

# t h e a b e r d e e n WHISPER

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**ABERDEEN  
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GAMES**

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## July 5, 2025

Jefferson Park, Aberdeen

The annual Aberdeen Highland Games are on again this year on the 1st Saturday in July that on this occasion will be the weekend of the 5th. The day will begin with a parade of pipe bands, clan representatives and others that leads into the Massed Band Salute and Chieftain's Address that officially opens the day. The pipe bands are what make a Scottish event so special. The unique sounds of the massed pipes and drums fills the air as bands converge from all around New South Wales at the Aberdeen Highland Games.

The Chieftain this year will be Charles Cooke, OAM a past President who was instrumental in establishing the event in 2000.

Nothing encompasses such enthusiasm and colour as Highland Dancing and what better sight and sound can there be that encapsulates the very essence of Scotland than the bagpipes accompanying a kilted dancer!

There will be novelty events for the children including the three-legged race and the famed Kilted Dash. Everyone is encouraged to dress up in their best Scottish attire with prizes awarded to the best dressed laddie, lassie, bairn and pet.

The Kilted Warriors are a great part of the event with and not to be missed in the traditional Celtic strongman competition. There is tremendous strength and determination on display when the athletes compete in three the Lifting of the Stones of Destiny, the Sheaf Toss and the Caber Toss.

Further we anticipate that the Australia's Federation Guard – Precision Drill Team will be with us again this year and they are a great spectacle.

A multitude of stores and stands will surround the area selling all manner of Scottish heirlooms and souvenirs, clothing and garb, and food and drink to complete your day. A good roll up of Clan Societies that will be of great help to those chasing family circles.

In the evening, the NSW Pipe Band Association have organised a Pipe Band Quintet competition at the Aberdeen RSL Club and hosted by the Tamworth Pipe Band.

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# Whisper Trivia

1. In human anatomy, what does the "hallux" refer to?
2. Nearly all fossils are preserved in what type of rock?
3. Who is Barbie's little sister?
4. In what fictional Indiana town does the sci-fi series "Stranger Things" take place?
5. Who was Elton John's "Candle in the Wind" penned in honor of?
6. Dubbed the "Black Death," what plague swept through Europe in the 1300s?
7. What is the largest volcano on earth?
8. How many moons does Neptune have?
9. What musician was awarded the first gold record?
10. Which Canadian hockey player is considered to be the greatest of all time?



- Answers:
1. The big toe
  2. Sedimentary
  3. Skipper
  4. Hawkins
  5. Marilyn
  6. The bubonic plague
  7. Mauna Loa
  8. 14
  9. Perry Como
  10. Wayne Gretzky

# Earle's Column

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The 'Bureau', (Bureau of Meteorology) – (apparently, they don't like the term 'BOM' – I can't imagine why!) made a brave statement a little while back that winter 2025 would be warmer than usual. As we head into the second month of winter, that seems to be a pretty shaky prediction. The 19th and 20th June saw the mercury dip to nearly minus 4 in beautiful Aberdeen! My bird waterer/bath had a very solid centimetre of ice on its surface on both mornings. Then there was the howling south westerly driven by a polar cold front that 'smacked us' about on 25th June! Winter has well and truly arrived.

## THE GAMES

But, with winter comes the annual Aberdeen Highland Games on Saturday 5th July. All things highland Scottish will be on display down at Jefferson Park. Pipes and drums, highland dancers, the Kilted Warriors and a plethora of stalls selling products with Scottish heritage, (and not Scottish heritage!), as well as stalls showing clan heritage and tartans for sale.

It is a delight to see Charles Cooke OAM honoured as the Honorary Chieftain after serving on the games committee for most, if not all, of its twenty-six years.

Being a 'sassenach' by heritage I'll be present, but without a kilt!

If you haven't visited the Highland Games, I can thoroughly recommend a visit. However, please note that paying at the gate on Saturday morning will attract a \$5.00 surcharge. So, head off to the Trybooking website and purchase in advance.

With a little bit of luck, this edition of 'the Whisper' will be out on the streets before the games. (The editor CAN take that as a not-so-subtle nudge!) Mind you, this missive will only just make the deadline – you just can't get good help these days, can you?

## THE 2026 RAIL DISASTER CENTENARY COMMEMORATION

The small subcommittee of the Aberdeen CAC continues to investigate the feasibility of a centenary commemoration of the rail crash that claimed four lives on the night of 10th June 1926. Some reports have said that the final toll was five victims suggesting that one of those injured in the crash and taken to hospital, later passed away.

