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Victorian Trevor Halsall being presented with the Chris May Perpetual Trophy by Chris's widow Ksenia at the recent Chris May Memorial Winter Masters Sydney in July (*story inside*).

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Collins 2024 Announcement

Announcement on Collins Scrabble Words 2024 Edition, from the WESPA Committee

We are pleased to announce to the Scrabble community that Collins have designated August 15, 2024 as the release date for the updated 2024 edition of Collins Scrabble Words. As with previous releases, Collins will have a discount code for tournament Scrabble players to use when purchasing a physical copy of the book; more details on this will follow.

The WESPA Committee have voted to make this new edition of Collins Scrabble Words effective for tournament play worldwide beginning on January 1, 2025. An Initiation Kit from WESPA on the new words will be available soon after the new edition's release, and we will be working with app developers to

update the word list in their apps. We also expect that an updated version of Collins Zyzzyva will be available in the fall* for word study and adjudication.

We expect this update to contain 1816 additions, with 847 of them being words of length 3-8. There are no anticipated deletions.

I am pleased with this update – I think WESPA's collaboration with Collins went really well, and I'm looking forward to playing with the new words in 2025!

For the WESPA Committee
Chris Lipe

WESPA Chair (and Acting Dictionary Committee Chair)

*North American Autumn,
Southern Hemisphere Spring.

OS Events

Karen Richards

For those lucky enough to travel, there are 3 fantastic events in Asia, happening over a couple of weeks.

12 to 14 October 2024 (Saturday to Monday): Thailand is holding their first International event in Bangkok since COVID - 3 days, 22 games. Details are at <https://wespa.org/calendar/>

21 to 23 October (Monday to Wednesday) World Seniors Scrabble Championship is in Kuala Lumpur Airport, Malaysia (KLIA2) 25 games CSW21.

"Seniors" means those born 1969 or earlier. Note: Prize-giving is planned for Wednesday evening at KL Tower (note, not at the airport).

25 to 27 October (Friday to Sunday) gateway@KLIA2 International Scrabble Masters (for all ages, including youth divisions) will also be held in KLIA2. 23 games for adult divisions.

Accommodation at KLIA2: There are various hotels and AirBnB available around the airport.

TuneKLIA is 3 minutes undercover walk from the playing area. Tune Aeropolis is less expensive, but requires a (free) shuttle bus trip.

For further information on both the Seniors event and the International Masters, email mohammadali.mcco65@gmail.com

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Around the States

ACT

AGM and Elections

Scrabble ACT held its AGM on 13 July in conjunction with our AGM Tournament. In his President's Report, Tim Reddan gave an overview of the year's activities and acknowledged the individual contributions and support of the outgoing committee.

The committee was dissolved and the members elected their new committee for the coming 12 months. Tim was returned unopposed as President; Terry Horan is the new Treasurer; Lexia Smallwood continues as Secretary; Owen Randall is the Recreational Players Representative and Noel Barrett is the Tournament Players Representative.

Tournaments

Recent tournaments in the ACT have brought warmth into our cold winter!

The ACT Winter Open on Saturday 23 June attracted 12 players, including a first-time tournament player. The top 3 places went to Tony Hunt (with an amazing 8 wins out of 8 games), Lexia Smallwood (6 wins) and John Spaan (6 wins). High game went to Owen Randall (590) and High word to Lexia Smallwood (DANGLIER for 131).

The AGM Tournament on 13 July 2024 yielded the following results from 8 games. Noel Barrett achieved first place with 5 wins, and there were five players sitting on 4 wins each, so it was down to the margins to determine second and third places which went to Terry Horan and John Spaan respectively. High Game went to Noel Barrett (556) and High Word was excitedly claimed by Jeff Danaher for a triple-triple bingo (**QUESTION** for 203).

Upcoming Tournaments

Saturday 21 September 2024

Saturday 19 October 2024

Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 November 2024 (ACT Championship)

Tournaments are played at the Southern Cross Club in Woden and all players are welcome.

Enquiries should be directed to Tim Reddan: treddan@inet.net.au 02 6179 5000

New South Wales

Chris May Memorial Winter Masters

The Chris May Winter Masters over the weekend of 20th and 21st July happened nearly one year since Chris's passing, and just before his daughter Natasha's 1st birthday. To celebrate the occasion, his wife Ksenia had hand-crafted an exquisite perpetual trophy, and visited on the final day with daughter Natasha to present the trophy to the winner.

A GoFundMe campaign was run to source extra funds to be distributed in prizemoney, as would have been Chris's desire, and to make a contribution to Natasha's education. This campaign will be held open for future renditions of the event.

The tournament got off to a slow start with one no show, but luckily a reserve was there to step in. Two Thai players who had registered online had not confirmed their entry and were left out of the initial draw. Our tournament director John Hamilton was able to rejig the draws and play finally got underway half an hour after the scheduled starting time.

A healthy contingent of 46 players took part. Many interstate players made the trip, availing themselves of the onsite accommodation, and the Thai couple were a surprise and welcome showing. One interstate player, Trevor Halsall from Victoria, flew out of the blocks, losing only his tenth and final game on Day 1 to Philip Hamilton.

Trevor would go on and lose three out of 8 on Day 2, but hold on to the win the event due to his superior spread. Also on 14 wins were Nuti Suri from Thailand (2nd) and Edward Okulicz (Vic). Further back on 11 wins and separated narrowly by spread was the organiser Bob Jackman (4th) and relative newcomer Josh Watt (5th).

Sharon Sorensen collected the Rating Band A award for highest finisher in the 1200 to 1500 bracket, with Thai lady Natchaya Sitharo runner up in that band. Tony Kalayzich won



*Chris May Memorial Masters: A special donation enabled awards for each high word starting with the letters of **CHRISMAX**. The recipients of these awards were Rod Talbot (C), Rhys McGuckin (R), Carmel Dodd (R), John Holgate (I), Dorothy Fields (S), Asanka Dissanayake (M), Esther Perrins (A) and Nuti Suri (X)*

the Rating Band B award for highest finisher for those rated below 1200, with Kerri Friend runner up in that rating band.

Matchplay Progress

During the quarter, three matchplay playoffs were completed, two in A Division and one in B Division. The A Division playoffs were both Round 1 encounters which saw Greg Pinchbeck defeat Sharon Sorensen 4-1 and Bob Jackman defeat Ivor Zetler 4-0. In B Division, Asanka Dissanayake beat Pam Bennett 5-2 in the first of two scheduled semi-finals.

Sunday Night Online Woogles

A decision was made by the NSW Committee to attempt to revive Sunday Night Woogles from 6pm. This had been an initiative of Chris May who sadly passed away 12 months ago, indirectly causing Sunday Night Woogles to peter out. After changing the parameters to 20 minute games and void challenge, some interest was shown for the opening session on July 7th, but that was not sustained in the following weeks. As a result the Woogles Sunday sessions were opened to all Australian players wanting to take part.

If you want to join in, find your way to the Scrabble NSW website (scrabblensw.org.au)

and click on the blue button titled 'Enter the Scrabble NSW Virtual Club Room'. For instructions on how to set up yourself to play on Woogles, click on the 'Online Play' main menu item of the Scrabble NSW website. For those who cannot find their way to clubs or tournaments, this platform provides the perfect means to mix it with fellow competitive Australian players

New South Wales Championship and AGM

This year's NSW Championship will be held at Magpies Waitara Football Club, Alexander Parade, Waitara over the long weekend of 5th to 7th October. A one day tournament will be staged on Sunday 6th for those not wanting to play all three days. The AGM will be conducted at lunchtime on that day. Eight 25 minutes per player games will be played each day, with CSW22 taking precedence. The contact for the event is Bob Jackman 0400 226541

Regarding the AGM, all committee positions will be declared vacant, with voting on positions to occur at the AGM. Nominations for committee positions should be emailed to the secretary prior to the meeting. A nomination form is available on the Scrabble NSW website under the 'For Members' menu item

NSW Championship

5th, 6th & 7th October

Magpies Waitara Football Club

11-37 Alexandra Parade, Waitara

8 games & One-day tournament 6th October

8 games each day from 9am

NSW AGM to be held at lunchtime 6th October

Hybrid CSW22 & CSW19, Open to all Scrabble NSW Members
and members of other State Associations

\$90 (3 days), \$30 (1 day)

Cash prizes for Places and High Game, High Word overall and 2 Rating Bands,

Bob Jackman 0400 226 541

rjackman@ozemail.com.au

Or Register [HERE](#)

Membership Renewal

If you are reading this and have not renewed your Scrabble NSW membership, you can do this by going to the Scrabble NSW home page (scrabblensw.org.au) and clicking on the blue button titled 'Renew with Scrabble NSW' and following the prompts. If you are not a full member and now wish to receive full benefits, click on the blue 'Join Scrabble NSW' button.

Upcoming Tournaments

Sunday 25th August ~

Australian Junior Championship.

Under 18, 7 games, CSW21,

with adult side tournament

Cabra-Vale Diggers Club

1 Bartley St, Canley Vale

Tony Hunt 0417 470 167

audiolifeportrait@gmail.com

Sat 5th, Sun 6th & Mon 7th October

NSW Championship

One Day Open on 6th October

Magpies Waitara Football Club

11-37 Alexandra Parade, Waitara

Bob Jackman 0400 226 541

rjackman@ozemail.com.au

Saturday 19th October

Spring Marathon

Club Burwood RSL

Shaftsbury St, Burwood

Josh Watt 0492 371 540

josh.watt922@gmail.com

Saturday Nov 9th & Sunday Nov 10th

Wallerawang Tournament

Wallerawang Bowling Club

1 McKenzie St, Wallerawang

Phillip Hamilton 0402 319 307

pjhamilton15@gmail.com

Saturday 23rd November

Lake Macquarie

Private home, Balcolyn

Richard Birch 0418 428 459

richardbirch@me.com

Queensland

In recognition of her long service to Scrabble Queensland, Karrin Henderson was appointed as a Life Member. Karrin has been an active tournament player and committee member since the 1990's. She joins other Scrabble Queensland Life Members Patti Ashwin, Olga Visser and Martin Waterworth.

