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Watts of delight with Christmas approaching

By Phil Williams

SUBURBS across Alice Springs are lighting up with watts of colour as night falls this Christmas.

Colour of the festive season can be seen all across the town after the sun goes down as reindeers, Santas, stars and snowmen all coming to life in a kaleidoscope of colour to wow.

Put the kids and the dog in the car, crank up the Christmas music and go for a drive to see what you discover.

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FESTIVE: This home in Irlpme Court in Larapinta has been transformed spreading the festive cheer with a stunning Christmas light display. (Phil Williams: 525723)

Rethinking drink

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banned drinks register, their families, industry representatives, police, and service providers.

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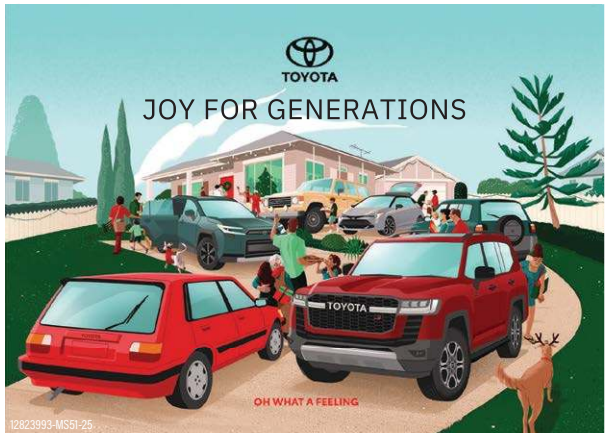
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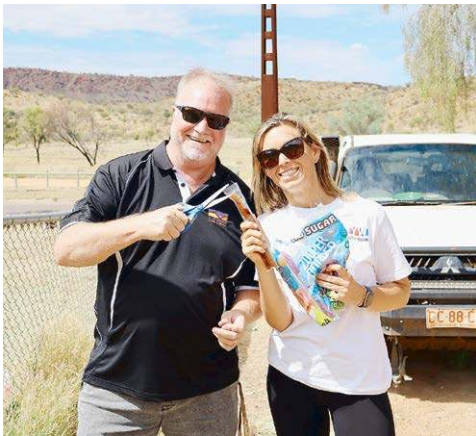
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David, Christopher, Eileen, Tui, Natalie and Akisha.



Simon Pitman and Katie Knappstein.



NIAA and Council representatives including Mayor Asta Hill, DET and Department of People Sport and Culture helped deliver the calendars.



Simon, Sam, David, Eileen and Tui with a family from Hidden Valley.

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All set for holidays

A WHOLE of community approach was on display last week as local organisations and government agencies worked together to deliver the Alice Springs School Holiday Program calendar directly to families in town camps.

Alice Springs Town Council rangers, Department of Education and Training Student Attendance and Engagement officers, NT Government representatives and National Indigenous Australians Agency staff met in the morning before heading out across town camps to hand out calendars, icy poles and information about summer holiday activities.

Rangers' vehicles decorated with tinsel drove through town camps, while teams spoke with families about the range of programs available for children and young people over the summer break, as well as how to organise transport to and from events.

The calendar brings together activities delivered by the Northern Territory Government in partnership with Alice Springs Town Council and local organisations, making it easier for families to see what is happening across the region in one place.

Deputy Chief Executive Early Years and School Services for the Department of Education and Training Aderyn Chatterton said the initiative reflected the strength of local partnerships.

"The Department of Education and Training has a strong partnership with the Alice Springs Town Council and with representatives from Alice Springs town camps," Ms Chatterton said.

"This initiative is one example of our partnered approach to boosting community engagement and youth participation in summer holiday activities across the region."

"These activities, delivered by the Northern Territory Government in partnership with local organisations, have a strong focus on positive engagement, inclusivity, and accessibility for all community members."

A Department of People, Sport and Culture spokesperson said the calendar was the result of close coordination between agencies.

"This is a genuine whole of community effort. Agencies have worked closely together to share information and coordinate activities, backed by significant NT Government funding through the Department of People, Sport and Culture this year."

"Delivering the calendar through town camps helps get that information directly to families in a simple and accessible way."

Organisers say the on the ground approach helps ensure families have clear, practical information ahead of the school holidays.

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A partnership with the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress, Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory (AMSANT), Menzies School of Health Research, the Northern Territory Government, Curtin University and the Northern Territory Primary Healthcare Network, the LEARNT project gathered epidemiological data, linked individual records, and more than 200 in-depth interviews with people on the banned drinks register, their families, industry representatives, police, and key service providers.

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asures had some positive outcomes in the short to medium term but continued engagement and more adaptation were needed.

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"We need to know that what we are doing is making a difference," Ms Achee said.

"It is clear from this report that we are making a difference in reducing alcohol harms, especially the alcohol-induced number of deaths across the NT.

"The report also shows that we need to continue to adapt and modify what we are doing to have maximum effect.

"Following the period that this report has examined we have seen the introduction of the two take-away alcohol-free days in Alice Springs, along with other reductions in trading hours.

"These measures have been very effective and represent the types of continued alcohol policy adaptations that are needed."

The report showed minor fluctuations in alcohol consumption, with case wine sales halv-

ing following the introduction of minimum unit pricing in 2018.

Assaults fell between early 2018 and mid-2019 when the Banned Drinker Register (BDR), Minimum Unit Pricing and Police Auxiliary Liquor Inspectors were all in place, and alcohol-induced deaths fell from 17.8 per 100,000 people in 2015 to 7.2 per 100,000 in 2022, bringing them close to the national average for the first time.

The interviews found many people on the BDR felt alcohol supply controls did not address underlying causes such as trauma, mental health, or community stressors and some participants reported reduced access and consumption — particularly when BDR restrictions were combined with voluntary treatment support.

However families frequently described experiencing strain as the result of a member being placed on the register, including pressure to act as "enforcers" and instances of secondary supply.

There were also many reports of racism and discriminatory treatment, especially in interactions with PALIs.

Researchers found that treatment episodes dipped immediately after the BDR's reintroduction before gradually rising.

They said few people linked their BDR order with entering treatment, highlighting the need for better pathways to culturally responsive care, especially local, community-controlled, and trauma-informed health services.

Among the report's recommendations were retaining and modifying the Banned Drinker Register, improving referrals to culturally appropriate social and emotional wellbeing and Alcohol and Other Drugs services, with Professor Miller stressing these options would require feasibility assessment, consultation, and cost analysis.

He also suggested piloting banned drinking register scanning in high-harm on-premise venues and exploring new technologies such as, biometric options, as well as expanding data collection to help identify and manage secondary supply.

The LEARNT project also recommended further restrictions for alcohol trading hours, saying substantial evidence, including from the NT, showed trading hour restrictions reduced alcohol-related assaults and domestic violence.

Other key recommendations include establish a Cross-Jurisdictional Policing Working Group to address cross-border alcohol supply and grog running, retaining Police Auxiliary Liquor Inspectors, but reviewing and reforming their role, introducing Place-Based Daily Alcohol Purchase Limits and implementing Cognitive Screening Across AOD, Corrections and Youth Services.

"High rates of cognitive impairment among justice-involved and AOD-involved populations require tailored, trauma-informed responses," the report said. "Territory-wide screening would improve treatment effectiveness and justice outcomes."

Petition to extend opening hours at Alice Springs library

By Gladys Barreta

LOCALS are backing a petition calling for extended opening hours at the Alice Springs Town Library, giving the community a safe and cool place to go during the hottest part of summer.

The town library is one of the few publicly accessible spaces in Alice Springs that offers free air-conditioning alongside essential services.

Alice Springs local Hannah Ekin started the petition, calling for weekend opening hours to be extended to 6pm.

The petition, with more than 300 signatures, was tabled at the December 16 council meeting.

Currently, the library closes at 1pm on weekends.

"On days like this, when it's 42 degrees, the hours between 1pm and 6pm are the hottest part of the day.

"If you don't have adequate housing or air-conditioning, it's important to have somewhere to go and spend time," Ms Ekin said.

A former library employee and regular user, Ms Ekin understands the importance of spaces that are free and accessible to the



Local library lover, Hannah Ekin started a petition to extend library hours to keep the community safe from heat.

whole community.

"The library is an important space for the town," she said.

"It serves many functions for everyone from young people, families, older residents, and especially people who don't have access to air-conditioning at home, particularly during summer.

"It's a place to get out of the house, do your work, see friends, and connect with others.

"It's open to everyone and it's a great service provided by the council that I'm proud to have in our town."

Any extension to library opening hours would need to be considered by the Alice Springs Town Council, with staffing costs ex-

pected to be one of the factors in decision-making.

Ms Ekin pointed to recent council initiatives, including free entry to the public pool during the summer holidays, saying paired services like a free pool and an air-conditioned library demonstrated strong community support.

Councillor Aia Newport tabled the petition at the Tuesday, December 16 council meeting.

"Council talks a lot about liveability, and with increasingly hot summers, we need to be serious about how we make Alice Springs liveable during summer," Cr Newport said.

"People deserve somewhere to go that isn't the pub or a shopping centre - whether that's parents with young children, older people living alone, or anyone wanting to connect with the community," Cr Newport said.

"Increasing heat can also contribute to rising levels of stress, domestic violence and community harm.

"Council has a role to play in helping mitigate heat stress."

The council will now explore funding options and assess the costs and benefits of extending library opening hours with a decision to be made in the coming weeks.





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Shaw OAM: A leader's legacy

By Gladys Barreta

TRIBUTES are flowing for Central Australian leader and legend Geoffrey Shaw OAM, who has passed away, leaving behind a legacy that shaped the future of Alice Springs in many ways.

Mr Shaw was a proud Kaytetye/Arrernte man who held prominent positions with the Central Land Council and Tangentyere Council Aboriginal Corporation, and was widely praised for his lifelong advocacy and leadership for Aboriginal people across Central Australia.

He was a founding member of the Central Land Council, serving as a delegate from its inception until 2006.

He attended the landmark meetings in 1973, 1974 and 1975 following the Justice Woodward inquiries, which led to the creation of the council.

Mr Shaw also helped establish Tangentyere Council, later serving as its president, and became the first ATSIC Commissioner for Central Australia.

He was a tireless advocate for essential services, housing, and greater self-determination for Aboriginal communities throughout the region.

Mr Shaw joined the Australian Army, serving in the Indonesian–Malaysian Confrontation and completing two tours of duty in Vietnam.

Central Land Council Chair, Warren Williams paid tribute to a man who believed deeply in service to country, to community and to the nation.

“His military service shaped his discipline, leadership and strong sense of responsibility, all of which he carried into his work with the CLC,” Mr Williams said.

A mentor to many young leaders, Mr Shaw inspired future generations to continue the struggle for justice, equality and recognition of Aboriginal rights.



LEGACY: Vietnam Veterans who reunited for The Voice Referendum in 2023, Geoffrey Shaw OAM and Malcolm Spencer.

“On behalf of the Central Land Council and the people we represent, I extend our sincere condolences to Mr Shaw’s family and friends,” Mr Williams said.

“Mr Shaw’s contribution to this organisation, the land rights movement and the wider Central Australian community will be remembered with deep respect and gratitude.”

Australian Minister for Indigenous Australians Malarndirri McCarthy also shared her condolences, acknowledging Mr Shaw’s lasting impact.

“His leadership helped shape Tangentyere Council and transformed the lives of many First Nations families in Alice Springs,” she said.

“Mr Shaw was instrumental in the establishment of organisations that continue to protect

and advance Aboriginal rights, including what is now the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency.

“Mr Shaw was a strong voice and a champion of Aboriginal rights whose powerful legacy will continue to shape Central Australia for generations to come. My heartfelt condolences are with his family, loved ones and community during this time of sorry business.”

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Top marks for Year 12

ST Philip's College has celebrated outstanding Year 12 results in 2025, with several students achieving top rankings across the Northern Territory.

La-on Canales Chun placed second in the NT with an ATAR of 99.75, while College Dux Dinev Thotawatta Bandulage ranked 17th in the NT, placing him in the top 20 students, with an ATAR of 97.8.

The College Dux Award was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Alice Springs, Mbantua.

College Captains Keely Hayward and

Luke Willcocks, along with Atticus Saladores, also achieved ATARs of 90 or above, placing them in the top 10 per cent of students nationally.

Overall, 19 per cent of the Year 12 cohort attained an ATAR of 80 or higher.

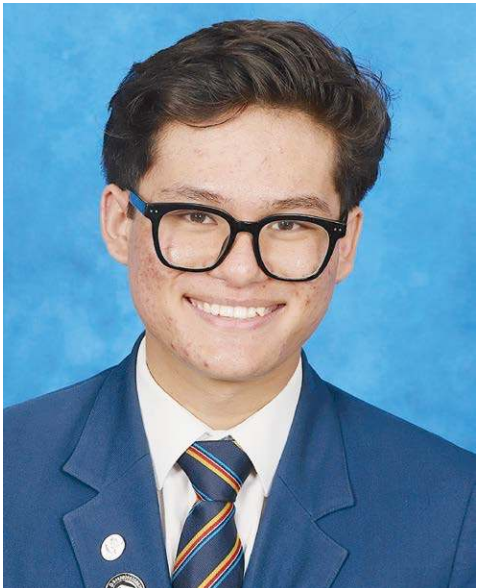
La-on Canales Chun also received an A+ Merit in Physics.

Kaitlyn Ruffing was named the college's top Indigenous student, and the Class of 2025 achieved a 100 per cent completion rate for the Northern Territory Certificate of Education

and Training (NTCET).

Strong results were also recorded across lower year levels, with 64 Year 11 students successfully completing one or more Year 12 subjects, and 12 students completing Certificate III qualifications.

The College said the results reflected the commitment and effort of students and would not have been possible without the dedication of teaching staff, alongside the continued support of parents, families, friends and the wider college community.



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Lesson in reforms LEARNT

A COMPREHENSIVE study into the impact of alcohol policy reforms in the Northern Territory trumpets substantial reductions in severe alcohol harm that has saved lives over the past decade.

But the study also poses a tough query: Did the policies genuinely solve our alcohol crisis or merely rearrange the harm?

Made public on 18 December 2025, the Learning from Alcohol (Policy) Reforms in the Northern Territory (or LEARNT) project report is without doubt the most rigorous analysis to date of the effects alcohol control measures are having on the Territory.

Its timing is both auspicious and poor, given a launch on the last day of public comment on the NT Licensing Commission's proposed supply side reforms for Alice Springs.

Funded by the Australian Research Council, led by Deakin University's Professor Peter Miller, and under strategic guidance from an NT Closing the Gap working group, researchers examined the reintroduction of the Banned Drinkers register (BDR) in 2017 and 2018.

They also trawled alcohol-induced deaths over 8 eight years, and monitored trends in assaults, noting a decline that corresponded with several alcohol control measures being in place all at once.

As Prof. Miller notes in a Deakin press release, however: "With all policy interventions, there were unintended consequences."

The control measures examined included the BDR, Minimum Unit Price for alcohol (MUP) and stationing Police Auxiliary Liquor Inspectors (PALIS), outside bottlos. COVID effects were also included.

The research gathered epidemiological data, linked individual records, and interviewed 200 people directly impacted by alcohol, including those on the BDR and their families, as well as industry representatives, police, and service providers.

There was good news, including the sustained decline in assaults from early 2018 until mid-2019.

Alcohol-induced deaths fell sharply from 17.8 per 100,000 in 2015 to just 7.2 per 100,000 in 2022, for the first time approaching a national average, which suggests the policies were stopping the most dangerous kinds of drinking.

And the MUP achieved its goal, halving cask wine sales and perhaps indicating pricing as a powerful lever to change high-risk drinking.

But such victories were also fragile, with supply-side reforms exposed as brittle in the



DRIVE-THRU: The busy Gap View Hotel drive thru bottle shop with Police Auxiliary Liquor Inspectors (PALIS) out in force. (File/Phil Williams: 398573)

face of broader, more systemic challenges.

The positive trends dissolved with the COVID-19 pandemic; financial supports provided through the period had prompted more drinking.

And while the BDR led to fewer police interactions with those registered, the impact on long-term health outcomes was mixed.

Emergency Department presentations fell immediately after a person was first placed on the BDR. Yet surprisingly, hospital admissions rose. Why?

Perhaps the most significant results emerged from the 200 in-depth interviews, which collectively uncovered a disconnect between controlling alcohol supply and providing actual support to recovering drinkers; in other words, you stop people from buying alcohol but do nothing to address why they have a harmful dependence in the first place, likely brought on by trauma, mental health, or community stressors.

In fact, many interviewed thought the BDR a band-aid on a gaping wound, a quick fix to control the symptoms of drinking but offering

no pathway to healing.

The collateral damage from the policy approach was enormous, especially for families who felt compelled to act as policy enforcers for the BDR, some turning to secondary supply, where family or friends buy alcohol for the person on the ban.

Secondary supply became widespread, as reported by Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal family members, effectively displacing the conflict right into the home and making BDR compliance a choice between breaking the law or fracturing kinship bonds.

Many encountered racism from PALIS, which undermined trust.

In such instances, the policy reinforced discrimination and made people feel culturally unsafe, thereby actively working against a Closing the Gap agenda.

As noted above, that ED presentations went down is a clear win.

But that hospital admissions increased demands more research and suggests several things.

Was it delayed care? Had people been wait-

ing for help on chronic issues?

Or did the policy shift the problem from, say, an acute injury to more complex chronic disease that wasn't being managed for lack of support?

Either way, the BDR failed as a gateway to referral pathways and recovery.

Partly to blame is that the system as it stands is designed to help a non-traumatised, neurotypical person, which is simply not the reality for so many Territorians.

And it explains the report's unflinching diagnosis: enduring alcohol harm is intertwined with systemic failures, racism, and trauma.

But the report also outlines a way forward.

First, change the BDR to trigger a mandatory referral pathway, in other words instead of being a punishment it becomes a front door to getting help.

A referral would funnel people directly into culturally appropriate services, run by Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services that can support a drinker with care they trust and build capacity in the sector at the same time.

Second, introduce cognitive screening across Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) corrections and youth services.

This is long overdue. Rates of cognitive impairment, often linked to foetal alcohol spectrum disorder or deep trauma are incredibly high among these groups, especially young offenders.

If someone has cognitive impairment, standard talk-based therapies simply won't work.

If a government agency is using a treatment model designed for high cognition and the people they serve can't engage with it, then the system is failing, not the person.

By mandating screening, the government is forced to adopt tailored, trauma-informed, adaptive approaches.

Third, just controlling alcohol supply is destined to fail if we don't change support systems in health, justice, and everything else.

Nonetheless, supply side reform has its place, though the report's preferred option is controversial.

Called place based daily alcohol purchase limits, it would apply to every single person in the community, the community itself setting what those limits are.

The aim is to neutralise discrimination, but in Alice Springs, a town weary of the chaos of widespread alcohol abuse, it's an idea likely to prove unpopular.

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Getting Good Stuff Done



Push for accessible travel

By Gladys Barreta

IMPROVED after-dark transport options are among the key changes a local disability advocate is pushing for in Alice Springs.

Local advocacy organisation Disability Advocacy Services (DAS) has been campaigning on the issue and has been recognised for its efforts with the NT Human Rights Social Change Award.

DAS has driven meaningful social change by confronting the long-standing lack of accessible night-time transport in Alice Springs - a barrier that has excluded people with disability from work, community life, healthcare and personal safety.

What has long been treated as a neglected issue has now been elevated as a human rights concern, with DAS working alongside the community to spark a Territory-wide conversation, amplify local voices and challenge systemic discrimination.

"It is critical for DAS to continue advocating because the lack of after-dark transport in Alice Springs effectively imposes a curfew on people with disabilities, violating their human rights to safety and community inclusion," DAS general manager Scott Richardson said.

While taxi shortages are widely acknowledged, DAS said recent reports detailing vulnerable people being forced to sleep at workplaces or risk unsafe journeys home demonstrated a serious failure in essential services that required urgent government action.

With limited access to wheelchair-accessible taxis at night, people are often left with no choice but to walk home or wait until morning.

The lack of transport also contributes to social isolation, preventing people from attending community and personal events.

DAS said reliance on a private taxi market was not enough, calling for a dedicated, government-supported night service.

"Freedom of movement should not end at sunset," Mr Richardson said.

DAS dedicated the recent award to community members who bravely shared their experiences, highlighting a stark reality: for many people in the Northern Territory, the lack of accessible transport is not just an inconvenience, but is a barrier to education, employment, healthcare and social connection.

"This recognition specifically celebrates our recent campaign addressing the significant transport challenges faced by people with disabilities and their families in our region," Mr Richardson said.



ADVOCATE: Keynote speaker and award presenter Peter McMillan and DAS general manager, Scott Richardson at the 2025 NT Human Rights Awards.

"This honour is a powerful reminder of the impact that sustained advocacy and collaboration can have in driving real social change across the Territory.

"I want to acknowledge our Board, staff, and

volunteers for their passion and courage, and to thank our supporters and partners throughout the NT who share this commitment to justice and inclusion."

DAS has moved the conversation from gen-

eral complaints to specific policy solutions by securing high-level engagement with the Territory Government including a recent executive meeting with the Executive Director of the Transport Safety and Service Group.

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Increased reward for Angie

THE Northern Territory Police Force has increased the reward for information in relation to missing woman Angie Fuller to \$500,000.

The new reward will now supersede the \$250,000 reward that was announced in October 2023.

Angie Fuller, who would now be 33, was last seen on the evening of Monday January 9, 2023, travelling on Tanami Road, 15km west of the intersection at Stuart Highway.

She is described as of Asian heritage, around 165cm tall, of medium build with long black hair.

Ms Fuller was last seen wearing a black T-

shirt and a beige skirt.

Multiple search areas were declared and after extensive efforts, Ms Fuller has never been located.

Detective Superintendent Drew Slape said: "Sadly, Angie's family have been deprived of answers for almost three years.

"The Major Crime Squad have been investigating Angie's disappearance since 2023, and the circumstances surrounding her movements on 9 January remain suspicious.

"We know people have information about what happened to Angie, and there is now \$500,000 available for anyone who provides

information that results in our detectives locating her.

"The Northern Territory Police Force will not stop investigating until Angie is found, it is as simple as that."

MISSING: Angie Fuller has been missing from near Alice Springs since January 9, 2023 (Aust. Federal Police)



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REMEMBER: A State Memorial for Ted Egan AO will be held on February 17, 2026.

Full honours

A STATE Memorial will be held to honour the former Administrator of the Northern Territory, Ted Egan AO, who passed away earlier this month.

The service will take place on Tuesday, February 17 2026, at the Alice Springs Convention Centre.

The Northern Territory Government acknowledges Mr Egan's distinguished career and his significant contribution to the Northern Territory.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the State Memorial to pay their respects.

For enquiries relating to the service, please contact Protocol NT at Protocol.CMC@nt.gov.au



A younger Ted Egan. He immersed himself in outback life.



HIRING: New Pizza Hut owners have jobs available in various junior and senior roles. (Phil Williams: 524625)

Under new owners

By Phil Williams

AFTER being shuttered for almost 12 months, the Alice Springs Pizza Hut store in the Coles Complex has reopened under totally new management.

Long time Alice locals Cheyenne Gapinski and Peter Nicholls have taken ownership of the store, reopening it on Friday, December 12.

Ms Gapinski said the process had taken around six months to come to fruition with the past six weeks taken preparing the shop for trading.

“We’re really excited to be open again,” she said.

Ms Gapinski said their decision to take on the store came about by accident.

“We found out it was for sale through a friend. We contacted Pizza Hut just to get more information, which turned into a business plan, which turned into a purchase,” she said.

“Things got real very quickly,” Mr Nicholls said.

“It is a great opportunity to invest in the community. We really love Alice Springs,” Ms Gapinski said.

“Anybody who invests here, cares about the community.”

Ms Gapinski said their key to success was their staffing and they are looking for staff, with

a range of positions from junior level to senior levels.

“We’re looking for staff who are more permanent residents who will be here for the long term.

“Our focus is customer service and good quality pizzas,” she said.

“The roles that we have available are customer service roles, dough makers, pizza makers and allrounders.

“In January, we’ll be needing shift leaders.”

“We’d love to have some more locals come and join our team,” Mr Nicholls said.

“We’re committed and here for the long term.”

Death charge

POLICE have charged a 27-year-old man with murder following the death of his partner in Borroloola.

The woman, also aged 27, died on 6 December.

Police and local clinic staff who responded to calls for help found the woman unresponsive at a residence in a town camp.

She was subsequently declared deceased at the scene.

The man was taken into custody later that day and remanded to appear in the Darwin Local Court on 19 December.

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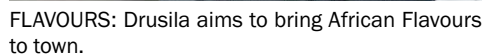
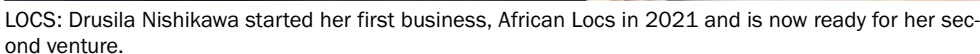
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"I realised that if the community was crav-



"It means a lot to me to bring African products

“Bringing African products to Alice Springs is more than a business move; it’s about honouring community voices, celebrating culture, and making people feel seen and supported.”



PARAMEDICINE: Ingure Wallace on placement with St John Emergency Ambulance.



