quickly (8)
- 9 Homo sapiens (5)
- 10 Chopping tool (3)
- 11 Turkish term for a non-Muslim (6)
- 12 Arabian shrub (3)
- 13 Million tons of TNT (7)
- 17 Show to be untrue (5)
- 18 Crease (4)
- 19 Worship as a god (5)
- 20 Plays dance music (5)
- 22 Exist (2)
- 23 16th letter of the alphabet (2)
- 24 An island (arch.) (2)
- 25 Hypothetical force (2)
- 26 Irish expression of sorrow (5)
- 27 18th letter (2)
- 28 Near (obs.) (2)
- 29 Petty criminal *4)
- 30 Small ornamental mats (7)

Down

- 2 Expression of surprise (2)
- 3 Pull (3)
- 4 Male friend (3)
- 5 English measure of land (8)
- 6 Head covering (3)
- 7 Former spouse (2)
- 8 Told a story (9)
- 13 Musical note (2)
- 14 Scottish word for eye ((2)
- 15 Antonym of on (3)
- 16 To harass (3)
- 19 Scottish word for die (3)
- 20 Large wine bottle (5)
- 21 Hawaiian tree (3)
- 22 Exceptional people (8)
- 23 Musical instruments (6)

Cryptic clues

Across

- 1 Moisten a big bug (4)
- 5 Van hires strangely disappear (8)
- 9 A person can hush up many a noise, for a start (5)
- 10 Delete a tool (3)
- 11 Experience nostalgia ourself, hidden from an infidel (6)
- 12 Sounds like a feline stimulant (3)
- 13 Not game to explode lots of TNT (3)
- 17 Contradict sound, that is (5)
- 18 Down the muck into the pot, Pokerface (4)
- 19 I defy broken idols (4)
- 20 Beginners welcome at the dance school. Styles include jazz, ula, kalbelia, eisa, salsa and more (5)
- 22 The elementary four exist (2)
- 23 Legume, less one, is 16th (2)
- 24 Short oersted (2)
- 25 Hoodoo surrounds life force (2)
- 26 Irish lament over tailless Liverpool area (5)
- 27 Gutless thespian has a capital little rock (2)

- 28 Close to a big apple (2)
- 29 Conman returns important people (4)
- 30 Weirdly idolise place mate (7)

Down

- 2 He went up. Really? (2)
- 3 Walk wearily, without a mixed wine, backs a tummy (3)
- 4 My friend has an odd armpit (3)
- 5 Rats! Give out land measures (8)
- 6 AGFG laurel, chef hearts it too (3)
- 7 Old beau marks the spot (2)
- 8 Told a story and checked the score (9)
- 13 Omit overtime, a third scale (2)
- 14 Scottish tool for scrutiny, indeed (2)
- 15 Burn out of building staging and turning back (3)
- 16 Harass the unholy for three seconds (3)
- 19 Die, Scots river delta (3)
- 20 Tom's rival is a bit potty (5)
- 21 King of Austria opened a Hawaiian tree (3)
- 22 Amazing vitrifiers (8)
- 23 Catch 22 island cut short by musical instruments (6)

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Crossword Solution

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How did you go? This is the solution to the crossword on earlier pages.

Straight or Cryptic, this is what your grid should look like.

This also the board of the final game of the 2022 Australian Masters between Naweem Fernando (469) and Trevor Halsall (449).

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Here is another instalment of Jan's Jottings. These jottings are essentially learning aids penned by Jan Serisier, a much loved NSW player who passed away in 2014.

The Souter & the Elfs (Part 1)

This is the first of a two part excursion into words that are already a front S-Hook or which take an S-front hook, written in Jan's inimitable style.

We didn't hawm and mouch about. We swinked, like good sprogs.

I prigged some oca out of somebody's erf, and a teddy out of a sprog's pram,

but Luz sayed I shouldn't ov stown things, so we just prigged stuff like tuff and sallee, which we found in a swaly allee.

Neath a spurge was somebody in a sundress, and somebody in a state of undress. To get a cion of the spurge Luz had to sned and smug it, to small it a bit. It was full of uberous sposh. Luz smugs well. She used to crape people's hair. She was a hair styler.