Scrabble Masterclass sessions resumed in term 3 at Brisbane State High School with 30 students attending the 6-lesson course. Four of the participants from the term 2 masterclass played their first tournament on 6th July and we hope to see even more make their debut on 31st August with the second Mindsport event organized specifically for beginners.

New clubs are operating now at Tangara (West End) and Logan. Three adults from Logan clubs played their first tournament on 6th July.

Preparations and planning continued for Scrabble Queensland to be involved in the Scout Jamboree in January 2025 at Maryborough (Queensland). Over 6,000 scouts from throughout Australia will attend the Jamboree. We expect to have more than 700 scouts participate in the Scrabble activities. We need youth mentors in all states to encourage and support any keen young players after the Jamboree.

The start of the Queensland Championships is the cut off for yearly awards presented in Queensland.

The Highest Rating Gain for 2023-24 in Queensland was won by Ashwin Page with a gain of 269 points.

The 2023-24 Tournament Player of the Year in Queensland is Karen Richards with 144 points. Second was Cameron Farlow with 121 points and third was Kerry Reimers with 106 points. This award recognises a combination of results achieved and attendance at tournaments worldwide.

The 2023-24 Tournament Club of the Year in Queensland is Coorparoo with 367 points. Second was Southport with 264 points and third was Logan Clovers with 211 points. This award recognizes clubs that encourage their members to participate in tournaments.

During the year Queensland players participated in 19 local tournaments, 16 interstate events and 10 overseas tournaments.

Next year the Tournament Prize point structure will be changed slightly with more points being awarded for Novices (10 points – up from 5) and Provisional-rated players (5 points – up from 3). This is to encourage the introduction and retention of newer players to



Jane Brown found an unusual Scrabble board. In Warwick, Qld at the annual winter Jumpers and Jazz Festival trees are dressed up in their own knitted fun jumpers.

the tournament scene. The other points remain the same – First (any division/ rating band) 10; Second 8; Third 6; Fourth 4; Fifth 3; Novice 10; Provisional 5; Attending 1. Players can be affiliated with one or more clubs. Any CASPA or Internationally rated tournament is eligible to be counted toward the points tally.

Paul Richards

President, Scrabble Queensland

Townsville Winter Tournaments

Our annual Townsville Winter Scrabble tournaments were held on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th July as two individual events. With 20 players on day one and 22 on day two, we spread out over two apartments on the 11th floor of the Dalgety building.

It was a tropical 27° so the airconditioners and fans provided ultimate comfort. Saturday was run as a two-division round robin with 9 x 22-minute games, which started at 10 am and was completed by 6 pm.

On Sunday we used an open lagged Australian draw, again with 22-minute games. Players' ratings ranged from 700 to over 1600, so two rating band prizes were awarded on Sunday.

A number of wonderful wines, along with gin and tonics, were enjoyed by many with lunch,



some of us continuing on into the afternoon and evening. Food was provided by local caterers Green Pantry Kitchen, Tobin Fish Tales and our fabulously talented home cook, Julie Walder, who produced what many of us agreed was the best Black Forest cake we had ever had!

Many players and their partners joined us for pizza and wine on Saturday night but finished at a sensible 9 pm :-)

It was such a treat, and so encouraging, to have had so many players travel to North Queensland from down south. We hope to see more of you next year when we host the Australian Women's and Queensland Championships. Rob York penned this lovely ditty for us after spending a full week in Townsville:

*Townsville is a city so fine,
Playing Scrabble and drinking good wine,
At the end of my week
Back at home I shall seek
An equivalent patch of sunshine!!*

Results elsewhere in this publication.

Julie Brice

Upcoming Tournaments

Saturday September 14

Toowoomba Spring
St David's Church Hall
cnr Mary and Alford sts
North Toowoomba
Jane Brown 07 4635 5013
On the day: 0417 903 079
jb.edits@bigpond.net.au

Saturday September 28
Progressive Round Robin 9 games
Queen Alexandra Home
347 Old Cleveland Rd
Coorparoo
Karen Richards 0457 545 477

Saturday October 12 (AGM)
Alexandra Room
Queen Alexandra Home
347 Old Cleveland Rd
Coorparoo
Paul Richards 0419 031 369
On the day: 0419 031 369
paulrichards7@gmail.com

Sunday November 10
Alexandra Room

Queen Alexandra Home
347 Old Cleveland Rd
Coorparoo
Paul Richards 0419 031 369
On the day: 0419 031 369
paulrichards7@gmail.com

Sunday December 1
Southport SOPO Club
Corner Scarborough/Lawson Sts
Diana McManus 0419 022 520
dianamcmanus4@gmail.com

Sunday December 15
Last Chance promotion/demotion - 9 games
Queen Alexandra Home
347 Old Cleveland Rd
Coorparoo
Olga Visser. 07 3801 1362
on the day: 0438 457 566
visser@optushome.com.au

South Australia

As I am writing this, I am in the midst of organizing the Australian Masters and Sate Challenge, having just sent out 40 individual emails to the participants. Apparently if you send them as a group email some go into the spam folder. Thank goodness for the paste function.

I have decided that the benefit of not paying for accommodation and travel costs is sometimes outweighed by the organizational factors, not to mention billeting.

That's the end of my whinge, as there many other people involved in the organization of these events. We may have only a small committee here in South Australia but there are many other members who step up to the plate when asked.

We are also hosting the National Championships in 2025 and we have members creating a QR code to display the draw and an on line entry form. Autumn is the best season in Adelaide and there are so may festivals on it might be worth making it a longer holiday.

Looking forward to seeing many of my interstate Scrabble friends over the coming months.

*Jane Taylor
President*

Tasmania

There have been a couple of two day tournaments held in Tasmania over Winter, with players having the option of playing on either of the two days, or on both.

In the June Kingston tournament Margaret Webb took out first place on the Saturday with 6 wins from 8 games with a very impressive average game score of 422. On Sunday Pam Thomas had the honours with a great run of 6 wins from 7 games, only dropping her first game by just 10 points.

In July, players from across the state again gathered in Kingston where the two day format was again used. Khen Meerding had a brilliant run, taking first place on both days with an overall record of 13 wins and 1 loss. New player Ethan Tenaglia had his first tournament and did well. It's always great to see new players.

A few more tournaments in the coming months in Tassie, including a mid week evening 4 game event, which I really enjoy as it gives players with busy weekends a chance to still play tournaments. There will also be the Tasmanian Championship held at the end of October, which is always a great battle. With 3 different winners over the last 3 years - who will take home the trophy?

Stephen Mooney-Pursell

Victoria

The middle of the year is always a busy time in Victoria.

Our flagship event, the Victorian Championship is held on the King's Birthday weekend; this year, David Eldar successfully defended his 2023 title and became the first player to go back to back since Trevor Halsall's threeppeat ending in 2019.

You can read more about this event in a special piece for this edition of ATB.

This year, we incorporated a Championship equivalent to our Online division with the Inaugural Victorian Online Open taking place over two Saturday afternoons in June. Chris Scholten was our first ever winner of this event; one that is hoped to continue forming its own traditions.

Our online events had an additional focus as winter months take hold. It is easy for our

members to enjoy some friendly competition by spending a weekend afternoon IN and still get some Scrabble in.

I would ask all our members who enjoy online play to check out our Online section on our website.

July saw us return to Wodonga this year and another enjoyable weekend spent at the Victorian border was had by all in attendance. It was great to see a greater local presence this year and hope when we return in 2025, there will be more local players greeting all who attend!

This period is also membership renewal time. At the time of writing, many of you have renewed already. If you are keen to renew and are unsure how, please contact me.

By the time you read this, the Scrabble Victoria AGM will have been held; all things going ok, this report will not be my final one for ATB! This has been another year focusing on our players and there have been stellar contributions from the Committee to make sure we do the best we can to look after everyone in the state.

Another event will have occurred by the time you read this. Our first Victoria player in quite a while will have represented Australia at the World Youth Scrabble Championship in Sri Lanka.

On a personal note, the support that has been provided by the Victorian Scrabble playing community in the lead up has, quite simply, been amazing. The generosity of people toward helping us get Oscar to the event leaves me feeling extremely grateful and appreciative. A huge thank you from myself on a personal level to all who have supported this!!!

Upon our return, the latest in our Friday Night Series will be run 2 days later.

In the meantime, happy Scrabbling!!

Victorian Championship write up next page

Nick Ivanovski

Western Australia

The Western Australian Scrabble Championship was held during the WA Day long weekend. A new state champion was crowned as Ian Ting won fourteen out of eighteen games.

Key to this result was two wins versus the ten-time defending champion Russell Honeybun who was vying for a sixteenth title and eventually finished third in the tournament with twelve wins, as well as two wins versus the eventual runner-up David Vanzyl who had twelve-and-a-half wins. T

he winner in B Division was Rhonda Reynish who had eleven wins and finished sixth overall. The runner-up in B Division was Louise Love with nine wins, while in third place was John Salmon also with nine wins.

The winner of the High Game category was Judy Godfrey with 543 points, while the High Game in B Division went to Rhonda Reynish with 493 points.

The winner of the High Word category went to Alan Mathews who was also the winner of High Word in B Division with 158 points. The High Word in A Division went to David Vanzyl with 140 points.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held in early July, followed by a six-game Bisectional tournament. A key motion was passed during the AGM where the five-point unsuccessful challenge rule applied to games in the top division, which had been enacted from the previous year's AGM, was to be discontinued from that day onwards.

The players in the tournament bid farewell to Max Mason who was planning to move interstate and shared a cake amongst the people at the venue. He was also the winner of the tournament with five wins out of six and had High Word with 94 points.

The runner-up was Ian Ting with five wins and also had High Game with 501 points. In third place was Benjamin Lee with four wins. The winner in B Division with four wins out of six was Jenny Coetzee, who also had High Game with 461 points.

The runner-up in B Division with four wins was Cori Lodder, who also had High Word with 98 points. This High Word score was also shared with Janet Kirk. In third place with four wins as well was Carol Hudson.

Check the website for details of upcoming tournaments.

<http://www.scrabble.org.au/events/calendar.shtml>

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3rd Wodonga Open



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2024 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

In 2023, David Eldar took out his fourth Victorian Championship in the lead up to winning the 2023 WESPA Championship in Las Vegas. This year he returned to defend his title.