DOCTOR: Jason Wilmot plans to pursue his career in Alice Springs or Darwin for specialist training in orthopaedic or plastic surgery. (Lisa Hatzimihail)

Our health is in good hands

By Gladys Barreta

A COHORT of 35 Flinders University students from the Northern Territory, including 22 newly qualified doctors celebrated their graduation in Darwin on 15 December.

Among them is Jason Wilmot, a proud Territorian from Alice Springs, whose inspiring journey from personal trainer to future surgeon highlights the transformative power of local training opportunities.

Also graduating is Paramedicine student, Ingure Wallace from Alice Springs whose path into the profession was influenced by her parents' careers.

Mr Wilmot never planned to become a doctor, but once he saw a pathway into medicine, everything changed.

Once a personal trainer, and now on the road to becoming a surgeon, the Alice Springs local ran his own business for years after completing a Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science.

Having completed most of his schooling in Alice Springs, Mr Wilmot experienced the barriers that come with remote living, including the cost of travel for exams and interviews which were challenges that ultimately strengthened his determination.

He praised the NT Medical Program for offering a level of support he had not expected.

"The small cohort means you get to know the consultants on a first-name basis," he said.

Mr Wilmot also valued the program's strong focus on cross-cultural learning and

hands-on experience.

"The cadaver dissection sessions were an exceptional privilege," he said.

A highlight of his studies was completing an elective at St George's Hospital in London, where he observed trauma surgery, and later running a marathon in Switzerland.

Mr Wilmot plans to begin his career in Alice Springs and Darwin before pursuing specialist training in orthopaedic or plastic surgery.

Ms Wallace, whose parents are a physiotherapist and a police officer, said her decision to study Paramedicine was driven by personal experience.

"Growing up, I had a couple of confronting situations where paramedics were required," she said.

"I really looked up to what paramedics did and how good they were at helping people and making a difference in the community."

"Paramedics are often first on scene and are able to utilise their skills autonomously to treat patients and save lives. I also love working in a team environment and knowing you always have the support of your colleagues."

Ms Wallace was based in Alice Springs for her studies and completed her placement with St John Emergency Ambulance.

"I would love to give back to my own community and work regionally and rurally in Australia," she said.

"However, I would also like to experience working in a city to expand my capabilities and challenge myself in a new environment."



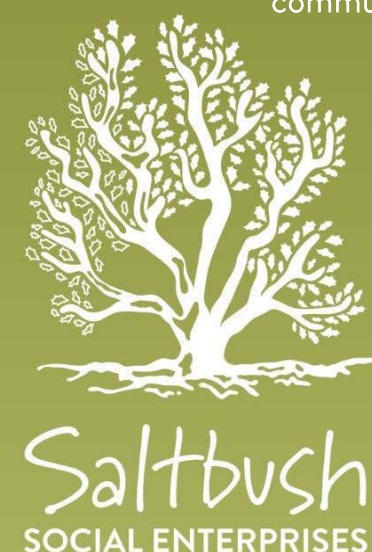
Season's Greetings from Saltbush Social Enterprises

As the year draws to a close, the Saltbush team would like to wish our supporters, partners, participants and the wider Saltbush community a happy, safe and restful holiday period.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our work throughout the year. Your encouragement, collaboration and shared commitment helps to strengthen opportunities for Aboriginal people, families and communities across the Northern Territory.

We are especially thankful to our key supporters, whose continued backing enables Saltbush to deliver practical, culturally grounded programs and support positive change across our communities. With appreciation from all of us at Saltbush, we look forward to continuing this work together in the year ahead. - The Saltbush Team.





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High-tech assist for health

By Phil Williams

VIRTUAL Reality is helping children stay calm as they undergo medical procedures at Alice Springs hospital thanks to a Community funded donation from The Rotary Club of Alice Springs and Bendigo Bank Alice Springs.

The Smileyscope VR headset, developed in Australia by doctors, provides immersive experiences that distract and calm young patients during procedures.

Staff in the Emergency Department say that the impact has already been significant.

“It means children’s experiences of potentially painful procedures are so much better.

“They love it. Sometimes it is hard to take the headset off them” Emergency Specialist Kerrie Jones said.

“It lets them go into their own little worlds and choose their own adventure. It makes treatment a lot quicker and gets them home quicker”.

Emergency Department staff relayed a story of a young patient who recently attended the hospital.

The child normally requires sedation for every needle, but with the Smileyscope it was the first time that they were able to complete the procedure without sedation.

The headset includes a range of calming and interactive programs, allowing children to choose from underwater adventures, space travels and other tailored experiences designed for clinical use.

Smileyscope is part of an emerging shift towards digital tools that enhance comfort, reduce pain, and support a positive healthcare experience for children.

The device was funded through a partnership between the Rotary Club of Alice Springs and The Bendigo Community Bank Alice



DONATION: Alice Springs Rotary Club and Bendigo Bank combined to donate a Smileyscope to the Alice Springs Hospital. (PIC: ALICE SPRINGS ROTARY CLUB)



TEST: Rotarian, Neil Ross tests out the Smiley-scope. (PIC: ALICE SPRINGS ROTARY CLUB)

Spings.

“As a community bank 80&percent; of our profits are reinvested locally” Joy Taylor, the Co-Chair of Bendigo Community Bank Alice Springs said.

“Supporting a project like this one that im-

proves care, reduces fear and helps children have a better experience in hospital is exactly what our model is designed for”.

The Rotary Club of Alice Springs President Virginia Loy said that this collaboration shows how local organizations can work together to

make a meaningful difference.

“We are proud to support a simple but powerful tool that eases procedures for children and helps our local clinicians in their work.

“We are thrilled to see it already making an impact.”

Urgent care, if you need it at Christmas

We hope you don’t need us, but just in case, the Mparntwe Urgent Care Clinic is open every day of the year including Christmas Day, New Years Day and other public holidays.

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Giving to the town they love

By Gladys Barreta

LONG-TIME Alice Springs residents Kelly and Glenda McCarthy are quietly investing in the future of their town through the Give2Give campaign, a community-led initiative that turns local generosity

into meaningful local impact.

By donating and sharing their story, the couple hope to inspire others to back the next generation of ideas, talent and change-makers in their home town.

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COMMUNITY: Alice Springs, Kelly and Glenda McCarthy hope to inspire and encourage others to donate and invest in their community.



FRIENDS: Talish Wiseman, Peter Lowe, Amy Lerossignor and Halle Crichton wait for the Christmas tree to light up. (524682)



HOSE: Esther Frank tries her hand at being a junior firefighter. (524682)



FESTIVE: Anas Kulangara and Nur Ihsahi get in to the Christmas spirit (524682)

Alice spirit holds strong

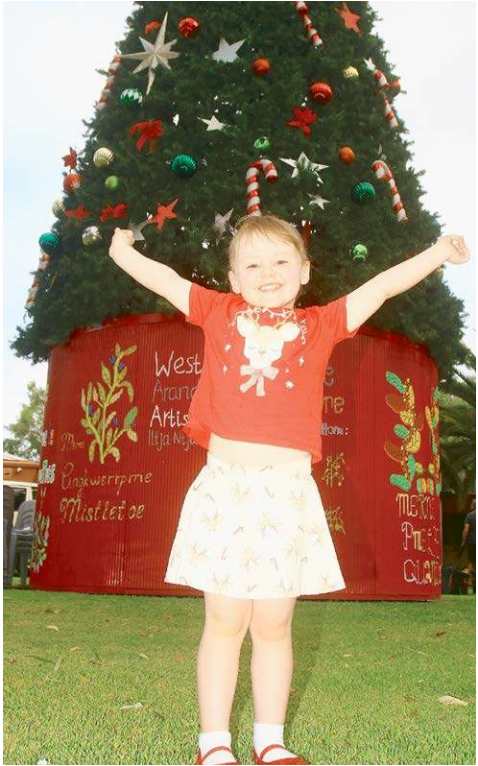
By Phil Williams

ALICE spirit held strong after the Christmas Grinch tried to steal the Christmas Street Party.

A wild storm and tempest ripped through the town as the annual Christmas Street Party and Markets were getting underway.

Not to be denied, locals turned out, albeit in fewer numbers than expected, to support the traders and soak up the Christmas cheer.

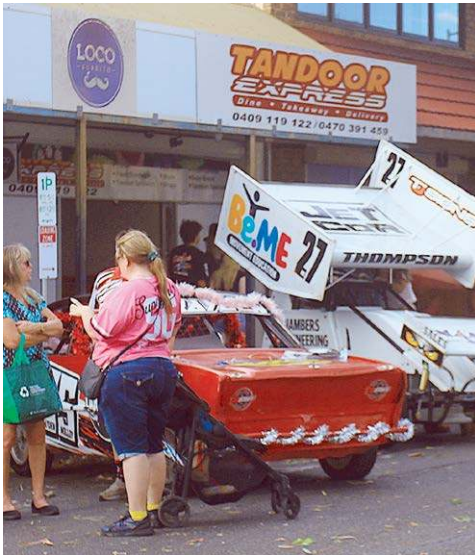
With a scaled back schedule, the lighting of the tree went ahead followed by a huge finale of fireworks.



IT'S CHRISTMAS: Rylee McQuillan jumps for joy in front of the big Christmas tree on the ASTC lawns. (524682)



LOLLIES: Santa was kept busy handing out treats as he walked the mall. (Phil Williams: 524682)



SPEEDWAY: Speedway cars on display in Todd Street during the Christmas Party. (524682)



CHILLING OUT: Groups of families and friends chilled out on the ASTC lawns as they waited for the lighting of the tree. (524682)



DRUMS: King Marong and his drummers belted out some tunes. (524682)



JINGLE BELLS: Atharv and Ved Malhotra with Amira Gurling get ready for the lighting of the Christmas tree. (524682)



HELP: Lia-Meij Els gets some help from dad, Inus, in handling the fire hose. (524682)



HOME: Kelly McCarthy at one of the viewpoints in Mparntwe/Alice Springs.



PAIR: Kelly in the Legislature with wife, Glenda.

Giving that sparks change

By Gladys Barreta

THE art of giving is something many people prefer to do quietly and for local altruists Kelly and Glenda McCarthy, it's a practice they've embraced for a long time.

For this occasion, Kelly shared with The Centralian Today the meaning behind his family's approach to giving, and his most recent donation to the Give2Give campaign.

The Give2Give campaign, established by the Mparntwe Alice Springs Community Foundation (MASCF), enables community members to donate funds that directly support people and projects making a meaningful impact in Alice Springs.

For the McCarthys, opening up conversations about giving and donating is their way of inspiring others in the community to give as well.

Kelly and Glenda have lived in Alice Springs since 1999 and have spent most of this century calling it home.

Kelly - a former US military member - US politician and educator now works in the Department of Corrections, a job he said he had fallen in love with.

"With my job I'm giving people hope and opportunity as they prepare to re-enter the community, employment and education processes. I'm most in love with that part of the work," he said.

"Those of us who live here and have been here a long time and I'm really proud to be from Alice Springs.

"It's a great place to live. You go to the grocery store and run into people you know, we have sunshine 330 days a year, and 20 minutes out of town you can see an incredible night sky.

"There are so many enriching reasons why people come here and stay here.

"Outside of that, it's a remarkable community when it comes to the people...we punch above our class.

"Olympians, sportspeople, artists, Cold Chisel's Ian Moss, Ted Egan, Charlie Perkins - who fought for land rights and also played in the English Premier League. "There's a long and consistent history of amazing people coming from here.

"Give2Give is a way for us to explore and give an opportunity to the next level of amazing that will come from this community."

For Kelly and Glenda, donating to the campaign is about investing in the next person or people who will do the next big thing for themselves.



DUO: Husband and wife duo invests in the town they love.

"It doesn't have to turn into a world-stage success story, but new ideas constantly coming to life is important for any community.

"And in our community, the return on investment is huge," Kelly said.

"There are so many amazing people born here."

Kelly said he was excited to see what opportunities might grow from Give2Give thanks to donations from families like his.

"The donation doesn't come from a place of wanting to be recognised, but simply to give and invest in our own community," he said.

"It doesn't have to create an Academy Award winner.

"I'd love to see more local filmmakers get

access to opportunities....how do they get the funding to make a film, to put it on a streaming platform?

"If you don't have backing, the money has to come from somewhere, and not everybody has deep enough pockets to fund projects."

Kelly and Glenda's altruism comes from the fortune they've built in their own lives and the belief that they have a responsibility to pass that fortune on.

"It's a community we love and we're proud to be part of.

"We've seen amazing things come from here in the past and amazing people too, and we want to keep that momentum going," Kelly said.

"We're not trying to change the world

by ourselves.

"Someone has offered a dollar-for-dollar match, and other people in our community are getting involved too."

The Give2Give campaign ensures that 100 per cent of donations go directly into the community, with an anonymous local donor covering all administration and overhead costs.

Community groups and individuals are invited to submit expressions of interest, outlining the projects they hope to fund and how their initiatives will benefit the community.

Applications are assessed by an independent community working group against clear criteria, creating a trusted and transparent process for distributing funds.

To donate or learn more, visit mascf.org.



Rental Family will screen at Alice Springs Cinema.

A movie with unusual heart

SET against modern-day Tokyo, Rental Family follows an American actor (Brendan Fraser) who struggles to find purpose until he lands an unusual gig: working for a Japanese “rental family”; agency, playing stand-in roles for strangers.

As he immerses himself in his clients’ worlds, he begins to form genuine bonds that blur the lines between performance and reality.

Confronting the moral complexities of his work, he rediscovers purpose, belonging, and the quiet beauty of human connection.

“Brendan Fraser is once again a revelation, chewing through scenes with masterful

restraint. He doesn’t demand the spotlight or steal scenes from co-stars, instead elevating all around him with emotional quietness.” - Chris Joyce, Movies and Munchies (YouTube)

“There’s a naturalness to Hikari’s storytelling that heightens the authenticity of the transformations. You believe in these little miracles, as do her actors.” - Al Alexander, Movies Thru the Spectrum

- 110 minutes | Comedy | Rated M | Directed by Hikari | Takehiro Hira, Mari Yamamoto, Akira Emoto, Nihi, Brendan Fraser | Opens 26 December
- Visit alicespringscinema.com.au for screening times

Make healthy choices in celebrating this New Year

THE Alcohol and Drug Foundation (ADF) is urging the community to make healthy and safe choices when celebrating during the New Year period.

ADF chief executive Dr Erin Lalor said for some, this time of year and drinking, goes hand-in-hand but there are easy ways people can reduce the risk of accidents and injuries.

“If you are drinking, the safest option is not to drive,” she said.

“On average, the liver gets rid of about one standard drink an hour.

“Plan ahead and organise alternative transport home, such as a rideshare, taxi, or assigning a designated driver.”

Dr Lalor said finding alternate measures to sober up unfortunately won’t work.

“Coffee, cold showers, fresh air or exercise unfortunately don’t remove alcohol from the bloodstream any faster,” she said.

“Sobering up takes time.”

Dr Lalor said people should also refer to the National Health and Medical Research Council alcohol guidelines and keep your drinking within the recommended amount.

“The alcohol guidelines recommend healthy adults drink no more than four standard drinks in one day to reduce the risk of injury and no more than 10 standard drinks a week to reduce the risk of serious long-term health impacts like cancer,” she said.

“The guidelines also recommend under-18s or people who are pregnant or planning a pregnancy, not to drink.

“For people who are breastfeeding, not



drinking alcohol is safest for their baby.”

Dr Lalor said this time of year can bring a mix of emotions for people but it is best to avoid drinking and seek help instead.

“If you are feeling stressed or down, reducing your drinking or avoiding alcohol all together could be a helpful strategy, as alcohol can intensify those feelings,” she said.

“Although many people’s calendars are full and there’s lots going on, we really encourage people to prioritise activities that boost health and wellbeing, like exercising, eating nutritious food and getting enough sleep.”

“If you still don’t feel yourself, or like you aren’t coping, or experiencing anxiety or depression, we recommend connecting with a health professional.”

If you are concerned about your alcohol consumption in the lead up to the New Year you can contact the Alcohol and Drug Foundation’s DrugInfo line on 1300 85 85 84.

Use it or lose it!



Most private health insurance optical benefits expire on December 31.

Claim your private health benefits before it's too late. Call us today and make your appointment before December 31!

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Merry Christmas from Jo, Rebecca and the team!

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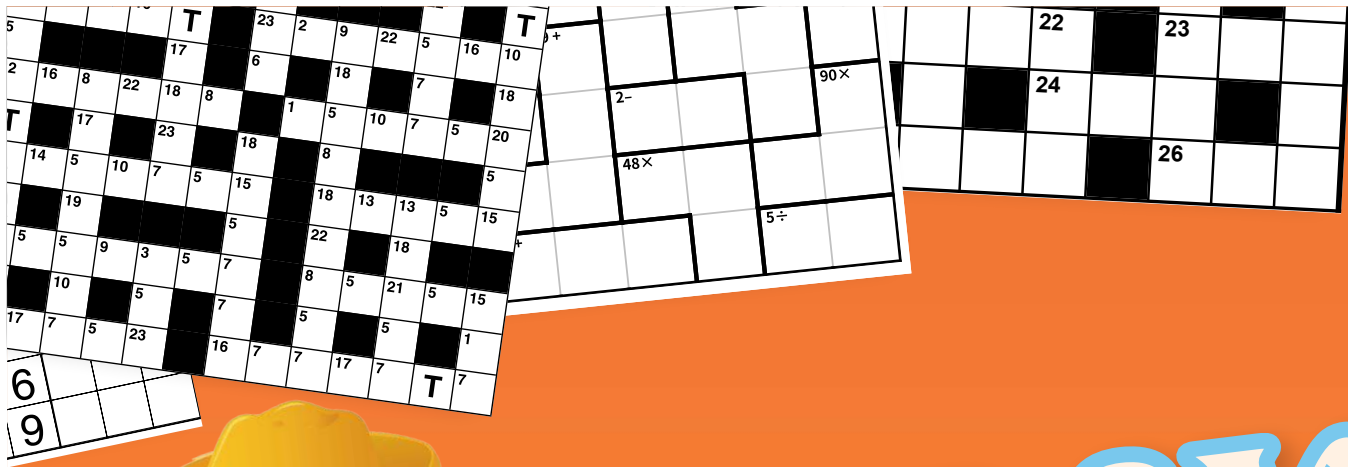
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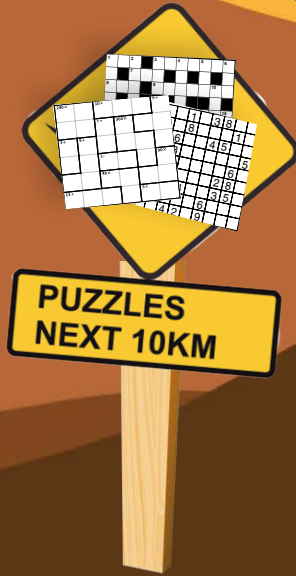
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SUDOKU

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To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in: each of the nine vertical columns, each of the nine horizontal rows and each of the nine 3 x 3 boxes. Remember, no number can occur more than once in any row, column or box.

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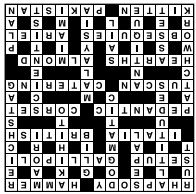
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QUICK CROSSWORD

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 - Bliss (8)
 - Gavel (6)
 - Arrangement (5)
 - Peninsula in Türkiye (9)
 - Roma is its capital (6)
 - From the UK (7)
 - Fussy (8)
 - Shaping garment (6)
 - From Tuscany (6)
 - Providing food and drink for an event (8)
 - Furnace parts (7)
 - Oval, edible nut-like seed (6)
 - Funeral or burial rites (9)
 - Arabian gazelle (5)
 - Young cat (6)
 - South Asian country (8)
- DOWN**
 - Corrosion (4)
 - Heights (9)
 - Part of flower's calyx (5)
 - Asserting positively (8)
 - Japanese emperor from 1989–2019 (7)
 - Indigenous people (NZ) (5)
 - German parliament (9)
 - Smooth-spoken (4)
 - Conglomeration of fabric scraps (9)
 - Lab worker (9)
 - Country divided by the South China Sea (8)
 - Relic (7)
 - A useful quality (5)
 - Go by ship (4)
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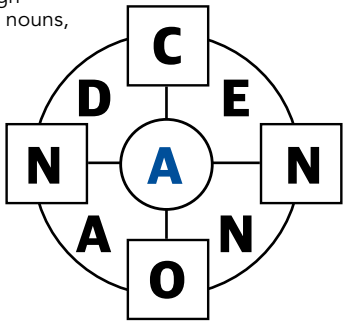
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9-LETTER WORD

Using the nine letters in the grid, how many words of four letters or more can you list? The centre letter must be included and each letter may only be used once. No colloquial or foreign words. No capitalised nouns, apostrophes or plural nouns ending in "s".

Today's Aim:
10 words: Good
15 words: Very good
21 words: Excellent



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S		E		R

Insert the missing letters to make 10 words – five reading across the grid and five reading down.

NOTE: more than one solution may be possible

R	E	E	N	S
E	L	E	A	I
H	G	U	L	A
T	R	E	A	T
E	A	G	R	E

No. 376

QUICK QUIZ



- Which philosopher wrote *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*?
- Which 1950 drama film starring Anne Baxter won six Oscars?
- Which letter in the phonetic alphabet is also a country?
- What is the more common name for the tibia?
- Sarah Michelle Gellar (pictured) stars in the film adaptation of which Paulo Coelho novel?
- A square knot is more commonly known by what name?
- What newspaper format is *The New York Times*?
- Which US band won a Grammy Award for the 1999 single *Guerrilla Radio*?
- What aquatic sport is also known as Octopush?
- In which state or territory is the Great Otway National Park?

