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Rugby League Season in review on page 6 & 7

Whisper Trivia

1. What is the capital city of Mongolia?
2. What is the term for a group of flamingos?
3. What is the largest island in the world?
4. What is the name of the toy cowboy in the movie "Toy Story"?
5. What year was the very first model of the iPhone released?
6. How many molecules of oxygen does ozone have?
7. What is the name of Batman's butler?
8. Who directed the 1994 film "Pulp Fiction"?
9. In which year did Usain Bolt set his 100m in 9.58 seconds world record?
10. What is the longest-running Broadway show?
11. Which animal can be seen on the Porsche logo?



- Answers:
1. Ulaanbaatar
 2. Flamboyance
 3. Greenland
 4. Woody
 5. 2007
 6. Three
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If you know someone in your community that has an interesting story to tell, who's doing some interesting things - we'd love to hear about it. Chances are if you think it's interesting - others will too - and we're always open to ideas for stories, or features here.

Earle's Column

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Without doubt, spring has arrived. Daytime temperatures are now consistently in the '20's' nudging 30o C. Looking at my rainfall chart, unless there is an un-forecast deluge, September will probably have the lowest precipitation so far in 2025. A while back the prediction was that spring was expected to be 'wetter than normal'. Apparently, there is some high-altitude atmospheric activity way above the South Pole that could reverse that projection. Anyway, the weather has been delightful.

THE UPPER HUNTER BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM, (BESS)

On Wednesday evening, 17th September about fifty people gathered to see and hear a presentation from North Harbour Clean Energy, (NHCE), regarding the above proposed development on land at the southern end of Campbell Street. I don't think it is unfair to say that it was a clear public relations exercise using a reasonably slick PowerPoint presentation to present information to the citizens of Aberdeen. There are many aspects of the proposal that require careful evaluation by the residents and rate payers of our town.

The most significant feature is that the proposal has been deemed to be a State Significant Development, (SSD), and as such, planning approval will not rest with Upper Hunter Shire Council, (UHSC), but instead development consent, if approved, will come from the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, (DPHI). In other words, the decision will be made by Planning bureaucrats located 270 km away somewhere in Sydney. UHSC will be able to lodge a response to the proposal after NHCE presents their Environmental Impact Study, (EIS), as required, to DPHI. They hope to do this in February 2026. After that there will be a public exhibition period of about 28 days during which public responses will be encouraged.

A BESS is part of the transition towards renewable energy underway in Australia. These "super batteries" provide a 'firming' supply of electricity to the distribution network at times of peak demand when solar or wind power has diminished or is diminishing. The principle is relatively simple. When there is an excess of generated electricity in the middle of the day, and that electricity is exceptionally cheap, a battery is connected to the network and power is stored. This facility, plans to charge up for two hours in the middle of the day and then discharge back to the network for two hours during the evening, or morning, peak period selling that power at a much higher price than it cost in the middle of the day.

At the meeting there were many issues raised around the environmental impact of the proposal, particularly the noise generated by the cooling fans that are necessary to keep the batteries at the appropriate operational temperature. These are legitimate issues that require a forensic examination by people in Aberdeen. As I said, the meeting was principally a public relations exercise. I raised a concern that none of the 'visualisations' of the BESS showed how the power is to be transmitted to the site or reversed back to the grid. The response was, that there was no intention on the part of NHCE to mislead the community; they simply haven't finalised that aspect of the design. I regard that response as disingenuous!

NHCE plans to connect to the 330,000 volts, (330kv), transmission line that runs up the

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State Matters with Dave Layzell MP

SPRING DUST BUST

Upper Hunter mines are again on notice to protect local air quality with the annual Bust the Dust campaign underway for Spring 2025.

During the campaign, Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Operations Officers will be out in force doing roadside surveillance, unannounced inspections and using drones to monitor dust generation. Mines found to be in breach of licence conditions now face significantly higher penalties, including \$30,000 for a first offence and \$45,000 for a subsequent offence.

