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The 2023 Trophy won by Naweem Fernando, his report is on Page 4.

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contributions to next  
issue of **Across the Board**  
**7 August 2023**

## ALCHEMIST CUP

*December 4-8, 2024*

CASPA is pleased to announce the Australian team to play the highly prestigious Alchemist Cup in Jakarta, Indonesia from December 4-8, 2024. Ten countries will have teams of 5 players each contesting 45 games.

The Australian team is Davd Eldar, Edward Okulicz, Chris May, Naweem Fernando and Andrew Fisher.

*- Carol Johnsen ~ CASPA Coordinator*



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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](mailto:richardbirch@me.com)

*The Australian Scrabble Championship returned to Windy Hill in Essendon over the Easter Long Weekend. The overall winner, Naween Fernando shares his experiences.*

## Day 1

The former headquarters of the Essendon Football Club has undergone some significant refurbishment in recent years.

The venue, overlooking the Footy Oval with distant views of the Melbourne CBD would provide ideal playing conditions for almost 100 Scrabblers including tournament officials from across the country over the 3-day marathon.

There was strong representation from all the States including the defending champion and winner at the same venue in 2015, Peter Kougi from Victoria.

Expert tournament Director James Gunner, from South Australia was flown in to direct the event, ably assisted by Barry Harridge at the computers. The event kicked off on schedule despite a few last-minute withdrawals due to illness whilst clocks were promptly started by the Director for one or two late arrivals.

Tea, coffee and some delectable refreshments were served during the morning and afternoon breaks and at least one competitor was overheard saying that they would consider forgoing lunch.

The early leader in the Championship division at the end of Day 1 was Russell Honeybun from WA on 7 wins out of 8, having recently also taken out the South Australian Championships. Peter Griffiths from NSW was the leader in the Plate division at the end of Day 1 also on 7 wins out of 8.

## Day 2

Play would recommence at 9am sharp on Day 2 and consisted of 9 gruelling games. Photos of the various State teams were coordinated around the lunch break and taken by Khwanjai as has now become tradition.

When the dust had settled, the Queenslander, Cameron Farlow having led for most of Day 2, found himself atop of the Championship division leader board on 13 wins out of 17. Keri Heart, another compatriot from

Queensland was leading the Plate division also on 13 wins out of 17, having just pipped Kris Howat, Victoria, 376-370.

## Day 3

Seven games were scheduled for Day 3 which would decide the new Australian Championship and Plate winners. With 8 to 10 players in contention for the Championship, there was some trepidation how the competitors would be matched up with the "Tight Australian Draw", as the underlying logic seemed to be understood by very few.

Early on Day 3, we were greeted by a reporter from the Guardian. Much to our surprise she hung around for a few hours all the way through to the closing ceremony, interviewing various competitors. She had her own tripod so was essentially doing both audio and video coverage of the event on her own. Thanks to this coverage in some degree, we ended up having significant media interest post-event, including various ABC Radio interviews.

As reported in the media, three high scoring words each scoring 194 points, were played in the Championship division: **EDIFYING** (Jane Taylor, SA); **IMPAVING** (Naween Fernando, Vic); **CETERACH** (Andrew Fisher, Vic).

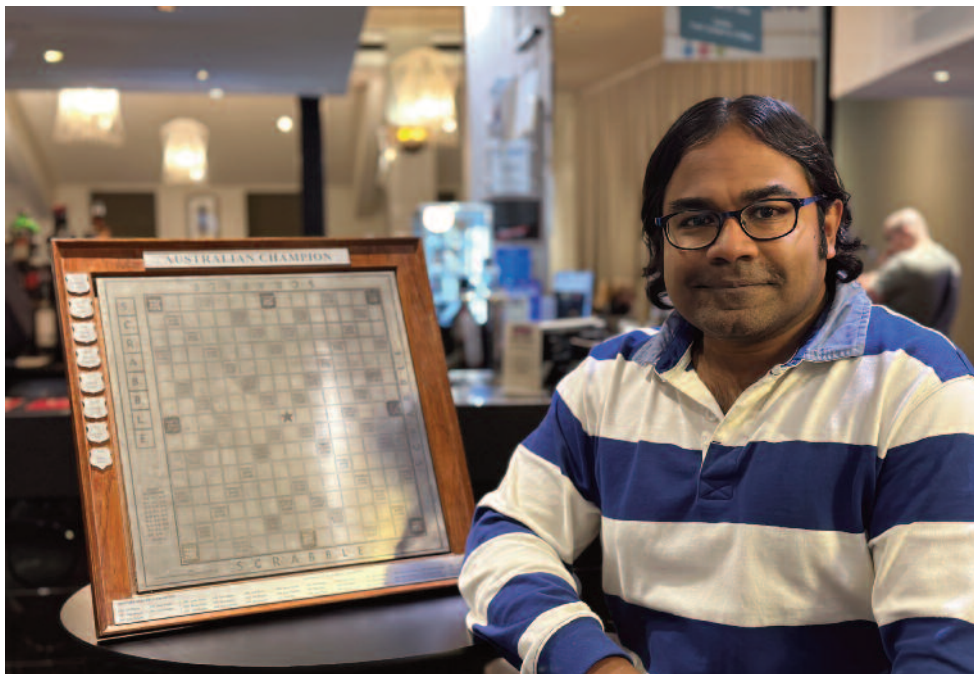
By the end of round 23, the writer had clinched his 4th Nationals title, his last victory coming back in 2010. The Victorian top seeds Andrew Fisher and David Eldar rounded off the minor placings in the Championship division. Meanwhile in the Plate, Kris Howat won 6 out of 7 games on Day 3 to emerge triumphant and round off the quinella for Victoria.

A number of players hung around for a few hours afterwards in the Bar and Bistro for drinks, dinner and tales of hard luck.

Well done to all the volunteers, the Interstate players that continue to support this flagship event, Khwanjai for her excellent photojournalism and Carol Johnsen and the Victorian Committee for running a very successful 2023 Australian National Championship.

*Naween Fernando*





*Above: Naween Fenando, Winner of the 2023 Australian Scrabble Championship  
Below: Kris Howat, Winner of the Plate Division 2023 Australian Scrabble Championship  
Photo Selection courtesy of Khwanjai Thammaping*





**Championship Placegetters**



**Plate Placegetters**







**Team Qld**



**Team SA**





**Team Vic**



**Team WA**

# Around the States

## ACT

### Upcoming Tournaments

Check website for upcoming tournaments.

## New South Wales

*The first quarter of 2023 was a busy one for Scrabble NSW tournament-goers. 8 events were held in seven different locations, four being outside of Sydney. Seven different people gave their time and effort to organise these events for the enjoyment of NSW players, and the NSW committee is grateful to those organisers.*

This time I will be just summarising each event in a table below, noting a few highlights here.

Chris May, battling illness was an emphatic winner in the Matchplay Qualifier, but had to decline participating in the head-to-head playoffs. Tony Hunt's midweek Oatley event was the first in NSW to play with the expurgated CSW22. For Burwood No Frills a compromise was trialled whereby if two players wanted to play without so-called slur words being allowed they could do so.