ANSWERS: 1. Friedrich Nietzsche 2. All About Eve 3. I (India) 4. Shimbone 5. Veronika Decides to Die 6. Reef knot 7. Broadsheet 8. Rage Against the Machine 9. Underwater hockey 10. Victoria

GIANT CROSSWORD

No. 235

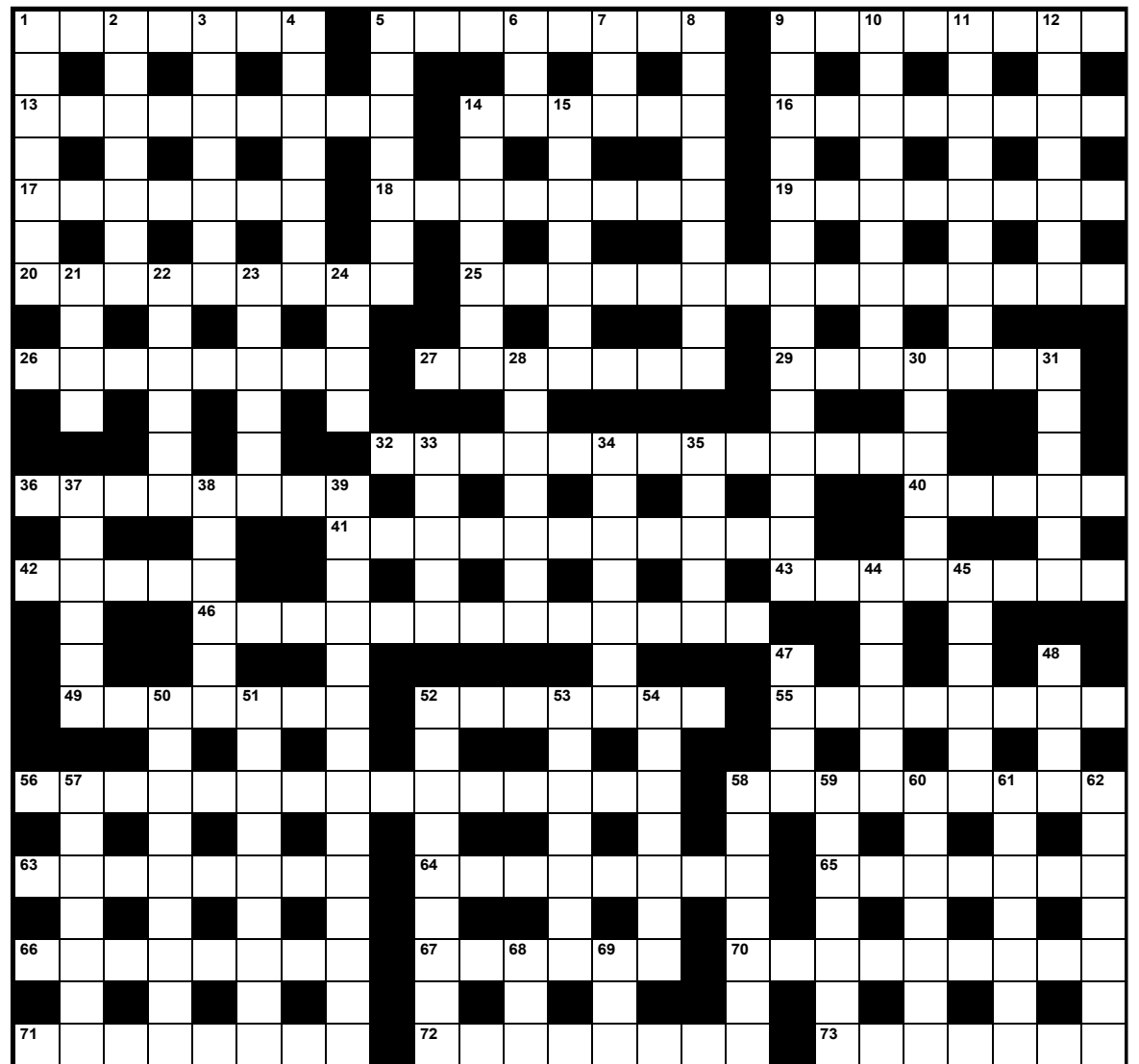
ACROSS

- 1** Directing (7)
5 Photographer's cover (4,4)
9 Device for pressing paper between glazed boards. (3,5)
13 Traditional (3,6)
14 Aviator (6)
16 Not authorised by a person's signature (8)
17 Adjective named after an English Romantic poet (7)
18 Forbearance (8)
19 Weakly (8)
20 Gull, for example (9)
25 Bureaus (6,2,7)
26 Salad dressing component (5,3)
27 Diminish (7)
29 Cyclopean (3-4)
32 Founder of a society or organisation (7,6)
36 Hurry (coll) (4-4)
40 November birthstone (5)
41 Television (5,6)
42 -- a high note (3,2)
43 A triangular fore-and-aft sail (8)
46 Calculated estimate (8,5)
49 Trade ban (7)
52 As a result (7)
55 Rudely (8)
56 The policy of a government taking action to become involved (15)
58 Given as a bonus or gratuity (9)
63 Resulting from the use of an arbitrator to settle a dispute (8)
64 Produce (8)
65 Sideways look (7)
66 Trails (8)

- 67** Drum fill sound (3-3)
70 Not moving (9)
71 Broad lace collars (8)
72 Kennel (8)
73 Thankless person (7)

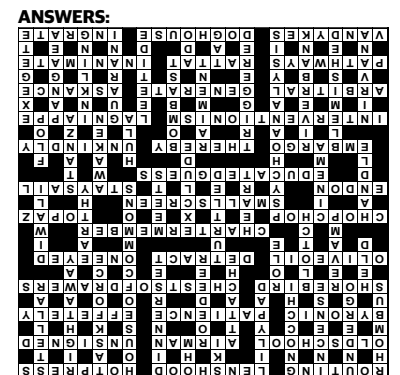
DOWN

- 1** Equilateral parallelogram (7)
2 Suffer; experience (7)
3 Make angry (7)
4 Pasta type (7)
5 Frog's raft (4,3)
6 Travel over snow on two long boards (3)
7 Electrical unit (3)
8 Matching crockery (6,3)
9 Elected house of the UK Parliament (5,2,7)
10 Kind of committee (4,5)
11 'Pronto!' (5,4)
12 Star quality (7)
14 Kind of case (7)
15 Agile ruminant (3,4)
21 Believed (4)
22 Overhaul (6)
23 Stain (6)
24 Part (4)
28 Capsized (7)
30 Suggestive of soil; unrefined (6)
31 Festival of lights (6)
33 Symbol of love (5)
34 Leave out (7)
35 Convenes (5)
37 Door opener (6)
38 Picture theatre (6)
39 Method of treating mental disorders (14)
44 Rouse (6)
45 Ballad part (6)
47 - hoop (4)
48 Fail (coll) (4)



- 50** Marked (9)
51 Land alongside a waterway (9)
52 Set off (9)
53 Attire (7)
54 Nonsense (7)
57 Idyllic state or place (7)
58 Current running with the wind (3,4)
59 Paraguayan monetary unit (7)

- 60** Slight suggestion (7)
61 Ancient supercontinent (7)
62 Expert in the interpretation of religious texts (7)
68 Moniker (3)
69 Kerfuffle (3)

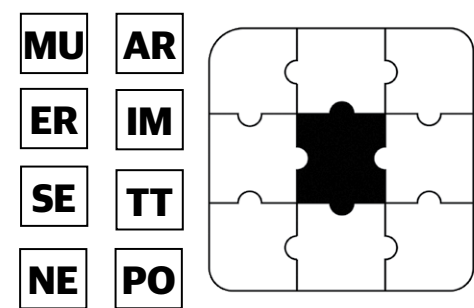


EDGEWORD

No. 233

pm ORIGINAL PUZZLE

Place each of the tiles of letters into the blank jigsaw below to create four six-letter words going across and down.



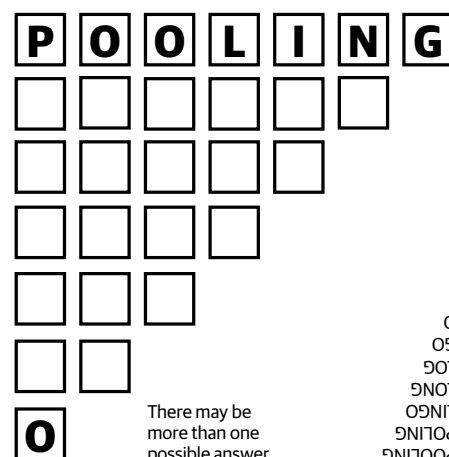
There may be more than one solution

ANSWERS: IMMUNE, IMPOSE, NEARER, SETTER

DROP DOWN

No. 230

Starting with the seven-letter word, drop a letter and form a six-letter word. Continue in this manner until you reach the single letter at the bottom. You can rearrange the letters in each step, if necessary.



There may be more than one possible answer.

ANSWERS: POOLING, GNOING, NOT, 901, 09, O

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW...

Kate McCartney and Kate McLennan

- 1. Which of Kate McCartney and Kate McLennan's writing projects parodies breakfast television?**
A. *Get Krack!n*
B. *The Katering Show*
C. *Bleak*
D. *Slushy*

- 2. Which of the Kates grew up in Geelong?**
A. Kate McCartney
B. Kate McLennan
C. Neither
D. Both of them

- 3. Which comedian appeared on *Get Krack!n* as her alter ego Helen Bidou?**
A. Fiona O'Loughlin
B. Kitty Flanagan
C. Anne Edmonds
D. Mel Buttle

- 4. Which 2015 episode of *The Katering Show* went viral online?**
A. "Thermomix"
B. "Food Porn"
C. "We Quit Sugar"
D. "Ethical Eating"

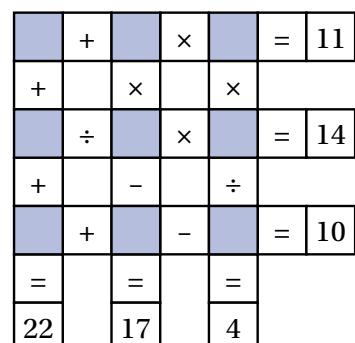
- 5. Where is the Kates' 2023 Prime Video thriller *Deadloch* set?**
A. Darwin
B. Tasmania
C. Canberra
D. Norfolk Island



ANSWERS: 1A, 2B, 3C, 4A, 5B

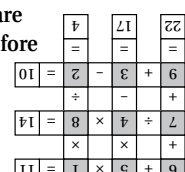
CROSSMATH

No. 0233



Insert each number from 1 to 9 in the shaded squares to solve all the horizontal and vertical equations.

Multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.

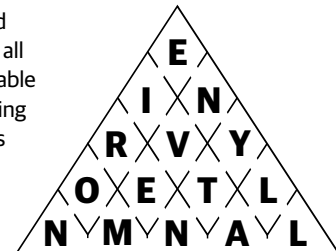


WORD TRIANGLE

No. 032

The starting letter could be in any segment, and all subsequent letters are able to be connected following a path through the gaps in the walls. You may only enter each of the segments once, and all letters must be used.

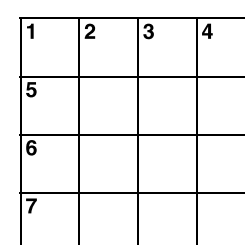
HINT: The answer is a word.



ANSWERS: ENVIRONMENTALLY

4x4

No. 230



ACROSS

- 1** Undead creature (4)
5 Operatic air (4)
6 Shut down (4)
7 Leg joint (4)

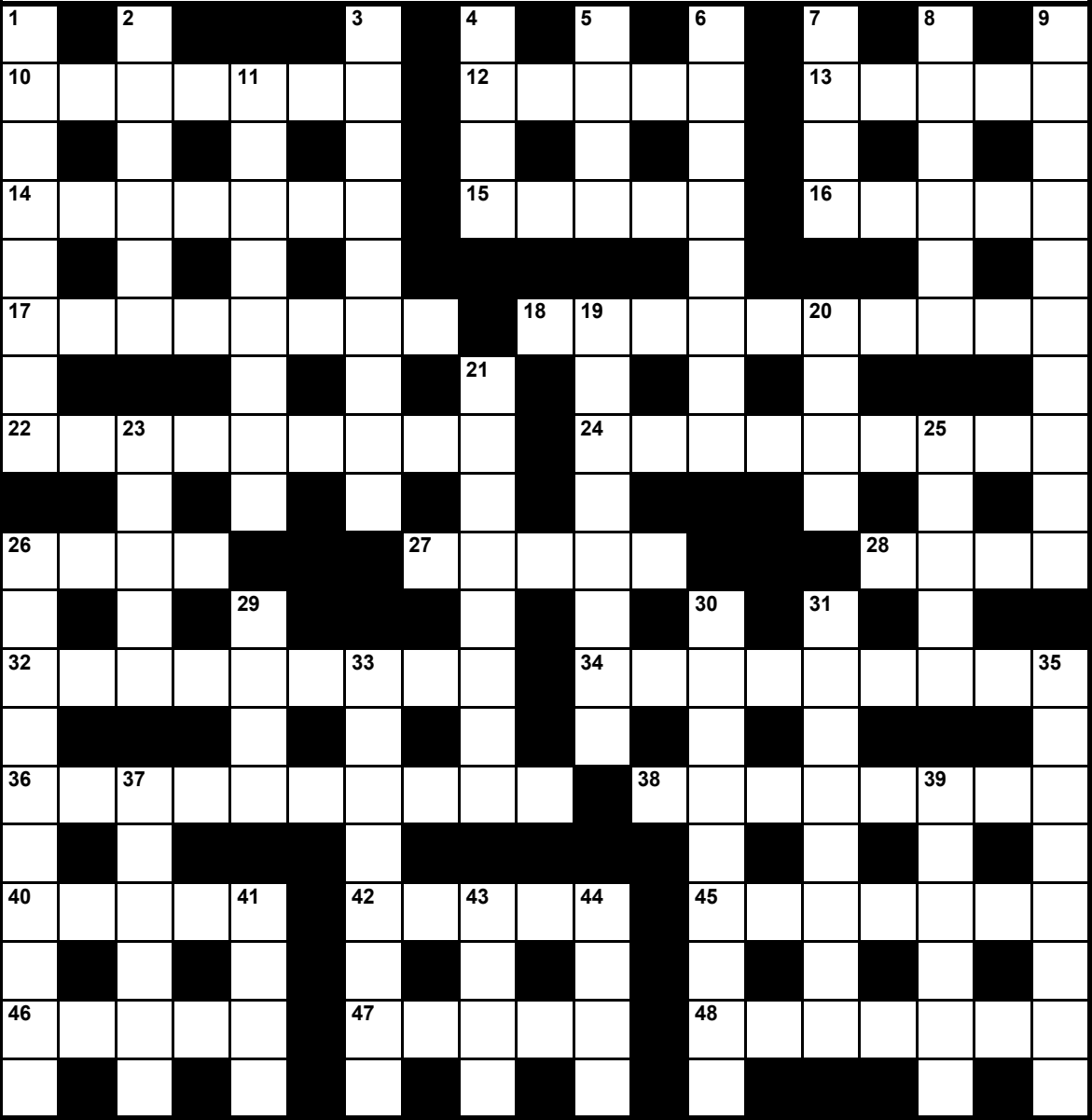
DOWN

- 1** Deficiency (4)
2 Ferrous metal (4)
3 Film (4)
4 Food fish (4)

ANSWERS: 1. Lost, 5. Aria, 6. Conk, 7. Knee, 3. Cine, 4. Twos, DOWN: 1. Lack, 2. Iron,

OZ CROSSWORD

No. 174



- 26** Adelaide Crows midfielder, – Hatchard (4)

27 Brownlow or Dally M, for example (5)

28 Collingwood nickname (4)

32 *Sunrise* is considered Australia's No.1 – show (9)

34 Control (9)

36 Former Collingwood player (5,5)

38 Body of water near the Great Barrier Reef (5,3)

40 *Sorrento Moon* singer, Tina – (5)

42 Former tennis player, Jelena – (5)

45 Elegy (7)

46 Nickname of Lauren Jackson's team (5)

47 Carlton midfielder, Adam – (5)

48 Drinking glass (7)
- 25** Nationality of Sarah Rowe and Oisín Mullin (5)

26 Kevin Rudd performs this role in the US (10)

29 Performance on *Thank God You're Here*, say (4)

30 Angels (9)

31 Life form (8)

33 Sydney's Boottown, for one (8)

35 Australian singer and internet personality (5,3)

37 Road sign (3,3)

39 Steady (6)

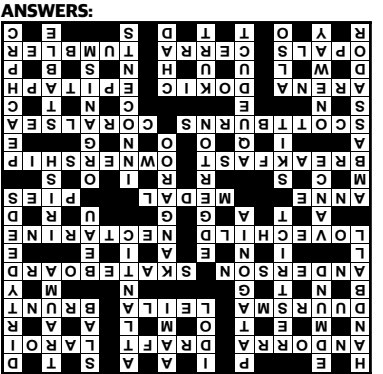
41 Additionally (4)

43 Wheelchair racing gold medallist, – Fearnley (4)

44 Sydney Swans midfielder, – Warner (4)

DOWN

- 1** AFL pass (8)
- 2** First prime minister of Australia, – Barton (6)
- 3** Outdoor clothing brand (9)
- 4** Singing competition, *Australian* – (4)
- 5** Melbourne stadium, – Park (4)
- 6** An ocean (8)
- 7** Case of beer (4)
- 8** Stress (6)
- 9** AC/DC album, – *Done Dirt Cheap* (5,5)
- 11** Limit (8)
- 19** Marsupial (8)
- 20** Collingwood forward, – McCreery (4)
- 21** *Animal Kingdom* actor, Joel – (8)
- 23** James Keogh's stage name, – Joy (5)



ACROSS

- 10** European country (7)

12 Player allocation event (5)

13 Australian rapper, The Kid – (5)

14 Aussie rules family of Xavier, Yasmin and Zane (7)
- 15** Australian actress, – George (5)

16 Ice hockey player for Canberra Brave, Jordon – (5)

17 *Gruen* host and comedian, Wil – (8)
- 18** Chloe Covell and Liv Lovelace's vehicle of choice (10)

22 Jessica Marais drama series set in the '70s (4,5)

24 Fruit in season from October to May (9)

WORDFIND

No. 174

Can you find all the words listed below in the grid? The remaining letters will spell out a message.



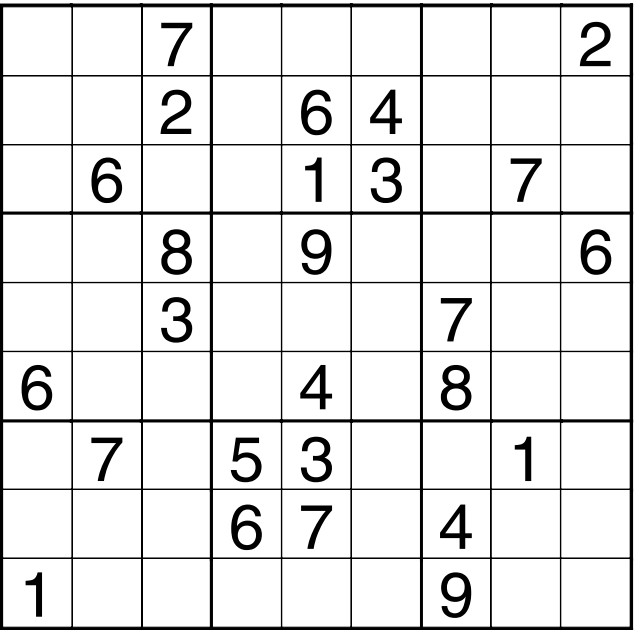
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BISPHENOLA
BRICK
CEMENT
CERAMIC
COBALT
FIBRE
GLASS
GOLD
IRIDIUM
IRON
LEAD
MANGANESE
MARBLE
METAL
MOLYBDENUM
MORTAR

- MUD
NICKEL
PAPER
PLASTER
PLASTIC
POLYMER
RAW
SAND
STEEL
STONE
TANTALUM
TEXTILE
TIMBER
TUNGSTEN
VANADIUM
VINYL
WOOD

SECRET MESSAGE: Foundations that stand the test of time

SUDOKU

No. 524



HOW TO PLAY:
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in: each of the nine vertical columns, each of the nine horizontal rows and each of the nine 3 x 3 boxes. Remember, no number can occur more than once in any row, column or box.



JUMBLE

No. 174

Can you unscramble the words below? The circled letters will create another word.

- DDMEO

DUWON

RIVPE
- ACEYG

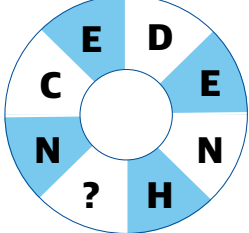
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ANSWERS: DOMED, WOUND, VIPER, CAGEY, TRILL, (NORMALLY)

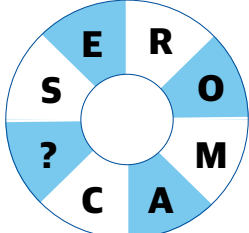
EIGHT AROUND

Can you work out what the missing letter is that spells an 8-letter word? It could read either clockwise or anti-clockwise.

No. 345



No. 346



ANSWERS: ENHANCED, SYCAMORE

WORD STEP

No. 174

SPINE

- — — — —
- — — — —
- — — — —
- — — — —

PLOTS

Complete the list by changing one letter at a time to create a new word at each step.

There may be more than one possible answer.

ANSWERS: SPINE, SPINS, SPITS, SLITS, SLOTS, PLOTS

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Perfect match

Lila McGuire and Felix Mallard
make a dynamic double act in
the ABC biopic **Goolagong**

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Cover Story

Eyes on the ball:
Goolagong stars Lila McGuire as seven-time grand slam champion Evonne Goolagong Cawley.

Ahead of the game



A three-part miniseries based on the incredible life story of champion tennis player Evonne Goolagong Cawley is taking centre court on the ABC. Stars Lila McGuire and Felix Mallard chat to **Siobhan Duck** ahead of the biopic's premiere

LILA McGuire understands her starring role in the biopic *Goolagong* will be a game changer. Growing up, the proud Whadjuk and Ballardong Noongar actor didn't see a lot of people who looked like her on-screen. And so, she's aware that her role in telling Evonne Goolagong Cawley's remarkable story will be both meaningful and impactful for First Nations viewers. "Oh, God, I can feel myself getting shaky. It genuinely feels like I'm realising a childhood dream," she says.

"When I was little, I so desperately needed to see this. Everyone needs representation. We need to feel seen and heard in stories.

"Knowing that I can be that for some other little girl out there – or any mob young people – is amazing. And for my nieces and nephews to see their auntie up there doing that, it's really special."

The role has already proven a hit with her younger relatives, given her love interest is being played by *Ginny & Georgia*'s Felix Mallard.

McGuire hasn't seen a lot of the Netflix teen drama, laughing "I don't think I'm the target audience", but the series is popular with her sister and niece.

"So, it feels like a very cool flex," McGuire giggles.

"I'm like, 'Yes! I'm your coolest auntie', because I worked with him."

Although she's just getting started with her career, McGuire has already worked with some of Australia's finest, having made her debut in *The Twelve* with Sam Neill, Frances O'Connor and Tasma Walton.

Now, having finished work on *Goolagong*, she's on set in

Queensland shooting the upcoming outback mystery *Dustfall* with Anna Torv, Kate Box and Martin Sacks.

"I've been so lucky to work with so many actors [that] I've been watching on TV growing up, and who have just been absolute idols, and to see them in person and be like, [a shock to discover] 'Right, you're just a person like me'," she explains.

"I forget that. And it was a gift working with Felix too. He was fabulous."

Mallard, who plays the tennis ace's husband Roger Cawley, is equally impressed by his screen wife McGuire.

"Lila is nothing short of a star," Mallard enthuses.

"Consummately professional, wickedly talented and endlessly inspiring. She embodied Evonne's natural grace and strength with a preternatural ease and made every day on set an absolute joy."

After making his own debut in *Neighbours* at age 15, Mallard has already clocked up more than a decade of screen credits. And yet, acting wasn't always the obvious choice for him.

"I grew up on stage, dancing and playing music, the expression and the freedom that it afforded felt like an antidote to all of life's big feelings, but I never considered acting," he says.

"I was too busy wanting to be a rockstar. It wasn't until I already found myself on a set that I considered that acting could be that antidote; all the questions and mysteries about ourselves that acting allows us to wrestle with have since felt like an enormous gift."

After five years on Ramsay Street as Ben Kirk, Mallard headed



to Hollywood, where he worked on comedies such as *Happy Together* and *Zoey's Extraordinary Playlist* before hitting the big time with *Ginny & Georgia*.

Mallard has been stunned by the reaction to *Ginny & Georgia* around the world, recalling the unusual way he realised the Netflix drama was a megahit.

"It's 2020. I'm on day three of a hotel quarantine next to the airport in Toronto and losing my marbles," Mallard explains.

"The show has just premiered and the only thing I can do is watch social media explode. The numbers kept climbing and the walls kept closing in, but there was a stark realisation that people were watching."

Missing the familiarity of home – in particular "the community, the culture... and a good coffee", not to mention a corner pub with mates ready to meet him at the bar – Mallard was thrilled when he got his hands on the *Goolagong* script.

"When I left for LA, I knew I wanted to eventually come back

to Australia and hopefully one day work in Melbourne again," he explains.

"The stipulation being that if I'm coming home then I'd want to do something really meaningful and impactful – I couldn't think of a better story to bring me back to Naarm and feel endlessly humbled to have been a part of bringing this story to the screen."

At 27, Mallard is too young to have watched Goolagong Cawley when she was at the peak of her playing powers in the 1970s and '80s.

"I definitely knew Evonne was a national icon and a champion, but upon signing onto our project, it was such an inspiration to learn about her deeper story; how much she changed the game of tennis, the adversity she faced to get there and her strength in being a mother and sportswoman," he says.

He was grateful to spend time with the legend and her husband, Roger.

"They came and visited a few times and I can't imagine the

Love game:
Lila McGuire and Felix Mallard portray tennis ace Evonne Goolagong Cawley and her husband Roger Cawley in ABC miniseries *Goolagong*.

experience of seeing your early memories and your story being brought to life," Mallard reflects.

"Whatever surrealism they were experiencing, they didn't show it for a second. What they did show was a deep sense of kindness, understanding, strength and love. They've been married for 50 years and still flirt like they just met. Their infallible support for each other is undeniable, as is Evonne's legacy."

Mallard was particularly impressed by Goolagong Cawley's energy and grace.

In-between takes, the 74-year-old spent time with the extras in a Wimbledon crowd scene, Mallard explaining how she spent time "shaking hands, chatting and laughing with fans."

"Roger looked on with a wry, proud smile and said to me: 'She won't leave until she's pulled away. She's always done that.'"

■ *Goolagong*, Sunday, January 4, 8.20pm, ABC TV, and all episodes available on ABC iview

Movie Guide

PICK OF THE WEEK

Soul searching: Lauren (Miranda Tapsell) and Ned (Gwilym Lee) cross the Top End to find her missing mother.