The subcommittee are looking at a number of potential attractions, including a market day at Jefferson Park, a photograph, document and memorabilia display (possibly at the community hall near the library) and rail-motor excursions from Aberdeen to Murrurundi and return. There is also the possibility of a dinner on Saturday 6th June.

We have tracked down the Coroner's Report into the accident and we hope to acquire a copy in the near future.

One 'discovery' has been that one of the victims, a seventeen-year-old girl named Barbara Dalzell is buried in the Muswellbrook Cemetery. She had just returned from several years of schooling in Scotland and was journeying home to Rockhampton in Queensland with her mother and a cousin, (both of whom suffered only minor physical injuries).

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# Aberdeen Public School

## AFRICAN DRUMMING WORKSHOP BY DJEMBE ALCHEMY

Year 6 students recently participated in an African drumming workshop hosted by Djembe Alchemy. This was an engaging, hands-on activity that required concentration, rhythm and a good ear. The visit from Djembe Alchemy was generously sponsored by the QEII Community Centre. Thank you to Jess for providing our school with this wonderful opportunity.



## EXCURSION TO CANBERRA

Stage 3 students had a fantastic time in Canberra on a recent 4-day excursion. Check out the Aberdeen Public School Facebook page if you are wondering what they got up to in the nation's capital. Many thanks to Mrs Mooring and Mrs Edwards for their generosity in giving up their time with their families so our students could have this experience. Thank you also to our parent volunteers who assisted on the excursion.



## SPELLING BEE WINNERS

A big round of applause for our Spelling Bee winners, Archie and Jack! Thank you to all the participants, as well as to Mrs. Loveridge and Mrs. Kelly for their efforts in organising this fantastic event. We wish the boys the best of luck as they advance to the next stage!



## WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Thank you to all our students, families and staff who joined in for Walk Safely to School Day. This event is a great opportunity for schools and families to encourage safe road-user behaviours, not just one day but every day. Walking to and from school helps ease traffic congestion, promotes physical activity and provides a great opportunity to talk about being a safe road-user. Thank you, Miss Purcell, for organising this event.



## SCONE FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY

Thank you to Miss Butcher for accompanying 39 student representatives to the 2025 flag-raising ceremony in Scone commemorating Reconciliation Week. With her support, the students creatively decorated two letters to help form the word "Reconciliation."



## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all students for striving to reach their personal best and demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship at our school's Athletics Carnival. We look forward to finding out if we have students who will progress to the Zone Athletics Carnival. Well done students and thank you to Mrs Pennell for her organisation of this event. A massive shout out also to our parent volunteers and teachers who ran events, marshalled, timed, measured, raked and recorded.



## NETBALL GALA DAY

Our mixed netball team recently competed at the Netball Gala Day. It was a fun day and the team came away with 2 wins and 2 losses. The team was coached by Miss Purcell, who reports all players showed improvement in skill, game play and teamwork.



## YEAR 6 ORIENTATION DAYS

Our Year 6 students have been busy in the last few weeks with fifteen of our Year 6 students attending the Middle Schools Day at St Joseph's Catholic College and all of Year 6 attending the Scone High School Orientation Day.



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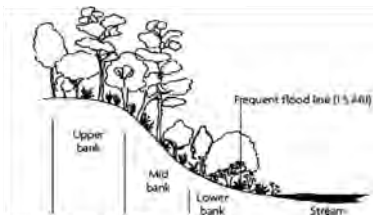
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# Actions to Reduce Flood Damage by Doctor Dirt

Numerous landowners have experienced extensive flood damage over the past few weeks on their properties. The majority of the damage across the catchment has occurred in the riparian zones.

A previous Doctor Dirt Article titled "Slow the Flow" stressed the importance of a managing and establishing native vegetative ecosystems in the riparian zones. I have noticed where stream banks have little or are totally devoid of native woody vegetation are usually the areas where the damage is at their highest levels. The establishment of an appropriate level of native ecosystem suitable to that riparian environment will go a long way to protecting your creek and river water frontage land.

