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MATCHING: Tim, Richard, Mathew and Samantha Pearson all came dressed for the occasion. (Phil Williams: 522966)

Stunning sunset for carols night

By Phil Williams

ALL Ye Faithful turned out on a warm night at Traeger Park on Sunday evening for Carols by Candlelight.

A big crowd descended upon the oval with chairs, rugs and picnic hampers as they took in the balmy night under a stunning orange sunset that lit up the sky.

Hosted by the Combined Christian Churches of Alice Springs and backed by corporate support, the earlier hot day became a perfect desert evening.

Many came dressed for the occasion with some Christmas sweaters even being brought out of the cupboard.

Mid way through the night, children were called to the front and joined in a rendition of Jingle Bells as Santa was welcomed to Alice Springs.

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Make Ted's day

By Jodie Powell

AUSTRALIA could create a lasting legacy for Alice Springs legend Ted Egan by moving Australia Day to September 8.

One of the greatest Australians who made an extraordinary contribution to the community, Mr Egan OA passed away as the sun rose in Alice Springs on December 4.

Mparntwe Alice Springs Community Foundation chair Libby Prell supports calls to change the date from Australia 26.

Ms Prell, who met Mr Egan - one of the patrons of the Foundation - in 1981 on May Day after the first Bangtail Muster, said that as a

staunch advocate for unity between First Nations people and settlers, he had a keen interest in bringing the community together.

"When I met him in the Stuart Arms, he was so refreshing and inspiring to me - his courage was extraordinary," Ms Prell said.

"He gave recognition to Aboriginal people long before anybody really did."

Ms Prell said Mr Egan's storied career included serving as the 18th NT Administrator, working for the Department of Aboriginal Affairs, as a teacher at bush schools, as a member of the first National Reconciliation Council, writing and recording songs since 1969, pro-

ducing more than 30 albums and as a presenter of the highly acclaimed TV series This Land Australia, as well as forensic research for a series of books. She said one of those, a children's book called Foundation Day, which he wrote in his late 80s with his wife Nerys Evans and based on the song of the same name, made a powerful, well researched argument to change the date of Australia Day.

"It was children's book about British explorer Matthew Flinders and his First Australian Ambassador, Bungaree circumnavigating Australia," Ms Prell said.

"We all celebrate Matthew Flinders, but

when he got to Sydney (on September 8, 1803) Bungaree was standing beside him and he recognised Bungaree as Australian, as a human being at a time when Aboriginals were described as savages.

"It was Matthew Flinders and Bungaree together who recognised Terra Australis as a continent."

Ms Prell said the book offered a subtle alternative to Australia Day and she hoped authorities would consider enshrining September 8 as a united celebration of First Nations people and settlers in Mr Egan's honour.

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Ted Egan’s lasting legacy

By Jodie Powell

A State Funeral will be held to honour the life of Northern Territory legend he Honourable Edward (Ted) Joseph Egan AO.

Chief Minister Lia Finocchiaro announced the funeral just hours after his passing at home in Alice Springs on 4 December, adding her gratitude for his service to the Territory to the voices of others throughout the NT.

“On behalf of the Northern Territory Government, I extend my deepest condolences on the passing of former Administrator of the Northern Territory, Ted Egan AO,” Ms Finocchiaro said.

“Ted was not only a distinguished Administrator, but also a much-loved Territorian, storyteller and musician who captured the spirit of the NT in word and song.

“His decades of service to the Northern Territory and his commitment to sharing our history have left a profound and lasting legacy.

“We thank Ted for his extraordinary contribution to public life and to the cultural heart of the Territory.

“Our thoughts are with his wife Nerys and their family, friends and all who knew and loved him.”

Details of the funeral will be announced in coming weeks.

Northern Territory leaders have shared their memories of the beloved Mr Egan, who made a lasting impact through his support of Aboriginal people, his role as the NT’s 18th Administrator and his contributions to music and AFL.

NT Administrator Professor the Honourable



Ted spoke many Aboriginal languages fluently but was particularly revered by the Tiwi Islanders. The video above shows a Tiwi visit where the locals discovered he was over 80 years old. Convinced a man of his age would never come back there, the community immediately organised an unexpected ceremonial farewell to Ted, which touched him deeply. He never did return.

Hugh Heggie and his partner Ruth Jones acknowledged the passing of former Administrator the Honourable Edward (Ted) Joseph Egan AO, describing him as a “long-term Territorian who spent many years living in Alice Springs”.

“In his youth in Darwin, Mr Egan was a prominent sportsman,” Prof. Heggie said in a statement.

“During a 20-year career with the Department of Aboriginal Affairs, Mr Egan worked mainly in the bush, employed as a Patrol Officer, Reserve Superintendent, District Officer and Teacher at various outback schools, including in remote places such as Borroloola, Groote Eylandt, Maningrida, Yuendumu and Newcastle Waters.

“In 1960, Mr Egan became one of the pioneers of the out-station movement when he persuaded the Commonwealth Minister for Territories, Paul Hasluck, to support Aboriginal people who wanted to live in decentralised places away from main settlement areas.”

Mr Egan was a member of the first Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation.

He was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the 1993 Australia Day Honours List “For Services to the Aboriginal people and for the interpretation of Australian cultural heritage through song and verse”.

Mr Egan’s wife, Nerys Evans, was born in Wales and emigrated to Australia in 1964.

After completing her education at Homerton College, Cambridge, she graduated with a teaching degree, specialising in drama and sculpture.

Prof. Heggie said that as Administrator, Mr Egan and Ms Evans opened Government House to the public for educational purposes, hosted social and ceremonial functions, and travelled widely throughout the Northern Territory, visiting cattle stations, mining centres, and remote communities to meet as many people as possible.

“Mr Egan established the Steve Abala Role Model Administrator’s Medal, which continues to honour outstanding athletes whose careers are strongly connected to the NT and who serve as role models for young people.

“Always welcoming, Ted and Nerys would sit by the carriage loop on Open Day to personally greet visitors exploring Government House, and Ted’s strong support for the arts was evident in his hosting of the Administrator’s Pleasure Concerts, which showcased local and interstate talent while raising funds to support the community.

“We thank Ted for his great service to Territorians, to Australian song, literature, and the arts, and as Administrator of the Northern Territory. Our deepest condolences to all who knew and loved him.

“Our thoughts are with Nerys and their family during this difficult time.

“They are embraced by the love and gratitude of Territorians, whose stories continue to remind us how deeply Ted Egan was cherished.

“His enduring legacy is woven into the Territory’s cultural celebration, its music and storytelling, and its spirit of caring for one another.

“The love of the Territory and its people was at the heart of his life’s work, and that devotion will remain a lasting gift carried forward by all who call the Northern Territory home.”

Affectionately known as “the Beer Box Man”, Mr Egan was famed for being able to create and play a drum made from an empty beer carton, which he called the Foster Fone.

He was an inspiration for, and mentor to, many musicians, including local singer, Barry Skipsey, who knew Mr Egan for close to 50 years.

Mr Skipsey said his inspiration for music came from Mr Egan.

“Ted’s my mentor. He’s the reason I do what I do.

“He’s an amazing man. I would never have got started if it wasn’t for the support and encouragement of Ted Egan.

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AFL Northern Territory said Mr Egan was a giant of the Northern Territory whose impact on community, culture, and the AFL game would be felt for generations.

Mr Egan was born in Melbourne in 1932 and moved to the Northern Territory at 16, beginning a lifetime devoted to service, music, and education,” a statement from AFL NT said.

“He worked extensively in remote communities, as a patrol officer, teacher, and public servant, and later served as the 18th Administrator of the Northern Territory.

“Ted was a prolific folk musician, an advocate for reconciliation, and a respected leader in every sense.

“But it was through Australian Rules football that Mr Egan made one of his most enduring contributions to the Territory.”

Mr Egan was a founding member of the Works & Housing Football Club in 1950.

In 1952 he was approached by Bishop O’Loughlin to work with Father Aubrey Collins to form a new football club that would create opportunities for Tiwi players and other Indigenous footballers. That club became St Mary’s Football Club.

“Ted was elected the inaugural captain, playing around 60 NTFL games between 1952 and

1956 and leading St Mary’s to its first premiership in the 1954/55 season.

“He remained a proud Honorary and Financial Life Member of the ‘Green Machine,’ and his belief in the power of football to bring people together became a defining part of his life,” the statement said.

Chair of the AFLNT Board Sean Bowden said Mr Egan was one of the greatest of all Territorians.

“He is a founding father of Australian Rules football in the Territory and his influence on our game has been profound.

“He enjoyed life-long friendships with people throughout the Territory community and across all parts.

“He was a beloved friend of the Tiwi, the Yolngu, the Warlpiri and many other Aboriginal families and groups, through the work he did, the man he was, and from a shared sense of love for our great game.

“The entire Australian Rules football community is grieving today for the loss of a great man. Our prayers and condolences go out to his wife Nerys, his entire family, and his many close friends.”

Ted Egan AO was a true Territorian - musician, author, storyteller and public servant - whose life’s work helped shape the character and conscience of Central Australia.

Alice Springs Mayor Asta Hill said Mr Egan served as Administrator with warmth and integrity, always championing the people and cultures that make the community extraordinary.

“Through more than 30 albums and many books, and songs like Gurindji Blues, he gave voice to our histories and to the movement for land rights - inviting Australians to listen, learn and walk together,” Mayor Hill said.

“Many of us had the pleasure of joining Ted in a sing-along in years past, and those memories will (remain) very strong for us.

“On behalf of the Town Council and our community, we extend our heartfelt condolences to Nerys Evans and to Ted’s family.

“His legacy lives wherever stories are shared, music is played, and we choose generosity over indifference.

“Vale, Ted Egan - thank you for the big, generous life you gave to the Territory.

Minister for Lands, Planning and Environment and Member for Brainting Joshua Burgoyne said Mr Egan was a true Territorian in every aspect of his life.

“I had the pleasure of listening to Ted play the beer carton at Newcastle waters and at many events over the years. He sang about battlers and leaders alike,” Mr Burgoyne said.

“His passing will be felt deeply by many, and I would like to extend my sincere condolences to Ted’s family and everyone who is grieving his loss during this time.

“You will be missed Ted, but you will never be forgotten.”

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Diverse skills wanted for our Board

Everybody loved our Ted

By Chris Tangey, Phil Williams

DR Edward Joseph (Ted) Egan AM passed away as the sun rose in Alice Springs on December 4 2025 - simultaneously the sun set on a truly remarkable life.

Mr Egan lived till 93, with 76 years of that in his beloved Northern Territory, mostly in Alice Springs.

In his early career with the Department of Aboriginal Affairs he was mainly in the bush, and engaged in fascinating activities like stock-work and crocodile hunting while employed as a patrol officer and reserve Superintendent.

Later he was a teacher at bush schools.

Mr Egan was honoured with the Member of the Order of Australia (AO) for services to the Aboriginal people, and for 'an ongoing contribution to the literary heritage of Australia through song and verse'.

He was a member of the first National Reconciliation Council.

He had been writing and recording songs since 1969, and produced 30 albums - strong, consistent sellers.

He appeared regularly at both folk and country music festivals, being one of the very few people to successfully bridge that gap.

Mr Egan was the presenter of the highly acclaimed TV series *This Land Australia*, and later *The Great Outdoors*.

He earned a Master of Arts Degree (History). His earlier Bachelor of Arts Degree was achieved the hard way - studying in the bush.

Mr Egan also received an honorary Doctorate from Charles Darwin University.

He was an inaugural Life Member of the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame, the Country Music Association of Australia, The Workers Heritage Centre Barcaldine, The Waltzing Matilda Museum at Winton and The Drover's Camp, Camooweal.

He was the Patron of The Drover's Camp and National Patron of VISE - Volunteers for Isolated Students Education.

Mr Egan was even listed as one of "Australia's National Living Treasures" by the National Trust of Australia.

He was engaged in the long-term project of personally writing and producing a series of musical albums (with companion books) titled *THE FACES OF AUSTRALIA*.

Five titles, *The Overlanders*, *The Anzacs*, *The Shearers*, *The Aboriginals* and *The Convicts* were completed.

Mr Egan wrote the "Gurindji Blues" in 1969 with Vincent Lingiari during the Wave Hill walk-off.

He said he was moved to write "Gurindji Blues" after he heard Peter Nixon, then Minister for the Interior, say in parliament that if the Gurindji wanted land, "they should save up and buy it, like any other Australian".

In 1952 Mr Egan, together with the Reverend Father Aubrey Collins, sought to provide Tiwi Islanders who were working for the Armed Services in Darwin the opportunity to



LEGEND: Ted Egan entertains with his trusty Foster Fone at the Longest Lunch in 2024. (Phil Williams: 409663)

play regular organised AFL. And so, his beloved St Mary's Football Club was formed.

The unofficial king of Alice Springs wrote the books "A Drop of Rough Ted", "Would I lie to You?", "The Paperboy's War", "Sitdown Up North", "Justice All Their Own", "The Land Downunder", "Due Inheritance" and is co-author of two books (with Robert Ingpen, Bob Marchant and Nerys Evans) each titled the "The Drover's Boy".

Mr Egan is featured in the *Hands of Fame* and the *Roll of Renown* at the Tamworth Australian Country Music Centre, and was the inaugural recipient of the Australian Folk Trust Award for Major Contribution to the Australian Tradition.

He was famed for being able to create and play a drum made from an empty beer carton, which he called the Foster Fone.

He was an inspiration for and mentor to many musicians, none more so than Alice Springs singer, Barry Skipsey, who knew he for

close to 50 years.

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Another musician, Matt Scullion, penned a song 'The Beer Box Man' honouring Mr Egan and in 2024 filmed the music video, in Ted's beloved MacDonnell Ranges, with Mr Egan having a starring role.

After creating at least six different versions, the song about the local legend took Mr Scullion two years to complete.

"I had to really think about what side of Ted's life I was going to concentrate on," Mr Scullion said.

"He has so many aspects to his life it was hard to decide.

"There's so many things he's done. One version of the song ended up being more than seven minutes long."

Mr Scullion said that part of the idea of the song and video was to expose Mr Egan's life to more people.

"My whole thought process was to introduce a new generation to Ted," he said.

"There's so many things he's done, and more people should know about Ted Egan and what he has done. He has an amazing life story."

From 2003-2007 Mr Egan served as the 18th Administrator of the Northern Territory, resident at Government House, Darwin.

He passed away peacefully at 5.30am on December 4 2025 at his family homestead in Alice Springs.

He is survived by his beloved partner Nerys, his sons Greg and Mark and daughters Margaret and Jackie.

Ted Egan, July 6 1932-December 4 2025.

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Masterplan for oval

By Phil Williams

AN unloved and neglected sporting area in Gillen will be transformed into a community showpiece, newly released plans reveal.

The NT Government has unveiled the Master Plan for the Gillen Oval Multi-Sport Precinct.

The announcement brings the future of sport in Alice Springs another step closer towards a state-of-the-art upgrade.

A multitude of sports and community organisations will gain significant benefits from the new facilities.

Located next to Centralian Middle School, the Master Plan sets out the transformation of Gillen Oval into a versatile hub for year-round sport in Alice Springs with the Government spending \$14.5 million for the first stage of works.

The development will replace the current site which is rarely used and has remained neglected and unkempt for a long time.

Following the release of the Master Plan, a detailed site design will be developed, with construction expected to begin in the second half of 2026 and opening the following year.

Minister for Logistics and Infrastructure and Member for Namatjira Bill Yan said the grounds at the precinct would be built for the needs of the Alice Springs community.

“It’s exciting to see how the plans are shaping up.

“Everyone knows how sports mad we are in this town, and this precinct will be a hive of activity every week of the year,” Mr Yan said.

Soon after being elected last year, the government announced the area would be transformed into a new sporting hub.

“In November 2024, the CLP Government committed to developing new sporting facilities in Gillen for the Alice Springs community.

“We are delivering on that promise,” Mr



AERIAL VIEW: A birds’ eye view of the concept for the new oval upgrade. (NT Government)

Yan said.

The precinct will include two multi-purpose training fields with flexible line marking and removable infrastructure so they can be adapted for various sports including AFL, rugby, and soccer.

Minister for Lands Planning and Environment and Member for Braitling Joshua Burgoyne said the precinct would boost community engagement and participation.

“We heard great feedback from young people in Central Australia who wanted additional sporting fields to facilitate greater participation.

“This precinct will deliver the facilities they asked for,” he said.

“We’re creating opportunities for young people to connect, learn, and grow while supporting coaching and volunteering opportunities.”

Minister for Sport, Jinson Charls said: “This precinct will give local clubs the space and quality facilities they need to grow.”

Mr Yan said the project built on the installation of four light towers at the adjacent Jim

McConville Oval, which will open up its year-round use.

Football NT Vice President Nicole Jervis said the organisation was thrilled to see the project come to fruition and said it would help nurture the next generation of Territorians football talent.

“We’ve long advocated for additional green space to be activated and developed in Alice Springs.

“We approached the CLP Government about the potential of this site because our sport desperately needs room to grow,” she said.

“The Gillen Oval Multi-Sport Precinct will open exciting new opportunities for our clubs’ MiniRoos, MiniTillies and junior players and provide a quality training facility for our academy players and emerging Matildas and Socceroos preparing for their national tournaments.”

- To view the Gillen Oval Multi-Sport Precinct Master Plan, visit dli.nt.gov.au/projects/gillen-oval-multi-sport-precinct

Man on the run caught

By Phil Williams

A 28-year-old man has been returned to custody after being on the run since mid-September and is facing a total of 15 charges.

Northern Territory Police arrested the man after he absconded from police custody in Alice Springs earlier this year.

Around 12.15pm on Saturday 20 September, the man escaped after he was arrested in relation to alleged domestic violence offences against his partner.

Since then, the offender has been actively avoiding police and was believed to have been camping in multiple locations across the southern region.

He allegedly assaulted his partner multiple times during this period.

On Monday, December 1, he was located in Braitling, where he refused to follow directions and attempted to flee, with police using a taser.

He was arrested and has since been charged with multiple offences including seven counts of aggravated assault, three of breaching a DVO and one of making a threat to kill.

He has also been charged with four other offences and was remanded to appear in Alice Springs Local Court.

Police urge anyone in distress or facing violence to report all incidents.

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Tripled funding needed

By Gladys Barreta

THE Central Australian Women's Legal Service (CAWLS) wants the Northern Territory Government to triple its \$36 million annual investment in domestic, family and sexual violence services, warning that frontline crisis-response organisations are struggling to keep up with rising demand.

The call comes as the NT Government launches its Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence (DFSV) Reduction Strategy 2025-2028 and accompanying Safety Roadmap, which commit \$36 million in ongoing funding to deliver 45 initiatives across prevention, intervention, response and healing.

The Strategy's release also coincides with the first anniversary of NT Coroner Elisabeth Armitage's landmark findings into the murders of four Aboriginal women: Kumarn Rubuntja, Kumanjayi Haywood, Ngeygo Ragurk and Miss Yunupi'u, who were all killed by their partners.

In her report, the Coroner issued 35 recommendations, including a call for greater investment in frontline emergency services and the establishment of an NT peak body for the DFSV sector.

The four women were among 82 Aboriginal women killed in domestic-violence incidents in the Northern Territory since 2000.

Released last month during the global 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, the DFSV Reduction Strategy outlines a Territory-wide approach to recognising warning signs, improving help pathways and strengthening prevention efforts.

Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, Robyn Cahill said the Strategy and Roadmap were "about turning evidence into action... empowering Territorians with the knowledge to recognise violence, seek help



CRISIS: CAWLS' principal legal officer, Sarah Edwards, and CEO Anna Ryan. (Charles Geary: 427415)

and stand with those affected.

"It will include investment in community-led prevention initiatives, early intervention to address root causes for at-risk young people, victim-survivor supports, workforce development, co-responder models and behaviour-change programs," Ms Cahill said.

But CAWLS CEO Anna Ryan said the current level of investment was far from adequate.

"Evaluations are vital so we know what is working and what needs adjustment, and the sector must be part of those discussions," Ms Ryan said.

"However, the frontline crisis-response sector is under daily pressure.

"We need to triple that \$36 million investment if we want to keep up with demand and see real impact.

"I would like to see more interim housing. When women's refuges are full, there is simply nowhere for victims and their children to go.

"We also need a genuine commitment to

education in schools around tech abuse and DFSV."

Ms Ryan said intersecting issues in Central Australia and the Barkly such as alcohol and drug misuse, mental-health challenges, homelessness, overcrowding and poverty all meant stronger program funding was essential.

"Without proper resourcing, the gaps remain, and the DFSV cycle continues," she said.