Boxing Day
TOP END WEDDING
ABC TV, 8.20pm, M (2019)

In order to pull off their dream wedding, young Indigenous lawyer Lauren (Miranda Tapsell) and her fiancé Ned (Gwilym Lee) have one more hurdle to the aisle than most: the couple have just 10 days to reunite Lauren's parents by finding her mother Daffy (Ursula Yovich), who is missing somewhere in the remote far north of Australia. The multi-talented and always endearing Tapsell co-wrote *Top End Wedding's* stellar script and co-produced the film – as well as its sequel series *Top End Bub* (streaming, Prime Video). Directed by Wayne Blair (*The Sapphires*), this unique romantic comedy is a genuine, funny and feel-good addition to the Australian cinematic landscape. ★★★★★



MISS CONGENIALITY
Imparja, Boxing Day, 8pm, M (2000)

Sandra Bullock (pictured with William Shatner) is in top comic form as tomboyish FBI agent Gracie Hart, who goes undercover as a contestant in the Miss United States pageant to thwart the diabolical plans of a terrorist. Most of the laughs spawn from Gracie's transformation from "Dirty Harriet" to sophisticate through the guidance of beauty consultant Victor Melling (Michael Caine), while the love-hate games between Gracie and her colleague Eric (Benjamin Bratt) hit some highs. ★★★★★



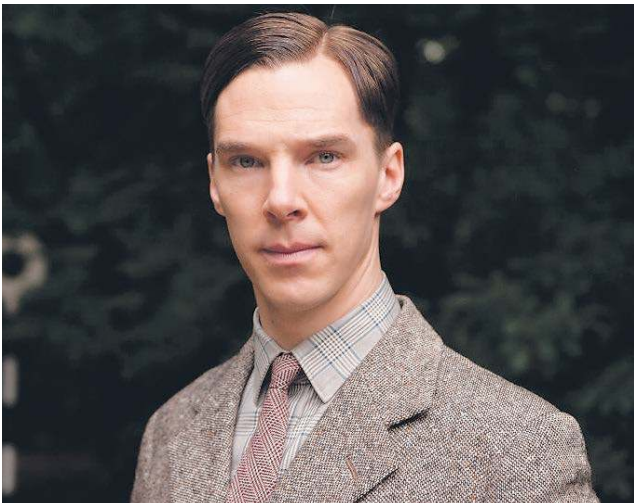
JAWS
Seven, Saturday, 6.30pm, M (1975)

Five decades after it first scared beachgoers around the world, Steven Spielberg's underwater thriller remains just as powerful. Seamlessly transferring Peter Benchley's pulp novel to the big screen, Spielberg redefined the scale of the blockbuster. John Williams' chilling score is outstanding, but the simple human fear of the unseen is *Jaws'* greatest strength. The dynamic trio of Roy Scheider (pictured), Robert Shaw and Richard Dreyfuss shine as they go on the hunt for the massive shark. ★★★★★



THE HUNGER GAMES: MOCKINGJAY - PART 1
9Go!, Saturday, 7.30pm, M (2014)

Oscar-winner Jennifer Lawrence (pictured) returns for the penultimate film in this blockbuster series based on Suzanne Collins' trilogy. In true Hollywood style, however, the final book is split into multiple parts to squeeze every penny out of filmgoers. With revolution brewing in the districts, thanks in large part to the defiance of Katniss Everdeen (Lawrence), President Snow's (Donald Sutherland) rage is building and he's determined to keep the masses in what he considers their rightful place. ★★★★★



THE IMITATION GAME
ABC TV, Sunday, 9pm, M (2014)

This biopic is an intense portrayal of an intelligent, complicated man. Alan Turing (Benedict Cumberbatch, pictured) is arrested for the criminal offence of homosexuality in the 1950s, but little did the authorities know they were incriminating the pioneer of modern-day computing. Flashbacks show how Turing cracked the so-called unbreakable codes of Germany's World War II Enigma machine, helping to shorten the war and save thousands of lives. A stirring, well-made film. ★★★★★



THE RAILWAY MAN
Streaming, ABC iView, M (2013)

With top-notch performances from its Oscar-winning leads and a compelling true story to tell, *The Railway Man* is a rewarding watch. When Patricia (Nicole Kidman) meets Eric (Colin Firth, pictured with Kidman), they fall in love and marry, but it quickly becomes apparent Eric's bookish exterior hides a tormented past. Desperate to uncover what is so wrong with her husband, Patricia meets Finlay (Stellan Skarsgård) who served with Eric in World War II and the truth begins to unravel. ★★★★★



NO TIME TO DIE
9Gem, Tuesday, 7.10pm, M (2021)

Daniel Craig (pictured) wraps up his time with Her Majesty's Secret Service as superspy James Bond in a film that ranks among 007's best outings. After an explosive opening, we find Bond retired from MI6 duty. His peace is soon interrupted, however, when his CIA buddy Felix Leiter (Jeffrey Wright) turns. Bond's subsequent mission to rescue a kidnapped scientist leads him to a scarred and heavily accented villain (Rami Malek), who is armed with a dangerous new technology. ★★★★★

The Guide

PICK OF THE WEEK

Home front: James (Nicholas Ralph) reunites with Helen (Rachel Shenton) and baby Jimmy.



ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL ABC TV, Boxing Day, 7.30pm

As Spring 1941 arrives in Darrowby and season five of this cheery series makes its way on to screens, there's a new boss at Skeldale House: baby Jimmy. The little lad is keeping everyone on their toes – particularly mum Helen (Rachel Shenton) – while James (Nicholas Ralph) is away at RAF Abingdon. Mrs Hall (Anna Madeley) steps up and contributes to the local war effort as a blackout warden, but being the only woman on the team is no easy task. Meanwhile, Siegfried (Samuel West) is holding down the fort at the surgery while waiting for the others to return. Combining the show's trademark warmth with a more sombre wartime tone, this poignant dramedy reaches new heights of storytelling.

JULIA SBS, Saturday, 7.30pm

Nowadays we have entire TV channels devoted to food, but not so long ago, the idea of audiences tuning in to someone else cooking a meal was totally outrageous. Enter Julia Child (pictured). The American chef with a passion for French cuisine and a wonderfully authentic manner in the kitchen pioneered the modern cooking show when *The French Chef* debuted in 1963. This tasty treat from *RBG* directors Betsy West and Julie Cohen traces the life and career of the revolutionary chef, from her time working at the OSS (a precursor to the CIA), to her studies at Le Cordon Bleu, the struggles to publish her bestselling 1961 cookbook and her rapid ascent to fame as an unlikely television star. Bon appétit!



Forbidden love: Azul Guaita and Andrés Baida.

LIKE WATER FOR CHOCOLATE SBS, Monday, 11.10pm

This searing Spanish-language romance from executive producer Salma Hayek Pinault is well worth staying up for. Based on the bestseller by Laura Esquivel that previously inspired a decadent 1992 film, this HBO adaptation is pure indulgence. Set during the Mexican Revolution, it centres on young woman Tita (Azul Guaita) who longs to be with her childhood sweetheart Pedro (Andrés Baida) – but is prevented from doing so by a family tradition. Tita's primary way of expressing her heartache is through cooking, which gives way to the series' most magical scenes.

TARONGA: WHO'S WHO IN THE ZOO Imparja, Tuesday, 7pm

Pet owners might think they're familiar with the ins and outs of a veterinarian office, but clipping a house cat's claws or giving a dog a dental check is nothing compared to the daily duties of the Taronga Zoo team. Tonight, a small village of vets is on standby for Sumatran tiger Mawa, who is in line for an exclusive breeding program in the US and needs a thorough health assessment under delicate sedation. Meanwhile, senior keeper Suzie is hoping sparks fly when Australia's smallest bachelor – Spud the potoroo (pictured) – is introduced to female Penny. Highlighting the important conservation work and care that these incredible animals receive, this docuseries makes for positively heartwarming viewing.



Thursday, December 25

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

ABC TV (2)

6.00 Rage Christmas Special. (PGadhlnsv) **9.00** ABC News. **9.30** The Pope's Christmas Mass. **11.25** QI. (PGIs, R) **12.00** News. **12.30** Guy Mont Spelling Bee. (PG, R) **1.20** Shaun Micallef's Eve Of Destruction. (PG, R) **1.55** Death In Paradise. (Final, Mv, R) **2.55** Would I Lie To You? (PG, R) **3.25** HM The King's Christmas Message. **3.40** Bluey. (R) **3.50** **MOVIE:** A Boy Called Christmas. (2021, PG, R) **5.30** Royal Carols: Together At Christmas.

6.30 Hard Quiz Kids. (PG, R) **7.00** ABC National News. Coverage of news, sport and weather. **7.30** HM The King's Christmas Message. (R) King Charles III's Christmas message. **7.40** The Royal Variety Performance. (PG) From the Royal Albert Hall, London. **9.40** Portrait Artist Of The Year. (Final, R) Three artists compete in the final. **10.25** A (Very) Musical Christmas. (R) **11.55** The Art Of. (M, R) **12.30** Nigella Bites. (R) **12.55** Long Lost Family. (PG, R) **1.40** Rage Christmas Special. (MA15+dhlnsv) **3.20** Parkinson In Australia. (PG, R) **4.35** Gardening Australia. (R) **5.35** Nigella Bites. (R)

ABC FAMILY (22) **6am** Children's Programs. **11.40** Fizzy And Suds. **12.45pm** Vida The Vet. **1.30** PJ Masks. **2.15** Thomas. **2.45** The Makery. **3.05** Play School. **3.40** Fizzy And Suds. **4.10** Andy's Safari Adventures. **4.25** Mojo Swoptops. **5.30** Peter Rabbit. **5.55** Knee High Spies. **6.25** The Gruffalo. **6.50** The Gruffalo's Child. **7.35** Ninjago: Dragons Rising. **8.00** Wallace And Gromit: A Grand Day Out. **8.20** Wallace And Gromit: The Wrong Trousers. **8.50** Wallace And Gromit: A Close Shave. **9.20** Wallace And Gromit: A Matter Of Loaf And Death. **9.50** The Wonderful World Of Puppies. **10.35** Late Programs.

NITV (34) **6am** Toi Time. **6.30** Waabiny Time. **7.05** Aussie Bush Tales. **7.20** Cities Of Gold. **7.50** Bushwhacked! **8.15** Motown Magic. **8.40** The Magic Canoe. **9.10** Spartakus. **10.00** Arctic Secrets. **11.00** Ocean Warriors: Mission Ready. **Noon** **MOVIE:** The Silver Brumby. (1993, PG) **2.00** Strait To The Plate. **2.30** The Cook Up. **3.00** Jarjums. **5.00** Harlem Globetrotters. **5.30** Going Places. **6.00** Bamay. **6.40** Arctic Secrets. **7.30** Going Places. **8.30** Reservation Dogs. **9.30** **MOVIE:** New Jack City. (1991, MA15+) **11.15** Warrior Spirit. **12.05am** Garma Bunggul 2023. **1.00** The Rap Game UK. **3.00** On The Road. **5.00** Bamay.

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **10.00** Kew Gardens: Season By Season. (R) **10.50** Who Do You Think You Are? (PGa, R) **12.00** BBC News At Ten. **12.30** France 24. **1.00** PBS News. **2.00** Darcey Bussell's Royal Road Trip. (R) **2.55** Such Was Life. (R) **3.05** Going Places. (R) **3.35** Plat Du Tour. (R) **3.40** The Cook Up. (PG, R) **4.10** Christmas Carols From London Coliseum. (R) **5.05** Jeopardy! **5.30** Letters And Numbers. (R)

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) **6.30** SBS World News. **7.30** Andrea Bocelli 30: The Celebration. (R) A performance by Andrea Bocelli. **9.20** Vigil. (MA15+v) Kirsten meets with Sutherland. **10.30** The 2010s: Trump – The Disruptor. (Ma, R) **11.20** Vienna Blood. (Mav) **12.15** Outlander. (Masv, R) **1.35** House Of Promises. (Mlnsv, R) **3.20** Growing A Greener World. (R) **4.20** Rediscover Victoria. (PG, R) **4.50** Destination Flavour: Japan Bitesize. (R) **5.00** NHK World English News Morning. **5.30** ANC Philippines The World Tonight.

SBS VICELAND (31) **6am** TRT World News. **6.50** DW English News. **7.20** FBC News. **7.55** France 24 Feature. **8.10** NHK Newline. **8.40** CBC The National. **9.30** BBC News At Six. **10.00** The Movie Show. **12.20pm** DW The Day. **12.50** Australia's Sleep Revolution. **1.55** Devoured. **2.45** Insight. **3.45** WorldWatch. **5.45** Travel Man: Rebel Wilson In Florence. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** History's Greatest Mysteries. **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** All Quiet On The Western Front. (1979, PGav) **8.40** Bye Bye Birdie. (1963, PGa) **10.40** The Comic. (1969, PGansv) **12.25pm** Sisi & I. (2023, Mad, German, English, French) **2.45** The Movie Show. **3.15** My Neighbour Totoro. (1988, PG) **4.55** Selkie. (2000, PG) **6.30** Spirited Away. (2001, PG, R) **8.55** Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. (1968, PG, R) Dick Van Dyke. **11.30** Operation Mincemeat. (2021, Malsv) **1.50am** Spirited Away. (2001) **4.10** The Most Beautiful Day In The World. (2019, PGa, Italian)

SEVEN (7, 71)

6.00 Carols In The Domain. (PG, R) **8.00** Alinta Energy Christmas Pageant. (PG) **9.00** Mayor's Christmas Carols. (PG) **10.00** St John Ambulance Carols By Candlelight. (PG, R) **12.30** Christmas With The Salvos. (PG, R) **1.00** **MOVIE:** Last Train To Christmas. (2021, PGaln, R) Michael Sheen, Cary Elwes. **3.30** The Chase Australia. **4.30** Seven News. **5.30** Border Security: Australia's Front Line. (PG, R)

6.00 **MOVIE:** Love Actually. (2003, Mlns, R) Explores a series of interlocking vignettes. Hugh Grant, Colin Firth. **8.45** **MOVIE:** Last Christmas. (2019, PGals, R) An aspiring singer, who works as an elf at a Christmas-themed shop in London and has been feeling ambivalent about life, gains a new perspective when she meets a young man. Emilia Clarke, Henry Golding, Emma Thompson. **10.55** Life. (Malsv, R) A Los Angeles coroner is found murdered. **11.55** Travel Oz. (R) **12.30** Home Shopping. (R) **2.30** NBC Today. **3.30** Sunrise Early News. **4.00** Sunrise.

7MATE (70) **6am** Morning Programs. **7.30** America's Game. **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. **6.00** American Pickers. **7.00** **MOVIE:** Ghost Rider. (2007, M) **9.15** **MOVIE:** Anaconda. (1997, M) **11.10** American Pickers. **12.30am** Pawn Stars. **1.30** NFL. Week 16. Carolina Panthers v Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Replay. **4.30** Hook, Line And Sinkers. **5.30** My Fishing Place.

7TWO (72) **6am** Morning Programs. **11.30** Escape To The Country. **12.30pm** South Aussie With Cosi. **1.00** Charles: The Monarch And The Man. **2.00** Harry's Practice. **2.30** Christmas With The Salvos. **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** Room For Improvement. **4.00** The Great Australian Doorstep. **4.30** Late Programs.

IMPARJA (9)

6.00 National Pharmacies Christmas Pageant. **8.00** Lord Mayor's Christmas Carols. (R) **10.00** CMA Country Christmas. **11.00** Christmas With Delta. (R) **12.30** Carols By Candlelight. (PG, R) **3.30** **MOVIE:** Blizzard. (2003, G, R) An ice skater befriends a reindeer. Jennifer Pisana. **5.30** 9News.

6.30 A Current Affair. **7.00** **MOVIE:** National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation. (1989, Ml, R) Chevy Chase. **9.00** **MOVIE:** National Lampoon's Vacation. (1983, Mdl, R) A Chicago family encounters an endless series of disasters during their cross-country road trip. Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo. **11.00** The King's Christmas Message. **11.10** **MOVIE:** The Jazz Singer. (1980, G, R) Neil Diamond. **1.10** TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) **2.00** Global Shop. (R) **2.30** TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) **3.30** Believer's Voice Of Victory. (PGa) **4.00** GolfBarons. (PG, R) **4.30** A Current Affair. (R) **5.00** Today.

9GEM (90) **6am** Skippy. **6.30** TV Shop. **9.00** Pointless. **10.00** My Favorite Martian. **10.30** How We Celebrate. **11.30** **MOVIE:** Christmas Reservations. (2019, PG) **1.15pm** **MOVIE:** A Christmas In Tennessee. (2018, PG) **3.00** Poirot. **5.00** Antiques Roadshow. **6.00** Clarkson's Farm. (Mlm, R) **7.00** **MOVIE:** Die Another Day. (2002, Msv, R) **9.40** Major Crimes. (Mv, R) **10.40** Australia's Top Ten Of Everything. **11.40** Creflo. **12.10am** Poirot. **2.05** Antiques Roadshow. **2.30** Gideon's Way. **3.30** How We Celebrate. **4.30** Gideon's Way. **5.30** Creflo.

9GO! (99) **6am** Morning Programs. **8.30** Bewitched. **9.00** Jeannie. **9.30** The West Wing. **10.30** Explore. **10.45** **MOVIE:** Christmas On Holly Lane. (2018, PG) **12.30pm** Golden Girls. **1.00** Nanny. **2.00** Seinfeld. **3.00** Addams Family. **3.30** Bewitched. **4.00** Jeannie. **4.30** Golden Girls. **5.00** Nanny. **6.00** Seinfeld. **7.00** **MOVIE:** The Circle. (2017, M) **9.15** Seinfeld. **10.15** The 100. **11.15** The Vampire Diaries. **1.05am** Pretty Little Liars. **2.50** The Nanny: Oy To The World. **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** Barbie: Dreamhouse Adventures.

TEN (10)

6.00 Jamie's One-Pan Christmas. (R) **6.30** MTV Greatest Christmas Hits. (PGa) **11.00** The Graham Norton Show. (PGIs, R) **12.00** The Dog House. (PGa, R) **1.00** The Living Room. (PGa, R) **2.15** The King's Christmas Message. **2.30** Bondi Rescue. (PGa, R) **3.00** Deal Or No Deal. (R) **3.30** 10 News. **4.30** The King's Christmas Message. (R) **4.45** The Dog House. (PGa, R) **5.45** The Graham Norton Show.

7.00 Basketball. NBL. Round 14. Sydney Kings v Illawarra Hawks. **9.00** **MOVIE:** The Lost City. (2022, Masv, R) A reclusive romance novelist on a tour promoting her new book with her cover model is kidnapped by an eccentric billionaire who hopes she can lead him to a fictional ancient city's lost treasure. Sandra Bullock, Channing Tatum, Daniel Radcliffe. **11.15** The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) Hosted by Stephen Colbert. **12.00** Home Shopping. (R) **3.00** CBS Mornings. **4.30** Entertainment Tonight. **5.00** Good Chef Bad Chef. (R) **5.30** Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. (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. (PGlv, R) **3.00** The Living Room. (PG, R) **4.00** JAG. (PGlv, R) **6.00** NCIS. (Mv, R) **7.00** Law & Order: SVU. (MA15+a, R) **8.50** Fire Country. (Mv, R) **10.45** 48 Hours. (Ma, R) **11.45** Home Shopping.

10 COMEDY (11) **6am** Ridiculousness. **6.30** Taskmaster Australia. **7.30** My Market Kitchen. **8.00** Bold. **8.30** Family Feud. **9.00** Ridiculousness. **10.00** Deal Or No Deal. **10.30** Taskmaster Australia. **11.30** 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) **9.30** Ridiculousness. (PGadls, R) **10.30** Shopping. **1am** Bold. **2.00** Stephen Colbert. **3.00** Shopping. **4.30** GCBC. **5.00** Everyday Gourmet. **5.30** Ridiculousness.

CONSUMER ADVICE (P) Pre-school (C) Children (PG) Parental Guidance Recommended (M) Mature Audiences (MA15+) Mature Audiences Only (AV15+) Extreme Adult Violence (R) Repeat (a) Adult themes (d) Drug references (f) Horror (s) Sex references (l) Language (m) Medical procedures (n) Nudity (v) Violence. Please note: channel numbers and programming times may vary based on the broadcast signal received.

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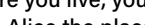
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(ABC) (22) 6am Morning Programs. 9.30 Shakespeare And Hathaway. (PGa) 10.15 Portrait Artist Of The Year. (Final, R) 11.05 The Forsytes. (Final, PG, R) 12.00 News. 12.30 Would I Lie To You? (PG, R) 1.00 The Royal Variety Performance. (R) 3.00 Would I Lie To You? (R) 3.30 Nigella Bites. (R) 3.55 Grand Designs NZ. (R) 4.40 Long Lost Family: What Happened Next. (PG, R) 5.30 Antiques Roadshow. (R)	(SBS) (3) 6am Morning Programs. 10.10 Kew Gardens: Season By Season. (R) 11.00 Birdsville Or Bust: Untold Australia. (MI, R) 12.00 BBC News At Ten. 12.30 France 24. 1.00 PBS News. 2.00 Darcey Bussell's Royal Road Trip. (R) 2.55 Such Was Life. (PG, R) 3.05 Going Places. (R) 3.35 Plat Du Tour. (R) 3.40 The Cook Up. (R) 4.10 Scotland: A Wild Year. (PG, R) 5.05 Jeopardy! 5.30 Letters And Numbers. (R)	(SEVEN) (7) 6am Morning Programs. 11.00 The Ashes: The Lunch Break. 11.40 Cricket. The Ashes. Fourth Test. Australia v England. Day 1. Afternoon session. 1.40 The Ashes: Tea Break. 2.00 Cricket. The Ashes. Fourth Test. Australia v England. Day 1. Evening session. 4.30 News. 5.30 Cricket. Big Bash League. Match 11. Sydney Sixers v Melbourne Stars.	(9) 6.00 Today. 8.30 Today Extra Summer. (PG) 11.00 Sailing. Sydney Hobart Yacht Race. From Sydney Harbour. 12.30 Cross Court. (R) 1.00 Find My Beach House Australia. 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.	(TEN) (8) 6am Morning Programs. 7.30 Lingo. (R) 8.30 Ent. Tonight. 9.00 Dog House. (PGa, R) 10.00 My Market Kitchen. (R) 10.30 Farm To Fork. 11.00 Family Feud. (PG, R) 11.30 Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly Australia. (PGI, R) 12.30 Taskmaster Australia. (PGI, R) 1.30 Deal Or No Deal. (R) 2.00 Lingo. (R) 3.00 Bold. (PG) 3.30 News. 4.30 Bondi Rescue. (PGal, R) 5.00 Deal Or No Deal. (R)
6.30 Hard Quiz Kids. (R) Hosted by Tom Gleeson. 7.00 ABC News. A look at the top stories of the day. 7.30 All Creatures Great And Small. (Return, PG) James is grounded in the RAF. 8.20 MOVIE: Top End Wedding. (2019, MI, R) A woman and her fiancé have just 10 days to find her mother before their wedding. Miranda Tapsell, Shari Sebbens, Gwilym Lee. 9.55 Spicks And Specks. (Final, PG, R) Hosted by comedian Adam Hills. 10.30 Silent Witness. (Mv, R) The team works on a suspected suicide. 12.15 Rage In Memoriam. (MA15+adhlnsv) 5.00 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv)	6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Nicole Kidman: Eyes Wide Open. (Malns, R) Takes a look at Nicole Kidman. 8.30 Marlon Brando In Paradise. (R) Explores actor Marlon Brando's environmental legacy and his role as a conservation pioneer. 9.35 Discovering Film: Gene Hackman. (PGav, R) Looks at the life and career of Gene Hackman. 10.30 The 2010s: The Social Media Boom. (Malv, R) 11.20 Sisi. (MA15+s, R) 12.15 Culpripts. (MA15+v, R) 2.15 Soldiers. (Malv, R) 4.00 Growing A Greener World. (R) 4.30 Rediscover Victoria. (R) 5.00 NHK World English News Morning. 5.30 ANC Philippines The World Tonight.	7.40 Cricket. Big Bash League. Match 12. Perth Scorchers v Hobart Hurricanes. From Optus Stadium, Perth. 11.00 Miniseries: Any Human Heart. (Malns) Logan's mission in Zurich reveals the deadly zeal of the SPK. 12.00 Travel Oz. (PG, R) A look at a variety of holiday destinations here and abroad. Hosted by Greg Grainger. 12.30 Home Shopping. (R) 2.30 Million Dollar Minute. (R) Three contestants go head-to-head in a test of brain power for the chance to win \$1 million. 3.30 NBC Today. International news including interviews with people from the world of business, politics, media and sports. 5.30 Weekend Sunrise. The latest news, sport and weather.	6.30 A Current Affair. 7.00 Find My Beach House Australia. Hosted by Shelley Craft. 8.00 MOVIE: Miss Congeniality. (2000, Msv, R) A graceless FBI agent goes undercover in a beauty pageant to catch a terrorist. Sandra Bullock, Michael Caine. 10.10 Law & Order: Organized Crime. (MA15+av, R) A UN diplomat is targeted by assassins. 11.05 Tipping Point. (PG, R) Hosted by Ben Shephard. 12.00 Pointless. (PG, R) 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 Fishing Australia. (R)	6.00 Selling Houses Australia. (R) Rob and Robyn try to sell their property in Penola. 7.10 Love It Or List It Australia. (R) A couple can't decide whether to stay or leave. 8.20 The Graham Norton Show. (Mls, R) Graham Norton is joined on the couch by guests Daniel Craig, Jesse Eisenberg, Kieran Culkin and Nicola Coughlan. 9.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) Stephen Colbert interviews a variety of guests from the worlds of film, politics, business and music. 10.30 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 What's Up Down Under. (R) 5.00 Camper Deals. (R) 5.30 Reel Action. (R)
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Saturday, December 27

