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# GREAT OYSTER BAY Community News

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group, they worked together to plant and guard 15 Drooping She-Oaks and Black She-Oaks on a steep embankment on the coast in front of the salt factory. These endemic species once fully grown will form a wind break, and camouflage the factory, improving the aesthetics from the bay.

*Alison Wallace  
President*

## FRIENDS OF ROCKY HILLS

undertook their National Tree day event on Sunday 22 August this year. Collaboration with Mayfield Estate, Tasman Sea Salt and Spring Bay Mill Nursery provided the opportunity to carry out the event successfully at Mayfield. With 8 volunteers

## LABOR WELCOMES SENATE INQUIRY INTO REGIONAL GP SHORTAGE

The acute GP shortage across Lyons will now be subject to a Senate Inquiry. Labor called for the inquiry in a bid to investigate the critical lack of doctors across outer metropolitan, rural and regional Australia. Federal Member for Lyons Brian Mitchell MP welcomed the inquiry as “great news for the people of Lyons”.

“Our primary health network is in crisis. Too many people are being forced to wait weeks to see a GP – if they can see a GP at all. And the problem is only getting worse,” he said.

“COVID-19 has highlighted the holes and gaps in our health care system, and none are more obvious than the shortage of GPs and other health services across Lyons.

“But this issue isn’t new, people living in Lyons have been battling a critical lack of GPs for far too long.

“This inquiry will investigate why regions are particularly affected by a lack of GPs and put recommendations to the Government.

“The only reason this Labor inquiry is necessary is because the Liberal Government has dropped the ball for eight long years.”

The Senate Inquiry will examine the Government’s current classification system, the stronger Rural Health Strategy, GP training reforms, and the effects of the Medicare rebate freeze.

The Inquiry will also assess the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on doctor shortages in outer metropolitan, rural, and regional Australia.

“Thank you to the GPs who have been working tirelessly to support our communities and who also took time to meet with me and outline the issues affecting their practices and raise their concerns,” Mr Mitchell said.

You can make a submission to the inquiry here. [https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/OnlineSubmission](https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/OnlineSubmission)

**BRIAN MITCHELL MP  
FEDERAL MEMBER FOR LYONS**

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 (men's group)  
 Wednesday afternoons  
 (school pupils)  
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 (men's group)  
 Friday 10am to early afternoon  
 (women's group)

Contact Colin Stevenson 0400 030 746

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 Saturday - Sunday, Tuesday - Thursday  
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 0416 200 172

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22 Franklin Street, Swansea  
 Open Mon to Fri 10am-4pm  
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Reverend Ben Allen 0407 242 522

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**10 Noyes Street, Swansea**

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will be holding services on  
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 Swansea

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 Enquiries

Steven & Linda (Salvos)

0458 959 820

Laurie & Sherry

0467 972 578

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 Shoes and drink provided.  
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 0437 264 332

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New members welcome.

Ph 0417 977 118 or 0402 043 621

[Swanseadistrictgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:Swanseadistrictgardenclub@gmail.com)

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Website: [dsra.org.au](http://dsra.org.au)

Mail: PO Box 133, Swansea, 7190

**SWANSEA MEN'S  
PROBUS CLUB**

meeting start 10am every 2nd Tuesday of  
 the month at Swansea Golf Club with  
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meets 2nd Wednesday of the month. New  
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Contact 0402 043 621 for details

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**Winter Indoor Bowls**

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Contact: Mick 0417 064 571 or

Judi 0449 596 175 for details

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 Contact Edith 0409 216 793

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Contact

**Kathy Dance 0439 732 496.**

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 in Term 4 to prepare Christmas carols. The  
 choir is open to boys and girls aged 9 - 16.  
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Contact **Gaye 0422 961 678**  
 for details.

**SPRING BAY WALKERS**

Every Thursday morning, contact  
**Peter Hutememier 6257 7506.**

See programme

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Contact **Marcia 0448714419**

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<http://triabunnavillage.com.au/>  
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**Steven Kenny 0438 060 047**

**COMMUNITY NOTICES****SWANSEA HERITAGE FESTIVAL  
5-7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021**

The Swansea Heritage Festival is now only 4 months away. Please consider your business or community organisation joining the festivities. Here are some suggestions: markets, busking, spit roast, BBQ, food and refreshment stalls, games for children, dress up in old time costumes, performance (play), musical entertainment etc.