Luz found a shippo caup with a hippo on it. Although it had no steil it was utile. She filled her caup with weet tash and sheuched a cion of savine in it, just a syen or seyen. (Syen and seyen and cion and scion all sound like sighin'). The sobole would soon tiller. Yes, it would tellar quite easily if she kept it weet. She would then sheugh it in an oaker pot for her anguine visitor, who orra takes a scandent slither up her bathroom wall.

We trode on a tench and slaid all ower the place. We could ov slived and slove and sliven and slaid ower a krans and down a calp heuch, into a weel, with nary a lipper to mark our entry. Somebody would have had to seine us out and lay us on some oaken stemples, coured in sego, before sliving us over a krans and into the spumy ocean.

We seased the tench and malled it. We swunged it and sprattled with it.

We were cerned it might only be slooming, but when we stimed closely, we scerned it was only a sparling. It was so niffy a sora or scowrie wouldn't even ov et it. And a scamel wouldn't have given a maik for the smaik.

"We should sappale and scur our niffy hands, from the stench of the tench" I said.

"Ecco!" Luz ared. "Stanks. We can scur our niffy hands in these stanks. Ecco! Spartan partans and spoots. What sonce!"

We were seely to find an old sagene and spontoon, so we seaned.

"Have you ever had shad?" I speered of Luz.

"Yes. It prees of squill. Ick! And I scunner cunner, too. It's suberous."

We hoped to kep some sauger, but Luz kepped a scup in her cup, in the stank. We would have done better to skep bees or poot partridges, but then Luz dropped her kell in the weet water. When she seaned it out there was an argus in it.

Nary a laker did we kep. Lakers live in lakes where you sniggle for murry eels when it's smurry. We waded in the sump and sposh, on scatches. Luz was the better stilter, such is her portance, but I trow we both looked like skulls who prog. Where the water shauls, we saw the smeaths and smews, so we collected their alary parts.

We found a pitten pebble that looked like a pumy. We tride to skyte the pumy across the slatch, and nearly hit a sord. We did real skimmers with the pumy. It stoited across the slatch. Stoit! Stoit! Stoit! Styte! Styte! Styte!

There were strammels everywhere. They weren't the strammels you ensile: they were the strammels they give you at McCratch's. We didn't know who might have spitten in them, so we got one from a caff with our pina jus.

Luz had a shive of spodium, just a scliff of it, so she scarted it off with a tacket and labelled it.

The scaff in our spence included some peanuts so we shelled them and sheeled them and shaled them and shealed them. We cantled them between us.

I sheeled and shelled some. And Luz shaled and shealed some.

At that stage we hadn't found a sheiling or a shealing, but were doing pretty well on the shealing and shaling, and shelling and sheeling. The scowries and scamels et the sheals and shales and shells and sheels.

We also had a sunket of senvy. It made us feel seik. People must han thought we were wapping scumber. We smoyled at the thought. It kittled our fancy.

Altern we sprent and sparged a tourie of stannate and tannate

and other sodic specimens from the saltern, like pectate. There was no odium from the sodium, but there was from the ham. We spalled a collop of ham from a shote, but not the saim. Saim becomes really hore when it stales. It made us want to spit and spet and spawl, so we did: we spitted, spat, spet and spawled until we had spitten ourselves illy. We also had a bit of a problem wapping the olein. It was olid, and a bit weet for wapping.

Our aunter was sich fun. Seld have I had sich fun. It was a real aunter.

We stimed into every swallet, with a tead, for spial. We scerned a rabbit in a swallet, so we kepped it in our sagene as it spanged out, then cut off its scut and labelled it. We also cut off his spuddy puddy for our collection.

We saw a skart on a kart and a cooter on a scooter. They tride to scorse each outhur down the allee. We couldn't kep them. They were too swith. They were very swithe indeed.

All our shives and scliffs of stuff were sprent with sand, so we sat at a utile table neath a swaly sallee and sprad everything out. We wanted to aline them all then cribble through them. We had so much stuff and tuff we had to skail it down. I hote Luz to prent the labels because I can't write sunwise. Then we sticked the labels on, with a stich for each one.

Luz was stong by a pindling little midge that sprong onto the table.