ABC TV (22) 6.00 Rage Best Of The Charts 2025. (PGadhlnsv) 7.00 Weekend Breakfast. 9.00 Rage In Memoriam. (PGadhlnsv) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 12.30 Return To Paradise. (Final, PGdv, R) 1.30 Royal Carols: Together At Christmas. (R) 2.30 All Creatures Great And Small. (PG, R) 3.20 The Royal Variety Performance. (PG, R) 5.30 Master Dogs: Where Are They Now. (PG, R)	SBS (3) 6am Morning Programs. 8.00 DD India News Hour. 9.00 The Point: Road To Referendum History Bites. (R) 9.05 Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) 9.15 Matched. (PG, R) 10.10 Inside The Steam Train Museum. (R) 12.00 BBC News At Ten. 12.30 France 24. 1.00 PBS News. 2.00 Figure Skating. ISU Grand Prix 5. Highlights. 4.30 Incredible Canals. (R) 5.35 Great Gardens Of Europe. (Premiere)	SEVEN (7) 6am Morning Programs. 9.00 Cricket. The Ashes. Fourth Test. Australia v England. Day 2. Morning session. 11.00 The Ashes: The Lunch Break. 11.40 Cricket. The Ashes. Fourth Test. Australia v England. Day 2. Afternoon session. 1.40 The Ashes: Tea Break. 2.00 Cricket. The Ashes. Fourth Test. Australia v England. Day 2. Evening session. 4.30 News. 5.30 Animals Aboard With Dr Harry. (PG)	IMPARJA (9) 6.00 A Current Affair. (R) 6.30 Weekend Today. 9.30 Today Extra Summer. (PG) 11.30 Our State On A Plate. 12.00 My Way. (R) 12.30 Drive Safer. 1.30 Ready Vet Go: The Vet Paramedics. (PGm, R) 2.00 Find My Beach House Australia. (R) 2.30 MOVIE: The Cutting Edge. (1992, PGI, R) D.B. Sweeney. 4.30 9News First At Five. 5.00 Find My Country House Australia. (R) 5.30 9News Saturday.	TEN (10) 6am Morning Programs. 9.00 GCBC. (R) 9.30 Gordon Ramsay's Secret Service. (PGal) 10.30 Everyday Gourmet. (R) 11.00 Farm To Fork. (R) 11.30 Silvia's Italian Masterclass. (R) 12.00 The Yes Experiment. (PG) 12.30 4x4 Adventures. 1.30 Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly Australia. (PGA, R) 2.30 All 4 Adventure. 3.30 News. 4.30 Deal Or No Deal. (R) 5.00 The Dog House UK. (PGA)
6.00 Spicks And Specks. (Final, PG, R) Hosted by comedian Adam Hills. 6.30 When The War Is Over: Australian Wars. (Final, PGa, R) Rachel Griffiths looks at art. 7.00 ABC News. Takes a look at the top stories of the day, including coverage of developing stories and events. 7.30 Call The Midwife. (M) Follows the work of nuns and nurses in a poor district of London's East End during the '50s. 9.35 Vera. (Final, Ma, R) Vera investigates when the body of the co-owner of a chip shop is found in his own freezer. 11.05 Rage Best Of The Guests 2025. (MA15+adhlnsv) Continuous music programming. 5.00 Rage. (PGadhlnsv)	6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 MOVIE: Julia. (2021) Looks at Julia Child's journey. José Andrés, Paul Bogaards. 9.15 MOVIE: Hallelujah: Leonard Cohen, A Journey, A Song. (2021, MI) Looks at singer songwriter Leonard Cohen as seen through the prism of his internationally renowned hymn, 'Hallelujah'. Leonard Cohen, Nancy Bacal. 11.20 Homicide: Life On The Street. (Mav, R) 1.00 MOVIE: Homicide: The Movie. (2000, Malv, R) 2.35 Growing A Greener World. (R) 3.35 Rediscover Victoria. (R) 4.05 The Eco Show. (R) 4.35 Bamay. (R) 5.15 France 24 Feature. 5.30 ANC Philippines The World Tonight.	6.30 MOVIE: Jaws. (1975, Mlv, R) A giant killer shark terrorises beachgoers. Roy Scheider, Richard Dreyfuss. 9.00 MOVIE: Violent Night. (2022, MA15+lv) When an elite team of mercenaries breaks into a family compound on Christmas Eve, a disgruntled Santa Claus must take them out to save both the hostages and his holiday. David Harbour, John Leguizamo, Beverly D'Angelo. 11.00 Dr Harry's Animal Encounters. (PG, R) Dr Harry Cooper meets the mum of 18 puppies. 12.30 Home Shopping. (R) 2.30 It's Academic. (R) 3.30 Million Dollar Minute. (R) 4.30 NBC Today. 5.30 Weekend Sunrise.	6.30 A Current Affair. 7.00 MOVIE: Miss Congeniality 2: Armed And Fabulous. (2005, Mv, R) An FBI agent goes undercover once again. Sandra Bullock. 9.20 MOVIE: Be Cool. (2005, Mlv, R) A former mobster-turned-movie producer tires of the Hollywood scene and decides to enter the music industry. John Travolta, Uma Thurman. 11.40 MOVIE: Analyze That. (2002, Mlsv, R) Billy Crystal. 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 Love It Or List It Australia. A couple need a solution to their chaotic house. 7.10 Location, Location, Location Australia. (R) Property experts search for homes. 8.20 Ambulance UK. (Ma, R) In the first of two strike days, North West Ambulance Service loses over a third of its workforce. 9.35 NCIS. (Mv, R) The team is in a race against time to find an officer who disappeared during his wedding proposal. 10.35 MOVIE: I Am Andrew Tate. (2024, MA15+a) 12.30 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.
ABC FAMILY (22) 6am Children's Programs. 3pm Play School. 3.30 Kiya And The Kimoja Heroes. 4.00 Knee High Spies. 4.20 Millie Magnificent. 4.45 Gardening Australia Junior. 5.10 Kangaroo Beach. 5.40 Peter Rabbit. 6.05 PJ Masks. 6.25 Paddington. 6.50 Andy And The Band. 7.05 Piripenguins. 7.30 MOVIE: Around The World In 80 Days. (2021, PG) 8.50 Chopped Jnr. 9.35 Fresh Off The Boat. 10.15 Late Programs.	SBS VICELAND (31) 6am Morning Programs. 9.30 BBC News At Six. 10.00 The Movie Show. 12.20pm Fashionista. 12.35 Curse Of Oak Island. 3.05 Bamay. 3.40 WorldWatch. 5.40 Mastermind Australia. 6.40 Inside Legoland: A World Of Wonder. (Final) 7.35 Impossible Engineering. 8.30 Icons Unearthed: Fast & Furious. 10.20 Snowpiercer. 12.10am Letterkenny. 2.35 NHK World English News. 5.00 Al Jazeera.	7MATE (70) 6am Morning Programs. 11.30 Blokesworld. Noon Cool Cars & Bikes. 12.30 Rides Down Under: Workshop Wars. 1.30 Motor Racing. NDRC Nitro Funny Cars. 2.30 Desert Collectors. 3.30 Counting Cars. 4.30 Pawn Stars. 5.30 Storage Wars. 6.00 MOVIE: The Karate Kid. (2010, PG) 8.55 MOVIE: King Of Thieves. (2018, M) 11.10 Storage Wars. Midnight Pawn Stars. 12.30 Desert Collectors. 1.30 Late Programs.	9GEM (90) 6am Morning Programs. 11.30 MOVIE: Taras Bulba. (1962, PG) 2pm MOVIE: Bikini Beach. (1964, PG) 4.00 MOVIE: Crossplot. (1969, PG) 6.00 Death In Paradise. 7.00 MOVIE: Quantum Of Solace. (2008, M) 9.10 MOVIE: Blown Away. (1994, M) 11.30 MOVIE: Taras Bulba. (1962, PG) 2am My Favorite Martian. 2.30 Gideon's Way. 3.30 Avengers. 4.30 Skippy. 5.00 Amazing Facts With Doug Batchelor. 5.30 Late Programs.	10 DRAMA (1) 6am Shopping. 7.30 I Fish. 8.00 On The Fly. 8.30 What's Up Down Under. 9.00 JAG. 3pm Soccer. A-League Men. Sydney FC v Auckland FC. 5.30 Football Tonight. 6.05 Soccer. A-League Men. Round 10. Adelaide United v Western Sydney Wanderers. 8.30 NCIS. (Mv, R) 11.20 NCIS: Origins. 12.15am Home Shopping.
NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 11.40 MOVIE: The Darkside. (2013, PG) 1.20pm Arctic Secrets. 2.10 Benny And The Dreamers. 3.20 Land Of The Little Kings. 5.00 Faboriginal. 6.00 The Barber. 6.40 The Other Side. 7.30 Alone Australia. 8.30 MOVIE: Blade Runner. (1982, MA15+) 10.30 Australian Music Vault: Vika And Linda Bull. Midnight Women Of The Sun: 25 Years Later. 1.25 Stompem Ground. 2.00 Late Programs.	SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Morning Programs. 12.20pm My Zoe. (2019, Mals) 2.15 Howl's Moving Castle. (2004, PG) 4.25 The Fifth Element. (1997, PGnsv) 6.40 The Secret World Of Arrietty. (2010) 8.30 Absolute Power. (1997, Mlsv) 10.45 My Summer Of Love. (2004) 12.25am The Secret World Of Arrietty. (2010) 2.10 Death Proof. (2007, MA15+lv) 4.10 Love Proof. (2022, Malns, Swedish)	7TWO (72) 6am Morning Programs. 4.30pm Dog Patrol. 5.00 Bondi Vet. 6.00 The Yorkshire Vet. 7.00 Escape To The Country. 10.00 Heathrow. 11.00 The Yorkshire Vet. Midnight The Great Australian Dogstep. 12.30 Medical Emergency. 1.00 Creek To Coast. 1.30 Weekender. 2.00 The Zoo. 2.30 Harry's Practice. 3.00 Better Homes. 4.00 Shopping. 4.30 Room For Improvement. 5.00 Late Programs.	9GO! (99) 6am Morning Programs. Noon Soccer. English Premier League. Tottenham v Liverpool. Replay. 2.00 Premier League Stories. 2.30 LEGO Masters: Grand Masters. 4.10 MOVIE: Wedding Daze. (2006, PG) 6.00 MOVIE: The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 1. (2014, M) 8.30 The Winter King. 9.40 Top 20 Funniest. 10.40 Love After Lockup. 12.05am MOVIE: Your Love Is Mine. (2022, MA15+) 1.40 Late Programs.	10 COMEDY (11) 6am Bold. 7.00 Wheel Of Fortune Australia. 8.00 Deal Or No Deal. 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. 9.30 Ridiculousness. 10.30 South Park. 11.30 Shopping. Midnight South Park. 1.00 Shopping. 4.30 Deal Or No Deal.

Sunday, December 28

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(ABC) (22) 6.00 Rage. (PG) 7.00 Wknd Brekky. 9.00 Annabel Crabb's Civic Duty. (Final, PG, R) 10.00 Eat The Invaders. (PG, R) 10.30 New Leash On Life. (R) 11.00 Compass. (PGIs, R) 11.30 Praise. (R) 12.00 News. 12.30 Magda's Big National Health Check. (PG, R) 1.30 Gardening Aust. (R) 2.30 The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo 2023. (R) 4.10 Extraordinary Escapes. (PG, R) 5.00 Antiques Roadshow. (R)	(SBS) (3) 6am Morning Programs. 9.00 Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) 9.20 Matched. (PG, R) 10.10 Inside The Steam Train Museum. (R) 12.00 APAC Weekly. 12.30 PBS Washington Week. 12.55 The Point: Road To Referendum History Bites. (R) 1.00 Speedweek. 3.00 Figure Skating. ISU Figure Skating. Grand Prix 6. Highlights. 5.30 Plat Du Tour. (R) 5.35 Great Gardens Of Europe.	(SEVEN) (7) 6am Morning Programs. 11.00 The Ashes: The Lunch Break. 11.40 Cricket. The Ashes. Fourth Test. Australia v England. Day 3. Afternoon session. 1.40 The Ashes: Tea Break. 2.00 Cricket. The Ashes. Fourth Test. Australia v England. Day 3. Evening session. 4.30 News. 5.30 Cricket. Big Bash League. Match 14. Melbourne Stars v Sydney Thunder.	(9) 6.00 A Current Affair. (R) 6.30 Weekend Today. 9.30 Cross Court. 10.00 GolfBarons. (R) 10.30 Fishing Australia. 11.00 Tennis. Laver Cup. F'lights. 12.10 Jamie Durie's Future House. (PGI, R) 1.20 Taronga: Who's Who In The Zoo. (PG, R) 2.20 MOVIE : No Reservations. (2007, PGal, R) Catherine Zeta-Jones. 4.30 9News At Five. 5.00 RBT. (PGdI, R) 5.30 9News Sunday.	(TEN) (10) 6am Morning Programs. 8.00 Key Ingredient. 8.30 Farm To Fork. (R) 9.00 10 Minute Kitchen. (R) 9.30 Well Traveller. (PG, R) 10.00 Pooches At Play. (R) 10.30 The Dog Academy. (PGa) 11.30 Deal Or No Deal. (R) 12.00 Lingo. (R) 1.00 Basketball. NBL. Round 14. Adelaide 36ers v Perth Wildcats. 3.00 Deal Or No Deal. (R) 3.30 News. 4.30 Dog House Australia. (PGa, R) 5.30 Selling Houses Australia. (R)
6.00 Living With Devils. (PG, R) A look at the Tasmanian devil. 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 Death In Paradise. (M) A new detective arrives at Saint Marie, facing a baffling case of three unrelated Santas shot simultaneously. 9.00 MOVIE : The Imitation Game. (2014, Ma, R) During World War II, a mathematician is forced to hide his sexuality as he tries to unravel a secret German code. Benedict Cumberbatch, Keira Knightley, Matthew Goode. 10.55 Rage Vault. (MA15+dhIsv) Showcases rare and retro music videos. 3.10 Gardening Australia. (R) 4.10 The Art Of. (Malns, R) 4.40 Dream Gardens. (R) 5.05 Annabel Crabb's Civic Duty. (Final, PG, R)	6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Cleopatra: Cracking The Enigma. (PG) An investigation into how Cleopatra died. 8.35 Ken Burns' The American Revolution. (PG) As America braces for a third year of devastating war, British commanders launch new campaigns. 10.35 Mayhem: Secret Lives Of Georgian Kings: George IV The Party King. (PGav, R) Explores the 10-year reign of George IV. 11.30 Dean Martin: King Of Cool. (MI, R) 12.35 Australian Fashion Past, Present, Future. (PGa, R) 1.45 24 Hours In Emergency. (M) 3.35 Rediscover Victoria. (MIs, R) 4.00 The Eco Show. (R) 4.30 Bamay. (R) 5.00 NHK World English News Morning. 5.15 France 24 Feature. 5.30 APAC Weekly.	9.00 Big Bash League Post-Match. Post-match coverage of the game between the Melbourne Stars and Sydney Thunder. 9.30 7NEWS Spotlight. Ashlee Mullany interviews Brenda Blethyn, the actress behind Vera, in the TV series of the same name. Then, meet the pilot who survived the unthinkable. 10.30 MacGruber. (MA15+Isv) MacGruber races to retrieve the deadly chemical weapon "Brimstone" before Queeth can get to it. 11.30 Travel Oz. (PG, R) Hosted by Greg Grainger. 12.30 Home Shopping. (R) 2.00 Million Dollar Minute. (R) Hosted by Simon Reeve. 2.30 NBC Today. News and current affairs. 3.30 Sunrise Early News. 4.00 Sunrise.	6.30 Sydney 2000: The Best Ever. (PG, R) Looks at the Sydney 2000 Olympics 25 years on. 8.00 60 Minutes. (Return) Current affairs program, investigating, analysing and uncovering the issues affecting all Australians. 9.00 Freddie Mercury: A Secret Daughter. (Mans, R) Lesley-Ann Jones investigates whether Freddie Mercury could have fathered a daughter in the 1970s and kept it a secret. 10.30 World's Most Dangerous Prisoners: Bingham. (Mv, R) Takes a look at people behind bars. 12.10 Tennis. Laver Cup. Highlights. 1.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. (R) 4.00 The Garden Gurus. (R) 4.30 Today Early News. 5.00 Today.	6.40 MOVIE : Meet The Parents. (2000, MI, R) A teacher takes her accident-prone boyfriend home to meet her mother and humourless father. Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller. 8.40 FBI: Most Wanted. (Final, Mv) The Fugitive Task Force hunts down a rogue government operative who is planning a domestic terror attack. 9.40 FBI. (Mv, R) The team discovers there may be more to a story than just a feud when a famous rapper and two teen fans are gunned down on a tour bus. 12.30 Home Shopping. (R) 3.00 CBS Mornings. Morning news and talk show. 4.30 Entertainment Tonight. (R) 5.00 Good Chef Bad Chef. (R) 5.30 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. (R)
ABC FAMILY (22) 6am Children's Programs. 2.15pm Peter Rabbit. 2.30 Mister Maker Around The World. 3.00 Play School. 3.30 The Snail And The Whale. 3.55 Odd Squad. 4.20 Millie Magnificent. 4.45 Gardening Australia Junior. 5.10 Zog. 5.35 Peter Rabbit. 6.05 PJ Masks Power Heroes. 6.50 Andy And The Band. 7.05 Piriipenguins. 7.30 MOVIE : Paddington 2. (2017, PG) 9.10 TKO: Total Knock Out. 10.35 Late Programs.	SBS VICELAND (31) 6am Morning Programs. 9.30 Small Business Secrets. 10.00 The Movie Show. 11.55 Dark Side Of The '90s. 1.45pm WWE Rivals. 2.40 Jeopardy! 4.45 WorldWatch. 5.45 Icons Unearthed: The Lord Of The Rings. 6.40 Abandoned Engineering. 8.30 A Future On Stage: The Making Of A Broadway Musical. 10.20 The Gentle Art Of Swedish Death Cleaning. 3.10am NHK World English News. 5.00 Al Jazeera.	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 Hurt Rescue. 3.30 Counting Cars. 4.30 Border Security: Int. 5.30 Border Security. 7.00 MOVIE : Black Hawk Down. (2001, MA15+) 9.55 MOVIE : The Unholy. (2021, M) Midnight Blokesworld. 12.30 Counting Cars. 1.00 Border Security: Int. 2.00 Late Programs.	9GEM (90) 6am Morning Programs. 7.30 Turning Point. 8.00 TV Shop. 8.30 My Favorite Martian. 9.00 MOVIE : Trapeze. (1956, PG) 11.10 MOVIE : The Barefoot Contessa. (1954, PG) 1.40pm MOVIE : New York, New York. (1977, PG) 5.00 M*A*S*H. 7.00 MOVIE : Skyfall. (2012, M) 10.00 Mrs Sidhu Investigates. Midnight MOVIE : New York, New York. (1977, PG) 3.20 Avengers. 4.30 Gideon's Way. 5.30 Creflo.	10 DRAMA (1) 6am Shopping. 6.30 Pooches At Play. 7.30 What's Up Down Under. 8.00 Camper Deals. 8.30 4x4 Adventures. 9.30 Navigating The World. 11.30 JAG. 3.30 IFISH. 4.00 JAG. (PGv, R) 6.00 NCIS. (Mdv, R) 8.50 Blue Bloods. (Mv, R) 10.45 Home Shopping. (R)
NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 1.55pm MOVIE : Aaratika: Rise Up! (2021, PG) 3.25 Artie: Our Tribute To A Legend. 3.55 MOVIE : The Saltwater Story. (2018, PG) 4.55 Nganampa Anwernekenhe. 5.20 Australian Music Vault: Vika And Linda Bull. 6.50 Arctic Secrets. 7.40 Aerial Australia. 8.30 MOVIE : Chuck Berry. (2018, PG) 10.20 MOVIE : The Furnace. (2020, MA15+) 12.20am Late Programs.	SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Morning Programs. 12.10pm Godland. (2022, Manv, Danish, Icelandic) 2.45 The Movie Show. 3.20 The Secret World Of Arrietty. (2010) 5.05 Emu Runner. (2018, PGadIv) 6.50 Porco Rosso. (1992, PG) 8.30 Seven. (1995, MA15+av) 10.55 Moonfall. (2022, Malv) 1.20am Porco Rosso. (1992) 3.05 Couch Potatoes. (2017, MadIs, Italian) 5.00 The Movie Show. 5.30 Late Programs.	7TWO (72) 6am Morning Programs. 11.30 Harry's Practice. 12.30pm South Aussie With Cosi. 1.00 Medical Emergency. 1.30 Hornby: A Model Empire. 2.30 Escape To The Country. 5.30 Greatest Escapes To The Country. 6.15 Mrs Brown's Boys. 7.00 Vera. 9.00 Murdoch Mysteries. 11.00 Harry's Practice. 11.30 Better Homes. 12.30am Vera. 2.30 Million Dollar Minute. 3.30 Late Programs.	9GO! (99) 6am Morning Programs. 1pm Soccer. English Premier League. Everton v Arsenal. 3.00 LEGO Masters. 4.20 MOVIE : Space Jam. (1996) 6.00 MOVIE : Batman V Superman: Dawn Of Justice. (2016, M) 9.05 Gotham. 11.00 Arrow. 12.40am Jeopardy! UK. 2.30 Surfing Australia. 3.00 City-Bay: Adelaide's Iconic Fun Run. 3.20 Wild Manes. 3.40 Team Titans Go! 4.00 Pokémon: BW Rival Destinies. 4.30 Late Programs.	10 COMEDY (11) 6am Deal Or No Deal. 6.30 Frasier. 8.30 Ridiculousness. 9.30 Stephen Colbert. 12.30pm Ridiculousness. 1.30 Frasier. 2.30 Friends. 5.00 Big Bang. 8.05 Frasier. (PGa, R) 9.00 Ridiculousness. (PGI, R) 10.00 South Park. 11.00 Home Shopping. Midnight South Park. 1.00 Shopping. 4.30 GCBC. 5.00 Everyday Gourmet. 5.30 Ridiculousness.

