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SYMPHONY: Playing in front of a big crowd, the Darwin Symphony Orchestra took to the stage at Parrtjima in 2025. (Phil Williams)

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Making moves for holidays

THE Gap Youth & Community Centre Aboriginal Corporation hosted a school holiday hip-hop workshop ahead of Christmas, with artist RileyP travelling from Darwin to share his skills.

The Gap CEO Leon Tripp said as well as starting to learn to write their own songs, participants had the chance to get up on stage and perform.

"There were about a dozen kids involved and we had a disco night at the end of it," Mr Tripp said.

"Over the years The Gap has held a lot of workshop programs."

The Gap has a suite of holiday activities to keep young people entertained, from discos and late night drop-ins to art, basketball and visits to the Alice Springs Pool. Visit the centre's Facebook page to find out more.



Those who took part learnt to write their own songs.



The workshops culminated in a disco.

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RileyP's workshop proved popular.



Participants were taught a variety of skills.



Meeting RileyP was a highlight of the school holiday program.



RileyP hosted a hip-hop workshop for young people at The Gap Youth & Community Centre.



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Have your say on weeds

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A significant level of stakeholder engagement was undertaken by the Department during the development of the draft Weed Management Plan, including meetings of the Buffel Grass Weed Advisory Committee.

Buffel grass has been assessed as a very high-risk weed in the Northern Territory using the NT Weed Risk Management System due to its current impact, and its potential for further impact, on the Territory's natural environment, economy and cultural assets.

The plan proposes managing buffel grass as a declared weed in the Northern Territory, with a focus on reducing its spread and minimising impacts on significant cultural and environmental assets.

Buffel grass program manager Amber Clarke said the draft plan established clear obligations for landholders, managers and occupiers to effectively address the invasive species.

"It seeks to balance competing interests by prioritising the protection of critical natural and cultural assets and minimising the spread of buffel grass, while supporting ongoing pastoral activities," Ms Clarke said.

Ms Clarke said the Department had also consulted with and presented at key landholder and land manager events, and that a previous Have Your Say survey earlier this year received more than 300 individual submissions.

The public consultation period is now open via the Have Your Say website and will run until February 12, 2026.

All comments will be reviewed by the Department of Lands, Planning and Environment and the Buffel Grass Weed Advisory Committee, before being presented to the Minister for Lands, Planning and Environment for consideration ahead of the plan being finalised.

For more information about buffel grass visit nt.gov.au/buffel

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REMOVED: Alex Nelson shows the dead root system of a recently removed clump of buffel grass. (Phil Williams: 420063)

Big year of events for Red Centre

By Gladys Barreta

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A celebration of drag, comedy, colour and cabaret, the festival honours inclusivity, diversity and the unique cultural magic of Central Australia.

A glamorous few days of markets, music, performances, parties and events await, with the 2026 program welcoming international first-time visitors to the Red Centre, including drag superstar Taylor Sheesh from the Philippines, alongside Melbourne-based art and performance duo The Huxleys.

The 2026 program introduces a new Friday knock-off event, Outback Shout - a night featuring drag queens, frothies, flannies, chook raffles, trivia and plenty of laughs.

Another festival brightening the Red Centre is the iconic Parrtjima – A Festival in Light.

Entering its 11th year, Parrtjima continues to grow in strength, drawing thousands of visitors to Central Australia annually.

The 2026 event will explore Language as its central theme, featuring immersive light installations and interactive language workshops guided by First Nations voices.

The free 10-night festival will run from April 10–19, 2026, with electronic music duo Electric Fields returning for the opening night on Friday, April 10.

One of winter's most anticipated and well-loved events celebrates a major milestone in 2026.

The Tatts Finke Desert Race will mark its 50th year, with a line-up of eager competitors with both local and interstate entrants already confirmed.

The iconic off-road, multi-terrain, two-day race for bikes, cars and buggies from Alice Springs to Aputula (Finke) will be held from June 5–8.

June will also bring a bittersweet moment, with the final Alice Springs Beanie Festival.

It will run from June 19–22, showcasing more than 5000 beanies from across Australia and around the world.

The 2025 event was a huge success, breaking a world record after selling 6000 beanies and raising a quarter of a million dollars - the most beanies ever sold at a single event.

The 2026 program will be released in March.

Red CentreNATS return from September 3–6, over the Father's Day weekend, with the event remaining one of Alice Springs' most iconic family events.

The festival will again bring drag racing, burnouts, motorkhana and roll racing, alongside dazzling show-and-shines.

The legendary street parade will also return, filling the town centre with hundreds of machines and visitors.

For sports enthusiasts, the biennial Alice Springs Masters Games is on from October 10–17, marking the 19th edition of the event.

While full details are yet to be announced, competitors are already gearing up for the challenge.

The calendar will also be filled with beloved community events in between, including the Alice Springs Show, Harts Range Races, Run Larapinta, the Henley-on-Todd Regatta and the Shimano Gravel Muster.

Mum of five dies in custody

TENNANT Creek's community is in mourning following the death in custody of a local woman on the weekend.

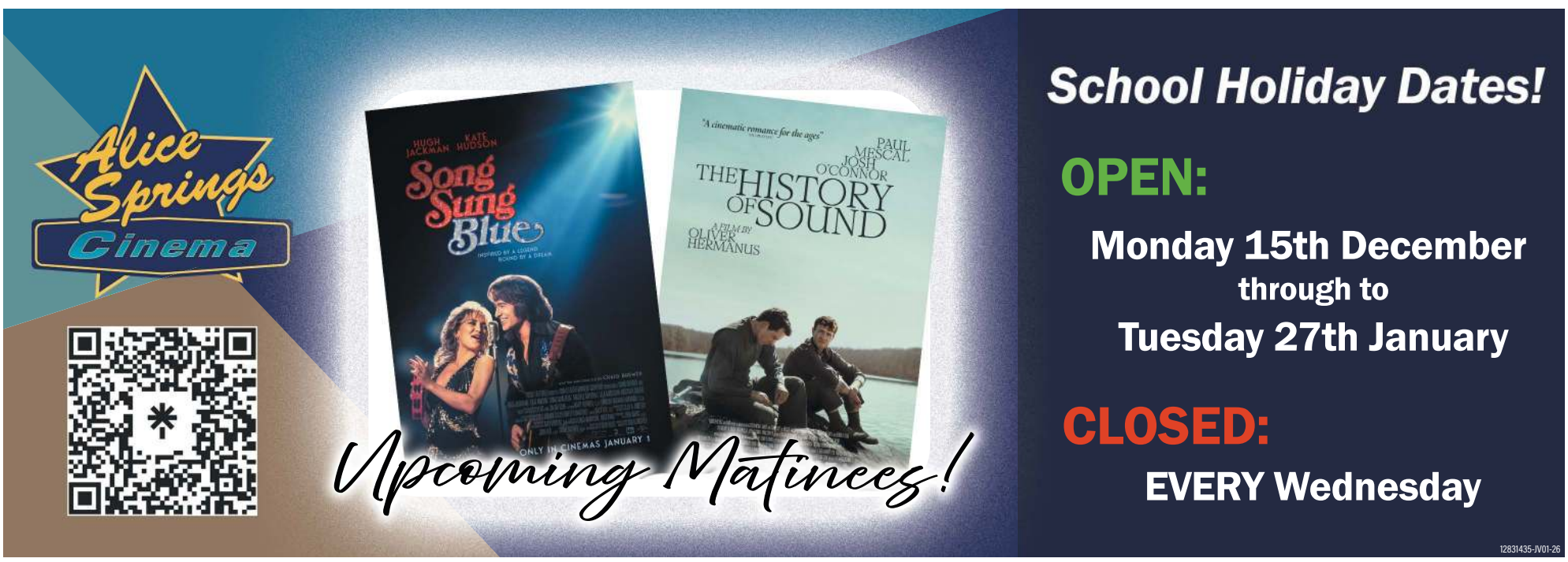
While she cannot yet be named for cultural reasons, the 44-year-old was a well known mother of five.

Police found the unconscious woman during a cell check at the Watch House about 1pm on Saturday.

CPR was immediately commenced, with St John Ambulance officers taking over upon arrival.

The woman was taken to the Tennant Creek Hospital where she was declared deceased a short time later.

A crime scene was established at the Watch House, and the matter remains under investigation.



Eventful year

By Gladys Barreta

THE Centralian Today is marking another eventful year for Central Australia from its people, its communities, and the future of Alice Springs.

It has been a tumultuous year, marked by challenges, significant moments, and opportunities for growth, healing and change.

There have been many highlights to be proud of, alongside difficult conversations that continue to shape the town's direction.

Crime and community safety dominated much of the public discourse.

The CLP Government introduced controversial crime crackdowns and reforms, including harsher penalties for offenders and amendments to the Youth Justice Regulations 2006, expanding the list of serious offences ineligible for youth diversion.

The Territory Government's commitment to reducing crime was tested during the year, with what many described as an "epidemic of violence" remaining front of mind.

Community concern culminated in marches and advocacy, including a significant rally in early December 2025, coinciding with the 16 Days of Activism.

Two long-awaited and significant coronial reports were delivered by Northern Territory Coroner Elisabeth Armitage: the findings into the 2019 death of Kumanjayi Walker, and the inquest examining the domestic violence deaths of four Aboriginal women - Kumarn Rubuntja, Kumanjayi Haywood, Ngeygo Ragurrk and Miss Yunupingu.

A further death in custody, that of Kumanjayi White shook the town, renewing scrutiny on systemic failures and accountability.

The community also mourned the loss of pivotal leaders who helped shape Central Australia, including Ted Egan AO and Geoffrey Shaw OAM.



SPALSH: 60 litres of water splash over Grant Wilckens as the bucket in the new water park empties. (Phil Williams: 517839)

Yet throughout it all, Alice Springs demonstrated the resilience and strength it is known for.

The year of 2025 brought political change, with a new Alice Springs Town Council sworn in and, for the first time, a Greens-endorsed candidate elected Mayor, as Asta Hill farewelled outgoing Mayor Matt Paterson.

The year saw the completion of long-awaited projects, including the opening of the Newland Park Skate and Play Precinct, and continued growth of the Mparntwe Alice Springs Community Foundation, which launched the Give2Give community investment campaign.

Looking ahead, revitalisation of the CBD is set to begin, the Beanie Festival prepares for its second-last celebration, and tourism in the Red Centre received a multimillion-dollar boost to support new experiences, attract visitors and back local businesses.

The Centralian Today continues to tell the stories of those in the community doing good, shining light on the countless hours volunteers of community organisations put in, the passion projects helping make the town brighter and the many accolades the talented people of the Red Centre are constantly snapping up.

Puberty blockers banned

By Gladys Barreta

CHILDREN aged under 18 will no longer be able to access puberty blockers and gender-affirming hormones through the Northern Territory public health system under a new decision by the NT Government.

The move has been met with frustration from the NT Greens, who have accused the Country Liberal Party of using trans youth as a "political football".

The announcement reignited debate around culture war politics, following recent controversy surrounding the NT Government's decision to house trans women in male prisons.

Other jurisdictions, including Queensland, New Zealand and several European countries, have also introduced restrictions or changes to access for gender-affirming healthcare for minors.

Under Australian law, people under 18 can only receive puberty blockers and gender-affirming hormones with the consent of both parents.

Minister for Health Steve Edgington said that in the Territory, a small number of young teenagers had been accessing the medications through the public health system.

"Territory kids deserve to grow up free from dangerous, ideologically driven practices with irreversible consequences," Mr Edgington said.

"The Territory's public health focus will remain on adolescent mental health services."

In a statement, the NT Greens said they stood in solidarity with trans and gender-diverse young Territorians and their families.

Member for Nightcliff Kat McNamara criticised the timing of the announcement and said its release just days before Christmas appeared to be an attempt to avoid scrutiny and public debate.

"The CLP campaigned on 'small government' and keeping government out of people's personal lives, yet here they are inserting themselves into private medical decisions between families, young people and their doctors. It's shamelessly hypocritical," she said.

"This isn't about evidence or child safety - this is pure ideology, one that targets vulnerable young people for cheap political points. It's disgusting.

"The government has no place in the consulting room. These are deeply personal healthcare decisions that should be made by families in consultation with medical professionals."

General Practitioner and member of community-controlled collective for the Sistergirl, Brotherboy and LGBTIQAP+ community, Vital Collective, Frankie Garnett condemned the announcement to restrict access.

"We stand with all trans kids today both out and not yet. We will fight for your right to live full and free lives alongside your community. We call on everyone to oppose this dangerous move and stand alongside us," they said.

Equality Australia CEO Anna Brown said the decision was devastating for trans young people and their families.

"At the heart of this are ordinary Territory families - parents who want exactly what every parent wants: for their children to feel safe, supported and able to grow up happy and healthy," she said.

"The government's ban flies in the face of the medical evidence, expert consensus and the approach taken by health systems across almost every other Australian state and territory."

Support is available through Lifeline on 13 11 14, QLIFE 1800 184 527 and Transcend Australia https://transcend.org.au. First Nations people can also contact 13YARN on 13 92 76







SKATES: The cutting of the red ribbon at the newly opened Newland Park Regional Skate and Play Precinct.



BIKES: Some locals trying out the new skate park.

A place to skate and play

By Gladys Barreta

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The $8.6 million precinct also includes a pump track, dog park, expanded car parking and accessible toilets.

The facility aims to attract visitors, school groups, sporting events and competitions from across Central Australia and beyond, while also serving as a hub for new council-led initiatives and youth programs.

The Newland Park Skate and Play Precinct is a joint project between all three levels of government, supported by a $4 million commitment from the Federal Government's Priority Community Infrastructure Program, $1.8 million from the Northern Territory Government and $2.8 million from Alice Springs Town Council.

Construction of the precinct supported up to 40 local jobs, with Alice Springs-based company MPH Projects leading the build.

Alice Springs Town Council Mayor Asta Hill said the opening was a proud moment for the community.

"This precinct was shaped by our community from young people, families, skaters and local groups all had a say in how this space should look and work, and it's great to see that input come to life," she said.

"It's not just a skate park; it's a place to gather, be active, cool off under the shade and spend time together.

"Projects like this don't happen without strong partnerships. I want to thank the Australian Government and Northern Territory Government for working with Council to invest in infrastructure that directly benefits our community."

Northern Territory Minister for Lands, Planning and Environment Joshua Burgoyne said the new precinct was an example of what can be achieved when all three levels of government work together to deliver meaningful infrastructure that benefitted the community.

"This skate park has been designed with spaces for people of all ages and skill levels, creating a place where families, young people and skaters of all generations can be active, social and connected," he said.

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The Pulse

Dr Glenn Morrison



Buffel: A Christmas gift

By Glenn Morrison

A December plan to deal with buffel grass in Central Australia has likely dropped just as you were about to pull all the declared weed from round your block ahead of fire season, right?

Big news is you're late (look outside, it's hot).

But the brand-new NT Draft Buffel Grass Weed Management Plan 2026–2036 may help. Its Christmas arrival as a matching pair to predecessor the Buffel Grass Management Strategy: Central Australia 2024-2030, released in July 2024, completes the set.

Timing wise, July 2024 was also when buffel grass, or Cenchrus ciliaris, was declared a weed in the NT, making us only the second Australian jurisdiction to do so, alongside South Australia.

While the Strategy had provided the "why" of managing buffel, the Plan now outlines the "musts" or "rules" of managing the weed.

Ultimately, though, managing buffel is like maintaining a shared fence line; it only works if everyone pitches in.

And the differences between the two documents are important.

The 2024–2030 Strategy is an overarching vision for managing buffel in Central Australia.

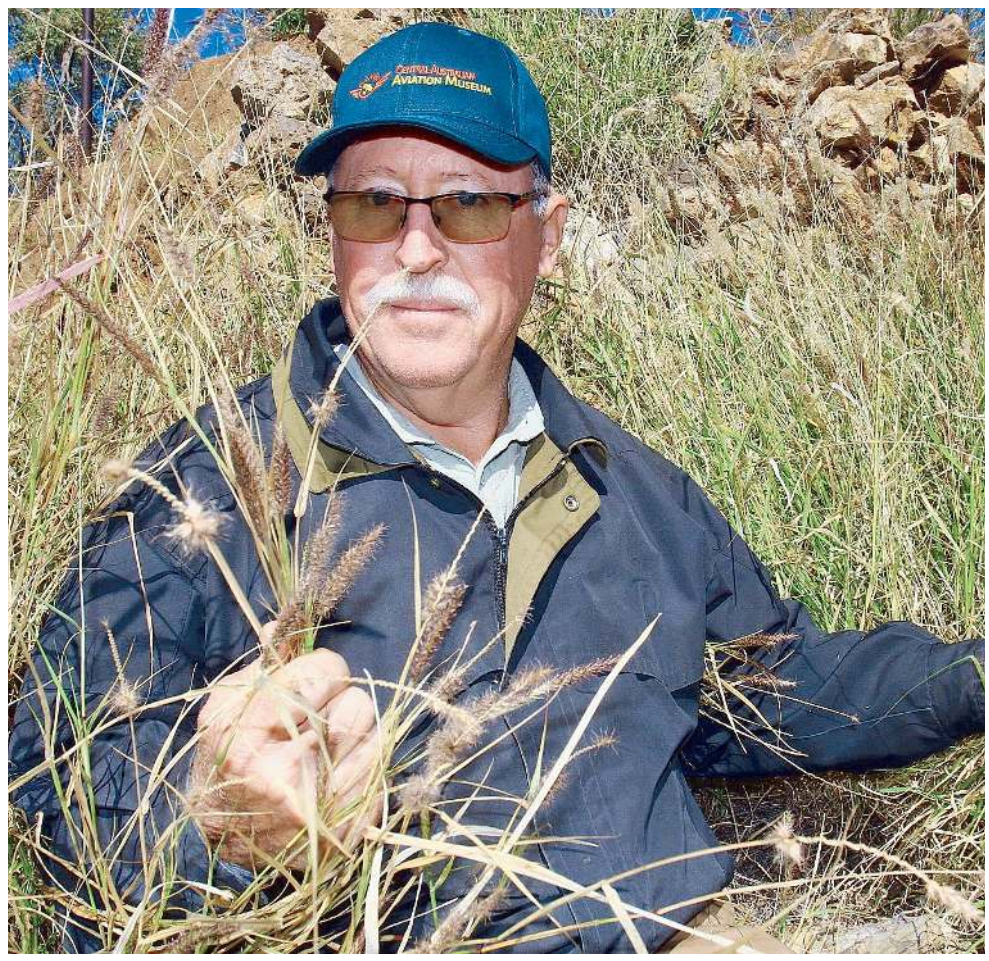
It makes no bones about the size of the challenge, and states upfront that buffel won't feasibly be eradicated.

Instead, the strategy aims to protect high-value assets from wildfire and environmental degradation, including Sites of Conservation Significance, Indigenous Protected Areas, and physical infrastructure.

The Strategy proposes to achieve this by building community capacity, improving mapping through tools like the NT WeedMate app, and fostering collaboration across different land tenures.

And even though the Strategy and Plan both assess the risk of buffel as being "very high", their adopted approach leans on the carrot of "education and assistance" rather than a stick of "immediate penalties".

The 2026-2036 Draft Plan, on the other hand, outlines specific rules for managing buffel, the objectives and legal requirements governing the undertaking if you like; for in accordance with the Weeds Management Act 2001, all landholders now have a legal duty to take "reasonable measures" to prevent the spread of buffel grass.



SURROUNDED: : Alex Nelson surrounded by invasive buffel grass. (Phil Williams: 420063)

According to the Strategy, a suburban home in Alice Springs is classified "peri-urban/rural residential", meaning your primary job as a householder under the plan is to prevent establishment of the grass, minimise its impact, and "reduce its spread off-site", for instance, to the neighbours or natural areas.

The Strategy offers advice on this.

But Pulse has asked NTG Weed Management Branch's buffel grass officer Max Arkley Smith for a few tips.

"For folks in town, hand removal is your easiest bet," says Arkley-Smith, "followed by diligent follow up after each rain.

"Digging will stimulate new growth of both weeds and natives, so only work on what you can follow up."

And herbicides are the go as most efficient and effective for use in residential areas.

"Make sure you spray when it's below 35 degrees out and there's no rain forecast in the next day or two," he says, emphasising that follow up is best done within a month or two of each lot of rain for at least a year, to keep monitoring annually and watch as native plants spring back up to replace your weeds.

"Let the rate of native recovery dictate how much buffel you can clear at a time; this is slow and methodical work."

Early intervention is key, the government says, though given the extent of the Red Centre's buffel infestation, we may already have missed that boat.

NT Environment Minister Joshua Burgoyne aims to assess the economic impact of the documents' vision, review public input, and approve and release the final Buffel Grass Weed Management Plan by June 2026. All well and good.

But buffel grass's deeply contradictory identity as both a backbone of the Centre and North's land-based economy, and an existential threat to the nation's valuable rangelands, makes any debate over its future lengthy, complex, and sometimes volatile.

Unsurprisingly, there's a potential stink about the process already, regarding two choices reportedly available when judging the degree of risk buffel represents to the NT, and who voted for what.

Arid Land Environment Centre immediately and publicly condemned the Plan when launched, for being a land-tenure based proposal that includes "major exemptions for buffel management across pastoral leases".

Indeed, they suggest the government has "stacked the Buffel Grass Weed Advisory Committee with greater pastoral representation after extensive industry lobbying".

The plan ignores a majority of the Buffel Grass Weed Advisory Committee, says ALEC, which it claims had supported a holistic approach to buffel management across the NT.

The result, is that the plan ignores a "majority" recommendation for "a strong risk-based approach" to buffel grass management, thereby going "against the majority of community feedback provided from the Have Your Say buffel grass survey."

Territory cattle producers have long resisted being forced to comply with rules to manage buffel grass on their properties and fear the economic consequences of having to.

Indeed, a deliberate buffel seeding program undertaken in the Northern Territory in the 1960s saw the grass deliberately sown on cattle stations as fodder and for dust suppression and erosion control.

Since then, buffel has proven economically valuable as a drought resistant feed.

Nonetheless, another consideration is also missing from the report: A recent bid to list buffel as a Weed of National Significance, or WONS.

The WoNS list ranks Australia's worst offending weeds for invasiveness and impact, to plan accordingly.

At the time of writing, there was no outcome on the prospective WONS listing, nor any detail of a "what if the vote were yes?" provision.

Finally, if anything concerns you about the Plan, NTG is seeking public input to the draft until Thursday 12 February 2026.

Go to the Have Your Say portal at haveyoursay.nt.gov.au/ and click on Draft Buffel Grass Weed Management Plan Survey to share your views about this important plan.

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Brigade's highs and lows

By Alice Springs Volunteer Bushfire Brigade

THE past year has been one of highs and lows for the Alice Springs Volunteer Bushfire Brigade.

We've seen increased levels of fire behaviour, numerous campaign fires, intrastate deployments, the tragic loss of one of our members, and even had the opportunity to assist the Northern Territory Emergency Service when a storm cell hit the town.

We've responded to over 50 fires, totalling around 1500 hours spent on the fire ground - all carried out by our fantastic team of volunteers.

From small winter grass fires through to week-long, raging campaign fires, our members have seen it all this year, and we're just entering our busiest months.

We've also had the wonderful opportunity to continue supporting local events such as the Aileron and Harts Range Rodeos, the Bangtail Muster Parade, and the Alice Springs Show.

Our members have also visited several schools across Alice Springs to provide students with an opportunity to learn about bushfires and the work we do across the greater Alice Springs region.

None of this would have been possible without the support of our wonderful friends, families, employers and the wider Alice Springs community.

Thank you for your continued support of our Brigade.

Over the New Year period, we will remain ready to respond to any calls that come through.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to share some bushfire safety tips for the holiday season:

If you're travelling, know where to stay up to date with local emergency warnings and information.

If you have a campfire, ensure it is fully extinguished with water before leaving, and never leave it unattended.

The Getting Good Stuff Done #ggsd page promotes those encouraging, supporting and amplifying positive initiatives to foster a stronger community.

Check local Fire Danger Ratings, and during elevated conditions remember it is always better to leave early than to try to wait out a fire.

Lastly, consider joining our Brigade or your local Brigade.

We're always looking for new members, and what better way to be prepared than to respond alongside us on the trucks.

Take care and happy holidays,

Alice Springs Volunteer Bushfire Brigade Inc.

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The year that was

By St Philip's College Principal, Leslie Tilbrook

AS we reflect on the past year at St Philip's College, we do so with a deep sense of gratitude and pride.

Across every part of our community from students, staff, families and supporters, this year has been marked by commitment, resilience and a shared belief in the transformative power of education.

Throughout the year, our students continued to engage enthusiastically in learning, striving to grow academically, socially and spiritually.

From our middle years through to our senior students, we have seen young people take increasing ownership of their learning, challenge themselves, and support one another.

Our classrooms have been places of curiosity and connection, and our co-curricular programs from sport, the arts, community service and outdoor education have enriched student experiences while fostering confidence, teamwork and creativity.

Our senior students deserve special recognition for the maturity and determination they have shown.

Whether preparing for external assessments, vocational pathways or post-school transitions, they have navigated the year with focus and resilience.

Their leadership and example have had a positive influence across the College.

St Philip's is blessed with dedicated and professional staff who consistently go above and beyond in their care for students.



CONNECT: Leslie Tilbrook and St Philip's College junior students.

This year, staff embraced ongoing professional learning, collaborated deeply across teams, and responded thoughtfully to the diverse needs of our learners. Their commitment to building strong relationships has been central to the positive culture that defines our school.

Community remains at the heart of St Philip's.

Our families, Board, volunteers and wider supporters continue to partner with us in meaningful ways, strengthening our capacity to serve students in Central Australia.

We are also grateful for the unique context in which we learn and live, and we acknowledge the Arrernte people as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our College stands.

We celebrate the many achievements both large and small, that together tell the story of a thriving learning community.

We look ahead with optimism, confident that the foundations laid in 2025 will continue to support growth, belonging and excellence at St Philip's College into 2026 and beyond.

Through to graduation

By OLSH Principal, Julia Wake



STUDENTS: 2025 Graduate and Cultural Leader Petra with two OLSH 2025 Transition students.

"OUR young people, aged three to 19, have agency; they are heard, and what the OLSH community offers resonates with them."

Was this the case in 2025?

I believe it was for many. From working on the Master Plan, our Safeguarding Statements, Routines for Learning, and Anti-Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan, to participation in State and Territory forums such as the Rapid Review on Bullying and We Are More, student voice has been heard.