It stended and stotted across the table, ettling to sair her, so I smote it for her, with many stucks of my spontoon. Yes, I sharped my spontoon and smote it.

I had to stroy it for her.

You should ov seen me smight it. Umph! She sware and sware and sware.

"Uds!" she screamed "God save us!"

"Don't pudder, Luz. It will be OK."

"Sha! Hoo! Ick! Losh! Soho! Ugh! Umph!"

"Don't use that disgusting slanguage on me, Luz, and don't sab and sugh into your tela like that", I sayed. "Stap it! Stoppole it! It surely can't stang as much as all that, pindling little smidge that it is."

She was filled with snit. But then she looked pouty, and her eyes were all spouty.

"I don't swither that it akes, Luz,"but outhur you get on with it or I'll have to give you a smatch on the natch, you naughty

sprog. In fact, I'll sowl you and swinge you. I'll tonk you one, right in the kyte. Get ower it."

"But it's sae sair, Jann. It akes. It stangs. It's really stanging. You are a squit, Jann. You sneap me. And don't smerk. Why do you skoff me?"

She was really snippy. Her startly eyen strouted. Her eine were all weet.

"Ick! Losh! Umph to you! I scunner you."

"For one so tonish, you stonish me, Luz. You stonne me. You really stoun me. Let's stell this tyte or our friendship will steme. We are a teme. We must steem ane another.

Poor Luz stramped off. She traiked around, having a smeek, waiting for a stonk of midges to sperse. When they had sperst I perst the one that had saired her again, with a stoccata of my sharped spontoon.

We swashed into that cratch for nout, McDonald's, to coff a caup of coffee, like posh snabs...you know...the acred haves, in our seric sulus,

to snick a spoon and a plastic ulu, to wear like a spontoon.

To make a spart we strigged and scutched some shooks and stricks.

Every shook and strick we withed. We smugged the spart and smalled it so that it was shope just like a witch's swits spart. Because it was a swits broom it was switchy and very trig, we thought. Nobody smugs and sneds as well as Luz does. She used to crape people's hair. We sooped the table with the spart.

We had the sonce to soop up a ladybird. It looked like a little argus or cooter, so we labelled it argus and cooter, of course, of scourse. The argus looked good next to the sargus.

Avant 9am Luz finds the world somnific. After that she is omnific. She found some sherds that looked like lammer. She traiked around, straiiking the lammer, snodding it with her puddy to make it shere. She wanted to fossilise some crotal in it. Traiiking and straiiking, she was. Snodding it. So omnific.

With a spoot we scarted and scrabbed at some crotal on the sparry schiller on the spumy foreshore for Luz's lammer.

We used our own ackers for currency samples. We cantled it into coins and some siller.

As scops we were omnific:

sen, sene, yen,

lit, paul, maik,

ticky taler

obole, siller,

pence, schilling, merk

Tang! Tanging bell.

Moggy's in the wellhead.

Why's she not right in?

Because she's a swellhead.

We wanted to smiddy and swage a shan and a shand from bottle tops, but the schouts of the sheading have the toun so spick and span.

"Scutter along now, ladies", said a parkie. "Take your hammers, you shammers, and swage elsewhere. We don't allow shans or shands to be swaged in this sheading."

We didn't feel like scan. We wanted skrans, so we et at a hun joint, on scraw, overlooking a heathy scaw.

"I wiss it wasn't so hot", I said. "I'm swelting."

We didn't want to sweal or sweet or swelt in the sun, and it would have been stivy inside. We were pecky, but the table was specky. The seater started to posh our table with a shammy.

"If it's samen to you, as eaters, we would hade towards the shade".

So the seater shawed us to a swaly table, under an allee of spurge. The shays were coured in spink scumber.

"It doesn't smatter", said Luz, who likes her S front hooks to be utile. "We're only in our old trossers. We've been seaning."

The seater was scranny and hipless: nothing curvy about her. She wore a slimpsy sundress and pinny. She was limpsy. And lipless. She suggested haddock with shaddock sauce and kail salad, or scampi.

"The scampi goes well with our soaves", she said.

