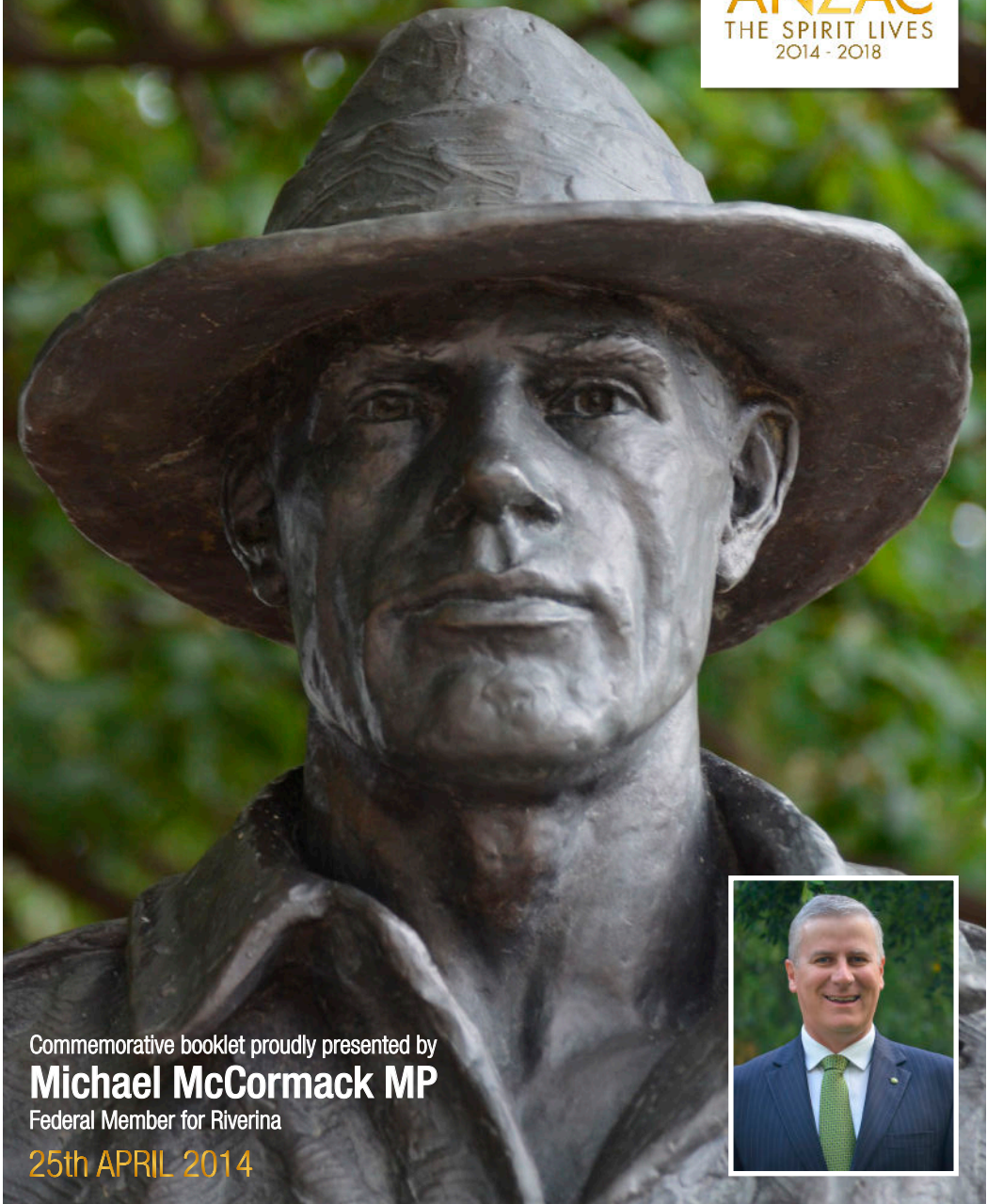




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## AWM MARKS CENTENARY

THE Australian War Memorial in Canberra (pictured below) will commemorate The Great War centenary with a major redevelopment of its First World War galleries and a variety of new public programs and events.

