

## New game is ridgy didge

OZCRAWL is a board game that any true blue Australian can relate to.

With characters like Bruce the Truckie and Shazza the Check-out Chick, OzCrawl is as Australian as meat pies and *The Castle*.

Sydney-based OzCrawl creator Emily McDonald devised the idea while discussing the gap in the market for this type of game at a dinner party with friends.

Seven years later and Miss McDonald's game, or "Australia in a can" as she calls it, is on the shelves of 50 stores across the country.

"The content is developed by Australians ... we made a game

that we can relate to," she said. "There was a need for an Australian board game that was marketed to 15- to 40-year-olds."

During the game's development, 31-year-old Miss McDonald worked full-time in account and project management but gave it up to concentrate on launching the game.

The biggest thrill for her is to walk in to a toy store and see her game on the shelf.

Miss McDonald's friend, former Wagga girl and primary school teacher Bianca Elliott, is creating a children's version of the game, Kids Crawl.

"I wanted someone who is a passionate children's educator and who knows what is relevant

in schools today," Miss McDonald said.

Melbourne-based Miss Elliott said she had been interested in resources that helped children since she began teaching.

The children's version will be more educational and Miss Elliott said the key was to keep them entertained.

"They get bored doing the same thing over and over again," she said. "We want to show them that learning is not about just sitting at your desk."

The board game is not the only bond these girls share.

Both girls have family in Wagga and make the effort to catch up in town when they can.



**TRUE BLUE:** Emily McDonald (left) and Bianca Elliott are changing the way Australians play their board games. The truly Australian OzCrawl is currently available from Logical Choice and Kids Crawl is expected to hit shelves late 2009 or early 2010. Picture: Kieren L Tilly

### Fast facts

**What:** OzCrawl board game

**Available:** Logical Choice

**How much:** \$59.95

**About:** OzCrawl will have your dad dancing like Peter Garrett while your mum belts out Cold Chisel's *Khe Sanh*. The interactive game takes you on a race around Australia.

**Why you should buy it:** One dollar from the sale of every game will be donated to Cure for Life.

## Central

### Red Cross Blood Service

THE Australian Red Cross Blood Service needs your help.

Its mobile unit is travelling around the Riverina for the next two months and is making two stops in Wagga.

It will be parked at the council chambers on June 25 and July 23.

Collections are made between 8.30am and 2.30pm on both days and appointments can be made on 13 14 95.

### Riverina Bridal Fair

HERE comes the Riverina Bridal Fair.

Almost 50 exhibitors from Wagga, Albury, Narrandera and the south coast will converge at the RSL Club on June 21 to show their wares to brides-to-be and their fiancés.

Engaged couples can find the perfect dress, photographer, stationery, venue, hire car, jewellery, music, beautician and florist for their special day.

Fashion parades will commence at 11.30am and 1.30pm, showcasing a range of bridal gowns and men's fashion.

Former Miss Wagga Nicole McCarroll (nee Langley) will be master of ceremonies, while an Albury DJ will provide background music for the parades.

Michelle Robertson and Cathy Wall will provide music on the day and a string quartet will play between 10am and 12pm.

Engaged couples who register on the day will go into the draw to win a \$5000 homeware and electrical package from Myer.

The Riverina Bridal Fair 2009, sponsored by *The Daily Advertiser*, will be held at the RSL Club on

June 21 from 10am to 3pm.

### Indigenous family history

A SEMINAR encouraging the Indigenous community to research its families' history will be held at the Museum of the Riverina Historic Council Chambers on Wednesday, June 17.

The seminar will be facilitated by Melissa Jackson and Ronald Briggs from the Indigenous Services Unit, State Library NSW.

The local resources available at Wagga City Library, and significant collections at the State Library, will be some of the areas explored.

Past government policies in NSW regarding Aboriginal people are examined to enhance understanding of their effects on the everyday lives of Aboriginal people.

The free seminar runs from 10am to 4pm and includes lunch.

### Reserve forces parade

AN open invitation is extended to all former and currently serving Australia Defence Force reservists to the Reserve Forces Day Parade and Service on June 28.

Regulars and Nasho's of the Riverina and southern NSW are encouraged to assemble at Baylis Street near the Union Hotel at 10am.

The march will begin at 10.30am and proceed to the service, to be held in the Victory Memorial Gardens at 11am.

### PCYC all-ages disco

WAGGA PCYC will be getting Loud and Proud next Friday with a disco at the Capital Saloon.

The all-ages disco will run from 6.30pm to 9.30pm for \$10 entry, which includes a free soft drink.

Bands featured will be Built By Robots, Elect Tree City and Ashes to Fall.

Tickets are available from PCYC on Gurwood Street.

### Mount Austin reunion

CALLING all former Mount Austin High School students who attended year 10 in 1979 and year 12 in 1981.