Our young people have stepped up and beyond their comfort zones, exploring broader pathways including Cadets, the Blak Jobs Expo, WEX, Allied Health, interstate sports, and community volunteering.

We have been tracking student engagement in learning through robust data walls, informing strategies to support learning growth.

The eWrite program embedded at Traeger Campus has contributed to improved Year 9 NAPLAN writing data. The introduction of DIBELS at Bath Street Campus has strengthened our ability to track and improve literacy outcomes, creating greater opportunities for targeted intervention.

Thank you to our Curriculum, Inclusion and Campus Executive teams for ensuring no student falls through the gaps.

With enrolments growing to the 820s, I am grateful to our families for entrusting their children's education to OLSH.

Our administration staff are often the first point of contact for families, and I thank Karen Nicolai, Anne-Marie Hansberry, Stacey Clark, Tracey Bainbridge and Anatola Taylor for the knowledge, care and commitment they bring to our community.

While some days were challenging, our Pastoral Care teams and Counsellors were extraordinary in supporting young people during difficult times.

There is always hope in God's love, which distinguishes Catholic education.

Our Master Plan was launched in 2025, and I acknowledge the work of Y2 Architects for their consultation and collaboration.

Progress is already underway with the Gilchrist Centre development at Traeger Campus, a new canteen and boys' toilets at Sadadeen Campus, and upcoming works including hall air-conditioning and a sand-play area at Bath Street Campus.

From Year three to Year 12, all students and staff attended Cybersafety Workshops presented by Susan McLean in May. In partnership with Centralian Senior College and St Philip's College, parent and carer sessions were also offered. While progress has been made, there is still much to do to ensure online safety for both young people and adults. My gratitude goes to Brittany Dunk, Xavia Nou and Stephanie Charles-Bowhay for their passion, and to the staff who supported the event.

We look forward to the year ahead with a focus on continued growth in learning outcomes and further building developments.





Reflecting on the year

By CSC Principal Joanne Alford



SENIORS: Joanne Alford with CSC students, Peta Wilson and Bianca McPherson.

ALICE Springs is a hard place to leave.

After four years as Principal of Centralian Senior College, I find myself reflecting not just on the work we have done, but on the place itself and the people who make it extraordinary.

Alice Springs is complex, challenging and deeply rewarding.

It is a town that demands courage, creativity and conviction, and it is precisely those qualities that make it such a powerful place to lead a school.

When I began at Centralian Senior College, we faced some tough challenges.

These were not unique to our school; they reflected broader pressures across the town and region.

At times, the work was hard and the context confronting.

Yet throughout it all, there was never a loss of purpose.

We held a shared belief that student outcomes could improve if we were willing to do things differently.

Alice Springs, with its openness to innovation and creative problem-solving, proved to be exactly the right place to challenge assumptions about what senior secondary education can look like.

What I am most proud of over the past four years is the tangible difference we have made for young people.

We significantly reduced suspensions by deliberately shifting our focus towards building a safe, inclusive learning environment grounded in strong relationships and high expectations.

This cultural change has mattered.

It has allowed learning to remain central and has supported more students to stay engaged, connected and successful.

Most proudly, we have increased the number of students completing their Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training.

These completions represent far more than data; they represent persistence, belief and futures opened.

Our school improvement journey has resulted in higher numbers of NTCET completers and improved academic outcomes.

Just as importantly, we have built systems that empower students to become agents of their own learning.

Through targeted supports, flexible pathways and clear structures, students have been able to make informed choices and take ownership of their journeys beyond school.

None of this would have been possible without the exceptional staff at Centralian Senior College.

They are the finest educators I have had the privilege to lead hardworking, deeply committed and genuinely passionate about young people.

They bring humour and humanity to their work, and when times are hard, they stand together.

Earlier this year, we experienced the devastating loss of a much-loved student.

In that moment, our school community became a family supporting one another, holding space for grief and caring deeply for our students.

Some of the most memorable moments have been our community events, which connect students, families and staff, culminating each year in graduation. Graduation remains the highlight - an affirmation of effort, resilience and hope.

Looking forward, the future-focused merger has strengthened pathways and opportunities for students.

Our flexible learning offerings continue to expand, and next year we will introduce construction and outdoor education to further support transitions and engagement.

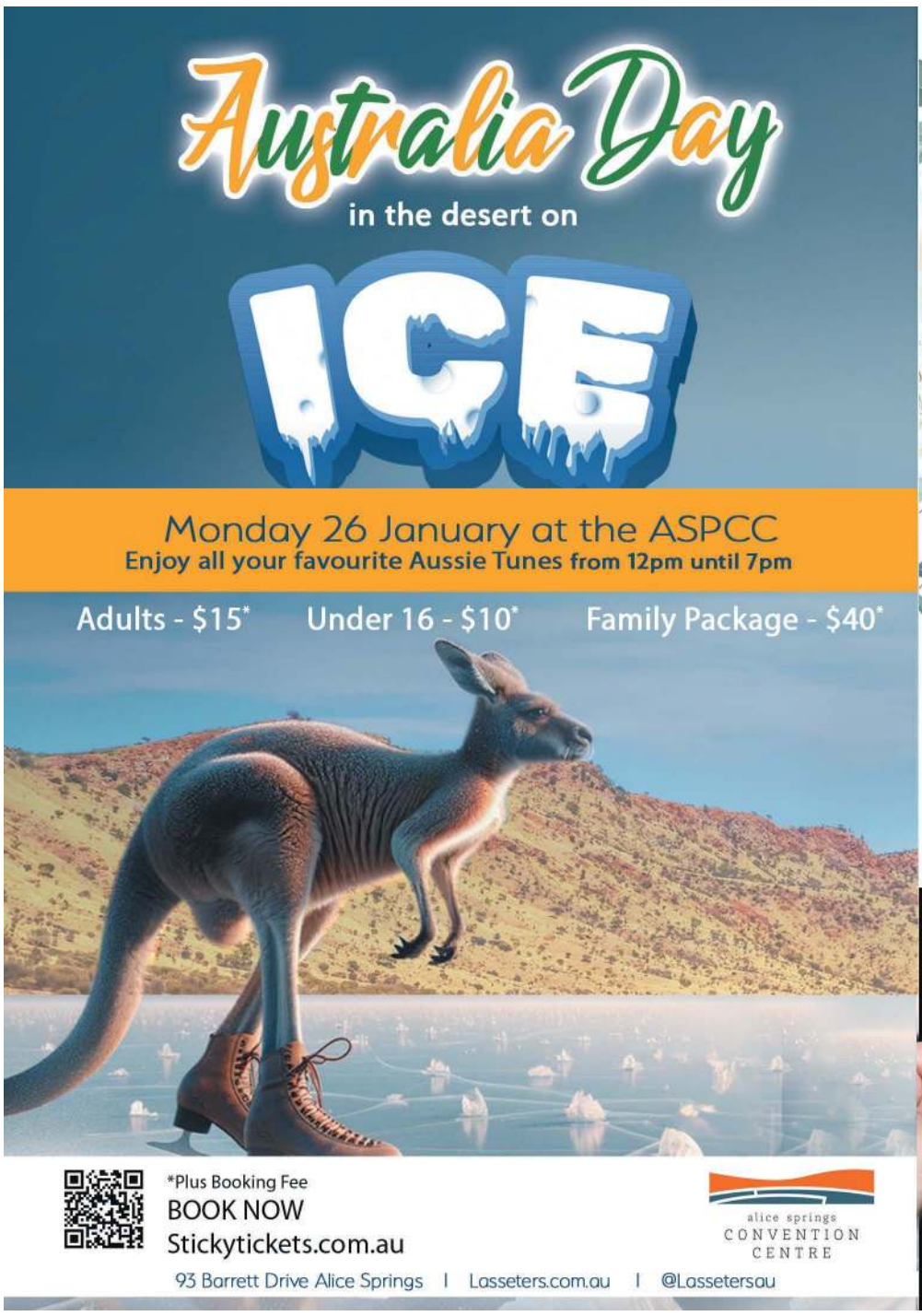
We are also attracting high-quality staff who are drawn to our vision and values.

Our partnership with the Excellence Network has strengthened professional integrity and practice, reinforcing that the Northern Territory is a place where educators can continue to learn, grow and lead meaningful change.

I now move on to Nhulunbuy High School in East Arnhem.

I will miss the stunning beauty of Alice Springs and the remarkable people who show up every day, especially those working in education and health doing extraordinary work in challenging contexts.

Centralian Senior College, and Alice Springs, will always hold a special place in my heart.







Show dedication: From hours to years

By Gladys Barreta

TWO long-serving volunteers with the Central Australian Show Society (CASS) have been awarded Honorary Life Membership in recognition of their years of dedication and passion for one of the region's most treasured community events. CASS President Andrew Barrett and show-jumping steward Katie Knappstein were formally acknowledged for their contributions at the Society's annual general meeting held earlier this month.

Ms Knappstein was praised for her exceptional leadership, inclusiveness and unwavering commitment, which have made her an invaluable contributor to both CASS and the equestrian program of the Alice Springs Show.

"She has an extraordinary ability to take charge with calm confidence, ensuring events are well organised, volunteers are coordinated, and judges are not only sourced and accommodated, but genuinely welcomed," a CASS spokesperson said.

"Her strong communication skills and inclusive approach foster a real sense of teamwork and belonging. Many events have continued to thrive directly because of Katie's drive, initiative and tireless efforts."

Ms Knappstein has volunteered with the Show Society since 2019, with her contribution described as consistent and outstanding.

Mr Barrett was recognised for dedicating an extraordinary amount of time, energy and passion to the Show Society and the broader community. He is known for volunteering countless hours to ensure the success of events and initiatives.

"As president for at least the past three years, Andrew has led with commitment, integrity and vision, strengthening the Society and inspiring others to get involved," a CASS spokesperson said.

"His reliability, tireless contribution and genuine love for the Show make him a truly deserving recipient of Honorary Life Membership."



DEDICATION: Vice President Craig Whan awarding CASS President Andrew Barrett with his Honorary Life Membership.

Firefighters ready for a shift to the Red Centre

TWELVE new firefighters have graduated from Northern Territory Fire and Emergency Services (NTFES), with Alice Springs set to welcome four of the new recruits.

Recruit Squad 52 completed an intensive 19-week training course covering road crash rescue, advanced first aid, urban search and rescue, on- and off-road driving, hazardous materials response, wildfire management, breathing apparatus (BA), pump operations, communications, and urban fire suppression.

The squad, made up of 10 Territorians and two interstate recruits, all started operational shifts in December.

During their course, Recruit Squad 52 raised more than $7500 for Foodbank SA & NT (Northern Territory operations), which will help provide more than 15,100 meals for people in need.

During their training, the group also made 19 blood and plasma donations to Lifeblood, saving the equivalent of 57 lives.

NT Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner Andy Warton said the squad demonstrated exceptional discipline and commitment throughout their training.

"They are now equipped with the skills necessary to serve and protect communities across the Northern Territory," he said.

NTFRS Chief Fire Officer Stephen Sewell said firefighters played a critical role in prevention and preparedness well before emergencies occured.

"These 12 firefighters bring significant benefits to all Territorians and extend their trade well beyond fighting fires – responding to road crashes, managing hazardous materials incidents, and being an integral part of complex rescue missions, all with the intent of protecting and saving lives," he said.

The following recruits were recognised for their outstanding efforts:

- Firefighting Excellence Award: Recruit Firefighter Jayden Shaw
- Academic Excellence Award: Recruit Firefighter Aaron Griggs
- Silver Axe Award (for outstanding achievement across all aspects of the recruit course): Recruit Firefighter Luke Challman

For more information on careers with NTFRS, visit pfes.nt.gov.au/become-a-firefighter



My Territory

More work to be done

A born-and-bred Alice Springs local, Brendan Heenan AM has spent more than four decades shaping Central Australia's tourism story and he's not slowing down.

From market gardening roots laid by his father in the 1920s to building one of the Territory's most awarded caravan parks, Mr Heenan's life mirrors the growth of the town itself.

After floods sunk his horticulture business in the 1970s, he pivoted with vision, opening what would become the MacDonnell Range Holiday Park in 1984, later earning dozens of Brolga Awards and national recognition.

Now at the helm of Wintersun Cabin and Caravan Park, Mr Heenan continues investing in the town he loves.

For him, Alice Springs isn't just a place to do business but it's a community built on volunteers, resilience and people who always show up for each other.

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DETERMINED: Brendan Heenan AM is not done yet, with more work still to be done. (Charles Geary: 465338)



Marzi Panne and Miss Ellaneous hosting Drag Bingo.


Mel Buttle is headed for Alice Springs.

fabALICE unwraps line-up

IN a move guaranteed to keep the jingle in your bells, post-Christmas fabALICE has announced its glitter-soaked 2026 line-up.

Headlining next year's Comedy and Cabaret event is comedy queen Mel Buttle, delivering the kind of sharp-witted humour and chaotic mum-energy that has made her one of Australia's favourite comedians.

Announcing the program on December 23, festival organisers said they "couldn't wait until Christmas morning" to share the news, so they dropped the whole lineup like a sack of fabulous presents straight down the chimney.

In true Territory style, fabALICE 2026 isn't doing anything by halves.

Organisers have revealed a program packed tighter than uncle Bill's belt after Christmas Day lunch, with a glittering cast of drag royalty, camp chaos, comedy heavyweights and cabaret darlings, promising a weekend "brighter than a busted disco ball in the Todd Mall".

Joining Buttle, is a troupe of drag superstars including: RuPaul's Drag Race Down Under winner Spankie Jackzon; newly crowned Miss First Nation winner Kitty Obsidian; international social media sensation Taylor Sheesh; Freddie Merkin; Stone Motherless Cold; Leather Lungs; Oxy Kodeine; All The Queens Men with their hit show "Play Date"; Glamboyance; 2025 Deadly Funny finalist Constantina Bush; Dean Misdale; Cliteralli; The magic of the Showstopper Productions team, including Crystal Love, Vogue MegaQueen, Prawn Cracker Spice and Ferocia Coutura; The Huxleys ; and fabALICE Glam-bassadors Miss Ellaneous and Marzi Panne.

Festival organisers said fans could expect wall-to-wall entertainment across Alice Springs.

The fabALICE 2026 Highlights

- Comedy & Cabaret Night featuring headline acts Mel Buttle and Spanky Jackzon with the full cast ensemble.
- Outback Shout - a full-throttle ensemble performance with knock off bevvies and bogan antics!
- Night Markets - with the entire cast performing across the evening.
- Budget Barbie Camper Town Tours - hosted by fabulous Drag Celebrities.
- Taylor Sheesh - supported by Glamboyance and Dean Misdale for a pop-fuelled spectacle that will get Alice Springs shaking it off.


The Huxleys and Vogue Mega Queen. (Oliver Eclipse)

Drag Queen Bingo - hosted by Miss Ellaneous and Marzi Panne with performances by The Huxleys, Leather Lungs, Dean Misdale and Cliteralli.

Mel Buttle is one of the country's most recognisable comedy talents.

An award-winning stand-up, writer, broadcaster and former co-host of The Great Australian Bake Off, Buttle has built a massive following with her laser-sharp observations, chaotic mum-character sketches and unmistakably Aussie humour.

Her appearance at fabALICE is expected to draw crowds from across the NT, and from interstate fans who'll seize any excuse to visit the Red Centre in full glitter and glory.

Organisers said this year's festival was "shaping up to be the biggest, boldest and most fabulously unhinged fabALICE yet".

Limited-edition VIP tickets to the fabALICE Comedy & Cabaret Night get you up close and personal with Mel Buttle and the entire glitter-drenched cast and crew, as well as premium seating, exclusive access and face time with the queens, kings, creatures and cabaret stars who make fabALICE shine.

fabAlice is on March 26-29 and tickets are on sale at fabalice.com

Never too late to follow dreams - Neil Diamond tribute

BASED on a true story, two down-on-their-luck musicians (Hugh Jackman and Kate Hudson) form a joyous Neil Diamond tribute band, proving it's never too late to find love and follow your dreams.

"Glitter, fringe, cheesy grins, and all, it's an ode to second chances, wrapped in the shimmering key of Diamond." - Frank Wilkins, Reel Reviews

"Song Sung Blue isn't just a movie for Neil Diamond fans, because it's not just a movie about Neil Diamond, as much as it's a movie about two people and their blended families brought together through the love of his music." - Edward Douglas, The Weekend Warrior (Substack)

"Craig Brewer has crafted a rousing crowd-pleaser built on the timeless music of Neil Diamond and the spectacular chemistry between Hugh Jackman and Kate

Hudson...You'll leave with your heart full and a song on your lips." - Keith Garlington, Keith & the Movies

133 minutes | Drama | Rated PG | Directed by Craig Brewer | Michael Imperioli, Fisher Stevens, Mustafa Shakir, Jim Belushi, Ella Anderson, King Princess, Hudson Hilbert Hensley, Hugh Jackman, Kate Hudson | Opens 1 January

Visit alicespringscinema.com.au for screening times



COUNTRY: Tamara Stewart and Kianah Quinn work with traditional owners to help gather the bush medicines. (Charles Geary: 456761)

Tradition comes alive

BUSH Balm was one of the standout local success stories of the year, showcasing how traditional knowledge and community-led enterprise continue to thrive in Alice Springs.

The social enterprise drew growing attention throughout the year as demand for its bush medicine products surged locally, nationally and internationally.

Using traditional ingredients such as Irmangka Irmangka, Arrethe and Native Lemongrass, Bush Balm remained deeply connected to culture and Country, with strong partnerships across communities including Areyonga-Utju and Hermannsburg-Ntaria.

The enterprise highlighted the importance of passing knowledge between generations, with skills learned from Elders continuing to shape every product made. Bush Balm also played a quiet but vital role in community wellbeing, with its products regularly shared through Purple House dialysis services and embraced by remote communities.

As interest in natural and culturally grounded healing grew, Bush Balm stood out as a proud Central Australian success, blending tradition, care and enterprise throughout the year.

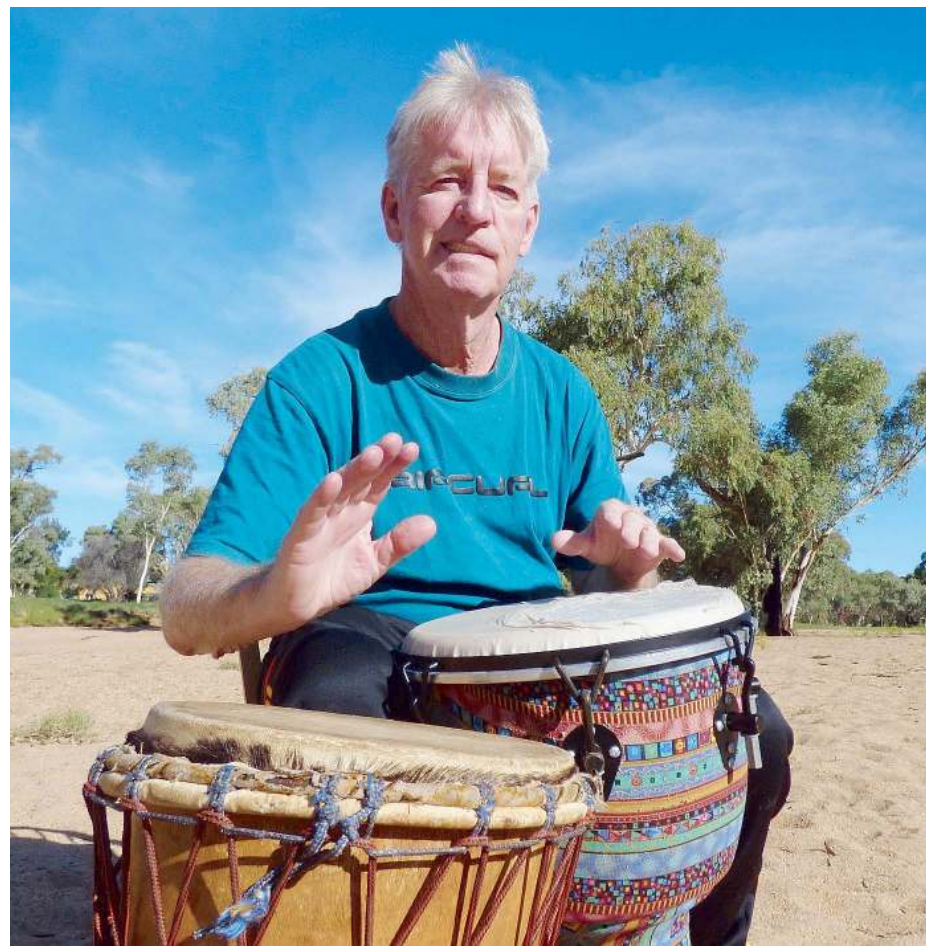
Driven by rhythm and purpose

FROM banging on boxes as a kid to becoming one of Central Australia's most influential community musicians, Peter Lowson OAM's life has been driven by rhythm and purpose.

A professional touring drummer who played alongside major Australian acts, Mr Lowson became best known locally for founding Drum Atweme - a program using drumming, language and humour to engage First Nations children in learning.

Working with Yipirinya School, Tangentyere Council and Irrkerlantye Learning Centre, his approach built confidence, strengthened literacy and numeracy, and took local kids to national stages, including the Adelaide Fringe.

Recognised as Centralian of the Year and awarded an OAM, Mr Lowson's legacy is one of passion, cultural respect and empowering young people—proof that music can change lives.



BEAT: Peter Lowson OAM has had a passion for music since the age of eight years old. (Charles Geary: 473060)



BOARD: Nicky Hayes with his board at the skate park in Alice Springs. (Phil Williams: 517769)

Skating to the next level

EASTERN Arrernte man Nicky "Skateboard" Hayes took his lifelong passion to the next level after being awarded a prestigious Churchill Fellowship, recognising his impact as a youth advocate and founder of Spinifex Skateboards.

Raised between Alice Springs and Ltyentye Apurte/Santa Teresa, Nicky turned skateboarding into a powerful tool for confidence, connection and cultural pride, mentoring young people through workshops and community programs.

His fellowship opened the door to an international journey, exploring how First Nations communities around the world use skateboarding to empower youth, with plans to visit countries including Canada, New Zealand, Indonesia and Timor-Leste.

Grounded in Arrernte culture and driven by lived experience, Nicky's work showed how creativity, movement and self-belief can create meaningful opportunities for young people in Central Australia and beyond.

Jan hung up her fuel hose

AFTER more than 25 years keeping aircraft moving through the heart of the Territory, Tennant Creek air refueller Jan Baldwin farewelled the job she called "the best in the world" when she retired on April 29. From small private planes to RFDS aircraft, defence helicopters and Hercules transport planes, Ms Baldwin became a constant and trusted presence at the regional airport.

Stepping in when major fuel providers withdrew, she took on the aviation refuelling operation herself to ensure Tennant Creek remained serviced, often working on call around the clock.

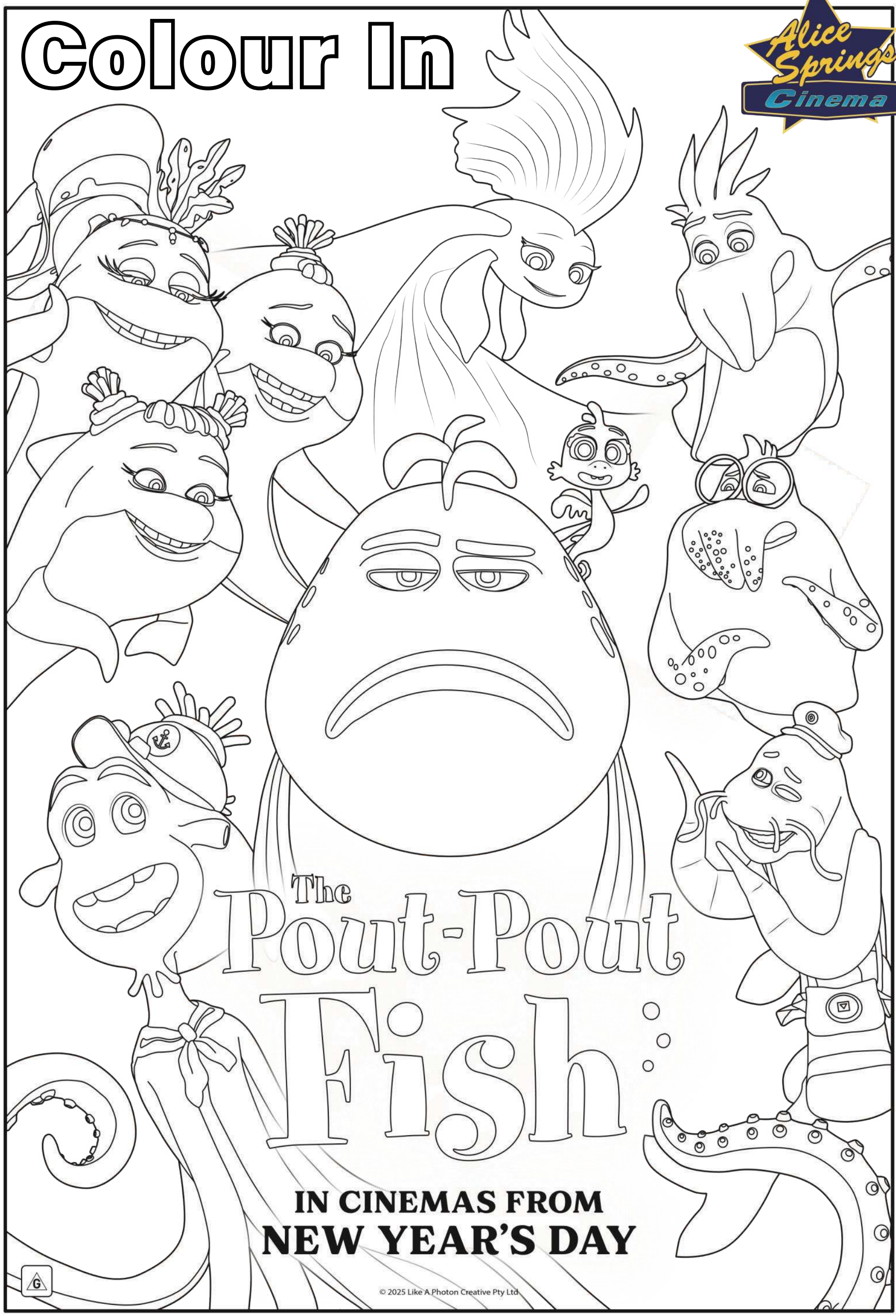
Along the way she met prime ministers, business leaders and racing identities, but it was the regular pilots and crews she cherished most.