The factors that contribute to riparian zone flood damage include water volume, the velocity of the water, flood heights, duration of the flood, stream banks soils becoming saturated resulting in bank slumping, flood height variations (often erosion occurs as the water rises and or drops back over the banks), overland flows during floods and then reentry points over the stream banks, the frequency of floods, natural or manmade diversions of flows directing waters into vulnerable and unprotected sections of the stream banks. The land management of neighbours above and below your property also contributes to the impact on the stream beds and banks' stability.



**Diagram showing the location and type of native vegetation that should be on a stream to prevent erosion, sediment movement and damage.**

Riparian Zones need to be managed to their land capability. The land capability of these areas is often not suitable for grazing; Class 6 (low carrying capacity grazing) is at best land use capability but usually Class 7 or even Class 8 are the land capability classifications. Often these riparian areas are where the domestic stock prefers to congregate and frequent the most. Often seeking water a few times, a day, shelter, shade and when grazing resources are low these areas are often where stocks seek greener ground covers. These areas at times are the areas with the best quality and nutritious groundcover.

There are a small percentage of riparian areas that have natural

stability due to geomorphic stability (abundance and location of rock) often compassing mature complex woody ecosystems.

For most riparian zones, land holders should consider the following land management works and management this is known as soft options:

- Undertake a site assessment to judge the vulnerability and stability of the areas
- Grazing Management – restrict, monitor and manage livestock access, this includes the intensity and length of time livestock graze the riparian areas. These areas will require rest periods from grazing. Consider long term exclusion of stock to these fragile areas.
- The fence-out areas' location depends on the order of stream. For example, a third order stream the fence should be 30m back from the top of the bank, for a fourth order stream and above this should be 40m.
- Install reliable off-stream watering to assist in stock exclusion or only provide access to areas of the stream to stock where it is stable and will not be damaged.
- Comply with the land capability management requirements of the land class present. Failure to do so will increase the risk of erosion and damage.
- Continually monitor the areas for signs of damage, erosion and increased risk and vulnerability.
- Soft option fortifications of the stream banks are, excluding stock or greatly limit their impact, planting, and establishment of the wide range of types and numbers of various native species. Plant the type of plants where they are most suitable. The areas must be maintained and monitored. Control programs include weed and feral animal control.

Government Authorities are more likely to assist when landholders will commit to land management and soft option works and the correct land management. Regrettably, I have heard so many times if I fence this area off, I will lose so much land. Failure to introduce correct land management aligned to the area - land capability really means you are going to lose that land to damage and vast restoration expenditure. You can check with Government Departments and Authorities what flood disaster funding is available. If the area gets to the stage only revetment and engineering works are required as part of the answer it can be a massive cost. They will require a complex assessment and design; such works require approval.



**This photo shows the contrast where there is no native woody-vegetation protection and where there is native vegetation present.**

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## Feral Survey

Local Land Services is calling for landholders to provide input by participating in its feral pig and pest impact survey. The survey aims to assess the level of feral pig damage to both agricultural and environmental assets on properties.

Landholder input is essential in refining pest management strategies and enhancing the support provided in our region. If you have questions or need more information about feral pig management, please contact your Local Land Services office on 1300 795 299. To access the online survey, check in at: [https://regionalsw.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_ePr8mH9GNr0eMxU#atid=b2693684c25285b9?utm\\_source=NW&utm\\_medium=email](https://regionalsw.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ePr8mH9GNr0eMxU#atid=b2693684c25285b9?utm_source=NW&utm_medium=email)

## Tigers Round 8 Recap

A cracking June weekend saw our combined Women's Tackle side hit the road to Merriwa for the start of round eight to face the always-tough Magpies, while our Under 18s and First Grade sides took on our northern rivals in Scone, at McKinnon Oval.

### WOMEN'S TACKLE

Saturday had our girls travelling to Merriwa to take on the Magpies. We knew it'd be a tough slog with a short bench, and Merriwa were fired up to avoid another loss. Right from the get-go, it was clear we were in for a battle. Merriwa came out hard, showing aggression in both attack and defense, and managed to run in several tries before halftime – we went into the break trailing 22–0.

Early in the second half, we lost our remaining bench and had to play short, but the girls dug deep and lifted for one another. We had a few chances to get on the board, but unfortunately couldn't convert. That said, our defense tightened up and Merriwa were only able to add 18 points in the second half. Final score: 38–0.