The Victorian Scrabble Championship is one of the longest running events on the Scrabble Calendar in Australia, run over the King's Birthday long weekend (second weekend in June).

The first Victorian was run in 1985 (the year ASPA Vic was founded) as a replacement for the cancellation of the Moomba Championship, with Arleigh Receptions being the venue 80 players took part (including four from NSW (Don Croft, John Barker, Jean McGiffen, and Dulcie Lyall).

It was a 10 game event; Lynne Butler won the inaugural title, from Jean McGiffen and Jack Mack. Moya Jury was victorious in B Division and Bil Scott in C.

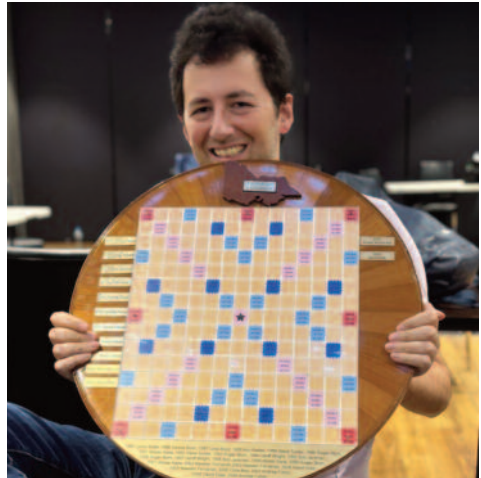
1986 saw the event move to a two day event (a first in Victoria) and the introduction of clocks for the Masters Division (also a first). Merrimu Reception Rooms in Murrumbidgee was the venue. Five interstate players took part. Dennis Boon took the title of Victorian Champion, with Janet Roberts and John Collins taking out the lower Divisions.

The Olympic Hotel in Preston played host to its second Victorian Championship; the previous year was found to be an enjoyable venue after hosting a previous AMSTC.

This year featured 41 players, including players from interstate, and three players from overseas: the event was the first WESPA rated event for Indonesia's Albert Martono since 2016.

Two days. 16 games. A reduction in games from 2023.

There was another change – this time to the system that determined the draw. The draw could be adjusted from the Australian format for players in contention (ie at the top of the draw only) in Games 15 and 16 to ensure as many players stay in contention for placings. Gibsonization may be used if the overall winner is confirmed with no chance of being overtaken.



Winner: David Eldar

This was a welcome amendment to the event and we found it an innovation that can easily be applied to other prominent events on our calendar!

To the games themselves, we had ten individual game scores over 540, with three exceeding 600 (John Hamilton's 625 ended up with the High Game score for the weekend – ahead of David Eldar's 609 and 605).

John may have scored 625 and, although he features in the Highest Combined game for the event, it was a 525-448 win over Oscar Ivanovski in Game 2 which took out that accolade. Oscar's 448 was also the highest losing score for the event (3 ahead of Trevor Halsall).



Other Honour Board (4 Oscar Ivanovski; 2 Edward Okulicz, 3 John Hamilton)



Rating Band Winners (Caroline Scowcroft, Christie Godby, Shaun Donnelly)

At the end of Day 1, David Eldar and Edward Okulicz led with 7 games won from 8.

(David's sole loss on the day was to Christie Godby in Game 7. Christie's win was the biggest in terms of ratings upsets, with her Round 13 win over Geoff Wright the third biggest, bookending Doreen Ivanovski's win over Rod Talbot in Round 11.)

A further four players were on 6 (Arnold Appelhof, Christie Godby, Shaun Donnelly, and John Holgate) battling closely behind.

It was at this stage, the draw was reset.

By Round 12, David had played his first repeat against both Edward Okulicz and Shaun Donnelly. His Round 12 return win against Christie saw him up by 1 from Edward.

Round 13 saw both David and Edward lose their games; (David to Albert and Edward to

Karen). David had maintained a one game lead (and spread) since Round 9 heading into Rd 14.

It was here where the adjusted draw came into its own. Instead of playing someone lower down the ratings (as is usual at similar stages in other events), David and Edward were pitted together a third time.

Edward wins, and we were back to an even race; David wins and he would be unbeatable. The game had a close enough ending, with David securing his FIFTH title by winning 456-412.

As a result, for the first time in recent memory at Victorian events, Gibsonization (the effective withdrawal of the player confirmed as an unbeatable winner) was applied and David had a bye in the final round as the remaining. With a far superior spread, Edward Okulicz was also given a bye as six players effectively vied for the remaining 2 prizes at the top of the leaderboard.

It was a battle of the Johns as Holgate and Hamilton played for the second time in the event; Karen played Oscar. Depending on how these results went, the Kashi Thiriv v Albert Martono result had a chance of sneaking into fourth.

The final round saw John Hamilton secure some revenge against John Holgate after a loss at the end of Day 1, winning 393-340. Oscar's 413-379 against Karen saw him with the best spread of the 6 players on 10, behind David, Edward, and John Hamilton.

So, David made it 5 Vic Championships to his name! Going by the numbers, here is how he won it.

Games won: 13

Spread: 1661

Highest Score: 609 (2nd highest)

Average Game Score: 481 (1st in ranking)

Average Against: 370.3

We look forward to a huge Victorian Championship in 2025, as we celebrate our 40th running of the event in the 40th anniversary of Scrabble Victoria!

It will be great to see you there!!

Happy Scrabbling.



Overseas players: Lois Binnie, New Zealand; Cecilia Khoo, Malaysia; Albert Martono, Indonesia.

Nick Ivanovski

Club Directory

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ACT

WODEN Night: Wed 7pm

Southern Cross Club, Woden

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WODEN Day: Thu 9am

Southern Cross Club, Woden

Terry Horan **0424 229 254**

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Marrickville Library.

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Lane Cove: Thursdays 5.30pm to 9.00pm

Lane Cove Bowling & Recreation Club

151 Burns Bay Road, Lane Cove

Julie Bailey **0427 035 465**

juliesimonds7@gmail.com

Macarthur: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays from 7pm

Western Suburbs League Club

10 Old Leumeah Road, Leumeah

Tony Hunt **0417 470 167**

audiolifeportrait@gmail.com

John Holgate **0413 168 548**

john.holgate@ozemail.com.au

Petersham Pub Night:

1st and 3rd Mondays from 7pm

Petersham RSL Club

30 Trafalgar Street, Petersham

Ryan Sutton **0432 384 240**

fryziesutton@yahoo.com.au

Steven Savona **0411 815 981**

steven.savona@gmail.com

Revesby: Tuesday Evenings from 6.45pm

Picnic Point Bowling Club

124 Lambeth St, Panania

Peter Griffiths **0432 638 994**

phgriffiths60@gmail.com

St George: Tuesdays 10am - 3pm

Oatley RSL Club, 23 Letitia St, Oatley

Jo Anne Deady **0431 624 970**

peterdeady@optusnet.com.au

Sutherland: Thursdays 10.30am - 3.00pm

Sutherland United Services Club

7 East Pde, Sutherland

Ann Fiddler **02 9589 0128**

afiddler@bigpond.net.au

Sydney: First Sunday each month

From 11.30am, Competition

Clontarf Cottage, Wallace St, Balmain

Cheryl Michler **0408 595 219**

michlercheryl@hotmail.com

Waverley: Tuesdays, from 1pm

Waverley Community Centre

31-33 Spring St, Bondi Junction

Devorah Ullman **0434 190 396**

devorah@aptitude.com.au

South Coast Scrabble Clubs

Bomaderry: Wednesdays 10.30am to 5pm

Bomaderry Bowling Club

cnr Meroo & Cambewarra Rds, Bomaderry

Margaret Neal **0428 429 077**

margcneal@bigpond.com

Nowra: Saturdays from 12.30pm

Bomaderry Bowling Club

cnr Meroo & Cambewarra Rds, Bomaderry

Greg Hopson **0438 897 540**

greghopson604@gmail.com

Ulladulla: Mondays 1pm - 5pm
Ulladulla Ex Serviceman's Club
Princes Hwy, Ulladulla
Gary Pollard **02 4456 5139**
gazman11@optusnet.com.au

Wollongong: WORDS: (Evening)
Monday from 7pm
Collegians Rugby League Club
Flinders St, Wollongong
Rene Chelton **02 4283 2442**
rene.chelton@gmail.com

Wollongong: WORDS (Day)
Thursday 1pm to 5pm
Collegians Rugby League Club
Cnr Balgownie Rd & Napier St, Balgownie
Rene Chelton **02 4283 2442**
rene.chelton@gmail.com

Central Coast Clubs

Empire Bay: Tuesdays 9.00am - 12.30pm
Empire Bay Progress Hall
Cnr Sorrento & Gordon Rds, Empire Bay
Jan Consoli **0402 246 427**
janconsoli@optusnet.com.au

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

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

Hunter Region Clubs

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

Lake Macquarie: Thursdays, 10am to 1pm
Bay Hotel Motel
330 Fishery Point Road, Bonnells Bay
Richard Birch **0418 428 459**
richardbirch@me.com

Maitland: Tuesdays 9.30am - 2pm
Telarah Bowling Club
Pam Rowlands **0421 111 253**
pampinky@gmail.com

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

Mid-North Coast

South West Rocks: Alternate Thursdays
10am - 4pm
The Conference Centre,
South West Rocks Aged Care Facility
110 Gregory St, South West Rocks
Shirley Winkler **02 6566 7220**
shirley.winkler@bigpond.com

Southern Highlands Clubs

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

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

Virtual (Online) Clubs

Scrabble NSW Woogles: Sundays from 6pm
woogles.io/club/nswscrab
Josh Watt **0492 371 540**
josh.watt922@gmail.com

Non-Affiliated Scrabble Groups

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

Blacktown Healthcare: Social,
Val Haggett **0438 212 219**

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

Ettalong:
Dorothy Brett **0416 022 093**

Kiama:
Marie Dalton **02 4233 2778**

Lismore:
Adeyemi Johnson **02 6622 0649**

Mittagong:
George Khamis **0405 201 552**

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

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

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

Quakers Hill: Serious
Lauraine Overton **0412 300 137**

Ramsgate: Social
Dea Holland **02 9588 3415**
aoch@optusnet.com.au

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

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

Tumut:
Bev Sutton **02 6947 6505**

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

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

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

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

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

Dalby: Wednesday 6:30 pm
Kathleen Maher mzeemaher@gmail.com

Lismore: Taran Tula **0434 053 925**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SA