Widely described as the "lifeblood of the Outback", Ms Baldwin leaves behind a legacy of determination, resilience and quiet leadership and a big hole in the Tennant Creek aviation community.

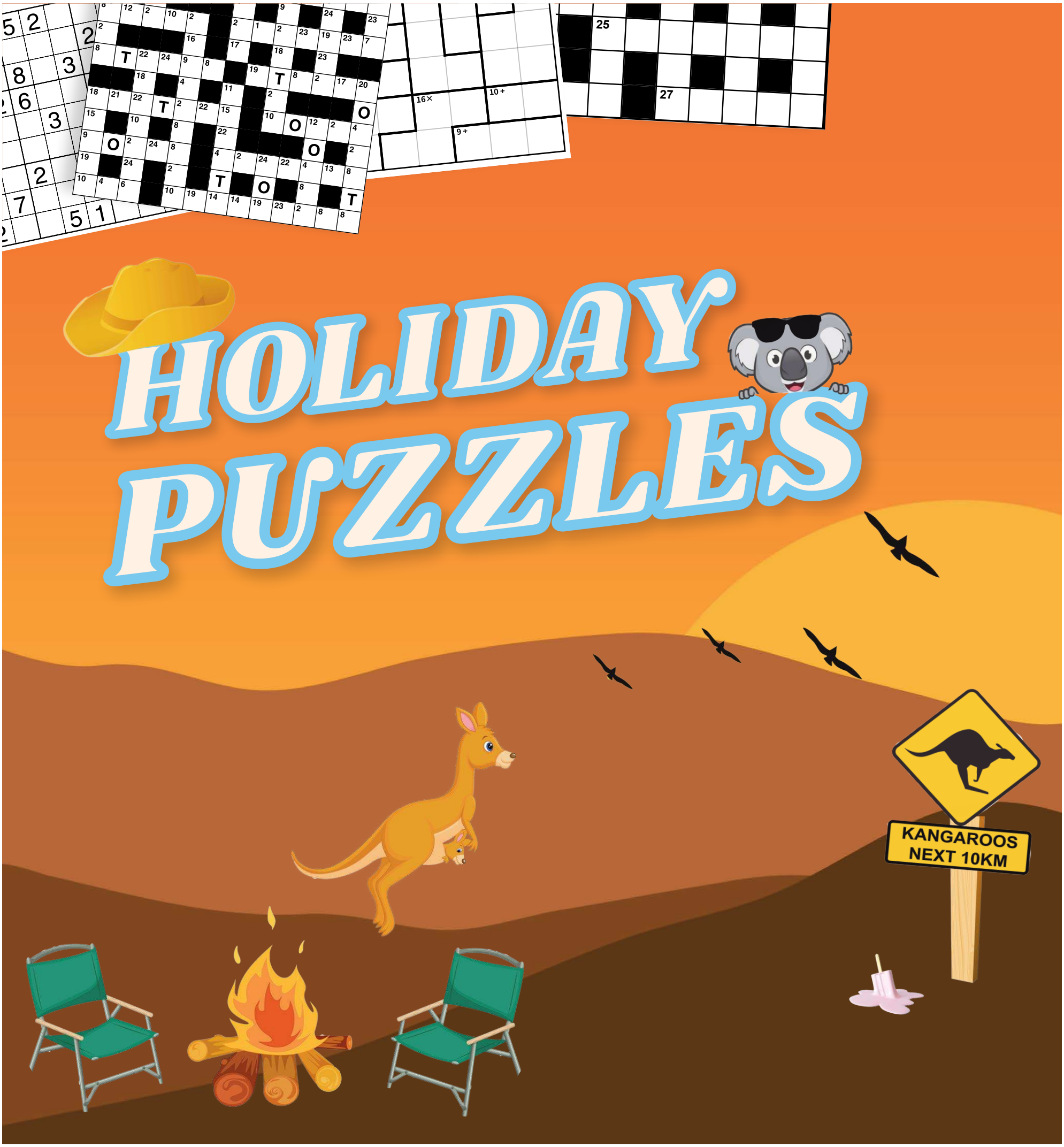


CONQUEST: Jan Baldwin gets ready to refuel a Cessna Conquest at Tennant Creek. (Phil Williams: 476604)

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SUDOKU

No. 270

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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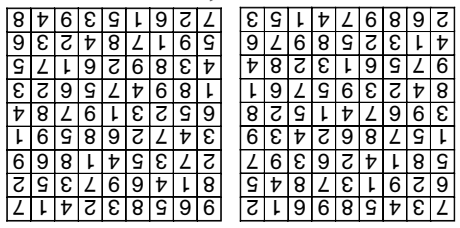
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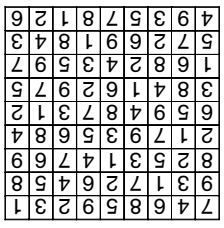
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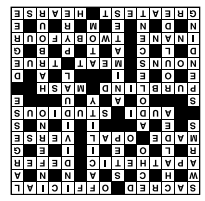
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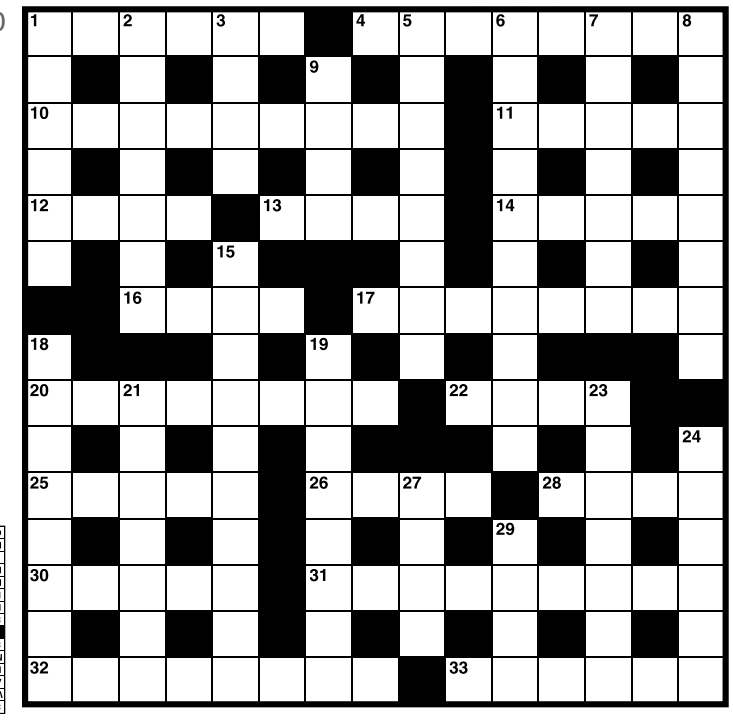
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17 Scholarly (8)
20 Having impaired vision (arch) (8)
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25 Naming words (5)
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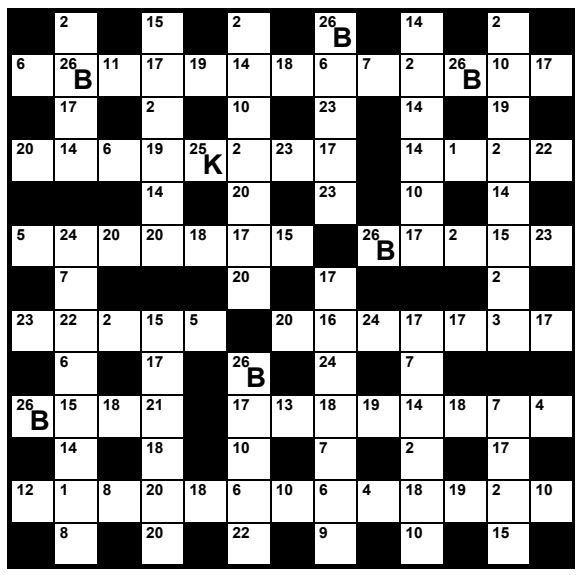
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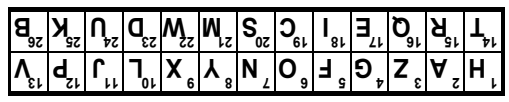
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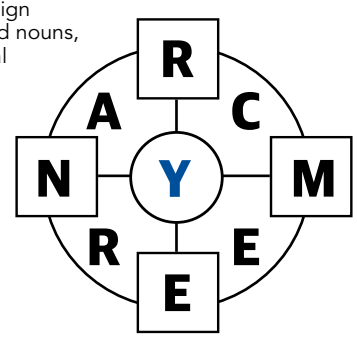
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9-LETTER WORD

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".

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14 words: Very good
19 words: Excellent



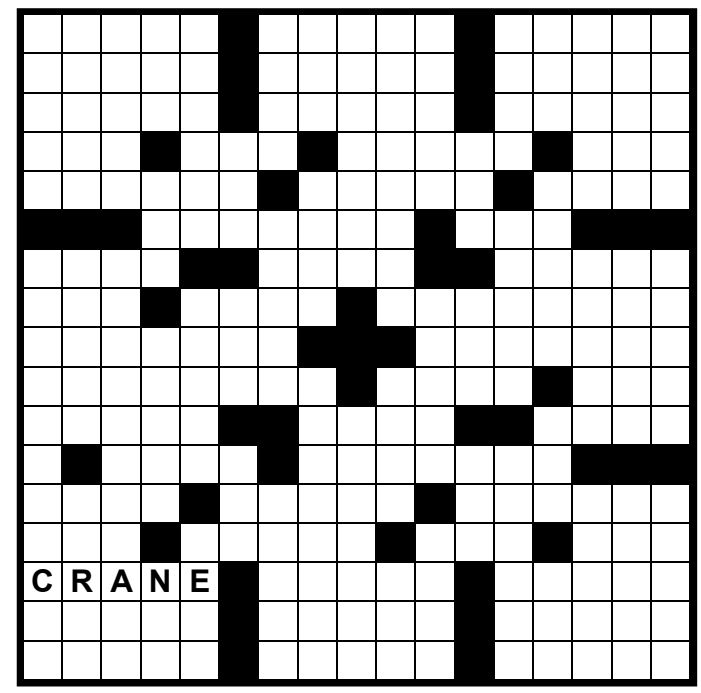
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WORDFIT

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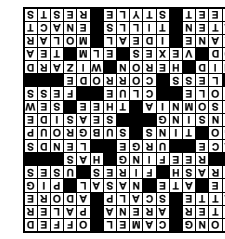
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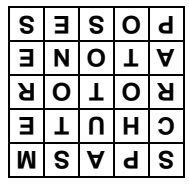
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S		A		M
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No. 377

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



QUICK QUIZ



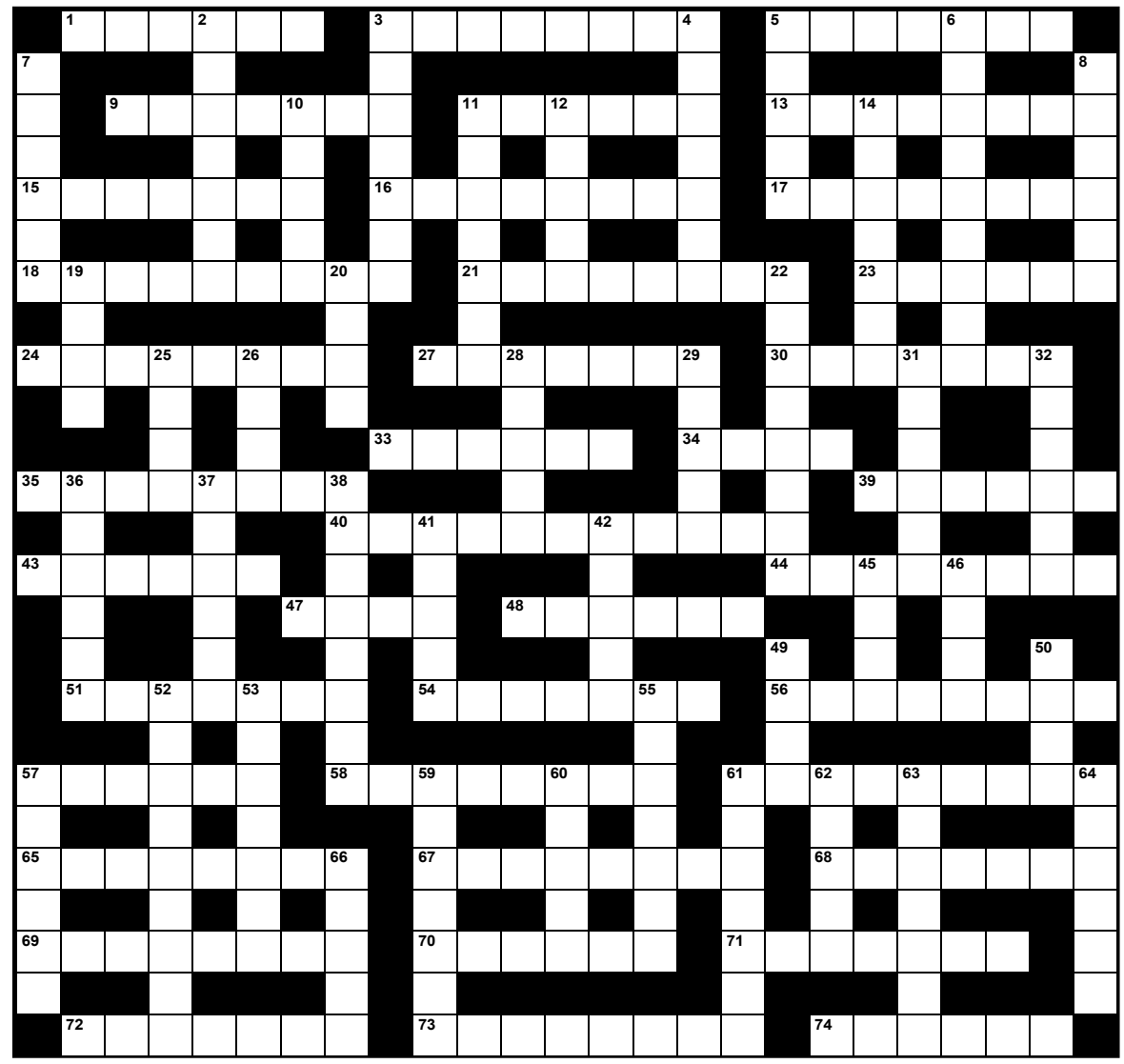
1 Who played Jim in the 2000s sitcom *According to Jim*?
2 What is the tallest building in the Western Hemisphere?
3 Oslo is the capital of which country?
4 Reggie Watts (pictured) starred in which US late night talk show?
5 The Velvet Revolution took place in which year?
6 Who did Ringo Starr replace as drummer in The Beatles?
7 True or false: peccaries are pigs?
8 How many stars appear on the flag of North Korea?
9 When was the last year in which the Winter and Summer Olympics were held in the same year?
10 Death Valley National Park is located in which two US states?

ANSWERS: 1. Jim Belushi **2.** One World Trade Center **3.** Norway **4.** *The Late Late Show with James Corden* **5.** 1989 **6.** Pete Best **7.** False **8.** One **9.** 1992 **10.** Nevada and California

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GIANT CROSSWORD

No. 236



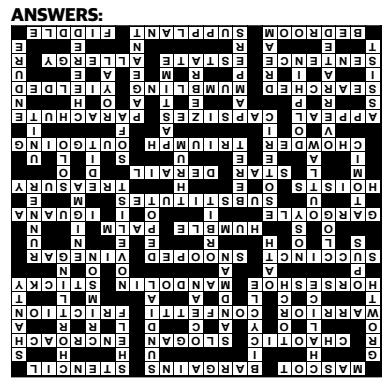
ACROSS

1 Symbolic figure (6)
3 Negotiates (8)
5 Template (7)
9 Disorderly (7)
11 Catchphrase (6)
13 Intrude (8)
15 Soldier (7)
16 Festive paper (8)
17 Disharmony (8)
18 Good luck symbol (9)
21 Instrument in the lute family (8)
23 Tacky (6)
24 Concise (8)
27 Sneakily investigated (7)
30 Sour liquid (7)
33 Modest (6)
34 Tropical tree (4)
35 Decorative gothic spout (8)
39 Tropical lizard (6)
40 Replaces (11)
43 Boosts (6)
44 Funds or revenue of a state (8)
47 Celestial body (4)
48 Wreck (6)
51 Soup (7)
54 Victory (7)
56 Affable (8)
57 Implore (6)
58 Overturns (8)
61 Pilot's safety gear (9)
65 Looked for (8)
67 Speaking indistinctly (8)
68 Conceded (7)
69 Declare a punishment (8)
70 Property (6)
71 Unhelpful immune response (7)
72 Room for sleeping (7)
73 Supersede (8)
74 Fidget (6)

DOWN

2 Goblet (7)
3 Pedal-powered vehicle (7)
4 Ancient timepiece (7)
5 Wall storage (5)
6 Chuckling (9)
7 Development (6)
8 Sailors' song (6)
10 Flashlight (5)
11 Character said to induce sleep in children (7)
12 Sea (5)
14 Deep red (7)
19 Musical work (4)
20 Solemn promise (4)
22 Writer (8)
25 Block (4)
26 Meddlesome (4)
28 Revolve around (5)
29 Warehouse (5)
31 Mystery (6)
32 Jogger (6)
36 Of atoms (6)
37 Fugitive (6)
38 Incomprehensible (8)
41 French hat (5)
42 Rhythmic humming sound (5)
45 Revise and correct (4)
46 Alone (4)
49 Couch (4)
50 Apartment (4)
52 Assessed too highly (9)
53 Porpoise relative (7)
55 Hobby (7)
57 Help (6)
59 Spoils (7)
60 Black and white animal (5)
61 Gala (7)
62 Majestic (5)
63 Shouted encouragement (7)
64 Suffer (6)
66 Vision (5)

ANSWERS:



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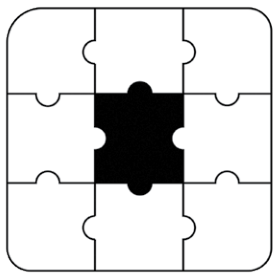
EDGEWORD

No. 234

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.

SE	CH
EE	NT
RY	UI
OU	CR



There may be more than one solution

ANSWERS: CROUCH, CRUISE, CHEERY, SENTRY

DROP DOWN

No. 231

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.

R	E	S	T	I	V	E
T						

There may be more than one possible answer.

ANSWERS: T, IT, TIE, TIER, RITES, RIVETS, RESTIVE

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW...

Melissa Leong

1. On which series did Melissa Leong begin her TV career in 2017?
A. *Food Safari*
B. *The Chefs' Line*
C. *The Feed*
D. *The Katering Show*

2. How many times has she been nominated for the Gold Logie?
A. None
B. One
C. Two
D. Three

3. Which pastry chef hosts *MasterChef: Dessert Masters* alongside Leong?
A. Amaury Guichon
B. Adriano Zumbo
C. Darren Purchese
D. Kirsten Tibballs

4. What is the title of the children's book Leong released in 2022?
A. *Let's Eat!*
B. *A Taste Adventure*
C. *Basics to Brilliance Kids*
D. *Time to Eat*

5. Which celebrity chef was the first guest in the *MasterChef Australia* kitchen for 2025?
A. Gordon Ramsay
B. Heston Blumenthal
C. Jamie Oliver
D. Nigella Lawson



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

CROSSMATH

No. 0234

	+		+		=	20
−		×		÷		
	×		÷		=	35
+		−		+		
	×		×		=	48
=		=		=		
7		41		5		

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

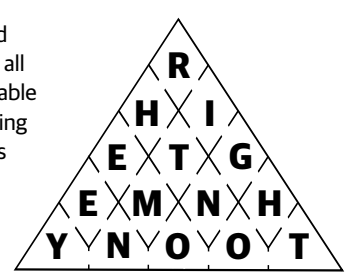
Multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.

8	+	9	+	3	=	20
−		×		÷		
7	×	5	÷	1	=	35
+		−		+		
6	×	4	×	2	=	48
=		=		=		
7		41		5		

WORD TRIANGLE

No. 033

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 phrase.

ANSWERS: RIGHT ON THE MONEY

4x4

No. 231

1	2	3	4
5			
6			
7			

ACROSS

1 Horned domesticated animal (4)
5 Proficient (4)
6 Mixed animal coat colour (4)
7 Flex (4)

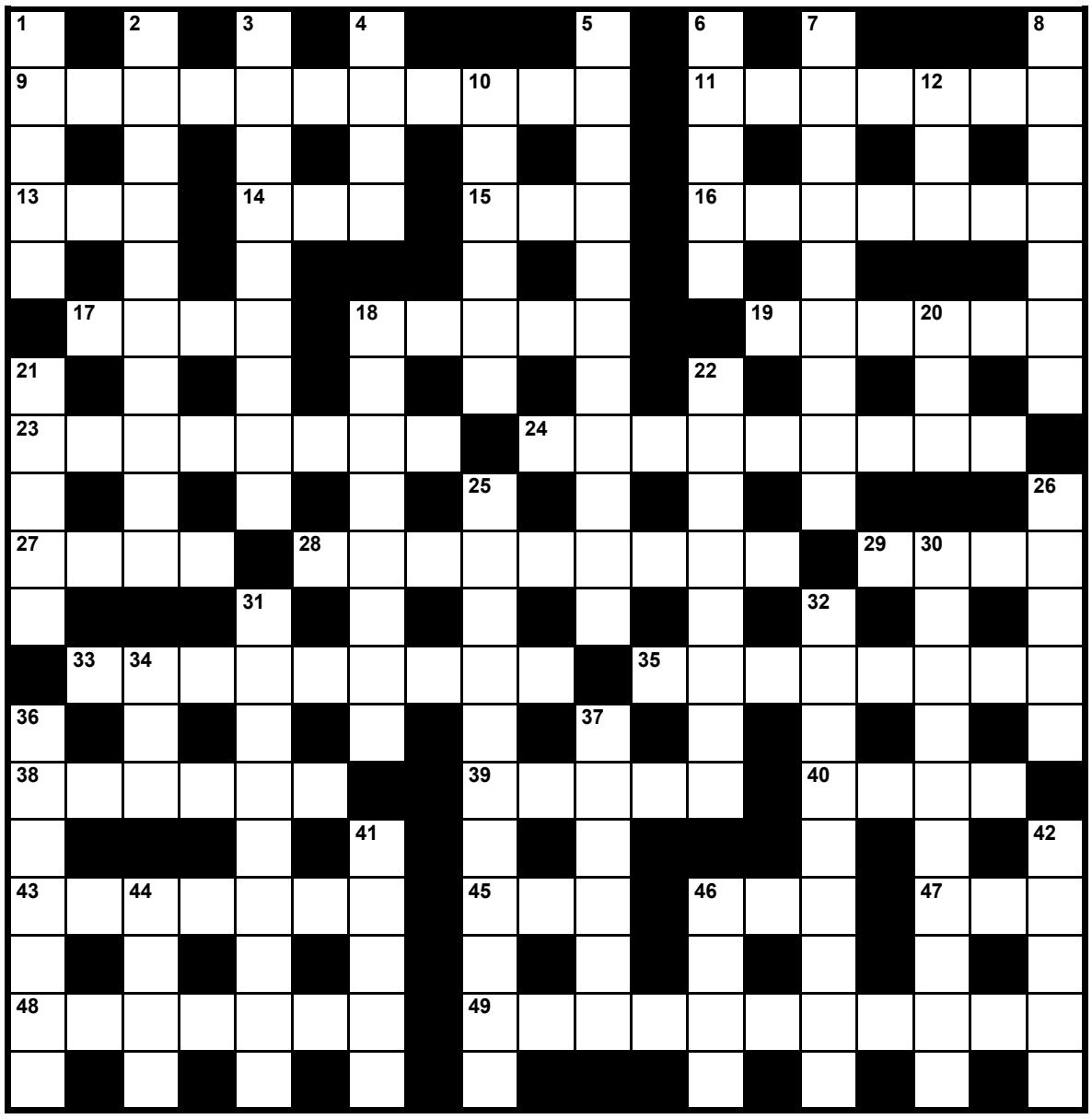
DOWN

1 Attire (4)
2 Woodwind instrument (4)
3 Actor, – Rickman (4)
4 Oversee (4)

ACROSS: **1.** Goat, **5.** Able, **6.** Roan, **7.** Bend.
DOWN: **1.** Garb, **2.** Oboe, **3.** Alan, **4.** Tend.

OZ CROSSWORD

No. 175



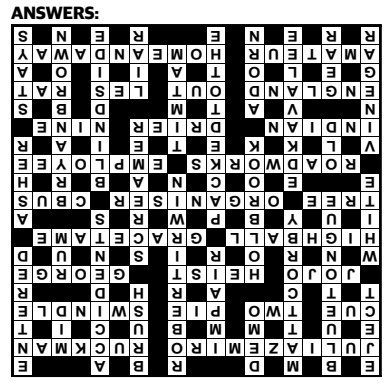
ACROSS

9 Host of ABC's *Home Delivery* (5,6)
11 Aussie rules position (7)
13 Australian fashion brand (3)
14 Missy Higgins song, *The Special* – (3)
15 Often eaten with sauce (3)
16 Cheat or defraud (7)
17 South American weed also known as bindi-eye (2-2)
18 The Great Bookie robbery for instance (5)
19 *The Mosquito Coast* actress, Melissa – (6)
23 Type of mixed drink (8)
24 Activist and author (5,4)
27 Banksia or gum perhaps (4)
28 Union rep. (9)
29 Prominent super fund (4)
33 What a 'drive slowly' sign might indicate (9)
35 Worker (8)
38 One of the oceans Oz touches (6)
39 Less wet (5)
40 Media company (4)
43 One of our Test rivals (7)
45 On strike (3)
46 NSW poet, – Murray (3)
47 Informer (3)
48 Novice (7)
49 Popular soap (4,3,4)

DOWN

1 Expel (5)
2 Unique feature of a Tiliqua lizard (4,6)
3 *Brother* and *Resolution* singer (4,5)
4 Destruction (abbr) (4)
5 Celebrity son of Steve (6,5)
6 Tool used by a hairdresser or a painter (5)
7 Bingles (9)
8 Signed up for (7)
10 Grog will do this to you (6)
12 Beer strength option (3)
18 Town in southern NSW (8)
20 Australia's first and only military coup, the – Rebellion (3)
21 Author, Patrick – (5)
22 Great catch (coll) (8)
25 TV show, – – – *Rafters* (6,2,3)
26 *Offspring* actor, – Keddie (5)
30 Jack in *Darby and Joan* (5,5)
31 Comedian and recurring *HYBPA?* panellist (2,7)
32 Angle from which an unseen opponent may approach (9)
34 Aged (3)
36 Salt and – chips (7)
37 Delicious chocolate biscuit (3,3)
41 Embellish (5)
42 Remains (5)
44 Sport equipment, colloquially (4)
46 One who tells porkies (4)

ANSWERS:



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WORDFIND

No. 175

S	M	W	O	J	L	E	P	R	E	C	H	A	U	N
M	U	O	C	H	A	M	P	T	H	E	F	L	Y	E
T	M	L	H	I	N	W	G	T	H	E	B	L	O	B
E	M	F	B	G	H	O	S	T	S	M	N	V	I	L
D	Y	M	A	G	R	O	V	E	R	I	A	N	D	D
E	J	A	S	O	N	E	A	C	E	N	T	A	U	R
M	G	N	I	D	G	L	G	T	Y	O	Y	M	L	U
O	R	A	L	I	E	N	S	H	R	T	T	E	K	C
N	E	H	I	I	N	N	O	G	O	A	R	G	T	H
I	M	Y	S	N	E	T	H	M	E	U	O	A	D	I
B	L	D	K	K	E	L	P	I	E	R	L	L	S	M
A	I	R	N	E	S	S	I	E	A	S	L	O	I	E
N	N	A	K	I	N	G	K	O	N	G	S	D	T	R
E	R	E	L	M	O	T	A	R	M	A	N	O	H	A
F	T	A	L	O	S	R	G	O	B	L	I	N	S	K

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

ALIEN
BANE
BASILISK
CENTAUR
CHAMP
CHIMERA
DEMON
ELMO
FRANKENSTEIN
GHOSTS
GHOUL
GNOMES
GOBLINS
GREMLIN
GROVER
HYDRA
JASON
JAWS
KELPIE
KING KONG
LEPRECHAUN
MEGALODON
MINOTAUR
MUMMY
NESSIE
SITH
TALOS
TAR MAN
THE BLOB
THE FLY
TROLLS
WOLFMAN
YETI

SECRET MESSAGE: Something evil and deadly lurking in the dark

SUDOKU

No. 525

		6			2			
8	2		6				3	7
							6	
		7			9		2	
	1	9		4		3	8	
	6		3			4		
	8							
7	9				4		5	1
			9			8		

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.