Already organised are: Banners throughout the town, Indigenous exhibition, Amos family exhibition, launch of 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of Houses & Estates of Old Glamorgan and a recipe book (from Glamorgan's past), walking tours of Swansea, visit to historic houses.

The festival will be run in conjunction with the 'Amos Family Reunion' being held at Cranbrook.

Dearne Smith and Maureen Martin Ferris are happy to chat with you or visit your group to discuss your plans. Phone Maureen 6256 5066 or email Dearne at [dearneys@msn.com](mailto:dearneys@msn.com).

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**Issue 40 October 05**

**Issue 50 December 14**

**COMMUNITY NOTICES****MEALS ON WHEELS  
SWANSEA ROSTER**

Date	2021	Name
Wed	01 Sep	N Hickey
Thur	02 Sep	A Simon
Fri	03 Sep	A & R Smith
Mon	06 Sep	L & S Evans
Tues	07 Sep	J Whittaker

**SCRABBLE PLAYERS**

Would anybody interested in playing scrabble once a week give me a call or SMS 0438578208 so a venue and time can be organised.

Lyn Lyne

**SWANSEA MODEL YACHT CLUB INC.**

S.M.Y.C. Inc will commence sailing for the Spring season on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September after their winter break. Practice from 10am, racing starts at 11am. New members and spectators are welcome.

All enquiries to secretary Cheryl  
**0419393774**

**FRIENDS OF ROCKY HILLS INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020/2021**

12.30pm Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2021  
Me & Mums Café, Little Swanport  
All committee positions up for nomination. Membership fees are due and can be paid on the day.

A note of motion to be put forward – "that Friends of Rocky Hills Group Inc. apply for exemption from auditing requirements". Lunch will follow the meeting. Please RSVP for catering purposes to

[ellie.woolnough@outlook.com](mailto:ellie.woolnough@outlook.com)

Alison Wallace – President FORH  
**0419 090 245**

**DJ'S LAUNDRETTE**

Sorry for any inconvenience but the laundrette will be closed until Monday Sept 13<sup>th</sup> due to alterations and building. Closest locations for laundry service is either Triabunna or Bicheno.

Leanne Dann

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1/4 Page	\$36	\$45
1/3 Page	\$48	\$62
1/2 Page	\$66	\$86
Full Page	\$102	\$112

## LETTERS TO THE EDITORIAL TEAM

Dear Editorial team

I am writing regarding what our Mayor said in your last paper. He said, *"I also understand a meeting was called in Swansea in late July for community leaders to meet with senior Labor party figures.*

*Two Councillors and a member of the community were barred from entering the meeting. Another lost opportunity for presenting the facts."*

I was at that meeting. I accepted an invite as a Coles Bay volunteer. The community leader comment is from Jen Butlers media release and was obviously meant to provoke the Government. It was not an open invitation. There were no flyers nor Facebook posts. No meeting details were publicly released. The meeting was by invitation only to a representative group of ages, places and occupations. The meeting discussed more than rates, as rates isn't the only problem.

The people the Mayor said were barred from attending were simply not invited and were told this. What is wrong with that? It's completely legal and allowed. GSB Councillors can't go to my doctors appointment nor enter my home uninvited just because the buildings are in GSB. Equally, people meeting with MP's don't have to invite GSB Councillors if they don't want to. Councillors can organise their own meeting with MP's and invite who they want. Did I attend uninvited when Minister Jaensch met with the GM and Mayor and freely put forward my views? No I did not. I would never consider such poor, irrational and unprofessional behaviour, and of course if I tried to attend I would have been told I was not invited. Why would anyone think this is a one-sided right, and complain when the same standards are applied to them as would be to me? Aren't we an egalitarian society?