Only 2½ hours drive from Wagga Wagga, the AWM is one of the nation's greatest tourist attractions, with nearly a million visitors a year.

AWM Director Dr Brendan Nelson said the revamped gallery would remain consistent with the vision of historian Charles Bean, who saw the memorial as holding the spirit of those who fought and died in WW1.

"We commemorate the sacrifices," Dr Nelson said. "From a population of 4.5 million people, one million men could volunteer. Four hundred and thirty thousand did, 330,000 were sent overseas. Sixty-two thousand were dead. Another 60,000 died within a decade of returning from the 155,000 wounded or imprisoned.

"What we will celebrate is a legacy that has been born of these cataclysmic events that shaped and defined largely the way we see ourselves as Australians and relate to one another in the world today almost a century later."



## ANZAC SPIRIT ENDURES

RIVERINA communities are acutely aware of the enormous and selfless sacrifice made by so many who have served our nation so well in all wars.

Each ANZAC Day we reflect on what has been done by those so brave, daring and valiant that we may now live free.

Men and women who have taken on a role in defence have gallantly carried on the very proud ANZAC tradition so courageously forged at Gallipoli.

Everyone who enjoys the freedoms of our society owes a huge debt of gratitude to the Army, Air Force, Navy and medical personnel - heroes all - of not just yesteryear, but also those in uniform today.

Many of those who went off to do their duty sadly never made it home.

Because of this and as a reminder as well of those who went away yet returned with the horrors of war forever on their minds, memorials and monuments are dotted across the country to keep these supreme efforts to the forefront.

Each local community has people who have given mightily - some with their lives - fighting for what was seen as just and right.



*AT AWM: With The Hon. Dr Brendan Nelson, Director of the Australian War Memorial, the founder of which, Charles Bean, described in 1948: "Here is their spirit, in the heart of the land they loved; and here we guard the record which they themselves made."*

Remember always these noble Diggers, nurses, pilots and seamen every day but especially on 25 April and be thankful for what they gave and what we have as a result.

*Michael McCormack*  
MICHAEL McCORMACK MP  
Federal Member for Riverina

## FROM KAPOOKA TO A VC

LIKE so many of his mates serving in Afghanistan, Corporal Cameron Stewart Baird VC MG (pictured) graduated from the Army Recruit Training Centre at Kapooka. In doing so he inherited the ANZAC spirit, pride, responsibility, role and tradition which come from earning and wearing the khaki uniform. Tasmanian-born Cpl Baird (whose name on the AWM Roll of Honour is shown at right) enlisted on 4 January 2000 and after completing his initial training was posted to the 4th Battalion (Commando), The Royal Australian Regiment, now the 2nd Commando Regiment, in February 2000. He made five tours of duty to Afghanistan and became the nation's 100th recipient of a Victoria Cross when it was announced on 13 February he would be posthumously decorated "For the most conspicuous acts of valour, extreme devotion to duty and ultimate self-sacrifice at Ghawchak village, Uruzgan Province, Afghanistan as a Commando Team Commander in Special Operations Task Group on Operation Slipper" on 22 June 2013.



*COVER: First World War official artist Wallace Anderson's Australian Soldier, made circa 1927, cast in bronze in Melbourne and acquired by the Australian War Memorial in 2004.*

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### RESTING PLACE:

*The peaceful grave where the remains from the ill-fated Lancaster Bomber which crashed nearby were interred.*



## MYSTERY OF MISSING BROTHER IS SOLVED

A MISSING Lancaster Bomber, a farmer's field, a Dutch military buff whose persistence spanned more than three decades and a well-known Wagga Wagga man who never stopped wondering what became of his long-lost brother.

They were the pieces in an intriguing World War II jigsaw puzzle solved only recently.

Imagine the emotions of Wagga's Graham Hornibrook when he read an official letter late last year confirming the discovery of remains of the plane piloted by his brother Albert Keith (known as Keith) shot down on 23 September 1944.

Graham said his parents James and Amanda long held hopes the dashing Flying Officer had survived the crash, especially as the rear gunner Sergeant John Miller parachuted to safety, linked up with the Dutch resistance who protected him and survived the war.