While the EPA regulate dust emissions year-round, regional air quality monitoring shows spring is a peak time for particle pollution: www.airquality.nsw.gov.au/air-quality-in-my-area/concentration-data or www.airquality.nsw.gov.au/upper-hunter

The Bust the Dust campaign is a timely reminder for operators to have the right practices in place by deploying water on stockpiles and roads or ceasing work during dry and windy conditions.

Local residents are encouraged to report concerns about dust emissions to the Environment Line 131 555 or via email at info@epa.nsw.gov.au

CHANGES AHEAD

Wine and spirit bottles and larger drink containers are set to be accepted into an expanded NSW container deposit scheme.

The expansion of both the NSW and South Australian programs by late-2027 also includes cordials and juice concentrate containers and larger containers of up to three litres of



beverages already in the scheme, such as flavoured milk, fruit and vegetable juice. Plain milk and health tonic containers will continue to be excluded from the schemes.

Return and Earners are encouraged not to take wine bottles to the local refund machines just yet.

The NSW Government wants to work with industry to ensure a smooth transition giving the wine and spirits industry time to adjust and allowing collection points and systems to ramp up for the additional new containers by mid-2027.

COMING SOON!

Spring has sprung, the September show season is almost upon us and a long weekend in only weeks away.

Yes, Daylight Saving is set to begin during that long weekend at 2am on Sunday 5 October, when clocks are moved forward by one hour to 3am.

SES NEEDS YOU!

Wet and windy weather crossing the state over the past fortnight including the Upper Hunter has provided a timely reminder that the storm season is here.

With trees battered by strong winds and more rainfall on already sodden ground causing flash flooding, the NSW State Emergency Service (SES) now needs new volunteers to come and join them.

SES units at Dungog, Singleton, Muswellbrook, Aberdeen, Scone and Murrurundi are eager to welcome prospective recruits, who are passionate locals with a willingness to help, learn and make meaningful connections.

If you aged 16-years or older, a student or retiree, a local businessperson who can respond in times of emergency or a member of a sporting group with teamwork skills and want an off-season challenge – then the SES wants to hear from you.

Submit your application via the SES online application form, get ready for an interview then, if you are successful, complete a Criminal History Check ready for your volunteer journey to begin. Discover more at: <https://www.ses.nsw.gov.au/volunteer>

SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS AVAILABLE

A reminder to those who did not qualify for the primary producer, rural landholders or special disaster grants due to owning a farming enterprise, that a small business grant is now available from Service NSW: www.service.nsw.gov.au

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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.

Athletics

Aberdeen Athletics 2025/2026 Season Coming Up

The start of the 2025/2026 season is approaching, which runs term 4 and term 1 of the school year! First night of competition, Friday 17 October, 6pm, at Harrison Oval, Jefferson Park, Aberdeen.

All registrations are done on line at Little Athletics NSW. Aberdeen caters for children aged 3 years to 16 years. Children aged 3 & 4 years are only allowed to do play training activities (the Club has a large assortment of equipment for this age group). All other ages participate in athletic events including short & long distance running, hurdles, shot put, discus, long jump and high jump.

All parents are expected to help organise and run events each Friday night – the more helpers, the smoother the night runs.

If anyone can help with marking of the track and/or checking equipment before the start of the season please give Max a call on 0455 180 354. As Aberdeen is a very small club, all help greatly appreciated.

Supplied by Denise Bell, Secretary.

Aberdeen Pony Club

Another busy month for Aberdeen Pony Club members has flown by again. We had a fantastic rally day with 17 children riding. Thank you to our amazing instructors Eoiffe, Marcia and Graham who covered show jumping, flat work and also some cattle work. Each of the riders learnt something new and developed their skills further. A big shout out to Wingen Community Trust for slashing the grounds and always happy to pop down at the drop of a hat when we need something.



Some of our talented members headed to Camden to compete in the NSW state championships. Saturday seen Charlie Mackenzie, Bailey Logue, Ellie Logue, Chase Aird and Katie Braithwaite compete as the Aberdeen Team. These riders rode hard and fast with precision and perfection to come in fourth overall.

Then on Sunday Team Aberdeen put their skills and speed to the test in Team Sporting, seeing them secure fourth place overall out of 11 teams which was a superb result for a team put together without a team practice day.

