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3. How long can a snail sleep?
4. What is a group of butterflies called?
5. Which country has the highest life expectancy?
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7. Who famously crossed the Alps with elephants on the way to war with the Romans?
8. What company was originally called "Cadabra"? What company was originally called "Cadabra"?
9. Where does the Tour de France finish each year?



- Answers:
1. Iodine
 2. Dan
 3. Castellana
 4. Kaleidoscope
 5. Hong Kong
 6. Eyes
 7. Hannibal
 8. Amazon
 9. Avenue des Champs-Élysées in Paris

More on Pool Fund

By Tess O'Brien

Response to Earl's article "WHEN IS A RUMOUR NOT A RUMOUR?", Aberdeen Whisper, March 2025.

The following is not intended to cause insult, disrespect, or lay blame to anyone involved with the Aberdeen Pool Fund, past or present. As a long-term resident of Aberdeen, I clearly remember the drive for a pool for our town. A town pool was an exciting prospect and people, businesses and sponsors financially contributed to the fund. After some time of inaction, questions began being asked regarding an update of the project's status and funds already raised.

When the committee finally revealed that the project was unable to proceed, the appropriate use of the funds already raised became a topic of local debate. I do clearly remember one response from the committee, being that the funds were raised for a specific purpose and that people contributed for that specific purpose only; therefore, if the funds were to be repurposed, then every single contributor to those funds would need to be contacted and agree to their contribution being repurposed.

I remember this response precisely, because it was a concept I later adopted when fundraising with my choir and local charities. That said, there are ethical means for the repurposing of funds raised for a specific purpose/project, should that project not eventuate.

For a registered charity (Incorporated) raising funds for community projects/causes, as my choir did, the rules for disbursement of remaining funds once a charity ceases its operations, are very clear. Was the fundraising committee/group registered? I don't recall seeing INC/Inc written after the committee's name.

However, any fundraising conducted on behalf of a community, whether by a registered or informal committee/organization/group, must be transparent in all aspects. Funds raised never belong to a fundraising committee or individual. Committees are custodians of funds/projects on behalf of those who are to benefit from same. All fundraising and similar activities conducted throughout a committee's existence, should be available upon request. To withhold such details from a community, especially related to a ceased group and its fundraising, which acted on behalf of its community, is both ethically and morally inappropriate. Such secrecy may also raise issues of deception regarding the use/availability of the funds.

Those wanting a timeframe for this project, need only search within our then local media archives, as the concept was reported in same. Also, my husband and I were members of the Scone Shire Social Development Committee, at which the Aberdeen Pool Fund had been discussed in respect to the whereabouts of the money raised, the repurposing of this fund, and the future of the town pool concept.

References to this issue publicly exist (pre the year 2000; the 1990s should initially prove helpful), even if not to its finer and more pertinent details; so, it is perhaps better to try to source those references and not lay total credibility to the memories or opinions of any individual, including myself.

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The New Owner of Aberdeen Post Office

A stint as a casual employee at the Aberdeen Post Office was enough for Kylie Hassleman to pursue ownership of the franchise.

Her long and involved association with the community and an opportunity to keep in touch with the locals also gave her the incentive.

"It's been a steep learning curve, fortunately, I've received generous support from Virginia Reynolds, from the Scone Post Office." "I'm a people person and this role just suits me, I'm likely to know most of the clients", she said.

Her involvement in local affairs saw her dedicate countless hours to the local junior and senior rugby league teams and school activities...the post office was just another way to connect, to serve, to be part of the intricate tapestry of Aberdeen life.

"This Post Office is more than just stamps and parcels, the Post Office was a vital lifeline, she said."

Customers can bank with nearly 80 per cent of all the banks, bill payments can be made easily and efficiently. And for those wishing to bank overseas, Western Union provides the service through the Post Office.



Earle's Column

THE SEASON CHANGES

In the North America, they don't change seasons at the beginning of a chosen month. Up north, the seasons officially change in line with the celestial 'calendar', determined by the Earth's orbit around the Sun. The equinoxes, the days when there are equal amounts of daytime and nighttime, (20th - 21st March and 20th - 21st September), signal the beginning of the northern hemisphere spring and autumn, (Fall), respectively. It's the other way around in the southern hemisphere. The 21st March seems a much more sensible date to declare an end to the heat of summer and welcome the cooling trend of Autumn.