### PLAYERS' PLAYER: LILY CUBILLO

### UNDER 18S

The Under 18s kicked off the day under a warm winter sun. The Tigers came out strong in defense, and while an early error from a Scone fifth-tackle kick gave them field position, our defense held firm. Around the 8-minute mark, center Preston Bateman broke through the line and ran 40 meters, putting us in great attacking position. A high tackle from Scone in the same set gave us a penalty, and the ever-reliable Harry Foot crashed over for the opening try. Tyla Fear slotted the conversion – Tigers up 6–0.

Scone hit back quickly, scoring off a grubber after a one-on-one strip, closing the gap to 6–4. Preston again made a strong run, but the ball was lost in the set. A series of back-to-back penalties gave us another shot, and with Casey Milton jumping in at hooker, he scooted over to score. Tyla added the extras – 12–4 at the break.

The second half opened with more hard running and an injury stoppage. A penalty for a dangerous tackle put us on the back foot, but some desperate defense kept Scone out. Mitch Rousell made a huge 35-metre run, but an offside call gave Scone another chance, and they capitalised with a try off a regathered fifth-tackle kick – 12–8.

With four minutes to go, Scone crossed again, sealing the win. Final score: 12–14.

### PLAYERS' PLAYER: TYLA FEAR

### FIRST GRADE

Sunday's main event saw the Tigers take on the Thoroughbreds in a fiery clash between long-time rivals. It wasn't the start we'd hoped for, with a few early errors gifting Scone good field position. Despite a repeat set, our defense held strong. Ill-discipline cost us again around the 24-minute mark, with Scone's left center breaking through to score. 0–4.

Inside the final 10 of the half, we earned a penalty deep in Scone territory. A short dropout from the Thoroughbreds went wrong, and a slick backline move sent Josh Halliwell crashing over. Halftime score: 4–4.

The second half saw Scone shift gears. A regathered fifth-tackle kick saw them score just four minutes in, then three minutes later their hooker darted over from dummy-half – 4–16. Another error from us gave them a narrow corridor to exploit and they made us pay, extending the lead to 4–20.

With 20 to go, another Tigers error led to another Scone try – 4–26. Some back-and-forth errors gave us a rare opportunity, and Richard Graham hit and spun his way under the posts. Harry Douglass added the extras – 10–26.

But Scone answered straight away, running 80 meters off the next

kick return – 10–32. Another bomb and toe through saw them extend to 10–38. We weren't done though – Matt Hay hit a gap and scored under the scoreboard. Missed conversion brought it to 14–38.

Scone rounded out the scoring after their hooker split the markers and linked up with his fullback. Final score: 14–44.



Special shoutout to Harry Foot, who made his First Grade debut and earned Players' Player honors! He was rock-solid in defense and made some strong carries – a bright future ahead.

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## New Branding for Upper Hunter

A bold new pitch to sell the Upper Hunter Region as a destination will be launched this Thursday, July 3.

The Upper Hunter and Muswellbrook councils have endorsed the Upper Hunter Region Place Brand.



The Councils say the brand harnesses the beauty and rugged charm of the region, from horses to blue heelers and the warm hospitality of towns like Aberdeen, Denman and Scone. It aims to bring the region together to drive tourism, economic development and local pride.

The project was delivered with funding from the NSW Government's Resources for Regions program, which fully funded Upper Hunter Shire Council's contribution of \$229,800, alongside a further \$100,000 investment from Muswellbrook Shire Council.

The Upper Hunter Brand consists of nine key elements: Strategy, Architecture, Voice, Logo, Colour, Typography, Textures, Illustration and Photography. But the community will have to wait a little bit longer for the final reveal. The brand is due to launch in late May.

"This brand gives us the tools to tell that story to the world, while fostering local pride in everything that makes our communities special."

Muswellbrook Mayor, Jeff Drayton said it's time the region was shared with visitors from NSW, interstate and overseas.

"Locals know how good we have it here, from the sense of community to the wide-open spaces, and it's time to share that with the world," Mayor Drayton said.

"We have great events, scenery and local businesses. Coming together as a destination, in our own right, will encourage new investment, tourism and awareness. The best part of the new brand is that it will be available.

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## Aberdeen Pony Club

June long weekend was the date of our last rally day and even though the weather was freezing cold a campfire kept us warm and also the kids busy toasting marshmallows and making smore sandwiches. We had a beautiful bunch of riders who got to experience showjumping, mechanical cow, troop drill, flat work, rider in action and finished with a trail ride led by some amazing locals.