## Tournament Summary and Achievements

**Wollongong Words** 11th Feb, 8 Games, 42 players: Organiser: Rene Chelton

Divisional Winners:

A Graeme Lock Lee; B Greg Pinchbeck;  
C Caroline Scowcroft; D Owen Randall;  
E Terry Horan

High Rating Gain: Graeme Lock Lee 62  
High Word: Rael Hayman **TRUNDLE** 122  
High Game: Rael Hayman 556  
High Margin: Owen Randall 754

**Loftus Linguists** 19th Feb, 9 Games, 14

Players: Organiser: Pat Schuberg

Winner: Joanne Craig

High Rating Gain: John Barker 35  
High Word: Joanne Craig **CAMPIEST** 167  
High Game: Tony Hunt 544  
High Margin: Joanne Craig 705

**Matchplayer Qualifier** 26th Feb, 9 games, 26

players: Organiser: Scrabble NSW

Divisional Winner:

A Chris May; B Steven Savona;  
High Rating Gain: Greg Pinchbeck 40  
High Word: Chris May **HAVERING** 102  
High Game: Joanne Craig 612  
High Margin: Chris May 558

**Lake Macquarie** 4th March, 9 games,  
20 players: Organiser: Richard Birch

Divisional Winners:

A Joanne Craig

B Pat Schuberg

High Rating Gain: Pat Schuberg 63

High Word: Liz Jackman **WIZENED** 90

High Game: Rocky Sharma 438

High Margin: Joanne Craig 609

**Bomaderry** 26th March, 8 Games, 40 Players

Organiser: Margaret Neal

Divisional Winners: A Noel Barrett;

B John Barker; C Denise Smith

High Rating Gain: John Barker 55

High Word: Noel Barrett **PANELIST** 144

High Game: Joanne Craig 587

High Margin: Monica Dwyer 465

**Oatley** 18th April, 6 Games, 25 Players

Organiser: Tony Hunt

Winner: Rael Hayman

High Rating Gain: Julie Banister 39

High Word: Garth Van Vliet **QUISLING** 108

High Game: Tony Hunt 553

High Margin: Rael Hayman 705

**Wallerawang** 22nd April, 15 Games, 16

players: Organiser: Phillip Hamilton

Winner: Joanne Craig

High Rating Gain: Phillip Hamilton 72

High Word: Peter Shaw **FERNIEST** 149

High Game: Greg Pinchbeck 541

High Margin: Joanne Craig 1138

**Burwood No Frills** 6th May 8 Games, 32

players; Organiser: Scrabble NSW

Divisional Winners:

A Joane Craig; B Josie Mally;

High Rating Gain: John Holgate 45

High Word: Jyoti Chandna **MENTORED** 140

High Game: Jyoti Chandna 575

High Margin: Joanne Craig 626

# VALE KEITH BIOLETTI

*Some of you may not know that Wollongong Words recently lost a much loved and valued member, Keith Bioletti.*

Keith had been a member of our Club for almost thirty years and was at the very first meeting in the early nineties. He was an excellent Scrabble player reaching a mid 1500 rating and was over-represented on our Club Shield winning our annual award many times.

Keith was a warm and interesting human being. Some of us got to know him well during Covid times when the clubs were closed and we met in small numbers at each other homes. In his youth he had cycled (yes cycled) thousands of kilometres around Australia with just a small kit and a sleeping bag. No matter the weather, Keith always cycled to Scrabble Monday nights and Thursday midday.

In his thirties, with the help of AA he showed great courage and willpower to beat an addiction to alcohol and remained dry for the rest of his life. For the past decade, he had nursed both of his parents at his home in their final years and his sick partner showing generosity and compassion not often seen in contemporary times.



He died suddenly, far too soon, of an aneurism on the brain. He will be greatly missed.

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## Upcoming Tournaments

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

Saturday 10th June – Newport Inaugural – Private Home – Limited Numbers

Saturday 24th June – Wollongong – Collegians Football Club

Sat & Sun 15th & 16th July – Winter Masters – Revesby Workers Club - for over 1000 rating

## Matchplay Progress

During the Quarter the late running 2022 Matchplay A Division was concluded with Bob Jackman beating Rod Talbot 6 game to 2 in the best of 11 games final. Earlier Rod had accounted for Noel Barrett and Bob had beaten Ivor Zetler in their semi-finals.

The 2023 Matchplay head-to-head rounds have commenced with Peter Griffiths beating Liz Jackman in Round 1 of B Division and Rael Hayman beating Ivor Zetler in Round 1 of A Division

## Scrabble NSW Protocols

On the National discussion list there has been some criticism of Scrabble NSW for maintaining it's own Rule Variations. In light of this it has been decided to redefine them as Protocols, which is what they are, more so than Rule Variations.

These protocols have been in place for over 20 years without issue until now. Many protocols, such as permission to use hand held devices for look up, were implemented early by Scrabble NSW, in anticipation of them becoming incorporated in the National rules.



Scrabble NSW has no intention of removing the existing protocols, each is of which supports our aims. Those aims are to maximise participation, maximise enjoyment, maximise number of games and promote a sportsmanlike environment. Our protocol to not enforce clock use in the first three tournaments is designed to increase participation. The protocol to share the resetting of the board encourages sporting behaviour.

The protocol for recounts to occur on a player's own time is a little more complex. Initially it was brought in to ensure that tournaments were not held up while a recount took place. However, the notion of rechecking a previously accepted score could be construed as being unsportsmanlike, which could then make a case banning recounts altogether, in keeping with our aims.

## **Queensland**

*The first Queensland tournament using the CSW21 word source was held on May 14th. There will be a transition period where words challenged off under CSW21, but were valid in CSW19, will use the 'Void Challenge' rule – that is, the move can be replayed without penalty. This will be in effect until the end of the Queensland Championship in August. There were few, if any, void challenges made in the May tournament.*

Julie Brice has been elected to fill the vacant Vice President position on the committee. We warmly welcome her to this position. Julie was already on the committee and is based in Townsville.

Queensland has agreed to run the Australian Women's Championship in 2025. (in 2024 it will be in New South Wales) The event will be held in Townsville on Friday 15th August 2025. The Queensland Championships will also be held in Townsville on Saturday and Sunday 16th and 17th August 2025. Please reserve this date and plan to come for an enjoyable time in Townsville.

The 2023 Queensland Championships will be held in our usual venue in Coorparoo on Saturday and Sunday 19th and 20th August 2023. This is the weekend at the end of the Royal Exhibition (the Ekka) held in Brisbane.

The tournament will be rated in the Australian and WESPA systems. All local and interstate players are welcome to attend.

Beginning at this year's Queensland Championships there will be a Queensland Tournament Player of the Year and a Queensland Club of the Year prize based on performances at all Queensland tournaments. The year commences at the beginning of the Queensland Championships and ends before the next Queensland Championships. Points are allocated as follows.

Placings: 10 points - Section Winner, 8 – 2nd; 6 – 3rd; 4 – 4th; 3 – 5th

Participation: 5 points – Novice; 3 points – Provisional Rating; 1 point all others

Players nominate which club they attend (more than one club allowed). The aim of these prizes is to encourage club members to come to tournaments, and tournament players to affiliate with a club.