More of our Aberdeen riders Molly McCosker, Erin Wilson, Bree Mackenzie and Emity Croft joined with the very patient Mitch Roxburgh

from Singleton in Saturday's Mounted games competition, with lots of laughter and funny moments this team came in third overall.

Sunday saw Sophie Paull from Denman step in to replace Erin and compete with Molly, Bree, Emity and Mitch in the Team Sporting championships. This team were on fire and ended up PCA NSW Team Sporting State Champions 2025.

A big thank you to Phil Logue, Ben Logue and Graham Aird for putting these teams together and managing them over the weekend.

Our next event is helping at Aberdeen Campdraft Ring 2 on Saturday of the long weekend, come along and give a hand and bring your horse too and have a fun day out competing in hack, rider and sporting events. You will need to pay a day membership if you are not a ABCRA member to be able to compete.

Supplied by Amy Croft.



This photo is from the raffles at the Commercial Hotel, each month Aberdeen Pony Club sell raffle tickets as a fundraiser. Last month we matched the amount of money raised and have donated it to the Webster Family who tragically lost their son Jimmy in a horse truck accident. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets or made a donation on the night we raised \$2012 in total.

Upper Hunter's Annual Bulk Waste Clean Up Is Approaching!

Mark your calendars because it's time for a clean-out! Upper Hunter Shire Council's Bulk Waste Clean Up service is just around the corner.

2025 COLLECTION DATES:

- Scone, Gundy, and Moonan Flat: October 13 - 17
- Murrurundi, Blandford, Wingen, Parkville, and Bunnan: October 20 - 24
- Cassilis, Merriwa, Aberdeen: October 27 - 31



IMPORTANT INFO:

Items should be placed on the kerbside on the Sunday before your week of collection.

- Garden waste will NOT be accepted.
- Mattresses and tyres are also prohibited.
- No liquid waste of any sort.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

- "Can I dispose of my scrap metal?" Scrap metal is included this year!
- "What about my old laptop or TV?" Electronics / E-Waste is not accepted in the Bulky Waste Collection but can be dropped off for free at the Community Recycling Centre in Scone.

For more information, head to the Upper Hunter Shire Council website.

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Earle's Column

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valley roughly parallel to Wells Gully Road in the Muswellbrook LGA. That power needs to be brought a distance of about 2.9 kilometres at the closest point from the BESS site. As I understand the proposal it will then be 'stepped-down' to a lower voltage using a transformer at the site to charge the batteries. When the batteries discharge back to the grid the power will be 'stepped-up' to 330kv and dispatched. Typically, in NSW, a 330kv transmission line consists of towers around 50 metres high, (164 feet in 'old money') spaced at intervals of around 400 to 450 metres apart. The visual impact of such an installation will be significant. A very quick 'Google' search indicates that the underground option is feasible but not often used for cost reasons and other environmental implications. For short transmission distances, as in this case, an underground installation may well be feasible.

In summary, I think I should state clearly that I think that the overall proposal has merit. The Nation's transition to a clean energy economy will make demands on all of us. That said, I think Aberdeen would be well justified to demand that NHCE conclusively demonstrate answers, (including organising visits to other BESS sites), to any questions environmental or otherwise that residents and rate payers raise well before the submission of the EIS seeking consent from DPHI. The Aberdeen CAC has some very important work ahead of it.

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Rugby League

Tigers Season

Wrap Up *by Jacob Dallah*

A massive congratulations to all our award winners for the 2025 season! Your hard work, commitment and Tiger spirit have been nothing short of inspiring.