AN INTEGRAL PART OF ABERDEEN CLOSSES

It is sad to note that April 2025 will see the last service at St. Mark's Anglican Church in Aberdeen. By the time this edition of the "Whisper" hits the streets, (which I actually hope doesn't happen: it is far better when the "Whisper" is delivered to mail boxes!), the last hymn will have been sung at St. Mark's. I'm not sure how long the church building has been there in Moray Street. Given that the Aberdeen Abattoir was in operation at the end of the 19th Century, it seems very likely that the Parish of St Mark's, Aberdeen has been in operation for well over one hundred years. It is particularly sad that the final service is happening a fortnight before Easter.

EASTER

Speaking of Easter, and in particular its religious foundation, in orthodox Christianity the celebration of Easter is about, firstly, remembering the horrifyingly painful death of a Jewish carpenter named Jesus who, for about three years, had travelled throughout the region that we now know as modern Israel, proclaiming the arrival of something called the 'kingdom of God'. We have been left with four biographies, all written within sixty years of the life and death of Jesus. Much of what he said and did has been recorded. There are astounding narratives of miraculous healings,

feeding thousands of people, calming a fierce storm and at least three occasions when Jesus raised dead people to life. The witnesses to these events, including at least two of the biographers, were moved to ask, "What kind of man is this?" (Matthew 8:27)

All of this really upset the religious and civic leaders of the day. Here was a serious challenge to their place at the peak of society and their misused authority. They conspired to remove this troublemaker from their midst. But Jesus was well aware of this and on at least three occasions he told his followers that he would die a horrible death but then added an outrageous claim: On the third day after his execution he would rise, bodily, from death. And he did! That is the second part of the Easter celebration.

ANZAC DAY

A week after Good Friday we arrive at the 25th April. At the Dawn Service, commencing at 5.40am we will remember the events of 110 years ago when thousands of young Australian and New Zealand men landed at ANZAC Cove in an ill-fated attempt to capture the Gallipoli Peninsula from the Turkish people for whom it was home. The Turks defended their soil from the rugged heights above ANZAC Cove while the invading troops desperately tried to gain a foothold. Under withering fire from above, they were to launch a mission that was supposed to quickly overrun the defenders and see the Allied armies march up the peninsula and capture Constantinople, (now Istanbul) and thereby open another eastern front against Germany and its allies in Europe where the eight-month-old war had become a stagnant bloodbath.

The Gallipoli campaign was nothing but a glorious failure. Eight thousand Australians have remained in the ground at Gallipoli across the intervening years. On ANZAC day we remember their sacrifice, and the cost borne by thousands more in that campaign and in numerous others across the years who answered the call of their country to fight for the values that state, "We are Australian".

If you can't make the Dawn Service, please join us for the march at 9.00am followed by the 10.00am Remembrance Service.

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Rouchel Resident Rides Off into the West

On April 9th, over 70 women, of all ages, all riding red postie bikes will set off on a fund raising mission called The Never Late Fe-Mail Postie Bike Ride, raising money for children's medical flight charity Wings4kids. Wings4kidz supports families living in regional areas of NSW who are facing significant and difficult challenges to access treatment for a child who requires air transport to a major city. Wings4Kidz is a registered charity and aims to lessen the significant burden of long distance travel for these children and families by providing free air and ground transport.

Rouchel resident, Marina Lee-Warner is involved again this year. The ride takes off on April 9th from Bathurst, with the Bathurst Mayor dropping the chequered flag as the bikes do a lap of honour around Mount Panorama. The riders will mainly be on dirt back roads going through Young, Temora, West Wyalong and finishing up in Parkes, covering 800 kms over the 4 days.

The last 2 years rides raised more than \$500,000, this being the third year the ride is taking place. 100% of all money raised will go to Wings4kidz, the riders are funding their individual participation, each with a fund raising goal. The charity organisers, doctors, mechanics and support crew who travel with us are all volunteering their time for this great cause.'