CAWLS operates a daily crisis drop-in service for women escaping violence, staffed by four lawyers and funded by the Attorney-General's Department.

But Ms Ryan said the level of legal support should be matched with four social workers to meet demand.

"Right now, we only have one Court Support-Wellbeing Officer linked to the Specialist DFSV Court.

"It's simply not enough. Last year, CAWLS provided 2261 legal advices to 1917 clients.

"We are constantly fighting for funding to

keep the service operating and to ensure women escaping violence can get the help they need."

Ms Ryan also emphasised the importance of culturally safe, place-based approaches, particularly in Central Australian communities.

"I'm incredibly supportive of culturally safe, place-based work," she said.

"Many of our projects involve First Nations people with lived experience and frontline workers who support victims of DFSV.

"Victims are far more likely to engage when workers are known and trusted.

"As a local organisation, CAWLS is trusted every day by women seeking safety.

"We must be supported by government funding to continue this vital work."

The Federal Government last month announced \$1.1 million for two new projects in Central Australia to keep communities safe and help prevent violence against women and children.

Tangentyere Council Aboriginal Corporation will receive more than \$475,000 to support men in prison, exiting prison and undergoing rehabilitation to encourage behavioural change.

A dedicated Men's Engagement Worker will also be established to facilitate meetings and provide individual check-ins with at-risk men to address and be accountable for violent behaviours.

Southern Tanami Kurdiji Indigenous Corporation will receive almost \$700,000 to set up a Day Safety Patrol, which will conduct ongoing patrols in the Willowra community.

Twice-daily patrols around the school and community will respond to disputes and safety concerns.

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Refitting Alice's drink laws



A sobriety test was once standard fare for police: Check for bloodshot eyes, slurred speech, smell of alcohol.

And the clincher: Please walk a straight line.

By 1931, however, clever science types had developed an out-of-lab breath testing device for alcohol, affectionately dubbed The Drunkometer.

The machine drew one's breath into a balloon then used chemicals to react with any alcohol present.

If alcohol was there, a solution changed colour but gave no measure of how much.

Times have changed since the drunkometer.

And alcohol testing equipment has evolved to become much more sophisticated (and a lot smaller).

Portable breathalysers giving an approximate blood alcohol reading are now a familiar sight at roadside police stops, their use saving countless lives each year on Australian roads.

But in the Northern Territory (NT), which boasts Australia's highest levels of alcohol consumption and related harms, Liquor Licensing Laws fail to keep pace.

On 20 November, the NT Licensing Commission proposed it vary liquor license conditions in Alice Springs to help combat grog related harm and called for public comment closing 18 December.

Measures include restricting full-strength alcohol to being served only with meals on Wednesday through Friday between 11.30am-3pm; that a system of on-premises identification be used to detect troublemakers and refuse them entry; and that certain venues improve efforts to control grog-related disturbances.

Assessing drunkenness itself, however, was not on the Commission's shopping list.

Which may be for the best, considering our methods of assessing drunkenness in licensed premises as currently defined under NT law remain stuck in the "are they slurring" stage.

Check NT Government guidelines for licensed premises' Legal Duty to Refuse Service, to find a Territorian is considered intoxicated if



Machines called Drunkometers were an early precursor to the somewhat more accurate breathalysers used today.

"their speech, balance, coordination or behaviour appears to be noticeably impaired.

"This might include slurring of speech, unsteady movements or poor coordination, aggression or disruptive behaviour, reduced awareness or difficulty responding to situations."

Former 'Ayers Rock' bar owner now NT Link director Tony Smith has seen more than his fair share of intoxicated patrons.

In response to November's Licensing Commission proposal, he suggests breathalysers be used inside and upon entry to licensed premises to curb drunkenness.

"There is no reason why an alcohol test cannot be done by security in all licensed properties," says Mr Smith.

"If a patron is over (a specified limit), then refuse service and ask them to leave."

He suggests the limit be legislated in consultation with health authorities and police.

"I applaud the Licensing Commission's proposed introduction of lower alcohol drinks between 11.30am to 3pm.

"But I also ask they fix the definition of an intoxicated person in the Act: It needs teeth.

"Let's get our town back on track so the community is a great place to live, and we can welcome tourists and new residents back to the Centre."

The Commission vetted a breath testing option before launching its variation proposal but did not take it up.

"This was a proposal that we thought about," NT Liquor Commissioner Russel Goldflam tells The Pulse.

"It was put to us, and we had to think about it, but in the end, we haven't gone down that route."

The Commissioner gives several reasons.

"One is that breathalysing somebody is an intimate procedure that has health risks and might upset people, more than just having to stand in front of an iPad and produce ID, which is what we have proposed.

"Another is that the breathalysers, the handheld ones, are not all that accurate. Once you do a breathalyser with a police officer and it registers over .05, that's enough evidence for police to require you to go to the police station and undertake a breath analysis.

"But it isn't enough evidence to get you convicted of anything by itself.

Commissioner Goldflam says the Commission was "not convinced it's a good idea to stop people from being able to walk in the door, just because they already have some grog on board.

"Instead, we propose this screening, so the people who've been identified as being troublesome won't get in."

Nonetheless, he vows to consider any public submissions on breathalysers received during the public consultation phase of the proposal.

Notwithstanding the Commission's current position, pubs and nightclubs in WA, Queensland, the UK and elsewhere have used breathalysers on patrons seeking entry who appear intoxicated, or as a condition of entry.

A Perth nightclub manager told the West Australian newspaper in 2011 that people getting pre-loaded on alcohol at home was a big problem; security staff would often see people struggling to stand up trying to get in the door.

The manager said a trial of breath testing on entry had been "fantastic at preventing drink-related violence and assaults on security staff" and provided a clearer, more objective basis for denying entry.

Breathalysing patrons was not breaking the law, say WA Police's liquor enforcement division, given people were within their rights to refuse the test and go elsewhere.

Other studies recognised that venue owners who breath test may avoid wearing responsibility for any trouble drunks might cause once they went outside.

Queensland police working with academics analysed 2751 questionnaires from people breathalysed entering Brisbane entertainment districts.

Results published in 2017 recorded more than 79 per cent had preloaded, with 71 per cent returning a Blood Alcohol Content greater than zero and a mean BAC of 0.071.

It was thought the presence of researchers and police had in itself brought a lower arrest rate in the target areas compared with the same nights a year earlier.

A UK police pilot program in 2014 called #RU2drunk, saw doormen at licensed premises breathalyse suspected drunks at 22 licensed pubs and clubs in the seaside town of Torquay during a month-long program.

A 2018 evaluation of the pilot reported a 39 per cent drop in violent crime for the town during the trial compared with the same time the previous year, while a separate comparison town saw crime rise over the same period.

A total of 818 people were breathalysed, fewer alcohol-related injuries recorded, and more than 75 per cent of the public supported the plan.

The authors suggest breathalysers might encourage people to drink more moderately and reduce violence.

UK news of late November reported the successful scheme may be extended to Devon and Cornwall.

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Getting Good Stuff Done



A gym with spirit

By Gladys Barreta

AN inclusive boxing academy has been named this year's National Community Sporting Academy of the Year at the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sports Awards.

The Arrernte Community Boxing Academy (ACBA) welcomes people of all backgrounds, abilities, and ages in a space built on community, culture, and spirit.

One of the founders, Arrernte man Jason Lord, said he never saw a program in town that truly gave back to the name and culture.

"For me to recommence training and coaching, I wanted to put that name at the front not just for the people, but for a shared culture that is inviting," he said.

"I wanted to give back to my mum and grandmother, and the community, so I thought it was a good thing to name it Arrernte."

Mr Lord founded the academy with Stephanie Stone and said winning the award still hadn't sunk in.

"We've won a few awards this year, including the Community Impact Award through NAIDOC.

"Being recognised by our peers and the Aboriginal community... I feel emotional about it. Our work does not go unnoticed, but the awards reflect everyone who helped get us here."

What began in the streets has grown into a hub for fitness, strength, and conditioning, where people find connection, purpose, and support.

"Footy and boxing have always been big, particularly for Indigenous mob," Mr Lord said.

"You either play footy because it's family-connected, and boxing does the same thing.

"Boxing is more intense and intimate, and I get to work closely with people in a collaborative way.

"It's functional; it doesn't feel like a standard gym.

"It's inviting and has a nice spirit about it... something that guides you in a spiritual way."

It took ACBA 12 months to find a venue after starting in 2018, eventually transforming a rundown shed into their own space.

Partnerships with local organisations allowed them to move to the Alice Springs Youth Centre near Anzac Hill, and now they operate from a large industrial shed on Wilkinson Street.

In recent years, the academy has welcomed the Chief Minister and won Territory Volunteer of the Year, NT Boxing Club of the Year, and other awards.



PUMPED: Arrernte Community Boxing founders Jason Lord and Stephanie Stone. (Charles Geary: 465347)

The academy is driven by passionate volunteers.

Mr Lord works in youth diversion and case management at Anglicare while contributing his energy to the academy.

ACBA has three registered trainers under Boxing Australia and is seeking more.

Ms Stone runs operations alongside coaching coordinators Denis Goodwin, awarded this year's Mayoral awardee for disability and community engagement, and Mark Benstead, who leads special-needs training.

Mr Lord said ACBA had changed perceptions of boxing.

"We get invited to remote communities and schools, working with vulnerable kids. It's touched the lives of everybody. The family aspect is the secret essence of the academy."

Over the years, ACBA has seen young people transform both inside and outside the gym.

"It's helped kids engage in school, connect across cultures, and break down barriers. You don't have to be part of a group to be part of us. It's opened doors for everybody," Mr Lord said.

Upholding its motto: Culture, Care, and Control, the academy ensures care is central, every culture is respected, and lessons learned remain within the space. Training costs five dollars per session, but no one is turned away for lack of money.

For those who want to compete seriously, ACBA offers a pathway to competitive boxing.

Next year, the academy plans to expand programs, increase remote outreach, recruit more trainers, and invest into their newly-launched engagement program, Boxing Connect.

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Month-long public drink bans

By Gladys Barreta

PUBLIC drinking bans in the Northern Territory have been extended from seven to 28 days under an amendment to the Alcohol Harm Reduction Amendment (Banned Drinker Orders) Bill 2025.

Minister for Alcohol Policy Steve Edgington said the change gave police an additional tool to tackle alcohol-fuelled violence and protect the community.

“Police have said excessive drinking re-

mains our biggest catalyst for assaults and domestic violence, so we must continue to take action,” he said.

“Extending BDOs not only restricts harmful behaviour but also gives people the chance to get help, engage with support services, and change their behaviour.”

Chief Minister Lia Finocchiaro said the Territory’s latest crime statistics showed an 8.3 per cent reduction in victims of crime from January to September this year compared with the

same period last year, with 1635 fewer Territorians affected.

In Alice Springs, the decrease saw an 18 per cent drop, with 951 fewer victims.

NT Police Commissioner Martin Dole welcomed the extension as officers prepared for the busy summer period.

“Increasing the number of days from seven to 28 will be an important tool as we head into summer, which sees a spike in alcohol-related crime,” he said.

“Public drinking remains our biggest catalyst for assaults and domestic violence, which is why our teams are already rolling out targeted intervention before things escalate.

“Between 2 and 9 November alone, officers issued more than 130 Banned Drinker Orders and removed over 900 litres of alcohol.”

The extended BDOs aim to reduce alcohol-fuelled harm while giving people the opportunity to seek support and break cycles of violence.

NAPLAN results broadly stable, concern for some numbers

By Gladys Barreta

THE 2025 NAPLAN results show improved Indigenous student outcomes, with positive gains in literacy and numeracy.

However, comparisons between major cities and the Northern Territory highlight ongoing structural inequality, with significant disparities for Indigenous, remote, and disadvantaged students, particularly those in remote and very remote areas.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) found “a reportable increase, from 2023 to 2025, in the percentage of Indigenous students achieving ‘Exceeding’ in writing and numeracy at both Years 7 and 9.”

Because the publicly available data from ACARA does not break down results for specific regions such as Central Australia, these improvements can not be said to specifically apply to that region.

Since Covid, participation rates have rebounded, reaching 94 per cent in 2025, the



TEST: The 2025 national NAPLAN results have been released showing how schools across the country have performed in literacy and numeracy. (Supplied)

highest level since 2017.

Despite the improvements, ACARA data show that in remote schools only around

22–23 per cent of students reach the top proficiency levels in reading or numeracy, compared with around 70 per cent in major cities, reflecting persistent achievement gap.

The overall trend continues to show significant educational disadvantage among students in remote areas, Indigenous students, and those from lower socio-educational backgrounds.

The Northern Territory records the highest proportion of students needing additional support - an average of 38.9 per cent across all categories.

NT students also have the highest proportion requiring additional support in spelling, grammar, and punctuation.

However, ACARA’s state-comparison charts also show that the Northern Territory achieves substantially higher results than its comparison group in several domains, whereas most other states are labelled as having results “close to” the comparison

group. This means that although the NT has high levels of disadvantage, its achievement levels when adjusted for demographic context are comparatively strong.

ACARA CEO Stephen Gniel said the national assessment helped teachers, parents and carers see how students are progressing in literacy and numeracy over time with NAPLAN being a key tool in the Australian education landscape.

“The 2025 results across all domains and year groups are broadly stable, with two out of three students at the ‘Strong’ or ‘Exceeding’ proficiency level for their reading, numeracy and writing skills, and one in 10 students needing additional support,” he said.

“The latest results also continue to highlight areas that need collective attention, such as supporting students from our regional and remote areas, those from disadvantaged backgrounds, and Indigenous students.”



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COMMUNITY BENEFIT COMMITTEE

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Expressions of interest are sought for community members to join the Community Benefit Committee.

The committee provides input and community representation regarding the Community Benefit Fund.

The committee meets twice yearly and membership is for periods up to three years.

Expressions of interest can be made via email to cbf.ntg@nt.gov.au before COB 16 January 2026.

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Cash splash for pool solar

By Phil Williams

ALICE Springs will benefit from almost \$1 million in funding from the Federal government to install solar panels at the aquatic centre.

The money will see new solar panels, battery storage and cleaner, cheaper energy at the Alice Springs Aquatic Centre, with cash from the \$100 million Community Energy Upgrades Fund.

The national program aims to help local governments upgrade essential community infrastructure, reduce emissions and improve the performance of public facilities.

A total of \$50 million is being given to 66 councils across Australia to deliver cleaner, more efficient energy systems that lower ongoing costs.

In Alice Springs, \$875,000 in funds will allow the Alice Springs Town Council to install high-efficiency heat pumps, a solar PV system and battery storage at the Alice Springs



UPGRADE: Member for Lingjari, Marion Scrymgour and Mayor Asta Hill on the pool deck following the announcement of federal funding to upgrade the aquatic centre's solar infrastructure. (Phil Williams 522601)

Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

It is the Council's most energy-intensive site, and the new system will enable the Council to see significant reductions in natural gas use and grid electricity consumption, as well as improved water heating efficiency.

Across the country, almost all successful projects include solar panels, and more than half incorporate battery storage systems.

Speaking at the aquatic centre, Lingjari MP Marion Scrymgour said the centre played an important role in the daily life of

the community.

"The Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre brings the whole community together..." she said.

"Our government is driving the transition to net zero, and partnering with local councils like the one in Alice Springs ensures we reach that goal, while also making infrastructure like the town pool more energy efficient to operate."

Mayor Asta Hill welcomed the funding, saying it would make a real difference for the community.

"We welcome this Government's investment in one of our most loved facilities in the town," she said.

"This funding will make a real difference for our community."

"Upgrading the Aquatic and Leisure Centre with solar, battery storage and high efficiency systems means lower operating costs, fewer emissions and a more sustainable facility for our community."

Ten new police graduates join Alice's thin blue line

By Phil Williams

THE ranks of Alice Springs Police were bolstered with the addition of 10 new recruits on Tuesday, December 3.

The recently graduated officers from Accelerated Recruit Program Squad 4 (ARPS4) received a Welcome to Country conducted by members of the Southern Cultural Reform Unit.

The officers from APRS4 were officially

sworn into the Northern Territory Police Force, having begun training on August 11, with the squad made up of 23 experienced police officers from Australian and New Zealand policing jurisdictions.

The 15-week course was specifically designed to upskill the members on specific NT legislation, policy, procedures and to align their significant experience with the operating environment of the Northern Territory Police Force.

The squad also completed refresher training in defensive tactics, driving and firearms use.

The 23 all come from previous policing backgrounds, which was formally recognised, resulting in an accelerated training program.

The 10 members who were posted to Alice Springs all come with prior service in NZ police, and one also served in Queensland.

Once training is completed, graduates are posted to varying locations throughout the NT with recruits required to serve a minimum of 12 months in a frontline General Duties position before being eligible to apply for specialist positions.

The 10 officers who have joined the Alice Springs police bring a wealth of previous policing knowledge from other jurisdictions to their new roles within the NT Police Force, and Central Australia.

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LAUNDRY: The Remote Community Laundries Project will provide free community facilities in remote First Nations communities. (Supplied)

Laundry free

By Gladys Barreta

FREE community laundry facilities in remote First Nations communities will soon be possible through a new Remote Community Laundries Project.

The \$11.4 million initiative will fund up to 12 new or upgraded mobile or fixed laundries across the Northern Territory, Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia.

The project aims to improve access to commercial-grade washing machines and medicated detergents, helping reduce irritants and infections that can lead to serious but preventable illnesses such as trachoma, acute rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease.

Minister for Indigenous Australians Senator Malarndirri McCarthy said the facilities would help reduce the spread of preventable infectious diseases and improve health outcomes.

“By partnering with First Nations communities, we’re ensuring these services are designed to reflect their priorities,” Ms McCarthy said.

“This project will also create job opportunities in remote communities during the establishment and ongoing operation of the facilities.”

Special Envoy for Remote Communities and Member for Lingiari Marion Scrymgour said the health needs of people in remote communities were unique and challenging, and these new laundries would make a real difference.

“Communities have raised with our government that they want access to more remote laundries, and this commitment is a reflection of that,” she said.

“Our objective through this program is to support communities and assist organisations to tackle hygiene-related illnesses such as rheumatic heart disease and scabies.”

The competitive grant process closes at 2pm (AEDT) on Friday, February 13.

More information about the Remote Community Laundries Project, including how to apply, is available at: grants.gov.au

AFP investigation: \$8.4m in illicit tobacco proceeds

AN investigation into the sale of illicit tobacco in the Northern Territory has resulted in \$8.4 million in suspected proceeds of crime being restrained.

The Criminal Assets Confiscation Taskforce (CACT) launched its investigation after Northern Territory Police seized thousands of cigarettes and vapes and charged a 27-year-old Queensland man allegedly found in possession of the contraband.

Police alleged the products were destined for illegal sale across the NT.

Between February and June 2024, NT Police executed several search warrants, seizing almost 946,000 cigarettes, more than 12,000 nicotine vapes, 86kg of loose tobacco, 1400 counterfeit tobacco pouches and 644 nitrous oxide canisters.

Officers also froze \$580,000 held in a bank account suspected to be linked to the illicit trade.

Working with NT and Queensland police, AFP investigators examined the man’s financial activity, alleging his assets far exceeded his legitimate income.

The AFP then sought restraining orders through the NT Supreme Court under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002.

The restrained property includes two commercial and three residential properties in Queensland, two vehicles - among them a Mercedes-Benz G63 AMG valued at about \$244,000 - a jet ski and about \$1 million across three bank accounts.

AFP Commander Jason Kennedy said the taskforce would pursue full confiscation orders.

“The AFP and our partners are commit-



TOBACCO: AFP has restrained \$8.4 million in suspected proceeds of crime after NT Police illicit tobacco haul. (AFP)

ted to targeting the proceeds, instruments and benefits of the illicit tobacco trade. Those who act illegally risk imprisonment and the loss of their ill-gotten gains.”

NT Police Detective Acting Superintendent David Richardson said the outcome should serve as a warning.

“If you attempt to bring illicit tobacco into the Northern Territory, we will find you. We will seize the products and target any assets gained through illegal profits.”

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Resilience after tragedy

By Gladys Barreta

WITH a passion and dedication to suicide prevention, Alice Campbell-Jones will embark on a Churchill Fellowship with the aim of strengthening the capacity of remote Aboriginal communities to respond to suicide crises.

As Suicide Prevention Manager at the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress (CAAC), Ms Campbell-Jones oversees the region's suicide prevention strategy. She also serves as Deputy Chair of the Mental Health Association of Central Australia (MHACA) and is a member of the Northern Territory Committee for Suicide Prevention Australia.

Now in the final year of a Master of Suicidology at Griffith University, her research focuses on the needs of Aboriginal communities following a suicide, work shaped and informed by lived experience.