Following the meeting all one of the MP's could talk about was her perceptions of what she witnessed, having been approached outside the meeting room. That experience definitely left a lasting impression on her, and she asked many attendees about their experiences with the person who gave her cause for concern. I contacted the Government (DPAC) afterwards as I was very distressed by the entire situation that occurred prior to the meeting, which I will not detail, and I wanted assurance of my position having attended. "You are absolutely allowed to meet with MP's and invite who you want to, and no a Councillor has no right to attend uninvited." was said to me by DPAC, amongst other supporting comments.

If the Mayor and Councillors want to discuss with the community the rates increases then they need to urgently organise their own Q&A sessions in GSB towns, and actually allow Q&A to happen, as they should have already. That is how Council should be presenting the facts.

Jen Hackett  
Coles Bay

Response to Michael Tyquin  
re Meredith River pedestrian bridge proposal

Thank you Michael for advocating for this project. The DSRA believe that a cycling/walking connection that joins Swansea, Dolphin Sands and Freycinet has the potential to be extremely beneficial to our region, in particular the Swansea township. To that end, we've invested a lot of time and energy towards this project; we've attended numerous meetings with various advisors, stakeholders and community representatives, held fundraising events, organised reports and plans etc. We'd like to thank the community for all the support we've received.

In response to Michael's question about why the project has stalled, the answer is: Glamorgan Spring Bay Council. After lots of preliminary work, the next logical step for this project was to commission a feasibility study. This study would investigate all aspects of the project to enable an evidence-based decision about the best way forward. It would consider the pros and cons of various options to connect our towns—bridge, barge, punt or some other method—consult with the relevant communities and identify any 'red flags'.

After we found various grants that could be used to fund a feasibility study, we requested council, as the ultimate owner of the assets, to provide a letter of support for the grant application. Despite there being no cost to Council for the feasibility study, they refused. Their refusal flies in the face of their Swansea Structure Plan which provides a 'vision for future land use and development within Swansea to 2035'. Page 64 of the Plan recommends that council 'Investigate long term feasibility of cycle bridge across Meredith River and the Swan River to encourage cycle tourists'.

Our experience is just one more example of problems with our current council, such as council's failure to comply with their stated objectives and their lack of vision for our municipality.

Robyn Moore  
Secretary on behalf of the DSRA

### Focus on the RATES

I have just read ( in GOBN issue 34) that

I have been promoted from a "lowly concerned ratepayer" to an "espoused community leader"..... that's a surprise given I have not portrayed myself in that manner (other than in jest i.e. my references to being a "cranky bull and protector of the herd" - and by herd I meant those retirees unable to stand up to this Council and it's rate rise brought on in a PANDEMIC with a degree of stealth, secrecy and with little apparent regard for the economic division caused within the community. I am not a member of any Social Media groups, Freycinet Action Network, East Coast Alliance or any other Secret Societies so I am unsure of the true status of my "promotion". I wasn't party to the episode in July when two uninvited Councillors apparently tried to gatecrash a private meeting attended by two Labor Politicians. I am sure they would have been impressed .... Readers may also note that the two E-Petitions being readied for Parliament are independently sponsored by separate LYONS politicians, John Tucker Lib, Jen Butler Lab. Can't be fairer than that? Want to sign the E-Petition? put "House of Assembly Tasmania" in your search box and follow the links.

Ms. Stroud noted her concern being: "upset at the level of vitriol and misinformation that has been generated in the community". I note that all of this could have been avoided had GSBC simply been honest and open with the ratepayers before making the decision to change the rating assessment method. As to her concern re. the level of "misinformation" being spread, I ask her to present a detailed list, here, for us to read. My information is sourced from The Local Government Act 1993, GSBC website, Videos from GSBC live streaming of GSBC meetings, an independent qualified solicitor and from personally questioning The Hon. Roger Jaensch (Minister for Local Govt.)

All I want is for GSBC to hold an open public meeting, explain the full and truthful rationale behind their decision to change the rating methodology, rescind the rates for 2021/2022, restore AAR for that year and restore community faith by holding an honest open investigation into AAR versus AAV for the future. I believe admit the decision was made in haste and without due diligence. Fix the issue and let's move on George Town Council arranged for a private financial investigation into this very issue and the balance fell in favour of continuing AAR - that is open and honest governance. It's not too late for GSBC to admit the decision was made in haste and without due diligence. Fix the issue and let's move on.