ANSWERS:

9	7	6	4	3	2	5	1	8
8	2	4	6	1	5	9	3	7
1	3	5	7	9	8	2	6	4
3	4	7	8	6	9	1	2	5
2	1	9	5	4	7	3	8	6
5	6	8	3	2	1	4	7	9
4	8	2	1	5	6	7	9	3
7	9	3	2	8	4	6	5	1
6	5	1	9	7	3	8	4	2

JUMBLE

No. 175

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

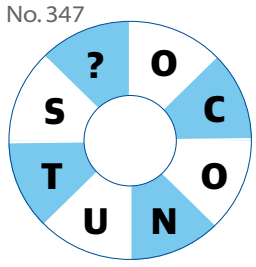
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UTFIR
LBKNA
TOCHL
EUQEU

ANSWERS: AMAZE, BLANK, QUEUE, FRUIT, CLOTH, (BOUTIQUE)

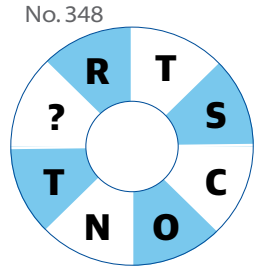
EIGHT AROUND

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

No. 347



No. 348



ANSWERS: COCONUTS, CONTORTS

WORD STEP

No. 175

TRICK

_ _ _ _ _
_ _ _ _ _
_ _ _ _ _
_ _ _ _ _

BLOND

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: TRICK, BRICK, BRINK, BLINK, BLIND, BLOND

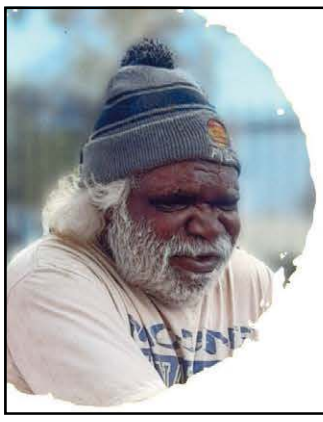
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Healing hands

Brooke Satchwell mends a broken heart in Stan drama **Dear Life**



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Heart and soul: Lillian (Brooke Satchwell) finds renewed purpose in *Dear Life*.

Body language

In *Dear Life*, Brooke Satchwell plays Lillian, a woman seeking out the recipients of her late fiancé's donated organs to lighten the load of her own intense grief. She takes pride in the series' healing potential and delicate handling of its complex subject matter, writes **Siobhan Duck**

SOVEREIGN Hill was the site of a terrible childhood tragedy for Brooke Satchwell.

It was at this famous living museum that Satchwell lost her most cherished possession: "a Fido Dido bum bag containing a pair of bright pink clip-on earrings in the shape of love hearts and three shiny $2 coins".

Still smarting from their absence all these decades later, Satchwell returned to the playground where she last saw her favourite bag when she began filming her new drama *Dear Life* at the famous tourist attraction in regional Victoria.

"It was the first thing I lost as a child, so losing that Fido Dido bum bag really cut me deep," she says with a wry laugh.

Satchwell's new six-part drama, *Dear Life*, navigates loss of a very different sort.

In it, she plays Lillian; an aspiring teacher who is working as an educator at Sovereign Hill when her life is upended by the sudden death of her fiancé.

Drinking heavily and lurching from one disaster to another – often while donning a hoop skirt and bonnet – Lillian is in a spiral of self-destructive behaviour when she receives a letter from the man whose life was saved by her fiancé's donated heart.

The letter gives Lillian renewed purpose and, flouting strict guidelines, the distraught widow starts searching for the other organ recipients saved by her loss.

Dear Life presents a nuanced portrait of both sides of the organ donation equation with sensitivity. And, as such, Satchwell, 45, suspects that the series will start some important and necessary conversations.

While she has been a registered donor since the pandemic – when "everyone was spending time sorting their lives out online" – Satchwell understands that it is a complex decision for people.

"There's a lot of layers, there's religious beliefs, and there's all sorts of different elements that come into that conversation," she shrugs thoughtfully.

"And what is beautiful about what *Dear Life* does is it holds space for all of those parts without any judgement or anything imposed on it in any way."

Differing opinions on donation are actually a tension point in the story between Lillian and her mother-in-law, played by Linda Cropper.

"We've got a series here that deals with life and death and family and love and connection and all of those things, but that's the world that we all wake up to every day, and it is complex and it is grey, and there is no one answer or one right way to do things," she says.

"I think historically, we've spent so much time being conditioned to believe otherwise, it's taken our power away from us. But if you're always coming from a place of kindness and compassion and do no harm, you're allowed to make any choice that allows you to walk through life as the fullest person you can be."

Satchwell gives credit to *Dear Life*'s creators Robyn Butler and Wayne Hope for writing a story that tackles such challenging topics, even finding moments of humour in the depths of despair.

She says the couple's script also gave her the perfect blueprint for conveying grief in all its many and varied shapes.

Likewise, Satchwell drew on her own past experiences with grief and trauma to portray Lillian, which the actress found cathartic at times.

"I'm at a stage in my life where I have done the processing work intellectually and emotionally, to move through, or heal, or reveal whatever it is that I need to do to make my life function in the best, most beautiful, healthy and positive way," she explains.

"But, as we all know, those

> **"WE'VE GOT A SERIES HERE THAT DEALS WITH LIFE AND DEATH AND FAMILY AND LOVE AND CONNECTION AND ALL OF THOSE THINGS**

experiences live in the body. They hang around. They stick.

"I'm very fortunate that I've chosen a life path where my body is the very thing I use to do my job. So, I had this extraordinary opportunity to transpose that understanding into a different lens and a different story."

Apart from getting satisfaction out of telling an important story, another aspect of the production that Satchwell enjoyed was getting to work with Cropper, Kerry Armstrong and Marg Downey.

Satchwell previously worked with Armstrong on the short-lived *SeaChange* reboot. While delighted to be back in Armstrong's orbit, their scenes together weren't exactly fun. In *Dear Life*, Armstrong plays Satchwell's icy and image-obsessed mother, a character who couldn't be more different to *SeaChange*'s nurturing and people-pleasing Heather Jelly.

Having never met Cropper or Downey before this job, Satchwell found herself initially feeling quite starstruck.

"I remember we were at the Ballarat City Rowing Club, and I was walking down the stairs to shoot a scene, and in front of me were Linda Cropper and Marg Downey in their puffer jackets, giggling together and joyous for being in that moment," she says.

"These were two women that I have grown up admiring and being inspired by, and just the very fibre of their beings is something that just is so magical to me. I couldn't believe I was going to work with them! I thought: this is so cool!"

Satchwell is something of a veteran now herself, having clocked up 30 years on screen. Even still, Satchwell has a physical response to watching any of her own shows. Suddenly her face starts twitching and contorting itself into the expressions she's wearing in a scene.

And *Dear Life* took her back to Sovereign Hill and to some of the very challenging storylines that she had to navigate as Lillian.

"I think I'm still processing a lot of it, but I know it's big, and I know it's so human and raw, and that excites me to be delivering something like that to an audience," she says proudly.

"Probably the biggest thing I take away from it is the blood, sweat, tears and whole-bodied commitment every single person on that production poured into this, knowing the value of it.

"I see that on-screen, and I've always trusted that the power of that would resonate with an audience, so I'm just hanging on tenterhooks for the moment it reaches them."

■ *Dear Life*, streaming, New Year's Day, Stan

Movie Guide



I, TONYA
Imparja, Friday, 8pm, MA15+ (2018)

I, Tonya charts the life and career of infamous figure skater Tonya Harding, which includes, of course, the bizarre attack orchestrated in 1994 by her ex-husband on rival Nancy Kerrigan. Directed by Australian Craig Gillespie (*Lars and the Real Girl*, *The Finest Hours*), the film provides a platform that showcases Margot Robbie's (pictured) immense talent, and she was duly nominated for an Oscar for her dynamite performance. Far from being just a movie about ice skating, the film explores issues of domestic abuse and mother-daughter relationships, presented as a black comedy. It co-stars Allison Janney, who won an Oscar for her role as Harding's mother, LaVona. ★★★★

PICK OF THE WEEK



POWERFUL PILGRIMAGE

Friday
LION
ABC TV, 9.05pm, PG (2016)

Based on *A Long Way Home*, the incredible memoir of Indian-born Australian Saroo Brierley, *Lion* tells the tale of an Indian boy who gets lost on the streets of Calcutta and must try to survive before being adopted by a loving Hobart family. Twenty-five years later, he sets out to defy the odds and find his biological family with the help of Google Earth and a small store of memories. Starring Dev Patel (*Slumdog Millionaire*) as Saroo, Nicole Kidman as his adoptive mother Sue, David Wenham as her husband John and Rooney Mara (*Carol*) as Saroo's girlfriend Lucy, this film is powerful and heartfelt without being sentimental. Nominated for six Oscars and winner of two BAFTA Awards, it's an uplifting tale of courage and determination. ★★★★

Lost and found: Dev Patel as Saroo Brierley in *Lion*.



LET ME IN
NITV, Saturday, 8.30pm, MA15+ (2010)

Australian Kodi Smit-McPhee (pictured) proved his acting talent by the tender age of 14, with *Romulus, My Father*, *The Road* and *Matching Jack* under his bel. He's perfectly cast in this Hollywood remake of a Swedish thriller about a bullied kid who befriends a young female vampire (Chloe Moretz, *Kick-Ass*), who lives in secrecy with her guardian (Richard Jenkins). While the two outsider children form a close bond, tension mounts as a series of murders take place in the neighbourhood, prompting an investigation by a policeman (Elias Koteas). A classy remake by director Matt Reeves (*Cloverfield*). ★★★★



STRANGERLAND
ABC TV, Saturday, 9.20pm, MA15+ (2015)

Soon after the Parker family moves to a remote desert town, siblings Lily (Maddison Brown) and Tommy (Nicholas Hamilton) go missing. With a dust storm about to hit the town, their parents (Nicole Kidman and Joseph Fiennes, both pictured) are thrown into crisis. This local film, a debut from Kim Farrant, is complex and confronting. More than just a missing-persons procedural, it delves into the strained dysfunction of the family, revealing the distressing catalyst for their relocation. ★★★★



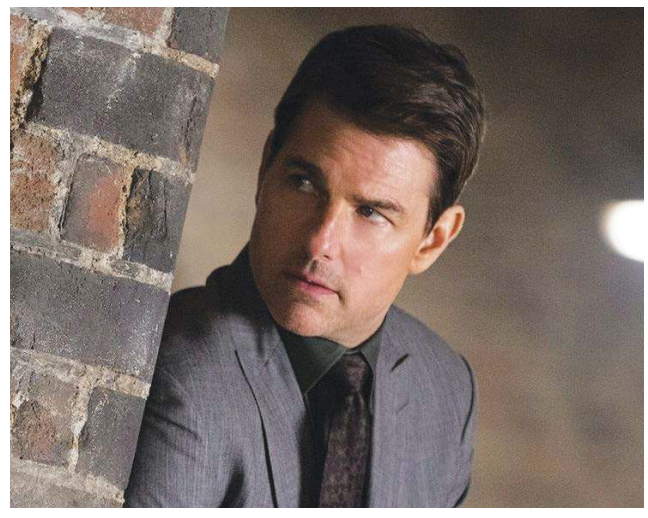
POINT BREAK
SBS World Movies, Sunday, 8.30pm, M (1991)

A genre-topping action flick about a rookie FBI agent (Keanu Reeves, pictured) who infiltrates a band of thrillseeking robbers led by surfer Bodhi (Patrick Swayze). Three major action set pieces – a rampant back-alley chase, a skydive and a surf sequence – deliver on adrenaline, and the preposterous material takes testosterone and male posturing to the admittedly ridiculous extremes. In all, you'll more than likely watch to the dropping, very jaw-dropping end. ★★★



IRIS AND THE MEN
SBS World Movies, Tuesday, 8.30pm, M (2023)

Antoinette in the Cévennes writer/director Caroline Vignal and star Laure Calamy (pictured) reunite for this cheeky French comedy about rediscovering desire later in life. Calamy is Iris, a woman who seemingly has it all: a devoted husband (Vincent Elbaz), two daughters and her own successful medical practice. When a stranger suggests she spice things up by taking a lover, Iris signs up to a dating app and immediately finds herself inundated by suitors and exciting experiences. ★★★



MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE - FALLOUT
10, Tuesday, 7pm, PG (2018)

The *Mission: Impossible* franchise just keeps getting better, and its sixth instalment is no exception: a thrilling, action-packed outing from start to finish. After Ethan Hunt's (Tom Cruise, pictured) decision to save his team results in stolen plutonium falling into the wrong hands, he must retrieve the material before it is used by a terrorist group and their mysterious leader. *The Witcher* star Henry Cavill joins the cast as a CIA assassin tasked with monitoring the IMF team. ★★★★

The Guide



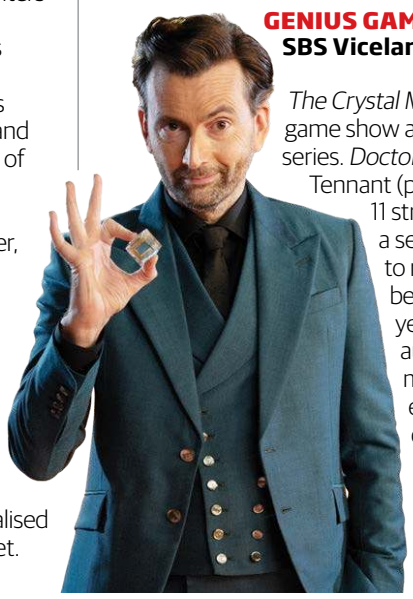
ART DETECTIVES
ABC TV, Friday, 8.15pm

True Blood's Stephen Moyer enters his cosy crime era as brooding investigator Mick Palmer in this compelling and charming six-part series. Specialising in cases connected to the world of art and antiquities as the sole member of the Met's Heritage Crime Unit, Palmer's usual beat is fraud, forgery and trafficking. However, when an art historian is found dead in an aristocrat's home, he's joined by straight-talking constable Shazia Malik (Nina Singh, pictured with Moyer) to solve a likely murder. As the odd-couple pairing dig further into the man's death, they discover sabotaged security footage, a cryptic note, a vandalised painting and a dark family secret. It's a tantalising case to crack.

LUXURY ESCAPES: WORLD'S BEST HOLIDAYS
7TWO, Saturday, 4.30pm



Prepare to experience serious travel envy: the five-star holidays featured in this dream destination series are next level. Rebecca Gibney, Jane Hall, Natalie Bassingthwaighte and Matt Le Nevez are among the lucky jetsetters who get to enjoy some of the best adventures the world has to offer. There's something for everyone, from beach babes to adrenaline junkies, culture vultures and nature seekers. In Saturday's return, Miguel Maestre and Cameron Daddo (both pictured) immerse themselves in the majesty and magic of the Maldives, discovering untamed beauty and pure indulgence as they stay at both the north and south ends of the archipelagic paradise.



GENIUS GAME
SBS Viceland, Monday, 8.30pm

The Crystal Maze meets *The Traitors* in this brainiac game show adapted from a South Korean reality series. *Doctor Who* and *Broadchurch* star David Tennant (pictured) hosts as "The Creator" while 11 strategically minded players compete in a series of puzzles and games designed to reveal their true natures. Reported to be British TV's "most expensive flop in years", the game of wits didn't find a UK audience big enough to merit its £2.5 million price tag, but there's eight episodes for Australian viewers to decide for themselves. A crime writer, a DJ, a forensic scientist, a comedian and two doctors are among the clever contestants hoping to outwit the competition.

PICK OF THE WEEK



GOOLAGONG
ABC TV, Sunday, 8.20pm

From the sunburnt New South Wales regional town of Barellan to centre court at Wimbledon, this stirring miniseries charts the incredible real life story of Indigenous tennis champion Evonne Goolagong Cawley. Premiering on Sunday, the three-part event begins in 1958, when a seven-year-old Evonne (Eloise Hart) first picks up a tennis racquet. Her natural talent is immediately obvious, and five years later the youngster (Rilee Clarke) is whisked away to Sydney by influential but imperious coach Vic Edwards (Marton Csokas). Rising star Lila McGuire (pictured) takes over as Evonne when the young woman's on-court prowess leads to grand slam success, but a disturbing dynamic is playing out behind the scenes.

Thursday, January 1

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ABC TV (2)

6am Morning Programs. **9.30** Would I Lie To You? (R) **10.00 MOVIE:** Whatever It Takes: Inside The eBay Scandal. (2024, Mdls, R) **11.30** Simply Nigella. (R) **12.00** News. **1.10** Would I Lie To You? (R) **1.40** The Yearly With Charlie Pickering. (M, R) **2.45** Gardening Australia: My Garden Path. (R) **2.55** NYE: Welcome To NYE. (PG, R) **3.05** NYE: Calling Country Fireworks. (R) **3.20** NYE: Live Concert. (PG, R) **5.55** New Year's Eve: Countdown To Midnight. (PG, R)

6.10 New Year's Eve: Midnight Fireworks. (PG, R)
6.25 New Year's Eve: Auld Lang Syne. (R)
6.30 Hard Quiz Kids. (R)
7.00 ABC News.
7.30 MOVIE: But Also John Clarke. (2025, M) Lorin Clarke.
9.15 MOVIE: Murder By Numbers. (2002, MA15+av, R) A detective investigates a murder. Sandra Bullock, Ben Chaplin.
11.10 The Art Of. (Final, PG, R)
11.45 Grand Designs New Zealand. (R) **12.30** Long Lost Family: Born Without A Trace. (PG, R) **1.15** Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) **3.15** Parkinson In Australia. (PG, R) **4.30** Gardening Australia. (R) **5.30** Simply Nigella. (R)

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **9.05** Destination Flavour. (R) **9.10** The Eco Show. (R) **10.00** Europe's Waterways. (PGa, R) **10.50** Food, Sail, Love. (PG, R) **12.00** BBC News At Ten. **12.30** France 24. **1.00** PBS News. **2.00** Gregg Arthur Live: The City Recital Hall. **3.05** Primitive Medium. (R) **3.15** Plat Du Tour. (R) **3.25** The Cook Up. (PG, R) **3.55** The Message Of The Lyrebird. **5.05** Jeopardy! **5.30** Letters And Numbers. (R)

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) Presented by Marc Fennell.
6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 Big Fat Quiz Of The Year 2025. Jimmy Carr holds a 2025-themed quiz.
9.05 Kennedy, Sinatra And The Mafia. (Malsv, R) Documents the friendship between Frank Sinatra and John F. Kennedy.
10.45 Rock Legends: ZZ Top. (PGs)
11.15 Vienna Blood. (MA15+av)
12.10 Outlander. (MA15+a, R)
2.25 House Of Promises. (Mav, R)
3.20 The Eco Show. (R)
4.15 Bamay. (PG, R) **4.45** Destination Flavour: Japan Bitesize. (R) **5.00** NHK World English News Morning. **5.30** ANC Philippines The World Tonight.

SEVEN (7, 71)

6.00 Sunrise. **7.30** The Morning Show Summer Series. (PG) **10.30 MOVIE:** Curious Caterer: Fatal Vows. (2023, PGav, R) Nikki Deloach, Andrew W. Walker, Jaycie Dotin. **12.30** Bridge Of Lies. **1.30** The Chase. (R) **2.30 Seven News At 4.** **3.30 The Chase Australia.** **4.30 Seven News.** **5.30 Cricket.** Big Bash League. Match 19. Hobart Hurricanes v Perth Scorchers.

9.00 Seven's Cricket: The Spin. An expert panel examines all the big news and issues with a deep dive into the world of cricket.
9.45 The Amazing Race. (PG) The final three teams race through New York City, rappel down the iconic Empire State Building as one team is crowned winner of *The Amazing Race*. Hosted by Phil Keoghan.
11.15 Life. (Malsv, R) A politician is shot and killed in her home.
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. (PG, R)
12.30 Jeopardy! 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.

6.30 A Current Affair.
7.00 Great Getaways. (PG) The team visits Hawaii's cowboy country.
8.00 Topknotz: Wild On Water. (Ml) The crew returns to Fiji for a beach party.
9.00 Limitless With Chris Hemsworth: Memory. (PGa, R) Chris Hemsworth challenges his brain as he goes off-grid into the wilderness.
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** The Bold And The Beautiful. (PGa, 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. (PGal, R) **12.30** Taskmaster Australia. (PGal, R) **1.30** Deal Or No Deal. (R) **2.00** Lingo. (R) **3.00** The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG, R) **3.30 10 News.** **4.30 The Graham Norton Show.** (PGals)

6.00 MOVIE: Forrest Gump. (1994, Malv, R) A kind-hearted man recalls his life story. Tom Hanks, Robin Wright.
8.45 MOVIE: Babylon. (2022, MA15+dlsv, R) An ambitious cast of characters strives to stay on top of raucous 1920s Hollywood and maintain their relevance at a time when the industry is moving on to the next best thing. Brad Pitt, Margot Robbie, Diego Calva.
12.15 The Graham Norton Show. (PGals, R)
1.30 Home Shopping. (R)
4.30 Entertainment Tonight.
5.00 Good Chef Bad Chef. (R)
5.30 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. (R)

ABC FAMILY (22)

6.05am Fizzy And Suds. **6.25** Wiggle. **6.45** Paddington. **7.20** Knee High Spies. **9.00** Play School: Down At The Beach. **10.10** Daniel Tiger's. **10.30** Mini Kids. **11.15** The Makery. **11.30** Wiggle. **1.10pm** Octonauts. **2.15** Peter Rabbit. **2.45** The Makery. **3.05** Play School. **3.40** Fizzy And Suds. **4.10** Andy's Aquatic Adventures. **4.25** Mojo Swoptops. **5.30** Peter Rabbit. **6.05** The Scarecrows' Wedding. **6.35** Bluey. **7.05** Batwheels. **7.35** Ninjago. **8.00** Deadly 60. **8.30** Secrets Of The Zoo. **9.10** Secret Life Of The Wombat. **10.00** The Wonderful World Of Puppies. **10.40** Merlin. **11.30** Late Programs.

SBS VICELAND (31)

6am TRT World News. **6.50** DW English News. **7.20** FBC News. **7.55** France 24 Feature. **8.10** NHK Newsline. **8.40** CBC The National. **9.30** BBC News At Six. **10.00** The Movie Show. **12.20pm** DW The Day. **12.50** The Billionaires Who Made Our World. **1.45** Devoured. **2.40** Insight. **3.40** WorldWatch. **5.40** Shaun Micallef's Origin Odyssey.
6.40 Jeopardy! (R)
7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. (Mls, R)
8.30 Hoarders. (Ma, R)
2.50am NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera.

7MATE (70)

6am Morning Programs. **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: Best Of. **7.00 MOVIE:** X-Men: Dark Phoenix. (2019, M) **9.20 MOVIE:** Resident Evil. (2002, MA15+) **11.25** American Pickers: Best Of. **12.30am** American Resto. **1.00** Storage Wars. **1.30** NFL. NFL. Week 17. Indianapolis Colts v Jacksonville Jaguars. Replay. **4.30** Hook, Line And Sinker. **5.30** My Fishing Place.

9GEM (90)

6am Thunderbirds. **6.30** TV Shop. **9.00** Pointless. **10.00** My Favorite Martian. **10.30** Antiques Roadshow. **11.00 MOVIE:** Please Turn Over. (1959, PG) **12.50pm** How We Celebrate. **2.00 MOVIE:** Geordie. (1955) **4.00** Yorkshire Auction House. **5.00** Antiques Roadshow. **6.00 Clarkson's Farm.** (Ml, R) **7.00 MOVIE: Police Academy.** (1984, Mls, R) **9.00 MOVIE: Get Shorty.** (1995, MA15+l, R) **11.10** Antiques Roadshow. **11.35** Creflo. **12.05am MOVIE:** Geordie. (1955) **2.00** My Favorite Martian. **2.30** Gideon's Way. **3.30** Yorkshire Auction House. **4.30** Gideon's Way. **5.30** Creflo.

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. (PGv, R)
6.00 NCIS. (Mv, R)
8.50 William And Harry: The Rise And Fall. (PGa, R)
10.45 Blue Bloods. (Mav, R)
11.45 Home Shopping.