If you would like to support this novel fund raiser for a great cause, donations can be made at Aberdeen Post Office, Aberdeen Surgery and Aberdeen Pharmacy by scanning the QR code on display.

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99 Years Since...The Aberdeen Train Disaster - 10th June 1926

As reported in the 'Sydney Mail' - 16th June



When the Brisbane-bound express was rushing through the darkness of night on Thursday last a wooden viaduct near Aberdeen collapsed, and one of the engines, a mail van, and four carriages overturned, four persons being killed and about forty injured.

The accident happened at 10 o'clock.

All night long the work volunteers continued, searching among the wreckage for other bodies or injured who might have been missed in the darkness. Fires were lighted to warm those of the passengers and volunteers who remained. The heroism of the injured and those suffering from shock was seconded by the valiant efforts of the doctors, nurses, and townspeople who rushed with all speed to succour the victims of the tragedy. All the doctors of Muswellbrook, Scone and Murrurundi motored at a moment's notice to Aberdeen, taking as many nurses as were available with them. Aberdeen hotelkeepers made all possible provision for the slightly injured who were not taken to hospital, and the townspeople did everything possible to assist the victims.

The names of those who lost their lives were:

Barbara Dalzell, 17 years, on her way to Rockhampton

S. Monsour, of Waterloo, Sydney

E.C. Hewitt, of Greenwich, Sydney

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Among the injured were members of the Musical Comedy Company the leading lady of "Katja", Miss Marie Burke and the prominent member Mr Warde Morgan.

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Heroine of Aberdeen

Aberdeen can lay claim to having the word wiggle become a byword. It was in the late 1950s and was the name of a big rumped female thoroughbred bred ten minutes drive east of Aberdeen.

Foaled in 1955, she was one of the most brilliant performers of last century, winning 14 races 1000m to 2000m in Australia and a further six in America.

Wiggle won six of eight outings at two, including the Champagne Stakes over 1200m at Randwick and the all age Stradbroke Handicap (1400m) at Brisbane's Eagle Farm racecourse. She was the fifth and last 2-year-old to win the Stradbroke, but her effort was far more meritorious as the race had been upgraded into one of Australia's top sprints.

Undisputed champion filly at two and three, Wiggle was bred by Carl Powell, a newcomer to the Aberdeen district. He had transferred his Brooklyn Lodge Stud from Richmond NSW to a farm bisected by Rouchel Road, east of Aberdeen using the imported Nasrullah horse Rego as foundation sire. He supplied Wiggle, a \$735 yearling (mid road price the time) in his first crop.

Culled out of the Brooklyn Lodge broodmare band for \$105 dollars before Wiggle raced, her dam Sweet Nymph failed to earn in her four and was by a modest Beau Pere sire, Beau Port, and from Miss Eagleton, a non winner but dam of ten winners.

Used as a broodmare in America, Wiggle produced seven winners including three stakes winners. One of them, Nice Balance, stood at stud in the Hunter Valley.



Join The Rural Roads Advisory Committee: Nominations Now Open

Upper Hunter Shire Council invites expressions of interest from community members keen to help shape the future of our local rural roads. The Rural Roads Advisory Committee plays an important role in monitoring the effectiveness of Council's Road Maintenance Program and providing advice on how it can be improved — both operationally and strategically. This is your opportunity to represent your community and provide meaningful input into how Council maintains and manages our rural road network.

ABOUT THE COMMITTEE

The Rural Roads Advisory Committee is made up of:

- Two (2) Councillors plus one alternate
- Up to eight (8) community members, with representation from Aberdeen, Scone, Murrurundi, Merriwa and Cassilis

The committee meets every six months, or as determined by the Chair, and reports directly to Council's Infrastructure Services Committee. Discussions within the committee focus on broader road maintenance policies and processes — it is not a forum for individual road complaints or CRM matters.

Nominations Open: Tuesday 1 April 2025 and Nominations Close: 4:30pm Monday 28 April 2025

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A big thank you to the Warrior Disability Service staff, parents and participants for delivering your Whisper. The service offers people with disabilities choices through group activities, one-to-one support, and in-home support. NDIS registered. Sally Pereira is the Director of Participant Services. The office is situated at Shop 12 Brook Street Plaza, Muswellbrook, 0432 680 936.