*Paul Richards  
President Scrabble Queensland*

## **Vale: Netta Dowe**

For those that may remember Netta. She passed away quietly on the 2nd May.

Netta was an active member of Redland Bay Scrabble club and tournament goer. She was 95 yrs old.

*R.I.P Netta*

## **South Australia**

*The South Australian Scrabble Championships are held over the Saturday and Sunday of the March long weekend each year, the timing of which is a perfect warm up for the Australian Championships.*

This is such a vibrant time in Adelaide with perfect autumnal weather plus lots of cultural events like the Fringe Festival, Festival of Arts, WOMAD and the Adelaide Cup. This year we were pleased to welcome ten interstate visitors who increased our numbers to 38 participants.

Day one saw Trevor Tao taking out all 9 games but he was unable to sustain his form into day two when the a one horse race became a four

horse race with Jane Taylor, Daniel Piechnick, Adam Kretschmer and Trevor all being on 9 games at the lunch break.

However two interstate outsiders, Russell Honeybun on 8 games and Joanne Craig on 7 games prevailed in the afternoon to take out first and third places. A previous SA champion, Daniel Piechnick took out second place with Karen Richards taking fourth place and Trevor Tao fifth. Karen Crease was the winner of B division.

We are fortunate that Prospect Primary School allows us to use their premises free of charge so were able to use all the entrance fees to provide snacks, trophies, novelty prizes and generous prize money as well as pay our tournament director, James Gunner.

On the following Monday of the long weekend, the inaugural Australian Women's Championship took place at the same venue. A separate report about the event has been written by Tournament Director, Paul Richards. We are hoping this will become an annual event and that other states will take a turn to host it-watch this space.

## **The Battle of the Sexes**

***The Battle of the Sexes Scrabble Tournament is an exciting annual event held in Adelaide, South Australia. The tournament brings together some of the best male and female Scrabble players from around the state to compete in a battle of wits and strategy.***

The event is fiercely competitive, with each player looking to prove that their gender is superior in the world of Scrabble. The tournament is open to players of all skill levels, with prizes for top overall player, highest word and highest score.

The event is not only a great opportunity to showcase the skill of Scrabble players but also a fun and engaging way to promote gender equality and celebrate the achievements of women and men alike.

Despite the women coming up short against the men, Jane Taylor was best overall player with 6 out of 6 wins, and highest scoring word **UNSAWED** for 102 points. Daniel Piechnick had the highest game for 605 points.

*Baheej Al Kassem*

## **Tasmania**

Check website for upcoming tournaments.

## **Victoria**

***By the time members read this report, our flagship event - The Victorian Championship - will have been run and won! This event has been around for almost 40 years, as is our Association!***

At the time of writing, the winners of both Divisions of the Nationals will be playing in Preston over the King's Birthday weekend. Naween's fourth Championship title, along with Kris Howat's first Plate win was the first time since 2010 that Victorians won both divisions! Coincidentally, Naween was also National Champion that year!

Scrabble Victoria wants to thank all our members and supporters for helping to make the Nationals an enjoyable event this year - and there is a lot of state pride to see Victorians do so well in the event.

The Victorian calendar has had another event added; Wodonga hosts an event in September. This club is one of our newest clubs and it would be great for players to support the event when it plays.

This year we are running a Player of the Year award that recognises both performance and frequency of play. We are almost half way through the year and the leaderboard is all very close! Noel Coulter, Carol Rollmann, Geoff Wright, and Rob York are all in contention currently but, with so many other events to come, it is still all to play for.

We look forward to seeing many more players at our upcoming events. This includes the return of the Match Play, for the first time in 3 years.

*In the meantime, happy Scrabbling,  
Nick Ivanovski!*

## **Western Australia**

Check website for upcoming tournaments.

# Club Directory

Any changes to this club directory should be made to the Editor [editor@scrabble.org.au](mailto: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)

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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

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## New South Wales (area code 02)

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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

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## Queensland (area code 07)

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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

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## South Australia (area code 08)

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Brighton ~ Thursday 12:30pm ~  
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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

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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,  
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512 535  
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Essendon ~ Tue 7pm ~ Rob York ~ 0417 512 535  
Fairfield/Northcote ~ Mon 7-9pm ~  
Rob York ~ 0417 512 535  
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Library ~ Rob Hutchinson ~ 0407 533 525  
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~ 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)

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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  
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# Results Roundup

## ACT

### 18.02.2023 Canberra Summer

**A:** 1 Ronnie Bennett; 2 Tony Hunt; 3 John Spaan; **HG** Ronnie Bennett 545 **HW** Ronnie Bennett **FEIJOADA** 162

**B:** 1 Owen Randall; 2 Lexia Smallwood; 3 Stephen Saunders; **HG** Rebecca Hill 511 **HW** Chelsea Joyce **SAYINGS** 97

## NSW

### 11.02.2023 WORDS 2023

**A DIVISION:** 1 Graeme Lock Lee; 2 Rod Talbot; 3 Rael Hayman; **HG** Rael Hayman 556 **HW** Rael Hayman **TRUNDLES** 122

**B DIVISION:** 1 Greg Pinchbeck; 2 Lexie Neale; 3 Jyoti Chandna; **HG** Jyoti Chandna 487 **HW** Margaret Neal **HUMPIEST** 95

**C DIVISION:** 1 Caroline Scowcroft; 2 John Barker; 3 Hailey Sutton; **HG** Hailey Sutton 503 **HW** Caroline Scowcroft **UNPLAYED** 95

**D DIVISION:** 1 Owen Randall; 2 Fay Van Oyen; 3 Alex Timpano; **HG** Owen Randall 528 **HW** Marion Miller **MIGRATE** 88

**E DIVISION:** 1 Terry Horan; 2 Josie Mally; 3 Dorothy Fields; **HG** Rene Chelton 507 **HW** Kerri Friend **TERBIAS** 90

### 19.02.2023 Loftus Linguists

**OPEN:** 1 Joanne Craig; 2 Rod Talbot; 3 John Holgate; **HG** Tony Hunt 544 **HW** Joanne **CAMPIEST** 167

### 26.02.2023 MATCHPLAY QUALIFIER 23

**A:** 1 Chris May; 2 Rael Hayman; 3 Joanne Craig; **HG** Joanne Craig 612 **HW** Chris May **HAVERING** 110

**B:** 1 Peter Griffiths; 2 Sharon Sorensen; 3 Sue Fullerton; **HG** Steven Savona 499 **HW** Liz Jackman **EDITORS** 96

### 04.03.2023 LAKE MACQUARIE AUTUMN

**A DIVISION:** 1 Joanne Craig; 2 Rod Talbot; 3 Rael Hayman; **HG** Rocky Sharma 538

**B DIVISION:** 1 Pat Schuberger; 2 John Barker; 3 Kathryn Tiffen; **HG** Pat Schuberger 506 **HW** Liz Jackman **WIZENED** 90