Ms Campbell-Jones moved to Alice Springs in August 2024 to take on her current role at CAAC.

"Living and working here has given me the privilege to learn directly from Aboriginal communities about the importance of cultural responsiveness in this work, and how effective suicide prevention is built on connection, respect, and community leadership," she said.

Ms Campbell-Jones said living and working in Alice Springs had reinforced her understanding that suicide prevention must be culturally grounded and community-owned.

"Approaches that respect local values, engage Elders and leaders, and focus on long-term healing are the most effective," she said.

"Sustainable systems of care that respond to social, cultural, and economic realities make the greatest impact.

"Having been impacted by suicide when I was younger, I was motivated to be part of the change.

"Aboriginal people continue to experience suicide at disproportionately higher rates than other Australians, and this demands a different approach.

"My commitment comes from recognising the strength of culture and the importance of community-led, self-determined responses.

"Empowering Aboriginal communities to lead solutions grounded in cultural knowledge, connection, and local leadership is essential to reducing distress and saving lives."

Through her Churchill Fellowship, Ms Campbell-Jones will travel to the United States, Canada, and New Zealand to learn from Indigenous-led suicide prevention programs that have been proven and evaluated to reduce suicide and suicide attempts.

She said she would explore models from different countries to strengthen community capability, embed cultural knowledge, and empower local leadership to create sustainable systems of care.

"In Central Australia, there's a growing movement for Aboriginal-led suicide prevention guided by cultural knowledge, connection, and community priorities," she said.

Ms Campbell-Jones said collaborative partnerships between Aboriginal leaders, organisations, and service providers were helping to create lasting, positive change and demonstrate what's possible when efforts are truly community-driven.

"Suicide in Aboriginal communities isn't just a mental health issue, but it's also deeply connected to culture, identity, and the impacts of colonisation and social disadvantage," she said.

"Effective prevention requires culturally informed, community-led approaches that centre Aboriginal leadership and knowledge.

"Real change happens when Aboriginal people are supported to lead healing through family, culture, and connection to Country."



RESPONSE: Alice Campbell-Jones will explore strategies to strengthen remote Aboriginal communities' responses to suicidal distress as part of her Churchill Fellowship.



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BIRTHDAY: The My Ride Alice Springs team celebrating a milestone birthday of 50 years of service.

Pfau's ride of 50 years

By Gladys Barreta

A LOCAL business that has served Alice Springs for half a century is preparing for a new chapter, with local bike shop My Ride now looking for a new owner.

Formerly known as The Penny Farthing Bike Shop and later My Ride Alice Springs, My Ride has been the town's go-to store for all things cycling for the past 50 years.

Owned by Yvonne Pfau since 1986, the business has been a significant part of her life and that of her family.

Now, after decades at the helm, Ms Pfau is ready to pass the baton.

Last month, My Ride celebrated its 50th birthday on November 8 with a community

event featuring a free sausage sizzle, a giant birthday cake, and giveaways. A "Spin the Wheel" promotion offered additional discounts throughout the week, drawing in new customers, long-time regulars, their children and even their grandchildren.

From the beginning, the shop has been a hub for bike riders, cycling enthusiasts and families alike.

But for Ms Pfau, the time has come to step back and focus more on her own life.

"It is now the time to look at selling my wonderful business and see another family take it to the next level," she said.

"It really has been a great ride for me. It will be a great new lifestyle for an energetic person to take it further and prosper."

She reflected on the store's humble beginnings.

"The business was started by the Boocock family in the back shed of a house in Bath Street and has grown to the store it is today.

Over the years we have had so many families working within the business and so many babies born in that time. We have had the pleasure of seeing them all grow up with some having even come to work in the store as well, making me feel old."

Ms Pfau's achievements extend beyond the shopfront.

"In 2007 I won the Telstra Business Woman's Award in the NT Small Business category.

"It was a surprise to me that a bicycle mechanic could take this so far. It was a joy and

very humbling to be part of the process."

She also contributed significantly to training in the industry.

"Prior to this, I had done a lot of work with apprenticeships in the NT for bicycle mechanics and helped rewrite the course structure, although it has changed many times since then. The technology in this industry moves so fast."

A competitive cyclist herself, Ms Pfau rode track and road at a national level.

"In the '90s I rode track and road cycling to a national level. I rode Track Nationals in 1993 and placed eighth and ninth in Sprint and Pursuit."

Reflecting on the journey, she said the business had given her and her family "so much over the years and so much security".



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Congratulations to the 2025 St Philip's College Award Winners

Congratulations to the Class of 2025 who graduated on Thursday 20 November. The college recognises the achievements of the College Dux, Dinev Thotawatta, the Bruce Reid Memorial Award winner, Sorell Diddams and Heaslip 'In Pursuit of Excellence Award' joint winners La-on Canales Chun and Ralph Francis Nuval. We also celebrated the hard work and dedication of our Year 7 to 11 students at the Academic Assembly, held on Wednesday 3 December.



College Dux
Dinev Thotawatta



Year 11 Dux
Caleb Nicol



Year 10 Dux
Matilda Bhattarai



Year 9 Dux
Isabella Martinez



Year 8 Dux
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Year 12 Certificate of Merit

(NT Board of Studies Prize)

Dinev Thotawatta

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Sarah Westaway

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Luke Willcocks

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Luke Willcocks

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Dinev Thotawatta

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Dinev Thotawatta

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Jason Young

Physical Education

Tamika Rumpff

Psychology

Mariah Meurant

Visual Arts Studies

Sorell Diddams

Workplace Practices

Lacy Brown Skutela

Mathematics Achiever Award

Jason Young

Science Achiever Award

Miranda Russell

Year 12 Award Recipients

College Captain's Leadership Award - Keely Hayward,
Luke Willcox

Principal's Award for Dedication to Duty (in memory of Sketch) - Sarah Westaway

King Constantine Award - Keely Hayward

Ambassador's Award - Elisabeth Holzmam

Christian Leadership Award - Rachel Moyle

Butcher Award for Outstanding Effort - Shanille Braybon,
Miranda Russell

Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award - Issy Treloar

Future Innovators Award - La-on Canales Chun

Mr Shaun Student Community Service Award - Tamika Rumpff

Niko Becker Award - Ralph Francis Nuval

Brad Morris Award - for being an outstanding mentor to younger students - Nellie Crellin

Member for Braiitling Care & Compassion Award - Beatrix Green

Member for Araluen Leadership Support Award - Charlie Duffell, Skye Childs

Alice Springs Theatre Company Drama Award - Rachel Moyle

Liana Nappi Arts Award - Charlotte Dyker

Follow the Dream Student of the Year - Shanille Braybon

Major College Awards

The Heaslip Award; 'In Pursuit of Excellence' -

La-on Canales Chun & Ralph Francis Nuval

Dr Bruce Reid Memorial Award - for initiative and creativity - Sorell Diddams

Gray Birch Award for Best Overall Academic House - Partridge House

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Outback Achiever 2025 - Geoff Miers

Prizes for Effort and Determination

Year 11 - Madi Williams

Year 10 - Tanaka Gundani

Year 9 - Lucinda Thornton

Year 8 - Hannah Lewis

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Scholarships

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Department of Treasury & Finance Excellence Awards

Year 12 Methods (Year 11 class) - Caleb Nicol

Year 11 Essential - Alexis Richard

Year 12 Accounting (Year 11 class) - Lucinda Sweeney

Year 11 Essential (Essential Numeracy) - Ella Schwer

Year 11 Methods (Year 10 class) - Matilda Bhattarai

Year 11 General - Bayan Nikmehr

Year 11 Specialist - Malinda McGifford

Year 10 Extension (Year 9 class) - Isabella Martinez

Year 10 Extension (Year 10 class) - Keith Nyamushaya

Year 10 General - Rex Liddle

Year 7 - 11 Award Recipients

BIZCOM Digital Technology Achievement Award (Year 11) - Jayden Hester

BIZCOM Science & Engineering Achievement Award (Year 9) - Lachlan Simpson

Rotary Club of Alice Springs Achievement Award (Year 10) - Lily Mostran

Colin Gillmore Indigenous Academic Encouragement Award - Madi Williams, Keithan Reiff

Colin Gillmore Indigenous Sporting Encouragement Award - Dev Shadforth

Creative Arts Encouragement Award - Eunice Tabbada

Phil Walcott Perpetual Humanitarian Youth Award -

Ryan Hayward, Hannah Anderson

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Community Service Excellence Award - Lachlan Simpson,
Rohin Srivastava

Blain Applied Technology Award - Clara Schmidt,
Roy Sweeney

Australia Day Student Citizen Award 2026 - Clara Schmidt,
Kholo Moyo

Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award - Matilda Bhattarai

Future Innovators Award - Tiki Willcox

Ambassador's Award - Fraser Russell

School Based Apprentice of the Year - Jason Bezuidenhout

CDU Ambassador Award - Rain Trull

VET Achiever Award - Lucy Southam

VET Effort and Determination Award - Chloe Noble

VET Encouragement Award - Jayden Sunada

Outdoor Education Awards

Year 11 Aspire - Outdoor Education Excellence Award -

Eden Leembruggen, Clara Schmidt

Year 10 Mittagundi - Harley Crowe, Gwyneth VanDenBerghe

Year 9 Endeavour - Mishka Kiessling, Kholo Moyo

Year 8 Adventure - Ella Aila, Ruby-Ai McCaskill,
Wattie Scholes

Year 7 Discovery - Elsie Donovan, Erik Treloar

Boarding House Awards

Kim McPartland Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Boarding House - Dev Shadforth, Madi Williams

Good Samaritan Award - Jessica France, Keithan Reiff

Boarding House Team Player Award - Shanille Braybon,
Daniel Campbell

Boarding House Citizenship Award - Sazkoda Dunn,
Dev Shadforth

Boarding House Encouragement Award - Talitha Kenny,
Ernest Pareroultja

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Numeracy Year 9 - Isabella Martinez

Literacy Year 9 - Kholo Moyo

Numeracy Year 8 - Madhvi Aasish Nair

Literacy Year 8 - April Cousins

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- Todd Mall | Sundays (check ASTC website for dates)
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Live on the Lawns (Lunchtime Music)

- Old Courthouse Lawns | Wednesdays, 12.30-2PM
- Free outdoor concerts with live local music.

Central Craft – Digital Textile Design Program

- 47 Elder St | Every Tuesday
- Hands-on textile workshops exploring digital design with Central Craft and Bindi Enterprises.

Pickleball Sessions for Seniors

- The Marian Centre | Sundays 9-11AM
- Weekly social pickleball games for seniors and community members.

Children’s Art Literacy Program

- 6 Memorial Avenue, Gillen (Araluen Cultural Precinct) | Wednesdays to Sundays 11AM-3PM
- Free food, jumping castle and everyone gets a certificate for participating. More info: centralaustralianaviationmuseum.org.au

Christmas Carnival

- Todd Mall and Todd Stret | Friday December 12
- Celebrate the season with a festive evening full of fun for everyone with music, community choir, kids’ activities and workshops, food and Christmas tree lighting!

TENNANT CREEK

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TREE: Alice Springs Christmas Carnival is on December 12.



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Lofty goals rewarded

By Gladys Barreta

ED Gould, founder of Alice Springs' beloved community choir Alice Sings, has been awarded this year's Lofty Award for his outstanding contribution to the arts and community spirit in Central Australia.

Described as a dreamer, composer and quiet yet inspiring leader, Ed has spent the past decade building a vibrant, inclusive choir that reflects the multicultural heart of Alice Springs.

What began as a small passion project at Watch This Space has grown into a 100-strong choir that performs original works, collaborates with local artists and brings people together from all walks of life.

Ed's dedication, creativity and belief in the power of music to connect community continue to shape one of the town's most cherished cultural groups: Alice Sings.

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CHOIR: Ed Gould at the front of Watch This Space. (Phil Williams: 522914)

Entertainment



BINGO: Marzi Panne and Miss Ellaneous at drag bingo. (Oliver Eclipse)

fabALICE is back!

THE town of Alice Springs will be showered with glitter with the return of the fabALICE Festival in 2026.

The festival will run from March 26–29, delivering a full weekend of colour and entertainment including Drag Queen Bingo, Budget Barbie Camper Town Tours, a Comedy & Cabaret Night, roving drag performers, live entertainment at the Alice Springs Town Council Night Markets (free and family-friendly), Aqua Aerobics and more artist announcements still to come.

The 2026 program launch also includes the introduction of a new Friday knock-offs event, Outback Shout - a night featuring drag queens, frothies, flannies, chook raffles, trivia and plenty of laughs.

fabALICE will also welcome first-time visitor to the Red Centre, international drag superstar Taylor Sheesh from the Philippines, along with Melbourne-based art and performance duo The Huxleys.

Festival Director Stuart Ord said fabALICE 2026 would raise the bar once again.

“This year we’re shaking it off and stepping into our glitter era,” he said.

“With Taylor Sheesh, The Huxleys, Outback Shout and more surprises to come, fabALICE 2026 is shaping up to be our biggest and bold-



FESTIVAL: Marzi Panne, Miss Ellaneous and The Huxleys.

est festival yet.

“fabALICE celebrates inclusivity and creativity in the heart of Australia, and we can’t wait to welcome everyone back for three days of magic, mischief and pure joy.”

fabALICE Festival 2026 tickets are now on sale.

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“A cheery, good-natured animated feature that will offer younger viewers a fun time and hold the attention of their parents, too.” - Mike McGranaghan, Aisle Seat

“This was a great movie. Lots of energy. Kept my four-year-old engaged, and that’s not easy.” - Billy T, Fandango

“Alongside playful nods to Die Hard and witty parodies of disaster-chasing reportage, the result mixes fast-moving fun and train-based peril with breezy charm.” - Kevin Harley, Radio Times

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SING: Ed at the front with Alice Sings in 2018 when they sang in an empty shop front in the Alice Plaza. (Jeff Tan)



CONCERT: Alice Sings' 2025 10 year anniversary concert featuring all solo artists, string quartet and the choir. (Sara Maiorino)



MUSICIANS: Dave Crowe, Camille Bernardino, Xavia Nou and Ed Gould between the two concerts at Araluen in 2025. (Sara Maiorino)

Inspiring Alice to sing

By Gladys Barreta

DESCRIBED as a champion of community spirit who believes in the power of music and art to bring people together, Ed Gould has been awarded this year's Lofty Award.

The award, which recognises the contributions of a community member to the arts in Central Australia, was presented by Georgie Sutton, who described Ed as “a dreamer, a composer, an arranger, a director, and the most introverted leader of the most harmless cult you could ever join”.

Alice Springs' own community choir, Alice Sings, grew out of Ed's personal passion project and has developed into one of the town's most welcoming and inclusive creative communities.

The choir now reflects the vibrant multicultural makeup of Alice Springs - a mix of abilities, singers, friends, families, music lovers, queer community members and professional musicians.

Humbled by the recognition, Ed paid tribute to Watch This Space as the birthplace of his project.

“It's a really lovely thing to receive. I'm quite moved by it,” he said.

“Watch This Space has been a really influential place during my time in Alice.

“When I first moved here, I was able to connect with people through that space.

“It played a big part in my introduction to Alice Springs and influenced the choir from the very beginning.”

Ed has spent the past decade building Alice Sings into the multicultural, vibrant and accessible choir it is today.

His move to Alice Springs came after a stint in Berlin and time living in Melbourne. Originally relocating for a temporary work contract, he quickly realised Alice was where he wanted to stay... and 12 years later, his love for the town has only grown.

Less than two years after arriving, Ed began gathering people to sing on weekends. Watch This Space became the regular meeting spot, where he eventually connected with Central Australian musician, Dave Crowe through vocal workshops. Together, they founded what would become the town's beloved community choir: Alice Sings.

“Alice Sings happened pretty organically,” Ed said. “When we started, maybe 15 people came along, all through word of mouth. After every performance, more people asked to join. It grew from friends, to friends-of-friends, to the wider community.”

Performances at venues like Araluen in 2018-19 boosted their confidence, and by 2021 the choir was performing an entirely original Alice Springs-themed show at the Darwin Festival - a collaboration with local artists, with music written specifically for the choir. It received an overwhelmingly positive response.

This year, Alice Sings celebrated its 10th anniversary with around 100 singers taking part.

“It's grown to the point where I no longer know everyone in the choir,” Ed said. “Some people join while on holiday, some extend their work contracts just to keep singing with us, and others join while they're living here for a few years.”

The choir has rehearsed every Sunday since its inception which was originally chosen because “everyone was hungover on Sundays,” Ed jokes, and prepares for concerts with about



CHOIR: Ed Gould at the front of Watch This Space. (Phil Williams: 522914)

15 weeks of rehearsal.

“I genuinely love it. It's satisfying to see people show up year after year,” he said. “It's mutually beneficial because I'm doing something for the community, but it gives so much back to me as well.”

Inclusion remains at the core of Alice Sings. Ed is careful never to speak politically on behalf of the whole choir, but said there have been moments where taking a stand felt natural such as supporting marriage equality, creating safe spaces for LGBTQ+ community members, or speaking up on local issues like the future of town venues or pokies reform.

“The fundamental thing is that everyone can be themselves and everyone has a right to be part of our community. When causes come up that align with that, we're happy to lend our voice.”

Ed also treasures the musical community that has formed around the choir.

“One of the things I really love is how talented Alice Springs musicians are even if they're not always recognised outside of town.” His recent work has focused on collaborating with local artists, showing the broader world what the Alice music scene can do, and reminding locals of the incredible talent around them.

“It's nice that people come together, meet others they might not normally cross paths with, and share something positive. Community choirs exist all over Australia, some big, some tiny and local but we've got our own unique Alice Springs flavour.”

Highlights from the past decade include performing at the Darwin Festival and singing with the Aboriginal Women's Choir which was a bucket-list moment for Ed.

“There's such a rich choral history here. Being able to sing with them was incredible.”

The choir has also performed at Wide Open Space Festival, and Ed said some of the most powerful moments have happened during rehearsals that “just felt special.”

“The choir is an expression of how much we love this town,” he said. “We're all so passionate about Alice Springs because it's an incredible place to live, and it's nice to celebrate that.”

Ed credits the choir's growth to fellow musicians Dave Crowe, Xavia Nou, Cam Bernardino and Ash Steel, who have each played a major role in supporting Alice Sings.

“I'm lucky to have found such an awesome team to collaborate with and become great friends with. That's definitely been the highlight.”

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Christmas in Central Australia

QUIZ

1. In Alice Springs, where does the main annual Christmas event and the lighting of the town's Christmas tree typically take place?

2. What highly valued piece of traditional Central Australian bush tucker, often dug from the ground, has a sweet, honey-like taste and is considered a delicacy at a remote Christmas gathering?

3. What critical community service often coordinates Christmas greetings and checks on the well-being of isolated residents across Central Australia during the festive period?

Answers: 1. Todd Mall/Civic Lawn 2. Honey Ants 3. The Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS)



DID YOU KNOW?

Rudolph was created for a department promotion. He was invented in 1939 by Robert L. May for a booklet created by Montgomery Ward.

Finland's Santa has his own postal address. Rovaniemi in Finnish Lapland receives more than half a million letters addressed to Santa every year.

The term "Xmas" isn't modern shorthand. The "X" comes from the Greek letter for the first letter of "Christos," so the abbreviation has ancient roots.

Ukrainian trees are decorated with spider webs. This tradition comes from a time when spiders decorated a poor family's tree with sparkling webs.

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Higher calling
Daniel Craig is
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Home sweet home

Stefan Dennis
bids a fond farewell
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The final countdown

After 40 years, *Neighbours* veteran Stefan Dennis says goodbye to his Erinsborough alter ego Paul Robinson for the fifth and final time when the show wraps up this week. However, he can't say this is the last we'll ever see of the ruthless hotelier, writes **Siobhan Duck**

OF THE hundreds of actors who have called Ramsay Street home over the last 40 years, Stefan Dennis holds the somewhat dubious honour of being in all three of *Neighbours*' final acts.

One of the 12 original cast members, Dennis was there when the soap was first cancelled by Channel Seven just months after its debut in 1985. He was there also when *Neighbours* was shown the door by 10 in 2022 with a much-hyped send-off featuring a revolving door of cameos from past cast such as Margot Robbie, Jason Donovan, Kylie Minogue and Guy Pearce.

And now, here he is again saying another fond farewell to the series just two years after it was given a new lease on life by Amazon.

"It's actually not even my third time saying goodbye, it's more like my fifth because some have been of my own volition," he laughs of leaving the show in 1992, before returning for a guest stint in 1993 and then again on a permanent basis in 2004.