"Slowly my parents accepted that Keith, along with all but one of his crew, had been killed. But where?" Graham wrote relaying his parents' enduring anxiety whilst responding to the news which had brought him relief after such a long time.

"The discovery," Graham continued, "of the identifying engine parts of ED470 is wonderful proof of the crashed Lancaster Bomber. This brings closure to Keith's disappearance and obvious death



*CRASH SITE: The extent of the excavation looking for remnants of the crashed RAF plane can be seen in this aerial view.*

that the crash and resulting explosion caused."

Keith's plane took off from Royal Air Force base Skellingthorpe, near Lincoln, England ... one of 136 bombers, accompanied by five Mosquitoes, sent to attack the Dortmund-Ems Canal, a key German transport link.

Despite thick clouds, the RAF squadron breached the banks and a six-mile stretch of the canal was drained.

Intercepted on its way home by a Junkers Ju 88, a German night fighter, ED470 had a fiery ending, its impact leaving a large crater in a paddock near the Dutch village of Zelhem.

Local records stated a small amount of recoverable human remains were buried at a nearby cemetery.

Retired Dutch civil servant Peter Monasso traced the whereabouts and identity of each of the other 17 bombers lost that fateful night to determine which one had crashed at the spot.

His insistence and the subsequent meticulous dig, which cost 400,000 Euros (£335,000) to undertake, finally ensured the ground gave up its secret and a brother's burden on the other side of the world could finally be lifted.

Graham was invited to be guest of honour at Dutch Remembrance Day commemorations at Zelhem on 4 May to visit the site where Keith's plane came down as well as the Museum Smedekinck where parts of the ED470 are on display, but unfortunately is unable to attend.

Eldest brother Flight Lieutenant Harold Kevin Hornibrook (known as Kevin) was also a casualty of the war, shot down in a flying battle over Germany on 24 August 1943.

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*PILOT: Albert Keith Hornibrook*



*FAMILY (Top): James and Amanda Hornibrook with their boys Kevin (back, standing), Keith (kneeling), Gordon (who served in the Navy in WWII) and Graham.*

*BROTHERS (Above): Keith (left) and Kevin Hornibrook in England in mid-1943.*

# Mighty Men of Mangoplah

## THE World Wars claimed the lives of some of Mangoplah's finest.

Those who made the supreme sacrifice include a soldier who used an alias upon enlistment and who died at Gallipoli, an American-born farmer, an author, a Military Medallist and two brothers.

Their names are amongst those etched in gold on the granite memorial at Mangoplah.

The impressive monument is dedicated to the 14 courageous locals – four from The Great War and 10 from World War II – who died on active service.

That was a significant loss from this tiny farming district – 14 of its best and bravest who left the land they loved to do their duty and never came home.

First to fall was a drover living at Walgett who signed on as James Taylor at Liverpool on 4 November 1914.

He was listed as being 28 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches tall (175 centimetres) with brown hair, blue eyes and his initials MJ tattooed on his left forearm ... for he was, in fact, 34-year-old Michael Jones whose mother Sarah lived at "Green Ridge", Albury Road, Wagga Wagga.

Sailing out of Sydney with the 7th Light Horse Regiment on the HMAT *Ajana* A31, Trooper Taylor as he was known was sent to Gallipoli and lost his life during the epic August Offensive, the last major attempt by Allied forces to end the stalemate which had dogged the ANZACs since the 25 April 1915 landings.

Army Chaplain Fr Michael Bergin officiated at the burial service; Michael Jones being laid to rest in Shell Green Cemetery No. 1, about 1150 yards south of ANZAC Cove.



*FALLEN FARMER:*  
Jesse Creasy

Creasy is a long-standing and respected family name in the Mangoplah district yet Jesse Maxwell Creasy, son of James, was born in Virginia in the United States.

Like so many other farmers, Jesse Creasy enlisted with the Australian Imperial Force (AIF) at Cootamundra on 23 March 1916. Sadly, he would be dead within a year, sustaining a gunshot wound to the abdomen in action at Dernancourt in France and dying of wounds three agonising days later. He was just 26.

