Students build a World Cup robot

Aspiring scientists at Marsden High School are building a World Cup robot that is programmed to be a goal-scoring machine.

The robot, named ‘Steve’, will take part in a robotic World Cup to be played at Barker College’s ‘Deaf Down Under’ tournament as part of the international ‘First Robotics’ competition.

Steve has been designed, built and will use a pre-programmed command, not a hard-coded guidance system. School Principal Gus Vrlyk said it was assembled in kit form from imported parts and the students challenged to assemble the parts through their knowledge of computer technology.

“Steve has been programmed to move the ball into the goal using Hydrobotics—which is quite a feat,” he said.

“More importantly, the most important lesson we aim to teach is how to work together as a team and that means that we have chosen students who are good team players, rather than skilled individuals.

“We are also challenged to respond to problems as they arise and we have to program a game strategy, which is quite tough.”

Parking meters set to pocket your money in Hunters Hill!

Despite community opposition, Hunters Hill Council has revealed a proposal for paid parking at the Gladstone Shopping Village Carpark and the Signal Hill carpark.

The introduction of parking meters had been proposed and scrapped years ago by previous council administrations.

The Weekly Times, reporting on the proposal, said that the new parking meters could begin operating within six weeks.

The council has three reasons to be encouraged, the consultant said to be expected to have their working hours amended to ensure the meter parking.

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