New Scoreboard Installed at Aberdeen Sports Ground

A fresh new scoreboard is now in place at Aberdeen Sports Ground, following storm damage earlier this year. Contractors were onsite Thursday, 28 March, to install the new frame and scoreboard.

This time around, the frame and foundations have been structurally designed and properly installed, ensuring a longer-lasting and more stable setup into the future.

This project was proudly funded by the Dartbrook Mine Community Contribution Fund.

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State Matters with Dave Layzell MP

TIMELINE UPDATE

The Australian Government has released a revised timeline for the New England Highway bypass of Muswellbrook.

Canberra will bring forward its \$304.8 million investment in the project for construction to commence ahead of schedule.

Work to relocate critical utilities will start this year with the tender for major construction expected late next year, with building the Muswellbrook Bypass to commence in 2027.

Transport for NSW's October 2021 Review of Environmental Factors estimated construction would take about three and a half years to complete.

AUTUMN RACING

Congratulations to Emirates Park and Arrowfield studs on Marhoona's Golden Slipper win at Rosehill on Saturday.

Bred in the Hunter Valley, the filly sired by Arrowfield stallion, Snitzel, and Emirates Park mare, Salma, gave the Lootah racing team their third Golden Slipper success.

It capped off a big 24 hours for Arrowfield after co-trainers Paul Messara and Leah Gavranich had Know Thyself win at Scone on Friday to join stable mate Intervarsity in the Country Championship Final at Randwick on April 5.

Muswellbrook takes the racing spotlight on Friday for the 2025 Muswellbrook Gold Cup with gates open at 11.30am. For the diary, the two-day Scone Cup carnival will be run on Friday and Saturday, May 16-17.

MUSWELLBROOK ON TARGET

Muswellbrook Pistol Club is one of the 25 projects to be awarded funding under the NSW Government's Safe Shooting Program.

Muswellbrook Pistol Club receives \$49,852 for a safety wall upgrade after its safety walls slumped below minimum height due to rain events.

Minimum heights are required to be compliant with the club's 'safety range' status which allows it to operate without a fallout zone.

For further information on Safe Shooting Grants including the list of 2024-25 grant recipients visit: www.sport.nsw.gov.au/grants/safe-shooting-program

HGP INFORMATION

Santos is hosting information sessions next week to discuss the Hunter Gas Pipeline (HGP) with interested members of the community.

Scone Bowling Club hosts a drop-in session on Thursday 27 March, 10am-1pm.

Santos invites interested people to drop in at any time during the advertised sessions to have their say.



For further information, call 1300 427 546, email info@huntergaspipeline.com.au or visit www.huntergaspipeline.com.au

LLS RATES DUE

Local Land Services (LLS) rates are due on Friday 28 March for landholders owning 10 hectares or more.

Rates contribute up to one fifth of LLS's budget, and 100 per cent of rates collected are returned to customers through services and support. The rates help to support on-ground biosecurity, agriculture and animal health management during emergencies.

If you are experiencing hardship and need a helping hand, the Land Services customer service team can talk you through the options.

DRUG SUMMIT REPORT

Drug Summit Co-Chairs the Hon. Carmel Tebbutt and John Brogden AM have delivered their report to the NSW Government.

The Drug Summit brought together those with lived and living experience, frontline workers and experts in addiction and illicit drug use. The summit received 3,600 written submissions and listened to over 400 participants over four days across metropolitan Sydney, Griffith and Lismore.

The Tebbutt-Brogden report has put forward 56 recommendations across key areas including prevention, early intervention, community support, stigma, workforce and reform. The Government will now carefully consider the findings before responding in due course.

The Drug Summit Co-Chairs report is available on the NSW Drug Summit 2024 web page: www.health.nsw.gov.au/aod/summit/Pages/default.aspx

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE

Tickets have gone on sale for the Newcastle Magic Round weekend when all 12 NRLW teams compete in the historic event.

The inaugural matches at Newcastle's McDonald Jones Stadium on 2-3 August are part of a three-year deal between the NSW Government and the NRL.

The partnership celebrates women's rugby league and the next generation of players while supported the NSW Government's Make the Move campaign to showcase why regional NSW is a great place to settle, prosper and play.