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **11.00** Chuck Berry: Brown Eyed Handsome Man. **Noon** Alicia Keys Live In New York. **1.30** Big Boss. **2.00** Tradition On A Plate. **2.30** The Cook Up. **3.00** Jarjums. **5.00** Harlem Globetrotters. **5.30** Ochre And Ink. **6.00** Bamay. **6.40** Great Blue Wild. **7.30** Going Places. **8.30** Reservation Dogs. **9.30 MOVIE:** Point Break. (1991, M) **11.35** Big Sky Girls. **Midnight** Everything's Gonna Be All White. **1.00** Rebel With A Cause: Tiga Bayles. **2.00** The Rap Game UK. **3.00** NITV On The Road: Women Of Barunga. **4.00** NITV On The Road: Barunga Bush Bands. **5.00** Bamay. **5.30** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Morning Programs. **8.30** The Wedding Planner. (2001, PGals) **10.25** Princess Mononoke. (1997, Japanese) **12.55pm** Mars Attacks! (1996, Masv) **2.55** The Company. (2003, PGals) **5.00** A King In New York. (1957, PGa) **6.55** Monty Python And The Holy Grail. (1975, PG) **8.30** Monty Python's Life Of Brian. (1979, Maln) **10.15** Austin Powers: International Man Of Mystery. (1997, Ms) **11.50** Gone Girl. (2014, MA15+alsv) **2.30am** Rheingold. (2022, MA15+adlv, Turkish, Arabic, Dutch, English, French, German, Kurdish) **5.00** The Company. (2003, PGals)

7TWO (72)

6am Morning Programs. **11.30** Escape To The Country. **12.30pm** The Great Australian Doorstep. **1.00** Queen And Country. **2.00** Harry's Practice. **2.30** Medical Emergency. **3.00** Better Homes. **4.00** Escape To The Country. **5.00** Bargain Hunt. **6.00** Father Brown. **7.00** The Inspector Lynley Mysteries. **9.00** Murdoch Mysteries. **10.00** Father Brown. **11.00** Bargain Hunt. **Midnight** The Great Australian Doorstep. **12.30** Harry's Practice. **1.00** Medical Emergency. **1.30** Better Homes. **2.30** Million Dollar Minute. **3.30** Room For Improvement. **4.00** The Great Australian Doorstep. **4.30** Late Programs.

9GO! (99)

6am Morning Programs. **8.00** Addams Family. **8.30** Bewitched. **9.00** Jeannie. **9.30** The West Wing. **10.40 MOVIE:** Dumb And Dumber. (1994, PG) **1pm** 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:** Snitch. (2013, M) **9.15** Seinfeld. **10.15** The 100. **11.10** The Vampire Diaries. **1am** Pretty Little Liars: The Perfectionists. **2.00** Surfing Aust. **2.30** Barbie: Dreamhouse Adventures. **3.00** Hop. **3.20** Booba. **3.40** Mia & Codie. **4.00** Bubble's Hotel. **4.30** Beyblade X. **5.00** Lego Dreamzzz. **5.30** Barbie: Dreamhouse Adventures.

10 COMEDY (11)

6am Ridiculousness. **6.30** Taskmaster Australia. **7.30** My Market Kitchen. **8.00** Farm To Fork. **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** Big Bang. **8.00** Becker.
8.30 Frasier. (PGa, R)
9.30 Ridiculousness. **10.30** Shopping. **1am** Bold. **2.00** 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 **(h)** Horror **(s)** Sex references **(l)** Language **(m)** Medical procedures **(n)** Nudity **(v)** Violence.
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Friday, January 2

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ABC TV (2)

6am Morning Programs. **7.00** News Breakfast. **9.30** Would I Lie To You? (R) **10.00** The Royal Variety Performance. (PG, R) **12.00** News. **1.00** Call The Midwife. (Ma, R) **2.00** Restoration Aust. (PG, R) **2.55** Would I Lie To You? (PG, R) **3.30** Simply Nigella. (R) **3.55** Grand Designs NZ. (PG, R) **4.40** Long Lost Family: Born Without A Trace. (PG, R) **5.30** Antiques Roadshow. (R)

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 All Creatures Great And Small. James is on a crash course in fatherhood. Mrs Hall referees between Siegfried and the overly officious Mr Bosworth.
8.15 Art Detectives. (Premiere, Mv) DI Mick Palmer and DC Shazia Malik investigate when an art historian is found murdered in his home.
9.05 MOVIE: Lion. (2016, PGa, R) Twenty-five years after being adopted by an Australian couple, an Indian man sets out to find his biological family. Dev Patel, Nicole Kidman, Rooney Mara.
11.00 Silent Witness. (Mav, R) A woman is found dead in an apartment.
12.40 Rage. (MA15+dhlnsv)

ABC FAMILY (22)

6am Children's Programs. **4.10pm** Andy's Aquatic 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** Gardening Australia Junior. (Return) **7.40** Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures. **8.05** Scooby-Doo And Guess Who? **8.30** My Adventures With Superman. **8.50** Robot Wars. **9.50** TKO: Total Knock Out. **10.35** Late Programs.

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon** MOVIE: Born To Dance. (2015, PG) **1.40** Big Sky Girls. **2.00** Tradition On A Plate. **2.30** The Cook Up. **3.00** Jarjums. **5.00** Harlem Globetrotters. **5.30** Living Black. **6.00** Bamay. **6.40** Great Blue Wild. **7.30** MOVIE: Jester Till. (2003) **9.15** MOVIE: I Like Movies. (2022, M) **11.00** Living Black. **11.30** Karla Grant Presents. **Midnight** Everything's Gonna Be All White. **1.00** Late Programs.

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **12.00** BBC News At Ten. **12.30** France 24. **1.00** PBS News. **2.00** The Point: Road To Referendum History Bites. (R) **2.05** Britain's Most Expensive Houses. (PGl, R) **3.00** Going Places. (PGa, R) **3.30** Plat Du Tour. (R) **3.35** The Cook Up. (R) **4.05** Egypt: The Treasure Of The Sacred Bulls. (PG, R) **5.05** Jeopardy! **5.30** Letters And Numbers. (R)

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) Presented by Marc Fennell.
6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 Dakar: Race Against The Desert. Chronicles the history of the Dakar Rally.
9.05 Ray Martin: Mysteries Of The Outback. (Ml, R) Ray Martin embarks on a quest to find a mysterious outback rock formation.
10.55 Rock Legends: Glen Campbell. (PGa) The life and music of Glen Campbell.
11.25 Sisi. (MA15+asv, R) Franz chases Andrassy from court.
12.25 Culprits. (MA15+av, R)
2.30 Silent Road. (Ma, 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.

SBS VICELAND (31)

6am Morning Programs. **11.45** The Swiping Game. **12.05pm** DW The Day. **12.35** Dark Side Of Comedy. **1.30** WWE Legends. **3.00** Bamay. **3.35** WorldWatch. **5.35** If You Are The One. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats. **8.30** MOVIE: The Getaway. (1994) **10.40** Adam Hills: The Last Leg. **11.30** Shoresy. **Midnight** Homeland. **12.55** Dark Side Of Comedy. **1.50** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Morning Programs. **12.25pm** Radioactive. (2019, Mavw) **2.30** Master Cheng: A Spice For Life. (2019, PGaln) **4.35** Monsieur Verdoux. (1947, PGa) **6.50** Horrible Histories: The Movie. (2019, PGv) **8.30** Johnny Mnemonic. (1995, Mvl) **10.20** Purple Rain. (1984, Malsv) **12.25am** Monty Python's Life Of Brian. (1979, Maln) **2.10** Looking Glass. (2017, MA15+asv) **4.00** Late Programs.

SEVEN (7, 71)

6.00 Sunrise. **7.30** The Morning Show Summer Series. (PG) **10.30** MOVIE: Curious Caterer: Foiled Plans. (2024, PGav) Nikki Deloach, Andrew W Walker. **12.30** Bridge Of Lies: Celebrity Specials. **1.30** The Chase. (R) **2.30** Seven News At 4. **3.30** The Chase Australia. **4.30** Seven News. **5.30** Cricket. Big Bash League. Match 20. Brisbane Heat v Melbourne Stars. From the Gabba, Brisbane.

9.00 Big Bash League Post-Match. Post-match coverage of the game between the Brisbane Heat and Melbourne Stars.
9.30 MOVIE: Layer Cake. (2004, MA15+lsv, R) A successful drug dealer, on the verge of retirement, is dragged back into the criminal underworld after he is ordered to settle a sour deal and find a crime lord's missing daughter. Daniel Craig, Sienna Miller, Tom Hardy.
11.45 Travel Oz. (PG, R) Host Greg Grainger takes a look at an Australian icon, the Sydney Harbour Bridge.
12.30 Home Shopping. (R)
2.30 Million Dollar Minute. (R) Hosted by Simon Reeve.
3.30 NBC Today. News and current affairs.
5.30 Weekend Sunrise. The latest news, sport and weather.

7MATE (70)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon** American Pickers: Best Of. **1.00** Storage Wars. **1.30** Timbersports. **2.00** Billy The Exterminator. **3.00** American Resto. **3.30** Storage Wars. **4.00** American Pickers. **5.00** Pawn Stars. **6.00** Road Wars. **7.00** MOVIE: The Whole Nine Yards. (2000, M) **9.05** MOVIE: Underworld. (2003, MA15+) **11.35** American Resto. **Midnight** Storage Wars. **12.30** Road Wars. **1.30** Late Programs.

7TWO (72)

6am Morning Programs. **11.30** Escape To The Country. **12.30pm** Home In WA. **1.00** Australia's Deadliest. **1.30** The Great Australian Doorstep. **2.00** Medical Emergency. **2.30** Better Homes. **3.30** Escape To The Country. **4.30** Bargain Hunt. **5.30** Better Homes And Gardens Summer. **7.00** Escape To The Country. **10.00** Bargain Hunt. **11.00** Escape To The Country. **Midnight** Harry's Practice. **1.00** Late Programs.

IMPARJA (9)

6.00 Today.
8.30 Today Extra Summer. (PG) Highlights from the year in review.
11.00 9News Morning.
11.30 Tennis. United Cup. Day 1. Group Stage. Spain v Argentina.
4.30 Tipping Point Australia. (PG, R) Hosted by Todd Woodbridge.
5.30 9News.

6.30 A Current Affair.
7.00 Find My Beach House Australia. Hosted by Shelley Craft.
8.00 MOVIE: I, Tonya. (2018, MA15+lsv, R) After rising from obscurity to become a champion figure-skater, a young woman falls from grace. Margot Robbie, Allison Janney.
10.20 Law & Order: Organized Crime. (MA15+av, R) The Feds call on the unit for help.
11.10 Tipping Point. (PG, R) Hosted by Ben Shephard.
12.05 Australia's Top Ten Of Everything. (PGd, 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** Cross Court. (R) **5.30** A Current Affair. (R)

9GEM (90)

6am Morning Programs. **12.35pm** MOVIE: South Of Algiers. (1953) **2.30** Yorkshire Auction House. **3.30** Tennis. United Cup. Group Stage. Spain v Argentina. **5.30** Antiques Roadshow. **6.30** Tennis. United Cup. Group Stage. Greece v Japan. **12.30am** The Equalizer. **1.30** Next Stop. **2.00** Antiques Roadshow. **2.30** Gideon's Way. **3.30** Yorkshire Auction House. **4.30** Gideon's Way. **5.30** 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** MOVIE: Cheaper By The Dozen 2. (2005, PG) **7.55** MOVIE: Fist Fight. (2017, MA15+) **9.50** MOVIE: Seriously Red. (2022, M) **11.50** The Vampire Diaries. **1.35am** Pretty Little Liars: The Perfectionists. **2.30** Late Programs.

TEN (10)

6.00 Farm To Fork. (R) **6.30** Bold. (PG, R) **7.00** Deal Or No Deal. (R) **7.30** Lingo. (R) **8.30** Matlock. (PGals, R) **10.30** Farm To Fork. **11.00** Family Feud. (PG, R) **11.30** Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly Australia. (PGa, R) **12.30** Taskmaster Australia. (PGals, R) **1.30** Deal Or No Deal. (R) **2.00** Lingo. (R) **3.00** Bold. (PG, R) **3.30** 10 News. **4.30** The Dog House Australia. (PGa, R) **5.30** Deal Or No Deal. (R)

6.00 Selling Houses Australia. (R) A couple look for a new start.
7.00 Love It Or List It Australia. (R) Paul and Michelle have outgrown their home.
8.00 The Graham Norton Show. (Ml, R) Graham Norton is joined on the couch by Jamie Foxx, Cameron Diaz, Michelle Yeoh and Jonathan Bailey.
9.00 The Imposter. (Mals, R) A beachfront hotel sparks family conflict when the matriarch won't sell, despite her children's wishes. However, the arrival of a woman claiming to be a long-lost daughter adds complexity.
11.00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) Hosted by Stephen Colbert.
12.00 Home Shopping. (R)
4.30 What's Up Down Under. (R)
5.00 Camper Deals. (R)
5.30 Reel Action. (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** All 4 Adventure. **4.00** JAG. **6.00** NCIS.
8.50 William And Harry: The Rise And Fall. (PGa, R)
9.45 Blue Bloods. (Final) **10.45** Shopping.

10 COMEDY (11)

6am Morning Programs. **11.30** Ridiculousness. **12.30pm** Deal Or No Deal: Celebrity Jackpot. **1.30** Becker. **2.00** Frasier. **2.30** Farm To Fork. **3.00** Frasier. **3.30** Becker. **4.00** Frasier. **5.00** Friends. **6.00** MOVIE: Bumblebee. (2018, M) **8.20** Becker. **8.45** Frasier. **9.35** Ridiculousness. **10.30** Shopping. **1am** Bold. **2.00** Stephen Colbert. **3.00** Shopping. **4.00** Joseph Prince. **4.30** GCBC. **5.30** Late Programs.

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Saturday, January 3

ABC TV (2)

6.00 Rage Best Of The Charts 2025. (PGadhlnsv) **7.00** Wknd Brekky. **9.00** Rage. (PG) **10.30** Rage Vault Guest Programmer. (MA15+adhlnsv) **12.00** News. **12.30** Call The Midwife. (Ma, R) **1.30** Art Detectives. (Mv, R) **2.25** All Creatures Great And Small. (R) **3.20** Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake. (R) **5.25** Muster Dogs: Where Are They Now. (Final, R) **5.55** The ABC Of... (PGl, R)

6.30 Back Roads: 10 Years Of Back Roads – Heather's Farewell. (PG, R) Heather Ewart says goodbye.
7.00 ABC News. A look at the top stories of the day.
7.30 Call The Midwife. (PGa) Follows the work of nuns and nurses.
8.30 Vera, Farewell Pet. (PG, R) Brenda Blethyn reflects on 14 years of *Vera*, with exclusive behind-the-scenes moments.
9.20 MOVIE: Strangerland. (2015, MA15+ns, R) A family from a rural outback town is left devastated after their two teenage children disappear into the desert. Nicole Kidman, Hugo Weaving.
11.10 Rage Vault Guest Programmer. (MA15+dhlnsv)
5.00 Rage. (MA15+dhlnsv)

ABC FAMILY (22)

6am Children's Programs. **3pm** Play School. **3.30** Bluey's Big Play. **4.20** Dino Dex. **4.45** Gardening Australia Junior. **5.10** MOVIE: Thomas And Friends: The Mystery Of Lookout Mountain. (2022) **6.05** PJ Masks Power Heroes. **6.25** Paddington. **6.50** Andy And The Band. **7.05** Piripenguins. **7.30** Hard Quiz Kids. **8.00** Chopped Jnr. **8.40** Fresh Off The Boat. **9.25** Abbott Elementary. **9.45** Merlin. **10.30** Late Programs.

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **1.15pm** Great Blue Wild. **2.05** Stompem Ground 2022: Blekbala Mujik. **2.55** MOVIE: Salute. (2008, PG) **4.30** Faboriginal. **5.00** Unsettled. **6.00** The Barber. **6.40** The Other Side. **7.30** Alone Australia. **8.30** MOVIE: Let Me In. (2010, MA15+) **10.30** Australian Music Vault: Marcia Hines. **11.35** Ochre And Ink. **Midnight** Everything's Gonna Be All White. **1.00** Late Programs.

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **8.00** DD India News Hour. **9.00** Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) **9.20** Matched. (PG, R) **10.10** Robson Green's British Adventure. (R) **12.00** BBC News At Ten. **12.30** France 24. **1.00** PBS News. **2.00** Figure Skating. ISU Grand Prix Final. Japan Part 1. Highlights. **4.00** Plat Du Tour. (R) **4.05** Going Places. (R) **5.35** Great Gardens Of Europe.

6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 Merchant Ivory. A look at the filmmaking team of Merchant and Ivory.
9.30 Her Majesty The Queen: Behind Closed Doors. (Mav, R) Explores the work Queen Camilla has done to spread awareness of domestic and sexual violence.
10.50 Scottish Islands With Ben Fogle: Isles Of The Clyde – Arran And Holy Isle. (R) Presented by Ben Fogle.
11.55 While The Men Are Away. (MA15+s, R)
4.15 The Eco Show. (Ml, R)
4.45 Destination Flavour: Japan Bitesize. (R)
5.15 France 24 Feature. **5.30** ANC Philippines The World Tonight.

SBS VICELAND (31)

6am Morning Programs. **12.25pm** Trainspotting. **1.55** Stutter School: Untold Australia. **3.00** WorldWatch. **4.30** Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Prologue. **7.30** France 24. **8.00** Mastermind Aust. **8.30** Seeing Double: Daniel 'Chucky' Sanders. **9.00** Icons Unearthed: Fast & Furious. **10.50** Snowpiercer. **12.40am** WWE Legends. **2.10** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Morning Programs. **12.25pm** Austin Powers: International Man Of Mystery. (1997, Ms) **2.05** A King In New York. (1957, PGa) **4.00** Forever Enthralled. (2008, PG, Mandarin) **6.45** Nights In Rodanthe. (2008, PGals) **8.30** The Peacemaker. (1997, MA15+av) **10.50** Paris, 13th District. (2021, R, Mandarin, English, French) **12.50am** Purple Rain. (1984, Malsv) **2.50** Late Programs.

SEVEN (7, 71)

6.00 Weekend Sunrise. **8.30** The Morning Show Summer Series. (PG) **10.30** Horse Racing. Magic Millions Prelude Raceday, Royal Randwick Raceday and Super Saturday On The Coast. **3.30** Seven News At 5. **4.00** Border Security: Australia's Front Line. (PG, R) **4.30 Seven News.** **5.30 Animals Aboard With Dr Harry.** (PG)

6.30 MOVIE: Kindergarten Cop. (1990, Mv, R) A detective goes undercover as a kindergarten teacher to catch a drug dealer. Arnold Schwarzenegger, Penelope Ann Miller.
9.00 MOVIE: Nope. (2022, Mhl) Caretakers at a California horse ranch encounter a mysterious alien force that affects human and animal behaviour. Daniel Kaluuya, Keke Palmer, Steven Yeun.
11.45 Travel Oz. (PG, R) Hosted by Greg Grainger.
12.30 Home Shopping. (R)
2.30 It's Academic. (R) Hosted by Simon Reeve.
3.30 Million Dollar Minute. (R)
4.30 NBC Today.
5.30 Weekend Sunrise.

7MATE (70)

6am Morning Programs. **11.30** Blokesworld. **Noon** Cool Cars & Bikes. **12.30** Rides Down Under: Workshop Wars. **1.30** Motor Racing. NDRC Top Doorslammer. H'lights. **2.30** Desert Collectors. **3.30** Counting Cars. **4.30** Pawn Stars. **5.30** Storage Wars. **6.00** MOVIE: Battleship. (2012, M) **8.40** MOVIE: The Scorpion King. (2002, M) **10.40** Storage Wars. **11.30** Pawn Stars. **12.30am** Desert Collectors. **1.30** Late Programs.

7TWO (72)

6am Morning Programs. **2.30pm** Better Homes. **3.30** Horse Racing. Magic Millions Prelude Raceday, Royal Randwick Raceday and Super Saturday On The Coast. **4.30** Luxury Escapes: World's Best Holidays. (Return) **5.00** Bondi Vet. **6.00** The Yorkshire Vet. **7.00** Lewis. **9.10** Escape To The Country. **10.10** The Amazing Homemakers. **11.10** The Yorkshire Vet. **12.10am** Late Programs.

IMPARJA (9)

6.00 Weekend Today.
9.00 Tennis. United Cup. Day 2. Group Stage. France v Switzerland. Belgium v China.
4.30 9News First At Five.
5.00 Find My Country House Australia. (R) Hosted by Catriona Rowntree.
5.30 9News Saturday.

6.30 Tennis. United Cup. Day 2. Group Stage. USA v Argentina. From RAC Arena, Perth. Australia v Norway. From Ken Rosewall Arena, Sydney.
12.30 Find My Beach House Australia. (R) Hosted by Shelley Craft.
1.00 Find My Country House Australia. (R) Hosted by Catriona Rowntree.
1.30 The Incredible Journey Presents. (PG) Religious program.
2.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
4.00 Global Shop. (R) Home shopping.
4.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
5.00 Helping Hands Summer Series. (PG, R) A celebration of people and organisations.
5.30 Hello SA. (PG, R)

9GEM (90)

6am Morning Programs. **1.25pm** MOVIE: The Getting Of Wisdom. (1977, PG) **3.30** Tennis. United Cup. Group Stage. USA v Argentina. Aust v Norway. **5.30** M*A*S*H. **6.00** Death In Paradise. **7.10** MOVIE: Raiders Of The Lost Ark. (1981, M) **9.30** MOVIE: Cheech & Chong's The Corsican Brothers. (1984, M) **11.20** MOVIE: Hoffman. (1970, M) **1.40am** MOVIE: The Railway Children. (1970) **3.55** Late Programs.

9GO! (99)

6am Morning Programs. **1.10pm** Amelia Earhart: The Lost Evidence. **2.50** LEGO Masters. **4.05** MOVIE: Oddball. (2015) **6.00** MOVIE: The Hunger Games: Mockingjay – Part 2. (2015, M) **8.40** The Winter King. (Final) **9.50** Top 20 Funniest. **10.50** Love After Lockup. **12.20am** MOVIE: The Land. (2021, MA15+) **2.20** Surfing Aust. **3.10** Premier League Stories. **3.40** Booba. **4.00** Bubble's Hotel. **4.30** Late Programs.

TEN (10)

6am Morning Programs. **8.30** My Market Kitchen. (R) **9.00** GCBC. (R) **9.30** Airport 24/7. (PGal, R) **10.30** Everyday Gourmet. (R) **11.00** Farm To Fork. (R) **11.30** Cook With Luke. (R) **12.00** The Yes Experiment. (PG) **12.30** 4x4 Adventures. **1.30** Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly Australia. (PGals, R) **2.30** All 4 Adventure. (PGl) **3.30** News. **4.30** Deal Or No Deal. (R) **5.00** Dog House Aust. (PGa, R)

6.00 Love It Or List It Australia. A couple feel they have outgrown their house.
7.10 Location, Location, Location Australia. (R) Property experts search for homes.
8.10 Ambulance UK. (Ma, R) It is a busy night shift for the ambulance service when they are alerted to an infectious disease outbreak.
9.20 The Imposter. (Madls, R) A beachfront hotel sparks family conflict when the matriarch won't sell, despite her children's wishes.
11.30 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.

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. Brisbane v Wellington Phoenix. **5.30 Football Tonight.** **6.05 Soccer.** A-League Men. Round 11. Melbourne City v Sydney FC. **8.30 NCIS.** (Mv, R) **11.20** NCIS: Origins. **12.15am** Home Shopping.

10 COMEDY (11)

6am Bold. **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.** (PGa, R) **9.30 Ridiculousness.** (PGal, R) **10.30** South Park. **11.30** Shopping. **Midnight** South Park. **1.00** Shopping. **4.30** Deal Or No Deal.

Sunday, January 4

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

ABC TV (2)

6am Morning Programs. **9.00** Pilgrimage: The Road Through North Wales. (PG, R) **10.00** Eat The Invaders. (PG, R) **10.30** New Leash On Life. (R) **11.00** Compass. (PG, R) **11.30** Praise. (R) **12.00** News. **12.30** Magda's Big National Health Check. (PG, R) **1.30** Gardening Aust. (R) **2.45** Outback Musical. (PG, R) **3.30** Long Lost Family. (PG, R) **4.15 MOVIE:** But Also John Clarke. (2025, PG, R)

6.00 Antiques Roadshow. (R)
7.00 ABC News.
7.30 Muster Dogs: Where Are They Now. (Return, PG) Presented by Lisa Millar.
8.20 Goolagong. (Premiere, Ma) Charts the story of champion tennis player Evonne Goolagong Cawley, one of Australia's most loved female sporting heroes.
9.10 The Jetty. (Premiere, Madl) A recently widowed detective suspects there's a predator targeting under-aged girls.
10.10 Call The Midwife. (PGa, R) Follows the work of nuns and nurses.
11.10 MOVIE: Puberty Blues. (1981, Mdlns, R) Nell Schofield.
12.35 Rage Vault. (MA15+adhlnsv)
2.25 Gardening Australia. (R) **3.30** Dream Gardens. (PG, R) **4.00** The Art Of. (Ml, R) **4.30** A Bite To Eat With Alice. (R) **5.00** Pilgrimage: The Road Through North Wales. (PG, R)

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **9.00** Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (PGaw, R) **9.20** Matched. (PG, R) **10.10** Robson Green's British Adventure. (PGaw, 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** Going Places. (R) **4.00** Best Of Dakar Rally Highlights. (R) **5.00** Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Prologue. Highlights.

6.00 Seeing Double: Daniel 'Chucky' Sanders. (R)
6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 2025: The Year From Space.
8.30 Ken Burns' The American Revolution. (PG) The Continental Army fights the British.
10.30 Secrets Of Modern Archaeology. (PGa, R)
11.30 Australian Fashion Past, Present, Future. (MA15+ln, R) **12.55** Body Parts. (MA15+ns, R) **2.25** 24 Hours In A&E. (M) **3.20** 24 Hours In Emergency. (M) **4.15** Off The Beaten Track With Kate Humble. (PGn, R) **4.50** Destination Flavour: Japan Bitesize. (R) **5.00** NHK World English News Morning. **5.15** France 24 Feature. **5.30** APAC Weekly.

SEVEN (7, 71)

6am Morning Programs. **9.00** Cricket. The Ashes. Fifth Test. Australia v England. Day 1. **11.00** Lunch Break. **11.40** Cricket. The Ashes. Fifth Test. Australia v England. Day 1. Afternoon session. **1.40** The Ashes: Tea Break. **2.00** Cricket. The Ashes. Fifth Test. Australia v England. Day 1. Evening session. **4.30** News. **5.30** Cricket. Big Bash League. Match 22. Melbourne Stars v Melbourne Renegades.