"But I'm probably the only actor in the world who can say I've been with the show through three dismissals because we have been axed three times."

Asked to rank the three endings, Dennis feels the 2022 conclusion was the most meaningful. Not because it meant reuniting with his good friend and on-screen brother Donovan or good pals Minogue and Pearce. Rather, it felt like a fitting end to a lengthy chapter of his personal and professional life.

"The last hurrah, - sorry, that would be the second-last one in 2022 - which came after 12 years on the show was the greatest achievement for me, because I actually grew an awful lot in that time," he reflects fondly of the show in which his real wife and three kids have all appeared.

"This latest one was really great fun, but it was also a bit like - and this could sound really bad - 'Oh, here we go again!'"

"It was really great. But I did look at it [the reboot] as icing on the cake, rather than 'Fantastic, we're going again for another 20 years.'"

Unlike the 2022 finale, which had been mooted months before the axe finally fell, the latest cancellation came somewhat out of left field, leaving producer Jason Herbison scrambling to tie up loose ends.

Mystified, Dennis says: "I haven't spoken to the top people at Amazon, and I probably will never get to and they are the only ones that actually know why *Neighbours* is no more."



The last word: Stefan Dennis and his character Paul Robinson play a key role in the *Neighbours* finale.

"Everybody else is going 'why?' It wasn't doing phenomenally, but it was doing well around the world. God, we even had an audience in America for the first time ever."

Dennis suspects *Neighbours* is a victim of the changing landscape of television. Gone are the days when millions tuned in at the same time, to the same free-to-air channel, to watch Scott and Charlene (Donovan and Minogue) tie the knot.

"It's a hard one, because in theory, *Neighbours* has had its day," he shrugs.

"It's been around for 40 years and had a really good run. It was the longest television program in Australia apart from the news and current affairs."

"Maybe it is time to move on and do something different. But this new trend of television viewing could also mean sadly this is the demise of soaps around the world, because the streaming channels don't know what to do with them."

"Maybe *Neighbours* is just the first domino."

Neighbours has proven streaming can offer a lifeline, so Dennis isn't certain we have seen the last of Paul Robinson and the good folk of Erinsborough.

Dennis was chuffed and honoured to get the last word in the final scene, but Herbison has also crafted a satisfying conclusion that leaves the door ajar for another return.

"It's not just *Neighbours*, it's almost any show now. Never say never, because they can be revived in other ways again and again."

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I THINK IT'S GOING TO BE A VERY LONG TIME BEFORE PEOPLE STOP CALLING ME PAUL

While he relished playing Paul on and off for 40 years, Dennis is eager to show viewers he can do other things. As soon as filming wrapped, he headed to the UK to strut his stuff on *Strictly Come Dancing*. That doesn't mean he's eager to just do the rounds of reality TV in Australia now that he's a free agent.

Dennis wants his next dramatic role to be something completely different to Paul. He's also got an idea for a travel series and has been chatting to the makers of Ewan McGregor's *Long Way Round* series about fronting a show that incorporates his passion for motorsports.

"I have a great affection and connection to Paul Robinson, because he was my alter ego for 40 years!" he smiles.

"Even though I was out of the show for 12 of those years, he still followed me around."

"I think it's going to be a very long time before people stop calling me Paul. And for that to happen I need to do something quite significant in the not-too-distant future, that makes me very different to Paul. That's obviously, as an actor, what I am looking for."

Convincing Australian casting agents and audiences to see him as someone other than the infamous TV businessman is another matter altogether.

"I did a bucket load of work over in the UK, very different work [after first leaving *Neighbours* in 1993]," he says.

"But none of it really got shown here, so I think people's perception of me back at that time was that I disappeared. Or I faded into oblivion and couldn't do anything else, so I had to come back do Paul Robinson."

"That's going to be the stigma that will follow me around for a while."

Despite all that, Dennis has no regrets. He notes too that while 40 years could seem like a long time to play a singular role, the beauty of a soap opera is that characters evolve a lot in that time.

And, in the case of Paul Robinson, Dennis has had stints where he has been very good and very, very bad.

He has enjoyed playing the character most when he's in one of his villainous periods, citing the years when Paul teamed up with fellow baddie Izzy Hoyland (Natalie Bassingthwaite) as his favourite.

"*Neighbours* has opened a lot of doors," he says.

"It's closed some as well, but it's opened far more than it's closed."

■ *Neighbours* concludes 7:10pm, Thursday, 10 and streaming

Movie Guide

PICK OF THE WEEK



Friday
THE HOLIDAY
Seven, 7pm, M (2006)

Kate Winslet and Cameron Diaz star as single women from opposite sides of the pond, who escape their romantic woes through a holiday house swap in this exquisite festive romp

written and directed by rom-com queen Nancy Meyers (*Something's Gotta Give*, *Father of the Bride*). English journalist Iris (Winslet) agrees to lease her cottage in the Surrey countryside in exchange for a sojourn to Beverly Hills, staying at the swank pad of film editor Amanda (Diaz). After having their hearts broken by handsome scoundrels, the pen pals finally meet men

who are worthy of them – Amanda comes into the orbit of Iris's brother Graham (Jude Law), and Iris falls for film-score composer Miles (Jack Black). With new-found romance and fresh outlooks, the re-invigorated gals take control of their lives, changing them for the better. It's unashamedly corny and clichéd, but a holiday worth taking. ★★★★★

Love is in the air: From left, Jude Law, Cameron Diaz, Jack Black and Kate Winslet star in festive favourite *The Holiday*.



ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST
SBS World Movies, Friday, 7.30pm, M (1975)

Humour, hope and heartbreak sit side by side in this inflinching masterpiece when convict Randle McMurphy (Jack Nicholson) feigns mental illness to avoid a hard labour camp and ends up at an Oregon psychiatric institution dominated by Nurse Ratched (Louise Fletcher, pictured). The rambunctious McMurphy rallies his fellow inmates in an escalating series of power struggles with Ratched. Sweeping the 1976 Academy Awards, it's undoubtedly one of the greatest films of the 20th century. ★★★★★



THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS IN WONDERLAND
ABC Family, Saturday, 7.30pm, G (2024)

Santa Claus meets *Alice in Wonderland* in this charming animation. The British festive treat sees the guy in the big red suit (voice of Gerard Butler) stranded in Lewis Carroll's magical kingdom when making his ritual Christmas Eve deliveries. He quickly falls afoul of the Grinch-like Queen of Hearts (Emilia Clarke) and must team up with Alice (Simone Ashley) to bring seasonal cheer to the creatures of Wonderland. It's a loving throwback to Christmas movies of decades gone by. ★★★



THE HUNGER GAMES
9Go!, Saturday, 6pm, M (2012)

These days, if a young adult novel is a hit, you can rest assured it will be transferred to the big screen in no time. Suzanne Collins' *The Hunger Games* is certainly no fluffy piece: to fight for survival in a world ravaged by drought, famine and war, teenagers are forced to battle to the death live on television while the rest are forced to watch. But when 16-year-old Katniss' (Jennifer Lawrence, pictured) young sister is chosen to fight, she steps up in her place with dangerous consequences. ★★★★★



ELYSIUM
7mate, Sunday, 7pm, MA15+ (2013)

Behind the weapons, violence and space age travel is a story that may seem ripped straight from the headlines. In 2154, the rich and powerful live on space station Elysium, while the rest are made to struggle on a ravaged, ruined Earth below. Senator Delacourt (Jodie Foster, pictured) keeps a strict anti-immigration stance, while Max (Matt Damon), who transports medical equipment to Elysium, gets caught up in an almighty mess when he can't ignore his conscience any longer. ★★★★★



MURIEL'S WEDDING
Imparja, Monday, 8.10pm, M (1994)

Toni Collette is Muriel, desperate to be married like her catty girlfriends and maybe one day escape Porpoise Spit. On a whim and dad's blank cheque, she goes in search of her dream, finding happiness and surprise. A study of values and dysfunction, the magic in *Muriel's Wedding* lies with her family, cleverly cast by first-time director P.J. Hogan who elicits top performances from Bill Hunter (pictured with Collette) as the philandering father, and Gabby Millgate as the couch potato sister. ★★★★★



ARRIVAL
9Go!, Wednesday, 7pm, M (2016)

This thoughtful sci-fi film casts Amy Adams (pictured) as linguist Louise Banks, who is tasked with figuring out how to communicate with the aliens who have just landed on Earth in a dozen giant egg-shaped pods. As the human race holds its breath, she works with scientist Ian (Jeremy Renner) to uncover the visitors' answer to the question, "What do you want?". She soon realises written communication holds the key to the two species understanding each other. ★★★★★

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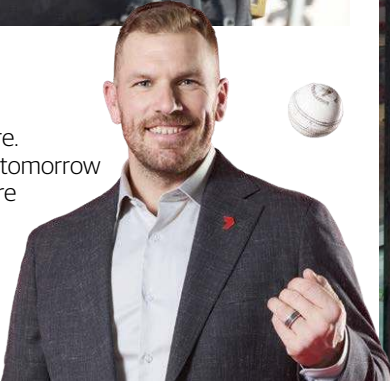
Sail away:
Sam Claflin stars as Edmond Dantès in *The Count of Monte Cristo*.

PICK OF THE WEEK
THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO
SBS Viceland, Saturday, 8.30pm

Sam Claflin (*Daisy Jones & the Six*) and acting icon Jeremy Irons lead an impressive cast for this epic eight-episode interpretation of Alexandre Dumas' 1846 novel. The men are cast as prisoners on a forbidding island off the coast of Marseilles. They spend five years chipping away at the mortar between them, with the elder Abbé Faria (Irons) educating Edmond Dantès (Claflin) in multiple subjects before his death gives the younger man a chance to escape. Armed with Faria's knowledge of a vast treasure, Dantès makes for the island of Monte Cristo to claim his fortune. Boasting epic fight scenes, revenge, romance and profound moments, this historical drama has something for everyone.

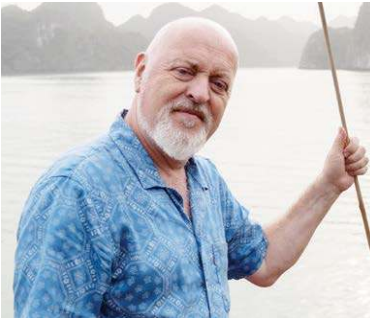
CRICKET: BIG BASH LEAGUE
Seven, Sunday, 5.30pm

The summer of cricket is now in full swing, treating fans to action left, right and centre. Between Saturday night's WBBL final, the third Ashes Test commencing in Adelaide tomorrow and the electrifying action of the Big Bash League beginning tonight, cricket lovers are spoiled for choice by the sport's overlapping fixtures. Live from the Furnace, the first match-up of the Big Bash season pits the Perth Scorchers against the Sydney Sixers. After an early exit in BBL14, the Sixers (aided by new signing, Pakistani superstar Babar Azam) will be eager to make a statement against the most successful side in the league's history. As cricket legend and Seven commentator Aaron Finch (pictured) puts it, "The best thing about the BBL is the unpredictability".



BILL BAILEY'S VIETNAM ADVENTURE
SBS, Monday, 7.35pm

As far as travel companions go, English comedian Bill Bailey (pictured) has to be up there with the zaniest, most affable and entertaining offsideers to hit the road with. Keen to immerse himself in local life, the *Black Books* star jams with musicians, meditates with monks and enthusiastically connects with the Vietnamese people in this six-part travelogue. Returning to Vietnam a decade after his first visit, Bailey is intrigued by how the country has changed in recent years, but also determined to know more about its ancient stories and history. In this final episode, he sets sail in a traditional boat and weaves through the limestone karsts and mythical waters of Ha Long Bay.



POH COOKS MALAYSIA
10, Tuesday, 7pm

When Poh Ling Yeow (pictured) first auditioned for *MasterChef* in 2009 with a fancy French dish, the judges asked why she didn't cook a meal from her culture. The answer isn't as straightforward as you might expect. In fact, the Malaysian-born cook, who moved to Adelaide aged nine, has spent her entire career reconnecting with her Chinese-Malay heritage and traditions of her childhood. This vivid homecoming special takes Yeow back to her beginnings, exploring the tropical nation's vibrant food scene, through markets, hawker stalls and family kitchens as she rediscovers the dishes and stories that shaped her, before recreating her favourites with fresh Aussie ingredients.



Thursday, December 11

Please note: channel numbers and programming times may vary based on the broadcast signal received.

ABC TV (2)

6.00 News Breakfast. **9.00** ABC News Mornings. **10.00** When The War Is Over. (PGa, R) **10.25** The Piano UK. (PG, R) **11.30** Crime Night! (Final, R) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Silent Witness. (Madl, R) **2.00** Death In Paradise. (Ma, R) **3.00** QI. (PG, R) **3.30** Nigella Bites. (R) **3.55** Grand Designs New Zealand. (R) **4.40** Long Lost Family: What Happened Next. (PG, R) **5.30** Antiques Roadshow. (R)

6.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R) **7.00** ABC News. **7.30** 7.30. **8.00** Grand Designs Australia: Hunter Valley. A couple want to self-build an off-grid home. **9.00** Long Lost Family. Hosted by Davina McCall and Nicky Campbell. **9.45** Portrait Artist Of The Year. (PG, R) **10.35** ABC Late News. **10.50** The Business. (Final, R) **11.10** The Art Of. (PG, R) **11.40** Grand Designs New Zealand. (R) **12.25** Long Lost Family: What Happened Next. (PG, R) **1.15** Rage. (MA15+dhlnsv) **3.20** Parkinson In Australia. (PGs, R) **4.30** Gardening Australia. (R) **5.30** 7.30. (R)

ABC FAMILY (22) **6.05am** Fizzy And Suds. **6.25** Wiggle. **6.45** Paddington. **7.20** Knee High Spies. **8.10** Kangaroo Beach. **9.00** Play School: What's Cooking? **10.10** Daniel Tiger's. **10.35** Mini Kids. **11.10** Mister Maker Around The World. **11.30** Wiggle. **1.10pm** Octonauts. **2.45** The Makery. **3.00** Play School. **3.40** Fizzy And Suds. **4.10** Andy's Safari Adventures. **4.25** Mojo Swoptops. **5.30** Peter Rabbit. **6.05** PJ Masks. **6.25** Paddington. **6.45** Ben And Holly. **7.05** Batwheels. **7.35** Ninjago: Dragons Rising. **8.00** Operation Ouch! **8.30** Secrets Of The Zoo. **9.10** Secret Life Of The Kangaroo. **10.00** Late Programs.

NITV (34) **6am** Morning Programs. **7.20** Cities Of Gold. **7.50** Bushwhacked! **8.15** Motown Magic. **8.40** The Magic Canoe. **9.10** Spartakus. **10.00** Tales From Zambia. **11.00** Ocean Warriors: Mission Ready. **Noon** Songrites. **1.40** Bread And Dripping. **2.00** On Country Kitchen. **2.30** The Cook Up. **3.00** Jarjums. **5.00** Harlem Globetrotters. **5.30** Te Ao With Moana. **6.00** Bamay. **6.40** Tales From Zambia. **7.30** Going Places. **8.30** Reservation Dogs. **9.35** **MOVIE:** Rumble In The Bronx. (1995, M) **11.10** Vote Yes For Aborigines. **12.05am** Supreme Team. **1.00** We Need To Talk About Cosby. **2.00** Going Places. **3.00** On The Road. **5.00** Bamay.

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **8.00** DD India News Hour. **9.00** Destination Flavour. (R) **9.15** Outta Town Adventures. (R) **10.15** Leave No Trace. (PG) **11.10** Who Do You Think You Are? (PGa, R) **12.00** BBC News At Ten. **12.30** France 24. **1.00** PBS News. **2.00** South America With Simon Reeve. (PGaw, R) **3.10** Going Places. (R) **3.40** The Cook Up. (R) **4.10** Britain By Beach. (R) **5.05** Jeopardy! **5.30** Letters And Numbers. (R)

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) **6.30** SBS World News. **7.35** Eva Longoria: Searching For Spain: Spain's Big Bang. (PGaw) Eva Longoria explores the cuisine of Spain. **8.25** Niagara Falls. (R) Explores the Niagara Falls, the largest freshwater ecosystem on Earth. **9.25** Vigil. (MA15+v) Amy and Eliza are taken hostage. **10.30** SBS World News Late. **11.00** Vienna Blood. (Mav, R) **12.50** House Of Promises. (Ma, R) **3.30** Charles I: Downfall Of A King. (PGalv, R) **4.40** Bamay. (R) **5.00** NHK World English News Morning. **5.30** ANC Philippines The World Tonight.

SBS VICELAND (31) **6am** TRT World News. **6.50** Te Ao With Moana. **7.20** FBC News. **7.55** France 24 Feature. **8.10** NHK Newsline. **8.40** CBC The National. **9.30** BBC News At Six. **10.00** Mastermind Aust. **Noon** DW The Day. **12.30** Australia's Sleep Revolution. **1.35** Birdsville Or Bust: Untold Australia. **2.45** Insight. **3.45** WorldWatch. **5.45** Mysteries From Above. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** History's Greatest Mysteries. (PGa) **10.10** The UnXplained With William Shatner. **11.00** Homicide. **12.45am** Normal People. **2.25** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) **6am** Mrs Lowry And Son. (2019, PGan) **6.45** Born To Dance. (2015, PGa) **8.35** Arthur's Hallowed Ground. (1984, PGI) **10.00** The Movie Show. **10.35** The Shadow Of The Day. (2022, Msv, French, Italian) **1pm** Down With Love. (2003, Mas) **2.55** The Movie Show. **3.30** The Assassin. (2015, PGv, Mandarin) **5.30** A United Kingdom. (2016, PGa) **7.35** Living. (2022, PGals) **9.30** There's Still Tomorrow. (2023, Italian, English) **11.45** Radioactive. (2019, Mavv) **1.45am** The Eight Mountains. (2022, Mals) **4.25** Delfin. (2019, Spanish)

SEVEN (7, 71)

6.00 Sunrise. **7.30** The Morning Show. (PG) **10.30** **MOVIE:** A Christmas Spark. (2022, PGa, R) **12.30** Bridge Of Lies. **1.30** Beat The Chasers UK. (R) **2.30** Seven News At 4. **3.30** The Chase Australia. **4.30** Seven News. **5.30** 7NEWS: 2025 Year In Review. A look back at the stories that shaped 2025.

6.30 Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly. (PGa) Graeme Hall helps a couple whose St Bernard keeps them prisoner in their own house. **7.30** **MOVIE:** Robin Hood. (2010, Msv, R) An archer returns home to England, only to find the country suffering under the yoke of devious noblemen. Russell Crowe, Cate Blanchett, Matthew Macfadyen. **10.30** The Amazing Race. (PG) Hosted by Phil Keoghan. **12.00** Life. (Malsv, R) Crews and Stark investigate the death of a soldier. **1.00** Home Shopping. (R) **2.30** NBC Today. News and current affairs. **3.30** Sunrise Early News. **4.00** Sunrise.

7MATE (70) **6am** Morning Programs. **7.30** Billy The Exterminator. **8.30** Blokesworld. **9.00** American Resto. **9.30** Storage Wars. **10.00** American Pickers. **11.00** Pawn Stars. **Noon** Highway Patrol. **1.00** The Force: BTL. **2.00** Billy The Exterminator. **3.00** American Resto. **3.30** Storage Wars. **4.00** American Pickers. **5.00** Pawn Stars. **5.30** Cricket. WBBL. Finals. The Challenger. **9.00** Seven's Cricket: The Spin. **9.45** **MOVIE:** 65. (2023, M) **11.45** Storage Wars. **12.30am** Pawn Stars. **1.30** NFL. NFL. Week 14. Jacksonville Jaguars v Indianapolis Colts. Replay. **4.30** Hook, Line And Sinker. **5.30** My Fishing Place.

7TWO (72) **6am** Morning Programs. **11.30** Escape To The Country. **12.30pm** The Great Australian Doorstep. **1.00** Our Town. **1.30** The Zoo. **2.00** Harry's Practice. **2.30** Medical Emergency. **3.00** Better Homes. **4.00** Escape To The Country. **5.00** Bargain Hunt. **6.00** Father Brown. **7.00** The Inspector Lynley Mysteries. **9.00** Murdoch Mysteries. **10.00** Father Brown. **11.00** Bargain Hunt. **Midnight** The Great Australian Doorstep. **12.30** Harry's Practice. **1.00** Medical Emergency. **1.30** Better Homes. **2.30** Million Dollar Minute. **3.30** Our Town. **4.00** The Great Australian Doorstep. **4.30** The Zoo. **5.00** Late Programs.