As to me being a Racist ..... my comments were solely directed at the head of the Chinese Communist Party and NOT the Chinese people or Chinese/.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITORIAL TEAM

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Australians . Ms. Stroud must have mis-construed my statement and if she was confused I am sorry

However if "supporting Australian farmers and businesses against the imposition of politically motivated tariffs " is racist then put my name down for a "supporters button and half a dozen bumper stickers".

Your humble servant,  
Greg Luck Swansea

Dear Editorial team,

It was with a great sense of irony I read Ms Stroud's and Mayor Young's Letter to the Editor last week.

While I absolutely agree with Ms Stroud's claim that "leadership should be about facilitating and... building community in a respectful and inclusive process", she points the finger at active citizens, and accuses them of failing in that regard, while at the same time, completely overlooking the abject failure of those with a statutory obligation to do exactly that - our council. Perhaps she would prefer a great silence and forgetting to fall over this regime's history of the last nearly three years.

But very many in our community will not be silenced and haven't forgotten. The following are just some examples of deep grievances against our council: 1. The bloodletting involved in the resignations of two GM's; 2. The sackings, redundancies and resignations under duress of over 95% of management; 3. The closure of the Visitor Information Centres in a secret council meeting with no community consultation; 4. The top-down enforcement and closure of the Natural Resource Management section of council with no community consultation; 5. The systematic marginalisation and demoralisation of community groups all over the municipality and deliberate closing down of their amazing energy and imagination - the Meredith River Bridge project is a classic example, but certainly not the only one; 6. The dramatic hike in rates for a large section of the community with no community consultation; 7. The blow-out in council costs and yet the real itemised account of where this money is going remains deliberately obscured and rendered opaque to ratepayers seeking answers.

How are these actions "respectful" and "inclusive" when they are enforced on the community from on-high, with no grass roots consultation or inclusion?

And how does this history conform to the council's statutory obligation under Section 20 (1) c of *The Local Government Act 1993*: "to provide for the peace [and] order ... of the municipal area"?

Now if aggrieved members of the community want to exercise their democratic right, to freely organise political opposition and mobilise action against this appalling history, they are at liberty to do so without hindrance or harassment by infiltrators. I am not sure why active citizens seeking democratic justice are the ones who are condemned as being vexatious and divisive. I am appalled and disappointed that someone could make such a claim.

And Mayor Young writes last week about facts - that one must take facts into consideration regarding the rate rises and then we'll understand.

With all due respect, may I remind Mayor Young of one pertinent fact. That his council has a statutory obligation under Section 20 (2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* when, "in performing its functions a council is to consult, involve and be accountable to the community" By all accounts, and the overwhelming impression in the community, is that your council failed to consult the community about the recent rate rises. In fact, just a week or so before the rate rises, you and your council attended 'Community Connect' sessions in Swansea, Bicheno and Coles Bay and remained silent about the dramatic decision you were intending to vote on - even though the sessions were the ideal forum and time to fulfill your statutory obligation under the Act.

Mayor Young, would you care to offer the community an explanation as to why you and the four councillors, who sprung these rate rises upon an unsuspecting community should not immediately resign, given what appears to be a failure to meet your obligation under the Act?

And if you refuse to resign, would you care to offer the community an explanation as to why the Minister for Local Government should not establish a Board of Inquiry into the financial and administrative affairs of what certainly appears to be a rogue Glamorgan Spring Bay Council?

Yon Kikkert  
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**This weeks puzzle page answers .....**

**No cheating now!**

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN BICHENO at the FARM SHED

For full details & cost of events contact via the links.

### 1) Ceramic tableware workshop at The Farm Shed

Glazed & Confused will lead a handmade ceramic tableware workshop at The Farm Shed. They will guide participants through the process of creating functional ceramic tableware while guests enjoy a homemade grazing table and some amazing East Coast wines.

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The pieces will be taken away, glazed, fired and returned to The Farm Shed 4 weeks later.