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Monday, December 29

ABC TV (22) 6.00 Back In Time For The Corner Shop. (PG, R) 7.00 News Breakfast. 9.30 Would I Lie To You? (R) 10.00 The Whitlam Dismissal: 50 Years On. (R) 10.30 Vera. (Ma, R) 12.00 News. 1.00 The Kimberley. (R) 2.00 Restoration Aust. (R) 2.55 Would I Lie To You? (PG, R) 3.30 Nigella Bites. (R) 3.55 Grand Designs NZ. (PG, R) 4.40 Long Lost Family: What Happened Next. (R) 5.30 Antiques Roadshow. (R) 6.30 Hard Quiz Kids. (PG, R) 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 MOVIE: Whatever It Takes: Inside The eBay Scandal. (2024, Mds) eBay harasses two small-town journalists. 9.00 Franklin. (MA15+I, R) Recounts the seven-year campaign to save the Franklin River from being drowned by a hydroelectric project. 10.30 Creative Types With Virginia Trioli: Richard Tognetti. (Final, PGv, R) 11.00 Grand Designs New Zealand. (PG, R) 11.50 Long Lost Family: What Happened Next. (R) 12.35 Rage. (MA15+Qdlnsv) 3.15 Parkinson In Australia. (PG, R) 4.35 Gardening Australia. (R) 5.35 Nigella Bites. (R)	SBS (3) 6am Morning Programs. 11.05 Food, Sail, Love. (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 The Point: Road To Referendum History Bites. (R) 2.05 Haka Warriors 2023. (R) 2.15 Dan Snow's Greatest Discoveries. (PG, R) 3.10 Two Homelands. 4.10 Scotland: A Wild Year. (R) 5.05 Jeopardy! 5.30 Letters And Numbers. (R) 6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.35 Mysteries Of Stonehenge: Secrets Of The Sun. (Mav, R) Takes a look at Stonehenge. 9.25 Jimmy Carr's I Literally Just Told You. (M) Jimmy Carr hosts a comedic game show where paying attention pays off. 10.20 The 2010s: Taking It To The Streets. (Malv, R) A look at the protests of the 2010s. 11.10 Like Water For Chocolate. (Premiere, MA15+V) 12.05 Culpriits. (MA15+V, R) 2.05 Pagan Peak. (Ma, R) 4.00 The Eco Show. (R) 4.30 Bamay. (R) 5.00 NHK World English News Morning 5.30 ANC Philippines The World Tonight.	SEVEN (7, 71) 6am Morning Programs. 11.00 The Ashes: The Lunch Break. 11.40 Cricket. The Ashes. Fourth Test. Australia v England. Day 4. Afternoon session. 1.40 The Ashes: Tea Break. 2.00 Cricket. The Ashes. Fourth Test. Australia v England. Day 4. Evening session. 4.30 News. 5.30 Cricket. Big Bash League. Match 15. Hobart Hurricanes v Melbourne Renegades. 9.00 Big Bash League Post-Match. Post-match coverage of the game between the Hobart Hurricanes and Melbourne Renegades. 9.30 Chicago Fire. (Ma) With the crew stretched thin, a performance efficiency expert evaluates Firehouse 51. Kidd and Severide bond with the mother of the baby they hope to adopt. 10.30 Girlfriends' Guide To Divorce. (MA15+S) Abby's parents come to town and make an unusual request just as Jake is about to leave for Latvia. 12.30 Home Shopping. (R) 2.30 NBC Today. News and current affairs. 3.30 Sunrise Early News. The latest news, sport and weather. 4.00 Sunrise. News, sport and weather.	IMPARJA (9) 6.00 Today. 8.30 Today Extra Summer. (PG) 11.00 9News Morning. 11.30 Space Invaders. (PGa, R) 12.30 Jeopardy! Australia. (Return) 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. 6.30 A Current Affair. 7.00 Travel Guides. (PGI, R) The travel guides head to Peru. 8.10 MOVIE: Indiana Jones And The Temple Of Doom. (1984, Mv, R) Archaeologist Indiana Jones searches for a mystical stone stolen from an Indian community. Harrison Ford, Kate Capshaw. 10.35 Sight Unseen. (Mv) Tess inserts herself into Jake's investigation. 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) 3.30 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. (R) 4.00 A Current Affair. (R) 4.30 Today Early News. 5.00 Today.	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 Matlock. (PGa, R) 10.30 Farm To Fork. 11.00 Family Feud. (PG, R) 11.30 Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly Australia. (PGs, R) 12.30 Taskmaster Australia. (PGI, R) 1.30 Deal Or No Deal. (R) 2.00 Lingo. (R) 3.00 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG) 3.30 10 News. 4.30 Bondi Rescue. (PG, R) 5.00 Deal Or No Deal. (R) 6.00 Love It Or List It Australia. A couple want to renovate their Kew East home. 7.10 MOVIE: Deep Impact. (1998, Mal, R) A comet is on a collision course with Earth. Morgan Freeman, Robert Duvall. 9.35 MOVIE: Scream. (2022, MA15+I, R) Decades after a streak of brutal murders shocked Woodsboro, a new killer begins targeting a group of teenagers. Neve Campbell, Courteney Cox. 11.55 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) 1.00 Home Shopping. (R) 3.00 CBS Mornings. 4.30 Entertainment Tonight. 5.00 Good Chef Bad Chef. (R) 5.30 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. (R)
ABC FAMILY (22) 6am Children's Programs. 1.10pm Octonauts. 2.15 Peter Rabbit. 2.45 The Makery. 3.05 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 Power Heroes. 6.25 Paddington. 6.45 Ben And Holly. 7.05 Batwheels. 7.35 Ninjago. 8.00 Deadly 60. 8.30 TKO: Total Knock Out. 9.10 The Crystal Maze. 9.55 Merlin. 10.40 Late Programs.	SBS VICELAND (31) 6am Morning Programs. 11.45 France 24 English News. 12.15pm Rex In Rome. 3.50 WorldWatch. 5.40 Marty And Doc: The Inside Story. 6.40 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats. 8.30 I Am Evel Knievel. 10.20 The Billionaires Who Made Our World. 11.10 Question Team. 12.05am Django. 1.00 Everyone Else Burns. 2.00 Dead Asleep. 2.55 NHK World English News. 5.00 Al Jazeera.	7MATE (70) 6am Morning Programs. Noon Rides Down Under: Workshop Wars. 1.00 Motor Racing. NDRC Nitro Funny Cars. Replay. 2.00 Billy The Exterminator. 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 Late Programs.	9GEM (90) 6am Morning Programs. 11.30 MOVIE: How To Murder Your Wife. (1965, PG) 2pm MOVIE: Foreign Intrigue. (1956, PG) 4.00 Yorkshire Auction House. 5.00 Antiques Roadshow. 6.00 Death In Paradise. 7.10 MOVIE: Spectre. (2015, M) 10.05 The Equalizer. 11.05 Antiques Roadshow. 11.30 Creflo. Midnight MOVIE: Foreign Intrigue. (1956, PG) 2.00 My Favorite Martian. 2.30 Gideon's Way. 3.30 Late Programs.	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. (Mav, R) 8.50 48 Hours. (Ma, R) 10.45 Home Shopping.
NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. Noon MOVIE: Chuck Berry. (2018, PG) 1.45 Turn Up Respect. 2.00 Tradition On A Plate. 2.30 The Cook Up. 3.00 Jarjums. 5.00 Harlem Globetrotters. 5.30 The 77 Percent. 6.00 Bamay. 6.40 Arctic Secrets. 7.30 Who Do You Think You Are? 8.30 Karla Grant Presents. 9.05 Dolly Parton: Still Rockin'. 10.00 MOVIE: Hairspray. (1988, PG) 11.40 Message From Mungo. 1am Late Programs.	SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Morning Programs. 12.20pm Benediction. (2021, Ma) 2.55 Porco Rosso. (1992, PG) 4.40 The Legend Of The Christmas Witch. (2018, PGalv, Italian) 6.30 Nausicaä Of The Valley Of The Wind. (1984, PG) 8.45 The Perks Of Being A Wallflower. (2012, Mdlsv) 10.40 But I'm A Cheerleader. (1999, Mals) 12.15am Nausicaä Of The Valley Of The Wind. (1984, PG) 2.30 Late Programs.	7TWO (72) 6am Morning Programs. 12.30pm Weekender. 1.00 Hornby: A Model Empire. 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 Doc Martin. 7.00 Endeavour. 9.00 Air Crash Inv: Accident Files. 10.00 Doc Martin. 11.00 Bargain Hunt. Midnight The Great Australian Doorstep. 12.30 Late Programs.	9GO! (99) 6am Morning Programs. 12.30pm Golden Girls. 1.00 Nanny. 2.00 Seinfeld. 3.00 Addams Family. 3.30 Bewitched. 4.00 Jeannie. 4.30 Golden Girls. 5.00 Nanny. 6.00 Seinfeld. 7.00 MOVIE: The Hangover. (2009, MA15+) 9.05 Seinfeld. 10.05 The 100. 11.00 The Vampire Diaries. 12.40am Pretty Little Liars. 2.30 Barbie: Dreamhouse Adventures. 3.00 Hop. 3.20 Booba. 3.40 Late Programs.	10 COMEDY (11) 6am Morning Programs. 10.00 Deal Or No Deal. 10.30 Taskmaster Australia. 11.30 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 Big Bang. 8.30 Becker. 9.00 Frasier. 10.00 Ridiculousness. 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 Back In Time For The Corner Shop. (PG, R) **7.00** News Breakfast. **9.30** Would I Lie To You? (PG, R) **10.00** The Art Of... (PGI, R) **10.30** Death In Paradise. (Mv, R) **12.00** News. **1.00** Meet The Penguins. (R) **1.55** Restoration Aust. (R) **2.55** Would I Lie To You? (PG, R) **3.25** Simply Nigella. (R) **3.55** Grand Designs NZ. (R) **4.40** Long Lost Family: What Happened Next. (R) **5.30** Antiques Roadshow. (R)

71) Programs. **11.00** The Ashes: Pak. **11.40** Cricket. The Ashes. Australia v England. Day 5. Session. **1.40** The Ashes: Tea. Cricket. The Ashes. Fourth Test. England. Day 5. Evening session. **3.30** Cricket. Big Bash League. Sydney Thunder v Perth Scorchers.

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

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

7.30 Long Lost Family. (PG) Davina McCall and Nicky Campbell help people find their long-lost relatives.

9.00 The Assembly: Steve Waugh. (PG, R) A collective of Autistic journalism students interviews Australian sporting legend Steve Waugh.

10.30 Escaping Utopia. (Final, PG, R)
A shocking secret is exposed.

11.35 Grand Designs New Zealand. (R)

12.20 Long Lost Family: What Happened Next. (R)

1.05 Rage. (MA15+adhlinsv)

3.15 Parkinson In Australia. (PG, R)

4.30 Gardening Australia. (R)

5.30 Simply Nigella. (R)

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R)
6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 Great British Railway Journeys:
Liverpool To Uttoxeter. (R)
 Presented by Michael Portillo.
8.30 Who Do You Think You Are?
Dame Jessica Ennis-Hill. (PG)
 Olympic gold medal-winner Dame
 Jessica Ennis-Hill sets out to investigate
 the truth behind a family story.
9.40 Australia In Colour: Making
Australia. (PG, R) A collection
 of colourised archival footage.
10.40 The 2010s. (Malv, R)
12.10 Families Like Ours. (Ma)
1.10 Dopesick. (Mals, R) **3.25 The Eco Show.**
 (R) **4.25 Bamay.** (R) **4.55 Destination Flavour:**
 Japan Bitesize. (R) **5.00 NHK World English**
News Morning. **5.30 ANC Philippines The**
World Tonight.

9.00 Big Bash League Post-Match. Post-match coverage of the game between the Sydney Thunder and Perth Scorchers.

9.30 Lopez Vs. Lopez. (PGals) While Mayan tries to track down the perfect Christmas gift for Chance, George has to settle a feud with Santa that stretches back to his childhood.

10.30 Miniseries: London Spy. (MA15+ds) Danny is confronted with a side of his lover's life that seems to undermine the foundation of their relationship.

11.45 Travel Oz. (PG, R) Join Greg Grainger as he explores the scenery, cultures and wildlife around Australia.

12.30 Home Shopping. (R)

2.30 NBC Today. News and current affairs.

3.30 Sunrise Early News. The latest news, sport and weather.

4.00 Sunrise. News, sport and weather.

6.30 A Current Affair.
7.00 Taronga: Who's Who In The Zoo: It's Tiger Time. (PG) Sumatran tiger Mawa has a health check.
8.00 Beyond The Build. (PG) Following on from their success on *The Block*, Jesse and Mel attempt to renovate a heritage home in Albert Park.
9.00 Red Eye. (Malv) The truth about events on-board is revealed, forcing Hana to take drastic action.
11.00 La Brea. (Mav, R)
11.45 Tipping Point. (PG, R)
12.35 Cross Court. (R)
1.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
2.00 Destination WA. (PG, R)
2.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
3.30 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. (R)
4.00 A Current Affair. (R) **4.30 Today Early News.** **5.00 Today.**

6.00 The Dog House Australia. (PGa, R) Narrated by Mark Coles Smith.

7.00 MOVIE: Terminator Genisys. (2015, MV, R) A soldier is sent back in time. Arnold Schwarzenegger, Emilia Clarke.

9.30 MOVIE: Scream VI. (2023, MA15+, R) The four survivors from the most recent Woodsboro killings move to New York City for a fresh start but Ghostface is more brutal and relentless than ever, stopping at nothing to hunt them down. Melissa Barrera, Jenna Ortega, Courteney Cox.

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

1.00 Home Shopping. (R)

3.00 CBS Mornings.

4.30 Entertainment Tonight.

5.00 Good Chef Bad Chef. (R)

5.30 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. (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. (Mv, R)
7.00 Law & Order: SVU. (Madv, R)
8.50 48 Hours. (Mad, R)
10.45 Home Shopping. (R)

10 TO COMEDY (11) 6am Morning Programs. **10.00** Deal Or No Deal. **10.30** Taskmaster Australia. **11.00** 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** Big Bang. **8.30** Becker. **9.00** Frasier. **10.00** Ridiculousness. **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)
6am Morning Programs. **9.30** A Symphonic Odyssey With Professor Brian Cox. (R) **11.05** All Creatures Great And Small. (PG, R) **12.00** News. **1.00** Gardening Australia. (R) **1.55** Restoration Australia. (PG, R) **2.55** Would I Lie To You? (R) **3.25** Simply Nigella. (R) **3.55** Grand Designs NZ. (R) **4.40** Long Lost Family: Born Without A Trace. (PG, R) **5.30** Antiques Roadshow. (R)

TEN (10)
6.00 Farm To Fork. (R) **6.30** Bold. (PG, R)
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 No Deal. (R) **2.00** Lingo. (R) **3.00** Bold. (Pga,
 R) **3.30** 10 News. **4.30** Bondi Rescue. (Pga, R)
5.00 Deal Or No Deal. (R)

6.00 Have You Been Paying Attention? (Final, Malins, R)
Celebrity panellists compete to see who can remember the most about events of the week.

7.00 The Graham Norton Show.
(M, R) Graham Norton is joined on the couch by Robbie Williams, Rami Malek, Motsi Mabuse and John Bishop.

8.15 MTV Music Videos: NYE. (PGa)
Continuous music programming.

2.15 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG, R)

3.00 Home Shopping. (R)

4.30 Entertainment Tonight.

5.00 Good Chef Bad Chef. (R)

5.30 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. (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. (Mv, R)
7.00 Law & Order: SVU. (MA15+*, R)
8.50 48 Hours. (Ma, R)
10.45 Home Shopping. (R)

10 COMEDY (11) 6am Morning Programs.
10.00 Deal Or No Deal. **10.30** Taskmaster Australia
11.30 Ridiculousness. **12.30pm** Stephen Colbert.
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 Stephen Colbert. **3.00** Shopping. **4.30** GCBC. **5.00**
 Everyday Gourmet. **5.30** Ridiculousness.

On Demand



Death in Paradise



Beyond Paradise



Call the Midwife

Joy to the world: Christmas comes to Saint Marie, Shipton Abbott, Poplar and Darrowby in a delivery of festival specials on BritBox.

MAKING MERRY

CHRISTMAS SPECIALS Streaming, BritBox



For millions of Brits, Christmas TV specials are as integral to a cosy festive experience as roast turkey with all the trimmings. While Aussie viewers celebrate in far warmer climes, BritBox offers the chance to share in the comforting tradition with timely yuletide instalments of popular shows.

In *Beyond Paradise* (now streaming), it seems wedding bells might finally ring for detective inspector Humphrey (Kris Marshall)

and his patient partner Martha (Sally Bretton). However, before they can hopefully tie the knot after a long wait there's a raft of baffling cases for Humphrey and his team to solve, including determining the identity of an amnesiac stranger.

Meanwhile, in *Death in Paradise* (streaming from Monday), Christmas in the Caribbean looks far from merry as four co-workers wake up with hangovers to find a body floating in the pool of their villa. Detective inspector Mervin (Don Gilet) identifies the murder weapon but is left baffled when he realises that it's actually located thousands of kilometres away from the crime scene, in Swindon, England.

This year's two-part special of *Call the Midwife* (streaming from Saturday) marks the beloved period drama's 14th Christmas. When senior members of Nonnatus House head to Hong Kong on a mercy mission, the convent's younger nurses hold down the fort in Poplar.

Over on *All Creatures Great and Small* (streaming from Boxing Day), it's 1945, the first peacetime celebration since the start of World War II. With Helen (Rachel Shenton) under the weather, James (Nicholas Ralph) unexpectedly takes charge of the village's nativity play.

From fan favourites to undiscovered gems, this BritBox line-up is fuller than Santa's sleigh when it leaves the North Pole. - Travis Lewis



TASKMASTER: CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS Streaming, Bing



Taskmaster Greg Davies (pictured) and his offside Alex Horne put a roster of former winners through their paces in a fourth edition of this suitably bonkers spin-off from the offbeat game show. Andy Zaltzman, John Robins, Maisie Adam, Mathew Baynton and Sam Campbell once again battle through a raft of kooky challenges and baffling tasks.



BOSTON BLUE Streaming, Paramount+ Paramount+

Donnie Wahlberg (pictured) reprises his *Blue Bloods* role in this spin-off from the recently axed police procedural. His hard-nosed character Danny Reagan leaves the NYPD to patrol a similar beat in nearby Boston, where he's partnered with Detective Lena Silver (Sonequa Martin-Green), the eldest daughter of a high-profile law enforcement family.



GOODBYE JUNE Streaming, Netflix

NETFLIX

Kate Winslet makes her directorial debut with this poignant family drama - written by her son Joe Anders - that follows an estranged clan forced to reunite when faced with a heartbreaking loss. Four adult siblings (Winslet, Toni Collette, Andrea Riseborough and Johnny Flynn) rush to the hospital bedside of their ailing mother (Helen Mirren, pictured, left, with Winslet), where they must confront complex unresolved issues.



SUNNY NIGHTS Streaming from Boxing Day, Stan



This comedic crime caper plays like *Colin From Accounts* meets *Mr Inbetween*. Will Forte (*The Four Seasons*) and *The Good Place* standout D'Arcy Carden (both pictured) star as Martin and Vicki, American siblings who try to set up a spray-tanning business in Sydney - only to find themselves caught up in the city's criminal underworld. Keep an eye out for NRL legend Willie Mason in his acting debut.



HAPPY AND YOU KNOW IT Streaming from Boxing Day, HBO Max



Diving far deeper than the grating simplicity of infectious earworm 'Baby Shark', this joyful documentary looks at the art and business of children's music. Filmmaker Penny Lane chats to a raft of performers in the often under-appreciated genre - including Anthony Field of The Wiggles - to unpack how they craft ridiculously catchy tunes for youngsters.



Jessie May @ 8CCC One Frequency Festival. Photo by Martina Capurso.



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SUPER SUDOKU

Every number from one to nine and every letter from A to G must appear in each of the 16 rows and each of the 16 columns. In the end, every four-by-four should contain all the digits and all the letters.

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SUDOKU

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in: each of the nine vertical columns, each of the nine horizontal rows and each of the nine 3 x 3 boxes. Remember, no number can occur more than once in any row, column or box.

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SOLUTIONS

SUPER SUDOKU

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No.006

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CALCUDOKU

Every row and column must contain the numbers 1 to 6 once each, with each outlined section equal to the number in the top left of the area when the noted mathematical operation is used. For subtraction and division, start with the largest number in the section.

240×		10+			9+
		7+	360×		
3÷	9+				
		2-			90×
		48×			
13+				5÷	

CROSSMATHS

Insert each number from 1 to 9 in the shaded squares to solve all the horizontal and vertical equations.

Work it out...

	+		+		=	14
×		×		+		
	÷		×		=	12
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Multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.

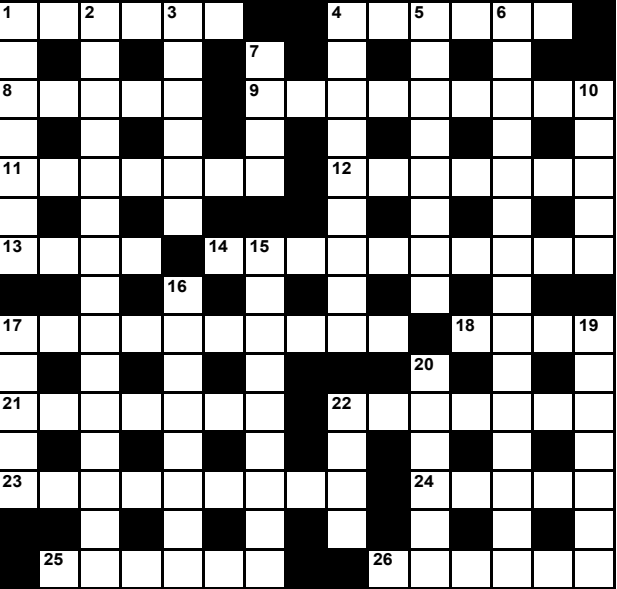
CALCUDOKU

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CROSSMATHS

		3		41	9
	=		=		=
36	=	7	x	5	+
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12	=	8	x	4	÷
		+		x	x
14	=	2	+	9	+

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

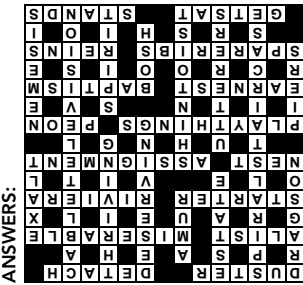


ACROSS

- 1 Member of Parliament leaving garbage bin for cleaner (6)
4 Cadet treated by hospital is free (6)
8 One's accepted by key people favoured in the social arena (1-4)
9 Male abseiler tumbled down (9)
11 Race official organised rest at end of qualifier (7)
12 Watercourse plugged by one close to a European holiday area (7)
13 Area mostly kept separate from nearest breeding-ground (4)
14 Dispersal of gas isn't detected outside troop's position (10)
17 Put thin girl initially in primary school with toys (10)
18 Pressure applied to one unsettled farm labourer (4)
21 Serious attention given by bird sanctuary (7)
22 Cricketer, keeping quiet, is first to mention debut (7)
23 Cuts of meat and brie packed loosely in boxes (5-4)
24 Types of sure-fire insect controls (5)
25 Criticises good try pulled back (4,2)
26 One with external signs of sexually transmitted diseases suffers (6)

DOWN

- 1 Conclusion of talks held by severely watchful woman seems to take forever (5,2)
2 Splits up last reserved air canister for windy flight? (6,9)
3 Rank participants involved in contest at eisteddfod (6)
4 Commendable verse penned by reformed designer (9)
5 Over half of river, studied in detail, is flourishing (8)
6 Viewing service organised viable elections (5,10)
7 A strange climbing flower of Asia (4)
10 Praise new form of latex (5)
15 Faithful one's cut of beef is consumed by youngster (9)
16 Talkers, those who are hard to understand after the start (8)
17 Supports spire undergoing renovation (5)
19 Unbeatable opponent is after retrieved bodily fluid (7)
20 Trip is arranged with enthusiasm (6)
22 Rubbish found in lower portion of a blast furnace (4)



ANSWERS:

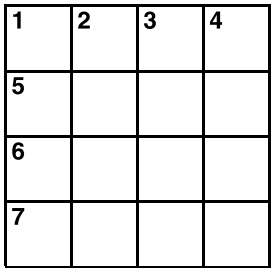
4x4

ACROSS

- 1 Four-stringed guitar (4)
5 Car (4)
6 Seize (4)
7 Speaks (4)

DOWN

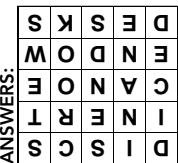
- 1 Sacks (4)
2 Radiance (4)
3 Remain (4)
4 Cries (4)



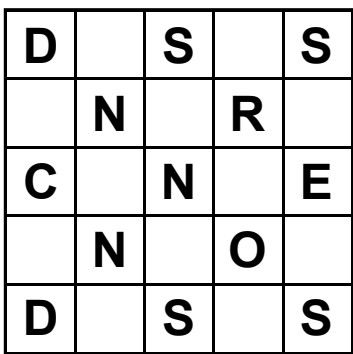
ANSWERS: S A V S
B V R G
O L N V
S S V B

5x5

Insert the missing letters to make 10 words – five reading across the grid and five reading down.



ANSWERS:



There may be more than one solution.