An estimated 60,000 footy fans are expected to travel from across the State through the Hunter Valley to Newcastle, spending money at local businesses, restaurants and accommodation providers. Single-day passes for the NRLW Magic Round are available from Thursday 17 April.

WATER UPDATE

The Water Group of the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water will hold its April Water Engagement Roundup on Wednesday 16 April at 11am.

The department has recently revised the metering rules after getting feedback from water users and other stakeholders. If you take water in NSW from a river, creek or bore, the rules tell you what kind of metering you need to have, and when you need to have it installed by.

Speakers from the Water Group for the April Roundup include the Manager of Metering Implementation David Andersen and the Water Engagement team's Belinda Hanly. To make sure you are measurement ready register for the session at: <https://water.dpie.nsw.gov.au/have-your-say/community/round-up>

TRAVEL ADVICE

NSW Health is advising people planning to travel overseas during the April holiday period to ensure they and their family are fully protected against measles, as cases of the disease continue to rise.

While measles is rare in Australia, it is still a common illness in many parts of the world, with large outbreaks currently in many countries including Vietnam and other parts of South-east Asia. Eight people in NSW have already acquired measles this year while travelling in Vietnam and were infectious after arriving home. Some of these cases have spread the disease to family members back in Australia.

The measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine is free from pharmacists for people over five years of age, or from a GP for people of all ages.

Babies can have their first dose of the MMR vaccine from six months of age if they will be travelling overseas to a country with high risk of measles activity.

If you, or a loved one, are experiencing measles symptoms, or have questions about measles, please call your GP or healthdirect on 1800 022 222.

More information on measles can be found on the NSW Health measles factsheet: www.health.nsw.gov.au/infectious/factsheets/pages/measles_factsheet.aspx

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Barnaby's Election Tea Leaves

The election allows us all a choice whether we want Minister Bowen to continue on with what he is doing to our power prices. The election gives us all a chance to say whether you are comfortable with the current cost of living. The election allows you to say whether you believe the current government is focused on country issues. The election allows you to vote as to whether you are better off now than 3 years ago.



The Coalition may not be perfect but Labor is hopeless, I don't believe that there is many reasons at all to give them a vote.

We need a government back that cares about country roads because we drive them; that understands that you need a doctor in town. We need to send a message that we are being nailed to a government climate policy cost that we are paying on everything that uses electricity and it is hurting us, pushing many to poverty without power.

We now have a trillion dollar debt, but what assets in regional areas did we get for it to help earn the money to repay it? A trillion seconds is 31,700 years! It is more that a word it is massive and interest bill is heading towards 40 billion dollars a year. Imagine the dams, road and rail that could have been built every year instead, or the assistance we could have offered to pensioners with that money.

The choice is yours at the election booth, make it count.

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The Latest on Vets Golf

EXCELLENT SHOTGUN BY OUR CAPTAIN

There were 25 players at Denman for the Stf game on Tuesday, March 18. A big thank you to Captain Mick McCormick for his excellent Draw for the shotgun start and to Zena Mitchell who organises the pies for lunch these days – yum!

Local player Brian Dever, who has now finished his medical procedures, won the event with 37 points on a C/B from Graham Newton second 37, Graham Schlig third 35 C/B, Red Palmer 35 C/B fourth, John Belfield fifth 35 C/B and Glenn Googe 6th 35. (Extra prize money and balls were awarded today because our last game at Denman was washed out.)

Balls were won by Ron Shuttleworth and Glen Standing 34 and on 33 Tony Pearson, Tournament Director for the recent WOG, Bruce Robinson and Terry Mitchell.

Nearest the Pins: 3rd (2nd shot) Graham Newton 12th and 5th Mick Alsleben 14th Terry Mitchell

The Bradman's Trophy, kindly donated by Gary Morley was won by Andy Medway.

MARCH 25 GAME

Thank you to Ross Banks for the Draw and tabulating the scores, and to Lyn Banks, for the handicaps, for our Ind and 2BBB Stf game at Scone on Tuesday, March 25. There were 32 players on the cloudy, fine and mild Scone Day on this magnificent course. It's good to hear that treasurer Bob Minch hopes to be back playing soon.