WOMEN'S TACKLE

Best Forward: Samantha Roche

Best Back: Lily Cubillo

Best & Fairest: Tobey Stewart

Coach's Award: Georgia Smith

Most Committed: Lyndsay Atkinson-Nicholson

UNDER 18S

Best Forward: Harrison Foot

Best Back: Preston Bateman

Best & Fairest: Jack Shankley

Players Player: Casey Milton

Coach's Award: Tyla Fear

RESERVE GRADE

Best Forward: Jayson Hovi

Best Back: Jack Price

Best & Fairest: Mitch Galvin

Players Player: Steve Hinschen

Coach's Award: Sean Millwood

FIRST GRADE

Best Forward: Matt Hay

Best Back: Josh Halliwell

Best & Fairest: Josh Halliwell

Players Player: Matt Hay & Josh Halliwell

Coach's Award: Tuhere Maraki

CLUB AWARDS

Player of the Year: Josh Halliwell

U18s Player of the Year: Casey Milton

Tigress of the Year: Isla Johnston

Leading Try Scorer of the Year: Harry Foot

Clubman of the Year: Jacob Dallah



Most Consistent: Matt Hay
Senior Men Loyalty: Daniel Hoogerwerf
Under 18's Loyalty: Joseph Hamlin
Tiger Spirit: Jack Albury
Rep Player of the Year: Josh Halliwell
Most Likely to Succeed: Harrison Foot & Casey Milton
Tiger with the Biggest Heart: Sean Millwood
Most Dedicated Tiger: Josh Tickle
Most Committed: Lily Cubillo
Club Service: Andrew Burton
Club Female of the Year: Caitlin Albury
Congratulations to all – you've done the Tigers proud!

Photos supplied by Kristal Foot.





The Nepalese and India Delegation to The Lower Hunter Visit to Brokenwood Wines Part 2 *by Doctor Dirt*

This is the second part of the series covering The Nepalese and Indian delegation to the Lower Hunter. I had the privilege to assist Basu Bhattarai and her team from IFSD Consulting organising the tour and presenters. The twelve Nepalese and Indian include Universities, Government and Scientists representatives. The focus was on Agricultural Practices, Sustainability, Water Regulations, Education and Environmental Practices and Issues.

In this episode I will cover what Brokenwood Wines and other Vineyards and Wineries are doing implementing in regards to energy efficiencies, waste management, recycling and future innovations. The industry is faced major issues due to Climate Change in the Hunter Valley and throughout all mainland Australia.

Lorrae St Vincent from Brokenwood Wines Laboratory and Sustainability lead covered many of the challenges and innovations, facing Brokenwood Vines and others in the Wine industry.

Lorrae raised that Climate Change is a major issue facing industry. The 2019-2020 wildfires destroyed most of the Grapes. The red wine vintage was especially affected and most of that season's crop was unusable. Large portions of the crop were contaminated due to smoke. The heat waves and high temperatures during the summer massively reduced grape set and prevented them maturing. Issues included reduced sugar content, palatability and yield.

The 2019-2020 Wildfires destroyed an unprecedented 24 million hectares across the Australia with estimated 3 billion native animals dying. Iconic animals' species such as koala's 15 percent of population died some 6,500 animals. Many Rural Fire Service and Fire Fighters heard the screams from Koalas these creatures were incinerated. These volunteers along with many Government Authorities did such a commendable job trying to control firers which did so much damage to the environment and to infrastructure. Unfortunately, many human lives were lost including the brave fire fighters.



pictured: Lorrae St Vincent talking to the Overseas Delegation

The prolonged drought, heat waves and high temperatures were amongst the factors contributing to the wildfires. A heat wave is three consecutive days of temperatures three degrees above the average medium high temperatures for that time of year. There were many heat waves during that tragic summer. A persistent and scientifically proven trend across the world. Wildfires outbreaking are occurring on a scale and in locations where they have been recorded before.

The recent high rainfall over the past number of years has caused gape damage and increased fungal and bacteria infestations. The higher frequency and intensity of storms and hail events due to climate change results in less production and failed crops on occasions. The wider variation of climate is a major risk to this industry.

A number of Wineries and Vineyards have relocated or considering moving to such places as Tasmania in an attempt to avoid climate issues. Others have pulled out certain varieties and replanted with more resilient varieties to hotter climate conditions. Lorrae mentioned there are many

varieties of grapes that over 100 plus years of production in Australia have adapted to Australia's climate, but many have not be able too. Climate conditions due to climate change means it is not viable nor affordable to insure the crops against loss and damage.

It was explained by Lorrae that Brokenwood Wines are adapting the best they can. The following are some of the measures they are implementing.