"Soaves?" "I thought. "That mithers me. I'm addled. How unket! Soaves with skrans? In a hun caff? Why not schnapps? Or schnaps, maybe?"

"Do you suggest the smolt or sprog?" I speered. "The deep sea smolt, with just a smidge of teil jus?"

"Not if ich were dich", said the seater, in hun talk. "Our sice forgot the ice, and on sich a scouter of a day, it niffs. Anyway, the scullion told me it's not really smolt or sprod. It's only sparling. It's sparling goulash, thickened with samp. I would be haded towards the shote trotters and squill goulash if ich were dich...served, of course, of scourse, with kail."

"Ick!" screamed Luz. (Luz is haded to forget her public portance at times.)

The seater wared us that anything fleishig will turn hore on sich a swelting day. Nevertheless, Luz ordered smeath schnitzel, with tater crumps, urds and a shallot. It was served with hallot to spall. (She didn't want two shallots or she might think you can have two hallotS-)

"I sall just have a pina smalt milk shake, please."

"Not if ich were dich. Anything milchig is haded to lapper when it sweals,

especialy when our sice forgets the ice."

We were about to choose from the soaves, but decided on meath, which is best drunk lew, even when it sweals. The sice was right. The meath went well with smeath schnitzel. He, his selfhood, would have haded towards curried marten, with poppadums, and a side dish of squill.

The smeath was corious, but when we preed the meath it preed porty,

so we didn't scant or scantle it. We spread. I think we might have had trop. We had had a scouth of meath. We were lushy and feeling quite quare. I started to swee and swey all ower the place.

We saved some teel, samp and icker that was sprent on the hallot and wapped it in Gladwrap.

Sitting back in our shays, under a hule, we looked sporty. It was a scouter of a day. We should have had sunbonnets. A teamer toited up to us, with his swarty mate, who was up on scatches.

"Ave!" said the teamer. "Me name's Herry Cooper, but you can call me Sama."

"I'm Luz. And I'm from the sunbelt", Luz drawled.

She was behaving unket. I was cerned. She might be sunstruck. Or lushy. She should not ov started parling with them. I was just the pathic in all this.

Nary a simplex passed my lips.

The warty swarty one soon speeled down from his scatches when Luz started to wapper her eyelashes at him.

"G'day!" he said to her, snelly holding out a puddy. Strouting out of his thumb was a scute. It was shope like a skart. In case you should swither it was a skart, he had a moko of a skart on it.

"Me name's Eric Harper, but you can call me Saim. Do you stilt? Would you like to coff some scatches? Or a stillage?"

Saim was only a tich, but very spuddy. He had styes in both eyes. He really should tye them, with stannate. He pulled out a sepic prent in a siller stillage.

"Genu-ine siller. Swaged in 1703. Want to coff it?"

"And where do you usually smouse your wares?" I speered with great sdaine.

"Me eme had a staw at the marts, but naw langer. He wasn't paying stallage so they put him in the slammer for slanging. Damned good smouser he is. He shules me in sharking. Want to coff some genu-ine tackets and sparables that convicts were shodden in?"

Luz offered them a shay. Why, I have no idea. I was just the pathic.

"Swaged in 1805. See the shoer's initials? Convicts' tackets and sparables are rare."

Luz was stiming closely. She actually coffed them, for \$65.

"But Jann, they are important sunkets. Sparables and parables, and tackets and stackets. Get it? We now have some genu-ine tackets and sparables."

Herry and Saim had a hambled shough with them. The cur needed a good scur. The shough's pell smelt of lant. Sae did they.

"And what's the shough's name?" Luz speered.

"We dunno yet. We only just stown it."

"Yeah" said Saim. "We're about to hough it."

"Why would you hough shoughs?" Luz drawled, with daine.

"We race 'em. Against cooters. Ower behind the shule scogshed."

I nearly slove off my shay. It gave me a sinky feeling in my tum. The shough was screaming lurry. One could sensate its sorra.

"Heuch! Sheuch! Haugh! Shaugh! Heuch! Sheuch! Haugh! Shaugh!"

"Hough, shough, your sel", said Herry, and gave it a skelp with a clave that Luz was about to coff, along with some siller earrings set in sard.