7.40 Cricket. Big Bash League. Match 23. Perth Scorchers v Adelaide Strikers. From Optus Stadium, Perth.
11.00 MacGruber. (MA15+lsv) Vicki almost takes "Brimstone", but MacGruber gets in the way. Mac goes to Enos Queeth's compound.
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)
2.00 Million Dollar Minute. (R) Three contestants go head-to-head in a test of brain power for the chance to win $1 million.
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 Weekend Today.
9.00 Tennis. United Cup. Day 3. Group Stage. Great Britain v Japan. Germany v Netherlands.
4.30 9News First At Five.
5.00 RBT. (PGal, R) Follows police units that operate random breath-test patrols around Australia.
5.30 9News Sunday.

6.30 Sydney 2000: The Best Ever. (PG, R) Looks at the Sydney 2000 Olympics 25 years on.
8.00 60 Minutes. Current affairs program, investigating, analysing and uncovering the issues affecting all Australians.
9.00 MOVIE: The Will To Fly. (2016, G) Follows Olympic aerial skiing champion Lydia Lassila as she returns to the sport as a mother. Lydia Lassila, Jacqui Cooper, Alisa Camplin.
11.00 Wild Cards. (Mv, R) Ellis goes undercover.
11.50 Tycoons Down Under: Rise. (PGl, R)
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.

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 15. New Zealand Breakers v Perth Wildcats. **3.00** Deal Or No Deal. (R) **3.30** News. **4.30** Dog House Aust. (PGa, R) **5.30** Selling Houses Aust. (R)

6.30 MOVIE: Double Jeopardy. (1999, Mlsv, R) A woman who was convicted of murdering her husband learns he staged his own death. Ashley Judd, Tommy Lee Jones, Bruce Greenwood.
8.35 FBI. (Mv, R) The team must figure out how someone accessed a highly secure building after a CEO is killed by a targeted explosion inside his penthouse.
10.30 Home Shopping. (R)
4.30 Entertainment Tonight. Hollywood's hottest stories.
5.00 Good Chef Bad Chef. (R) Daily cooking series.
5.30 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. (R) Tips for getting more out of home cooking.

ABC FAMILY (22)

6am Children's Programs. **3pm** Play School. **3.30** Superworm. **3.55** Odd Squad. **4.30** Little J And Big Cuz. **5.05** Zog And The Flying Doctors. **5.30** Super Monsters. **6.05** PJ Masks Power Heroes. **6.25** Paddington. **6.50** Andy And The Band. **7.05** Piripenguins. **7.30** Shaun Tan's Tales From Outer Suburbia. (Premiere) **8.15 MOVIE:** Shaun The Sheep: The Movie. (2015) **9.35** Fresh Off The Boat. **10.20** Late Programs.

SBS VICELAND (31)

6am Morning Programs. **9.30** Small Business Secrets. **10.05** The Movie Show. **Noon** Dark Side Of The '90s. **1.50** WWE Rivals. **2.45** Jeopardy! **4.50** WorldWatch. **5.45** Icons Unearthed: The Lord Of The Rings. **6.40** Abandoned Engineering. **8.30** Eat Smart: Secrets Of The Glucose Goddess. **10.20** Raw Comedy 2025. **Midnight** Django. **2.05** 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 Hutt Rescue. **3.30** Counting Cars. **4.30** Cricket. BBL. Stars v Renegades. **5.30** Border Security. **7.00 MOVIE:** Oblivion. (2013, M) **9.35 MOVIE:** Dracula Untold. (2014, M) **11.35** Blokesworld. **Midnight** Counting Cars. **1.00** Border Security: Int. **2.00** Late Programs.

9GEM (90)

6am Morning Programs. **1pm MOVIE:** Pacific Destiny. (1956) **3.00** M*A*S*H. **3.30** Tennis. United Cup. Group Stage. Great Britain v Japan. Italy v Switzerland. **5.30** Tennis. United Cup. Group Stage. Canada v China. Italy v Switzerland. **12.30am** Harry Wild. **1.30 MOVIE:** The Flying Scot. (1957) **3.00** My Favorite Martian. **3.30** Avengers. **4.30** Gideon's Way. **5.30** Late Programs.

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** JAG. **2.30pm** IFISH. **3.00** Basketball. NBL. Brisbane Bullets v Adelaide 36ers. **5.00 JAG.** (PGl, R) **6.00 NCIS.** (Mv, R) **8.50 Blue Bloods.** (Mav, R) **10.45 Home Shopping.** (R)

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **1.55pm** Rugby League. Qld Murri Carnival. Men's. Grand Final. Replay. **3.15** Football. West Kimberley Football League. Men's. Grand Final. Replay. **4.50** Bamay. **5.45** Australian Music Vault: Marcia Hines. **6.50** Great Blue Wild. **7.40** Aerial Australia. **8.30** Ornette: Made In America. **9.55 MOVIE:** Cadillac Records. (2008) **11.55** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Morning Programs. **12.05pm** Moonlight. (2016, Madlsv) **2.10** Monsieur Verdoux. (1947, PGa) **4.30** Horrible Histories: The Movie. (2019, PGv) **6.15** The Boy And The Heron. (2023, PG) **8.30** Point Break. (1991, Mdlnv) **10.45** Lawless. (2012, MA15+av) **12.50am** The Boy And The Heron. (2023, PG) **3.05** Paris, 13th District. (2021, Mandarin, English, French) **5.00** The Movie Show. **5.35** Late Programs.

7TWO (72)

6am Morning Programs. **11.30** Luxury Escapes: World's Best Holidays. **Noon** Harry's Practice. **12.30** Medical Emergency. **1.00** Hornby: A Model Empire. **2.00** Better Homes. **3.00** The Amazing Homemakers. **4.00** Secrets Of Beautiful Gardens. **5.00** Escape To The Country. **6.00** Murdoch Mysteries. **7.00** Vera. **9.00** Murdoch Mysteries. **11.00** Harry's Practice. **11.30** Better Homes. **12.30am** Vera. **2.30** Late Programs.

9GO! (99)

6am Morning Programs. **10.30** Tennis. Brisbane International. **4.30pm** Tennis. Brisbane International. **8.30 MOVIE:** Patriots Day. (2016, M) **11.10** Gotham. **12.10am** Arrow. **2.00 MOVIE:** Barbie: Princess Adventure. (2020) **3.20** Wild Manes. **3.40** Barney's World. **4.00** Bubble's Hotel. **4.30** Beyblade X. **5.00** Lego Dreamzzz. **5.30** Barbie: Dreamhouse Adventures.

10 COMEDY (11)

6am Morning Programs. **8.30** Ridiculousness. **9.30** Stephen Colbert. **11.30** Deal Or No Deal: Celebrity Jackpot. **12.30pm** Ridiculousness. **1.00** Deal Or No Deal. **1.30** Frasier. **2.30** Friends. **5.00** Big Bang. **8.05** Frasier. **9.00** Ridiculousness. **10.00** South Park. **11.00** Shopping. **Midnight** South Park. **1.00** Shopping. **4.30** GCBC. **5.00** Everyday Gourmet. **5.30** Ridiculousness.

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Monday, January 5

ABC TV (2)

6.00 News Breakfast. **9.00** ABC News Mornings. **10.00** Vera, Farewell Pet. (PG, R) **10.55** Australian Chamber Orchestra's 50th Gala. (R) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** The Kimberley. (R) **1.50** Restoration Australia. (R) **2.50** Would I Lie To You? (R) **3.20** Simply Nigella. (R) **3.50** Grand Designs: The Streets. (PG, R) **4.40** Long Lost Family. (PG, R) **5.30** Antiques Roadshow. (R)

6.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)
7.00 ABC News.
7.30 7.30. Presented by Michael Rowland.
8.00 Disease X: Hunting The Next Pandemic. (Premiere, PG) Dr Chris van Tulleken investigates "Disease X".
9.00 Judi Dench: Shakespeare, My Family And Me. (Premiere, PG) Dame Judi Dench explores her family's past.
9.50 A Life In Ten Pictures: John Lennon. (PG, R) Takes a look at John Lennon's life.
10.40 Grand Designs: The Streets. (PG, R)
11.30 Long Lost Family. (PG, R)
12.20 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) **4.00** Gardening Australia. (R) **5.00** A Bite To Eat With Alice. (R) **5.30** 7.30. (R)

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **11.00** Off The Beaten Track With Kate Humble. (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** Britain's Most Expensive Houses. (R) **2.55** Going Places. (R) **3.25** Plat Du Tour. (R) **3.35** The Cook Up. (PG, R) **4.05** Jeopardy! **4.30** Letters And Numbers. (R) **5.00** Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Stage 1. Highlights.

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R)
6.30 SBS World News.
7.35 Wonders Of The Moon With Dara Ó Briain. (PGa, R) Presented by Dara Ó Briain.
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 Great British Railway Journeys: Preston To Rawtenstall. (PG, R)
10.55 Like Water For Chocolate. (Ml)
11.55 Culprits. (MA15+av, R)
2.00 Pagan Peak. (MA15+asv, R) **3.40** Off The Beaten Track With Kate Humble. (PGa, R) **4.15** My Unique B&B. (R) **4.50** Destination Flavour: Japan Bitesize. (R) **5.00** NHK World English News Morning. **5.30** ANC Philippines The World Tonight.

SEVEN (7, 71)

6am Morning Programs. **9.00** Cricket. The Ashes. Fifth Test. Australia v England. Day 2. **11.00** Lunch Break. **11.40** Cricket. The Ashes. Fifth Test. Australia v England. Day 2. Afternoon session. **1.40** The Ashes: Tea Break. **2.00** Cricket. The Ashes. Fifth Test. Australia v England. Day 2. Evening session. **4.30** News. **5.30** Cricket. Big Bash League. Match 24. Sydney Sixers v Brisbane Heat.

9.00 Big Bash League Post-Match. Post-match coverage of the game between the Sydney Sixers and Brisbane Heat.
9.30 Chicago Fire. (Final, Mav) Severide puts his job on the line to help out one of their own. Kidd navigates Natalie's complicated relationship with her sister. Herrmann prepares to take the Chief test.
10.30 Girlfriends' Guide To Divorce. (MA15+s) Abby wants to define her relationship with Dr Harris but he isn't ready yet.
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)
9.00 Tennis. United Cup. Day 4. Group Stage. USA v Spain. Czech Republic v Norway.
4.00 9News Afternoon.
4.30 Tipping Point Australia. (PG, R) Hosted by Todd Woodbridge.
5.30 9News.

6.30 A Current Affair.
7.00 Travel Guides. (PGl, R) Ordinary Australians become travel critics.
8.30 MOVIE: Indiana Jones And The Last Crusade. (1989, PGv, R) Indiana Jones tries to find his missing father, who was on a lifelong quest to obtain the legendary Holy Grail. Harrison Ford, Sean Connery, Denholm Elliott.
11.00 Sight Unseen. (Ma)
11.50 A Killer Makes A Call. (MA15+av, R)
12.45 Innovation Nation. (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** The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG, R) **7.00** Deal Or No Deal. (R) **7.30** Lingo. (R) **8.30** Matlock. (PGadl, R) **10.30** Farm To Fork. **11.00** Family Feud. (PG, R) **11.30** Taskmaster Australia. (PGls, R) **12.30** Deal Or No Deal. (R) **1.00** The Finish Line. (Premiere) **2.00** Lingo. (R) **3.00** The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG) **3.30** 10 News. **4.30** 10 News+. **5.00** Deal Or No Deal. (R)

6.00 Love It Or List It Australia. A couple need help making a decision on their home.
7.00 NCIS. (Mv, R) A pilot's body is found with unusual wounds.
9.00 10 News+. (R) Comprehensive coverage of the day's top stories, investigative reports and stories that haven't been heard.
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 Entertainment Tonight.
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. **2.45** The Makery. **3.05** Play School: Let The Music Play. **3.40** Fizzy And Suds. **4.15** Andy's Aquatic Adventures. **4.40** Vida The Vet. **5.40** Kangaroo Beach. **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. **3.45** WorldWatch. **5.35** Our DNA Journey. (Premiere) **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats. **8.30** Genius Game. (Premiere) **9.40** The UnXplained Mysteries. **10.30** The Handmaid's Tale. **11.25** Question Team. **12.20am** Django. **1.20** Everyone Else Burns. **2.10** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera.

7MATE (70)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon** Rides Down Under: Workshop Wars. **1.00** Motor Racing. NDRC Top Doorslammer. H'lights. **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. **Noon MOVIE:** Went The Day Well? (1942, PG) **2.00** Yorkshire Auction House. **3.00** Tennis. United Cup. Group Stage. USA v Spain. Czech Republic v Norway. Germany v Poland. **5.30** Tennis. United Cup. Group Stage. Great Britain v Greece. Germany v Poland. **12.30am** Harry Wild. **1.30** Explore TV. **2.00** My Favorite Martian. **2.30** Gideon's Way. **3.30** Yorkshire Auction House. **4.30** 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** Dog House. **1.00** JAG. **3.00** Living Room. **4.00** JAG. **6.00** NCIS. **7.00** FBI: Most Wanted.
8.50 Matlock. (Ms, R)
9.45 The Ex-Wife. (Ml, R)
10.45 Home Shopping.

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon** Ornette: Made In America. **1.25** Stompem Ground. **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** Great Blue Wild. **7.30** Who Do You Think You Are? **8.30** Karla Grant Presents. **9.00** Song Of Rapa Nui. **10.00 MOVIE:** Little Shop Of Horrors. (1986, M) **11.40** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Morning Programs. **10.55** Mystic Pizza. (1988, Mals) **12.50pm** Point Break. (1991, Mdlnv) **3.00** The Movie Show. **4.00** Discovering Film. **4.50** A Great Friend. (2023, PGalsv, French) **6.35** Ponyo. (2008) **8.30** Godzilla Minus One. (2023, Japanese) **10.55** Speed Kills. (2018, Mlv) **12.50am** Mystic River. (2003, MA15+av) **3.20** Linoleum. (2022, Malv) **5.15** The Movie Show. **5.50** Late Programs.

7TWO (72)

6am Morning Programs. **11.30** Hornby: A Model Empire. **12.30pm** Weekender. **1.00** This Rugged Coast. **2.00** Harry's Practice. **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** Harry's Practice. **1.00** Medical Emergency. **1.30** Better Homes. **2.30** Late Programs.

9GO! (99)

6am Morning Programs. **10.30** Tennis. Brisbane International. **4.30pm** Tennis. Brisbane International. **9.30 MOVIE:** Navy SEALs. (1990, M) **11.45** The Vampire Diaries. **1.35am** Pretty Little Liars: The Perfectionists. **2.30** Barbie: Dreamhouse Adventures. **3.00** Hop. **3.20** Booba. **3.40** LEGO City Adventures. **4.00** Bubble's Hotel. **4.30** Beyblade X. **5.00** Lego Dreamzzz. **5.30** Barbie: Dreamhouse Adventures.

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.

Tuesday, January 6

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

ABC TV (2)

6.00 News Breakfast. **9.00** ABC News Mornings. **10.00** Disease X. (PG, R) **11.10** Judi Dench: Shakespeare, My Family And Me. (PG, R) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Call The Midwife. (PGa, R) **2.00** Restoration Australia. (PG, R) **2.55** Would I Lie To You? (R) **3.25** Simply Nigella. (R) **3.55** Grand Designs: The Streets. (PG, R) **4.40** Long Lost Family. (PG, R) **5.30** Antiques Roadshow. (R)

6.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)
7.00 ABC News.
7.30 7.30. Presented by Michael Rowland.
8.00 Dr Karl's How Things Work: Chips. (Return) Dr Karl Kruszelnicki looks at the science of chips.
9.00 Human: The First Of Us. (Premiere, PG) Looks at human evolution over 300,000 years, showcasing how Homo sapiens became the dominant human species.
10.00 Britain By The Book. (PG, R) A look at book and film locations.
10.50 Australia's Open. (Ml, R)
11.40 Grand Designs: The Streets. (PG, R)
12.25 Long Lost Family. (PG, R)
1.15 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) **4.00** Gardening Australia. (R) **5.00** A Bite To Eat With Alice. (R) **5.30** 7.30. (R)

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **9.55** Europe's Waterways. (PGaw, R) **10.50** Off The Beaten Track With Kate Humble. (PG, R) **12.00** BBC News At Ten. **12.30** France 24. **1.00** PBS News. **2.00** Britain's Most Expensive Houses. (R) **2.55** Going Places. (R) **3.25** Plat Du Tour. (R) **3.35** The Cook Up. (R) **4.05** Jeopardy! **4.30** Letters And Numbers. (R) **5.00** Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Stage 2. Highlights.

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R)
6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 Who Do You Think You Are? Claudia Karvan. (Ma, R) Claudia Karvan explores her roots.
8.35 Rod Stewart: A Working Class Hero. Chronicles the life and work of English singer Rod Stewart, exploring how he became a music legend.
9.35 Aerial Australia. (PGa, R) Looks at the Pacific coast of Australia.
10.30 Great British Railway Journeys: Urmston To New Islington. (R)
11.05 Exit. (Premiere, MA15+ads)
12.00 Dopesick. (Mals, R)
2.15 The Eco Show. (R) **3.15** Off The Beaten Track With Kate Humble. (PG, R) **4.25** My Unique B&B. (R) **5.00** NHK World English News Morning. **5.30** ANC Philippines The World Tonight.

SEVEN (7, 71)

6am Morning Programs. **9.00** Cricket. The Ashes. Fifth Test. Australia v England. Day 3. **11.00** Lunch Break. **11.40** Cricket. The Ashes. Fifth Test. Australia v England. Day 3. Afternoon session. **1.40** The Ashes: Tea Break. **2.00** Cricket. The Ashes. Fifth Test. Australia v England. Day 3. Evening session. **4.30** News. **5.30** Cricket. Big Bash League. Match 25. Adelaide Strikers v Sydney Thunder.

9.00 Big Bash League Post-Match. Post-match coverage of the game between the Adelaide Strikers and Sydney Thunder.
9.30 Lopez Vs. Lopez. (PGals) George has a big secret to keep when he starts secretly spending time with Rosie's ex. Mayan tries to manage a customer's move herself. Quinten attempts to tackle a plumbing problem at home.
10.30 Miniseries: London Spy. (MA15+ds) After another death, Danny goes public with Alex's research and learns shocking truths from Frances.
12.00 Travel Oz. (PG, R) Takes a look at Greek culture in Melbourne.
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) Highlights from the year in review.
9.00 Tennis. United Cup. Day 5. Group Stage. Italy v France. Canada v Belgium.
4.00 9News Afternoon.
4.30 Tipping Point Australia. (PG, R) Hosted by Todd Woodbridge.
5.30 9News.

6.30 Tennis. United Cup. Day 5. Group Stage. Australia v Czech Republic. Italy v France.
10.00 A Remarkable Place To Die. (Mlv, R) A detective returns to her home town where she investigates cases while confronting ghosts from her past.
11.00 La Brea. (Mav, R) Gavin takes charge of the survivors.
12.00 Customs. (PGa, R) Officers deal with a suspicious traveller.
12.30 Next Stop. (R) A look at holiday destinations.
1.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
2.00 Destination WA. (R)
2.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
3.30 Hello SA: The Coast Is Calling. (PG)
4.30 Today Early News.
5.00 Today.

TEN (10)

6.00 Farm To Fork. (R) **6.30** The Bold And The Beautiful. (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** Taskmaster Australia. (PGls, R) **12.30** Deal Or No Deal. (R) **1.00** The Finish Line. **2.00** Lingo. (R) **3.00** The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG) **3.30** 10 News. **4.30** 10 News+. **5.00** Deal Or No Deal. (R)

6.00 The Dog House Australia. (PGa, R) Kelly meets a fluff ball named Jinglebells.
7.00 MOVIE: Mission: Impossible – Fallout. (2018, PGalv, R) A secret agent must prevent disaster when stolen plutonium falls into the hands of an arms dealer. Tom Cruise, Henry Cavill.
9.50 10 News+. (R) Comprehensive coverage of the day's top stories, investigative reports and stories that haven't been heard.
10.20 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) Stephen Colbert interviews a variety of guests from the worlds of film, politics, business and music.
11.30 Home Shopping. (R)
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: Let The Music Play. **3.40** Fizzy And Suds. **4.15** Andy's Aquatic Adventures. **4.40** Vida The Vet. **5.40** Kangaroo Beach. **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** Ice Age. **9.15** Monsters Of The Deep. **10.00** Late Programs.

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **1.30pm** Stompem Ground 2022: Footprince. **2.00** Tradition On A Plate. **2.30** The Cook Up. **3.00** Jarjums. **5.00** Harlem Globetrotters. **5.30** Indian Country Today News. **6.00** Bamay. **6.40** Wild, Smart And Deadly. (Premiere) **7.30** Big Backyard Quiz. **8.30** Unleash The Beast. **9.30** Hunting Aotearoa. **10.30** MOVIE: Banel & Adama. (2023, M) **Midnight** Late Programs.

SBS VICELAND (31)

6am Morning Programs. **11.40** DW The Day. **12.10pm** Homicide. **2.00** Curious Australia. **2.35** Heroines. **3.35** WorldWatch. **5.35** Shaun Micallef's Origin Odyssey. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats. **8.30** Genius Game. **9.40** The UnXplained Mysteries. **10.30** The Handmaid's Tale. **11.35** Hoarders. **1.05am** Bad Education. **1.40** We Need To Talk About Cosby. **2.45** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Morning Programs. **12.45pm** The Space Between The Lines. (2019, Mals, German) **3.00** Discovering Film. **3.55** Gulmohar. (2023, PGal, Hindi) **6.30** Kiki's Delivery Service. (1989) **8.30** Iris And The Men. (2023, French) **10.25** Bergman Island. (2021, Malnsv) **12.30am** The Hateful Eight. (2015, MA15+ansv) **3.30** The Te$t. (2022, Mals, Spanish) **5.30** Late Programs.

7MATE (70)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon** Outback Opal Hunters. **2.00** Billy The Exterminator. **3.00** American Resto. **3.30** Storage Wars. **4.00** American Pickers. **5.00** Pawn Stars. **6.00** Outback Truckers. **8.00** Railroad Australia. **9.00** Ice Road Truckers. **11.00** Storage Wars. **11.30** American Pickers. **12.30am** Pawn Stars. **1.30** Outback Truckers. **2.30** Ice Road Truckers. **3.30** Boy To Man. **4.30** Late Programs.

7TWO (72)

6am Morning Programs. **12.30pm** Creek To Coast. **1.00** Air Crash Inv: Accident Files. **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** Call The Midwife. **7.15** Judge John Deed. **9.15** Miniseries: Without Sin. **10.15** Bargain Hunt. **11.15** Room For Improvement. **Midnight** The Great Australian Doorstep. **12.30** Late Programs.

9GEM (90)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon** MOVIE: The Man Who Haunted Himself. (1970, PG) **2.00** Yorkshire Auction House. **3.00** Tennis. United Cup. Group Stage. Aust v Czech Republic. **5.30** Antiques Roadshow. **6.00** New Tricks. **7.10** MOVIE: The Lincoln Lawyer. (2011, M) **9.35** The Equalizer. **10.30** New Tricks. **11.30** Creflo. **Midnight** MOVIE: The Man Who Haunted Himself. (1970, PG) **2.00** Late Programs.

9GO! (99)

6am Morning Programs. **10.30** Tennis. Brisbane International. **4.30pm** Tennis. Brisbane International. **9.30** MOVIE: Dumb Money. (2023, MA15+) **11.30** The Vampire Diaries. **1.30am** Pretty Little Liars: The Perfectionists. **2.30** Barbie: Dreamhouse Adventures. **3.00** Hop. **3.20** Booba. **3.40** LEGO City Adventures. **4.00** Bubble's Hotel. **4.30** Beyblade X. **5.00** Lego Dreamzzz. **5.30** Barbie: Dreamhouse Adventures.

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** The Dog House. **1.00** JAG. **3.00** The Living Room. **4.00** JAG. **6.00 NCIS.** (Mv, R) **8.50 Matlock.** (PGa, R) **9.45 The Ex-Wife.** (Ml, 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. **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.

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Wednesday, January 7

ABC TV (2)

6.00 News Breakfast. **9.00** ABC News Mornings. **10.00** Australia's Best Competition Competition. (Ml, R) **11.10** All Creatures Great And Small. (R) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Miniseries: The Cry. (Mal, R) **1.55** Restoration Australia. (PG, R) **2.55** Would I Lie To You? (PG, R) **3.25** Simply Nigella. (R) **3.55** Grand Designs: The Streets. (R) **4.40** Long Lost Family. (PG, R) **5.30** Antiques Roadshow. (R)

6.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)
7.00 ABC News.
7.30 7.30. Presented by Michael Rowland.
8.00 Hard Quiz. (Return, PG) Presented by Tom Gleeson.
8.30 Utopia. (PG, R) A security consultant creates stress by leveling up the NBA's cybersecurity.
9.25 Changing Ends. (Return, PG) Alan enters a new era as a fully fledged teenager.
10.10 You Can't Ask That: Lesbians. (MA15+, R)
10.45 The Jetty. (Mdl, R)
11.40 Chopsticks Or Fork? (R) **12.00** Grand Designs: The Streets. (R) **12.45** Long Lost Family. (PG, R) **1.30** Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) **4.00** Gardening Australia. (R) **5.00** A Bite To Eat With Alice. (PG, R) **5.30** 7.30. (R)

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **10.50** Off The Beaten Track With Kate Humble. (PG, R) **12.00** BBC News At Ten. **12.30** France 24. **1.00** PBS News. **2.00** Britain's Most Expensive Houses. (Mas, R) **2.55** Going Places. (R) **3.25** Plat Du Tour. (R) **3.35** The Cook Up. (R) **4.05** Jeopardy! **4.30** Letters And Numbers. (R) **5.00** Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Stage 3. Highlights.

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R)
6.30 SBS World News.
7.35 Michael Palin: Into Iraq. (PG, R)
8.30 The Jury: Murder Trial UK. (Return) The real-life trial of a young mother begins.
9.25 Crime. (MA15+) The case continues to evade Lennox.
10.25 Great British Railway Journeys. (R)
11.00 Face To Face. (Premiere, Ma)
11.50 Darkness: Those Who Kill. (Premiere, Malv) **1.40** The Eco Show. (R) **2.35** Off The Beaten Track With Kate Humble. (PG, R) **4.20** My Unique B&B. (R) **4.55** Destination Flavour Scandinavia Bitesize. (R) **5.00** NHK World English News Morning. **5.30** ANC Philippines The World Tonight.