- The energy consumption is predominantly from refrigeration. It is at least 70% of the total energy bill. They have installed a two-tank system with a more regulated and monitoring of the brine tanks. This has reduced energy use by 25%. Refrigeration is required to stabilise the wine, improve wine quality and reduce impurities. It is important at various set points in the wine processes to have controlled temperature. Lorrae explained in detail the wine marking process to the group. The two tank system where a piping system transports the brine around the site assists in using the sun heat to reduce electricity use.
- They have installed LED lights throughout the facility. Many solar panels have been installed on their large roof areas. They have not yet installed a battery storage system. This is for consideration in the future.
- In the future solar units are being considered in the vineyard to reduce energy costs for such operations such as water pumping.
- Where possible Brokenwood Wines have reduced the consumption of non-recyclable materials. They have a collect and pickup management plan for items used at the Winery.
- Their glass bottles are now 70% light weight classification, and this has reduced the overall glass weight of the wine bottles by 30%. The used glass bottles are pulverized and processed into road base materials.
- All operations are monitored; the conditions of the grapes and vineyards are continually assessed. Irrigation is only used when required, nutrient levels are regularly accessed, disease and harmful insects' presence are monitored. These practices reduce the carbon footprint by making less use and passes of the machinery. Operations are only carried out when necessary.
- They have decided not to use electric tractors at this stage as they are waiting for the farm machinery to be developed that are more powerful and suitable for their farming operation. They are closely looking at adapting tractors and vehicles that use organically made fuels as they may have vegetation material that can be used from their farm. This would save costs and reduce their carbon footprint.
- The establishment of interrow native plants and groundcovers along with maintaining the adjacent native woodland has reduced insecticide use. These areas are a source of insects, birds and other animals that attack and eat invasive predators of the grape vines.

This is one of the many industries that are adapting and seeking innovative solutions to the deteriorating climatic environment as we know it.

Supplied by Steve Eccles.

Steve Eccles - steveecclesconsulting@gmail.com

Drop Scrap Metal Off for Free

Did you know scrap metal can be dropped off for free at all of Council's waste facilities? Recently, Infrabuild visited each of our waste management sites to collect and recycle our stockpiles of scrap metal. Using a baling machine, they compressed the material into square bales weighing around one tonne each, before loading them onto trucks bound for Newcastle.

By recycling scrap metal, we're reducing landfill, supporting a circular economy and keeping valuable resources in use.

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Fish Restocking

Glenbawn Dam, Scone and Lake St Clair, Singleton will receive Australian bass as part of the NSW Government's native fish stocking program. Community groups have received \$62,000 to release the fish into seven rivers and dams across NSW with up to 260,000 Australian Bass to stock the waterways from this October under the program.

Anglers are reminded that a strict bag limit of two and possession limit of four applies to Australian Bass and Estuary Perch, either for a single species or a combination of both species, and only one fish is permitted to be over 35cm in length when fishing in rivers.

For information about freshwater fishing rules: <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/fishing-rules-and-regs/freshwater-bag-and-size-limits>

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Peep Into the Past: Fisher's Corner

Once stood on the corner of New England Highway and McAdam Street. Originally known as the Commercial Cafe, there is now a plaque on the concrete which was the original footpath in front of the cafe. Later it was owned by Fresh Fisher (hence Fisher's corner). It catered for the people who were at the open air picture theatre across the highway. They sold milkshakes, lollies, chocolates and ice cream in a cone. They also made homemade ice blocks, lemon, raspberry, chocolate flavour and sold for a penny each (about one cent on today's decimal price). They were about 1 inch square and six inches long and were sold in a paper bag.



Inside were tables with slide in seats (popular in cafes then), and there were also a few tables and chairs. Next door was a large shed and was sometimes used as a market selling fruit and vegetables. On the side of this shed was an advertisement for Bushells Tea. This sign covered the whole side of the building.

Later, the business was taken over by Roy Peters who was the son in law of Fred Fisher. It continued on as the same business for quite some time after. Roy Peters was also a bookmaker sometimes doing S.P betting which was illegal. Roy Peters later had a taxi business in Aberdeen. The building has now been demolished.

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Upper Hunter's Pools Reopening Wednesday, October 1

All Upper Hunter Shire pools are set to welcome swimmers again.