The steres offended my stapes, poor mut. When it wasn't screaming the shough was scarting and scrabbing itself, snelly, as though it was eager to molt.

Luz actually straiiked it. Smoiling, she was. She straiiked it's tinty scopulas.

"Witchy-switchy-moggy," she curred. Curr! Curr!

"Don't pur like that, Luz. It's not a moggy, it's a shough, and go and scur your hands. It's probably got spavin or sweeny".

"Shoughs don't get spavin and sweeny, Jann. Only prads."

She threw it a hore collop of shote, but a pink spink hented some of it and et it.

"When shote sweals and sweels and swelts in the sun it can make shoughs seik, Luz".

And that's what the shough did, poor mite. He was seik, on Saim's shoon. It smelled. And they didn't have a scooper.

These guys had been on the scrumpy and smelled hoppy. Luz speered what they did. They said they were saids. The couther ane, Herry, who was wearing an izar, said he was a sizar, and a slane in his spare time.

"If you're a sizar, how come you're driving that souped truck?" Luz speered.

"It's me Eme's", he said. "He's a teamer. He's always souping it."

Herry was chewing a halm, like it was a strammel. He was also chewing siris, which, I trow, is what saids orra do.

Saim was just a warty, swarty smouser: a slanger. He had a scopula on one swart cheek, and was coured with mokos of girls with swires. On his scopulate kyte he had a moko that smoyled when he styred. It lippered. He shewed Luz. His implexes were lippering. The moko had an earing in its nares, but the earing was really in his kyte noop. The less said about the status of his tatus the better.

His hair was spirated and nowed. He took out some olein and started to teer it into his scaup. His spirated and nowed hair was like an olid skepping rope.

"May I speer whether saids write sunwise?" drawled Sunbelt Luz.

Herry looked it up in the ordo he was carrying in his izar.

"Noop", he said, closing his ordo. "It's unwise to write sunwise."

Saim was wearing a shere skeen, in a sheathy spurge stele.

"And may I spier for what reason that skeen is utile, Saim?" she speered.

"Ugh? I don't hent what you're saying. Where did you say you were from?"

"I'm from the sunbelt. May I speer whether that ensate spontoon is utile?"

"Ugh! Sorry. I don't hent you. I can't sorb your accent."

"May I both spier and speer whether I should avoid you in the mirk?"

"Ugh? I can't sorb what you saine."

"Is your weapon for slaughter, young man?"

He stimed inside his trossers, then smoyled at her.

Herry was weeting himself laughing. He nearly slove off his shay. "No, it's not for slaughter. It's for laughter", he said. "Shaw them."

"Oh! Me ulu?...*snook*...No. Me Dad prigged it off a dead... *snook* ... Eskimo...*snook*...It sures that I'm safe in a...*snook*... cuffle."

His nares were all wat.

"Mate, do you have to snook like that in front of the ladies? Where's your tela? You're neezing, too. All over the lady from the sunbelt."

"Me tela? Oh, yeah. We learnt that in shule. It's a spider's wab.

"Show the ladies a slinter or two with your ulu?"

"Naw. It's a bit snubby at the moment. I need to sharp it."

"What about some slinters with your spudder on that hule over there?"

"Naw. Me spudder's snubby, too. I used it in a bit of a cuffle last night. It's got somebody's sera all ower it. I'll have to sapple it."

Instead, Luz showed him a slinter with her linter. She used it on his speals, for scurf. Then she shewed him his scurf, on her linter.

"Ecco!" she said, stoiting and styting up and down with happiness. "There are smidges of midges in it. Ecco!"

Herry couldn't really stime closely at his scall and scurf on her linter until he put an arm around her spaul. Their heads were serred. I could see midges doing a salto from Saim's scaup onto Luz's.

He was in her wab. I didn't know whether she was the eductor or the seductor. Maybe he was the selectee and she was the electee.

Their eyes were spathic. Soon she would speel onto his lap. They would sease ane another and start smouching. She was lushy. And he was an aris hole. The situation was strophic.

His shoon had never seen catch. They had sharn and stour all ower them.

From my spial, he had pial problems. He was slee and slummy and a bit of a simp. And when he spoke he was even sleer. But Luz thought he was so lummy she nearly had a swound. (I was all ready to pass her the smelling pectates.)