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

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

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

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

Plympton: Monday 6:00pm
Sachiez Kitchen, 295 Anzac Highway, Plympton
Tony Miller
www.meetup.com/adelaide-pub-scrabble/

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

Prospect: Tuesday 1:30pm
128 Prospect Road, Prospect
Louisa Atsas **0432 907 666**
atsas_tribe@yahoo.com

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

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

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

VIC

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

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

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

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

Box Hill: See **Surrey Hills**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mount Martha: Tuesday 1.00pm
Room 5, Mt Martha House,
cnr Dominion Rd & The Esplanade
Marjorie Barnes **0402 081 466**

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

Paynesville: Tuesday 10am - 3pm
6 Fifth Parade, Raymond Island
Sylvia Galloway **03 5156 7443**
sylgal1938@optusnet.com.au

Rosanna: 2nd & 4th Thursdays 6.30 - 9.30pm
Watsonia Library, 4/6 Ibbotson St,
Rob Hutchinson **0407 533 525**
rh_slash@yahoo.com.au

Surrey Hills: *Previously* **Box Hill**
Tuesdays fortnightly 1pm - 4pm
Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre,
157 Union Road, Surrey Hills
Judith McNaughtan **0447 387 493**
mcnaughtan43@optusnet.com.au

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

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

WA

Albany: Monday 9am-12pm
Albany Bridge Club, Mill Street
Jane Taylor **0429 448 666**

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

Darlington: Tuesday 9am-12pm
Carmelita Maxwell **0415 183 545**
carmell@yahoo.com

Floreat: Tuesday 12:30pm-3pm
Wendy Naunton **0411 824 502**

Hamersley Tue: Tuesday 1pm-4:30pm
Child Care Centre,
Recreation Centre, Belvedere Road
Joan Dye **0400 761 356**

Hamersley Sat: Saturday 1pm-4:30pm
Child Care Centre,
Recreation Centre, Belvedere Road
Mike Clarke **0438 606 617**
safety@safetyhousewa.org.au

Mandurah: Wednesday 8:30am-12pm
Mandurah Senior Citizens Centre,
Ormsby Terrace
Marj Fisher **08 9581 6852**

Manjimup: Wednesday 1pm-5pm
Pat Parkinson 08 9771 2882

Melville: Monday 10am-4pm
Melville Bowling Club,
582 Canning Highway, Alfred Cove
Rosie Anghie **08 9450 6856**
canghie@optusnet.com.au

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

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

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

Who Is the Western Australian Scrabble Champion?

Ian Ting has written this autobiographical piece about his Scrabble journey. If you have a similar story to tell, please send it in to the ATB editor, or contact them if you would like to discuss.

Well, it is not what you would likely expect based on the past. The new champion having defeated the ten-time defending champion twice in the 2024 edition of the championship, leading to a total of 14 wins out of 18.

He did not play Scrabble while growing up, having only gained interest after watching the television program *Letters and Numbers* on SBS in 2010. He found out he could find lengthy words from a jumbled group of letters

and learn new words quickly while watching the program. He began playing in face-to-face tournaments in 2015 and has been to the Causeway Challenge in 2016 at Johor Bahru, Malaysia, the Australian Championship a few times, and represented Western Australia at the State Team Challenge a few times.

His highest game score ever in a ASPA-rated tournament was 602 while his highest word score ever was 167 on two separate occasions.

He has been told that Scrabble is all about vocabulary, that success in Scrabble is all based on vocabulary and all that matters in Scrabble is vocabulary. He thinks that those

people have not seriously tried playing Scrabble, as he believes that success in the game is based on a combination of a wide range of certain attributes such as vocabulary, spatial awareness, a sense of geometry, probability, recognising a general pattern of spellings, being in the moment and adapting to the current situation, and of course, some luck. He does not believe that success in Scrabble is all about knowing off by heart the most words in the English language.

Ever heard of your opponent demanding you to answer “what does that mean?” after you played a word on the Scrabble board? Well, he has as well, on many occasions.

Of course, he did not invent those words he just played. He usually does not bother learning the meanings of words as word meanings do not affect the scoring or the state of the game at all.

He notices that many words and their associated meanings originated from all kinds of people from around the world. He also notices that many words originating from many centuries ago have since been evolved into different spellings yet have kept the same meaning.

He finds that many of the meanings of those obscure words could be easily expressed with more or less the same meaning with more familiar words that are more prevalently used in the society he lives in.

He believes that anyone trying to learn the meanings of all those obscure words will make their lives more difficult for themselves. He then asks if it is really necessary to be learning and memorising all the meanings of the words he plays on the Scrabble board, or that he is supposed to as demanded by some of his opponents.

Sometimes, he invents his own meanings on the spot to help remember those words!

He has been told that one should only play the words they know are words on the Scrabble board. Well... he does not think so! He is quite sure that all the words playable in Scrabble are not necessarily the same as the words an individual knows.

He sometimes guesses words. Who knows... he might just guess correctly! He encourages anyone playing Scrabble to be brave and have

a go at stepping out of your comfort zone to try words they are not too familiar with. Surprises may await.

He is glad that he is playing Scrabble and engaging with the Scrabble community. If he could be the winner of a Scrabble championship, it proves that success in Scrabble is not decided based on an individual's particular attributes such as where they are from, what colour they are, how tall they are, how wide they are, how popular they are, what they are wearing, what they like or dislike about the world, how chatty they are, how loud they are when they talk, or what championship titles they have won before.

For anyone who doubts they could be successful in Scrabble, never lose hope and never give up.

He notices that Scrabble has been going for decades and will be going on forever into the future. He is quite sure that everyone who plays Scrabble will not be going on forever, and neither will he.

The thought of playing Scrabble for his entire life does not work well for him. He has been engaging in other hobbies recently such as performing in an orchestra and going to a chess club once every week.

He is thankful of receiving a three-figure sum from the state championship – it is merely £44.999 million short of matching King Charles's recent pay raise. The three-figure sum will surely help with the current cost of living – it will cover the cost of one piccolo-sized latte at the local cafe.

The trophy for the state championship has the previous winners' name engraved on it. His name is on there. It will stay there into the future. Is anyone out there going to advise him how to win Scrabble from now on?

Good luck with your Scrabble.

Ian Ting



Results Roundup

ACT

23.06.2024 ACT Winter Open

ALL: 1 Tony Hunt; 2 Lexia Smallwood; 3 John Spaan; **HG** Owen Randall 590; **HW** Lexia Smallwood **DANGLIER** 131

13.07.2024 ACT AGM 2024

A: 1 Noel Barrett; 2 Terry Horan; 3 John Spaan; **HG** Noel Barrett 556; **HW** Jeff Danaher **QUESTION** 203

NSW

01.06.2024 SUTHERLAND

A DIVISION: 1 Garth Van Vliet; 2 Victor Tung; 3 Bob Jackman; **HG** Bob Jackman 532; **HW** Rod Talbot **LIQUIDY** 118

B DIVISION: 1 Asanka Dissanayake; 2 Marion Miller; 3 Colleen Birch; **HG** Asanka Dissanayake 500

C DIVISION: 1 Al Thawer; 2 Rene Chelton; 3 Pat Schuberg; **HG** Al Thawer 503; **HW** Sandra Elliott **GIFTING** 86

02.06.2024 Mindsport 2 2024

OPEN: 1 Tony Hunt; 2 Alex Lam; 3 Jeffery Lam; **HG** Raymond Tri 548; **HW** Vinh Nguyen **ARTIFACT** 98

15.06.2024 Words Winter

A: 1 Joanne Craig; 2 Dianne Brumby; 3 Josh Watt; **HG** Josh Watt 553; **HW** Joanne Craig **EXOTICA** 116

B: 1 Monica Dwyer; 2 Margaret Neal; 3 Lexie Neale; **HG** Monica Dwyer 477; **HW** Sharon Sorensen **TREATIES** 122

C: 1 Dorothy Fields; 2 Cecilia Khoo; 3 Sunny Wright; **HG** Greg Hopson 510; **HW** Ashley Korn **PEAKINGS** 92

09.07.2024 oitoo winter 2024

OPEN: 1 Josh Watt; 2 Vinh Nguyen; 3 Karen Richards; **HG** Karen Richards 542; **HW** Kelvin Korn **DIAPERS** 126

19.07.2024 Lansvale Mindsport 3

OPEN: 1 Tony Hunt; 2 Karen Richards; 3 Alex Lam; **HG** Nathan Tang 578; **HW** Karen Richards **SQUEALER** 98

20.07.2024 WINTER MASTERS

A: 1 Trevor Halsall; 2 Nuti Suri; 3 Edward Okulicz; **HG** Trevor Halsall 596; **HW** Esther Perrins **ARSENIDE** 131

QLD

19.05.2024 May Mayhem

A: 1 Cameron Farlow; 2 Jane Brown; 3 Liz Blanch; **HG** Cameron Farlow 532; **HW** Martin Waterworth **UNALIVE** 101

B: 1 Karrin Henderson; 2 Maureen Gardner; 3 Arnold Appelhof; **HG** Karen Woodhead 565; **HW** Karen Woodhead **ZONAE** 102

C: 1 Jenny Schafer; 2 Mary Wilmott; 3 Roslyn Murphy; **HG** Jill Paterson 477; **HW** Diana McManus **SLEWING** 99

02.06.2024 Southport Mid-Year

A: 1 Keri Heart; 2 Arnold Appelhof; 3 Liz Blanch; **HG** Keri Heart 496; **HW** Jeanette Hansen **UNSCREW** 108

B: 1 Jill Paterson; 2 Patti Ashwin; 3 Roslyn Murphy; **HG** Patti Ashwin 457; **HW** Jill Paterson **DETAINS** 92

15.06.2024 Toowoomba Winter

A: 1 Jane Brown; 2 Sheryl Davidson; 3 Paul Richards; **HG** Olga Visser 495; **HW** Martin Waterworth **EXTREME** 98