POOLS REOPENING:

- Scone Swimming Pool
- Merriwa Olympic Pool
- Murrurundi and District War Memorial Pool

To find your nearest pool and view more information please head to www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au/Places/Swimming-Pools

We're excited for our community to dive back in. See you there!

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Animal Shelter at Capacity

Council's animal shelter is currently full and unable to accept surrendered dogs or cats until further notice.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

- We cannot accept animals from outside the Shire
- The shelter is not staffed during the day – contact Council before attending
- Aggressive, dangerous or feral animals cannot be rehomed through the shelter – speak with your local vet for advice

IF YOU NEED SUPPORT, CONSIDER:

- Talking with your local vet
- Contacting rescue groups
- Rehoming through trusted friends or family

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Desex your pets to prevent unwanted litters
- Keep pets from roaming to reduce impoundments
- Adopt locally instead of buying online
- Update microchip details and reclaim pets quickly if impounded
- Share adoption posts to help animals find homes
- Foster with rescue groups if possible
- Commit for life – pets are not disposable



Upper Hunter Shire's Compliance Officers work closely with rescue organisations, but with growing numbers of animals and limited space, this support is also nearing capacity. Our adoption program continues, though finding the right home can take time. Need help with desexing? Contact the National Desexing Network about our cat desexing program. For questions, contact Council and ask to speak with a Compliance Officer.

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The Latest on Vets Golf

VETS' STROKE EVENT



pictured above: Vets Captain Mick McCormick (left) congratulates Dave Taylor on winning the stroke event at Scone Golf Club with net 67, on Tuesday September 16.

There were 29 players for the Vets' stroke event at Scone Golf Club on Tuesday, Sept 16. Thank you to Captain Mick McCormick for the organising of the score cards. Thank you to Ross Banks for organizing the playing draw. Thank you to Lyn Banks for the list of everyone's handicaps.

Dave Taylor continued his excellent form of late to win the event with nett 67. Second was Lindsay Hodge 70 C/B, third Robert Colbert 70, fourth Bob Lawman 71, fifth Red Palmer 72 and sixth Brett Dann 73. Balls went to six players all on 75: Louise Mathews, John Belfield, Christine Smith, Paul Constable, Charlie Wintle and Julie Lecke. Nearest the pins: 4th Robert Colbert 13th Paul Constable 8th Michael Curry (welcome to

this new member) 17th John Belfield

GAME AT THE ABERDEEN GOLF CLUB

Lots of Vets come to play at Aberdeen Golf Club as the course is always maintained in tip-top condition. Thank you to Bob Minch for distributing the finances and to Captain Mick McCormick for the player's draw. Dave Kerr did his usual excellent job with processing the results of the stroke and putting event.

The play was dominated by local Robert Colbert who won the stroke with nett 69 from Glenn Googe second 70, Terry Mitchell third 70 C/B, Red Palmer fourth 71 and Glen Standing fifth 72 C/B. Balls went to Bob Minch 72, Paul Constable, Lyndsay Hodge and Steve McGhee 73 and on 74 Mark Middleton, Dave Taylor and Dave Kerr. The Bradman's Trophy, kindly donated by Gary Morley was won by Captain Mick McCormick. The Best Scratch score of 79 was recorded by Robert Colbert and he also won the putting wine, with 24 putts, C/B, kindly donated by Aberdeen Golf Club. Nearest the Pins: 4th Michael Curry 13th Gary Carter 7th Bob Lawman 16th Dave Taylor 18th Dave Taylor .

FUTURE GAMES

- Oct 7, S&P again at Aberdeen; (NB: We hit off by 8.00am, from Tuesday, Oct 7 with the start of Daylight Saving, for the rest of 2025 and well into 2026)
- Oct 14 at Denman, Stb
- Oct 21, Stb at MBK (please book-in with the Proshop);
- Oct 28 is R.1 of our Annual Championships, stroke at Scone and Nov 4 is R.2 stroke at Scone. Please book-in with Ross Banks for the championships at Scone.

New Members Welcome. Captain Mick will be meeting with the executive to sort out the future games so we can hopefully play at Scone again and be organised for the Championships to be played at Scone later this year.

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