### 26.03.2023 Bomaderry

**A:** 1 Noel Barrett; 2 Graeme Lock Lee; 3 John Holgate; **HG** Joanne Craig 587 **HW** Noel **PANELIST** 144

**B:** 1 John Barker; 2 Monica Dwyer; 3 Sue Fullerton; **HG** Natalie Tadday 506 **HW** Shelley **REINVEST** 121

**C:** 1 Denise Smith; 2 Greg Hopson; 3 Julie Banister; **HG** Kara Eddington 523 **HW** Dorothy Fields **SCAMPING** 98

### 18.04.2023 Oatley

**OPEN:** 1 Rael Hayman; 2 Margaret Berliner; 3 Tony Hunt; **HG** Tony Hunt 553 **HW** Garth Van Vliet **QUISLING** 108

### 22.04.2023 Wallerawang

**TWO DAY:** 1 Joanne Craig; 2 Peter Shaw 3 Tony Hunt **HG** Greg Pinchbeck 541 **HW** Peter Shaw **FERNIEST** 149

### 06.05.2023 BURWOOD NO FRILLS

**A DIVISION:** 1 Joanne Craig; 2 John Holgate; 3 Rael Hayman; **HG** Jyoti Chandna 575 **HW** Jyoti Chandna **MENTORED** 140

**B DIVISION:** 1 Josie Mally; 2 Dorothy Fields; 3 Margaret Berliner; **HG** Dorothy Fields 447 **HW** Josie Mally **BEAMING** 90

## QLD

### 19.02.2023 February Frolic

**A:** 1 Cameron Farlow; 2 Liz Blanch; 3 Karen Richards; **HG** Cameron Farlow 535 **HW** Cameron Farlow **TOTALISE** 131

**B:** 1 Vicki Russell; 2 Ashwin Page; 3 Kerry Reimers; **HG** Lyn Mandelikova 471 **HW** Gaile Clark **WITHERED** 104

### 19.03.2023 March Madness

**ALL:** 1 Cameron Farlow; 2 Arnold Appelhof; 3 Karen Richards; **HG** Martin Waterworth 562 **HW** Arnold Appelhof **IDIOLECT** 149

### 23.04.2023 April Antics

**ALL:** 1 Cameron Farlow; 2 Martin Waterworth; 3 Liz Blanch; **HG** Cameron Farlow 574 **HW** Cameron Farlow **ODORIZE** 106

## SA

### 11.02.2023 Seaford February

**A:** 1 Michael Vnuk; **2** Jane Taylor; **3** Francoise Finlayson 3; **HG** Michael Vnuk 450 **HW** Michael Vnuk **SQUEEZED** 104

**B:** 1 Rowena Vnuk; **2** Julie Robins; **3** Dieter Jedamski; **HG** Rowena Vnuk 513 **HW** Baheej Al Kasseem **TARIFFS** 95

### 19.02.2023 Battle of the Sexes

**BOTS:** 1 Jane Taylor; **2** Daniel Piechnick; **3** Michael Vnuk; **HG** Daniel Piechnick 605 **HW** Jane Taylor **UNSAWED** 102

### 11.03.2023 SA Scrabble Champs

**CHAMPS:** 1 Russell Honeybun; **2** Daniel Piechnick; **3** Joanne Craig; **HG** Karen Richards 571 **HW** Joanne Craig **MOZETTAS** 140

### 13.03.2023 Womens Championship

**OPEN:** 1 Joanne Craig; **2** Dianne Brumby; **3** Jane Taylor; **HG** Joanne Craig 555 **HW** Tracey Kneebone **OPERATES** 149

### 25.03.2023 Seaford March

**A:** 1 Michael Vnuk; **2** Antony Kimber; **3** Judy Mansfield; **HG** Michael Vnuk 486 **HW** Rowena Vnuk **AMORTISE** 93

### 23.04.2023 SA April

**A:** 1 Daniel Piechnick; **2** Carmel Dodd; **3** Jane Taylor; **HG** Daniel Piechnick 615 **HW** Daniel Piechnick **PRANCED** 107

**B:** 1 Dieter Jedamski; **2** Johannes Banens; **3** Julie Robins; **HG** Emanuel Atsas 519 **HW** Johannes Banens **FLESHING** 98

### 29.04.2023 Seaford April

**OPEN:** 1 Michael Vnuk; **2** Carmel Dodd; **3** Susan Roberts; **HG** Michael Vnuk 550 **HW** Michael Vnuk **SEAQUAKE** 140

## TAS

No rated tournaments in this period

## VIC

### 19.02.2023 Sunday Sessions Feb

**A:** 1 Rob Hutchinson; **2** Norma Fisher; **3** Geoff Wright; **HG** Norma Fisher 496 **HW** Shaun Donnelly **HAIRIER** 86

**B:** 1 Lainie Mercieca; **2** Noel Coulter; **3** Michael Smitheram; **HG** Lainie Mercieca 504 **HW** Lainie Mercieca **MORALIST** 149

**C:** 1 Helen Finneran; **2** Carol Rollmann; **3** John Taylor; **HG** Val Wills 440 **HW** Elizabeth McKean **HEATERS** 94

### 05.03.2023 SUNDAY SESSIONS 2

**A:** 1 Naween Fernando; **2** David Eldar; **3** Mythili Rudra; **HG** David Eldar 603 **HW** David Eldar **TRAMLINE** 167

**B:** 1 Darren Chaitman; **2** Dianne Davis; **3** Oscar Ivanovski; **HG** Dianne Davis 517

**C:** 1 Noel Coulter; **2** Frank Csarics; **3** Rob York; **HG** Glen Chandler 611 **HW** Rob York **SPONGED** 95

**D:** 1 Carol Mascitti; **2** Doreen Ivanovski; **3** Carol Rollmann; **HG** Carol Mascitti 495 **HW** Paula Messer **INQUIRE** 93

### 19.03.2023 Ballarat

**A:** 1 Heather Long; **2** Lainie Mercieca; **3** Neil McLean; **HG** Heather Long 493 **HW** Neil McLean **OUTSWEAR** 86

**B:** 1 Carol Rollmann; **2** Jenny Kearney; **3** Helen Finneran; **HG** Carol Rollmann 455 **HW** Marjorie Clark **OFFICERS** 92

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## 02.04.2023 RECREATIONAL APRIL

**A:** 1 Oscar Ivanovski; **2** Nick Ivanovski; **3** Norma Fisher; **HG** Jenny Brysha 531 **HW** Rob Hutchinson **TYROSINE** 158

**B:** 1 Glen Chandler; **2** Rod Casey; **3** Jessica Richards; **HG** Mal Eden 533 **HW** John Rider **DEPOSED** 97

## 08.04.2023 AUS CHAMPS

**CHAMP:** 1 Naween Fernando; **2** Andrew Fisher; **3** David Eldar; **HG** Andrew Fisher 674 **HW** Jane Taylor **EDIFYING** 194

## 08.04.2023 PLATE

**PLATE:** 1 Kris Howat; **2** Keri Heart; **3** Margaret Griggs; **HG** Margaret Griggs 544 **HW** Kara Eddington **ROADINGS** 161