IMPARJA (9)

6.00 Today. **8.30** Today Extra Summer. (PG) **11.00** 9News Morning. **11.30** **MOVIE:** Sincerely Truly Christmas. (2023, PGa, R) **1.30** Pointless. (PG, R) **2.30** Tipping Point. (PG) **3.30** 9News Afternoon. **4.30** Tipping Point Australia. (PG, R) **5.30** 9News.

6.30 A Current Affair. **7.00** Great Getaways. (Return, PG) **8.00** Topknotz: Wild On Water. The crew blasts off on a Jet Sprint boat ride. **9.00** Limitless With Chris Hemsworth: Fasting. (PGa, R) Chris Hemsworth learns about fasting. **10.00** Chicago Med. (Mam) **10.50** Next Stop. **11.20** Tipping Point. (PG, R) **12.10** Pointless. (PG, R) **1.00** TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) **2.00** Global Shop. (R) **2.30** TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) **3.00** Home Shopping. **3.30** Believer's Voice Of Victory. (PGa) **4.00** A Current Affair. (R) **4.30** Today Early News. **5.00** Today.

9GEM (90) **6am** Skippy. **6.30** TV Shop. **9.00** Pointless. **10.00** My Favorite Martian. **10.30** New Tricks. **11.30** Good Karma Hospital. **1.30pm** Antiques Roadshow. **2.00** **MOVIE:** School For Scoundrels. (1960) **4.00** Yorkshire Auction House. **5.00** Antiques Roadshow. **6.00** Clarkson's Farm. **7.00** **MOVIE:** On Her Majesty's Secret Service. (1969, PG) **10.00** Major Crimes. (Mv, R) **11.00** My Favorite Martian. (11.30) Creflo. **Midnight** **MOVIE:** School For Scoundrels. (1960) **2.00** Seaway. **3.00** Antiques Roadshow. **3.30** Yorkshire Auction House. **4.30** Seaway. **5.30** Creflo.

9GO! (99) **6am** Morning Programs. **1.30pm** Nanny. **2.00** Seinfeld. **3.00** Addams Family. **3.30** Bewitched. **4.00** Jeannie. **4.30** Golden Girls. **5.00** Nanny. **6.00** Survivor 49: 730 Love Island Australia. **8.45** **MOVIE:** The Emu War. (2023, MA15+) **10.20** Seinfeld. **11.20** The Vampire Diaries. **1.05am** Love After Lockup. **2.00** LEGO Friends: Girls On A Mission. **2.30** Barbie: Dreamhouse Adventures. **3.00** Cry Babies Magic Tears. **3.20** Booba. **3.40** Teen Titans Go! **4.00** Pokémon: BW Rival Destinies. **4.30** Pokémon Horizons: The Series. **5.00** Lego Dreamzzz. **5.30** Late Programs.

TEN (10)

6.00 Farm To Fork. (R) **6.30** Bold. (PG, R) **7.00** Deal Or No Deal. (R) **7.30** Lingo. (R) **8.30** Ent. Tonight. (R) **9.00** Jamie's 5 Ingredient Mediterranean. (R) **10.00** My Market Kitchen. (R) **10.30** Farm To Fork. **11.00** Family Feud. (PG, R) **11.30** News. **12.30** Deal Or No Deal. (R) **1.00** Lingo. (R) **2.00** 10 News: Afternoon. **2.30** House Hunters Australia. (R) **3.00** The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG) **3.30** 10 News. **4.30** 10 News+. **5.30** Deal Or No Deal.

6.00 The Graham Norton Show. (I) **7.10** Neighbours. (Final, PGa) **8.10** Law & Order: SVU. (Mv, R) Agent Sykes struggles to cope. **9.10** 10's Late News. Coverage of news, sport and weather. **9.35** Law & Order: SVU. (Mv, R) The unit searches for an assailant. **10.35** 10 News+. (R) **11.35** The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) **12.30** Home Shopping. (R) **3.00** CBS Mornings. **4.30** Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. (R) **5.00** Good Chef Bad Chef. (R) **5.30** Neighbours. (PGa, R)

10 DRAMA (1) **6am** Shopping. **6.30** Escape Fishing. **7.30** Living Room. **8.30** JAG. **10.30** Days Of Our Lives. **11.15** The Young And The Restless. **12.00** The Real CSI: Miami. (Ma) **1.00** JAG. (PGa, R) **3.00** The Living Room. (PG, R) **4.00** JAG. (PGav, R) **6.00** NCIS. (M, R) **8.50** Miniseries: Crossfire. (MA15+av, R) **9.45** Blue Bloods. (Mv, R) **10.45** 48 Hours. (Ma) **12.45am** Home Shopping.

10 COMEDY (11) **6am** Ghosts. **7.00** Ent. Tonight. **7.30** My Market Kitchen. **8.00** Bold. **8.30** Family Feud. **9.00** Ridiculousness. **9.30** Ghosts. **10.30** Ridiculousness. **12.30pm** Stephen Colbert. **1.30** Becker. **2.00** Frasier. **2.30** Farm To Fork. **3.00** Frasier. **3.30** Becker. **4.00** Frasier. **5.00** Friends. **6.30** The Big Bang Theory. **8.00** Becker. **8.30** Frasier. (PGa, R) **9.00** South Park. **9.30** Ridiculousness. (Mal, R) **11.00** Shopping. **1am** Bold. **2.00** Stephen Colbert. **3.00** Shopping. **4.30** GCBC. **5.00** Everyday Gourmet. **5.30** Ridiculousness.

ABC TV (2)
6.00 News Breakfast. **9.00** ABC News Mornings. **10.00** Portrait Artist Of The Year. (PG, R) **11.05** The Forsytes. (PG, R) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** The Newsreader. (Final, MI, R) **2.00** Grand Designs Australia. (R) **3.00** QI. (PG, R) **3.30** Nigella Bites. (R) **3.55** Grand Designs New Zealand. (R) **4.40** Long Lost Family: What Happened Next. (PG, R) **5.30** Antiques Roadshow. (R)

7.30 The Morning Show. (PG)
8: Cooking Up Christmas. (2020, Ian Holder, Lamman Rucker.
 Of Lies: Celebrity Specials. **1.30**
 ers UK. (R) **2.30** Seven News At
 ase Australia.
News.
Homes And
Summer.

6.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)
Presented by Tom Gleeson.

7.00 ABC News. A look at the top stories of the day.

7.30 Australian Chamber Orchestra's 50th Gala. Hosted by Jeremy Fernandez and Megan Burslem.

8.30 Maigret. (Final, Mav) Tragedy strikes in Saint-Fiacre. Maigret's absence in Paris has terrifying consequences.

9.25 Hard Quiz. (Final, PG, R) Tom Gleeson grills four fan favourites who are experts on topics in a comedic quiz show.

9.55 Crime Night! (Final, R)
Hosted by Julia Zemiro.

10.25 Spicks And Specks. (PG, R)

10.55 ABC Late News. (Final)

11.15 Silent Witness. (Final, MA15+2, R)

12.15 Rage New Music. (MA15+adhlnsv)

5.00 Rage. (PG)

6.00 Mastermind Australia.
(R) Presented by Marc Fennell.

6.30 SBS World News.

7.30 Jaws: Making A Splash In Hollywood. Charts the making of *Jaws*.

8.30 William Shatner: You Can Call Me Bill. (Mav, R) An intimate portrait of actor William Shatner's nine decade-long personal journey.

10.15 SBS World News Late.

10.45 Sisi. (Ma, R) Sisi spends time at Count Andrassy's estate.

11.40 Culprits. (MA15+v, R)

1.50 Soldiers. (Mal, R)

3.35 Growing A Greener World. (PG, R)

4.35 Bamay. (R)

5.00 NHK World English News Morning 5.30

ANC Philippines The World Tonight.

7.00 MOVIE: The Holiday. (2006, MIs, R)
Two women who live on opposite sides of the Atlantic impulsively switch homes for Christmas. Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet, Jude Law.

9.40 MOVIE: Morbius. (2022, Malv, R)
When a biochemist tries to cure himself of a rare blood disease, he instead infects himself with a form of vampirism. His efforts to control his new condition are hampered by the actions of his patron. Jared Leto, Matt Smith, Michael Keaton.

11.45 Miniseries: Any Human Heart. (Mals) Logan becomes a British agent.

1.00 Home Shopping. (R)

2.30 Million Dollar Minute. (R) Hosted by Simon Reeve.

3.30 NBC Today. News and current affairs.

5.30 Weekend Sunrise.

6.30 A Current Affair.
7.00 Swimming. Australia v The World.
10.00 Law & Order: Organized Crime. (MA15+av, R) When a drug bust goes sideways, the taskforce uncovers a sinister robbery scheme targeting the gay community.
11.00 Next Stop. A look at holiday destinations.
11.30 Tipping Point. (PG, R) Hosted by Ben Shephard.
12.30 Drive TV: Launch Pad. (R) Jessica Lydka-Morris tests an electric vehicle.
1.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
3.30 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. (R)
4.00 Global Shop. (R)
4.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
5.00 Postcards Summer. (PG, R)
5.30 Nine Perth Presents:
Christmas In WA.

6.00 Love It Or List It Australia.
(R) A couple's house is too small.

8.20 The Graham Norton Show.
(MIs, R) Graham Norton is joined on the couch by Brie Larson, Tom Hiddleston, Billy Porter, Claudia Winkleman and Myles Smith.

9.30 10's Late News. Comprehensive coverage of local, national and international news, as well as the latest sport and weather.

9.55 10 News+. (R) Comprehensive coverage of the day's top stories, investigative reports and stories that haven't been heard.

10.50 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) Hosted by Stephen Colbert.

12.00 Home Shopping. (R)

4.30 What's Up Down Under. (a, R)

5.00 Camper Deals. (R)

5.30 Reel Action. (R)

NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. **Noon MOVIE:** Drillbit Taylor. (2008, M) **1.45** Yorky Billy. **2.00** On Country Kitchen. **2.30** The Cool Up. **3.00** Jarjums. **5.00** Harlem Globetrotters. **5.30** Living Back. **6.10** Bamay. **6.40** Tales From Zambia. **7.30 MOVIE:** Mee Shee: The Water Giant. (2005, PG) **9.20 MOVIE:** Big Momma's House. (2000, M) **11.05** Living Back. **11.45** Terra Nullius. **Midnight** Supreme Team. **1.00** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am
Morning Programs. **12.10pm** The Eight Mountains. (2022, Mals) **2.45** The Movie Show. **3.45** Arthur's Hallowed Ground. (1984, PGI) **5.10** Fried Green Tomatoes. (1991, PGalsvw) **7.30** One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest. (1975, Malsy) **10.10** La Chimera. (2023, MI) **12.35am** Mothering Sunday. (2021, MA15+ns) **2.40** There's Still Tomorrow. (2023, Italian, English) **4.45** The Movie Show.

7TWO (72) **6am** Morning Programs.
12.30pm The Zoo. **1.00** Our Town. **1.30** The Great Australian Doorstep. **2.00** Harry's Practice. **2.30** Medical Emergency. **3.00** Better Homes. **4.00** Escape To The Country. **5.00** Bargain Hunt. **6.00** Wildlife ER. **7.00** Escape To The Country. **10.00** Bargain Hunt. **11.00** Escape To The Country.
Midnight The Great Australian Doorstep. **12.30** Late Programs.

9GO! (99) **6am** Morning Programs. **1.30pm** Nanny. **2.00** Seinfeld. **3.30** Addams Family. **3.30** Bewitched. **4.00** Jeannie. **4.30** Golden Girls. **5.00** Nanny. **6.00** **MOVIE:** 10 Things I Hate About You. (1999, PG) **8.00** **MOVIE:** Never Been Kissed. (1999, PG) **10.10** Seinfeld. **11.10** Ghost Hunters. **12.10am** The Vampire Diaries. **2.00** LEGO Friends: Girls On A Mission. **2.30** Barbie: Dreamhouse Adventures. **3.00** Late Programs.

10 COMEDY (11) **6am** Morning Programs. **12.30pm** Stephen Colbert. **1.30** Becker. **2.00** Frasier. **2.30** Farm To Fork. **3.00** Frasier. **3.30** Becker. **4.00** Frasier. **5.00** Neighbours. **6.00** **MOVIE:** Forrest Gump. (1994, M) **8.40** Becker. **9.05** South Park. **9.35** Frasier. **10.00** Ridiculousness. **11.30** Shopping. **1am** Bold. **2.00** Stephen Colbert. **3.00** Shopping. **4.00** Joseph Prince. **4.30** Bold. **5.30** Late Programs.

Saturday, December 13

ABC TV (2)
6.00 Rage Charts. (PG) **7.00** Weekend Breakfast. **9.00** Rage. (PG) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **12.30** Return To Paradise. (Mdv, R) **1.25** Mairget. (Final, Mav, R) **2.20** All Creatures Great And Small. (PG, R)
3.10 Le Concert De Paris 2025.
5.00 Spicks And Specks. (PG, R)
5.30 Muster Dogs: Where Are They Now. (R)

6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 Wham! Last Christmas
 Unwrapped. (PGI, R) A look
 at Wham!'s *Last Christmas*.
8.40 Alpine Hotel At Christmas:
 Winter Wonderland – Christmas
 At The Palace. (R) Spotlights
 Switzerland's Gstaad Palace hotel.
9.35 Osborne House: A Royal
 Retreat. (PG, R) A look at Osborne House.
10.50 The Real Spies Among
 Friends. (PGalv, R)
11.45 Homicide: Life On The Street. (Mav, R)
3.05 Being Beethoven. (PG, R) **4.10** Growing
 A Greener World. (R) **4.40** Bamay. (R) **5.00**
 NHK World English News Morning. **5.15**
 France 24 Feature. **5.30** ANC Philippines The
 World Tonight.

9.00 Women's Big Bash League Final Post-Game. Coverage of the WBBL Final post-game.

9.30 MOVIE: The Rock. (1996, MA15+lv, R)
An FBI agent and a convict must break into the former Alcatraz prison to stop a renegade general from going through with his threat of launching deadly poison gas missiles at San Francisco. Sean Connery, Nicolas Cage, Ed Harris.

12.30 Home Shopping. (R)

2.30 It's Academic. (R)
Hosted by Simon Reeve.

3.30 Million Dollar Minute.
(R) Hosted by Simon Reeve.

4.30 NBC Today. News and current affairs.

5.30 Weekend Sunrise. The latest news, sport and weather.

6.30 Lord Mayor's Christmas Carols. Coverage of the Lord Mayor's Christmas Carols.

8.30 MOVIE: Avatar. (2009, Mv, R)
A paraplegic marine finds his loyalties tested when he is given the chance to assimilate into an alien culture. Sam Worthington, Zoe Saldana, Sigourney Weaver.

11.30 MOVIE: The Domestics.
(2018, MA15+lv, R) Kate Bosworth.

1.30 The Incredible Journey Presents. (PG)

2.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)

4.00 Global Shop. (R)

4.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)

5.00 Helping Hands. (PG, R) **5.30 Hello SA.** (PG, R)

6.00 Selling Houses Australia. (PGa) Mary and Tom finally purchased a dream home.

7.10 Location, Location, Location Australia. (PGa, R) Mitch and Mark help two sets of buyers.

8.10 FBI: Most Wanted. (Mv, R) The Fugitive Task force is called in to connect a series of random poisonings before more lives are lost.

10.00 FBI. (Masv, R) The team races to find a human trafficking victim.

11.00 Home Shopping. (R)

3.30 Hour Of Power.

4.30 Mass For You At Home.

5.00 Key Of David. (PGa)

5.30 Joseph Prince: New Creation Church.

NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. **11.40**
MOVIE: *BMX Bandits*. (1983, PG) **1.20pm** Tales
 from Zambzia. **2.10** Living Black. **2.50 MOVIE:** The
 NeverEnding Story II: The Next Chapter. (1990,
 PG) **4.30** Faboriginal. **5.00** The Coolbaroo Club.
6.00 The Barber. **6.40** The Other Side. **7.30** Alone
 Australia. **8.30 MOVIE:** *Black Water*. (2007, M)
10.05 Australian Music Vault: Emma Donovan. **11.15**
 Speak No Maori. **Midnight** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am
Morning Programs. **7.55** Fried Green Tomatoes. (1991, PGalsw) **10.20** There's Still Tomorrow. (2023, Italian, English) **12.30pm** Annie's Fire. (2022, Mals, French) **2.40** A United Kingdom. (2016, PGa) **4.45** Delfin. (2019, Spanish) **6.25** The Giants. (2023, PGalv) **8.30** Michael Collins. (1996, Malv) **10.55** Erotic Stories. **1.05am** La Chimera. (2023, MI) **3.30** One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest. (1975, Malsv)

7TWO (72) **6am** Morning Programs. **Noon** Medical Emergency. **12.30** Christmas With The Salvos. **1.00** Better Homes. **3.30** Horse Racing. Pakenham Cup Day. Ingham Charity Raceday and Gateway Raceday. **4.30** Dog Patrol. **5.00** Bondi Vet. **6.00** The Yorkshire Vet. **7.00** Escape To The Country. **10.00** Hornby: A Model Empire. **11.00** The Yorkshire Vet. **Midnight** The Great Australian Doorstep. **12.30** Late Programs.

9GO! (99) **6am** Morning Programs.
1.10pm Soccer. English Premier League. Arsenal v Brentford. Replay. **3.10** Australian Roulette.
4.00 MOVIE: Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London. (2014, PG) **6.00 MOVIE:** The Hunger Games. (2012, M) **8.50** The Winter King. **10.00** Top 20 Funniest. **1.10m** Love After Lockup. **12.30am** **MOVIE:** Pieces. (2022, MA15+) **2.30** Surfing Aust. **3.00** Late Programs.

10 COMEDY (11) 6am Bold. 7.00 Ghosts. 8.30 Ridiculousness. 9.30 Farm To Fork. 10.00 Deal Or No Deal. 10.30 Stephen Colbert. 12.30pm Ridiculousness. 1.30 Frasier. 2.30 Friends. 5.00 Big Bang. 8.30 Frasier. (PGa, R) 9.00 South Park. 9.30 Ridiculousness. 11.00 South Park. 11.30 Shopping. Midnight South Park. 1.30 Shopping. 4.30 Deal Or No Deal.

ABC TV (2)
6.00 Rage. (PG) **7.00** Wknd Brekky. **9.00** Annabel Crabb's Civic Duty. (PG, R) **10.00** Eat The Invaders. (PG, R) **10.30** World This Week. (Final, R) **11.00** Compass. (PG, R) **11.30** Praise. (R) **12.00** News. **12.30** A Dog's World With Tony Armstrong. (R) **1.25** Gardening Aust. (R) **2.25** Nigella's Christmas Table. (R) **3.25** Long Lost Family. (R) **4.10** Extraordinary Escapes. (PGI, R) **5.00** Antiques Roadshow. (R)

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6.00 Grand Designs Australia: Hunter Valley. (R)

7.00 ABC News.

7.30 Spicks And Specks. (PG)
Hosted by comedian Adam Hills.

8.00 Portrait Artist Of The Year. (PG)
Seven artists return for the semi-final.

8.50 The Forsytes. (Final, PG) As Louisa faces a fresh start, Jolyon decides his future.

9.45 Return To Paradise. (PGdv, R)
A crime writer is found stabbed to death.

10.40 When The War Is Over: Changi. (PGa, R)

11.10 Anh's Brush With Fame: Fiona Wood. (PG, R)

11.40 Nigella's Christmas Table. (R)

12.40 Rage. (MA15+adhlinsv)

3.05 Dream Gardens. (R) **3.40** The Art Of. (PG, R) **4.10** Gardening Australia. (R) **5.10** Annabel Crabb's Civic Duty. (PG, R)

Programs. **3pm** Play School. **3.30** Fireman Sam. **3.55** Knee High Spies. **4.20** Millie Magnificent. **4.45** Gardening Australia Junior. **5.10** Stick Man. **5.40** Peter Rabbit. **6.05** PJ Masks. **6.25** Paddington. **6.50** Andy And The Band. **7.05** Piripenguins. **7.30** **MOVIE:** Niko: Beyond The Northern Lights. (2024, PG) **8.55** **MOVIE:** A Boy Called Christmas. (2021, PG) **10.35** Late Programs.

6am Morning Programs. **9.00** Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) **9.10** Matched. (PG, R) **10.00** Secrets Of The Deadly T-Rex. (PG, R) **11.00** Secrets Of The Terror Whale. **12.00** APAC Weekly. **12.30** PBS Washington Week. **12.55** The Point: Road To Referendum History Bites. (R) **1.00** Speedweek. **3.00** Going Places. (R) **3.35** Ethnic Business Awards. **5.35** Britain Under The Nazis.