He told her he had a scrotal problem. He wanted to shaw her where his ettles lay, I trow. He started to stoit and styte things around a bit in his trossers.

It made his smoyling moko look somber when he lippered his kyte.

Luz's eyen were strouting. They were standing out on halms. Mine were gazing at the ansa lest I had a swound my sel. My nares flared. I had had a nuff. We should not be cumbered with these cullions.

How could I wain to Luz that she should not shend herself? It was a nuff that she would be parling with them; that she would cant and hade her head and wapper her eyen at this squit. Her eine might be spathic, what sonce, but I was the pathic. In my eine, she had already shent herself. She had slaid pretty low.

She wouldn't want to have slived or slove or sliven any further. She had sliven far a nuff. Before she shent herself any further, I must spean her off him. Tyte.

I must spean her and spain her and spane her, onto a wingman or a swingman. The trew must oot.

"Get a haft on yourself, Luz. He's an aris. Don't take it as a sloan. I simply imply that I don't ettle putting up with this."

She took it as a sloan. Her face turned kelly. But then she started to wapper her eyen at him again. At this rate I would never spean her or spain her or spane her.

"You're squiff, Luz. Why sowse yourself, you owse?" I left the table.

I was talking with the seater, who was cuttling tablecloths. She told me that Herry Cooper, the slane, had simple ords, but was OK. He'd always wanted to be a swaddy with a waddy, but had too many tibial and stibial problems. The army rejected him, but said he could stacket the barracks if he liked. He'd worked in a nailery, swaging tacketts and sparables, then a snailery, where he had to shuck and sheal spoos.

The outhur one, the swarty one, who was very swart indeed, was another kettle of sauger. He was hended on a chout charge. It had gone to leet, before an edile, who had the soke, but it was now before the sudder. He should, in fact, nub, after a toking aunter in Bali, but the ruling was cowped. Yeah, they couped it.

He was always a heller. He helled. He was difficult to shule. Couldn't prent his own name, even though his father smooted for 'The Argus' and wrote all the straplines. His mother, Lily, was a scullion from the wrong side of the traiks, and a well-known sexpert.

There was a matter of peculation, too. He was working for a hafter, Will Schiller, who helved to everybody in toun. Brother Campi, from around at Sant Eric In The Losh, kepped him trying to stash Will Schiller's hafting money.

Brother Campi was an ager, and had trouble with his spauls, but Saim's mum, Lily, said he was the spriest priest she had ever seduced. She said that Brother Campi always said, "Thank you, Marm", and would then sain himself and say "Amen."

Brother Campi had a samen twin who also said 'amen' a lot. He was aine, by ten minutes, so he hote Brother Campi around a scliff. Oftest they visited Lily sam. She always left them with smoyles on their faces: broad smoiles.

As far as Saim's mum was cerned, she didn't care that Saim was kepped.

She was neither mothery nor smothery. She had no sonly association with him.

Saim used to kiddy the swaddlers into believing he was hallower than Brother Campi. He said he was sended from an eme who was saunted: an enate, and orra demanded to sit in the sedile.

As it sae haps, he was stashing away a tourie, to say the least: under the sedile, up in the severy and spyre, and under the ambo. All of it belonged to Will Schiller, the German helver.

At Pam Spink's funeral there wasn't a smoile to be seen. Everybody was looking suitably trig and somber. They had great steem for the lated Pam Spink, the shule marm.

They all shet their eyen. "*Ave Maria coria scoria...*", Brother Campi began. "*...obole sobole stela*".

He was just getting into it when somebody tanged the bell, a bit too sordo.

Somebody should have put some olein in the sordines. A stonk of ackers fell out of the severy. They weighed a tonne: a nuff to stonne you.

Brother Campi nearly shat himself. He was calling on every sant and saunt in the ordo. And then he tride all the saunts in his other ordines. And scrows.

"*...carious scarious et jesus of galilee, et corious scorious luit pam ...*"

There was to be no parable in lurry. Malmy stour came down onto the choir staws. Then the solives. And the pilings and spilings. Spails and spales flew everywhere. They all had calp in their scalps.