B: 1 Roslyn Murphy; 2 Kerry Reimers; 3 Jeanette Hansen; **HG** Jeanette Hansen 495; **HW** Jeanette Hansen **HOOPERS** 97

06.07.2024 Mindsport

A: 1 Roberta Tait; 2 Karen Richards; 3 Jeanette Hansen; **HG** Karen Richards 540; **HW** Jeanette Hansen **MOUNTED** 89

B: 1 Claire Freedman; 2 Elize Plaganyi; 3 David Bergman; **HG** David Bergman 470; **HW** Ann Roach **DOOZIES** 98

21.07.2024 July Jaunt

A: 1 Cameron Farlow; 2 Sheryl Davidson; 3 Paul Richards; **HG** Cameron Farlow 547; **HW** Paul Richards **PASSIVE** 99

B: 1 Kerry Reimers; 2 Karen Woodhead; 3 Elize Plaganyi; **HG** Elize Plaganyi 541; **HW** Mary Wilmott **WEARING** 91

27.07.2024 Saturday Townsville

A: 1 Julie Brice; **2** Paul Richards; **3** Karrin Henderson; **HG** Martin Waterworth 493; **HW** Julie Brice **DARNEST** 93

B: 1 Karen Woodhead; **2** Kerry Reimers; **3** Roslyn Murphy; **HG** Kerry Reimers 526; **HW** Patti Ashwin **EXERTING** 98

28.07.2024 Sunday Townsville

Open: 1 Karen Richards; **2** Liz Blanch; **3** Glenys Logan; **HG** Paul Richards 537; **HW** Liz Blanch **RENEWING** 194

SA

11.05.2024 Saturday Session May

A: 1 Daniel Piechnick; **2** Carmel Dodd; **3** Jane Taylor; **HG** Jane Taylor 552; **HW** Carmel Dodd **SERJEANT** 116

B: 1 Fiona Braendler; **2** Karyn Crease; **3** Rowena Vnuk; **HG** Karyn Crease 526; **HW** Karyn Crease **BROWNIES** 176

26.05.2024 SA May Fours

A: 1 Jane Taylor; **2** Carmel Dodd; **3** Michael Vnuk; **HG** Adam Kretschmer 626; **HW** Angie Pearse **QUILTED** 111

22.06.2024 Saturday Sessions June

A: 1 Carmel Dodd; **2** Daniel Piechnick; **3** Antony Kimber; **HG** Carmel Dodd 577; **HW** Carmel Dodd **SHEARERS** 149

B: 1 Susan Roberts; **2** Baheej Al Kassem; **3** Karyn Crease; **HG** Baheej Al Kassem 536; **HW** Susan Roberts **TRAPEZES** 107

30.06.2024 SA June

A: 1 Daniel Piechnick; **2** Tony Miller; **3** Geoff Wright; **HG** Daniel Piechnick 530; **HW** Michael Vnuk **DEGLAZE** 127

B: 1 Rowena Vnuk; **2** Susan Roberts; **3** Dieter Jedamski; **HG** Dieter Jedamski 512; **HW** Dieter Jedamski **ERASION** 91

21.07.2024 SA July

A: 1 Michael Vnuk; **2** Tony Miller; **3** Daniel Piechnick; **HG** Daniel Piechnick 559; **HW** Tony Miller **POLEWARD** 98

B: 1 Tim Guidera; **2** Dieter Jedamski; **3** Louisa Atsas; **HG** Tim Guidera 501; **HW** Louisa Atsas **SHINIER** 97

03.08.2024 Saturday Sessions August

A: 1 Carmel Dodd; **2** Tracey Kneebone; **3** Michael Vnuk; **HG** Jane Taylor 568; **HW** Angie Pearse **FRINGIER** 98

B: 1 Julie Robins; **2** Susan Roberts; **3** Baheej Al Kassem; **HG** Susan Roberts 489; **HW** Rowena Vnuk **WOBLING** 98

TAS

19.05.2024 Helens

OPEN: 1 Betty Smith; **2** Jon Ford-king; **3** Margaret Griggs; **HG** Jon Ford-King 500

19.05.2024 StHelens2A

OPEN: 1 Jon Ford-King; **2** Marion Merickel; **3** Khen Meerding; **HG** Jan Hill 563; **HW** Jon Ford-King **SEQUINED** 118

22.06.2024 Kingston June A

OPEN: 1 Margaret Webb; **2** Martin Rose; **3** Khen Meerding; **HG** Margaret Webb 565; **HW** Jon Ford-King **SNIFTERS** 95

23.06.2024 Kingston June B

OPEN: 1 Pam Thomas; **2** Khen Meerding; **3** Margaret Bishop; **HG** Khen Meerding 481; **HW** Margaret Bishop **FOODIES** 106

13.07.2024 Kingston Saturday

OPEN: 1 Khen Meerding; **2** Sandy McConnell; **3** Margaret griggs; **HG** Khen Meerding 494; **HW** Pam Thomas **MONGERS** 95

14.07.2024 Kingston Sunday

OPEN: 1 Khen Meerding; **2** Margaret Webb; **3** Jan Hill; **HG** Khen Meerding 505; **HW** Jan Hill **JAILERS** 98

VIC

17.05.2024 Friday Night Scrabble May

OPEN: 1 Rob Hutchinson; **2** Lainie Mercieca; **3** Justin Moyle; **HG** Rob Hutchinson 477

26.05.2024 WYC Fundraiser

OPEN: 1 Trevor Halsall; **2** Carol Johnsen; **3** Norma Fisher; **HG** Trevor Halsall 586; **HW** Edward Okulicz **FEEBLING** 149

08.06.2024 Vic Champs 2024

OPEN: 1 David Eldar; **2** Edward Okulicz; **3** John Hamilton; **HG** John Hamilton 625; **HW** David Eldar **CAPTURES** 167

21.06.2024 Friday Night 3

OPEN: 1 Rob Hutchinson; 2 Oscar Ivanovski; 3 Justin Moyle; **HG** Oscar Ivanovski 455

30.06.2024 SUNDAY SESSIONS

A: 1 Trevor Halsall; 2 Chris Scholten; 3 Oscar Ivanovski; **HG** Trevor Halsall 568; **HW** Carol Johnsen **HEAVIES** 100

B: 1 Jenny Brysha; 2 Siva Sivapalasundram; 3 Angie Winkler; **HG** Siva Sivapalasundram 476; **HW** Siva Sivapalasundram **JOINED** 89

C: 1 Eileen Mills; 2 Annette Casey; 3 Lay-hoon Ng; **HG** Lay-hoon Ng 434; **HW** Annette Casey **WINIEST** 117

13.07.2024 2nd Wodonga Open

OPEN: 1 Oscar Ivanovski; 2 Nick Ivanovski; 3 John Rider; **HG** Nick Ivanovski 555; **HW** Luke Breen **ACQUIRED** 91

26.07.2024 Friday Night 26.07.24

OPEN: 1 Oscar Ivanovski; 2 Christie Godby; 3 Lainie Mercieca; **HG** Oscar Ivanovski 569; **HW** Oscar Ivanovski **AGONISED** 149

04.08.2024 Teams 1

A: 1 Kris Howat; 2 Geoff Wright; 3 John Rider; **HG** Oscar Ivanovski 498; **HW** Jenny Brysha **PENALIZE** 126

B: 1 Craig Murdoch; 2 Carol Rollmann; 3 Michael Sacco; **HG** Cherry Chapman 474; **HW** Craig Murdoch **NEIGHED** 113

Language

Tim Reddan

The English have no respect for their language, and will not teach their children to speak it...It is impossible for an Englishman to open his mouth, without making some other Englishman despise him.

George Bernard Shaw (1912) in the Preface to Pygmalion

Student: 'Professor is it "**PLATYPUSES**" or "**PLATYPI**"?'

Professor: 'To even ask the question bespeaks ignorance of three languages.'

The plural of platypus is **PLATYPUSES**. The next most correct usage is **platypodes***, but this form is rarely used today and not valid in CSW21. As for the commonly used word **PLATYPI**? Well, English is an evolving language, and common usage sometimes dictates a word's acceptance so it does appear in CSW21. **OCTOPUS** also has a similar Greek origin and CSW21 allows all three plurals: **OCTOPUSES**, **OCTOPI** and **OCTOPODES**.

Even some words with Latin origins can be incorrectly pluralised. For example, the Latin word *ignoramus* which means "we take no notice of, we do not know", is the first person plural present indicative of *ignorare** "not to know, take no notice of". This legal term was one a grand jury could write on a bill when it considered the prosecution's evidence insufficient. **IGNORAMUS** meaning "ignorant person" came from the title role in George Ruggle's 1615 play, *Ignoramus*, satirizing the ignorance of common lawyers. The plural is **IGNORAMUSES** as it never was a noun in Latin. Despite all that, the plural **IGNORAMI** is, somewhat ironically, allowed in CSW21.

In the Scripps National Spelling Bee contestants are allowed to ask about the language (or languages) of origin of a word when they are about to attempt to spell it. I wonder how helpful such knowledge might be for learning more Scrabble words. Philip Gooden (2016) notes in his book *May We Borrow Your Language?*:

The English language that is spoken by one billion people around the world is a linguistic mongrel, its vocabulary a diverse mix

resulting from centuries of borrowing from other tongues. From the Celtic languages of pre-Roman Britain to Norman French; from the Vikings' Old Scandinavian to Persian, Arawak, Sanskrit, Cantonese, Hawaiian, Hebrew, Inuit and Urdu – amongst a host of others – we have enriched our modern language with such words as tulip, barbecue, nirvana, ketchup, ukulele, shibboleth, kayak and khaki.

I am of the opinion that rote learning of word lists is quite boring. So anything that might spice up the word knowledge acquisition process may be of use. For example some people like to make lists of names that are also valid Scrabble words (e.g. **ABIGAIL**, **CHRISTIAN**, **HARRY**, **PETER**, **STEVEN**), or places (e.g. **CHILE**, **CHINA**, **JAPAN**, **PARIS**, **SPAIN**), or nationalities (e.g. **CHINESE**, **ENGLISH**, **FRENCH**, **GERMAN**).