Sid Collison & Ian Thomas won the event with 51 points from Will Coward & Dave Perferment 46 C/B second, Dave Taylor & Robert Colbert 46 C/B third and Dave Bramley & Alan Flanagan fourth C/B 46.

Balls were awarded to Graham Newton & Glen Standing 46, Red Palmer & Terry Mitchell 43 and Ross & Lyn Banks and Annie Woods & Christine Smith 42.

The individual event was won by Graham Newton with 42 points.

(There was no Bradman's trophy awarded as the emphasis was on pairs of players.) Nearest the Pins: 4th Robert Ryan 13th Dave Taylor 8th & 17th Dave Bramley

FUTURE EVENTS:

(N.B. Change to the program due to the coring of the greens at Mbk). Green fees go up to \$20 from April and shotgun starts return to by 8.30 am.

- April 1, Aberdeen S&P
- April 8, Stf at Denman
- April 15, stroke at Scone
- April 22, Stf at Mbk (please book-in with the Proshop)
- April 29, Stf at Murrurundi Medal round.

New members welcome. Shotgun starts.

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Vets Golf. Brian Dever is congratulated by Tournament Director Bruce Robinson on winning the Stf event at Denman Golf Club on March 18 with 37 points on a count back.



Sid Collison and Ian Thomas won the Vets 2bbb stf event at Scone Golf Club on March 25 with 51 points (left). They are rewarded by treasurer Bob Minch.

Agriculture

Something Just Like This

by Doctor Dirt

This week I am targeting rock and roll, and it goes "Something Just Like This" its Coldplay. My daughter and I are fans, who isn't, and we attended their big outdoor concert at Accor Stadium Sydney last November. This concert was a spectacular event but with a surprising difference. Their world tour was called "The Music of the Spheres World Tour". The big screens showed in detail what this band does apart from produce great music. Coldplay support, in partnerships with organisations, donate or financially support a wide range of worthwhile causes. It does help when you are in a band with a net worth over \$460 Million US Dollars. Most mature music fans like me have memories of wild misbehaving and roguish rock stars. This band does not fit that mold, they have a unique enthusiasm to finance and participate in humanitarian programs and the environment.

The band teamed up with DHL a Logistics Partner, they then spent 24 months investigating, developing, and implementing carbon reduction processes while they are touring. This included biofueled air transport, and the utilisation of electric vehicles for overland logistics. They also where possible use reusable and biomaterials. They use recycled or upcycled materials for stage design, biodegradable confetti, and sustainable pyrotechnics. The LED wrist bands given to everyone in the audience are made of plant-based materials, these wrist bands are collected, recharged and recycled and distributed at the next event. Machinery at the concert is powered by hydrotreated oil (HVO) instead of diesel, kinetic floor design which I have been told means fans movement and dancing on these floors assisting the generating and powering the concerts. At each venue solar units and batteries are installed and generate electricity well before the night concerts commence.

Coldplay's aim when touring is to avoid fossil fuels and prioritize

the use of clean energy. The band have managed to reduce their carbon footprint by 59% compared with their 2016-2017 World Tour this is based on show-by-show comparison.

Especially reducing carbon footprint in the transport, freight and power areas.



This was a commendable achievement such a reduction in their carbon footprint when touring, but they were still generating a significant carbon footprint when playing at these various concerts on a such a sizable World Tour. The band's additional involvement and activities mean that Coldplay is a net carbon reduction enterprise that draws down the level of carbon gases. They financially support projects on reforestation, rewilding soil regeneration, conservation, renewable energy projects and carbon capture programs. Partnering in innovating new green technologies, financing new technology-based projects and restoring nature

For every ticket sold a tree is planted, Coldplay Tours have financed the plantings of 7 million trees. They have financed significant environmental conservation areas. The band donates 10% of all their significant earnings from their record sales, concerts/tours and any publications. The band splits the money across charities, socially based projects and environmental projects. They work in partnerships and donate to organisations such as Earth Percent, Client Earth, One Tree Planted (a dollar per ticket sold) and The Ocean Cleanup. They are truly assisting in the restoration of "Para Para Paradise", I am certain the readers are glad they could not hear me attempt to sing that.