Brother Campi's samen twin was no help. He was in the galilee with Lily. The oaken door of the galilee was snebbed, snibbed and snecked: ternal.

"I hete you..." screamed Jack be Swack, the sparkie. "Unbed your sels and unblock this steil or I'll..." But his access to the fusebox was snebbed, snibbed and snecked. He was stoiting and styting around, coured in calp stour, with schillings and taler going tonk! tonk! tonk! on his scaup and speals, telling everybody not to touch any scoria.

There were now no stemples in the temple. Every severy had gone. Sur them they saw clear sunbright: everybody, that is, except Cr Schout, the Toun Clerk, who sloomed on.

The spyre was blown to smithers. It was lying on the long squitch that Herry Cooper, the slane, was supposed to have sneed.

A sord flew into the temple, to swatter around in the laver. Smalt over oaker they were. The scowries had eaten all the hallot on the siller communion tain. There was a bit of a cuffle for the last scliff.

Pam Spink sat up. "Bejesus!" she sware, then lay down again. She did it ternal, like a jack-in-the box. Corses have creaky, squeaky voices, but they can turn up the steres.

The toccata began, but only a surd came out of the staps and stopples. Eld Mr Tung, straight off a koff and new to the sheading, was sweeing around in his pew, having a spew. He was kelly. He was about to have a swound.

"Hoo tang han tung", Mr Tung mumbled through the cammed scopulas on his chin. His carer, Ama, gave him some pectates and propped him up in the sedile.

"Hun tan ting tong hoo hun tung" she smoiled bravely, through her malmy eyelashes. The pectates didn't work so she tride tannates and stannates.

Mrs Poon, who wears two saris, silly aris, was now only wearing ane. The outhur ane was torn sunder, up in the severy somewhere, along with Herry's izar and Nelly Porter's kell. Mrs Poon, her selfhood, was found under the ambo, which was now just spails and spales. Lily, who was on the Temple Guild, was now in the spence, offering the baritones a cupper and some pikelet.

The spintos filled the laver and the siller collection tains and tivy took off with Will Schiller's schillings and taler. In their red capas, they stotted down past the winery and swinery, then hawed into the allee, past the nailery and snailery.

Will Schiller tride to scorse them, on a kart, to scrag their necks, bloody sprogs, but they were behind the shule scogshed, cantling it out, in quints.

Smiddy told Tumpy he could see Mrs Poon's nickers, which were really trossers, and had pink pards all ower them, and that the belated Ms Spink, the shule marm, had cammed her whole face for the occasion.

"Yeah. And her eyen were strouting."

"Did ya see Jack be Swack? Styting around, weeting himself."

"Yeah. And Pam's hair sticked out, too, like somebody had craped it."

"Yeah. And the soras scumbered all ower her oaken box."

Will Schiller had to stell the Schillerhelvungundhaftunggesellschaft all ower again.

Herry'Cooper's dad, the smoot on 'The Argus', put it down to a terrorist attack. His strapline read:

'Terrorists Stroy Sant Eric in the Losh'

'With strophic results, terrorists melled agene, silex and sphene, which was placed in the stele of a spurge, and sheuched in the spyre of Sant Eric in the Losh.'

The next ouk it was a different story.

'St Eric in the Losh Spinto Choir Disbanded.'

It was Brother Campi who got to the bottom of it. They all wanted to miter him. His samen twin was looking quite solein, walking around toun, kicking tufts, with a miter on his scaup.

Saim really tashed and shent himself ower that one. Another six months.

"I scerned your friend's seductive portance towards him. Tell her to ware him. He is a cullion. If he tells her he's a spie and plays the spinnet, she must ware him. It is common knowledge that he has lues, too."

The oiliness of him. The soiliness of him. Such sout! Why would Luz not sensate that he was a cullion? I crine when I think of it. Luz? The pinnet of lummy portance? Out for some sportance with this mob?

Herry and Saim must have thought we were both sexperts. Maybe it was Luz's sunbelt drawl. Maybe she shouldn't ov labelled her spirated quiff 'scopulate'.