People outside of the Scrabble playing community think that the English used in Scrabble is quite arcane. There are limited opportunities for one to use **EUOI** in a sentence. I played Woogles' Steelbot the other day and it played some unusual words against me. Here are four of the fives:

- AGOGE** (tempo in Greek music)
- HIKOI** (Maori – to take part in a protest march)
- IODIC** (pertaining to iodine, as applied to an acid)
- QAPIK** (a monetary unit of Azerbaijan, one hundredth of a manat)

I note that these words all hail from outside English but have been appropriated. I am unsure if my unfamiliarity with Steelbot's words would be less if I had studied Greek, Maori, or Azerbaijani (or Azeri, also referred to as Azeri Turkic or Azeri Turkish). The problem, of course, is knowing which words have been made English and which words haven't. The opportunity arises to make another list of valid Scrabble words that come from a specific foreign language – i.e. all the Maori words, or all the Greek (I expect the number of Azerbaijani words to be much more limited).

Here're some Maori origin words for you to find:

1. **AAAIKKR**
2. **AHIM**
3. **AAGNOT**
4. **AAARTTU**
5. **AAHNUW**

On a somewhat pessimistic note, given that great Scrabble players are able to play the game in languages in which they are not fluent, I expect that knowing the language of origin of a word may not be all that useful - but it may be fun.

Answers:

1. **KARAKIA**
2. **MIHA**
3. **TAONGA**
4. **TUATARA**
5. **WHANAU**

Some Sample CSW24 additions
Thanks to Tony Kalayzich

BAGSY to claim the right to do or have something; **BAGSIES**, **BAGSYING**, **BAGSIED**, **BAGS(Y)**

LOC to make into dreadlocks; **LOCS**, **LOCKED**, **LOCING**
COL LO(C)

- (B)LOC**
- (F)LOC**
- LOC(A)**
- LOC(H)**
- LOC(I)**
- LOC(K)**
- LOC(O)**

Such an innocent word ~ potential galore



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Records 2024 so far...

<i>High game score</i>	662	Russell Honeybun 662 against Alan Mathews 283 at 14.01.2024 January Open
<i>Large game margin</i>	469	Nathan Tang 578 against Annie Ly 109 at 19.07.2024 Lansvale Mindsport 3
<i>Vinh Nguyen</i>	595	against Lakshmie Nithyananda 126 at 27.03.2024 Platinum Wednesday
<i>High drawn game</i>	441	John Holgate 441 against Sharon Sorensen 441 at 20.07.2024 Winter Masters
<i>High combined score</i>	1078	David Eldar 468 against Joanne Craig 610 at 30.03.2024 National Championship
<i>High average score</i>	489.8	(6 games) David Eldar at 25.02.2024 Bayside Open 1
<i>High average spread</i>	163.0	(7 games) Russell Honeybun at 11.08.2024 Glenys Lawrie Memorial
<i>High losing score</i>	506	Tony Hunt 506 against Nattapat Nak-in 526 at 30.03.2024 National Championship
<i>Long winning streak</i>	20	Russell Honeybun at 27.03.2024 Platinum Wednesday (5) and 28.03.2024 Platinum Thursday (7) and 30.03.2024 National Championship (8)
<i>High word</i>	212	MACHINES : Jenny Coetzee at 11.08.2024 Glenys Lawrie Memorial
<i>High opening score</i>	102	QUINOLS : Karen Richards at Platinum Plus 28.03.2024 ZEOLITE : Carmel Dodd at Australian Championship 01.04.2024
<i>High play, not bonus</i>	108	CL(ADD)ING : Karen Richards at Bomaderry 03.03.2024
<i>High play, not triple triple</i>	143	FREEZING : Rowena Vnuk at SA Champs 10.03.2024
<i>Long word</i>	10	UNBLINKING : Steven Savona at Lake Macquarie Autumn 16.03.2024
<i>Many bingos</i>	5	OUTAGES; ASTONIED; DEBATERS; ADIPOSE; BLITHER : John Hamilton at ACT April 24.02.2024 EUGLENA; MARAUDS; BILINEAR; RELEARN; MERANTIS : Asanka Dissanayake at Matchplay Qualifier 24.02.2024 AIRTHING; DEXTRAL; PRACTIVE; OUTGIVEN; ALEWIFE : Cameron Farlowe at April Antickes 21.04.2024 MARBLING; RECITED; TERSION; LIONESS; GUILTED : John Salmon at Joy Dean Memorial 21.04.2024
<i>Many consecutive bingos</i>	3	TANTIES; TWISTIER; INFERIAE : Karen Richards at Bomaderry 03.03.2024 OTALGIA; SH(O)RTENS; OVER(T)ONE : Adam Kretschmer at Australian Championship 01.04.2024 LOURIER; SONSHIP; EVASIVE : Tony Miller at May Fours 26.05.2024

National Ratings

at 6 August 2024

*Every player currently financial, active and with a rating in Australia is listed here.
This is how the ratings stand on 06 August 2024 as taken from the website.*

1	David Eldar	VIC	2113	52	Dianne Davis	VIC	1502
2	Edward Okulicz	VIC	1949	53	Graeme Lock Lee	NSW	1500
3	Naween Fernando	VIC	1924	54	Diyath Visidagamage	VIC	1500
4	Peter Kougi	VIC	1913	55	Carol Johnsen	VIC	1494
5	Cameron Farlow	QLD	1899	56	Paul Richards	QLD	1492
6	Trevor Halsall	VIC	1876	57	Julie Brice	QLD	1492
7	Russell Honeybun	WA	1848	58	Anne Zion	WA	1491
8	Andrew Fisher	VIC	1830	59	Michael Vnuk	SA	1488
9	Victor Tung	NSW	1759	60	Quentin Abbott	QLD	1483
10	Esther Perrins	NSW	1755	61	Rocky Sharma	NSW	1478
11	Daniel Piechnick	SA	1745	62	Nat Podesser	VIC	1478
12	Mythili Rudra	VIC	1711	63	Helen Hynes	QLD	1472
13	Stephen Mooney Pursell	TAS	1704	64	Craig Murdoch	VIC	1471
14	Ryan Sutton	NSW	1693	65	Tony Williams	ACT	1465
15	Jimmy Scarff	VIC	1691	66	Kashi Thiris	VIC	1463
16	Bob Jackman	NSW	1688	67	Marianne Bentley	VIC	1462
17	Adam Kretschmer	SA	1685	68	Jon Ford-King	TAS	1460
18	Max Mason	WA	1680	69	Gwen Lampre	VIC	1459
19	Joanne Craig	NSW	1666	70	Guy Newsham	QLD	1459
20	Wayne Jones	NSW	1660	71	Ray Alford	VIC	1458
21	Trevor Tao	SA	1669	72	Phillip Hamilton	NSW	1457
22	Nick Ivanovski	VIC	1656	73	Norma Fisher	VIC	1455
23	John Hamilton	ACT	1650	74	Martin Rose	TAS	1455
24	David Vanzyl	WA	1643	75	Lois Binnie	VIC	1455
25	Rod Talbot	NSW	1641	76	Geoff Shepheard	WA	1455
26	Tony Hunt	NSW	1641	77	Chris Scholten	VIC	1453
27	Carmel Dodd	SA	1635	78	Asanka Dissanayake	NSW	1451
28	John Holgate	NSW	1635	79	Edie Mueller	WA	1448
29	Geoff Wright	VIC	1633	80	Alan Burn	VIC	1447
30	Sally Martin	WA	1625	81	Sheryl Davidson	QLD	1444
31	Ian Ting	WA	1619	82	Liz Blanch	QLD	1440
32	Jane Taylor	SA	1610	83	Shaun Donnelly	VIC	1440
33	Rael Hayman	NSW	1609	84	Khen Meerding	TAS	1437
34	Alistair Kane	VIC	1607	85	Alex Lam	NSW	1431
35	Josh Watt	NSW	1602	86	Peter Shaw	NSW	1429
36	Karen Richards	QLD	1600	87	Carolyn Watt	WA	1427
37	Oscar Ivanovski	VIC	1590	88	Greg Pinchbeck	NSW	1426
38	John Spaan	ACT	1589	89	Margaret Webb	TAS	1423
39	Ronnie Bennett	ACT	1589	90	Therese Nichols	NSW	1420
40	Garth van Vliet	NSW	1589	91	Roberta Tait	QLD	1417
41	Chris Hall	WA	1574	92	Ivor Zetler	NSW	1412
42	Noel Barrett	ACT	1573	93	Kate Gullan	VIC	1409
43	Malcolm McAnulty	SA	1539	94	Chris Ostrowski	NSW	1403
44	Heather Long	VIC	1536	95	Glenys Logan	QLD	1403
45	Dianne Brumby	TAS	1535	96	Judy Godfrey	WA	1401
46	Antony Kimber	SA	1534	97	Alex Boiko	ACT	1398
47	Jane Brown	QLD	1532	98	Adam Kauschke	SA	1398
48	Jyoti Chandna	NSW	1521	99	Divina Taschke	QLD	1396
49	Howard Rayner	WA	1518	100	Steven Savona	NSW	1395
50	Tony Miller	SA	1513	101	Arnold Appelfhof	QLD	1389
51	Antonios Syrigos	SA	1507	102	Susan Rayner	WA	1388