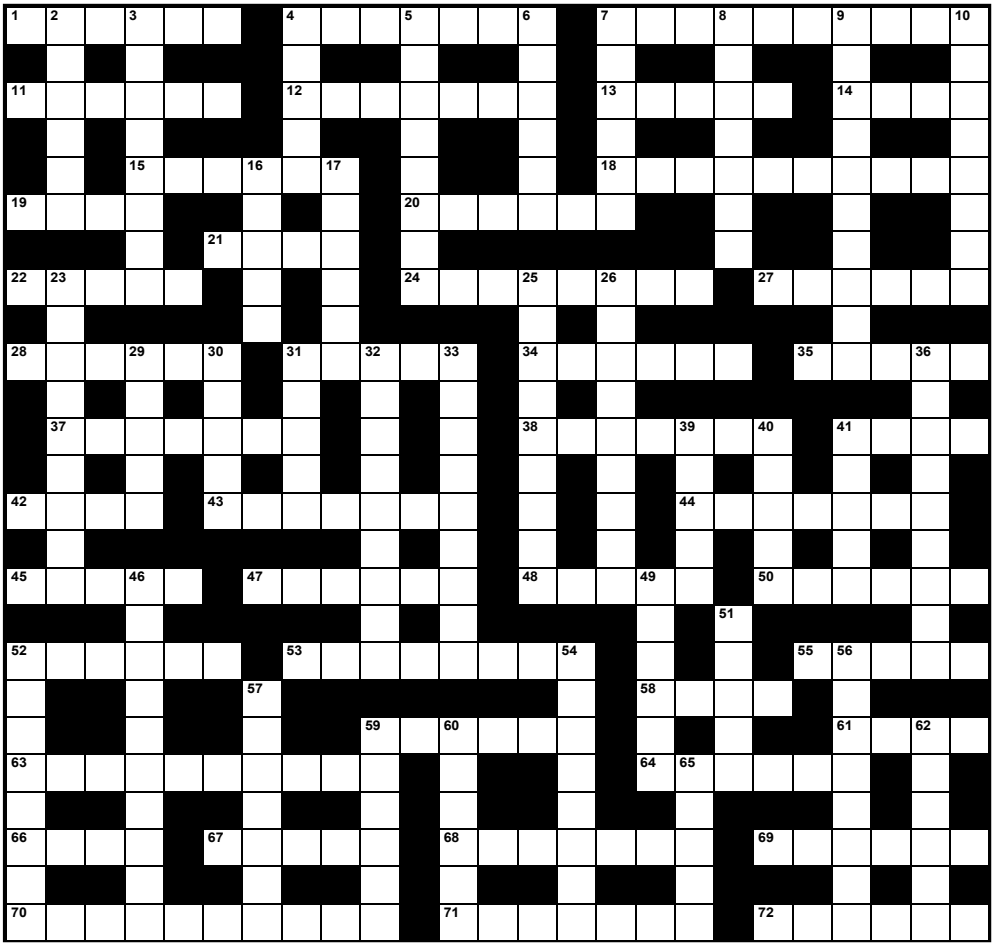
GIANT CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Fastens with a drill (6)
4 Struggle confusedly (7)
7 Of mind-reading (10)
11 Howling (6)
12 Mine (7)
13 Era (5)
14 Vocal range (4)
15 Principles (6)
18 Made smaller (10)
19 Child's bed (4)
20 Painters' stands (6)
21 Very small amount (4)
22 English county (5)
24 Small birds (8)
27 Irritate (6)
28 Potato chips (6)
31 Show contempt (5)
34 Song of praise (6)
35 Skill (5)
37 Afraid (7)
38 Scene of surgical work (7)
41 Strong wind (4)
42 Gaming cubes (4)
43 Giving off a strong unpleasant smell (7)
44 Green spaces (7)
45 Verity (5)
47 Hauled (6)
48 Combines using heat (5)
50 Whips, as punishment (6)
52 'It wasn't me,' e.g. (6)
53 Statue base (8)
55 Steed (5)
58 Frivolously (4)
59 Scrubs (6)
61 Nobleman (4)
63 Out of focus (10)
64 Christian festival (6)
66 A prolonged state of unconsciousness (4)
67 Brown ermine (5)
68 Corrupt (7)
69 Decorated with small, round stones (6)
70 Office fasteners (5,5)
71 Barley and rye, for two (7)
72 Clched (6)

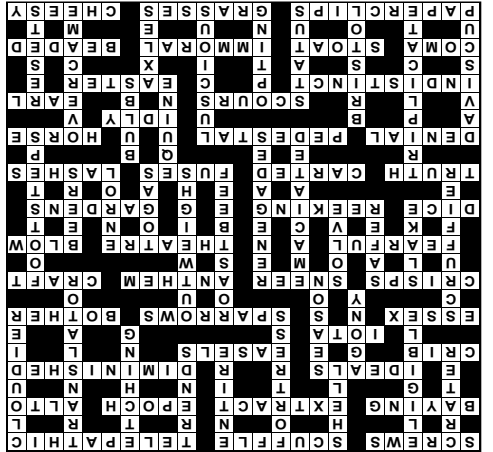
DOWN

- 2 Meteor's dent (6)
3 Qualified (8)
4 Carapace (5)
5 Keep (8)
6 Undivided (6)
7 Fashions (6)



- 8 Print process (7)
9 Interpreter (10)
10 Less clear, of water (8)
16 Kind of column (5)
17 Division of the year (6)
23 More unkempt (9)
25 Sunday lunch fare (5,4)
26 Overshadows (9)
29 Quench (5)
30 Less dangerous (5)
31 Explain (5)
32 Undernourished (9)
33 Deserters (9)
36 Individual paces (9)
39 Ancient Roman clothes (5)
40 Register (5)
41 Brewed beverages (5)
46 Three copies (10)
49 Relating to horses (6)
51 Future plants (5)
52 Tennis prize (5,3)
54 Extremely sweet or indulgent (8)
56 Beat (8)
57 British river city (7)
59 Position (6)
60 Choosing (6)
62 Starts again (6)
65 Wheel turners (5)

ANSWERS:



QUICK CROSSWORD

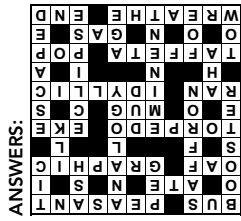
ACROSS

- 1 Public transporter (3)
3 Poor labourer (7)
7 Consumed (3)
8 Dullard (3)
9 Vivid (7)
11 Sink (7)
14 Stretch (3)
16 Coffee cup (3)
17 Sprinted (3)
19 Perfect (7)
20 Thin, lustrous silk fabric (7)
23 Small explosion (3)
24 Tankful (3)
25 Entwine (7)
26 Termination (3)

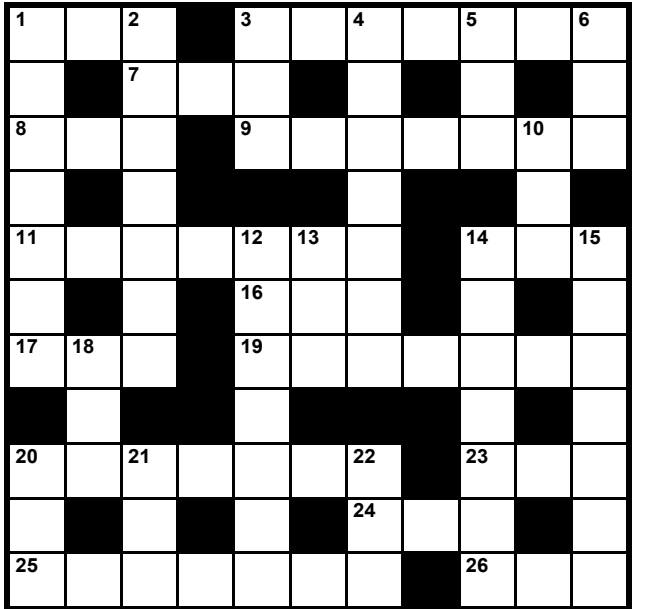
DOWN

- 1 Enhancer (7)
2 Golden spice (7)
3 Pin (3)
4 Similarity (7)
5 Charcoal (3)

- 6 Spasm (3)
10 Kind (3)
12 Famous (7)
13 Lemon (3)
14 Overshadow (7)
15 Got away (7)
18 Exclamation of realisation (3)
20 Pull (3)
21 Enemy (3)
22 Grow old (3)



ANSWERS:



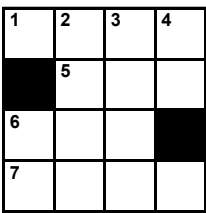
TINY X

ACROSS

- 1 Bolivian guerrilla group (1.1.1.1.)
5 Groove (3)
6 Pen tip (3)
7 Muslim religious leader (4)

DOWN

- 2 Stern (4)
3 Instrument (4)
4 Karat (abbrev.) (2)
6 Nickel abbr. (2)



ANSWERS:

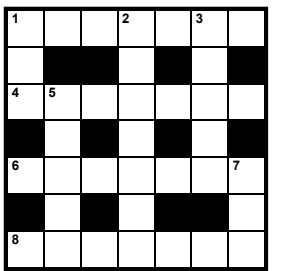
MINI CRYPTIC

ACROSS

- 1 Top Aberdeen Angus not right without greens (7)
4 Excited narc too animated (7)
6 Explodes and takes oneself away (4,3)
8 Messy slime is a kind of projectile (7)

DOWN

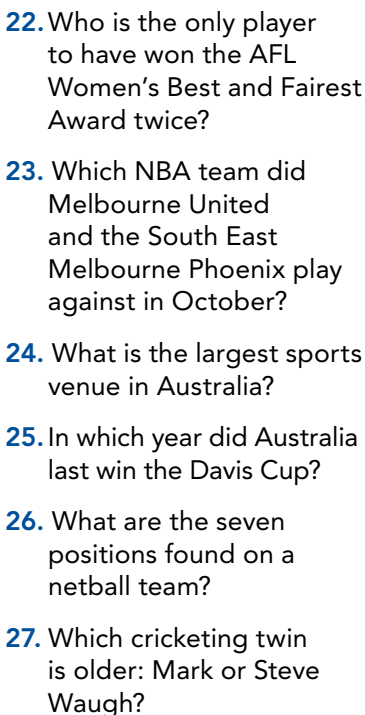
- 1 News outlet initially beats big corporation (3)
2 Loathes first two detention exams (7)
3 A backwards fool not very approachable (5)
5 Sauce extracted from Thai olives (5)
7 Verbally mock opponent (3)



ANSWERS:



5. What is the name of the sudden death overtime system used to resolve drawn NRL matches?
6. Before starting her career as a rugby player, NZ's Portia Woodman played which other team sport professionally?
7. In Australian horse racing what is the heaviest track rating?
8. During his career, Shane Warne played for and coached which Indian Premier League cricket team?
9. How many Grands Prix has Lewis Hamilton won in his career?
10. How many holes are played at LIV Golf events?
 11. Which Australian four-time Olympic gold medallist swimmer announced their unexpected retirement from the sport in 2025?
 12. Which city will host the 2026 Commonwealth Games?
13. Who did Joe Montemurro replace as the coach of the Matildas?
14. Which Aussie NBA player has the nickname of 'Great Barrier Thief'?
15. The 2026 Winter Olympics will be held in which country?
16. Which country's basketball team claimed gold at 2025's EuroBasket competition?
17. How many metres is the Melbourne Cup run over?
18. Which US rapper was the feature performer of the 2025 AFL Grand Final's pre-game entertainment?
19. Izzy, a blue 'slug-like blob', was the official mascot of which Summer Olympic Games?
20. Which performer headlined the 2025 Super Bowl halftime show?
21. Nova Peris won an Olympic gold medal in which sport?



28. In which country were the 2025 World Athletics Championships held?
29. Gionna Daddio is the real name of which professional wrestler?
30. The Major League Baseball team based in Cleveland is known by what nickname?

1. False 2. Arisa Trewh (age 14) 3. Victoria 4. Tim Cahill 5. The golden point 6. Netball 7. Heavy 8. Rajasthan Royals 9. 105 10. 54 11. Ariarne Titmus 12. Glasgow 13. Tony Gustavsson/interim coach Tom Sermanni 14. Dyson Daniels 15. Italy 16. Germany 17. 3200m 18. Snoot Dog 19. Atlanta 1996 20. Kendrick Lamar 21. Field hockey 22. Erin Phillips 23. New Orleans Pelicans 24. The MCG 25. 2003 26. Goal shooter, goal attack, wing defence, centre, wing defence, goal defence and goal keeper 27. Steve Waugh 28. Japan 29. Liv Morgan 30. Guardians

All the black squares have been removed from this crossword. Can you black out the surplus letters to reveal the completed puzzle?

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Reveal a completed crossword grid by deleting one of the two letters in each square.

ANSWERS:

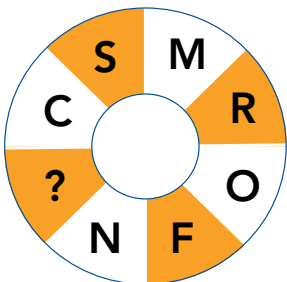
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ANSWERS:

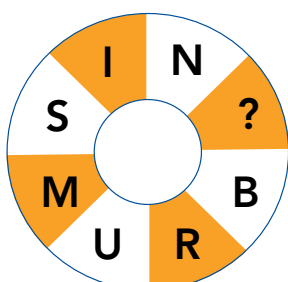
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B		N		D	U	G		S		A	

Can you work out what the missing letter is that spells an 8-letter word? It could read either clockwise or anti-clockwise.



SOLUTION: CONFORMS



SOLUTION: URBANISM

GLAZE

— — — —
— — — —
— — — —
— — — —
TRUCK

Complete the list by changing one letter at a time to create a new word at each step.

There may be more than one possible answer.

ANSWER: GLAZE, GRAZE, GRACE, TRACE, TRUCE, TRUCK

Fill in the nine blank squares to make six words, three across and three down. More than one solution may be possible.

ANSWERS:

	E	E	T	
S	T	S	I	M
E	S	I	A	R
A	R	R	A	
	P	T	A	

Missing Letters:
A A I I R R S S T

The Christmas spirit shines

A DOWNPOUR of summer rain was not enough to convince Tennant Creek Children's Christmas Tree organisers to cancel the much-anticipated annual event held recently at Purkiss Reserve.

Committee member Crystal Mills said even Santa was prepared to get drenched for the cause.

"So much work had gone into preparing for the event, and there were so many excited children, there was no way we were going to let rain ruin the day," she said.

"Somehow, just minutes before the gates opened, the rain stopped and it was business as usual - despite the intense humidity."

More than 500 children attended the Christmas Tree event, each receiving a present; and nine lucky raffle winners took home hampers filled to the brim with gifts.

There was plenty to amuse everyone including three jumping castles, and a special mail-box where children could post letters directly to the North Pole.

A sausage sizzle, toffee apples, popcorn, icy poles, and fresh fruit kept everyone's hunger at bay.

The merry old man of Christmas arrived on a sleigh drawn by two white boomers which had a bit of horsepower help from the Bush-fires NT truck.

Santa - who had already hand-delivered gifts to those at Pulkapulkka Kari Nursing Home and the Tennant Creek Hospital - was warmly received by hundreds of eager children who had been waiting all year to catch up with him.

This year was the 91st Christmas Tree, which began when Tennant Creek was in the throes of what was to become Australia's last gold rush.

Prospectors had flocked to the region from all directions after a gold nugget found by Warumungu man Frank Juppurla was shown to the

men from the local Overland Telegraph Station.

By 1934, the local population had boomed as wives and children joined the men who had come seeking riches.

For Kathleen Weaber - whose blind husband Bill Weaber and his one-eyed mate Jack Noble had discovered some of the nation's richest mines - the extra people provided a chance to celebrate.

She invited all families out to her home at the Rising Sun mine for some Christmas cheer and made sure it was a memorable night.

The entertainment was left to Jack Noble.

Plied with rum as he often was, Jack got down on all fours, stuck a rolled-up newspaper in the back of his pants and declared himself to be a bucking kangaroo.

The challenge went out to children to ride the bucking jumper and set fire to the newspaper without falling off.

The prize was a hefty £2 - a small fortune at the time.

The event was such a success it was repeated the following year - and every single year since.

As the population increased the event moved to the Goldfields Hotel, the Picture Theatre, the Drive-In, and then to its current location at Purkiss Reserve.

Now, generations down the track, the event has evolved in many ways.

The drunken prospector-powered rides have been replaced with modern inflatable jumping castles; and the one £2 prize has become a festive treasure trove of free gifts.

However, some things haven't changed at all.

Such as Mrs Weaber's wonderful Christmas spirit that continues to inspire the whole community to roll up their sleeves to stage the festive event year after year and build a shared tradition that has become the pride of the town.



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Saturday, 20th
December and
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Monday, 5th January
2026

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THE roar of big Harleys and other two and three wheeled machines interrupted the tranquility of Sunday Morning, December 7, but it was all for a good cause.

Vrooming off from the Anzac Oval carpark, a Star Wars Storm Trooper joined leather jacket wearing bikers, elves and pixies as they rode through town.

The ride raised several thousand dollars for the Butterfly Connection to enable the group to continue the support it gives to patients and families who need to travel away from Alice Springs for medical treatment.



- 1:** G'DAY: Buckets and his pillion rider give a wave as they go alon Dixon Road. (524541)
- 2:** HOWDY: Riders give the camera a wave on Larapinta Drive. (Phil Williams: 524541)
- 3:** PILLION: All for One member 'Buckets' and his pillion rider take off on the Toy Run. (524541)
- 4:** CONVOY: Part of the bike convoy on Dixon Road. (524541)
- 5:** PIXIES: Marcia and Callie Fels about to start the ride. (524541)
- 6:** CHEEKIES: All for One member 'Cheeky' had a cheeky friend for company. (524541)
- 7:** BUSHIES: NT Bush Firefighters helped with traffic management during the ride. (524541)



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JEWELLERS

Christmas
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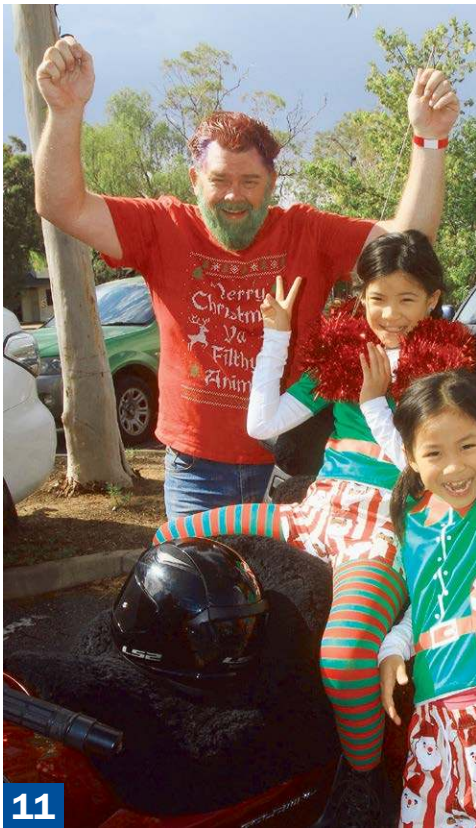
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8: FORM UP: Riders begin to form up at the start of the ride. (524541)



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rider take off on the Toy Run. (524541)



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9: YAY: Scotty, Isabel and Callie Fels give a cheer as they get ready for the Toy Run. (Phil Williams: 524541)

10: CHEERS: A pair of Toy Run bikers make their way along Larapinta Drive heading to town. (524541)

11: PILLION: All for One member 'Buckets' and his pillion



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12: STORMCHASERS: The Stormchaser Crew tailed the convoy to keep riders safe. (524541)

13: TINSEL: Des and Kristina Kelly used metres of tinsel to decorate thir ride. (524541)

14: POSITION: Bikers take their positions at the start of the ride. (524541)



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Watts and watts of colour

By Phil Williams

SUBURBS across Alice Springs are lighting up with watts of colour as night falls this Christmas.

The colour of the festive season can be seen all across the town after the sun goes down.

Good displays of Christmas lights can be found on Millner Road, Flynn Drive, Van Senden Ave, Dixon Road, Kempeana Crescent,

Irlpme Ct and even the streets of Kilgariff, along with other parts of town.

With around 1800 candy canes to hand out at the well-known 'Minion House' on Millner Road, Darcy Molloy is busy each evening spreading the Christmas spirit.

Put the kids and the dog in the car, crank up the Christmas music and go for a drive to see what you discover.

Just make sure you pay Darcy a visit.



FLYNN DRIVE: A colourful display on Flynn Drive. (525723)



KEMPEANA CRESCENT: (Phil Williams: 525723)



KEMPEANA CRESCENT (525723)



FLYNN DRIVE: (525723)



IRLPME COURT: (525723)



MILLNER RD: The 'Minion House' on Millner Road is a standout. (525723)



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We thank you for all your continued support this year.

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Christmas
& Happy New Year



COLOUR: Millner Road's 'Minion House' takes on a new dimension. (525723)



MINIONS: The the well known 'Minion House' on Millner Road lights up. (525723)



VAN SENDEN AVE. (Phil Williams: 525723)



KEMPEANA CRESCENT: (525723)



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Deliver for Central Australia

By Minister Joshua Burgoyne,
Member for Brai­ting

WITH just one more sleep until Christmas and the New Year fast approaching, we often reflect on the year that was.

This year, I feel a renewed sense of achievement: Central Australia is moving forward again, in the right direction.

For too long, people in Central Australia were promised projects that never eventuated, and crime was out of control.

Our government has changed that.

Since coming into government, we made it clear that Central Australia matters.

We hit the ground running, wasted no time getting to work, and we are seeing real results across the board.

We recently unveiled the Master Plan for the Gillen Oval Multi-Sport Precinct.

By delivering this exceptional facility, we're creating more opportunities for young people to get involved in sport, while supporting our local sporting clubs to grow and thrive.

These summer holidays, we're giving families a safe, fun, and affordable way to cool off by investing \$450,000 to provide free access to the Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre, and all school and public holidays through 2026.

The Newland Park Regional Skate and Play Precinct is officially open, featuring spaces for people of all ages and skill levels.

Our government invested \$1.8 million to ensure this project could go ahead for our community.

Our work in partnership with the Alice Springs Town Council continues to deliver meaningful projects, including the new Alice Springs Public Library, which our government is proud to have invested \$14.96 million towards - with the tender for the concept designs now open.

Speaking of libraries, momentum is building for Tourism Central Australia to move into their new home at the existing library, with the successful tenderer for the construction and fit out of their new Headquarters and Visitor Information Centre expected to be revealed soon.

The first tender has been released for undergrounding power at the Schwarz Crescent/Stuart Highway intersection upgrade to occur.

This will deliver a new fuel station where the current old Beaufort site is, finally fixing an eyesore many locals are sick of looking at.

This is further proof we are delivering after many years on inaction - this project is now another step closer to reality.

And, we are working to get things moving on the new Multicultural Centre - part of our plan to support migrants to stay in the Territory, strengthen liveability, and grow our population.

We continue supporting local organisations through the Community Benefit Fund, such as the Alice Springs Youth and Community Centre, which recently received a \$103,545 grant



Minister Joshua Burgoyne out on the beat in the police ATV with Acting Sergeant Oliver Dodd on the first night of Operation Lulow II.

to upgrade its gymnasium matting to create a safer, more professional gymnastics environment.

By delivering real investments like these, we're creating jobs, supporting local businesses, and giving the community confidence.

Across government, our commitment has been clear: reduce crime, rebuild the economy, and restore our unique Territory lifestyle.

Since our Circuit Breaker Program launched in Alice Springs one year ago, there's been a 33 per cent decrease in domestic violence incidents here.

And, the latest NT Police crime data shows a 19 per cent decrease of victims of crime in Alice Springs, 1117 fewer victims, from January to October this year compared with the same period in 2024.

We know there's still lots more work to do, but it's a start - because a reduction in crime is progress in the right direction.

With Operation Ludlow II now underway until early February 2026, police are laser-focused on antisocial behaviour, alcohol-related offending, youth offending, and property crime.

We've also expanded the Banned Drinker Order from seven to 28 days, giving police an additional tool to combat alcohol-fuelled violence and crime.

We promised 2025 would be a year of action, certainty, and security.



Minister for Lands, Planning and Environment and Member for Brai­ting Joshua Burgoyne at the Newland Park Regional Skate and Play Precinct with MPH Projects Director Luke Neck, who oversaw the park's construction.

We have delivered on that promise - and we're only just getting started. Wishing everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I look forward to building on this momentum throughout 2026.

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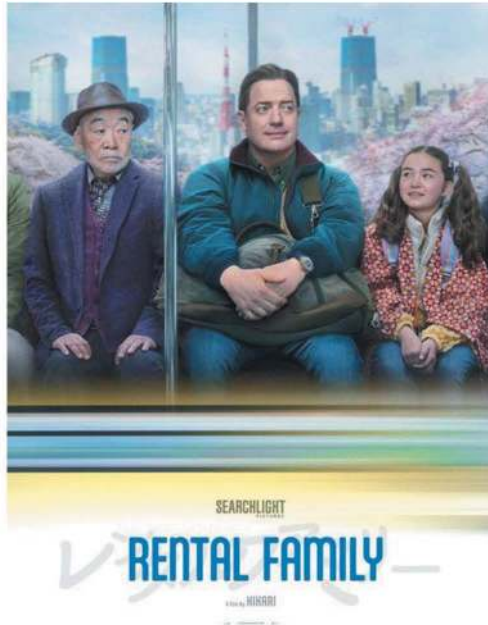
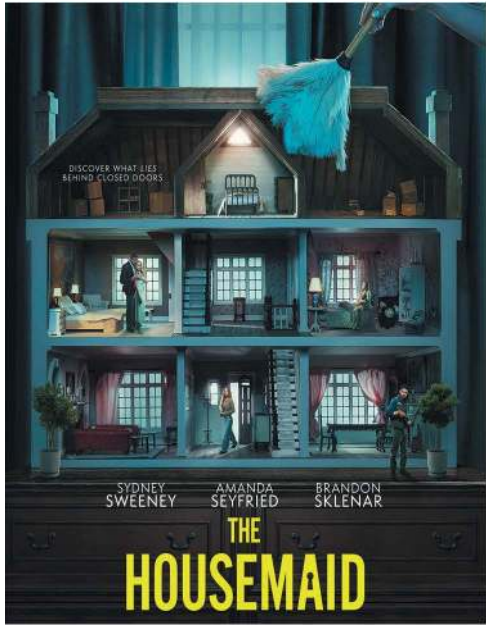
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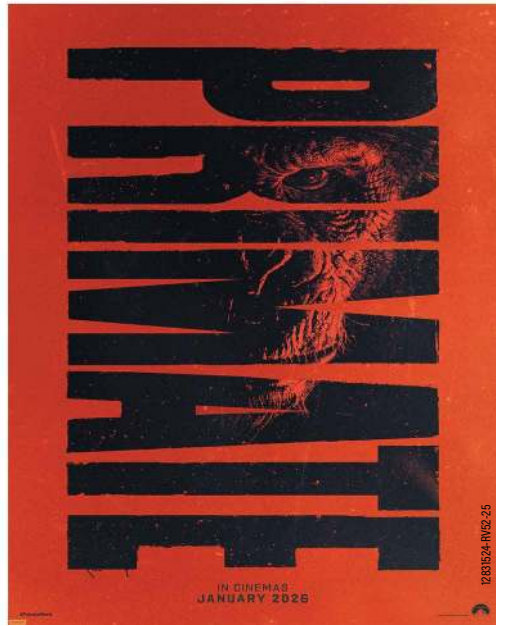
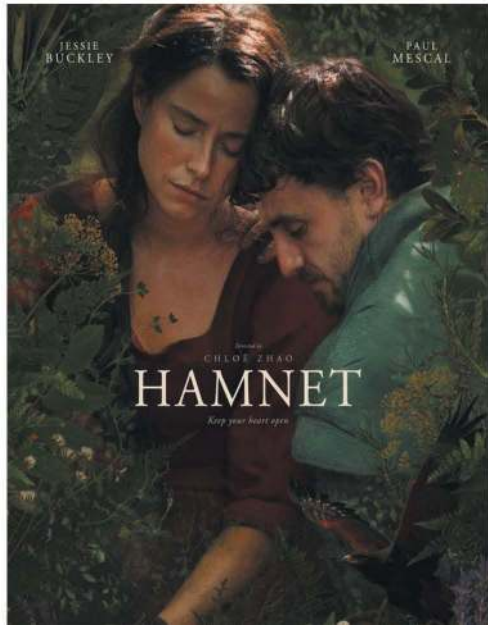
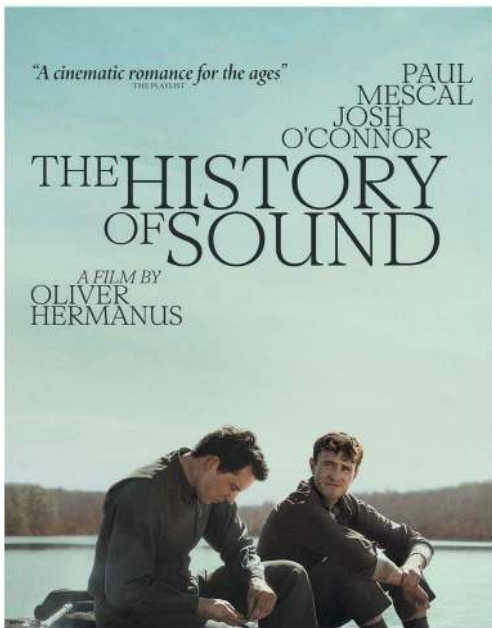
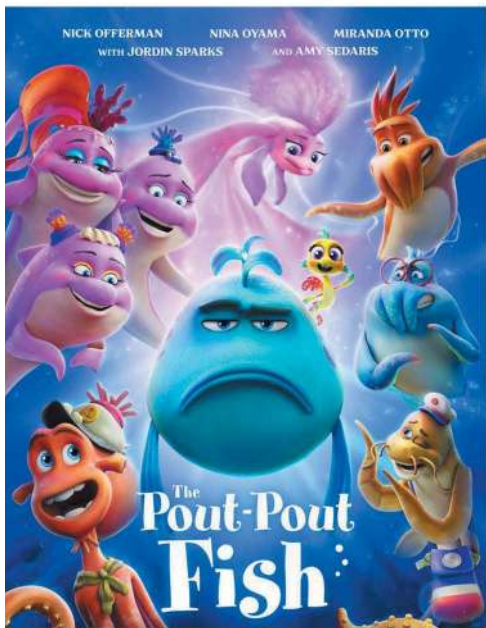
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BOND SPRINGS: An historical photo of Bond Springs station founded by A. Youl with W Willoby. (392581)

One of just two with a ‘Y’

By Phil Williams

YOUL Court at Larapinta is one of only two “Y” street names in Alice Springs.