Admittedly we looked unket and taggy. We had tags on our serk and sark and middy. On our elbows we wore labelled couters and on our scaup we wore labelled corious kelp. It looked like elfed hair, like Luz had craped it,

so we had tagged our elfed hair 'elfhood capas'. I, my selfhood, thought it was very trig.

Luz had refused to scart and scrab the coria on her scaup for a sample of scall and scurf, so I slashed her arm with a skeen. We now at least had an example of a curf in our collection.

I then sneed a moko of a staggy speeler for myself. First I coured my arm with phene to sapple it. I knew it was going to sair me, so I shet my eine before I perst my arm with a spoot. It stong. It really stanged. I wanted to teer smalt into the curfs then smutch them, but my arm was still too weet from all the phene, so I had a smeek while I was waiting. I ignified myself, quite significantly. I began to smolder. I would be all scarry. Coria were about to sinter with my midddy. I swither that smeek and phene mell.

"It unsuits you, Jann."

"I weeten that Luz. I'm not unblind, you know. Call an ambo, Sambo."

"You should cour yourself with a sunsuit and sunbonnet. You look much better unburnt."

"That's all right, Luz. I'll just say I'm sunburnt."

We wore labels to shew us where our spaul, speal, spule and teres were,

and all their spawls, then put tags on our eine and eyen, but we were going skelly and lost all our eyelashes, because the tags had seeled our eyen. We looked very taggy.

The crab we found was actually called a spartan partan. Luz was wearing it on her midddy.

That smouser, Saim, the smaik, wanted Luz to play uckers with him,

one ene next ouk, for ackers. I tride to scog her by telling her that Saim cogs. The seater had told me. I also told her about the lues, but she had never heard of lues so it didn't bother her.

Anyway, I had already arranged something with a parkie and a sparkie.

"Are you shipless and carless?" speered Herry. "Can we ship or cab you anywhere? I can be your scabby cabby."

The meath was wearing off and Luz didn't shend herself.

"There's no need to be cabbng us. Yes, we are carless. We had a problem with our eduction, but we sall wain ourselves by scow, thank you. We do a lot of scowing. We starn sunwise."

They took off in their towaway of a souped truck, houting and shouting,

with the shough, which they had stown, as their towaway stowaway. They were heiling Luz and blowing smouches, but I was just the pathic. Luz had wanted to scourse phone numbers and addresses with Saim, but he couldn't prent his own name, even though his friend's Dad was a smoot and wrote straplines for The Argus.

"Do you think he will wive me?" *sugh!*

For a minute I thought she said, "Do you think he will swive me?"

"I don't know, Luz. I can't scry, you know,"

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I didn't want him to sombre her or somber her. She was full of sorra.

"What about skat? Would you like to play skat? Or uckers? Or Scrabble?"

Naw. She wanted to soom ower to the skerry to visit an enate: her oom. Her only eme. She had the idea that he is still extant. She shewed me a sepic prent in a stillage, of him in his eld. He had seta all ower his face, which was sere.

"You will moyle your serk and strossers and elfhood if you soom ower to the skerry. And the water is parky. You will be soaked."

I said we should starn ower to the skerry sam, in a koff. Or maybe we could wain ourselves by scow. We could scow. Or catch a lugger. Or a hoveller.

I tried to stap her. But naw, I couldn't stopple her, so I luit her go.

Swith she sended into the spumy surf, her swack spules churning. But until I scerned her coming back it cerned me. It was of great cerne to me. I was hattered.

I sat on a logan in a swire, beside a sluit that runs through the slade into another slood. I listened to the swingbeat of the wingbeat, very cerned. Luz was probably no longer extant, dragged down in a weel.

When she soomed back I saw her swatter about. She was not very swack at all, and watter than you can imagine. She was neither swith nor swithe. Nor was she kelter. In fact, she was spitcher.

She told me there was a stela on the skerry, and a scrine with a scrow to commemorate her oom and her cummer, who was also her kimmer, so we shall call her Kimmer.

The hutting was mostly stown skeg, but the sarking, stemples, pilings, spilings and solives were rotting. Oom was sweir, very sweer. He only scanted for Luz's cummer who was also her kimmer, so they needed somebody who would spile the walls, then parge and secco them; somebody to stope her erf, and somebody to steen it.