103	Kerry Constable	NSW	1387	159	Khwanjai Thammaping	VIC	1222
104	Neil McLean	VIC	1384	160	Ros Wilkinson	TAS	1221
105	Jenny Brysha	VIC	1383	161	Kerry Reimers	QLD	1218
106	Tim Reddan	ACT	1381	162	Norma Tracey	NSW	1208
107	Francoise Finlayson	SA	1368	163	Noel Coulter	VIC	1208
108	Rex Shakespeare	VIC	1368	164	Susan MacGillivray	ACT	1207
109	Benjamin Lee	WA	1365	165	Margaret Neal	NSW	1206
110	Helen Metaxas	TAS	1365	166	Tony Kalayzich	NSW	1205
111	Sharon Sorensen	NSW	1355	167	Penny Wells	TAS	1205
112	Justin Moyle	VIC	1354	168	Nancy Sparling	SA	1205
113	John Rider	VIC	1353	169	Lynne Jarvis	TAS	1202
114	Caroline Polak Scowcroft	ACT	1353	170	Tim Walton	QLD	1201
115	Jegatheva Jegathesan	WA	1346	171	Sylvia Galloway	VIC	1199
116	Faye Williams	WA	1342	172	Yan Rui Ko	QLD	1199
117	Kris Howat	VIC	1339	173	Rhonda Reynish	WA	1198
118	Colleen Birch	NSW	1329	174	Natalie Tadday	NSW	1195
119	Angie Pearse	SA	1327	175	Lexie Neale	NSW	1190
120	Keri Heart	QLD	1326	176	Rob Marotta	SA	1185
121	Aaradhya Srivastava	VIC	1325	177	John Barker	NSW	1181
122	Lainie Mercieca	VIC	1320	178	Barbara Joffe	NSW	1180
123	Karrin Henderson	QLD	1307	179	Elaine Capewell	VIC	1177
124	Olga Visser	QLD	1301	180	Margaret Bishop	TAS	1174
125	Monica Dwyer	NSW	1299	181	Margaret Griggs	TAS	1174
126	Maureen Gardner	QLD	1298	182	Hanne Marks	NSW	1173
127	Peter Griffiths	NSW	1298	183	John Salmon	WA	1173
128	June Valentine	VIC	1292	184	Oliver Podesser	VIC	1172
129	Barry Harridge	SA	1290	185	Anne Stewart	WA	1171
130	John Linney	NSW	1286	186	Josef Peeters	QLD	1170
131	Martin Waterworth	QLD	1281	187	Mardi Healy	VIC	1170
132	Jacqui Pearce	SA	1280	188	Sandy McConnell	TAS	1167
133	Richard Birch	NSW	1279	189	Pam Bennett	NSW	1162
134	Rob Hutchinson	VIC	1270	190	Fiona Braendler	SA	1160
135	Lexia Smallwood	ACT	1268	191	Heather Bernstein	NSW	1157
136	Katie Rowe	VIC	1266	192	Dieter Jedamski	SA	1154
137	Louise Love	WA	1266	193	Frank Csarics	VIC	1154
138	Moana Nepia	NSW	1264	194	Betty Smith	TAS	1154
139	Janine Whittaker	NSW	1263	195	Wendi Symes	SA	1154
140	Vinh Nguyen	NSW	1261	196	Vincent Nguyen	ACT	1150
141	Tracey Kneebone	SA	1260	197	Paula Messer	VIC	1149
142	Rob York	VIC	1254	198	Karyn Crease	SA	1148
143	Jeffery Lam	NSW	1245	199	Marie Wilson	TAS	1144
144	Victoria Gates	SA	1244	200	Siva Sivapalasundram	VIC	1143
145	Sandra Masel	VIC	1242	201	Michael Smitheram	VIC	1143
146	Maureen See	QLD	1240	202	Ashwin Page	QLD	1139
147	Yvette Copley	QLD	1240	203	Cheryl Michler	NSW	1138
148	Jan Hill	TAS	1239	204	Pam Thomas	TAS	1136
149	Vicki Russell	QLD	1238	205	Kim Grayson	NSW	1135
150	Karen Woodhead	QLD	1237	206	Suzanne Healey	SA	1135
151	Owen Randall	ACT	1237	207	Robin Steward	VIC	1133
152	Jean Noonan	NSW	1235	208	Anne Hough	QLD	1129
153	Sue Gergelifi	QLD	1228	209	Stephen Saunders	ACT	1128
154	Judy Mansfield	SA	1228	210	Alan Mathews	WA	1127
155	Marion Miller	NSW	1228	211	Jessica Richards	VIC	1125
156	Julie Robins	SA	1227	212	Shelley Cartwright	NSW	1120
157	Christie Godby	VIC	1226	213	Yvonne Edwards	NSW	1118
158	Susan Roberts	SA	1224	214	Jeanette Hansen	QLD	1117

215	Bernadette Donehue	TAS	1117	271	Dorothy Fields	NSW	991
216	Margaret Berliner	NSW	1114	272	Graham Bradley	QLD	990
217	Roslyn Murphy	QLD	1112	273	Denise Smith	NSW	988
218	Josie Mally	NSW	1111	274	Glen Chandler	VIC	984
219	Sally Macallan	VIC	1111	275	Greg Hopson	NSW	984
220	Matthew Dowling	WA	1107	276	Julie Walder	QLD	984
221	Helen Jones	SA	1106	277	Ryder Lo	NSW	984
222	Kara Eddington	NSW	1106	278	Jenny Coetzee	WA	981
223	Christiane McCann	VIC	1104	279	Neal Whibley	SA	979
224	Jayanthi Viswanathan	VIC	1104	280	Johannes Banens	SA	965
225	John Minas	VIC	1103	281	Elize Plaganyi	QLD	963
226	Sandra Elliott	NSW	1098	282	Donna MacDonald	NSW	962
227	Marion Merickel	TAS	1092	283	Ted De Boer	QLD	960
228	Rhys McGuckin	ACT	1089	284	Joanna Moss	WA	960
229	Jenny Schafer	QLD	1085	285	Liz Catchpole	QLD	959
230	Margaret Clifford	NSW	1085	286	Denise Heathcote	VIC	951
231	Cori Lodder	WA	1080	287	Jenny Kearney	VIC	947
232	Rowena Vnuk	SA	1079	288	Ann Fiddler	NSW	946
233	Margaret Sella	SA	1078	289	Cherry Chapman	VIC	945
234	Jenny Mitchell	WA	1076	290	Delys Carbon	WA	937
235	Sue Fullerton	NSW	1066	291	Janet Kirk	WA	935
236	Mal Eden	VIC	1063	292	Julie Bingham	TAS	934
237	Jill Paterson	QLD	1059	293	Kelvin Korn	NSW	934
238	Henny Yates	WA	1051	294	Luke Breen	VIC	931
239	Glenys Dettmann	VIC	1051	295	Sunny Wright	NSW	927
240	Gail Hamilton	QLD	1048	296	Carol Hudson	WA	921
241	Pat Schuberg	NSW	1046	297	Maree Swanson	TAS	921
242	Stephen Morrow	NSW	1046	298	Megan Allford	QLD	920
243	Rene Chelton	NSW	1044	299	Mary-Michal Oxby	NSW	918
244	Andrew Smith	NSW	1042	300	Krystyna Batten	NSW	913
245	Carol Rollmann	VIC	1039	301	Ruth Jones	QLD	912
246	Kerri Friend	NSW	1036	302	Kenn Rawlings	SA	883
247	Kathryn Tiffen	NSW	1030	303	Elizabeth McKean	VIC	882
248	Baheej Al Kassem	SA	1028	304	Deborah Ullman	NSW	880
249	Julie Banister	NSW	1026	305	Charlotte Middleton	NSW	878
250	Anthony Radosevic	SA	1026	306	Bettina Tonkin	WA	874
251	Tim Guidera	SA	1024	307	Lara Cassar	NSW	870
252	David Eddington	NSW	1021	308	Daniel Guilfoyle	NSW	865
253	Carol Mascitti	VIC	1019	309	Marjorie Clark	VIC	864
254	Asher Chhabra	NSW	1019	310	Annette Casey	VIC	864
255	Leslie Smith	QLD	1018	311	Thanu Sriskantharaja	WA	862
256	Doreen Ivanovski	VIC	1016	312	Louisa Atsas	SA	860
257	Cecilia Khoo	NSW	1015	313	Ety Meerding	TAS	860
258	Angie Winkler	VIC	1013	314	Pauline Coulter	WA	846
259	Cindy Brunniche	TAS	1009	315	Leonie Baisley	TAS	845
260	Al Thawer	NSW	1009	316	Jenny Templeton	NSW	843
261	Jonie Brown	QLD	1008	317	Omduth Matoo	VIC	843
262	Arlene Williams	ACT	1007	318	Liz Jackman	NSW	839
263	Terry Horan	ACT	1007	319	Menchie Lowe	NSW	826
264	Valerie Beck	WA	1005	320	Elana Jaremyn	SA	825
265	Donna Sekkouah	WA	1003	321	Marge Roberts	WA	825
266	Alex Timpano	NSW	1003	322	Stuart Davies	ACT	822
267	Michael Sacco	VIC	999	323	Emanuel Atsas	SA	816
268	David Cardwell	TAS	999	324	Vera Etherton	WA	815
269	Patti Ashwin	QLD	992	325	Kelly Galloway	VIC	811
270	Rebecca Hill	ACT	992	326	Kathleen Maher	QLD	810