Mangoplah's close-knit community also mourned the loss of Private John

Stanley Hawkins, who died on 8 October 1917 from shrapnel wounds to his spine and left thigh sustained in action with the 23rd Battalion five days earlier at Ypres, Belgium. He was only 23.

English-born Merlin Kinneir Tarte was a short story writer whose works were published in Australia.

A student at the Wagga Wagga Experimental Farm, Pte Tarte was accepted into the AIF in 1917 on his second attempt, having been discharged as medically unfit two years earlier.

Shot in his right shoulder during action in France at the start of March 1918, Pte Tarte recovered in England and when he was fit again for duty joined the 2nd Machine Gun Battalion.

He took a severe shrapnel wound in his back, penetrating his chest, whilst serving on the Hindenburg Line near Peronne, France, and died the next day, aged 27.

Four Great War deaths were a sad burden for Mangoplah, a district which also readily provided volunteers when hostilities broke out again in Europe in September 1939.

Amongst Mangoplah's fallen in World War II were the Irvin brothers, Robert Leslie and George Henry.

Their mother Christina was listed as next of kin on both boys' enlistment papers, with Robert signing on at Mangoplah on 3 July 1940 and George joining the Royal Australian Air Force the day before ANZAC Day 1942.

Taken Prisoner of War whilst serving with the 2/19th Infantry Battalion, Robert's presumed date of death in Malaya was 22 January 1942.

With him that fateful afternoon was courageous Ancel Arthur Williams, Mangoplah's Military Medallist.

Pte Williams earned his decoration for his deeds under heavy artillery and rifle fire at Bakri and Parit Sulong on the west coast of Malaya, entering occupied territory many times to bring in wounded soldiers.

It was said "he performed duties far beyond those required of a stretcher-bearer and showed exceptional bravery."

Robert and Ancel, both aged 24, were amongst 161 severely wounded PoWs machine-gunned by their captors at Parit Sulong, the first and tragically not the last large massacre of Australian soldiers by the Japanese during the Pacific theatre of war.

George Irvin, 23, lost his life in a flying battle over north west Europe with 460 Squadron on 29 December 1943.



*HERO: Ancel Williams*

Mangoplah's war monument is a peaceful place, neatly fenced off from the Australian bush, where a shrill chorus of crickets and warbling magpies can usually be heard from the surrounding gum trees and scrub.



*HOME AMONG THE GUM TREES:*  
Mangoplah's main street war memorial.

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# MATONG'S BROTHERS IN ARMS

## IT IS THE SOLDIER

HIS is a cheeky smile... a face of youthful vitality.



He is an unknown Australian soldier of the First World War for whom, as well as all others who have in the past and who will in the future march out from Kapooka's Army Recruit Training Centre, the following poem by American Army Veteran Charles M Province applies:

*It is the soldier, not the minister, who has given us freedom of religion.*

*It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.*

*It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.*

*It is the soldier, not the campus organiser, who has given us freedom to protest.*

*It is the soldier, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial.*

*It is the soldier, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote.*

*It is the soldier who salutes the flag,*

*Who serves beneath the flag,  
And whose coffin is draped by the flag,*

*Who allows the protester to burn the flag.*

JUST 38 years young when she died, Louisa Hughes left a large and loving family when she was laid to rest in the Ganmain Cemetery in 1909.

She died too soon, before the bloodshed and madness of the two world wars which would take the lives of two of her cherished sons.

Her marble headstone has a black granite memorial in front of it upon which in gold lettering are etched the names of her two beloved boys - Sydney Stacy and John Enoch - both of whom paid the supreme sacrifice whilst doing their duty.

Matong-born Sydney was a month shy of his 21st birthday when he enlisted with the Australian Imperial Force at Cootamundra on 24 May 1916.

Listing his occupation as a farmer and his father Enoch (who lived until 1944) as next of kin, Sydney sailed for the Western Front on SS *Port Nicholson* on 8 November the same year.

On the same ship was 20-year-old Sydney Spurway, a labourer from Orange.

Pte Hughes was well liked in the 2nd Battalion and was nicknamed "Billy" - no doubt in reference to Australia's war-time Prime Minister Billy Hughes.