Coldplay are in partnership with The Ocean Cleanup, who use large solar-power ships to collect Ocean Cleanup and River Interceptors to collect and remove plastic plastics. In the next installment I will explore the innovative technology being developed and used to extract plastics from our oceans and rivers.



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The Mount Pleasant Joint Venture owns
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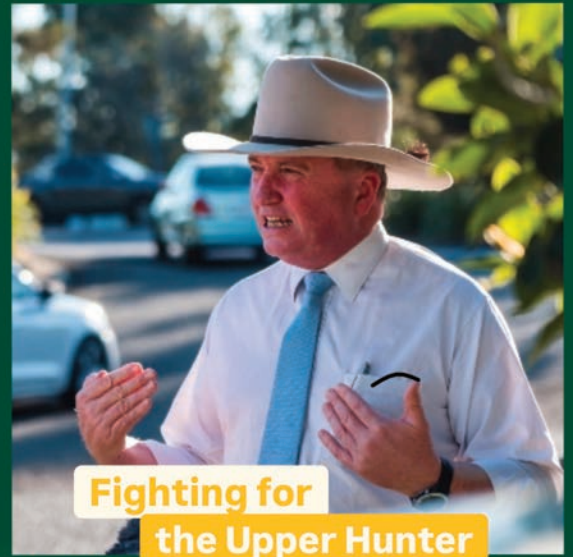
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Athletics

NSW State Championships

This month, 13th-16th March 2025, the NSW Junior Championships were held. Four members of the Aberdeen club had qualified for these State Championships in Sydney. Previously, entry was free for the athletes, however this season, even though these athletes had to qualify to get there, they were charged an entry fee of \$40 for the first event and \$30 for each event after that! This made competing quite expensive for athletes and their families because as well as the entry fee they had travel and accommodation costs.

The athletes, and their results, that represented Aberdeen were:

- 14's Grace Partridge, 1500m walk 14th 15-05.48.
- 14's Archie Sellers-Bentley, javelin 9th 32.31m & shot put 9th 11.65m. U20 Amelia Wadwell, discus 11th 12.89m; javelin 7th 13.61m & shot put 13th 6.04m.
- 15's Ruby Brochtrup had to become a dual member with Mingara in order to compete at these Championships due to her other representative commitments when our Region Championships were held. Ruby's results were: high jump 2nd 1.58m; long jump 5th 5.20m & 100m sprint, heat 1, 5th, overall 12th 12.87.

Well done athletes!

Unfortunately, our season came to an abrupt end with rain cancelling our last competition night. However, this season we have managed to get 15 competition nights in, which is a lot better than last season which suffered from constant weather issues – either the heat or the rain!

The annual presentation night will be held at Aberdeen Sport & Recreation Club on Friday 11th April, commencing at 6pm. As in the past, athletes must have competed in at least half the competition nights during the season to qualify for an award, so 7 nights.

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Tigers Group 21 2025 Season Draw

See below where and when the Tigers will be playing across the Group 21 Competition for the 2025 Season.

<p>ROUND 1: SUNDAY 27TH OF APRIL ABERDEEN VS SINGLETON @ABERDEEN Women's tackle: 10:20AM Reserve grade: 12:30PM First grade: 2PM</p>	<p>ROUND 2: FRIDAY 2ND OF MAY ABERDEEN VS MUSWELLBROOK @ DENMAN Women's tackle: 6PM ABERDEEN VS DENMAN @DENMAN Reserve grade: 6:30pm First grade: 8pm</p>
<p>ROUND 3: SATURDAY 10TH OF MAY ABERDEEN VS QUIRINDI @ QUIRINDI Women's tackle: 2pm Reserve grade: 3pm SUNDAY 11TH OF MAY ABERDEEN VS COLTS @ GRETA-BRANXTON First grade: 2pm</p>	<p>ROUND 4: THURSDAY 15TH OF MAY ABERDEEN VS SCONE @SCONE Reserve grade: 6:30pm First grade: 8pm SATURDAY 17TH OF MAY ABERDEEN VS MERRIWA @MERRIWA Women's tackle: 2pm</p>