Seats are limited so as always, please get in touch early to secure your place.

WHAT: Handmade ceramics workshop

WHO: Glazed and Confused

WHEN: Sunday 12 September, 2-3.30pm

WHERE: The Farm Shed, 53A Burgess Street, Bicheno

BOOK: Online with Glazed and Confused via <https://glazedandconfused.as.me/farmshedhandbuilding12sept>

More info: <https://thefarmshedtast.com.au/2021/07/29/ceramic-tableware-workshop/>

### 2) See Life & Drink It - Wine Week Dinner at the Sea Life Centre

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Matched wines are equivalent to 3 standard drinks. Additional drinks are available for purchase on the night.

Numbers are limited to just five (COVID-safe) tables of 8 people each, so get your friends together. Payment will be taken on booking to confirm your spot.

WHEN: Friday 10 September

VENUE: Sealife Restaurant & Café, 1 Tasman Hwy, Bicheno

TIME: 6 pm for 6.30

BOOK: Phone Narelle or Pete on (03) 6375 1121

More info: <https://thefarmshedtast.com.au/2021/05/31/see-life-drink-it/>

## WET AND WARM SPRING FOR EASTERN AUSTRALIA

Spring in Australia may see more rain than usual in the east and a dry outlook for parts of the west, Bureau of Meteorology climatologists say.

According to the latest seasonal outlook issued today by the Bureau, this spring is likely to bring above average rainfall for people living in the east of the country as well as cooler days and warmer nights.

The current outlook remains dry for those living in Western Australia and nights will be cooler than average for the south of the state, with spring days also tipped to be warmer for the Top End and Tasmania.

Bureau climatologist Dr Andrew Watkins said predictions for a wetter and warmer spring come after a particularly wet and warm winter.

"Nationally, we've seen the wettest winter since 2016," he said.

"Australia's average winter temperature is also expected to be one of the ten warmest on record, particularly in the tropical north."

Dr Watkins said the main reason behind the Bureau's prediction for a wetter than average spring was a climate driver called the Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD).

"We've currently got a negative IOD - a phenomenon which typically brings an increased chance of rainfall to southern and eastern Australia," he said.

"This negative IOD is expected to persist throughout spring but is currently weaker than the last negative IOD event we saw in 2016, which brought Australia's wettest May-October period on record."

Another relevant climate driver, known as the El Niño-Southern Oscillation (or EN-

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The latest outlooks are available on the Bureau's website.

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**EAST COAST WINE TRAIL**



The **Get Into It** project will be running a Healthy Heart, Healthy Mind program for the Swansea community. The project has received a grant from Healthy Tasmania and is sponsored by May Shaw Health Centre.

The grant will be used towards funding a range of healthy lifestyle activities under the banner "Get Into It". One of the activities offered to the community is a 10-week program. This includes 3 components focused on improving your cardiovascular health.

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If you are interested in joining the 10-week program, then register your interest!

**This program is being offered at no cost as it is fully supported by Healthy Tasmania.**

Registration forms will be available from 30<sup>TH</sup> August. These will be located at May Shaw Health Centre's office, Swansea GP practice, and the Swansea Pharmacy. Registrations will close 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

The **Get Into It** project will be promoted to the Swansea community via the Great Oyster Bay newsletter and our Facebook page (Get Into It). Commencement date is 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Aside from the 10-week program, monthly activities, cooking sessions and group challenges and strength and mobility programs will also be run. Dates for these will be announced in the future Newsletters and Facebook Page.

Watch this space for updates and more information!

Sally Fletcher, Project Manager and Nicola Gadd, Project Coordinator.