## 23.04.2023 Sunday Sessions April

**A:** 1 Nick Ivanovski; **2** Geoff Wright; **3** Oscar Ivanovski; **HG** Geoff Wright 479 **HW** Norma Fisher **FOODIES** 104

**B:** 1 Angie Pearse; **2** Rob York; **3** Robin Steward; **HG** Angie Pearse 495 **HW** Rob York **OUTSIZE** 102

**C:** 1 Michael Sacco; **2** Doreen Ivanovski; **3** Angie Winkler; **HG** Michael Sacco 525 **HW** Carol Rollmann **FEASTED** 95

## WA

### 19.02.2023 February Bisection

**A DIVISION:** 1 Russell Honeybun; **2** Anne Zion; **3** Susan Rayner; **HG** Russell Honeybun 604 **HW** Howard Rayner **LEISURES** 122

**B DIVISION:** 1 Rhonda Reynish; **2** Alan Mathews; **3** Bettina Tonkin; **HG** Henry Yates 574 **HW** Alan Mathews **OVERBITE** 92

### 19.03.2023 March Round Robin

**A DIVISION:** 1 Ian Ting; **2** Chris Hall; **3** Faye Williams; **HG** Russell Honeybun 508 **HW** Cori Lodder **BAJREES** 126

**B DIVISION:** 1 Jenny Mitchell; **2** Donna Sekkouah; **3** Delys Carbon; **HG** Janet Kirk 474 **HW** Janet Kirk **SQUARES** 108

### 16.04.2023 Joy Deans Memorial

**OPEN:** 1 Ian Ting; **2** David Vanzyl; **3** Sally Martin; **HG** Sally Martin 544; **HW** Gillian Street **UNFASTEN** 158

## WORD STUDY

Plant derivatives for SEVENS courtesy

Carol Johnson

LEAFbud                      REDroot  
MARYbud                     SHEroot  
ROSEbud

HAGbush                     ALLseed  
LOWbush                     ANIseed  
MAYbush                     BUGseed  
TARBush                     HAYseed  
DISleaf                      LINseed  
ENDleaf                      MAWseed  
FLYleaf                      OILseed

IVYleaf                      Reshoot  
OAKleaf                      UNshoot  
UPshoot

CRUnode                     DEASoil  
SPInode                     SUBsoil  
TACnode                     TOPsoil

TApetal                      Asprout

EXplant                      DIAstem  
IMplant                      COWtree  
REplant                      FIGtree

ANTIpot                      GUMtree

BARMpot                     DEwater  
CHUPpot                     REwater  
DASHpot                     Unwater  
EYESpot

FIREpot

FUSSpot

GALIpot

GLUEpot

HOTSpot

INKSpot

JACKpot

PINSpot

STEWpot

SUNSpot

TALIpot

TOSSpot

TRIMpot

WASHpot

CHEroot

DISroot

NETroot

OUTroot

WAXweed

WEEweed

# Ratings Snapshot

Top 200 at 9 May 2023

1	David Eldar	2041	68	Julie Brice	1448	135	Benjamin Lee	1274
2	Naween Fernando	2001	69	Ivor Zetler	1447	136	Shirley de Silva	1271
3	Chris May	1998	70	Dianne Brumby	1447	137	John Hayes	1267
4	Anand Bharadwaj	1982	71	Garth van Vliet	1446	138	Francoise Finlayson	1266
5	Andrew Fisher	1968	72	Susan Rayner	1442	139	Susan MacGillivray	1265
6	Cameron Farlow	1908	73	Norma Fisher	1431	140	Natalie Tadday	1264
7	Peter Kougi	1896	74	Kashi Thiris	1428	141	Victoria Gates	1262
8	Esther Perrins	1892	75	Sheryl Davidson	1424	142	Judy Mansfield	1257
9	Edward Okulicz	1880	76	Jegatheva Jegathesan	1423	143	Julie Pampling	1257
10	Trevor Halsall	1868	77	Justin Moyle	1421	144	John Rider	1256
11	Russell Honeybun	1842	78	Peter Shaw	1416	145	Gary Pollard	1254
12	Daniel Piechnick	1810	79	Adam Kauschke	1416	146	Lynne Jarvis	1252
13	Victor Tung	1787	80	Tony Miller	1415	147	Steven Savona	1248
14	Michael Hornung	1775	81	Chris Scholten	1414	148	Penny Wells	1244
15	Joanne Craig	1762	82	Faye Williams	1413	149	Margaret Neal	1240
16	David Vanzyl	1742	83	Rob Hutchinson	1412	150	Noel Coulter	1237
17	Adam Kretschmer	1741	84	Carol Johnsen	1409	151	Janet Bau	1237
18	John Holgate	1738	85	Malcolm McAnulty	1409	152	Olga Visser	1236
19	Mythili Rudra	1725	86	Glenys Logan	1405	153	Yvonne Edwards	1235
20	Tim Mason	1722	87	Oscar Ivanovski	1405	154	Margaret Gibson	1234
21	Rod Talbot	1717	88	Jyoti Chandna	1404	155	Rod Casey	1232
22	Ryan Sutton	1702	89	Johannes Banens	1404	156	John Barker	1230
23	Stephen Mooney Pursell	1692	90	Ros Wilkinson	1401	157	Moana Nepia	1230
24	Derek McKenzie	1687	91	Therese Nichols	1398	158	Janine Whittaker	1226
25	Bob Jackman	1686	92	Felicity Devitt	1396	159	Rob Marotta	1223
26	Nick Ivanovski	1686	93	Geoff Shepheard	1394	160	Richard Birch	1218
27	Graeme Lock Lee	1684	94	Jon Ford-King	1389	161	Anne Schick	1218
28	Ronnie Bennett	1666	95	Neil McLean	1387	162	Hanne Marks	1217
29	Wayne Jones	1660	96	Trish Brighton	1385	163	Karyn Crease	1214
30	Nat Podesser	1651	97	Roberta Tait	1384	164	Rowena Vnuk	1213
31	Tony Hunt	1640	98	Margaret Webb	1377	165	Barbara Joffe	1210
32	Rocky Sharma	1640	99	Chris Ostrowski	1376	166	Frank Csarics	1207
33	John Spaan	1630	100	Kris Howat	1376	167	Jeffery Lam	1207
34	Trevor Tao	1625	101	Kerry Constable	1376	168	Owen Randall	1204
35	John Hamilton	1615	102	Anne Zion	1374	169	John Linney	1199
36	Alistair Kane	1613	103	Shaun Donnelly	1370	170	Margaret Bishop	1192
37	Sally Martin	1604	104	Angie Pearse	1369	171	Susan Roberts	1192
38	Jane Taylor	1601	105	Phillip Hamilton	1363	172	Cheryl Michler	1190
39	Rael Hayman	1600	106	Alex Boiko	1359	173	John Salmon	1190
40	Paul Richards	1596	107	Khen Meerding	1357	174	Yvette Copley	1189
41	Ian Ting	1596	108	Keri Heart	1350	175	Nancy Sparling	1188
42	Karen Richards	1592	109	Helen Metaxas	1349	176	Dieter Jedamski	1185
43	Noel Barrett	1564	110	Judy Godfrey	1339	177	Cori Lodder	1185
44	Geoff Wright	1563	111	Lexie Neale	1334	178	Khwanjai Thammaping	1185
45	Carmel Dodd	1542	112	Jenny Brysha	1332	179	Karen Woodhead	1183
46	Helen Hynes	1531	113	Martin Waterworth	1331	180	Kim Grayson	1175
47	Heather Long	1523	114	Marvi Delfin	1326	181	Pam Bennett	1174
48	Greg Pinchbeck	1518	115	Margaret Griggs	1321	182	John Minas	1169
49	Jeremy Yip	1512	116	Barry Harridge	1320	183	Tim Walton	1162
50	Dianne Ward	1499	117	Arnold Appelhof	1319	184	Kerry Reimers	1160
51	Howard Rayner	1495	118	June Valentine	1316	185	Mardi Healy	1160
52	Jane Brown	1491	119	Maureen See	1315	186	Sylvia Galloway	1157
53	Alan Burn	1491	120	Rob York	1313	187	Marion Miller	1156
54	Dianne Davis	1487	121	Lainie Mercieca	1313	188	Christiane McCann	1156
55	Eddie Mueller	1487	122	Tim Reddan	1308	189	Sharon Sorensen	1152
56	Gwen Lampre	1486	123	Carolyn Watt	1308	190	Sam Greenberg	1150
57	Lois Binnie	1482	124	Hailey Sutton	1297	191	Christie Godby	1149
58	Chris Hall	1482	125	Peter Griffiths	1296	192	Jenny Schafer	1148
59	Michael Vnuk	1481	126	Colleen Birch	1295	193	Jan Chapman	1147
60	Antony Kimber	1475	127	Caroline Scowcroft	1292	194	Glen Chandler	1141
61	Antonios Syrigos	1474	128	Larissa Huxley	1291	195	Jenny Mitchell	1137
62	Liz Blanch	1471	129	Gillian Street	1289	196	Oliver Podesser	1135
63	Tony Williams	1460	130	Jan Hill	1288	197	Sue Fullerton	1135
64	Karrin Henderson	1453	131	Monica Dwyer	1283	198	Michael Smitheram	1134
65	Martin Rose	1452	132	Jacqui Pearce	1282	199	Robin Steward	1134
66	Alex Lam	1451	133	Tracey Kneebone	1277	200	Norma Tracey	1133
67	Darren Chaitman	1451	134	Vincent Nguyen	1276			