<p>ROUND 5: SATURDAY 24TH OF MAY ABERDEEN VS MAVERICKS @MURRURUNDI Reserve grade: 3pm SUNDAY 25TH OF MAY ABERDEEN VS SINGLETON @SINGLETON Women's tackle: 11:50am First grade: 2pm</p>	<p>ROUND 6: SATURDAY 31ST OF MAY ABERDEEN VS MUSWELLBROOK @ABERDEEN Women's tackle: BYE Reserve grade: 4pm First grade: 5:30pm MUSWELLBROOK VS MERRIWA @ABERDEEN Women's tackle: 1:50pm</p>
<p>ROUND 7: SATURDAY 14TH OF JUNE ABERDEEN VS MUSWELLBROOK @MUSWELLBROOK Women's tackle: 3pm SUNDAY 15TH OF JUNE ABERDEEN VS COLTS @ABERDEEN Reserve grade: 12:30pm ABERDEEN VS DENMAN @ABERDEEN First grade: 2pm</p>	<p>ROUND 8: SUNDAY 22ND OF JUNE ABERDEEN VS SCONE @ABERDEEN Women's tackle: 11:50am First grade: 2pm Reserve grade: BYE</p>

<p>ROUND 9: SATURDAY 28TH OF JUNE ABERDEEN VS MERRIWA @ABERDEEN Women's tackle: 1:50pm Reserve grade: 4pm ABERDEEN VS COLTS @ABERDEEN First grade: 5:30pm</p>	<p>ROUND 10: SUNDAY 6TH OF JULY ABERDEEN VS MUSWELLBROOK @MUSWELLBROOK Reserve grade: 12:30pm First grade: 2pm Women's tackle: BYE</p>
<p>ROUND 11: SUNDAY 13TH OF JULY ABERDEEN VS SINGLETON @ABERDEEN Women's tackle: 10:20am Reserve grade: 12:30pm First grade: 2pm</p>	<p>ROUND 12: SUNDAY 27TH OF JULY ABERDEEN VS MUSWELLBROOK @ DENMAN Women's tackle: 10:20am ABERDEEN VS DENMAN @DENMAN Reserve grade: 12:30pm First grade: 2pm</p>

<p>ROUND 13: 3RD OF AUGUST ABERDEEN VS QUIRINDI @ SCONE Women's tackle: 10:20am Reserve grade: 12:30pm ABERDEEN VS SCONE @SCONE First grade: 2pm</p>	<p>ROUND 14: 9TH OF AUGUST ABERDEEN VS MERRIWA @MERRIWA Women's tackle: 2pm Reserve grade: BYE SUNDAY 10TH OF AUGUST ABERDEEN VS COLTS @GRETA - BRANXTON First grade: 2pm</p>
<p>ROUND 15: SATURDAY 16TH OF AUGUST ABERDEEN VS MERRIWA @ABERDEEN Reserve grade: 4pm ABERDEEN VS MUSWELLBROOK @ABERDEEN First grade: 5:30pm Women's tackle: BYE</p>	<p>FINALS SERIES AND OTHER IMPORTANT DATES June Long Weekend- Washout Round 19th and 20th of July Washout Round and Group 21 Rep Tri-series Major Semi Final: 23rd of August Minor Semi Final: 24th of August Preliminary Final: 31st of August Grand Final: 7th of September</p>



Tigers '85 Reunion — A Weekend to Remember

The Tigers' '85 team is hosting a reunion to celebrate an iconic season, with a weekend full of festivities. The event kicks off on Friday, 30 May, at the Commercial Hotel at 5 PM, where former players and fans can reconnect over drinks. The celebration continues with a performance by Carrot Bowan and the Collective at 8 PM, plus raffles and a 100 Club to cover costs.

On Saturday, 31 May, the Tigers face Muswellbrook at home, with Reserve Grade at 4 PM and First Grade at 5:30 PM. A designated area at the field will be set up for the '85 team and Old Boys to watch the games. Afterward, the party moves to the Sports & Rec Club, where a few brief formalities will lead into an amazing night of celebration.

This event is open to anyone with a connection to the team. Don't miss out on this unforgettable weekend!

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