SBS VICELAND (31) 6am Morning Programs. **Noon** Dark Side Of The '90s. **1.50** Bamay. **2.20** Jeopardy! **4.35** WorldWatch. **5.35** Road To Change. **6.05** **MOVIE:** Miyazaki, Spirit Of Nature. (2024, PG) **7.35** Abandoned Engineering. **8.30** Count Of Monte Cristo. **9.35** Rama X: The Mysterious King Of Thailand. **10.40** Liaison. **11.40** Myths: The Greatest Mysteries Of Humanity. **12.40am** Late Programs.

6.00 Weekend Sunrise. **8.30** Morning Show. (PG) **10.30** Beretts Tour De Cure. (PG) **11.30** **MOVIE:** A Christmas Number One. (2021, PGalsv, R) **2.00** Christmas With The Salvos. (PG, R) **2.30** Better Homes And Gardens. (R) **3.30** Seven News At 5. **4.00** Border Security: International. (PG, R) **4.30** Seven News. **5.30** Cricket. Big Bash League. Match 1. Perth Scorchers v Sydney Sixers.

7MATE (70) **6am** Morning Programs.
11.30 Fishing Addiction. **12.30pm** Tackling
 Australia. **1.00** Merv Hughes Fishing. **1.30** Duck
 Dynasty. **2.30** Mt Hutt Rescue. **3.30** Counting Cars.
4.30 Border Security: Int. **5.30** Border Security.
7.00 **MOVIE:** Elysium. (2013, MA15+) **9.15** **MOVIE:**
 Monster Hunter. (2020, M) **11.20** Blokesworld.
Midnight Counting Cars. **1.00** Border Security: Int.
2.00 Border Security. **3.30** Late Programs.

6.00 A Current Affair. (R) **6.30** Weekend Today. **9.30** Cross Court. **10.00** GolfBarons. (R) **10.30** Fishing Australia. **11.00** Explore TV. (R) **11.30** **MOVIE:** Destination Christmas. (2022, PGa, R) Natasha Wilson, Edward Ruttle. **1.30** The 59th Annual Country Music Association Awards. (PG) **3.30** Great Getaways. (PG, R) **4.30** 9News First At Five. **5.00** RBT. (PGdL, R) **5.30** 9News Sunday.

9GEM (90) 6am Morning Programs.
8.00 TV Show: 8.30 My Favorite Martini. 9.00
MOVIE: A Man About The House. (1947, PG) **10.55**
MOVIE: Hawaii. (1966, PG) **2.15pm MOVIE:** On
 The Beach. (1959, PG) **5.00 M*A*S*H. 7.00 MOVIE:**
 The Man With The Golden Gun. (1974, PG) **9.35 Mrs**
Sidhu Investigates. 11.35 MOVIE: How To Stuff A
 Wild Bikini. (1965) **1.35am MOVIE:** On The Beach.
 (1959, PG) **4.30 Gideon's Way. 5.30 Creflo.**

6am Morning Programs. **8.30** Farm To Fork. (R) **9.00** The Dog Academy. (PGa) **10.00** Jamie's Cook Ahead Christmas. (R) **11.00** Surf Life Saving. Shaw And Partners Iron Series. Day 2. Eliminator round. **1.00** Basketball. NBL. Round 12. Melbourne United v Sydney Kings. **3.00** Deal Or No Deal. (R) **3.30** News. **4.30** 10 News+. **5.30** William And Harry: The Rise And Fall. (PGa)

10 DRAMA (1) 6am Shopping. **6.30**
Reel Action. **7.00** Pooches At Play. **8.00** Roads Less
Travelled. **8.30** 4x4 Adventures. **9.30** JAG. **2.30pm**
IFISH. **3.00** Basketball. NBL. Brisbane Bullets
v Wildcats. **5.00** JAG.
6.00 NCIS. (Mav, R)
8.50 Blue Bloods. (Mv, R)
10.45 48 Hours. (Ma)
12.45am Home Shopping.

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ABC TV (2)
6.00 News Breakfast. **9.00** ABC News Mornings. **10.00** Take 5 With Zan Rowe. (R) **10.25** Vera. (Ma, R) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Ningaloo Nyinggulu. (R) **2.00** Death In Paradise. (PGv, R) **3.00** Qi. (PG, R) **3.30** Nigella Bites. (R) **3.55** Grand Designs New Zealand. (PG, R) **4.40** Long Lost Family: What Happened Next. (PG, R) **5.30** Antiques Roadshow. (R)

7.00 ABC News.
7.30 7.30. Presented by Sarah Ferguson.
8.00 MOVIE: Whatever It Takes.
 (2024, Mds) Ebay harasses two small-town journalists.
9.30 MOVIE: Embrace. (2016, Mn, R)
 Follows body image activist Taryn Brumfitt's crusade. Taryn Brumfitt, Renee Airya.
11.00 Creative Types With Virginia Trioli: Jenny Kee. (PG, R)
11.30 Grand Designs New Zealand. (PG, R)
12.15 Long Lost Family: What Happened Next. (PG, R)
1.05 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) **3.25 Parkinson In Australia.** (PG, R) **4.30 Gardening Australia.**
A 5.30 7.30. (R)

Programs. **1.10pm** Octonauts. **2.45** The Makery.
3.00 Play School. **3.40** Fizzy And Suds. **4.10** Andy's
Safari Adventures. **4.25** Mojo Swoptots. **5.30**
Peter Rabbit. **6.05** PJ Masks. **6.25** Paddington.
6.45 Ben And Holly. **7.05** Batwheels. **7.35** Ninjago:
Dragons Rising. **8.00** Operation Ouch! **8.30** TKO:
Total Knock Out. (Premiere) **9.15** The Crystal Maze.
10.00 Late Programs.

6am Morning Programs. **9.25** Outta Town Adventures. (R) **10.25** Leave No Trace. (Final, PG) **11.20** Who Do You Think You Are? (PG, R) **12.10** BBC News At Ten. **12.30** France 24. **1.00** PBS News Weekend. **1.30** Al Jazeera News Hour. **2.00** Planet Reef. (PGaw, R) **3.00** Going Places. (PGaw, R) **3.30** The Cook Up. (R) **4.00** Who Do You Think You Are? (PGa, R) **5.05** Jeopardy! **5.30** Letters and Numbers. (R)

SBS VICELAND (31) 6am Morning Programs. **9.30** Small Business Secrets. **10.00** Mastermind Aust. **Noon** France 24 English News. **12.30** Rex In Rome. **3.55** WorldWatch. **5.45** Mysteries From Above. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats. **8.30** Count Of Monte Cristo. **9.35** I Am Smokin' Joe Frazier. **11.10** Question Team. **Midnight** Django. **1.00** Creamerie. **2.05** The Bloody Decade. **3.30** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera.

6.00 Sunrise. **7.30** The Morning Show. (PG)
10.30 MOVIE: Candy Coated Christmas.
 (2021, PGa, R) Molly McCook, Aaron
 O'Connell. **12.30** Bridge of Lies. **1.30** The
 Chase. (R) **2.30** Seven News At 4. **3.30** The
 Chase Australia. **4.30** Seven News. **5.30**
 Cricket. Big Bash League. Match 2. Melbourne
 Renegades vs Brisbane Heat. From GMHBA
 Stadium, Victoria.

7MATE (70) **6am** Morning Programs.
Noon Rides Down Under: Workshop Wars. **1.00**
 Boating. Circuit Boats Drivers C'ship. **2.00** Billy The
 Extremator. **3.00** American Resto. **3.30** Storage
 Wars. **4.00** American Pickers. **5.00** Pawn Stars.
6.00 Outback Opal Hunters. **8.00** Aussie Salvage
 Squad. **9.00** The Mightiest. **10.00** Engineering
 Disasters. **11.00** Storage Wars. **11.30** American
 Pickers. **12.30am** Pawn Stars. **1.30** Late Programs.

6.00 Today. **8.30** Today Extra Summer. (PG)
11.00 9News Morning.
11.30 **MOVIE:** A Vintage Christmas. (2024, G)
1.30 Pointless. (PG, R)
2.30 Tipping Point. (PG, R)
3.30 9News Afternoon.
4.30 Tipping Point Australia. (PG, R)
5.30 9News.

9GEM (90) **6am** Morning Programs.
11.30 MOVIE: The Cracksmen. (1963) **1.50pm**
 Antiques Roadshow. **2.20 MOVIE:** A Blue Ridge
 Mountain Christmas. (2019) **4.00** Yorkshire Auction
 House. **5.00** Antiques Roadshow. **6.00** Death in
 Paradise. **7.10 MOVIE:** The Spy Who Loved Me.
 (1977, M) **9.45** Major Crimes. **10.45** Shakespeare
 And Hathaway. (1965) **11.45** Creflo. **12.15am MOVIE:** The
 Cracksmen. (1963) **2.30** Late Programs.

6am Morning Programs. **7.30** Lingo. (R)
8.30 Ent. Tonight. (R) **9.00** Jamie Oliver:
 Christmas Dinner. (R) **10.00** My Market
 Kitchen. (R) **10.30** Farm To Fork. **11.00** Family
 Feud. (PG, R) **11.30** News. **12.30** Deal Or No
 Deal. (R) **1.00** Lingo. (R) **2.00** News. **2.30**
 Bondi Rescue. (PGain, R) **3.00** Bold. (PG)
3.30 News. **4.30** 10 News+. **5.30** Deal Or No
 Deal. (R)

10 DRAMA (1) **6am** Shopping. **6.30** Reel Action. **7.00** Everyday Gourmet. **7.30** Living Room. **8.30** JAG. **10.30** Days Of Our Lives. **11.15** The Young And The Restless. **Noon** Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly Australia. **1.00** JAG. **3.00** Living Room. **4.00** JAG. **6.00** NCIS. **7.00** Blue Bloods. **8.50** The Real CSI: Miami. (MA15+av) **9.45** 48 Hours. (Mav) **11.45** Shopping.

ABC TV (2)
6.00 News Breakfast. **9.00** ABC News Mornings. **10.00** The Art Of... (Mns, R) **10.30** Death In Paradise. (PG, R) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** The Forsytes. (Final, PG, R) **2.00** Death In Paradise. (PGv, R) **3.00** QI. (PG, R) **3.30** Nigella Bites. (R) **3.55** Grand Designs New Zealand. (PG, R) **4.40** Long Lost Family: What Happened Next. (PG, R) **5.30** Antiques Roadshow. (R)

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ABC FAMILY (22) **6am** Children's Programs. **110pm** Octonauts. **2.45** The Makery. **3.00** Play School. **3.40** Fizzy And Suds. **4.10** Andy's Safari Adventures. **4.25** Mojo Swoptops. **5.30** Peter Rabbit. **6.05** PJ Masks. **6.25** Paddington. **6.45** Ben and Holly. **7.05** Batwheels. **7.35** Ninjago: Dragons Rising. **8.00** Operation Ouch! **8.30** Animals Up Close With Bertie Gregory. **9.10** Super Shark Highway. **10.00** Late Programs.

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6am Morning Programs. **11.10** Who Do You Think You Are? US. (PG, R) **12.00** BBC News At Ten. **12.30** France 24. **1.00** PBS News. **2.00** The Point: Road To Referendum History Bites. (R) **2.05** Planet Reef. (PGaw, R) **3.05** Going Places. (PG, R) **3.35** Plat Du Tour. (R) **3.45** The Cook Up. (PG, R) **4.15** Westminster Abbey: Behind Closed Doors. (PG, R) **5.05** Jeopardy! **5.30** Letters And Numbers. (R)

SBS VICELAND (31) 6am Morning Programs: **10.00** Mastermind Aust. **Noon** DW The Day. **12.30** Homicide. **2.15** Heroines. **3.45** WorldWatch. **5.45** Mysteries From Above. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats. **8.35** Count Of Monte Cristo. **9.35** Hoarders. **11.20** Dark Side Of The Ring. **12.15am** Bad Education. **1.25** Count Abdulla. **2.20** The Bloody Decade. **3.15** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera.

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6.00 Sunrise. **7.30** The Morning Show. (PG)
10.30 MOVIE: My Norwegian Holiday. (2023,
 PGa) Rhiannon Fish, David Elsendoorn. **12.30**
 Bridge Of Lies. **1.30** The Chase. (R) **2.30**
 Seven News At 4.
3.30 The Chase Australia.
4.30 Seven News.
5.30 Cricket. Big Bash League. Match 3.
 Hobart Hurricanes v Sydney Thunder.

7MATE (70) 6am Morning Programs.
Noon Outback Opal Hunters. **2.00** Billy The
 Extreminator. **3.00** American Resto. **3.30** Storage
 Wars. **4.00** American Pickers. **5.00** Pawn Stars.
6.00 Outback Truckers. **8.00** Railroad Australia.
9.00 Ice Road Truckers. **11.00** Storage Wars. **11.30**
 American Pickers. **12.30am** Pawn Stars. **1.30**
 Outback Truckers. **2.30** Ice Road Truckers. **3.30**
 Swamp People. **4.30** Late Programs.

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6.00 Today. **8.30** Today Extra Summer. (PG)
11.00 9News Morning.
11.30 **MOVIE: The Heiress Of**
Christmas. (2023, G, R)
1.30 Pointless. (PG, R)
2.30 Tipping Point. (PG, R)
3.30 9News Afternoon.
4.30 Tipping Point Australia. (PG, R)
5.30 9News.

9GEM (90) 6am Morning Programs.
11.30 MOVIE: The Raging Moon. (1971, PG) **1.50pm**
 Antiques Roadshow. **2.20 MOVIE:** Deliver By Christmas. (2020) **4.00** Yorkshire Auction House.
5.00 Antiques Roadshow. **6.00** New Tricks. **7.10**
MOVIE: Moonraker. (1979, PG) **9.45** Major Crimes.
10.45 Shakespeare And Hathaway. **11.45** Creflo.
12.15am MOVIE: The Raging Moon. (1971, PG) **2.30**
 Gideon's Way. **3.30** Late Programs.

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6.00 Farm To Fork. (R) **6.30** Bold. (PG, R)
7.00 Deal Or No Deal. (R) **7.30** Lingo. (R)
8.30 Ent. Tonight. (R) **9.00** Jamie Oliver:
 Christmas. (R) **10.00** My Market Kitchen.
 (R) **10.30** Farm To Fork. **11.00** Family Feud.
 (PG, R) **11.30** News. **12.30** Deal Or No Deal.
 (R) **1.00** Lingo. (R) **2.00** News. **2.30** Bondi
 Rescue. (PG, R) **3.00** Bold. (PG) **3.30** 10 News.
4.30 10 News+. **5.30** Deal Or No Deal. (R)

10 DRAMA (1) **6am** Shopping. **6.30** Escape Fishing. **7.30** Living Room. **8.30** JAG. **10.30** Days Of Our Lives. **11.15** The Young And The Restless. **Noon** Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly Australia. **1.00** JAG. **3.00** Living Room. **4.00** JAG. **6.00** NCIS. **7.00** Law & Order: SVU. **8.55** NCIS: Hawai'i. (M, R) **9.50** The Hunt For The Family Court Killer. **10.50** 48 Hours. **12.45am** Shopping.

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ABC TV (2)
6.00 News Breakfast. **9.00** News. **10.00**
MOVIE: Whatever It Takes. (2024, Mdls, R)
11.30 Nigella's Christmas Kitchen. (R) **12.00**
 News. **1.00** Australian Chamber Orchestra's
 50th Gala. (R) **2.00** Death In Paradise. (PGA,
 R) **3.00** QI. (PG, R) **3.30** Nigella Bites. (R) **3.55**
 Grand Designs New Zealand. (R) **4.40** Long
 Lost Family: What Happened Next. (PG, R)
5.30 Antiques Roadshow. (R)

7.00 ABC News.
7.30 7.30.
8.00 Hard Quiz Battle
Of The Networks. (M)
Presented by Tom Gleeson.
8.30 The Yearly With Charlie
Pickering. (PG) A look back at 2025.
9.45 Spicks And Specks. (PG, R)
Hosted by comedian Adam Hills.
10.30 My Kitchen Helper. (First R)

ABC FAMILY (22) **6am** Children's Programs. **110pm** Octonauts. **2.45** The Makery. **3.00** Play School. **3.40** Fizzy And Suds. **4.10** Andy's Safari Adventures. **4.25** Mojo Swoopots. **5.30** Peter Rabbit. **6.05** PJ Masks. **6.25** Paddington. **6.45** Ben And Holly. **7.05** Batwheels. **7.35** Ninjago: Dragons Rising. **8.00** How To Train Your Dragon Homecoming. **9.05** Teen Titans Go! **9.40** Pokémon: Diamond And Pearl. **10.00** Late Programs.

6am Morning Programs. **11.10** Who Do You Think You Are? 72 US. (PGa, R) **12.00** BBC News At Ten. **12.30** France 24. **1.00** PBS News. **2.00** The Point: Road To Referendum History Bites. (R) **2.05** Planet Reef. (R) **3.05** Going Places. (R) **3.35** Plat Du Tour. (R) **3.45** The Cook Up. (R) **4.15** Westminster Abbey: Behind Closed Doors. (R) **5.05** Jeopardy! **5.30** Letters And Numbers. (R)

SBS VICELAND (31) **6am** Morning Programs. **Noon** DW The Day. **12.30** Hong Kong's Fight For Freedom. **1.30** If You Are The One. **3.30** Fashionista. **3.45** WorldWatch. **5.40** Travel Man. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats. **8.35** Count Of Monte Cristo. **9.40** Adam Hills: The Last Leg. **10.30** **MOVIE:** Reservoir Dogs. (1992, MA15+) **12.20am** Stacey Dooley Sleeps Over USA. **2.05** The Bloody Decade. **3.00** Late Programs.

6am Morning Programs. **11.00** The Ashes: The Lunch Break. **11.40** Cricket. The Ashes. Third Test. Australia v England. Day 1. Afternoon session. **1.40** The Ashes: Tea Break. **2.00** Cricket. The Ashes. Third Test. Australia v England. Day 1. Evening session. **4.30** News. **5.30** Cricket. Big Bash League. Match 4. Sydney Sixers vs Adelaide Strikers.

7MATE (70) **6am** Morning Programs. **Noon** Outback Truckers. **2.00** Billy The Exterminator. **3.00** American Resto. **3.30** Storage Wars. **4.00** American Pickers. **5.00** Pawn Stars. **6.00** Highway Patrol. **7.00** The Force: BTL. **8.00** Caught On Dashcam Holiday Specials. **9.00** World's Wildest Police Videos. **10.00** Live PD Presents: PD Cam. **10.30** American Resto. **11.00** Storage Wars. **11.30** American Pickers. **12.30am** Late Programs.

6.00 Today. **8.30** Today Extra Summer. (PG)
11.00 9News Morning.
11.30 **MOVIE:** Christmas On The
 Alpaca Farm. (2023, G)
1.30 Pointless. (PG, R)
2.30 Tipping Point. (PG, R)
3.30 9News Afternoon.
4.30 Tipping Point Australia. (PG, R)
5.30 9News.

9GEM (90) **6am** Morning Programs.
11.30 MOVIE: The Mind Benders. (1963, PG)
1.50pm Antiques Roadshow. **2.20 MOVIE:** Marry Me At Christmas. (2017) **4.00** Yorkshire Auction House. **5.00** Antiques Roadshow. **6.00 TBA. 7.00 MOVIE:** For Your Eyes Only. (1981, M) **9.40** Major Crimes. **10.40** Shakespeare And Hathaway. **11.40** Creflo. **12.10am MOVIE:** The Mind Benders. (1963, PG) **2.30** Gideon's Way. **3.30** Late Programs.

6.00 Farm To Fork. (R) **6.30** Bold. (PG, R)
7.00 Deal Or No Deal. (R) **7.30** Lingo. (R)
8.30 Ent. Tonight. (R) **9.00** Jamie Oliver:
 Christmas. (R) **10.00** My Market Kitchen.
 (R) **10.30** Farm To Fork. **11.00** Family Feud.
 (PG, R) **11.30** News. **12.30** Deal Or No Deal.
 (R) **1.00** Lingo. (R) **2.00** News. **2.30** Bondi
 Rescue. (PG, R) **3.00** Bold. (PG) **3.30** 10 News.
4.30 10 News+. **5.30** Deal Or No Deal. (R)

10 DRAMA (1) 6am Shopping. **6.30** Escape Fishing. **7.30** Living Room. **8.30** JAG. **10.30** Days Of Our Lives. **11.15** The Young And The Restless. **Noon** Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly Australia. **1.00** JAG. **3.00** Living Room. **4.00** JAG. **6.00** NCIS. **7.00** Law & Order: SVU. **9.00** The Weekly Kick-Off. **9.30** The Hunt For The Family Court Killer. **10.25** 48 Hours. **12.20am** Shopping.