The record for the longest word played in a tournament set in 2023 is a ten letter word played by *Edward Okulicz* at the Australian Championships [**REMEDIATES**]. Over the last 25 years this record has hovered around 11 letters (noting of course *Russell Honeybun's* outstanding 2008 effort of 14 letters built over three moves [**UNCOMPUTERISED**]).

In case you haven't checked lately, the Scrabble board is 15 by 15 and so there is a limit to the length of word that can fit on the board. I think that most people start learning the shorter words and the build up to the longer ones and so no one ever gets to the fifteen-letter ones. I understand that there are 34,342 acceptable seven-letter words and 42,150 eights so there is no brain room for the longer words, let alone the 5,925 acceptable fifteen-letter words.

I have noted before that some sevens can add together to make fourteen-letter words but no one has had the luck to play one of these bad boys. I was doing some word crunching to see if it might be possible to play two sevens one letter apart and then make a fifteen by putting a single letter in between. It turns out that there are 46 such combos. The middle letter that combines the two sevens is usually an "O" but there are smattering of other letters:

Link Letter	Number of 15s
O	9
S	7
N	5
P	5
I	4
R	3
B	2
C	2
L	2
M	2
T	2
E	1
F	1
W	1

With an incredible bit of luck placing a single tile could make the longest word ever played and score quite well. A completely made-up example game (next page) where Player B places a single "P" for a game winning score of 105. I look forward to the Quackle analysis showing all the errors of both players.

So learning these 46 fifteen-letter words would likely be

completely useless for Scrabble play. Here they are anyway [in alphabetical order of the (link letter)]:

- INCROSS (B) REEDING**
- WHISTLE (B) LOWINGS**
- COUNTER (C) HANGING**
- COUNTER (C) HARMING**
- SUSPENS (E) FULNESS**
- COUNTER (F) ACTUALS**
- FANTAST (I) CATIONS**
- PERFECT (I) BILIANS**
- PRETERM (I) NATIONS**
- SOPHIST (I) CATIONS**
- CONTROL (L) ABILITY**
- HYDROXY (L) APATITE**
- COUNTER (M) ARCHING**
- PROGRAM (M) ABILITY**
- BIOTECH (N) OLOGIES**
- BIOTECH (N) OLOGIST**
- PHENOME (N) OLOGIES**
- PHENOME (N) OLOGIST**
- SYNCHRO (N) OLOGIES**
- DIALECT (O) LOGICAL**
- HEPATIC (O) LOGICAL**
- MORPHIN (O) MANIACS**
- PSYCHOS (O) MIMETIC**
- RONTGEN (O) LOGICAL**
- RONTGEN (O) THERAPY**
- STEROID (O) GENESES**
- STEROID (O) GENESIS**
- SYMPTOM (O) LOGICAL**
- COUNTER (P) LEADING**
- COUNTER (P) LOTTING**
- COUNTER (P) OINTING**
- DRAUGHT (P) ROOFING**
- WEATHER (P) ROOFING**
- COMPUTE (R) PHOBIAS**
- COMPUTE (R) PHOBICS**
- COUNTER (R) ALLYING**
- DRAUGHT (S) PERSONS**
- FEATHER (S) TITCHES**
- SNIPPER (S) NAPPERS**
- TROUBLE (S) HOOTERS**
- TROUBLE (S) HOOTING**
- UNSTATE (S) MANLIKE**
- WHIPPER (S) NAPPERS**
- DIPLOMA (T) OLOGIES**
- THERMOS (T) ABILITY**
- ELECTRO (W) INNINGS**



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
1	C														
2	O										R			V	
3	U		T	A	M	A	R	A	U		E		W	E	
4	N							A	M	P	H	I	O	X	I
5	T	W	I	G	L	E	S	S			A			E	
6	E										B			D	
7	R										B			L	
8	P	U	N	G	E	N	T	L	Y		E			Y	A
9	O							A			D				F
10	I							L							F
11	N			J	E	R	K	I	E	S	T				I
12	T							Q							A
13	I							U							n
14	N							E	N	Z	O	O	T	I	C
15	G	H	A	R	R	I	E	S							E

PLAYER A	SCORE	PLAYER B	SCORE
LALIQUE	102	ENZOOTIC	128
HARRIES	134	AFFIANCE	194
OINTING	113	VEXEDLY	100
AMPHIOXI	96	JERKIEST	126
REHABBED	88	WIGLESS	75
COUNTER	92	TAMARAU	79
UNGENTLY	64	COUNTERPOINTING	105
WE	20		
Plus tile value (?DDOOV)	10	719	Minus tile value (?DDOOV)
			-10
			797