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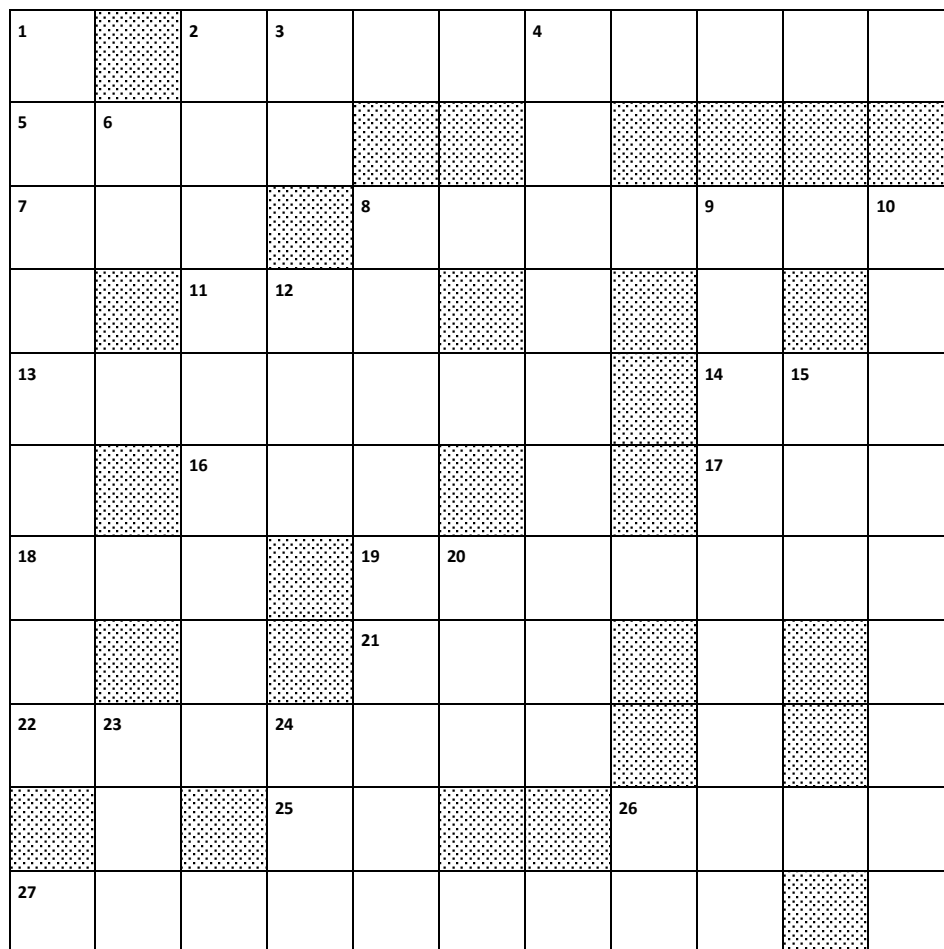
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## THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD

No. 35.2021

By Rob Gaspari



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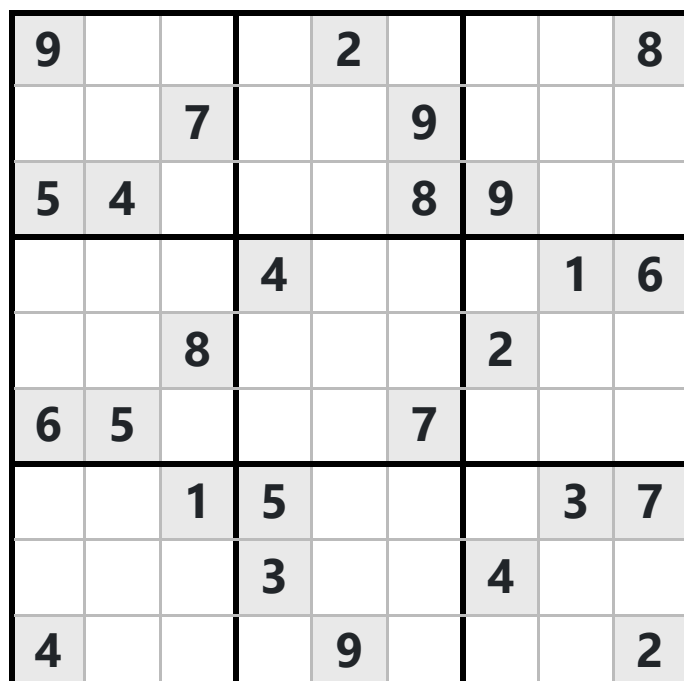
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16. She (3)
17. Measure of length (3)
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19. Adores (7)
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22. Brings down (7)
25. Tellurium (2)
26. Two (4)
27. Heavenly (9)