Pte Spurway was beside his Matong mate when Pte Hughes was killed by machine gun fire as he was "going over the top", leaving his trench to attack the enemy at Hermies, France, on 9 April 1917.



*MUM MOURNED: Louisa Hughes's headstone in Ganmain Cemetery.*

Pte George Hill, a Holbrook grocer, was one of the fatigue party who buried Pte Hughes in an old brick kiln yard, the spot marked by a temporary cross with his dog tag on it.

John Hughes signed up with the Army at Paddington on 30 May 1941; wife Myrtle his next of kin.

He served with the 2/20 Australian Infantry Battalion but sadly died of illness as a Prisoner of War in Thailand on 3 June 1945.

Ashbridge, Ganmain and Matong - where the Hughes brothers called home - gave mightily to the war efforts and too many of the district's best and bravest are buried in foreign fields.



*MEMORIALS: The Matong (left) and Ganmain war memorials which honour the Hughes brothers, Sydney and John.*



*KILLED IN ACTION: Sydney Hughes, taken from the book The Settlers and Settlement of Ganmain by Lorna H Gilmore.*

# 2014 ANZAC DAY SERVICE TIMES AND VENUES

## WAGGA WAGGA AND DISTRICT:

### COLLINGULLIE

8am Service at Memorial Hall, Sturt Highway.

### COOLAMON (Includes Marrar)

6am Dawn service at cenotaph, Cowabbie Street.

10.30am Ex-servicemen and women and all groups marching to line up outside RSL Memorial Museum, Loughnan Street.

11.15am March to cenotaph.

11.30am Main service.

### FOREST HILL

5.55am Dawn service, cenotaph, front gate of Royal Australian Air Force Base, Sturt Highway.

### GANMAIN (Includes Matong)

6am Dawn service, Memorial Gate in front of Bowling Club, Waterview Street.

10.00am March starts at corner of Ford and Waterview Streets and proceeds to Memorial Gate.

10.30am Main service.

### KAPOOKA

5.30am Dawn service at Blamey Barracks, Army Recruit Training Centre. All members of the public need to be in the Base no later than 5.20am.

### TARCUTTA (Includes Humula)

11am Service at Memorial Hall, Sydney Street.

### URANQUINTY

9am Service at Wirraway Park rest area, Morgan Street.

### WAGGA WAGGA

5.45am Dawn service arranged by Legacy at the cenotaph, Victory Memorial Gardens, Baylis Street.

6.45am Pilgrimage to Wagga Wagga War Cemetery, Koorngal Road. ANZAC Day speeches by Koorngal High School captains Fraser Noack and Meg O'Donnell.

7am Breakfast at Wagga RSL Club, Dobbs Street.

10.30am Baylis Street march begins.

11am March concludes at cenotaph.

11.15am Wreath-laying and commemorative service at cenotaph. Address by Rear-Admiral Clinton Thomas AM CSC RAN, Commander Joint Logistics (pictured).



12.30pm ANZAC luncheon at RSL Club.

## CAPITAL CITY SERVICES:

### CANBERRA

5.30am Dawn service at the Australian War Memorial (suggested arrival from 4.30am onwards).

6.30am The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander commemorative ceremony at the Aboriginal Memorial Plaque on the side of Mount Ainslie.

10.15am National ceremony at the Australian War Memorial and Veterans' march (suggested arrival 9.45am).

### SYDNEY

4.15am Dawn service at the cenotaph, Martin Place.

8.30am Wreath-laying ceremony at the cenotaph, Martin Place.

9am ANZAC Day March starting at Martin Place/Pitt Street, finishing at Elizabeth Street opposite Hyde Park.

12.30pm Commemorative service, ANZAC Memorial Park, Hyde Park South.

1.45pm Aboriginal ANZAC Day march in Redfern.

5pm Sunset service at the cenotaph, Martin Place.

**PLEASE NOTE:** All times and venues have been supplied in good faith by various RSL Sub-Branch officials and were correct at the time of publication. Every care has been taken to ensure as many services as possible have been included. For verification of other services please contact your local RSL Sub-Branch.



*IN RESPECT:* Players observe a minute's silence before the annual ANZAC matches in 2013.