# Records 2023 so far...

<i>High game score</i>	<b>674</b>	Andrew Fisher 674 against Derek McKenzie 254 at 2023 Aus Champs
<i>Large game margin</i>	<b>420</b>	Andrew Fisher 674 against Derek McKenzie 254 at 2023 Aus Champs
<i>High drawn game</i>	<b>427</b>	Rod Talbot 427 against John Holgate 427 at 26.02.2023 Matchplay Qualifier 23
<i>High combined score</i>	<b>1054</b>	Cameron Farlow 645 against Ronnie Bennett 409 at 2023 Aus Champs
<i>High average score</i>	<b>512.7</b>	(6 games) Daniel Piechnick at 23.04.2023 SA April
<i>High average spread</i>	<b>158.9</b>	(7 games) Russell Honeybun at 19.02.2023 February Bisection
<i>High losing score</i>	<b>488</b>	David Eldar 488 against Esther Perrins 557 at 2023 Aus Champs
<i>Long winning streak</i>	<b>15</b>	David Eldar at 22.01.2023 The Plate And Side 05.02.2023 Bayside Open and 05.03.2023 Sunday Sessions 2
<i>High word</i>	<b>194</b>	<b>IMPAVING:</b> Naween Fernando at 2023 Aus Champs <b>EDIFYING:</b> Jane Taylor at 2023 Aus Champs <b>CETERACH:</b> Andrew Fisher at 2023 Aus Champs
<i>High opening score</i>	<b>102</b>	<b>REQUEST:</b> Naween Fernando at 2023 Aus Champs
<i>High play, not bonus</i>	<b>162</b>	<b>FEI(JO)ADA:</b> Ronnie Bennett at Canberra Summer 18.02.2023
<i>High play, not triple triple</i>	<b>140</b>	<b>SEAQUAKE:</b> Michael Vnuk at Seaford April 29.04.2023
<i>Long word</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>REMIATES:</b> Edward Okulicz at 2023 Aus Champs
<i>Many bingos</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>SAINTLY; ABEYING; JONGLEUR; VIREMIAS; VIOLATED; VILIFIER:</b> Esther Perrins at 2023 Aus Champs
<i>Many consecutive bingos</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>DIPPERS; FERNIEST; PERIDOTE:</b> Antony Kimber at 2023 Aus Champs <b>SAINTLY; ABEYING; JONGLEUR:</b> Esther Perrins at 2023 Aus Champs <b>VIREMIAS; VIOLATED; VILIFIER:</b> Esther Perrins at 2023 Aus Champs

*The inaugural Australian Women's Championship was held in Adelaide on Monday 13th March 2023, immediately after the South Australian Championship. Fifteen ladies competed in the 8 game tournament.*

Joanne Craig was victorious, being undefeated on the day. Dianne Brumby came second, and Jane Taylor finished third.

Carmel Dodd and Dianne Brumby produced a 10 letter word – **ALTERNAT(E)(D)**. Carmel played **ALTERNAT**, followed by **JO(E)**, and then Dianne played **(D)UG**.

All present enjoyed the tournament and look forward to it next year. The organiser, Jane Taylor, intends that the Australian Women's Championship be rotated between the states on an ongoing basis.

In 2024, it will be held in Sydney on Friday, 26th January 2024, the day before the City of Sydney International Masters.

In 2025, it will be held in Townsville on Friday 15th August 2025, the day before the Queensland Championships which will also be held in Townsville that year.

*Paul Richards (Tournament Director for the Women's Championship)*

## Results and ratings: 13.03.2023 Women's Championship

### 8 games

	W	M		Old	Chg	New
1	8+	1141	Joanne Craig	1822	+30	1852
2	6	+462	Dianne Brumby	1517	+30	1547
3	5	+474	Jane Taylor	1656	-9	1647
4	5	+413	Karen Richards	1604	-8	1596
5	5	+363	Carmel Dodd	1488	+25	1513
6	4	-36	Rowena Vnuk	1210	+8	1218
7	4	-51	Sharon Sorensen	1249	+6	1255

### 7 games

	W	M		Old	Chg	New
1	3	-125	Caroline Scowcroft	1253	+14	1267
2	3	-145	Susan Roberts	1305	-11	1294
3	3	-33	Francoise Finlayson	1270	-4	1266
4	3	-427	Paula Brown	815	+32	847
5	2	-293	Tracey Kneebone	1286	-29	1257
6	2	-422	Judy Mansfield	1228	-27	1201
7	2	-565	Victoria Gates	1248	-31	1217
8	1	-458	Louisa Atsas	953	-26	927

High game Joanne Craig 555

High word Tracey Kneebone **OPERATES** 149

Novelty prizes were awarded for High Words starting with the letters for **W.O.M.E.N.S**

<b>WINGERS</b>	85	Caroline Scowcroft
<b>OPERATES</b>	149	Tracey Kneebone
<b>MUSTERS</b>	89	Rowena Vnuk
<b>EXERTED</b>	82	Susan Roberts
<b>NONANES</b>	72	Karen Richards
<b>SILTIER</b>	81	Dianne Brumby
<b>SNIGGER</b>	81	Jane Taylor



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## *So here we are in Canada again, part way around the world on this year's "trip of a lifetime", at the time of writing,*

It started out by us flying over to Perth to take a cruise around Australia, Fremantle to Brisbane via Geraldton, Broome, Darwin and Cairns. Taking in crocodile farms and and getting off in Brisbane to catch up with, recently arrived back, family including 2 delightful slightly older grandchildren who had been living on a yacht for six years. Now adjusting to life ashore, going to school with other children, using flushing toilets, dishwashers, TV.

When told they had walked nearly 8 km, one asked "what is that in nautical miles?"

After that, it was home to Sydney for 5 days to wash clothes, repack, chuck out stuff we didn't think we could use, add in clothes for possibly much colder weather as well as equatorial Pacific nations.

Then board another cruise ship taking us via New Caledonia, Fiji, American Samoa and Hawaii to Vancouver.

This took 24 days, and was a study in how other people live. There were a few Australians on board, a smattering of Dutch (as this was the Holland America line and they liked the idea of there being Dutch themed hospitality) and Canadians and Americans (as this was the Holland America line and they liked the idea of there being American themed hospitality).

Between Hawaii and Vancouver we hit a storm and we got a nice roll on, which we like, with 10 metre swells and 60 km winds. Interesting to see the wave go past the window on deck 3 dining room. Surprisingly, it didn't seem to reduce the numbers in the dining room.

After one night in Vancouver, we joined a 4 day bus tour through the Canadian Rockies. When discussing this with other passengers on the cruise, they seemed to feel sorry for us that we hadn't booked the *Rocky Mountaineer Train* journey. But to be honest we saw so much that you just would not see from the train. Take my tip, go by bus if you haven't done it before. We took in **JASPER (JAPERS)** and Banff, and lots of snow covered peaks

and fast moving water. Even a couple of bear and a moose.

We found out that while in Sydney, the temperature had dropped to 7° and people were rugged up and shivering away, people in the Rockies where the temperature had soared to 7° started shedding heavy clothing and walking around in shorts and T-shirts.