327	Chi Wai Lo	NSW	808	383	Danny Evers	NSW	609
328	Jane Li	SA	808	384	Evan Hsieh	QLD	608
329	Paula Brown	SA	805	385	Lewis Purdon	NSW	603
330	Diana McManus	QLD	785	386	Alvin Korn	NSW	600
331	Kerry Garnsey	NSW	779	387	Matt Buxton	QLD	596
332	Graham Murphy	QLD	779	388	Linda Foulkes	QLD	591
333	Eileen Mills	VIC	772	389	June Lewis	WA	589
334	Janice King	VIC	771	390	Jeff Danaher	ACT	578
335	Val Wills	VIC	770	391	Peter Bailey	NSW	575
336	Gayle Cameron	VIC	761	392	Raymond Tri	NSW	572
337	Chris Sanders	WA	758	393	Nicole Lowe	VIC	568
338	Diana Hilly	NSW	755	394	Richard Ha	NSW	567
339	Rudolf Puntschuh	NSW	754	395	Stephanie Agius	VIC	563
340	Naomi Zion	WA	754	396	Julie Bailey	NSW	559
341	Nathan Tang	NSW	746	397	Tony Beer	ACT	557
342	Rosie Whalen	VIC	744	398	Anne Pragnell	QLD	549
343	Judith Westwood	VIC	739	399	Phi Long Ma	NSW	545
344	Mary Wilmott	QLD	735	400	Robert Paxton	NSW	539
345	Maureen Harrison	QLD	732	401	Tisa Ng	NSW	531
346	Lay-Hoon Ng	VIC	732	402	David Gatt	NSW	528
347	Ethan Tenaglia	TAS	732	403	Ashley Korn	NSW	525
348	Maxine Baker	WA	724	404	Ros Haines	WA	525
349	Elsie Firth	QLD	723	405	Judy Nicol	QLD	511
350	Ursula Shokman	NSW	723	406	Edrick Long	NSW	508
351	Rena Aitken	VIC	718	407	Mary Camilleri	NSW	507
352	Jo Anne Deady	NSW	718	408	Carolyn Miller	VIC	500
353	Claire Freedman	QLD	712	409	Keena Tri	NSW	500
354	Tristan Hon	NSW	711	410	Ann Bates	NSW	500
355	Theresa Grealy	QLD	699	411	Jerry Hou	NSW	500
356	Fintan Conway	VIC	693	412	Helen Williamson	WA	500
357	Judy Mason	QLD	689	413	Donna Ballinger	QLD	500
358	Rosie Anghie	WA	688	414		NSW	500
359	Faye Leeder	VIC	684	415		NSW	500
360	Pauline Fowler	SA	676	416	Sara Sullivan	QLD	500
361	Roland Page	QLD	670	417	Peter Caelli	QLD	500
362	Nick Belloff	QLD	669	418	Kim Kourouche	ACT	500
363	Tessa Knight	VIC	667	419	Carolynn Walsh	VIC	500
364	Vincent Nuon	NSW	666	420	Geoff Watts	QLD	500
365	Robyn Davill	SA	662	421	Sabina Senkans	VIC	500
366	David Lam	NSW	657	422		NSW	500
367	Oliver Klistorner	NSW	656	423		NSW	500
368	David Bergman	QLD	655	424		NSW	500
369	Ann Roach	QLD	655	425	Raymond Hsieh	QLD	500
370	Sheila Hanbidge	NSW	652	426	Alistair Scott	QLD	500
371	Jack Bell	NSW	652	427	Daniel Lin	QLD	500
372	Margaret Inglis	QLD	643	428		NSW	500
373	Gia Pyrlis	SA	641	429	Lyn Reitano	NSW	500
374	Tanisha Suppiah	WA	636	430		NSW	500
375	Mark Gillespie	VIC	635	431		NSW	500
376	James Parker	VIC	633	432	Lyn Godwell	QLD	500
377	Cora Cikaric	NSW	632	433		NSW	500
378	Janelle Seal	NSW	632	434		NSW	500
379	Val Martin	VIC	631	435	Bryan Whelan	VIC	500
380	Gaile Clark	QLD	627	436		NSW	500
381	Kaye Campbell	VIC	624	437		NSW	500
382	Alison Heathcote	NSW	622	438	Tony Bergman	QLD	500

For travellers

World Seniors Championship

Oct 21 (3 days) 2024



Venue: [gateway Shopping Mall](#) Kuala Lumpur International Airport, Terminal 2 (KLIA2)

Eligibility: A senior is classed as anyone born 1969 or earlier.

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Format: 25 games (9+10+6); WESPA Rules V4; 25-minute game; CSW21 dictionary; 5-point challenge

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Then and Now

Richard Birch (Editor)

For some reason, I had the September 2014 edition of Across the Board open on my desktop. I noticed a couple of trends.

This one compares the number of affiliated clubs in each State or Territory over a 10 year period. (I am happy to be corrected on my research).

State	2014	2024	Difference
ACT	3	2	-1
NSW	46	26	-20
QLD	26	15	-11
SA	14	7	-7
TAS	5	3	-2
VIC	29	19	-10
WA	17	12	-5
Total	140	84	-56

Collins Official SCRABBLE™ Words 2024

14th Aug 2024

This blog was written by Brett Smitheran who is currently the UK's number 1 rated Scrabble player and ranked number 3 in the world. Twice UK national champion and 2016 world champion, he has been ranked in the top 10 globally for over 20 years. This blog can be viewed here.

One of the things that makes the official Scrabble word list unique is that it constantly evolves just as language does, keeping relevant to the **ZEITGEIST** (19 points!). Every few years, Scrabble game enthusiasts around the world get excited as the next update to our list of permissible words is published – and it's time to get stuck into Collins Official SCRABBLE™ Words 2024!

The team at Collins works hard to ensure that the list is up to date and reflects modern usage as much as possible. With huge changes in tech, social interaction and communication style, it won't come as a surprise to you to learn that this time around we've got some absolute beauties of words entering the fray of the competitive Scrabble game. Whether totally new (such as the delightful **GLAMAZON** – a glamorous, physically strong woman), reflecting new usage of an older word (**ADULT** is now a verb, to behave like an adult) or testifying to the occasionally odd development of the language (**UWU** anyone?), there are treasures in here guaranteed to help any keen player to take their game to the next level.

I've picked out a selection of the new words to whet your appetite ...

Hooks

Firstly, let's start with what we call "hooks" – when you can add a single letter to another word already on the board to create another word:

AHADITH – same meaning as **HADITH**, the body of tradition about Muhammad

MPOX – a disease like smallpox (a terrible disease, but also a unique new hook)

BACNE – you guessed it, acne on the back

BOPO – body positivity

NGRAM – a unit of n words, letters or symbols in sequence in text

Modernisms

Next, we've got some really interesting modernisms. Love 'em or hate 'em, they get used every day:

BOUJEE – also **BOUIER**, **BOUIEST**, **BOUGIE**, **BOUGIER**, **BOUIEST** – having bourgeois tastes and attitudes (although I have a feeling **BOUJEE** may be better known than bourgeois nowadays!)

FLOOF – informal name for a furry animal. If you've ever been on social media, you'll have been assaulted by **FLOOFS** on all sides!

GANK/NERF – these two I've bunched together because, as a computer gamer, I was always surprised they weren't included sooner. **GANK** means to steal, and **NERF** means to reduce the effectiveness of something.

OWO/UWU – again, two I've combined as they have a similar origin. **OWO** is an expression of surprise, used in text messaging, and **UWU** is an expression of admiration for something cute in social media. Look at the letters and imagine they were a face ...

PENG – also **PENGER** and **PENGEST** – excellent

TOMOZ – tomorrow – great new high-value **Z** word!

Low Point Sevens

Thirdly – and here's a free tip! – competitive players often focus on learning 7-letter words that only contain single point tiles (or maybe with one higher value letter). These make up the majority of 7-letter words ... essential for getting those 50-point "bingo" bonuses for using all your tiles. Here are a few new ones which I'm **FANBOYING** (that's also new...) over:

ALTCOIN – a type of digital currency

AMIRITE – "Am I right?" ... and this new anagram of **AIRTIME** is likely to come in handy, amirite?? – **AMIRIGHT** is also good.

SEALION – this is actually a MASSIVE addition and probably one of the most common phonies – words that aren't permissible – I've seen inexperienced players trip up on. **ANISOLE** finally has its anagram

STANNED – from **STAN** – to follow obsessively the career of a famous person, just like in that song you’ve probably heard!

THRENOI – new plural of **THRENOS**, an ode for the dead

Hold On!

And finally, here are a few I classify under the heading of “hold on ... they weren’t already allowed?”. You’ve probably used these words or come across them A LOT. And yep, they’re now allowable!

ANYHOO – anyhow

AUTOFILL – to automatically insert (previously entered information) into blank fields in online forms

BLONDIE – a small square of vanilla-flavoured cake (I’ve seen this one played in error multiple times in tournaments in the past!)

COVID – it’s lost its capital, and something we’d all rather forget is now in the word list. Also its slang counterpart **RONA**

HEADBUTT – surprisingly new. You no longer have to rely on **BUTTHEAD** with these letters!

THINGIE – you know. It’s a thingie.

UNDERHIT – believe it or not, you could **OVERHIT** something for a very long time, but not **UNDERHIT** it. I guess eventually our arms had to get tired.

So, there you have it, a few of the words that caught my eye. Personally, I think these new words are going to make a huge difference to my game, so I’m off to start studying!

Written by Brett Smitheram

Recap

Here are Brett’s selection as a list with their anagrams. There are many more coming but no deletions.

AHADITH	MPOX
ALTCOIN	NERF
AMIRIGHT	(FERN)
AMIRITE (AIRTIME)	NGRAM
ANYHOO	OWO (WOO)
AUTOFILL	PENG
BACNE	PENGER
BLONDIE	PENGEST
BOPO	RONA (ROAN)
BOUGIER	SEALION (ANISOLE)
BOUGIEST	STAN (ANTS, NATS, SANT, TANS)
BOUJEE	STANNED (STANDEN)
BOUJIER	THINGIE (NIGHTIE)
BOUJIEST	THRENOI
COVID	TOMOZ
FANBOYING	UNDERHIT
FLOOF	UWU
FLOOFS	
GANK (KANG, KNAG)	
GLAMAZON	
HEADBUTT (BUTTHEAD)	

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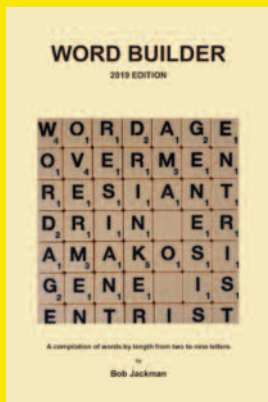
Collins have released the hard copy version of their Official Scrabble Words (Seventh Edition) available for purchase online. An Initiation Kit will be available as a hard copy soon and, hopefully, an electronic version will quickly follow. And also, word checking apps will (hopefully) be updated.

Other discovered new words include (without definitions): **ACK, ARO, AVI, BAW, DUR, EWW, FAM, FAV, INT, LOC, OWO** and **UWU**. There may be more. **FAP** is finally recognised as a verb, so now takes an **S**, with **ALP*** being the only deleted three found so far.

From Brett’s blog above we can second guess that **ADULTING** and **ADULTED** may well be included. The information on this page may carry inaccuracies but we would hope to bring you the complete list of additions/deletions in the next edition of *Across the Board*.

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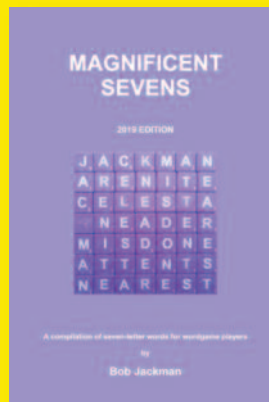
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