On Demand

Higher calling: Benoit Blanc (Daniel Craig, right) helps a young priest (Josh O'Connor) clear his name in *Wake Up Dead Man*.

CRISIS OF FAITH

WAKE UP DEAD MAN: A KNIVES OUT MYSTERY
Streaming from Friday, Netflix

Daniel Craig is back on the case as super sleuth Benoit Blanc for a third instalment in writer-director Rian Johnson's all-star murder mystery franchise. This time, the compelling plot revolves around a boxer-turned-priest (Josh O'Connor, *The Crown*) who is accused of killing a charismatic senior colleague (Josh

Brolin) during a Sunday service at a remote parish in upstate New York. Supposedly desperate to clear his name, he appeals to renowned detective Blanc to help find the culprit. And there's no shortage of other suspects among the church's humble flock who had a motive to topple the firebrand preacher. Among them are a devout follower (Glenn Close), a mysterious groundskeeper (Thomas Haden Church), a tightly wound lawyer (Kerry Washington) and an aspiring politician (Daryl McCormack). Also suspiciously perched in the pews are a washed-up author (Andrew Scott),

a concert cellist (Cailee Spaeny) and a small-town doctor (Jeremy Renner). With such a broad line-up to put under the microscope, Blanc joins forces with the local police chief (Mila Kunis) to whittle down the list in a bid to determine the killer. Together they must untangle a complex web of secrets, lies and simmering tensions within the tight-knit community to uncover the truth. Craig is at his debonair best in this twist-filled, enjoyably macabre whodunnit that should cement Blanc's position alongside Sherlock Holmes and Hercule Poirot as an iconic investigator on whom audiences can always rely. - Travis Lewis



F1 THE MOVIE
Streaming from Friday, Apple TV

Brad Pitt puts the pedal to the metal as a former Formula One driver who embarks on a comeback in this high-octane blockbuster directed by Joseph Kosinski (*Top Gun: Maverick*). Javier Bardem co-stars as a team owner who coaxes the veteran out of retirement to partner with a hotshot rookie (Damson Idris, pictured, left, with Pitt).



REVEALED: DEATH CAP MURDERS PARTS 2 AND 3
Streaming, Stan

The Age journalists John Silvester (pictured), Marta Pascual Juanola and Erin Pearson leave no stone unturned in this docuseries. Two new chapters shift the focus to the days after the fatal Leongatha lunch and Erin Patterson's efforts to conceal the truth, as well as the mountain of evidence that was hidden from the jury during the Morwell trial.



TAYLOR SWIFT: THE END OF AN ERA
Streaming, Disney+

Christmas has come early for fans of Taylor Swift (pictured) with this double dose of Eras Tour goodness: a six-part docuseries offering an intimate look at what life on tour is like for the world's biggest pop star, and a new concert special that captures all the magic of the final show in Vancouver. Featuring famous friends Sabrina Carpenter, Ed Sheeran, Florence Welch and more, it's a rare glimpse behind closed doors.



MERV
Streaming, Prime Video

Zoey Deschanel and Charlie Cox (both pictured) play exes who share custody of their beloved dog Merv in this charming romantic comedy. Turns out their canine companion is heartbroken that they're no longer together, so the former partners take the hound to a pet-friendly resort in Florida in a bid to cheer him up. As they desperately try to lift miserable Merv's spirits, the pair also unexpectedly reignite their own connection.



SIMON COWELL: THE NEXT ACT
Streaming, Netflix

Music mogul Simon Cowell (pictured) has been instrumental in the success of pop groups such as One Direction, Little Mix and Westlife. In this docuseries, the infamously blunt record executive and talent show judge sets out to assemble what he hopes will become the next global sensation. There's caustic barbs aplenty as Cowell ruthlessly searches for future stars.



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Powdery mildew, which affects cucumbers, needs to be managed as quickly.



Cucumbers, pumpkins, water and rock melon, zucchini and grape vines can all experience problems with powdery mildew.



Mulching can make a huge difference to water evaporation rates and soil temperatures.

Busy beds at Christmas time

WHILE the Christmas break is normally a period for kicking back and relaxing, the recent rains and ideal growing conditions demand the home gardener needs to pay increased attention to the garden.

Lawn, pest and disease and weed management all should be given immediate and continued priority.

Lawns will need regular mowing, a careful eye needs to be kept for lawn grubs and the lawn will benefit by being given a feed.

Lawn grass growth rates in response to the recent rains and humid conditions demand that most lawns will need to be mowed at least once a week, not forgetting to raise the mower one notch, cutting it slightly higher.

Lawns allowed to grow unchecked will promote an increased likelihood of lawn grubs as the moth is encouraged to lay eggs in the longer grass.

While keeping lawns regularly mowed, a careful watch should be kept for the presence of African Black Beetle and the Army or Lawn Grub. Both can devastate even well-maintained lawns.

The secret to managing African beetle and Lawn grub is to break the breeding cycles.

If grubs or beetle are present mow the lawn, give it a good deep watering and then spray with an appropriate chemical and refrain from watering for two to three days.

Ten to 14 days after the first spray follow the same procedure as detailed above, this should provide adequate control for at least 10-12 weeks.

Lawn grasses will benefit by being given a feed if not fed since spring.

If given a complete NPK fertiliser in spring an application of a high nitrogen fertiliser like Sulphate of Ammonia should be sufficient.

This will green up the lawn and promote healthy growth more able to resist mild outbreaks of pest and disease.

If you failed to feed the lawn in spring apply a complete NPK lawn fertiliser to promote strong root, stem and leaf growth.

When experiencing a few mild days some planting is possible in the general garden and the vegetable and herb patch.

Don't forget however any plants being introduced into the garden should only be planted into moist soil as dry soil will immediately send your new plantings into shock.

In the food garden many plants can suffer from Powdery Mildew at this time of the year with warm days and a little moisture or high humidity.

Cucumbers, pumpkins, water and rock melon, zucchini and grape vines can all experience problems with powdery mildew.



Treat powdery mildew with a fungicide with at least one repeat spray.

Powdery mildew appears as a white powder on the plant's foliage and needs to be managed as quickly the plant's foliage will dry and die off and subsequently affect the plant's health.

Plants affected by powdery mildew need to be treated with a fungicide with at least one repeat spray necessary to manage this disease.

Sometimes a regular 10-14 day spraying program may need to be initiated particularly if rainy conditions continue to prevail.

As an alternative consider treating powdery mildew with a milk and water spray.

One part full cream milk and four parts water sprayed weekly should bring the powdery mildew under control.

Spring and early summer rains have resulted in rampant weed growth that needs urgent immediate action.

Three corner jacks are of particular concern particularly for children, animals and push bikes, they need removing immediately.

Couch and buffel along with a number of broad-leaved weeds like milk thistle are growing with gusto with some currently flowering and setting seed.

They all need attention.

Lastly irrigation systems need to be managed now as any failures can have significant consequences.

If going away for a week or two over the holiday period you may need to turn on your irrigation system, renew the batteries whether they need it or not and check to ensure all is fully functional prior to leaving home.

Re-mulching the garden has many advantages particularly if you are heading off for several weeks.

All exposed soils should be mulched over the summer months.

The value of mulch can't be stressed enough as a well mulched garden will experience few weed problems, will stimulate micro-biotic soil activity, will moderate soil temperatures and result in less water lost through evaporation.

A top honour for stalwart

By Phil Williams

A stalwart of the tourism industry, Grant Whan has been named the winner of the 2025 Barry Bucholtz Award.

Re-elected TCA chairman Patrick Bedford presented Mr Whan with the accolade following the TCA Annual General Meeting in Alice Springs on Thursday, November 27.

Mr Bedford said the award recognised someone within the TCA's membership who should be acknowledged for their lifetime of excellence and leadership of the Central Australian tourism region.

"The award honours someone who epitomises these qualities, and the late Barry Bucholtz," Mr Bedford said in announcing the award.

"Tonight, we honour someone whose contribution to Central Australian tourism spans nearly four decades," Mr Bedford said, adding it wasn't just the length of Mr Whan's service to the industry that made him deserving of the award.

"It's his unwavering commitment to this place, its people, and the passion he's maintained for decade after decade."

Through his career, Mr Whan has worked at many of the region's tourist attractions including the School of the Air Visitors' Centre and The Flying Doctor Centre.

Earlier in the evening, Mr Whan, along with Rex Neindorf, was bestowed with Life Membership of the TCA.

Accepting the distinction, a clearly emotional Mr Whan said it was an honour receive

the award.

"Half an hour ago, I was standing over there feeling pretty honoured to get Life Membership," Mr Whan said.

"Now, to be standing here tonight, accepting the Barry Bucholtz Award is something very special.

"I feel really humbled to receive this, and I'm privileged to be able to say I'm one of those people who knew Barry.

"He was pretty special to me.

"Ironically, I was actually part of the committee who put this award together when we first lost Barry."

Mr Whan joins other well-known Central Australian Tourism figures such as Wayne Kraft, Ted Egan and Jan Hayes as winners of the award.

FOUR DECADES: Grant Whan with the perpetual plaque after being named the recipient of the prestigious 2025 TCA Barry Bucholtz Award. (Phil Williams: 521227)



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Hosting Albert Namatjira

By Ted Egan - first published in The Centralian Today on 20 June 2024

THERE are many people in Alice who knew Albert Namatjira better than I.

I can at least say that he spent two weeks in 1954 staying at my house in Darwin.

The Queen was due to visit Australia for the first time; it had been decided that a group of Northern Territory Aboriginals would assemble in Darwin and then “proceed” as a group to Toowoomba Queensland to “meet the Queen”.

Naturally, Albert was to be an important member of the group: he was already famous as a fine painter.

I was at the time a Patrol Officer with the Native Affairs Branch, and I was given the task of preparing the group for the visit to Queensland.

Seventeen NT Aboriginals – men only – would participate, together with just the one Aboriginal girl from Western Australia, Ruth Daylight, whose arrangements were organised in Perth.

Fifteen NT men were chosen as “typical warrior types”, all impressive physically: five from Tiwi Islands, five from Milingimbi and five from Central Australia. Albert Namatjira and a Police Tracker, Dick Tjanakanu from Anthony’s Lagoon, were to be introduced personally to Her Majesty, along with Ruth Daylight.

We spent two weeks in Darwin preparing the group for travel.

They all needed suitable “southern” clothing.

Dick Tjanakanu was to wear standard police uniform, Albert Namatjira had two magnificent suits made by well-known Darwin tailor George Lim.

He looked stunning.

The tribal men were all accommodated at Bagot Reserve, and they settled in easily there, preparing their dance routines, spear and boomerang throwing.

It was deemed inadvisable to seek accommodation at any of the hotels in Darwin as “blackfellows” were not welcome, so my wife, Rae, and I prepared a room for Albert at our house.

He was an exemplary guest. Polite, easy to feed, personally pleasant.

The adjective that has always been with me in respect of the great man is “dignified”.

He was physically handsome, very aware of the role he was about to play.

Although I had done all the spade work, it was eventually decreed that I was “too young” to accompany the group to Toowoomba, so another PO took over: you cop that on the big contracts.

However, it was a highly successful trip in every respect, and I can always say that Albert Namatjira spent time at my house.

Lucky me.

Albert Namatjira’s life story was one of great success in many respects: he and his wonderful paintings are treasured.

But as an Aboriginal man he suffered huge discrimination in his homeland.

He owned a block of residential land in the town of Alice Springs, but was refused permission to build on it, on straight racist terms, so he had to continue to live at various “bush camps” in town, living in a very modest home at Ntaria (Hermannsburg) whenever there.

In 1954, when a small group of “achieving” full-descent Aboriginals, including Albert, were declared to be citizens, he was subjected to devious treatment by police on the matter of access to alcohol; he was able to purchase alcohol but was not permitted to share it with relations or friends.

That inevitably led to confrontation with the police; they waited with unconcealed delight as Namatjira purchased a bottle of wine

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ICONS: Albert and Rubina Namatjira pictured in 1945 (National Library Of Australia/Pastor Gross)

and shared it with his family. The penalty: six months imprisonment.

The wily Minister for Territories, Paul Hasluck, spotted the political implications.

He quickly had the Haast Bluff Reserve gazetted as ‘an institution within the meaning of the Prisons Ordinance’.

Albert was quickly whisked out of sight of journalists and spent the sentence committed to an Aboriginal Reserve.

On appeal, Namatjira’s sentence was reduced to three months. In fact, he served only eight weeks committal, with remission for good behaviour.

He was released in May 1959 and returned to Hermannsburg.

He seemed to have lost the will to live, or to paint.

He had a heart attack and died on 8 August 1959.

His funeral service was conducted at the Alice Springs Cemetery, Memorial Drive, by his old friend Pastor Albrecht.

His widow, Rubina, was the principal mourner.

Here are a couple of verses of my song, which I composed one day at Palm Valley.

I sang the song, full volume.

As my voice reverberated around the landscape I thought of the great man.

Sitting in the dirt and the trial is finally done

I’m to spend six months in gaol, just for sharing with my son

When I was young I walked this land

With wise old men who said:

“When we change you to a man

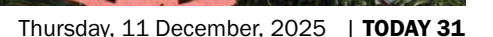
If you don’t share, you’re dead”.....

- My songs are available on iTunes: Ted Egan. Aritjinanga.



PAINTER: A 1946 picture of Rubina and Albert Namatjira taken by Axel Poignant. (National Library Of Australia/Frank Johnston Collection)

CENTRAL PROUD: Ted Egan in his home at Alice Springs. (Bryan Littlely: 359547)



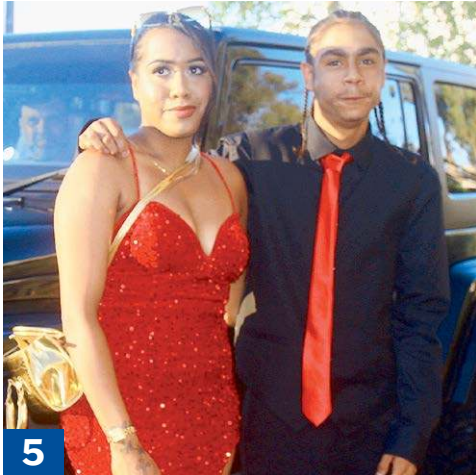
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Celebrating school's end

By Phil Williams

CENTRALIAN Senior College wrapped up the Year 12 formals for 2025 when their graduates kicked the school books to the kerb by celebrating at the convention centre on Friday November 28.

Arriving at the celebration to mark the end of their final school year, the students were greeted by a large group of family and friends who cheered as each one strode along the red carpet before going into full party mode and letting their hair down in jubilation.



- 1: COOL: Martin Norman oozed cool as he made his arrival. (522034)
- 2: YEAR 12: The CSC class of 25. (Phil Williams: 522034)
- 3: DAPPER: Fin Harris, Domach Domach and Ahmed Abro looking very dapper on the red carpet. (522034)
- 4: DOUBLE: Kelly Rogers and Ettain Winter doubled up for their formal entrance. (522034)
- 5: COORDINATED: Tiani Andrews and Ethan Swan about to walk the red carpet. (522034)
- 6: PINK: Sophie Ah Kit and Harmony Bristowe make their red carpet arrival at the CSC formal. (522034)
- 7: ENTRANCE: Dakota Masado and Ben Clark make their formal entrance. (522034)
- 8: LADY IN RED: Miriata Toala arrived in style. (522034)
- 9: SILVER: Tandin Dorji sparkled in a silver and blue gown. (522034)
- 10: SOLO: Sapan Sedhai made a solo entrance. (522034)
- 11: STEP UP: Eva Milne and Abby Fox-Bates step up to the red carpet. (522034)
- 12: STUNNERS: Kalaea Schwaiger and Rhiana Arbon made a stunning entrance. (522034)





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- 13:** CLASS: Lulu Watson and Obie Tam looked classy. (Phil Williams: 522034)
- 14:** TOUGH: Josh Meyer arrived in a tough looking 4WD. (522034)
- 15:** IMPRESSIVE: Siosiua Ioane and Kyra Harrison dressed to impress. (522034)
- 16:** GLAMOUR: Mercedes Strawbridge and Chiara Polaski rode in a white Mustang to make their formal entrance. (522034)
- 17:** MINI ME: Tama Wallace with Harley Junior made a grand entrance. (522034)
- 18:** SHAWL: Wynessa Ross Jurrah paid tribute to her heritage by wearing an indigenous art inspired shawl. (522034)
- 19:** GIRLS NIGHT: Kia Ella Ford, Bolatagici and Aseri Ledua teamed up for the red carpet. (522034)
- 20:** KINGSWOOD: Renee Stuart and George Bufton arrived in a classic Kingswood for the CSC formal. (522034)
- 21:** STYLE: Alyssa Davies and Dominique Battisel arrived with great style. (522034)
- 22:** SEQUINS: Tarnia Palmer's sequins sparkled as she arrived with partner Kavaghn Rogers. (522034)
- 23:** GT ENTRANRANCE: Hartley Rowa and Isabelle Short made a big V8 entrance in a classic Falcon GT. (522034)



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Glitz and glamour of formals

By Phil Williams



- 1: BOW TIE: Nathan Swan looked smart with a bow tie on the red carpet. (522034)
- 2: JAG: A stunning Leah Magielies matched perfectly with the classic Jaguar XK120. (Phil Williams: 522034)
- 3: REGAL: Arianne Todd and Jasmine McGuinness looked regal as they took to the red carpet. (522034)
- 4: ICE BLUE: Jemima Morrison and GLAM: Sally Harder looking ice cool. (522034)
- 5: SMILES: Tawhiri Don-Tahapeehi and Sinamoana Saanga arrived with big smiles. (522034)



- 6: GENERAL: Lily Muir and Daniel Duke arrived in a classic Holden. (522034)
- 7: SHARP: Kendyl Forrester looked sharp as he made his entrance. (522034)
- 8: CUTE: Jackson Derrington escorted big sister Astra to the ball. (522034)
- 9: COUPE: Riley Swan steps from the big Falcon coupe before the red carpet parade. (522034)
- 10: MATCHING: Malua Mulitalo and Eliesa Taliu looked dashing in their matching suits. (522034)
- 11: FUN TIME: Asher Lennie and Keilan Cole stole the show with their bicycle entrance. (522034)



Social

Dressed to really impress

By Phil Williams



1: ENTRANCE: Zeta Saena and Jordan Vakapora entered in classic style. (Judith Coverdale/CSC 522034)

2: COMPLEMENTARY: Amina Acub and Believe Pasi complement each other's look. (Phil Williams: 522034)

3: RITZY: Braydon Watts looked ritzy with his splashes of blue. (Phil Williams: 522034)

4: SWEET RIDE: Kayde Cox and Keira Silsberry arrived in a left-hand drive Mustang. (Phil Williams: 522034)

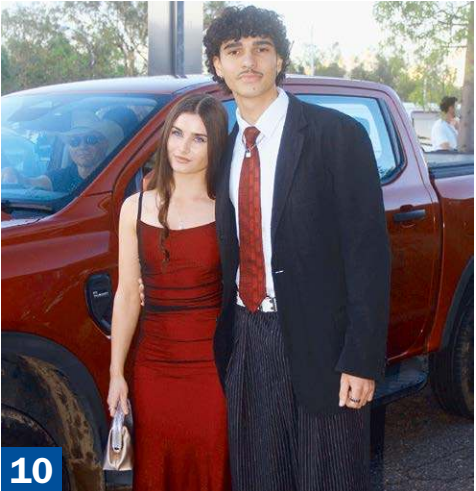


5: STARS: Chloe Leo Lavite and Pierre Maui give a wave as they make their red carpet entrance. (Phil Williams: 522034)

6: VIBES: Zane Spinx-Collins and Phoenix Hewstone feeling the vibes. (Phil Williams: 522034)

7: VALEDICTORY: Raison Ocillos and Harper Raja about to walk the red carpet to their Valedictory dinner. (Phil Williams: 522034)

8: THE BOYS: Jacob Ross, Addyson Lowe and Ridley Bell were too cool for school. (Phil Williams: 522034)





TECH: St Philip's College students, Atticus Angelo (Year 10), Mariah Taumalolo (Year 7) and Abby Lander (Year 7) with Careers Advisor, Stacey Gill.

Students get taste for AI

By Gladys Barreta

A GAME introducing students to the world of AI has seen young people across Alice Springs take part in a national Media Literacy, Misinformation and AI competition.

Using George Orwell's Animal Farm as a setting, over two weeks, students were tasked with creating social media bots and testing how different settings and instructions affected the bots' performance online.