We were blessed with some awesome instructors as well as a local saddler who taught the kids and adults about saddle fitting. Saturday night we had a couple of special guests who showed us all how to make a shoe from a single piece of metal bar before having dinner and relaxing around the camp fire. Thank you to each and every person who attended our weekend, your help and expertise make it such a wonderful weekend full of laughs and great memories.

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## State Matters with Dave Layzell MP



### THANK YOU, GEORGE!

Destination NSW has acknowledged the retirement of the Hon. George Souris AM from its Board, following years of dedicated service and strategic leadership.

The Member for Upper Hunter (1988-2015) and a Minister during the terms of two NSW Coalition Governments, is credited with bringing deep expertise to the Board, drawing on his ministerial experience across tourism, major events, hospitality, racing and the arts.

Destination NSW noting that Mr Souris' insights were instrumental in shaping initiatives that continue to strengthen that state's position as a global visitor destination.

Destination NSW has a Board of Management elected by the responsible Minister with the organisation having the principal objective of achieving economic and social benefits for the people of NSW through the development of tourism and securing major events.

### HALF-TIME, KIDS!!

Friday 4 July is the last day of Term 2 for Upper Hunter Electorate public school students, marking the halfway point for the 2025 school year.

That means from Saturday 5 July to Sunday 20 July, the Share Our Space program returns for the winter school holiday.

School grounds will be open to the public daily from 8am to 5pm at Ellerston Public, Scone Public, Muswellbrook Public, Dungog Public and Booral Public.

Term 3 begins with a school development day on Monday 21 July then students are back to the classroom on Tuesday 22 July through until Friday 26 September.

### TELSTRA 3G HELP

Telstra is working to help impacted customers

identify the cause of challenges due to the 3G network closure.

Initiatives include a dedicated 3G helpline available Monday to Friday, 8am-7pm, on 1800 990 853 and a 3G customer support webform: [www.telstra.com.au/forms/3g-customer-support](http://www.telstra.com.au/forms/3g-customer-support)

Continuous network upgrades include rolling out 5G to more areas to address congestion and improve overall network performance. If you are still having issues, some things you can check are to make sure you have the latest software on your phone and ensure external antennas are compatible with 4G.

GO Repeaters have the most updated software and set to the correct frequency. For more general information on addressing 3G closure challenges go to: [www.Telstra.com/3gclosure](http://www.Telstra.com/3gclosure)

### HOSPITAL UPDATE

Health Infrastructure has just released its mid-year progress update on the Muswellbrook Hospital Stage 3 Redevelopment.

Since the start of work on the project in February, progress has been made on the Operating Theatres and minor refurbishment of the Day Stay unit.

Next, the construction team will move its focus to the lower ground undercroft below the hospital's main entry, which will become the new Community Health space.

The project team has also been working on purchasing major medical equipment which includes audio visual equipment and pendants for the new Operating Room and Procedure Room and sterilising equipment.

For more information about the project including the mid-year update, go to: <https://hneinfra.health.nsw.gov.au/projects/muswellbrook>

### RAISING P&C PROFILE

The NSW Department of Education has recently launched a new website platform for schools which includes a section where P&C Associations can put relevant information.

NSW Parents and Citizens Federation is strongly encouraging all P&Cs to contact the administration staff at their school to put information about their group on this new website. One of the most common reoccurring questions the Federation gets from its members is how to get more engagement and volunteers from school parents.

The new website is being seen as a great opportunity for P&Cs to be proactive in talking to the school about using the school's website to promote the organisation to the wider school community.

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## Hidden Treasure

Aberdeen's Denise Bell has been acknowledged for her contribution as a volunteer in numerous organisations. Denise has been included in the 2024 Hidden Treasures Honour Roll for the regional and rural women who give so much to their communities.

In a letter to Denise, Jodie Harrison the Minister for Women says, this annual tribute is all about recognising the time and effort you dedicate to making a difference by volunteering in your communities.

***"The resilience you have shown has kept your community thriving, your strength and spirit have shone through even in tough times."***

***"Thank you for your hard work and the positive impact you make."***



Born in Dubbo, Denise's family moved to Singleton followed by Muswellbrook. Whilst at Muswellbrook High School she was a library monitor, then attended TAFE. Denise gained employment with the Commonwealth Bank, Muswellbrook. She joined the local athletic club and took on the volunteer position as Club Treasurer.