SEVEN (7, 71)

6am Morning Programs. **9.00** Cricket. The Ashes. Fifth Test. Australia v England. Day 4. **11.00** Lunch Break. **11.40** Cricket. The Ashes. Fifth Test. Australia v England. Day 4. Afternoon session. **1.40** The Ashes: Tea Break. **2.00** Cricket. The Ashes. Fifth Test. Australia v England. Day 4. Evening session. **4.30** News. **5.30** Cricket. Big Bash League. Match 26. Perth Scorchers v Melbourne Renegades.

9.00 Big Bash League Post-Match. Post-match coverage of the game between the Perth Scorchers and Melbourne Renegades.
9.30 Air Crash Investigations: Deadly Exchange. (PGa, R) Explores the 2004 crash of Corporate Airlines Flight 5966 in Missouri that claimed the lives of 13 of the 15 people aboard, and how a conversation in the cockpit set the tone for disaster.
10.30 MOVIE: Party From Hell. (2021, Mav, R) A party planner plots against her employer. Jackie Moore, April Martucci.
12.30 Home Shopping. (R)
2.30 NBC Today. News and current affairs.
3.30 Sunrise Early News.
4.00 Sunrise.

IMPARJA (9)

6.00 Today.
8.30 Today Extra Summer. (PG)
9.00 Tennis. United Cup. Day 6. Group Stage. Poland v Netherlands. First quarter-final.
4.00 9News Afternoon.
4.30 Tipping Point Australia. (PG, R) Hosted by Todd Woodbridge.
5.30 9News.

6.30 A Current Affair.
7.00 Great Getaways. (PG)
8.00 Paramedics. (Mam, R) A mother who is having a stroke is treated.
9.00 Beyond The Build. Jimmy and Tam have settled in and thrived on family life on the Sunshine Coast.
10.00 American Crime Story. (Madlsv) Conspiracy theories start to arise around the case.
11.40 World's Greatest Natural Icons. (R)
12.35 Hello SA. (PG)
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** The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG, R) **7.00** Deal Or No Deal. (R) **7.30** Lingo. (R) **8.30** Matlock. (PGav, R) **10.30** Farm To Fork. **11.00** Family Feud. (PG, R) **11.30** Taskmaster Australia. (PGls, R) **12.30** Deal Or No Deal. (R) **1.00** The Finish Line. **2.00** Lingo. (R) **3.00** The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG) **3.30** 10 News. **4.30** 10 News+. **5.00** Deal Or No Deal. (R)

6.00 Airport 24/7. (PGadl, R) The night shift contends with problem passengers.
7.00 Elsbeth. (Mv, R) A man witnesses a murder through a video art installation.
9.00 10 News+. (R) Comprehensive coverage of the day's top stories, investigative reports and stories that haven't been heard. Hosted by Denham Hitchcock and Amelia Brace.
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 Entertainment Tonight.
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. **2.45** The Makery. **3.05** Play School: Let The Music Play. **3.40** Fizzy And Suds. **4.15** Andy's Aquatic Adventures. **4.40** Vida The Vet. **5.40** Kangaroo Beach. **6.05** PJ Masks Power Heroes. **6.25** Paddington. **6.45** Ben And Holly. **7.05** Batwheels. **7.35** Ninjago. **8.00** Deadly 60. **8.50** Adv Time. **9.50** Shaun Tan's Tales From Outer Suburbia. **10.15** Late Programs.

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon** Piri's Tiki Tour. **12.30** Unleash The Beast. **1.30** Off Country. **2.00** Tradition On A Plate. **2.30** The Cook Up. **3.00** Jarjums. **5.00** Harlem Globetrotters. **5.30** Going Places. **6.00** Bamay. **6.40** Wild, Smart And Deadly. **7.30** Ocean Warriors: Mission Ready. **8.00** Lurujarri Dreaming. **8.35** MOVIE: Set It Off. (1996, M) **10.25** Nothing Compares: Sinead O'Connor. **12.10am** Late Programs.

SBS VICELAND (31)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon** DW The Day. **12.30** Stone Cold Takes On America. **1.25** If You Are The One. **3.35** WorldWatch. **5.35** Shaun Micallef's Origin Odyssey. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats. **8.30** Genius Game. **9.40** The UnXplained Mysteries. **10.30** The Handmaid's Tale. **11.20** MOVIE: Michael Collins. (1996, MA15+) **1.50am** Tales From The Territories. **2.40** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Morning Programs. **12.20pm** The Hummingbird. (2022, Mal, French, Italian) **2.45** The Movie Show. **3.20** Discovering Film. **4.20** Limelight. (1952, PGas) **6.50** My Neighbour Totoro. (1988, PG) **8.30** Pig. (2021) **10.15** Traffic. (2000, MA15+adsv) **1am** Shadow In The Cloud. (2020, MA15+av) **2.30** Alma & Oskar. (2022, MA15+lsv) **4.10** The Broken Land. (2021, Madv, Italian, Spanish) **5.50** Late Programs.

7MATE (70)

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

7TWO (72)

6am Morning Programs. **12.30pm** Home In WA. **1.00** The Master. **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** Heartbeat. **7.15** Inspector George Gently. **9.15** The Age Of Elizabeth. **10.15** Bargain Hunt. **11.15** Room For Improvement. **Midnight** The Great Australian Doorstep. **12.30** Late Programs.

9GEM (90)

6am Morning Programs. **10.00** My Favorite Martian. **10.40** MOVIE: The Rebel. (1961) **12.50pm** MOVIE: The Siege Of Pinchgut. (1959, PG) **3.00** Tennis. United Cup. Group Stage. Poland v Netherlands. First quarter-final. **5.30** Antiques Roadshow. **6.30** Tennis. United Cup. Second quarter-final. **12.30am** Harry Wild. **1.30** New Tricks. **2.30** Gideon's Way. **3.30** Yorkshire Auction House. **4.30** Gideon's Way. **5.30** Creflo.

9GO! (99)

6am Morning Programs. **10.30** Tennis. Brisbane International. **4.30pm** Tennis. Brisbane International. **9.30** MOVIE: The Courier. (2020, M) **11.40** The Vampire Diaries. **1.35am** Pretty Little Liars: The Perfectionists. **2.30** Barbie: Dreamhouse Adventures. **3.00** Hop. **3.20** Booba. **3.40** LEGO City Adventures. **4.00** Bubble's Hotel. **4.30** Beyblade X. **5.00** Lego Dreamzzz. **5.30** Barbie: Dreamhouse Adventures.

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** The Dog House. **1.00** JAG. **3.00** The Living Room. **4.00** JAG. **6.00 NCIS.** (Ma, R) **8.50 Matlock.** (PGals, R) **9.45 The Ex-Wife.** (Mlv, 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. **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.

On Demand



One to watch: Mitch McTaggart sums up the best (and worst) on the box in *The Last Year of Television*.

A CLOSER LOOK

THE LAST YEAR OF TELEVISION 2025

BINGE

Streaming, Binge

As 2025 comes to an end and the airwaves become an endless loop of cricket matches, *I'm a Celebrity* ads and non-stop game show repeats, it's time to take stock of the year that was and tune in as Mitch McTaggart compiles a calendar of commercial TV calamities, free-to-air flubs and streaming scandals.

"Australian television is a fascinating thing," award-winning writer and performer McTaggart explains.

"It employs so many people, it has influenced society, but can also be a bit malevolent. We like to offer a gentle rebuttal to some TV that's gone a little more unchecked than what it should have."

The annual special pulls a few loose threads and unravels the sweater that is Australia's media landscape in hilarious fashion, keeping broadcasters in check while also highlighting what they are doing right (it's not much, though the handful of local dramas and 10's late-night variety program *Sam Pang Tonight* do earn McTaggart's tick of approval).

Well researched, witty and actually presenting a point of view, McTaggart's commentary cuts through the blandness that's commonplace for broadcasters. He delivers blistering takes on the erosion of trust in news coverage, clickbait criticism and the dearth of drama programming on our screens; while also offering common-sense suggestions for how to fix these issues.

Whether you love, hate, love to hate, or hate to love Australian TV, there's substantial reason to press play on this riotous retrospective. **– Lauren Mitchell**



RUN

BINGE

Streaming, Binge

Infamously dubbed "The Postcard Bandit" for the taunting clues he sent police while on the run, Western Australian bank robber and prison escapee Brenden Abbott is the subject of this high-octane homegrown series. George Mason (pictured, *The Power of the Dog*) is electric as the razor-sharp criminal mastermind who became a folk hero, supported by Robyn Malcolm, Ashleigh Cummings and Keiynan Lonsdale.



DEAR LIFE

Stan.

Streaming, Stan

Eight months after losing the love of her life, Lillian (Brooke Satchwell, pictured with Ryan Johnson) is in the grips of grief when she receives a letter from the recipient of her late fiancé's heart in this touching six-part drama. The anonymous thank you helps Lillian to feel better, and it's not long before she is – illegally – tracking down its author, and the other people who got a second chance at life as a consequence of her loss.



STRANGER THINGS: THE FINALE

NETFLIX

Streaming from New Year's Day, Netflix

At 125 minutes long, the last chapter of this supernatural saga's fifth and final season, titled "The Rightside Up", is a supersized adventure as Eleven (Millie Bobby Brown, pictured) and the Hawkins crew unite to hunt and kill Vecna. To craft a fitting farewell, co-creators Matt and Ross Duffer studied "perfect" TV finales – think *Six Feet Under* and *The Sopranos*.

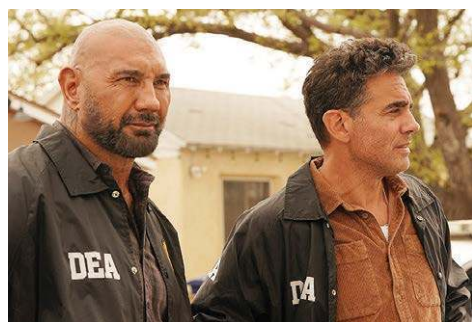


SHORESY

SBS ON DEMAND

Streaming, SBS On Demand

Whether you're an ice hockey fanatic, sports tragic or just enjoy the patter of *Letterkenny* creator Jared Keeso's trademark dialogue, this action-packed cult Canadian comedy has a lot going for it. In this fifth season, Shoresy (Keeso, pictured with Tasya Teles) and the Bulldogs fight to protect the distinctive aspects of the North American game – namely, the hitting.



TRAP HOUSE

prime

Streaming, Prime Video

When DEA agents Ray and Andre (Dave Bautista and Bobby Cannavale, both pictured) investigate a series of burglaries targeting Texas drug cartels in this action-thriller flick, the last thing they expect is that Ray's son Cody (Jack Champion) would be the ringleader. It's not long before the teens' luck runs out and they're in too deep with dangerous criminals.


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

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GENERAL PUZZLES

BRAIN BUSTERS

1. Located in the Caribbean, what is the only country to have a four-pointed star on their national flag?
2. And that country is a self-governed constituent of which European country?
3. What is stored in a larder: food, ammunition or medicine?
4. If a disease is considered nosocomial, where was it contracted?
5. Before it was stolen in 1983, the Jules Rimet Trophy was awarded to the winner of what sports competition?
6. Tirana is the capital of which country?
7. What is a danseur?
8. At which Grand Slam event did Rinky Hijikata win the men's doubles title?
9. Which Rolling Stones alum released the album *I've Got My Own Album to Do* in 1974?
10. In which movie does Helena Bonham Carter play shop owner Nellie Lovett?
11. Corey Taylor is the singer for which mask-wearing heavy metal band?
12. What is the name of the currency used in Costa Rica?
13. In which year did the social networking site Myspace launch?
14. Where in London would you find the Nelson's Column monument?
15. In the Anchorman films, what is the name of the character played by Christina Applegate?
16. What is the highest active rank in the Australian Army?
17. Held in 1985, Live Aid was a global concert to raise money for famine relief in which country?
18. 'Good grief' is a catchphrase often associated with which comic strip character?
19. What does someone with hyperhidrosis suffer from?
20. In which city will the 2028 Summer Olympics be held?

ANSWERS: **1.** Aruba **2.** The Netherlands **3.** Food **4.** In a hospital **5.** FIFA World Cup **6.** Albania **7.** A male ballet dancer **8.** Australian Open, 2023 **9.** Ronnie Wood **10.** *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street* **11.** Slipknot **12.** Colón **13.** 2003 **14.** Trafalgar Square **15.** Veronica Corningstone **16.** General **17.** Ethiopia **18.** Charlie Brown **19.** Excessive sweating **20.** Los Angeles

QUICK CROSSWORD

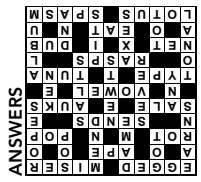
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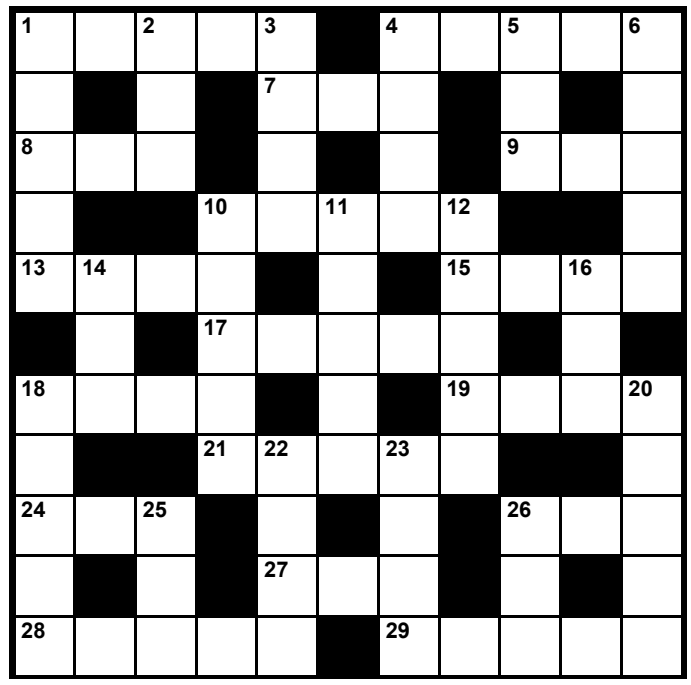
ACROSS

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4 Cheapskate (5)
7 Primate (3)
8 Gibberish (coll) (3)
9 Small explosion (3)
10 Ships out (5)
13 Transaction (4)
15 Arctic birds (4)
17 Sound pronounced with an open vocal tract (5)
18 Kind (4)
19 Edible fish (4)
21 Coarse files (5)
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26 Name (3)
27 Gobble (3)
28 Water lily (5)
29 Contraction (5)

DOWN

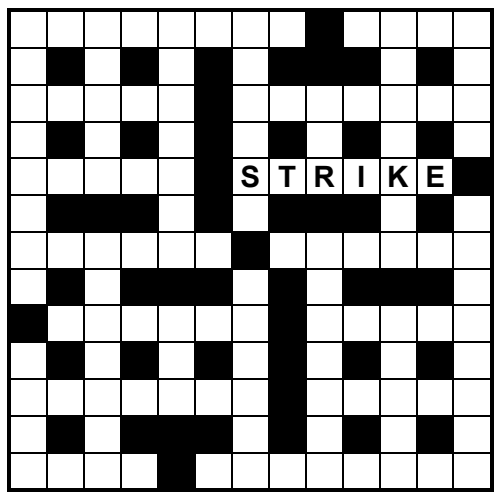
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5 Soak (3)
6 Tethers (5)
10 Cleave (5)
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12 Sailors, old – (5)
14 Whichever (3)
16 Scope of knowledge (3)
18 Pitch-related (5)
20 Record (5)
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WORD FILL

No. 1059



3 LETTERS
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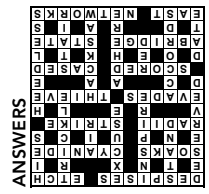
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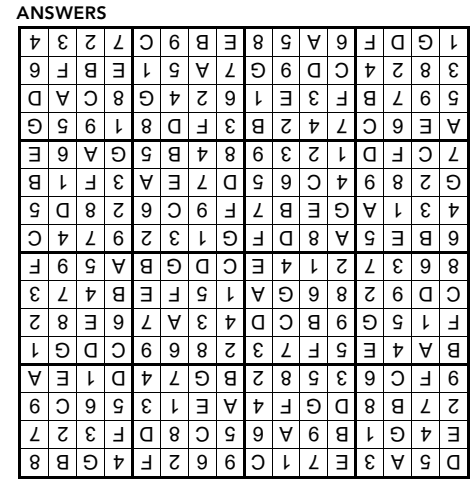
SUPER SUDOKU

No. 118

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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.

ANSWERS



9-LETTER WORD

No. 1061

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'.

T	E	X
I	E	D
E	P	N

15 words: Good;
23 words: Very good;
31 words: Excellent

ANSWERS: deep, deepen, dent, diet, dine, edit, epee, pine, pined, teed, tend, tepee, tepid, tide, tied, tine

TRIPLE

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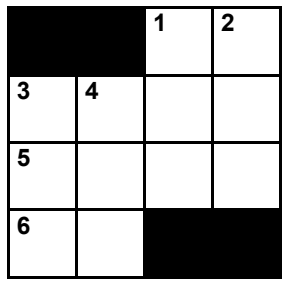
What three-letter sequence completes these words?

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I _ _ _ N D
I _ _ _ N S E

ANSWERS: NTE (ANTE, LANTERN, INTEND, INTENSE)

TINY X

No. 1054



ACROSS

1 Greeting (2)
3 Reject (4)
5 Glance furtively (4)
6 Before midday (1,1)

DOWN

1 Colour (3)
2 Writing fluid (3)
3 Relaxation retreat (3)
4 Edge of clothing (3)

ANSWERS



WORDFIND

The leftover letters will spell out a secret message

APPLE	HOSTS	SEGMENTS
COHOST	JINGLES	SPOTIFY
EPISODES	MONETISE	STREAMING
FEEDBACK	PATREON	STUDIO
GUEST	PATRONS	VOLUME

T	V	O	J	I	N	G	L	E	S	S
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Secret message: Voices that inspire the mind

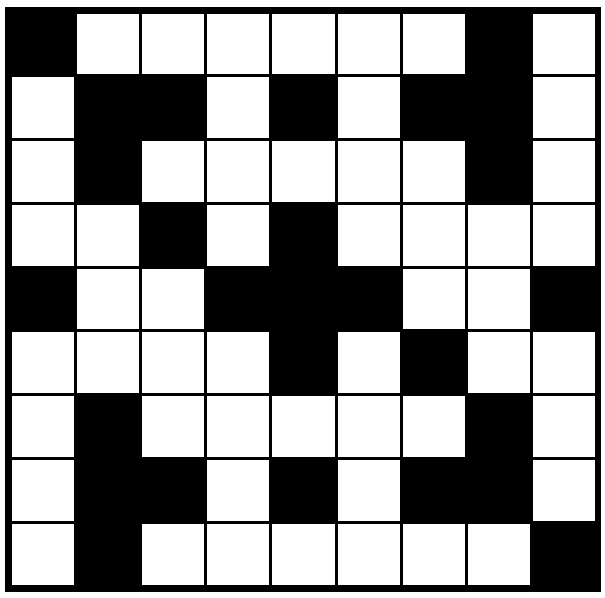
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NUMBER CRUNCHER

Can you fit all of the numbers in the grid?



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63	313	5548	
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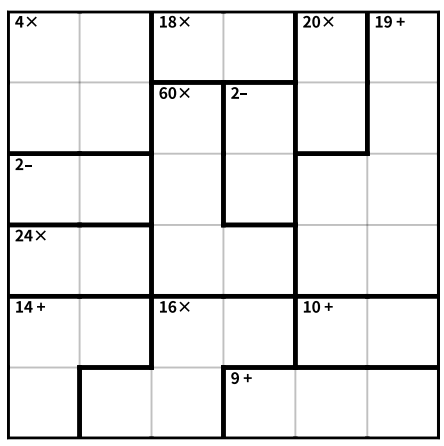
MINI SUD

All blank squares must be filled in using numbers from 1 to 4. Each number can only appear once in each row, column and in the four 2x2 blocks.

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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.



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.

easy — No. 001

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medium — No. 002

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hard — No. 003

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easy — No. 004

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medium — No. 005

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hard — No. 006

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SOLUTIONS

SUPER SUDOKU

SUDOKU No. 001

No.002

No. 003

No.004

No.005

No.006

NUMBER CRUNCH

MINI SUD

3	1	2	4
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CALCUDOKU

CROSSMATHS

CROSSMATHS

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

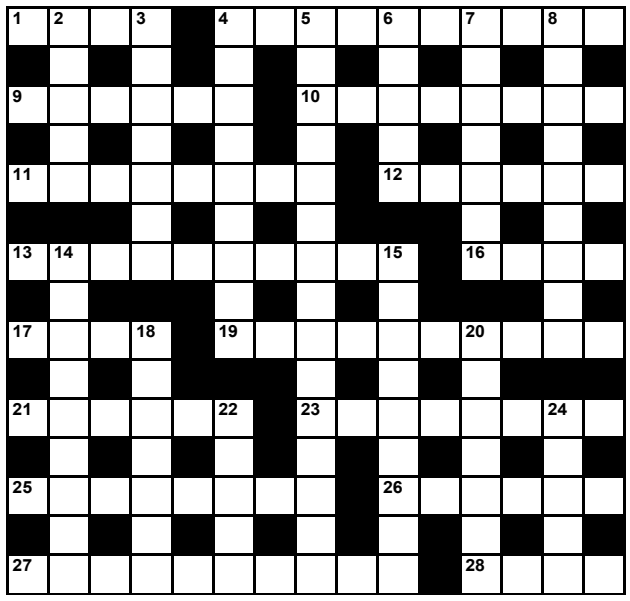
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Multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.

CROSSWORDS

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD



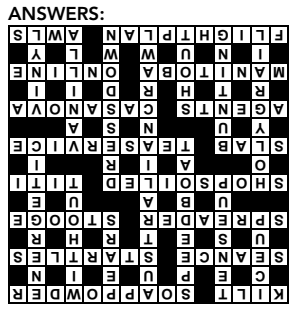
ACROSS

1 A few returning from deployment like skirt (4)
4 Cleaner opposed war after experiencing a conversion (4,6)
9 Spiritual meeting, one called initially in bishop's office (6)
10 Pole placed by Telstra out of line has shocking effect (8)
11 It's used to open special book published for learners (8)
12 Scapegoat mostly stood back, for example (6)
13 Small springs, covered with oil, may be grubby (10)
16 Monkey going after one small bird (4)
17 Small research centre set concrete (4)
19 One who ridicules fault in items made in China? (3,7)
21 Travelling salesmen not losing heart in a long time (6)
23 Case nearly finished off a star lady-killer (8)
25 Staff rigged boat on east side of one Canadian lake (8)
26 Connected individual holding nothing back (6)
27 Fault initially connected with light plane reduced aviation schedule (6,4)
28 Punchers violated laws (4)

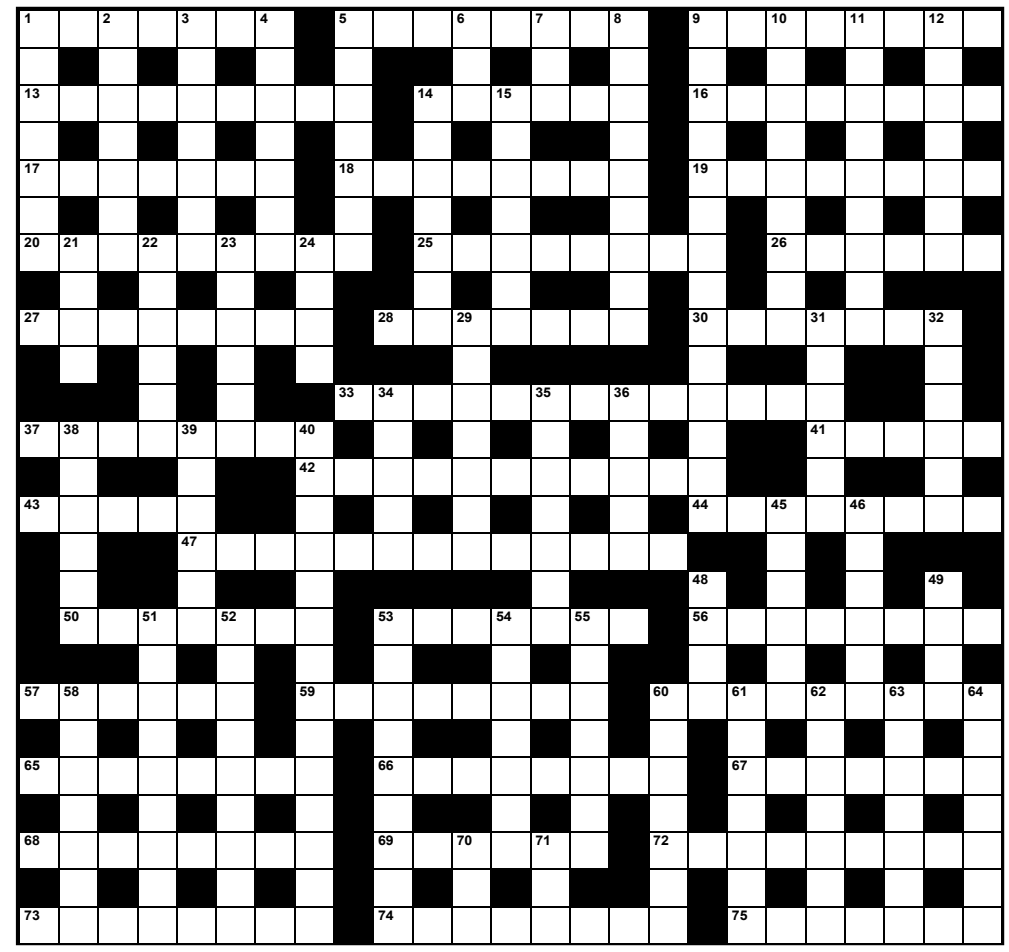
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2 Freeze one cup filled with ether primarily (3,2)
3 Wayward teens, occupied at the centre, become anxious (5,2)
4 Powered vessel passed water snake in strait (9)
5 American living in Illawarra can't broadcast action in a swimming pool (10,5)
6 Fruit and vegetables cultivated on both sides of river (5)
7 Understanding about fractional measurement is lacking (7)
8 Treated green extract tipped over is powerful (9)
14 Desired ambition and glory made out in greeting (4,5)
15 Sends word, informally, to read the riot act (5,4)
18 Seal applied to the outside of metal material used to make flags (7)
20 One living in country residence without additions (7)
22 Yell out following silence (5)
24 Record not included in lovingly remastered records (5)