A 30-year reunion will be held for students 1979-1981 on September 26.

Expressions of interest for former students are currently being sought by the organisers, who currently live out of town and are seeking assistance tracking down former classmates.

Numbers and contact details are now needed for catering purposes and anyone interested in attending, or obtaining more information, should contact Michelle on 0428 936 729 or Cathy on 0408 453 285.

### ChorusOz in Wagga

THE vocal talents of Wagga will be heard in a special performance at the Civic Theatre in July.

The Sydney Philharmonia Choir is bringing ChorusOz to Wagga for the first time on July 11 and 12.

Aspiring singers are invited to join Sydney Philharmonia's artistic and musical director Brett Weymark for an unforgettable weekend of song, culminating in a one night only performance.

Sydney percussion group, Synergy, will accompany the choir on its journey to Wagga and assist participants in the workshop as they sing Orff's classic cantata, *Carmina Burana*.

To register, call (02) 9251 2024 or visit [www.sydneypilharmonia.com.au](http://www.sydneypilharmonia.com.au)

## Lloyd

### State hockey titles

AN impressive display of men's hockey can be witnessed at Jubilee Park this weekend.

Wagga will enter a team in the Open Mens State Hockey Championships for the first time in years.

Spectators are welcome to come and watch the top grade games from Saturday to Monday from 8am to 9pm.

Gates open at 7am.

## Wagga Wagga

### Chemical waste disposal

THE REROC Waste Forum is giving Wagga residents the chance to dispose of up to 20 litres of unwanted household chemicals.

A free household chemical collection service at the Gregadoo Waste Management Centre on Ashford Road will be offered to Wagga residents on Saturday, June 27.

Residents can bring unwanted chemicals, including paints and varnishes, paint thinners, strippers and cleaning agents, acids and oxidising agents, garden pesticides, fungicides and herbicides, pool cleaning chemicals, poisons and out of date medicines, to the facility between 10am and 4pm.

Commercial quantities will also be accepted but bookings must be made first on 0409 938 553.

### Bushpigs to celebrate

THE Rivcoll Bushpigs will come together for two days in August to celebrate the pre-premiership Bushpigs and launch the *Pig Tales* book.

On Friday, August 7, the Old

Boars will gather for dinner at the Victoria Hotel.

The next morning, the founding members will meet back at the Victoria Hotel for an early lunch.

Players and members will then converge on south campus oval, the spiritual home of the Pigs, to re-enact "the opening of the gate".

In 1974, there was no public access, so the club struggled to collect money.

So they swung a gate and then came Welcome Advice, a horse they put the money on.

A game will then be played at Bushpig Park at CSU, with afternoon tea to honour the Ardlathan Jets to be served at half-time in the function tent.

The Ardlathan Jets won back-to-back flags in the 1950s.

All will head back to the Victoria Hotel for the presentation of the Bullbar Award, the official handover of The Welcome Advice Legend and a recital of the true story of the name change from Red Devils to Bushpigs.

### Image consultants visit

IZZIANA Image Consultant's next Wagga visit has been pushed back but sisters Isobel and Anna Martin assure Wagga women they are still coming.

Due to scheduling conflicts, their next visit will be on the weekend of July 25 and 26.

They will be in town to provide advice on colour and style, how to dress for your body shape and what colours are best suited to your skin, hair and eye colours.

The colour analysis workshop will run from 9am to 12.30pm on Saturday and the style consultations from 1.30pm to 5.30pm

Contact Isobel or Anna on 0400 397 500 for more information or to make a booking.

## WHAT'S ON IN THE REGION

**TOMORROW**  
**9am:** The Wagga Base Hospital Auxiliary will hold its monthly market in the grounds of the hospital.

All funds raised will go towards buying new equipment and other items to benefit patients at Wagga Base Hospital.

**JUNE 6**

**7.30pm:** The Downside bush dance will be held at the Downside Hall tomorrow night.

The monthly event treats participants to a night of dancing with a light supper in front of a cosy fire for \$4 for adults and \$1 for children.

**THURSDAY**

**JUNE 11**

**TO SATURDAY**

The NSW Nationals annual general state conference is an opportunity for the Nationals members from across the state to meet with federal and state members of parliament.

The conference will be held at CSU with other events to take place at the

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art gallery and RSL Club.

**WEDNESDAY**

**7pm:** NSW Justices Association the Riverina branch holds its meetings at the Fire Rooms of the RSL Club on the third Wednesday of the month. All justices, and those wishing to join, are welcome to attend.

**JUNE 17**

**FRIDAY**

**8pm:** The Wagga Wagga Antique Society Inc meets on the third Friday of the month at the ARCC Hall on Tarcutta Street.

At the June meeting, members will warm up with soup and sandwiches while exploring the treasures of the Antique Society library.

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