The hotel accommodation was quite comfortable, searching on the TV one night for something that wasn't Ice Hockey I landed on a British soap opera. It involved a party being given for the patriarch of a large family and one scene was this poor bloke having to sit in a big chair with his missus in another, both dressed in fancy dress, while they both had on these really large hats that looked as if they weighed 5 kilos. Then lots of their friends, also in fancy dress came around waving swords and other gizmos.

I think a subplot was about a disgraced member of the family having to sit a few rows back, and he wasn't allowed to wear fancy dress, and his aunty sat right in front of him with a big feather on her head blocking his view. Don't know who the script writers were but what a ridiculous plot.

After being dropped off at Calgary Airport we had an overnight flight to Halifax (forward 3 time zones). Calgary Airport was a bit different, it was futuristic (as imagined from a 1960s viewpoint) with electric shuttles taking people to their distant gates).

In Halifax we were picked up by a family member and taken to his farm near Tatamagouche in **NOVA SCOTIA** (see *ATB December 2019*). Ninety per cent of the cars that passed his property were dual cab pickup trucks of the V8 persuasion. This is farming country and big distances are to be covered.

The deck that we had built on our last trip still looked good, but with a bit more framing to hide all our mistakes. This was tinged with sadness as the farm was now up for sale.

Earlier in the year there was a **HURRICANE (RAUNCHIER, UNCHARIER)** go through the area. Doors got blown off his barn and in the surrounding area there were broken trees everywhere. On his property, a logging



*Banff Gondola*

company came and harvested a large number of downed trees in exchange for a healthy cheque. we shall watch this space as there is a huge amount of ground litter ready for the next spark

We met a few characters during our stay, a young family living almost entirely off the grid, growing their own food, homeschooling the kids. Another elderly couple we met live about a kilometre from where he was born, and a Welsh farmer who has been in NS for 60 years, still has a Welsh accent. All seemed to consume a lot of Nova Scotian Whisky. On one of our walks, a bear **SCAT** (poo) was pointed out to us, and another day we saw a dead **COYOTE (OOCYTE)** by the side of the road. It most likely got hit by a car.

As each day drew to a close we lit the fire and watched out the window at the sky and the **CONTRAIL (CILANTRO)** of planes passing. My App told me they were mainly passenger flights from USA to Northern Europe.

A short drive away there is a bakery store and cafe run by the Mennonite community. We had a very nice soup for lunch and bought some of their bread.

A conversation starter in NS is “Do you like Lobster?” I do as it happens, so we bought a couple of cooked ones to eat at home at the ridiculous price of \$10.25 each (or slightly less for one that is still kicking). Halifax Airport had a tank of the things and a net to snare your own. Fellow passengers could be seen walking around with gift wrapped boxes that seemed to move around on their own.

Another popular meal is **DONAIR (INROAD, ORDAIN)**, which is very similar to a **DONER (DRONE, REDON, RONDE), KEBAB** but with the mystifying sauce that is added, made with condensed milk and vinegar.

We finally said goodbye and caught flights from Halifax to Florida to get on a cruise. So as I sign off, we are on our way to Iceland via (uh) Halifax. *To be continued ...*

# The Story of the Sacred Words

Jane Brown

*Once there was a good king called Amlett. His kingdom was not large, but it was fairly prosperous and his people were happy. They were able to grow plenty of crops for food and make their own wine. The king granted his subjects several festival days each year when they could get together with their families to eat, drink, dance and play games. The laws of the kingdom were not many, just those that were sensible and necessary to keep things running smoothly. Taxes were not burdensome.*

The king had many wives, as was the custom. His brides were chosen from among the people and it was a great honour to be selected. He treated each of his wives well, honouring her family with many gifts and allowing her to visit her family often, but especially at festival times.

With many wives came many children. He had well over fifty children and enjoyed choosing their names. He liked the young Princes and Princesses to have names that came from the natural world or might suggest their character, such as Tiger, Blossom and Patience. He also like to give some of them more unusual names such as Intrepid, Audacity and Philanthropy.

The king had several advisors to help him run his country. They often recommended new laws and suggested ways to raise more money. All the advisers were good people; some were also clever, but others were not-so-clever.

Some of his not-so-clever advisers were talking about ways to raise more money. Knowing how much the king loved his children's names, the advisers suggested that these names should be made 'sacred'. They told the king that the words for the names of his children should only be used for addressing their Royal Highnesses and not used at all by the ordinary people; this would be offensive to the king and his children. A fine would be imposed for anyone saying or writing any of the sacred words which were also the names of the Princes and Princesses. The ultimate penalty would be banishment from the Kingdom.

The decree went out to all the villages. The leaders of the villages sent a delegation to the King's advisers. They did not wish to offend the King, nor be banished from the Kingdom, but no-one knew all the names of the King's children. (It was rumoured that the King did not know them all either.) So the village leaders were given lists of all the sacred names. These lists were displayed in all the villages, schools, market places and anywhere people gathered. Because not everyone could read, the lists were also read out and repeated out loud by the people so that they could know the forbidden sacred words.

The Princes and Princesses liked to visit the ordinary people. After all they were related to many of them. One day Princess Curiosity was walking past a village school. She heard children chanting and stopped to listen. As she stood in the doorway, the teacher saw her and recognising she was a Princess, (something about the tiara) stopped the children immediately from their task. 'Please don't stop the lesson, teacher' said the Princess. 'What are the children learning?' The teacher was very embarrassed but had to tell the Princess that they were learning the sacred words so that they would know not to use them anymore and cause offence to the Royal family. She said that the children did not know what all the words meant, but they still had to learn them anyway.

The Princess was very puzzled about this as she had not heard of this strange decree. She went to talk to her wise brother, Prince Perspicacity. The Prince had not heard of it either. He did not think it a wise decree, and together they went to talk to the King about it. 'Father, why do the people have to learn a list of words that they are then forbidden to use?' asked Princess Curiosity.

'So that you and your brothers and sisters will not be offended by hearing these words, your names, when they are not being used to address your Royal Highnesses', replied the King. 'That is what my advisers told me.'

'But I have talked to some of my brothers and sisters', said Prince Perspicacity, 'and we are not offended at all.'



Meanwhile one of the other royal children, Prince Sensitivity, had also heard about the decree. He was in favour of it because he did not like anyone saying his name except when addressing him as Your Highness. This Prince had also convinced some other Princes and Princesses that the decree was a good thing. Led by Prince Sensitivity, they asked the King that the decree remain.

The King did not know what to do. His children could not agree, and nor could his advisers.

Eventually he decided that he must sadly split the Kingdom. Prince Perspicacity led the group that did not wish to impose this decree on the people. The people that lived in this new kingdom could go back to using all the words that had been forbidden.

In the other part of the kingdom, the people had to live by the new law. They learnt the sacred words and later they learnt new forbidden sacred words when the king had more children.

The people were free to visit both parts of the kingdom. They just had to remember to follow the rules of whichever part of the kingdom they were in.

Most people were happy enough with the new arrangement, but very few were as happy as they were before. The king was especially sad that his Kingdom was no longer united and his people not so happy. He regretted agreeing to the decree.

'I am sure,' he said, 'that no-one else will make such a mistake ever again.'

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*Jane Brown, Queensland*

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