Through the Win the Farm competition presented by Day of AI Australia, students competed for two national prizes of \$1500 each across two categories: Years 7-8 and Years 9-10.

The competition aimed to teach and highlight to young people about AI's capabilities and how it can be used to influence opinion, build power and shape narratives.

Students from St Philip's College won both categories, beating more than 300 students from across Australia.

Year 10 student Atticus Angelo designed bots that highlighted the dangers of misinformation and how it influences global decision-making, including politics.

"I wanted my bot to be funny, short and snappy so it would stick in people's minds, especially in this generation where attention spans are lower," he said.

"I learned how different settings changed the bot's behaviour. Not all the bots agreed with what mine said, so I tweaked mine to be a bit angrier to reach a different audience. One of my bots wasn't performing well, so I changed the tone slightly and it did much better."

Year 7 student Abby Lander began with a "sweet and relatable" bot, but soon realised it wasn't gaining traction.

"We wanted people to understand where the bot was coming from and to be nice to them but that didn't really work," she said.

"We changed it to be more serious, short and snappy. People wouldn't really go for sweet bots in real life. Bots and AI can do a lot of thing, sometimes they're used for good, but they can also be used for bad."

Both students said the project reshaped their understanding of AI.

"I knew AI could help you progress ideas, but this reinforced that AI will do what it's told," Mr Angelo said. said.

"I didn't know much about AI before but just that it was like a robot that could do anything," Ms Lander said. "Now I understand it more. It's opened my eyes to its capabilities and how useful it can be."

St Philip's College Career Advisor, Stacey Gill said the competition gave students a first-hand look at how bots actually work.

"It's something people talk about a lot, but



PROGRAM: Atticus, Mariah and Abby working on AI bots in the school library.



BOTS: Abby Lindner and Atticus Angelo work on AI bots with the aid of Careers Advisor, Stacey Gill. (Phil Williams: 520429)



INTERFACE: With the help of Careers Advisor, Stacey Gill, St Philip's students Abby Lindner and Atticus Angelo dive into the world of AI bots. (520429)

seeing the bots in action helped students understand the role they play in people's lives," she said.

"The competition ran over two weeks. We spent time looking at AI, algorithms, and social media, and students quickly realised that things take time to gain traction online. The first bots were rubbish, but watching students adjust and communicate more effectively was really interesting."

Both students plan to invest their prize money in technology to support their school-work.



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Support to study health

A program offering financial and mentoring support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students pursuing a career in health is now open for applications.

The 2026 Indigenous Health Scholarship Program (IHSP) will fund up to 80 scholarships each year over two years, with a total investment of \$1 million.

Each recipient will receive \$5,000 to help cover everyday study costs such as books and stationery, making it easier for students to complete qualifications in medicine, nursing, allied health and other health disciplines.

Minister for Health, Disability and Ageing, Mark Butler, said the program was a practical investment in the future of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health professionals and the communities they serve.

“By supporting students with financial and cultural mentoring, we’re helping to close the gap in health outcomes and workforce representation,” he said.

The First Nations-led organisation Indigenous Allied Health Australia (IAHA) will manage the scholarship program, providing culturally safe support and mentoring to students to improve retention and graduation rates.

Transferring the program to an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled organisation aligns with Closing the Gap Priority Reforms 1 and 2, which focus on shared decision-making and strengthening the community-controlled sector.



HEALTH: Mark Butler, Minister for Health and Aged Care. (Supplied)

Applications close on February 15, 2026.

More information is available at the Indigenous Health Scholarship Program via Indigenous Allied Health Australia.

Precision sweep: Robot makes cleaning easier

By Phil Williams

IN recent weeks, people walking past the Yeperenye Shopping Centre after hours may have noticed an alien-like figure traversing the mall.

In what is believed to be a Territory first, the centre has taking delivery of a new cleaning robot.

The new hi-tech automated cleaner is programmed by mapping the shopping centre and staff are then trained in how to use, maintain and troubleshoot the robot, all of which can be done remotely, if required.

“This particular robot scrubs this centre in one map. It takes roughly about an hour and ten minutes,” Marcus Coombe, the Operations Manager of supplier Millenium said.

“It’s very, very precise.”

Not only does the robot provide greater efficiency, it gives back the ability to redeploy staff for more customer-centric tasks and maintains consistency with cleaning.

Mr Coombe said the purpose of the robot was not to take jobs, but to give the centre’s cleaning staff more time to complete other tasks.

“It’s here to help them so we can actually do more, perform more and be more proactive in what we do,” he said.

“At the moment, scrubbing by hand just takes too long.”

Once it has completed the job, the robot



ALIEN: Marcus Coombe demonstrating the new space-age cleaning robot in Yeperenye Shopping Centre. (Phil Williams: 519978)

bot sends an email stating what tasks it has completed, the amount of water used, and how much battery life remains.

Mr Coombe said the robot was easy to use and staff could easily adapt to using it.

“The hardest thing about using it is taking it off the charger.

“You just put it in the spot, hit the button, it analyses itself, finds where it is in the centre and away it goes.”

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Army captain’s noted legacy

By Phil Williams

VAN Senden Avenue in Araluen, and extending into Gillen, was gazetted on February 3, 1971 as a tribute to former army officer and government official Dudley Luto Van Senden.

He was born Adelaide, on 7 June 1892, and came to Alice Springs during World War II as an Army officer.

When he enlisted on 1 May 1916 at the age of 23, Van Senden was recorded as a farmer from North Adelaide.

He embarked for overseas as a Sergeant, service number 13457, from Melbourne on 22 December 1916 aboard HMAT Persic.

While serving in France with the 5th Divisional Mechanical Transport Company, he was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant on 7 October 1918.

He returned to Australia as a Lieutenant on 30 January 1919 and remained in the Army.

After serving in WWII, he was discharged from the army as Captain.

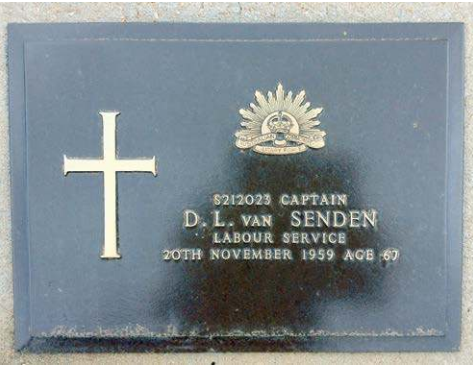
He returned to Alice Springs, with his wife, after the war and held an administrative position in the municipal section of the Northern Territory Administration (NTA) which operated before the town council was established.

He served as a JP for several years and as there was no funeral service in the town, also conducted funerals as part of his duties.

Van Senden was instrumental in planting many trees in Alice Springs, in particular the gums on Gap Road.

When he retired from his government position, he worked for Dalgety Stock Agents, which later became Wesfarmers Dalgety Ltd.

After his wife’s death, he went to Elkedra Sta-



SERVICE: The Australian Defence Force plaque on Van Senden’s grave in South Australia. (Australian War Memorial: 399838)

tion as bookkeeper before moving south, where he later died in Adelaide on 20 November 1959 at the age of 67.

He was buried with other family members, including his parents, at St Jude’s Cemetery in the Adelaide suburb of Brighton.

A portion of Van Senden Avenue was once part of the east-west runway of the old Alice Springs Airport before the airport was relocated to the Seven Mile site near the existing airport.

Van Senden’s name appears on several World War I honour rolls, including the Adelaide Rowing Club, St Peter’s College in the Adelaide suburb of Hackney and the Yarcowie District Roll of Honour.

Source: The history of Alice Springs through Landmarks and Street Names by Jose Petrick OAM- Third Edition updated to 1996.

Additional information: Virtual War Memorial Australia and NT Place Names Register.



Dudley Luto Van Senden. (Virtual War Memorial)

Sunset lights up Carols

By Phil Williams

O Come All Ye Faithful...and they did as a great crowd turned out for Carols by Candlelight at Traeger Park on Sunday evening.

Hosted by the Combined Christian Churches of Alice Springs, the balmy weather made for a perfect night of carol singing on the oval lawn.



CANDLES: Lily and Sophia had their candles ready wave. (522966)



ELF: Sam Harris got into the spirit of Carols. (522966)



OUT AND ABOUT: Heather Jackson and Holly Russell out and about at Carols by Candlelight. (Phil Williams: 522966)



FAMILY: Erin, Jarrah and James Maitland relaxing at Carols by Candlelight. (522966)



CAROLS: Jayne and Django Vargas ready for a night of carol singing. (522966)



FRIENDS: Leo Organ-Lynch, Myles Lynch and Courtney Organ with Jules Marshall and Joey Kordonski at the Traeger Park Christmas Carols. (522966)



MATES: Liam Richardson, Olivia Biggs, Steph Potter and Danya Button enjoying a night out at Carols. (522966)



SMILES: Valmay Wayne, Renisha Turner, Leanna Wayne, Monisha Turner and Aleshay Marshall at Carols by Candlelight. (522966)



FUN: Sophie Morey and Heidi Morrison having fun at Carols by Candlelight. (522966)



TRIO: Tenika Hill, Tallira Anderson and Mya Rogers at Carols by Candlelight. (522966)



ST JOHN: St John volunteers were prepared for anything. (522966)



SUNSET: The Duncan family enjoying the sunset at Carols. (522966)

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SHOT: Ilanka Udara leans back and sends the ball in to the outfield. (522932)



TAKEN: Jake Morton completes a relatively easy catch in the deep to send Chathura Lekamwasam back to the pavilion. (522932)



RATTLED: Prabath Dasanayake has his stumps rattled early in West's innings. (522932)

Rovers ‘procession of pain’

ROVERS won their way into the A Grade one day grand final with a close fought win over West at Albrecht Oval on November 29.

Batting first after winning the toss, West probably felt they were a few runs short of where they should have been when their innings closed.

Rovers bowlers started well, putting on scoreboard pressure with some tight bowling keeping West to just 13 runs in the sixth over when the first wicket fell and thing became worse for West.

The top order suddenly felt under pressure and it became a procession of pain for the top order.

When the usually reliable Samindra Madishan was clean bowled taking a big swing off Praful Gautam the innings was in trouble at 4/28.

Two balls later, Tahir Javid also had his castle knocked over by Gautam and West were reeling and not looking like making three figures after 10 overs.

It was now up to Jacob Dick and Yuen Gepp to salvage the innings.

They brought some respectability to the innings with a 93-run partnership taking the score along to 121 when Dick was bowled for 65 by Hasitha Rajapakshe.

Chasing quick runs as the overs ran out, West lost two more wickets taking their total to 135.

Gepp remained not-out on 35 after his supporting role with Dick.

Gautam's heroics in destroying the top order left him as best of the bowling attack with 4/30 off eight overs.

Rovers run chase almost mirrored the West innings.

Their innings started poorly and before long, they were 2/2 inside two overs with both openers, Lucas Nitschke and Tanner Coulthard back in the shed.

West were on top with runs hard to get.

When Graham Schmitd fell LBW to Albert Gibson in the 14th over, Rovers had just 34 runs on the board.

Jake Morton and Ben Ellis steadied the innings taking it to 72 when Morton was trapped in front by Shakeel Faizer for 72.

Ellis was playing well as the strokemaker and with Hasitha Rajapakshe, in another good partnership of 61, they guided the innings within sight of West's total when Rajapakshe was caught for 37 with the score at 6/153.

Rovers finished with 7/154 from 42.3 overs with Ellis unbeaten on 56 from 83 deliveries.

Jacob Goodlet was the best of West's bowlers with 2/22 from 7.3 overs with Gibson not far behind with 2/24 of nine overs.



FLAIL: Prabath Dasanayake flails at a wide ball. (Phil Williams: 522932)



CAUGHT: Praful Gautam takes a low catch in the deep to dismiss Ilanka Udara.



WICKET: Rovers players celebrate another West wicket. (522932)



CELEBRATE: Rovers players celebrate as Sammi Madushan departs. (522932)



SWING: The bails fly after Sammi Madushan has a big swing sending West's in to deep trouble. (522932)

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Rovers keeper, Luke Southam takes the ball over the stumps from a throw in the deep. (522917)



STEAMING IN: A Rovers bowler steams in. (522917)



WHACK: The Rovers batter sends the ball deep into the outfield. (522917)



HOWZAT: Orin Harrison turns to appeal as Luke Southam goes up and the Feds batter indicates no run. (522917)

Feds have a blast in semi

FEDERAL blasted their way to a decisive win over Rovers Works in the B Grade cricket one day semi final at Flynn Drive.

After winning the toss and electing to bat, Feds were off to a sluggish start as they went about setting a solid run chase.

When Deepinder Singh was the first to fall on November 29 for nine off the bowling of Orin Harrison in the seventh over, the total was still short of 20.

Jack Harding joined Stephen Bennet and the two began to push the scoring along.

After Bennet fell to Mark Cane for 24 in the 21st over, Darryl Groves joined Harding who had his eye in and the pair upped the tempo again.

Both players brought up their 50 as they hammered the attack.

Groves was bowled soon after the milestone, but the damage was done with Rovers staring at a target close to 200.

Harding pushed on and finished with 65 not out as Feds batted out their 40 overs to finish on 5/187.

Namal Rathnayaka topped the Rovers bowlers with 3/38 from eight overs.

Orin Harrison finished with 2/29 from his eight overs to be top of the Rovers bowling ranks.

Like Feds, the Rovers chase was off to a sluggish start with Mark Leembruggen and Luke Southam at the crease.

Southam fell in the seventh over after edging a Groves delivery to 'keeper, Singh for just ten.

When Leembruggen was out in a similar fashion shortly after for just six from 30 deliveries it set off a chain reaction as the middle order imploded.

Rovers lost five wickets in the space of 33 deliveries and were in deep trouble.

A surge from Rathnayaka, coming in at number eight added some respectability to the scoreboard with some late innings runs, topping the scoring with 40.

Rovers left almost seven overs to play as they were dismissed for 110 from 33.1 overs.

Best of the Feds bowlers was Aaron McVeigh with 4/25 from eight overs.



SCRAMBLE: Orin Harrison at slip scrambles to take a catch of the edge. (Phil Williams: 522917)



SWING: The Feds batter almost lose the bat as he takes a bid swing as the ball goes down the leg side. (522917)



EVASIVE: Luke Southam takes evasive action as the Feds batter sends the ball to the fence. (522917)



FIELD: A Rovers bowler fields his own bowling as the Feds batter goes down on one knee. (522917)

Van Haaren slams his foe

ALICE Springs Tennis Association's representative Thomas Van Haaren has won the NT 1 Point Slam Championship against Gove Peninsula Tennis Club rep, Levi Mclean.

Both players travelled the furthest to get to the Darwin International Tennis Centre for the finals.

It was a great finish by Van Haaren, with a solid serve and an elegant backhand volley to take the title.

By winning the championship, Thomas not only wins a \$5k tennis grant for Alice Springs Tennis Association, but also a once in a lifetime player experience, with his chance to share the court with some of the game's greatest players and an opportunity to win \$1million or a Kia EV3!

The 22-year-old, who grew up in Alice Springs, went to Nebraska for college tennis in 2023.

He came back to Alice Springs in 2024, adapting from synthetic grass to hard court to win, point-by-point, his opportunity to play at Melbourne Park.

As the first of eight State/Territory champions, Van Haaren receives return airfares to Melbourne, two nights' accommodation, and the ultimate AO Player experience - their chance to compete against World No. 1 Carlos Alcaraz.

"Super grateful for the opportunity and to share the court with the best in the world," Van Haaren said.

The NT Championship capped off more than 200 community events held nationwide, where players battled for a coveted spot in the Main Draw.

The 1 Point Slam Driven by Kia is a fast-paced, high-stakes showdown that will see a draw of 48 pro players, amateurs and celebrity wildcards to battle it out for \$1 million in



Alice Springs red Thomas Van Haaren won the championship against Gove Peninsula Tennis Club rep, Levi Mclean.



The first of eight State/Territory Champions for the AO 1 Point Slam is Thomas Van Haaren.

prize money in a one-point knockout format on Wednesday 14 January under the lights of Rod Laver Arena.

Kia is raising the stakes, donating a -new EV3 to the last amateur standing in the 1 Point Slam main draw.

"The AO 1 Point Slam is tennis at its most exciting - one point, one shot at glory," Tennis Australia CEO Craig Tiley said.

"It's fast, unfiltered and open to everyone. "This event is the ultimate grassroots-to-Grand Slam experience.

"It's exciting to see our eight State Champions being crowned across the country who will have a shot to live out their Grand Slam dream on the biggest stage this January.

Tennis NT CEO Tania Tandora said they

had a ball hosting the 1 Point Slam events and watching the NT tennis community embrace the format.

"It's high stakes drama with every decision and so much fun seeing students face-off against coaches, parents against kid.

"Our NT winner gets the experience of a lifetime representing their club and the NT on Rod Laver Arena in January. We are so excited."

WEATHER FORECAST

Alice Springs:
Partly cloudy. Slight chance of a shower. The chance of a thunderstorm in the afternoon and evening. Winds northerly 15 to 20 km/h becoming light during the morning.
Friday. Partly cloudy. Light winds becoming northerly 15 to 20 km/h during the morning.
Saturday. Partly cloudy. Medium chance of showers. The chance of a thunderstorm. Light winds becoming southeast to southwesterly 15 to 25 km/h during the morning.
Sunday. Partly cloudy. Medium chance of showers, most likely during the morning. Winds southeasterly 15 to 25 km/h.

Tennant Creek:
Partly cloudy. Slight chance of a shower. The chance of a thunderstorm in the afternoon and evening. Light winds. 28/40
Friday. Possible storm. 28/40

Hermannsburg:
Possible storm. 22/41
Friday. Partly cloudy. 23/42

Santa Teresa:
Possible storm. 24/42
Friday. Partly cloudy. 25/42

Ross River:
Sunny morning. Possible storm. 23/42
Friday. Partly cloudy. 24/42

Uluru:
Possible storm. 25/41
Friday. Partly cloudy. 27/42

Darwin:
Partly cloudy. Medium chance of showers. The chance of a thunderstorm in the afternoon and evening. Light winds.
Friday. Partly cloudy. Medium chance of showers. The chance of a thunderstorm. Light winds.

Northern Territory:
A slight chance of showers and storms, increasing to a slight to medium chance in the Tanami and Gregory Districts and over the western Top End. Storms in the Simpson and Lasseter Districts are likely to be gusty with little, if any, rainfall. Very hot south of the Top End. Light to moderate northeast to northwesterly winds.

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THURSDAY
Sunny morning.
Possible storm. **41**

FRIDAY
Partly cloudy.
41

SATURDAY
Shower or two.
Possible storm. **38**

SUNDAY
Possible shower.
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Sunny

Mostly sunny

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Cloudy

Chance shower

Shower or two

Showers

Light rain (drizzle)

Rain

Storm

Showers storm

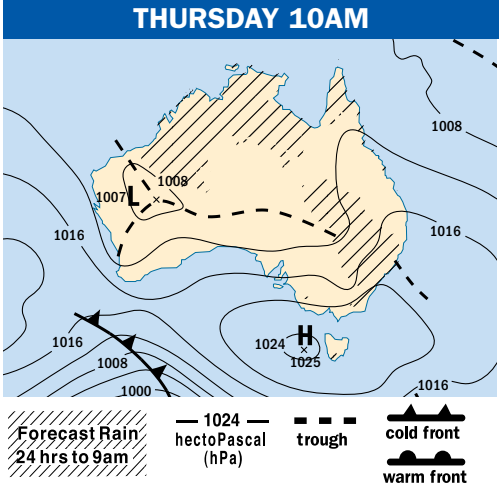
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CAPITAL CITIES		
City	Condition	Max
Adelaide	Partly cloudy.	33
Brisbane	Partly cloudy.	28
Canberra	Showers, afternoon storm.	23
Darwin	Shower or two.	34
Hobart	Partly cloudy.	20
Melbourne	Partly cloudy.	22
Perth	Sunny.	33
Sydney	Showers.	23

SUN & MOON				
	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	5:40am	7:14pm	Nil	10:50am
Thursday	5:41am	7:15pm	12:01am	11:47am
Friday	5:41am	7:15pm	12:33am	12:41pm
Saturday	5:41am	7:16pm	1:03am	1:33pm
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NT's ace

ALICE Springs Tennis Association's representative Thomas Van Haaren has won a spot to take on the nation's best in Melbourne, with the possibility of coming up against World No. 1 tennis champ Carlos Alcaraz under lights at Rod Laver Arena.

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Thomas has won a \$5k tennis grant for Alice Springs Tennis Association as well as a once in a lifetime player experience.

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