### DOWN

1. Lacquered (9)
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4. Underground burial places (9)
6. Xeon (2)
8. Ingresses (9)
9. Pertaining to numbers (9)
10. Exaggerated yarn (9)
12. Single (3)
15. Beer (3)
20. Cease (3)
23. Sheep (3)
24. Half truck, half sedan (3)
26. Father (2)

## THIS WEEKS SUDOKU



## WHAT'S SO FUNNY?

A bus full of ugly people had a head on collision with a truck. When they died, God granted all of them one wish. The first person said, "I want to be gorgeous." God snapped his fingers and it happened. The second person said the same thing and God did the same thing. This went on and on throughout the group. God noticed the last man in line was laughing hysterically. By the time God got to the last ten people, the last man was laughing and rolling on the ground. When the man's turn came, he laughed and said, "I wish they were all ugly again."

A child asked his father, "How were people born?" So his father said, "Adam and Eve made babies, then their babies became adults and made babies, and so on." The child then went to his mother, asked her the same question and she told him, "We were monkeys then we evolved to become like we are now." The child ran back to his father and said, "You lied to me!" His father replied, "No, your mom was talking about her side of the family."

**ALL ANSWERS  
ON PAGE 7**

# SPORT & WEATHER

## Swansea Golf Club

### Result 28th August 2021.

Fine weather greeted the players who contested the annual "Sandlewood Trophy".

**Winner** Fran Dowling 59. Runner Up Rod Smith 61, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jim Morris 62,  
4<sup>th</sup> Christine Ring 64 c/b

**Nearest the Pin.** 8<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> Peter Lea, 8<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> Pat Hardcastle, 9<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> Jack Hardcastle

**Super Pin** 4<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> Peter Lea, 7<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Rod Smith

### Wednesday 25th August 2021

Lady's Mid-week Stroke

**18-Holers** Winner Christine Ring 62, Runner Up Alison Smith 67.

**9-Holers** Winner Jennifer Whittaker 33, Runner Up Pip Cardno 35.

**Nearest the Pin** 3<sup>rd</sup> Jo Whelan, 4<sup>th</sup> Jenny Whittaker, 8<sup>th</sup> Alison Smith.

### Chicken Run (Scores Only)

**Wednesday,** Peter Lea 31, Corry Van Den Broek 31.5 Putts Len Evans 13.  
**Friday** Rick Dance 31.5, Steve Mortimer 33, Putts Rick Dance.







The term golf originated from the Netherlands. The Dutch word for club is "kolve" or "kolf". The Dutch likely introduced the word to the Scots through trading during the 14th until the 17th centuries. Due to linguistic differences, the Scottish dialect modified the pronunciation and the terms became "gouff" and "goff". In the 16th century, the term became, simply, golf.

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## 5-Day Glamorgan-Spring Bay Weather from Bureau of Meteorology







### Bichenor

Tue. 31 Aug	Wed. 1 Sep	Thu. 2 Sep	Fri. 3 Sep	Sat. 4 Sep	Sun. 5 Sep
					
Shower or two.	Sunny.	Mostly sunny.	Showers increasing.	Shower or two.	Possible shower.
17 °C	18 °C	21 °C	21 °C	15 °C	17 °C
10 °C	7 °C	9 °C	13 °C	10 °C	6 °C







### Orford/Triabunna

Tue. 31 Aug	Wed. 1 Sep	Thu. 2 Sep	Fri. 3 Sep	Sat. 4 Sep	Sun. 5 Sep
					
Possible shower.	Sunny.	Sunny.	Showers increasing.	Cloudy.	Possible shower.
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8 °C	4 °C	9 °C	13 °C	7 °C	5 °C

### Coles Bay

Tue. 31 Aug	Wed. 1 Sep	Thu. 2 Sep	Fri. 3 Sep	Sat. 4 Sep	Sun. 5 Sep
					
Possible shower.	Sunny.	Mostly sunny.	Showers increasing.	Possible shower.	Possible shower.
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### Swansea

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