## ANZAC FOOTBALL

(Robertson Oval, Wagga Wagga)

THURSDAY 24 APRIL

*Farrer Football League*

5.30pm Reserves: Marrar v The Rock-Yerong Creek.

7.15pm ANZAC service.

7.30pm First grade: Marrar v TRYC.

FRIDAY 25 APRIL

1pm Gates open (gold coin donation, proceeds to Wagga Wagga RSL Sub-Branch).

1.30pm Group Nine Rugby League: Kangaroos v Brothers. Junior league at half-time.

3.15pm ANZAC Day formalities including bugler.

3.30pm Riverina Football League: Wagga Tigers v Collingullie-Ashmont-Kapooka. Auskick at half-time.

(Ex-Servicemen's Oval, Griffith)

FRIDAY 25 APRIL

*Riverina Football League*

Griffith v Leeton-Whitton  
2pm Under 17s.

4.10pm Reserves.

6.15pm ANZAC Day formalities including bugler.

6.30pm First grade.



# ANZAC WRITING SUCCESS

RIVERINA school children have been busy penning, typing and colouring in their entries for the 2014 ANZAC Day writing awards with a record 1200 submissions received in the fourth annual competition.

The number easily exceeds that of previous years.

Authors of the best secondary and primary entries from the four regions within the Riverina will receive book prizes from the Australian War Memorial.



Juan Mahony's magnificent hard cover work *The Digger's View – WWI In Colour* – is the reward for the senior students whilst the younger winners will enjoy the magnificent and locally significant picture book *Along the Road to Gundagai*, beautifully illustrated by Andrew McLean to the famous 1922 song lyrics by Jack O'Hagan.

Each student who sent in an entry will receive a commemorative signed certificate.

Wagga Wagga and district winning entries feature on this page including, for the first time, joint winners in the senior category.

## ANZAC CENTENARY

THE Riverina gathers today in gratitude and in sorrow. Relatives and friends in debt to our men, As they sacrificed their lives for ours.

The courage, the bravery, the endless alarming nights, They fought for us in great honour. For today we owe them our thanks and they will forever be in our hearts.

Respect the wounded, recall the dead. Rejoice that it is all in the past, That it is all over and done with, But never forget what we are indebted to our Australian men.

It does not matter if they were family or not, We should all keep our soldiers close, And we will remember them.



Aaliyah Fickers, 11, Year 6, Koorringal Public School, Wagga Wagga

## REMEMBRANCE

ONE hundred years ago Gallipoli was a time to take a stance.

Our Diggers fought with mighty resistance.

They wore their uniform with pride and glory.

And now it's our time to tell their story.

Remembrance, remembrance, remembrance.

The battle was tough to say the least.

But they fought on despite the grief.

They stood united all as one,

So our nation could continue to see the Sun

Rise and fall, as a new day begun.

Remembrance, remembrance, remembrance.

The sacrifices that were made, The Aussie spirit will be saved. Our country and future is now secure.

Even wounded diggers returned for more than one tour.

Remembrance, remembrance, remembrance.

Some returned to loved ones and others stayed.

Their memories will never fade.

Wreaths aplenty will be laid.

In cities, the bush and Riverina towns, our respect will be paid.

Remembrance, remembrance, remembrance.

We salute you Diggers, bravery and all.

Our country survives 'cos of your rise and fall.

Your resilience and camaraderie defined us Australian-made! Our debt can never be repaid. Remembrance, remembrance, remembrance. Lest We Forget!

Jessy Law, 14, Year 9, Coolamon Central School, Coolamon



## BRAVE MEN ALL

THEY were, Young, brave and eager, Those men who signed up from around the Riverina.

Commitment, mateship and national pride were important to them.

Self-sacrifice for our country's freedom. Fears of injury and not coming home,

But knowing their mission was for a greater cause.

They came from the hills in the east, and the plains in the west.

A century ago, they were led by the bagpipers in the enlistment march.

They took on responsibility despite uncertain future.

This was them, the ANZACs!



Ella Bergmeier, 12, Year 7, Wagga Wagga Christian College, Wagga Wagga