The is being Yarabah Court, which runs off Gap Road.

Youl Court is also one of the smaller streets in the town, with just six properties.

A. Youl with W. Willoby (possibly Willoughby) and J.H. Gordon established Bond Springs and Crown Point Stations in the 1887-89 period.

There is some suggestion that this could have been even earlier.

This came after a daunting 12-month wagon trek through central Australia.

Bond Springs was later sold to Sidney Kidman (later Sir) in 1910, who owned it until 1964.

Adelaide University Professor MC Hartwig wrote Willoby, who was a pastoralist of Red Bluff Station near Bordertown in SA, and Stralbyn Mayor and solicitor JH Gordon stocked Bond Springs by buying all the cattle, and

around 100 horses from Owen Springs after Joseph Gilbert (Gilbert Place) died and his estate was wound up.

NB: Extensive research was unable to establish the Christian names of Youll or Willoby.

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Your week ahead

Wishing all readers a smooth cruise into the new year with this distillation of wit and wisdom from your fellow Sun signs...



ARIES
(Mar 21 - Apr 20)

In this world there is room for everyone. More than machinery, we need humanity. More than cleverness, we need kindness and gentleness. Without these qualities, life will be violent. You have the power to create happiness, to make this life a wonderful adventure. *Charles Chaplin, Aries actor.*

Best day:
Sunday 28 December



TAURUS
(Apr 21 - May 20)

There isn't a right way things should be. There's just what happens, and what we do. A good plan isn't one where someone wins, it's where nobody thinks they've lost. And sometimes it's better to light a flamethrower than curse the darkness. *Terry Pratchett, Taurus author.*

Best day:
Monday 29 December



GEMINI
(May 21 - Jun 21)

I feel the suffering of millions. And yet, when I look up at the sky, I somehow feel that everything will change for the better, that this cruelty too will end, that peace and tranquillity will return once more. *Anne Frank, 15-year-old Gemini diarist, written during WWII.*

Best day:
Wednesday 31st December



CANCER
(Jun 22 - Jul 22)

Cynicism is idiotic. Fear is a bad habit. Love is an act of heroic genius. Pleasure is your birthright. Life gives you exactly what you need, exactly when you need it. The universe is a prodigious miracle created for your amusement and illumination. *Rob Breznsy, Cancerian astrologer.*

Best day:
Saturday 3 January



LEO
(Jul 23 - Aug 23)

Love isn't an emotion or an instinct: it's an art. Anything worth doing is worth doing slowly. Those who are easily shocked should be shocked more often. An ounce of performance is worth pounds of promises. Don't ever make the same mistake twice - unless it pays. *Mae West, Leo screen icon.*

Best day:
Sunday 28 December



LIBRA
(Sep 23 - Oct 23)

Isn't this enough? Just this beautiful, complex, wonderfully unfathomable world? How does it so fail to hold our attention that we diminish it with cheap, man-made myths and monsters? We must think critically, not only about the ideas of others, but our own beliefs and prejudices. *Tim Minchin, Libran songwriter.*

Best day:
Thursday 1 January

ARROW WORDS



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→	↓			Had food	Traditional Sunday meal	Brought together — Region	↓	↓	↓
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Children's toy		Uncooked	→			Flying	→		
→					Crooked	→		Clothes pin	→



VIRGO
(Aug 24 - Sep 22)

There's a crack in everything, that's how the light gets in. A sip of wine, a cigarette, and then it's time to go... So come my friends, be not afraid, we are so lightly here. It is in love that we are made; in love we disappear. *Leonard Cohen, Virgo poet.*

Best day:
Tuesday 30 December



SCORPIO
(Oct 24 - Nov 22)

The only unique contribution we will ever make in this world will be born of our creativity. Creativity is the power that lives in all of us: it is not a luxury, it is essential if we want to make meaning. As long as we're creating, we're cultivating meaning. *Brene Brown, Scorpio academic.*

Best day:
Saturday 3 January



SAGITTARIUS
(Nov 23 - Dec 21)

Rather than spending all our time watching stupid people doing stupid things on reality TV shows, why don't we spend a few minutes each day reading about good people doing good things? We've got to improve ourselves as a species or we're absolutely doomed. *Billy Connolly, Sagittarian comedian.*

Best day:
Friday 2 January



CAPRICORN
(Dec 22 - Jan 20)

The world is far moresubtle and miraculous than you thought. The meaning of life is just to be alive. Yet everybody rushes around as if it were necessary to achieve something beyond themselves. Nirvana is where you are, provided you don't object to it. *Alan Watts, Capricorn Buddhist.*

Best day:
Monday 29 December



AQUARIUS
(Jan 21 - Feb 18)

There's many ways to become an enlightened human being, but the shortest is always through loving someone. If you don't know how to treat the ones you love, then how are you going to treat those you don't know, or who are your enemies? *Shakira, Aquarian performer.*

Best day:
Thursday 1 January



PISCES
(Feb 19 - Mar 20)

I am glad that I paid so little attention to good advice; had I abided by it I might have been saved from some of my most valuable mistakes. Please give me some good advice in your next letter - I promise not to follow it. *Edna St. Vincent Millay, Pisces poet.*

Best day:
Tuesday 30 December

SOLUTION

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Changes and challenges

By Alice Springs Mayor, Asta Hill

AS we come to the end of 2025, I've been reflecting on what has been a significant year for Alice Springs/Mparntwe – a year marked by change, challenge, and genuine moments of progress driven by our community.

Like many places across Australia, our town has faced complex pressures this year.

Cost-of-living stress, concerns about safety and amenity, a seemingly endless summer, and the day-to-day realities of delivering services in a remote environment have continued to challenge us.

These are not simple issues, and they don't have quick fixes.

But they are front of mind for Council, and they have shaped the work we have focused on throughout the year.

At the same time, 2025 has delivered moments we can rightly be proud of.

One of the standout highlights was the opening of the Newland Park Skate and Play Precinct.

This project has been years in the making, and I thank former Mayor Paterson and past elected members for backing it.

It shows what is possible when Council listens to young people, families and user groups, and works closely with partners to deliver a space that is welcoming, active and inclusive.

One of those young people calling for a new skate precinct was my late younger brother, Rowley Hill.

He was a keen skater and a much-loved and admired member of that community.

I am grateful to have played a small part in a project that I know would have brought him great joy.

Seeing the precinct come to life has been a real win for our town and a reminder of the importance of investing in places that bring people together.

It is also a strong example of all levels of government working together for the benefit of the community.

We have also continued to make steady progress on the revitalisation of our CBD.

While change in the CBD takes time and careful planning, 2025 saw important steps forward, with works set to begin imminently.

These projects are about more than appearance.

I am confident we can help our CBD become a place of vibrancy and energy once again, where thriving businesses, local artists, pop-up shops, events and workshops bring our community together.

Another major focus this year has been the future of our Library.

Our current Library is well-loved but has outgrown its space, and in 2025 Council made important progress towards a new, fit-for-purpose facility.

This is a long-term investment in learning, culture and community connection, and one that we know matters deeply to many residents.

Work will continue in 2026, when we will engage with the community to help design a space that will serve generations to come. I am excited for our community to think big about what a public library can be.

August marked a significant moment in our local democracy with the election of the 15th Alice Springs Town Council.

I am honoured to have been elected Mayor of Mparntwe Alice Springs.

This town made me who I am, and it is a privilege to give back.

I am proud to serve alongside a group of councillors who bring a mix of experience, fresh perspectives and a shared commitment to our town.

Looking ahead to 2026, our focus is clear.

We will continue investing in infrastructure that supports liveability and pride, progress key projects like the Library and CBD revitalisation, and work collaboratively with governments, organisations and the community to tackle challenges together.



CHAINS: Alice Springs Mayor, Asta Hill wears the Mayoral robes and chains after being sworn in this year. (Phil Williams: 506061)



Maninder Singh, Gursehajpreet Singh Dhami, and Amandeep Kaur, with after receiving their certificates with NT Deputy Administrator, Fran Killgariff AM and Mayor Asta Hill. (504609)

We will deliver engaging events and programs that allow our community to connect, participate and celebrate.

We will also continue to strengthen how we listen, communicate and make decisions, because trust and transparency are essential.

Along with our new Council, I am committed to listening to all members of our community — from business owners to First Nations people, the disability community, our multicultural residents, and both older and younger people.

We believe in delivering a more inclusive, accessible and connected Alice Springs.

Alice Springs is a resilient place, shaped by



MAYOR: Mayor Asta Hill places the wreath on behalf of the ASTC. (516992)

people who care deeply about their community.

As we move into the new year, Council remains committed to working Together for Alice — with honesty, purpose and optimism for what lies ahead. I wish everyone across Alice Springs and our community a safe and happy festive season, and I look forward to an exciting 2026 for our town.

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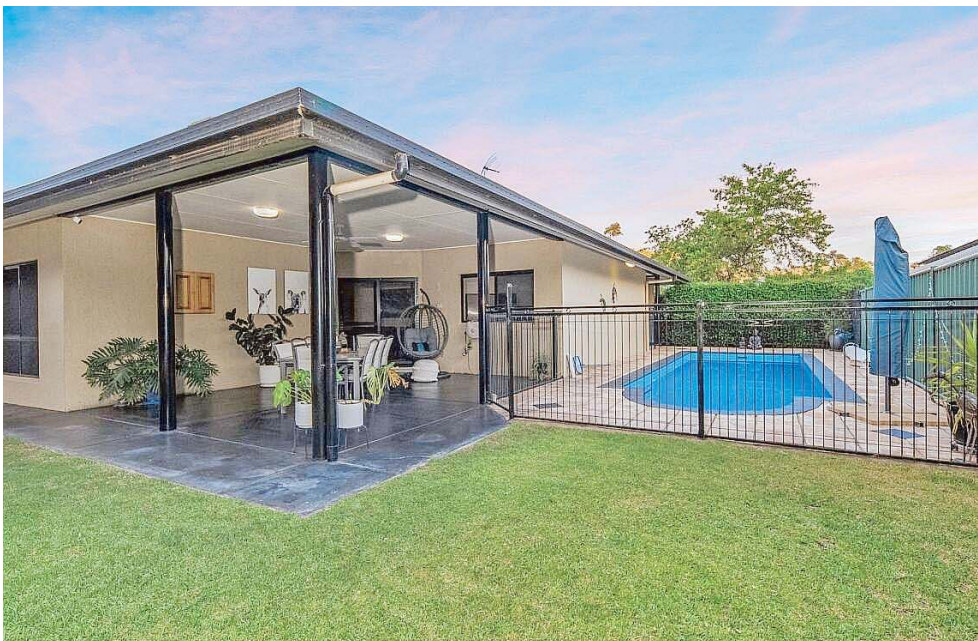
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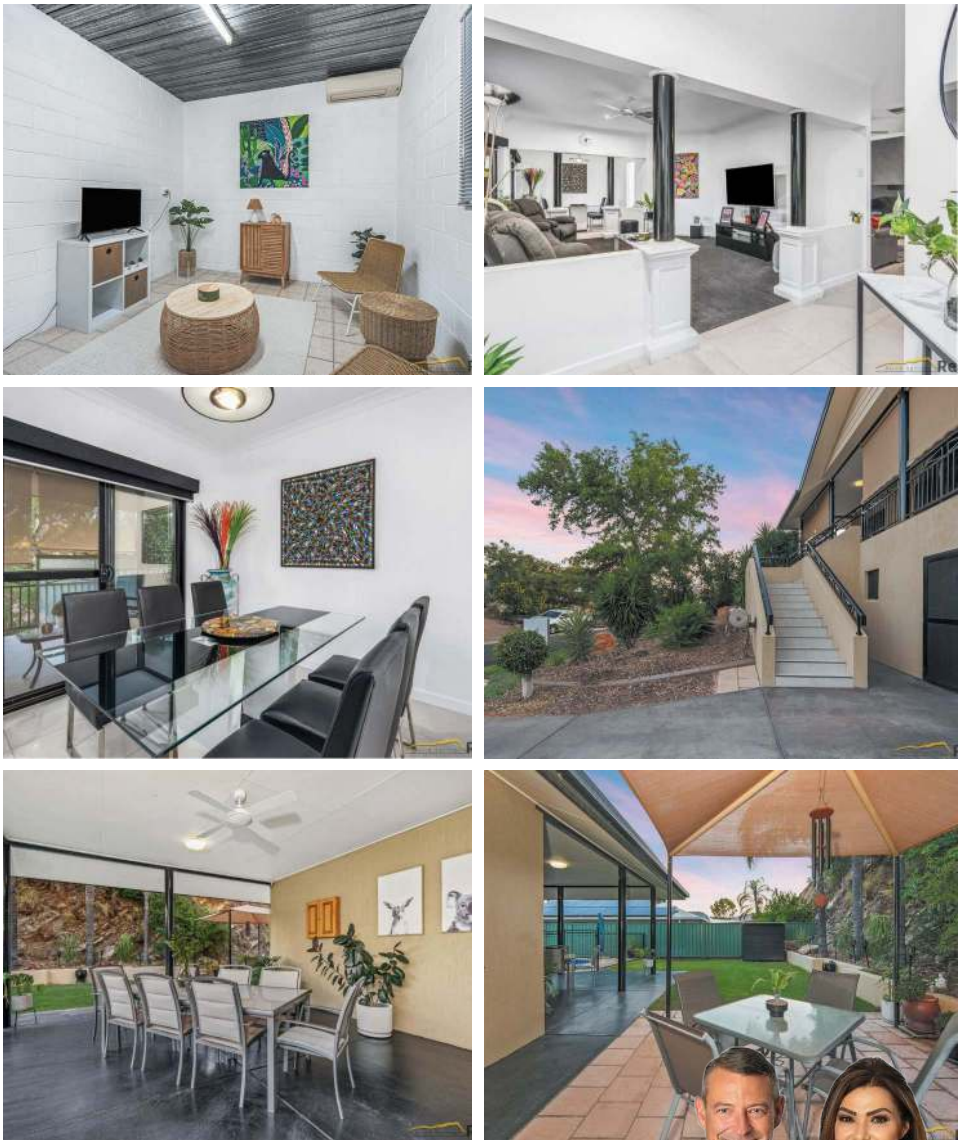
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Taxi drivers get fare deal

By Phil Williams

IN bid to stamp out taxi fare evasion, the NT Government has rolled out changes to regulations for nighttime prepaid fares.

The amendments to the regulations will provide greater protection and certainty for taxi drivers with the expansion of prepaid taxi fare arrangements in all centres serviced by taxis in the NT.

Previously, prepaid taxi fares were applicable on Friday and Saturday nights between 10pm and 5am.

They can now be requested by drivers at their discretion daily between 7pm and 7am across all parts of the Northern Territory.

Exemptions will apply to airport pickups and passengers who are members of the Transport Subsidy Scheme.

Minister for Logistics and Infrastructure Bill Yan said the new measures would improve safety and reduce fare evasion for the taxi industry.

“...this move by the CLP puts responsibility back on passengers to pay before a journey begins just like other public transport,” he said.

“Drivers are well within their means to refuse transport to someone who isn’t prepared to prepay.

“These new measures will see the NT more closely aligned with industry expectations of other states and territories relating to prepaid taxi arrangements.”

Before a trip begins, the taxi driver will estimate how much the fare will cost using a prescribed fee under the Schedule of Estimated Prepaid Fares for a Taxi Trip.

The Schedule will be available in all NT taxis and is based on 5km distance lots.

The prepaid fare estimators are also avail-



PREPAID: Taxis drivers can now ask for any fares to be prepaid. (Phil Williams: 382126)

able online.

The final adjustment of the fare is based on the metered amount and any authorised additional charges.

Mr Yan called on passengers to do the right

thing when catching taxis.

“Taxi drivers are there to get you to your destination efficiently and safely and these changes are designed to improve the industry and safety standards,” he said.

Tanvir, who has been driving taxis for around three years said he supported the move.

“For me, personally I think it’s a great idea,” he said.



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A pre-comp training session - familiarisation with the Super-Drome by coach Reg Hatch.



Kasper Jednous and Leif Treloar with their well-earned medals.

Stars at the Super-Drome

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Held at the formidable Adelaide Super-Drome, competitors were tested against strong SA riders as well as the best of the NT.

All riders returned with Territory Championship medals.

Thirteen-year-old Erik Treloar did very well to beat all opposition in the U/15 Time Trial.

In the U/13, 10-year-olds Leif Treloar and Kasper Jednous took home a swag of medals.

The team sprint of Mitchell Schultz, Adam Duncum and Braddon Harvey were third overall (first for NT) in the very competitive under 17s male category.

Patrycja Jednous in the U/15 girls took home NT Champion in all of her races; Xavier Taig - by accident of birth the youngest in his age group - did very creditable times, and Sven Simonson showed immense courage in continuing racing after suffering some wounds in a significant crash.

Seniors Tarneyl Sylvester, Mike Heyburn and Justin Schultz all brought home gold, and the Gailey family - father Adrian, mother Veronica and daughter Andrea - shared a swag of gold and silver between them, including a Championship Medal for Andrea.

Coach Reg Hatch says he is immensely proud of the team, both Juniors and Seniors.

"I was delighted at the results but most importantly, these kids - and the adults - showed they had real determination and self-discipline when it mattered," he said.

Reg also thanked the volunteers and many family members who came to support the team, as well as sponsors NT Link.

ASCC member Rebecca Duncum had her first experience as an interstate Commissaire, supported by Central Australia's only National level Commissaire, Mandy Hargreaves.

Justin Schultz raced but also volunteered as the Team Mechanic - not only keeping the bikes safe but ensuring they complied with all Technical Regulations.

Generous sponsorship by NT Link covered all costs for the vehicle and fuel to get to Adelaide.



Adam Duncum, Mitch Schultz and Sven Simonson on the podium at the Adelaide Super-Drome.

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Crunch time at Arunga Park

By Phil Williams

THE final night of speedway for the year provided plenty of action at Arunga Park on December 13.

The Christmas Spectacular had slightly lower entries than expected yet still provided plenty of entertainment.

The small number of Juniors led to both front wheel drive and rear wheel drive classes being combined.

Jacob Foley in his Mirage was the star of the night winning all three heats outright, and then had claimed the feature race with a reasonable margin to take the honours in the front wheel drive class.

Jamie Lightfoot had good night in his Corolla to take the honours in the Rear Wheel drive class.

The Street Stocks as always put on a good show with some close racing and panel rubbing in all three heats.

Jack Thomson and Axle Greening fought hard in all three heats and the final, With Jack Thompson winning the night.

Jess Foley's night came to an early end midway through the second heat when she crunched the wall.

Exiting turn four, she became all crossed up and ended up hitting the wall beneath the commentary tower.

The solid hit caused significant damage to the car's front end, sidelining her for the night.

The two Sprint Cars of Jet Thompson and Garth Thompson, who was piloting his brother's Araluen Plumbing sponsored beast, were there to put on a show.

During the hot laps, the Araluen car looked to be set for an early night after it began to create a smoke screen that looked like it may see it back in the transported before the night had began.

Back in the pits it was discovered an oil lie was loose causing the drama.

After the heats, the gloves came off as the father and son faced off for bragging rights.

The racing was close until the midway through the feature race when Garth made an error coming out of turn two.

The lost momentum was enough to allow Jet to skip away to a lead that wouldn't be headed.

Despite winning the night, Jet later said it would probably need another few wins before he could claim bragging rights over his Dad.



PUSH: Shae Driver pushes hard in the second Junior heat. (Phil Williams: 525798)



WALLED: A rescue crew attaches a tow line to Jess Foley's Commodore after crunching the wall. (525798)



SMOKESCREEN: Garth Thompson creates a smokescreen after an oil line popped during the hot lap session. (525798)



Jet Thompson heads Garth Thomson in the final Sprint Car Heat. (525798)



LEAD: Axle Greening leads Hayden and Jess Foley early in the first Street Stocks head.. (525798)



ROOSTER TAIL: Garth Thompson spits out a rooster tail in the first Sprintcar heat. (525798)



BROTHERS: Huddy Bentvelzen makes a dive deep through turn one as he passes younger brother Lachy in a juniors race. (525798)



CROSSED UP: Jess Foley is crossed up seconds before hitting the wall. (525798)



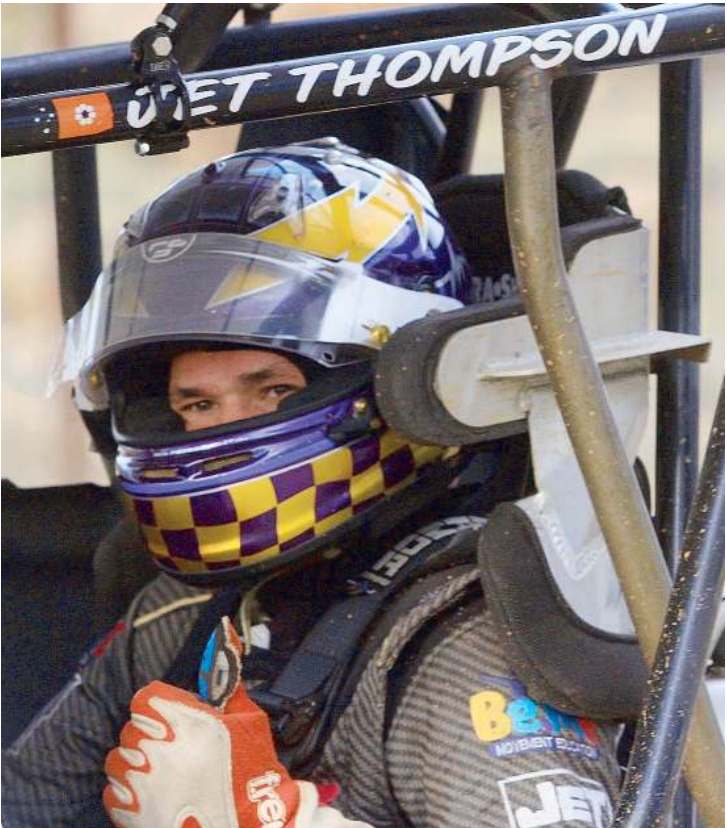
CHEQUER: Jacob Foley takes the chequered flag to win the second Juniors' heat. (525798)



CHASE: Brayden Molloy is chased by Shae Driver in the second Juniors' heat. (525798)



COMMITTED: Axe Greening is committed as he turns on the opposite lock while chasing Jamie Jones. (525798)



JET: Jet Thompson gives the thumbs up before heading out for the Sprintcar Hot Laps session. (525798)



ROTATE: A Street Stock rotates into the infield after being nudged from behind. (525798)



FAMILY: Street Stocks racers Jess and Hayden Foley during the parade lap. (525798)



TOUCH: Jamie Lightfoot receives a light touch from Shae Driver in a Junior race. (525798)



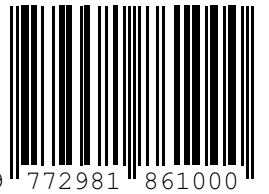
START: Juniors get themselves sorted at the start of their first heat. (525798)



JOSTLE: Juniors jostle for position early in their third heat. (525798)



SQUEEZE: Street Stocks squeeze for room as they jump to start heat two. (525798)



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