After marriage, she moved to Aberdeen where her two children attended preschool and primary school—at both places Denise volunteered helping with reading, sewing, etc. After her children finished school, Denise volunteered at Scone Historical Society for 19 years as well as being Secretary of the Hunter Chapter of Museums. She also volunteered with Muswellbrook Legacy for a few years taking on the position as Secretary. Denise's passion with volunteering has been with Athletics in Aberdeen, as a foundation member in 1991, taking on numerous executive positions over the next 10 years, having a break and volunteering again for the past 9 years.

# Barnaby JOYCE MP



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## Earle's Column *continued from page 2*

So how can you contribute?

- The sub-committee currently only consists of three people. We will probably need a few more as plans mature so we would love to hear from you.
- Perhaps you have a family story that's been passed down three or four generations about the heroic deeds of one of your forebears on that night. If you want to share it, please let me know.
- Maybe you have a connection to some of these people mentioned in the Score Advocate of 15th June 1926.

Edward Grayndier (hairdresser of Aberdeen), Harold Vaughan, Jack Osborne, Mr. Francis (ex-Mayor of the then Aberdeen Municipal Council), Lou Schroter. I think that as our research continues more names may well appear. One of the delights of community action is the enthusiasm that contributors bring to the exercise. So, if this idea excites you, ring me or text me your thoughts on 0419 681 175 or by email to [cr.shields@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cr.shields@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au)

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## Hidden Treasure *continued from page 9*

Denise's goal has been to improve the facilities in the small rural town of Aberdeen. She has achieved this, basically by applying for every grant opportunity that has become available. Not all applications have been successful however quite a few have.

The Club now has great facilities for long/triple jump with new pits and synthetic run-ups, discus and shot put, with new throwing circles, storage facilities for equipment, defibrillators, seating, plus, a large range of sporting equipment so that the local children can participate in all events on the athletics' calendar.

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# The Latest on Vets Golf

## CROWS OUT STEALING OUR BALLS

Winter has arrived and it's been cold so our numbers were down for our Stfd game at Denman on Tuesday, June 10. The crows must like the winter because they stole too many of our balls.

Thank you to Captain Mick McCormick for the starting draw and to Dennis Chandler for processing the score cards. The pies for lunch were great as usual – thanks Brian Dever and Terry Mitchell.

Bob Lawman won the day with 33 points from John Belfield 32 second and Brian Dever third C/B 30, with 19 points on the back nine holes.

Balls went to Graham Schlig, Lindsay Hodge, Terry Mitchell and Gary Leake. The Bradman's trophy, kindly donated by Gary Morley was won by Red Palmer.

Nearest the Pins: 3rd (second shot) John Belfield, 5th Graham Turvey, 12th Red Palmer, 14th Graham Schlig.

## CHILLY SCONE GAME

It was a very cold morning for the 23 Vets who played their Stf event at Scone on Tuesday, June 17. Thank you to Lyn Banks for researching the handicaps and to Ross Banks for compiling the playing draw. The course is in top condition, with some reconditioning work going on as well.

The cold temps changed to ideal conditions after an hour or so.

Geoff Barton won the event with 38 points from John Belfield and Lyn Banks 34, Captain Mick McCormick and Lindsay Hodge 33, and Ross Banks and Charlie Wintle 31.

It was good to have Treasurer Bob Minch and Gary Gray back playing. Gary won the Bradman's trophy, kindly donated by Gary Morley.

## GAME AT ABERDEEN

Sixteen players started at Aberdeen today and Nine finished due to rain.

Winner today was Dave Taylor 70 net, 2nd Terry Mitchell 74 net, 3rd Dave Perferment 76 net c/b, 4th Robert Colbert 76 net c/b. Balls to John Belfield, Bruce Robinson, Gary Leake & Mick McCormick.

Putts Terry Mitchell 23. Bradman's Red Palmer 85. Ntp's 4th Glen Standing, 18th Dave Perferment. 7th ,9th, 13th,16th Nobody.

## FUTURE GAMES:

- July 1st M'Brook (Book in)
- July 8th Denman
- July 15th Scone (Book in),
- July 22nd Aber (G T Smith)
- July 29th MDI

New members welcome. Shotgun starts by 9am

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(Right) Bob Lawman won the Vet's golf at Denman Golf Club on June 10 with 33 points. He is congratulated by Graham Schlig



Geoff Barton won the Vet's golf at Scone Golf Club on June 17 with 38 points. He is congratulated by Captain Mick McCormick



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