ANSWERS:



GIANT CROSSWORD



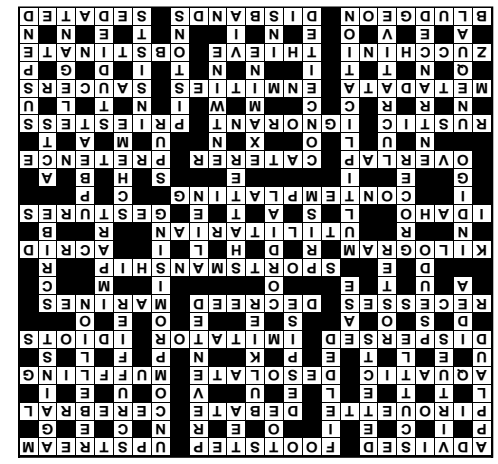
ACROSS

1 Recommended; guided (7)
5 Mark left by walking (8)
9 Against the current (8)
13 Spin on tiptoe (9)
14 Argument (6)
16 Intellectual (8)
17 Water-related (7)
18 Godforsaken (8)
19 Quieting (8)
20 Spread out (9)
25 Parrot (8)
26 Fools (6)
27 Far edges (8)
28 Ordered (7)
30 Naval troops (7)
33 Conduct on the field (13)
37 Weight unit (8)
41 Stinging (5)
42 Practical (11)
43 US state (5)
44 Hand signals (8)
47 Thinking about (13)
50 Imbricate (7)
53 Provider (7)
56 Insincerity (8)
57 Countryish (6)
59 Unlearned (8)
60 Female religious leader (9)
65 Data about data (8)
66 Rancours (8)
67 Round, shallow dishes (7)
68 Courgette (8)
69 Steal (6)
72 Stubborn (9)
73 Heavy club (8)
74 Breaks up (8)
75 Calmed medicinally (7)

DOWN

1 Show approval by clapping (7)
2 The seven heavenly – (7)
3 Deliberately sink (a ship) (7)
4 Discovers (7)
5 Dealt with (7)
6 Part of the foot (3)
7 Afternoon reception (3)
8 Stopped (9)
9 Unyielding (14)
10 Less kempt (9)
11 Armed resistance to authority (9)
12 Con (7)
14 Immensely dislike (7)
15 Of increased size (7)
21 Notion or concept (4)
22 Phoney (6)
23 Duty list (6)
24 Tranquility (4)
29 Affable (7)
31 Relay (6)
32 Copier (6)
34 Solid geometric figure (5)
35 Break into pieces (7)
36 Unearthly (5)
38 Colour of the rainbow (6)
39 Food retailer (6)
40 Opposite of division (14)
45 Project (6)
46 Positive (6)
48 Motivate (4)
49 Performs (4)
51 Beguiled (9)
52 Producing high profit (9)
53 Vain (9)
54 Assay (7)
55 Knit (7)
58 Not even (7)
60 Machine parts (7)
61 Demands (7)
62 Intently considered (7)
63 Handsome (7)
64 Hang by attachment (7)
70 Intricacies, – and outs (3)
71 By way of (3)

ANSWERS:



QUICK CROSSWORD

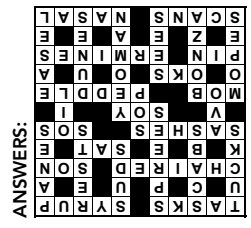
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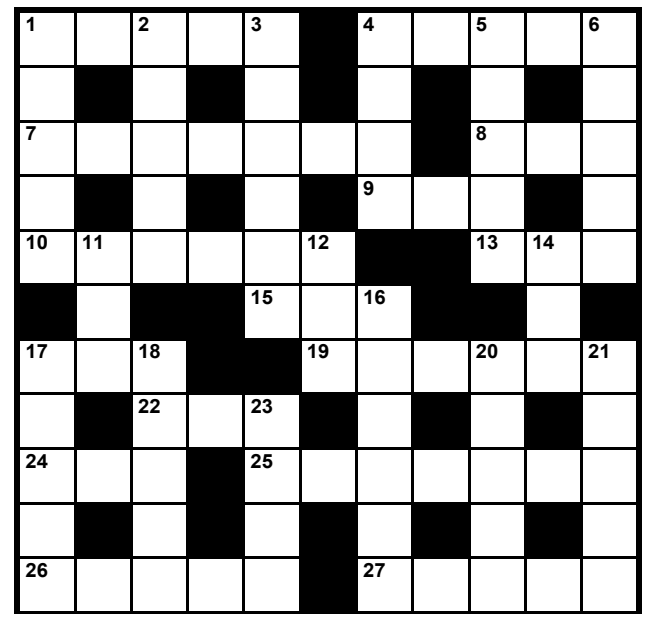
1 Jobs (5)
4 Sweet sticky liquid (5)
7 Ran a meeting (7)
8 Male child (3)
9 Sun predecessor (abbr) (3)
10 Ribbons (6)
13 Distress call (1,1,1)
15 Dairy alternative (3)
17 Lawless crowd (3)
19 Sell (6)
22 Approves (coll) (1,2)
24 Brooch (3)
25 Fur weasels (7)
26 Reads (5)
27 Belonging to the nose (5)

DOWN

1 Folds under (5)
2 Wound crusts (5)
3 Benders (6)
4 Soap bubbles (4)
5 Snoozes (5)
6 Window parts (5)
11 Alligator pear (abbr) (3)
12 Soak (up) (3)
14 Fossil fuel (3)
16 Freeholder (6)
17 Sulks (5)
18 Apple variety (5)
20 Sand hills (5)
21 Canvas support (5)
23 Spies (4)

ANSWERS:





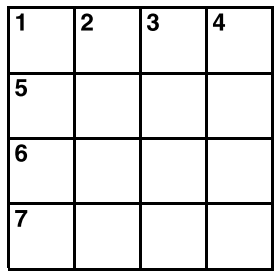
4x4

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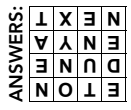
1 Famous English school (4)
5 Sci-fi franchise (4)
6 Irish musician known for *Only Time* (4)
7 Subsequent (4)

DOWN

1 Biblical garden (4)
2 Song (4)
3 Black mineral (4)
4 Tidy (4)

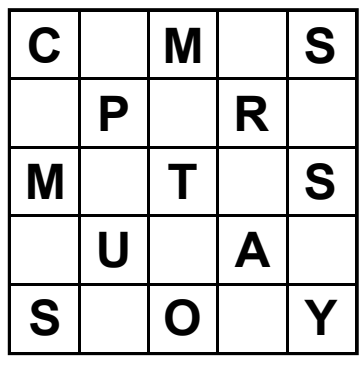


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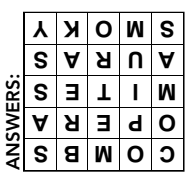
5x5

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



There may be more than one solution.

ANSWERS:



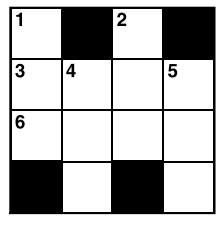
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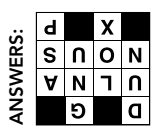
3 Bone of the arm (4)
6 The mind or intellect (phil.) (4)

DOWN

1 Dull greyish-brown colour (3)
2 Large dark African antelope (3)
4 Fillet of brined salmon (3)
5 Serpent (3)



ANSWERS:



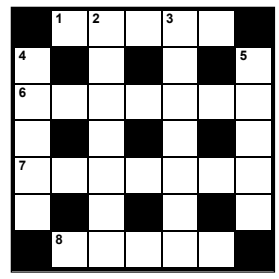
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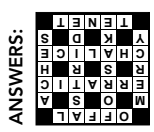
1 Insides of Al containing top feast (5)
6 Unstable trip up attic without tenant (7)
7 Revamp a cliché cup (7)
8 Rule out men from tenement (5)

DOWN

2 Verbally force ache to quit (7)
3 Last rider shows sitting position (7)
4 Humanity removing first two uranium samples from mercury (5)
5 Smarts initial adversary, removing last chess piece (5)



ANSWERS:



SPORT QUIZ

1. Which NRL club plays home games at Go Media Stadium?
2. The Ryder Cup is a prestigious bi-annual tournament in which sport?
3. What is it called when a surfer stands on the front of their board and wraps five toes over the front?


Cody Simpson

4. In 2024, Mike Tyson lost a highly-publicised boxing match against which YouTube star?
5. What is the name of the Australian national wheelchair rugby team?
6. The Mighty Jills compete for Australia in which sport?
7. In which year did the National Basketball League play its first season?
8. In which year was the father-son rule introduced to the AFL?
9. Water polo balls are typically what main colour?
10. Which is larger: a squash racquet or a pickleball racquet?
11. In which sports league is Richard Petty considered the most accomplished athlete?
12. Which athlete was nicknamed 'The Great One'?
13. Which sport is played by the Edmonton Oilers?
14. Swimmer and entertainer Cody Simpson won which competition show in 2019?
15. Held each March, the Brier is the annual Canadian men's championship of what sport?
16. Which city will host the 2027 Rugby World Cup final?
17. Which three US horse races make up the Triple Crown?
18. Which now disgraced athlete had a cameo in the 2004 film *Dodgeball*?
19. In which sport would you be happy to score a 'turkey'?
20. How many AFL teams are named after birds?
21. In 2025, who became the first ever MLB player to strike out a batter and hit a home run in the first inning of a postseason game?
22. Kaylee McKeown is a champion in which sport?


Richard Petty

23. Standing at 7 foot 4, who won the 2024 NBA Rookie of the Year award?
24. What is Sir Alex Ferguson best known for?
25. What part of an AFL uniform shares its name with a breed of dairy cattle?
26. In 2019, who became the first person to run a sub-two-hour marathon?
27. What is the name of both a Winter Olympics host city and a 1999 crocodile movie starring Bill Pullman?
28. In 1999, Brian Jones and Bertrand Piccard circumnavigated the globe in what vehicle?
29. The terminology 'Gillman Clear' is used in which sport?
30. What number jersey does Cristiano Ronaldo wear?

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1. New Zealand Warriors **2.** Golf **3.** Hanging five **4.** Jake Paul **5.** The Steelers **6.** Ice hockey **7.** 1979 **8.** 1949 **9.** Yellow **10.** Squash racquet **11.** NASCAR **12.** Wayne Gretzky **13.** Ice Hockey **14.** *The Masked Singer* (Australia) **15.** Curling **16.** Sydney **17.** The Kentucky Derby, Preakness Stakes and Belmont Stakes **18.** Lance Armstrong **19.** Ten-pin bowling **20.** Five **21.** Shohei Ohtani **22.** Swimming **23.** Victor Wembanyama **24.** Managing Manchester United **25.** Guernsey **26.** Eliud Kipchoge **27.** *Lake Placid* **28.** Hot air balloon **29.** Lacrosse **30.** 7

BLOCK BUSTER

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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CROSSWORD CLASH

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

ANSWERS:

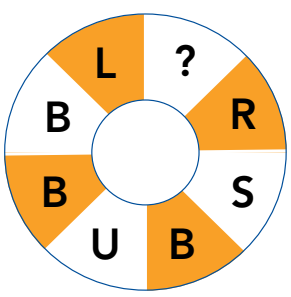
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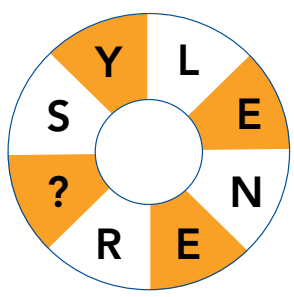
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WORDWHEEL

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



SOLUTION: BUBBLERS



SOLUTION: SERENELY

WORDSTEP

CHEEK

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GROAT

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: CHEEK, CREEK, GREEK, GREET, GREAT, GROAT

CROSSFILL

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

	C	U	B	
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ANSWERS:

	G	A	N	
E	N	R	O	B
E	I	T	N	U
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Missing Letters:
A E I L N N O R T

2025 - the year in pictures

By Phil Williams

THE Centralian Today's photographer Phil Williams has compiled a visual chronicle of 2025 with his best news images of the year, drawing from thousands of stories and around 150,000 photos.

The review showcases the exceptional news stories, capturing the defining moments and significant events that shaped 2025.

Through his lens, readers will witness the highs and lows, the triumphs and challenges faced by the Alice Springs community.

Williams' work not only documents history but also evokes emotions, inviting the viewer to experience the world through his unique perspective.

This select collection serves as a visual time capsule, preserving the remarkable narrative of 2025 as it happened in and around Alice Springs.

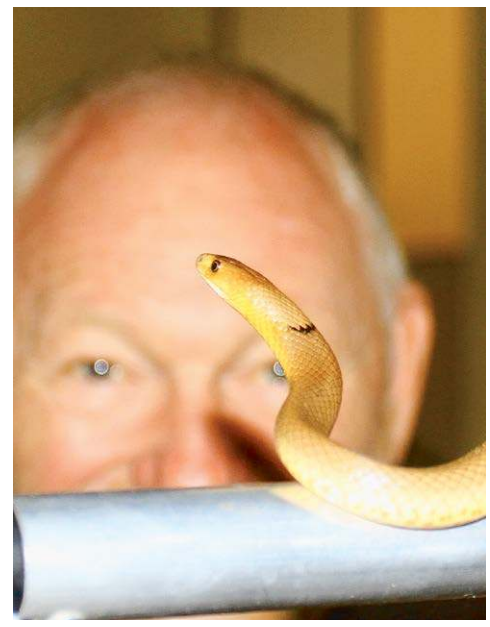
MORE PHOTOS PAGES 32, 33, 36, 39, 40



SPLASH: A rainbow bee eater cools off in the summer heat at OPBG. (452189)



GRATEFUL: The Siguenza family are all smiles after landing back in Alice Springs in 2025 after their shocking ordeal just before Christmas 2024. (Phil Williams)



REAR: A western brown snake rears up as Rex Neindorf keeps a close eye after catching it at a home in mid March. (465542)



POST: A group of German Tourists on a 30 day whirlwind tour of Australia line up to be some of the first people to post their Love Letters to Alice at the start of a new tourism campaign in mid March. (465630)



2025 through the lens

By Phil Williams



ANTHEM: Armish Hassan sings the National Anthem at the Harmony Day ceremony. (467109)



WET FEET: A moped rider pushes his machine after it stalled as he and a companion cross the Schwarz Crescent causway of the Todd River following rain at the end of March. (467280)



NEVER SMILE: Terry the Croc shows his teeth at the ASRC birthday party. (Phil Williams: 470285)





INTIMATE: Helen Byrne with some of the range of bras she stocks in the Bra Van at the Aileron Rodeo. (Phil Williams)



McHAPPY: Stormbirds players Ryan Batra, Jack McBryde, Bernie Barwick and Ted Dohler are McHappy thanks to the support of McDonald's Alice Springs. (Phil Williams: 477904)

Who made news in 2025



APPROACH: Marchers approach the top of ANZAC Hill as a large crowd watches on. (474244)



LAST POST: Bugler Greg Oberg is silhouetted against the dawn sky as he plays the Last Post during the Dawn Service. (474167)



DISTRAUGHT: Ned Jampijinpa Hargraves, the grandfather of Kumanjayi White, who died following his arrest in Coles, wipes away tears while speaking during a vigil for his grandson. (481525)



VANTASTIC: Katie and Garth Thompson used the Shitbox Rally for some holiday time. (512919)



SILVER: ASRC staff Bridget Caeser, Christabel Moschetti, members with owners, Andrea and Rex Neindorf celebrate 25 years at the ASRC. (470285)



CHOMP: Lovey's Damian Crowe chomps down on one of his famous pies shortly before he handed over the reins to new owners. (481293)



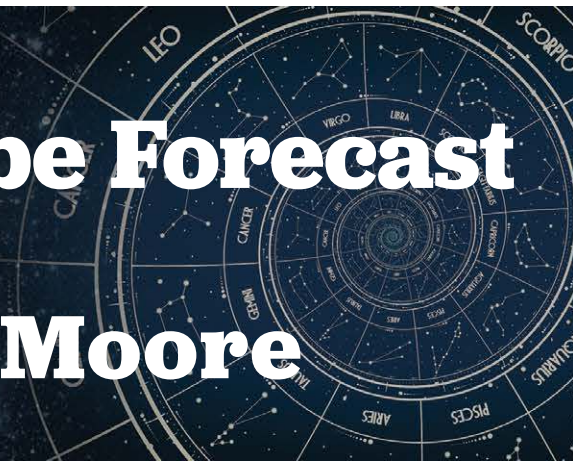
PROUD: It was a proud moment fro Charlie and Paul Rumpff as he was invested as a Group Leader of the Alice Springs Scout Group. (519980)



2026 Yearly Horoscope Forecast

from astrologer

Joanne Madeline Moore





ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

LOVE & LUST

In 2026 it will be tricky to get the balance right between invigorating independence and cosy companionship. January and February are the best months to revitalise a tired old relationship or start a promising new one. With a Solar Eclipse in your romance zone (on August 12-13), and love planet Venus reversing through your relationship zones (from October 3 until November 14) expect a rollercoaster ride in the second half of 2026. Some optimistic Rams will revisit an old romance, but do you really want to travel down that rocky road again?

LOOT & LUCK

With Saturn and Neptune transiting into your sign in January (on the 14th and 27th) you'll find good fortune comes though creative visualisation, redefining yourself, and plenty of persistence. The harder you work, the luckier you'll be! July 29 is the luckiest day of the year (the Jupiter Cazimi) when you could receive a fabulous gift, win a competition or celebrate a lucrative day at the casino or races. But avoid borrowing money and signing contracts from October 3 until November 14, when Mercury and Venus are retrograde.

LIFESTYLE

Jupiter and two eclipses stimulate your creativity and friendship zones, so it's time to connect with your inner muse and extend your peer group. The more you rub shoulders with successful, exceptional people, the more inspired you'll feel. The best months for a creative renaissance – when you start your book, paint your masterpiece, sing up a storm or get crafty - are July and August. Weekend getaways and interstate adventures are particularly favoured between April 24 and May 18, when Venus visits your travel zone.

FAMOUS ARIES

Lady Gaga, Russell Crowe, Reese Witherspoon.

NEW YEAR MOTTO

"I can be reborn as many times as I choose throughout my life." – Lady Gaga



TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

LOVE & LUST

Unhappily single? January, February and April are the prime months to look for lasting love, especially with a virile Virgo or a sexy Scorpio. Best places to look? When you're on holiday or online. Coupled Bulls – February is the perfect time to go on a romantic holiday with your partner. But you may feel as if your relationship is stalling or even going backwards in October and November, when Mercury and Venus reverse through your love zone. Plenty of patience and understanding will get things back on solid ground.

LOOT & LUCK

In 2026, Lady Luck could knock on your door via a family member, neighbour or local community connection. So keep your eyes and ears open, especially during July, when Uranus could send an unexpected financial opportunity your way. August through until December looks unpredictable, as Uranus transits through your money zone. Expect some financial ups and downs and be extra careful with joint finances (especially in October and November). Smart Bulls will save during the peaks and budget wisely during the troughs.

LIFESTYLE

From January 1 until April 26 (when Uranus visits Taurus for the last time until the 22nd Century) be brave and do something exciting/unexpected that scares/thrills you and shakes up your cosy comfort zone. A calculated risk could take your life from grey to technicolour in 2026! From May onwards (with Saturn and Neptune in your solitude and spirituality zone) spend more time looking within as you relax, rejuvenate, meditate, contemplate and ruminate. With bountiful Jupiter in your family zone (from July onwards) there could be a new addition to the family via a pregnancy, birth, adoption, engagement or wedding.

FAMOUS TAUREANS

Lena Dunham, David Beckham, Cate Blanchett.

NEW YEAR MOTTO

"It's not brave to do something that doesn't scare you." – Lena Dunham



GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

LOVE & LUST

Attached Twins – May and August are the best months to pamper your partner, so plan something deliciously dramatic and super romantic. Singles – Cupid's arrow is most likely to strike suddenly around April 24, when Venus and Uranus encourage falling in love fast (which is a Gemini specialty). So – in the meantime – avoid being impatient and settling for second-best. A relationship could become complicated (or cool down) between October 25 and November 14, when Venus reverses through your romance zone. Plenty of patience and understanding will see you through.

LOOT & LUCK

Lucky Jupiter transits through your money zone until June 30. So smart Twins will squirrel money away when things are going well to cover you when cashflow is low. And avoid borrowing money, buying a house, starting a business or signing important contracts from June 29 until July 24, when Mercury reverses through your financial zone. From July 1 onwards, Jupiter brings good fortune involving communication, education, social media and neighbourhood contacts. Mixing and mingling in your local community could lead to fortuitous connections and big rewards!

LIFESTYLE

In 2026, Uranus shifts back into your sign (where it stays until 2033), plus Mercury (your patron planet) and Venus reverse through your wellbeing zone. So expect a year of adjustments, backflips and reassessments leading to big changes, especially involving physical appearance, health, personal projects and/or self-image. It can be the beginning of a remodelled and revitalised you, as you keep exploring and growing in exciting new directions. Foreign travel is likely in February and (courtesy of the Lunar Eclipse) August is the best month to shine brightly in the career spotlight.

FAMOUS GEMINIS

Angelina Jolie, Prince, Nicole Kidman.

NEW YEAR MOTTO

"Don't sit still, don't ever try to be less than what you are." – Angelina Jolie



CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

LOVE & LUST

Singles – love and travel are linked from February 11-25. If you're attached, then January, May and June are wonderful months to escape on a weekend getaway or heavenly holiday with your partner. But Venus reverses through your romance zone (from October 3-25) which could exacerbate an existing problem or create a new conflict. So avoid making major romantic moves in October (like proposing, getting married or initiating a break-up). Singles – any dating experiences in October are likely to be disappointing, and you may have to kiss a few frogs before you finally find your Prince (or Princess) Charming.

LOOT & LUCK

Jupiter boosts confidence and optimism between January 1 and June 30, especially involving personal projects and self-improvement. Then finances and luck are linked from July 1 onwards, when Jupiter (planet of prosperity and good fortune) transits through your money zone. So expect a boost to your bank balance via a pay rise, bonus, gift or extra business coming your way. Any windfall won't last long if you don't manage it wisely though, through smart budgeting and sustainable living.

LIFESTYLE

Expect to refocus on a professional dream, as Saturn and Neptune transit into your career zone in January. With hard work, creative visualisation and plenty of patience, you can make your dreams come true. Be ambitious and believe in yourself! The best times to go on holiday are January, February 1-25 and August, but avoid travel between February 26 and March 21, when Mercury reverses through your adventure zone. If you have to go away during this period, then check and recheck everything.

FAMOUS CANCERS

Margot Robbie, Nelson Mandela, Princess Diana.

NEW YEAR MOTTO

"Be fearless in pursuing your dreams, even if they seem impossible. I've got big, big dreams for the future." – Margot Robbie



LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

LOVE & LUST

Two Solar Eclipses activate your personal and partnership zones (in February and August), so 2026 is all about getting the balance right between being an autonomous individual and managing successful relationships: between personal boundaries and sharing; between giving and taking. The best times to join a singles' site, go on a first date, fall in love or get married are January, February and December. Attached Leo – 2026 is the year when your partnership enters a serious new phase as your love deepens and becomes more passionate and profound.

LOOT & LUCK

With conscientious Saturn in your aspirations zone (from January 14), and prosperous Jupiter transiting through your sign (from July 1), make sure you have done all the planning and hard work that's required so you can take advantage of good luck when it comes along. Your motto for 2026 is 'Preparation + Opportunity = Success'. But be extra patient and diligent with finances from February 26 until March 21, when Mercury reverses through your money-from-others zone. The best period for financial growth and making business decisions is from July 24-August 6, when lucky Venus visits your $$ zone.

LIFESTYLE

From January 1 until June 30, happiness comes through keeping calm and centred in your cosy Lion's den via regular meditation, contemplation and/or relaxation. You need to rest up for the second half of the year, when Jupiter jumps through your sign (for the first time since 2014). That will boost energy and prosperity – plus give you the can-do Cat confidence to pursue your goals with extra courage and enthusiasm. August, September and December are the best months to land a fabulous job, travel somewhere special or make a dream come true.

FAMOUS LEOS

Cara Delevingne, Chris Hemsworth, Helen Mirren.

NEW YEAR MOTTO

"Be brave. Believe in yourself. Make yourself proud." – Cara Delevingne



VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

LOVE & LUST

Singles: February 26 until March 21 is not a good time to join a singles' site, go on a first date, accept a proposal or get married, as Mercury reverses through your relationship zone. The best months to look for your soulmate and celebrate love are January, April and June, when romantic Venus and proactive Mars activate your sign. And don't be shy about promoting your positive qualities. If you don't love and respect yourself, why should anyone else? Attached Virgos: January, April, May and June are fabulous months to bring more fun, fantasy, travel and adventure into your relationship.

LOOT & LUCK

Your luckiest days of the year are February 22-23, when a partner, loved one, friend or acquaintance could send money, business or some other type of good fortune your way. From April 27 onwards (under the influence of Uranus) projects and promotions will proceed at work if you are innovative and keep updating your knowledge and skills. But take extra care with money and financial matters from October 25 until November 14, when Venus reverses through your money zone. Aim to be extra frugal and disciplined during this period.

LIFESTYLE

January and February are the best months to travel, as restless, curious Uranus stimulates your adventure zone and you're keen to explore new people and places. Look, listen and learn! The Solar Eclipse on February 17 activates your physical and mental wellbeing zone, so it's the perfect time to start a healthy diet, reboot your exercise program, join a meditation class and/or go on a digital detox. Then you can face the rest of 2026 feeling relaxed, renewed and ready for action.

FAMOUS VIRGOS

Keanu Reeves, Beyoncé, Florence Welch.

NEW YEAR MOTTO

"The simple act of paying attention can take you a long way." – Keanu Reeves



GLOBAL FORECAST FOR 2026

Prepare for a tumultuous year of changes as four of the major planets switch signs in the first half of 2026.

With Saturn and Neptune shifting back into Aries (on January 14th and 27th) expect the rise of strong political leaders (and the fall of others) as well as the restructuring of some religious institutions. Uranus transits back into Gemini (from April 26 until 2033) which signals amazing advances in technology involving mass media, communication, education, electronics, cars and computers. And then Jupiter jumps into Leo (from July 1 until July 2027) which is positive news for Leos, the entertainment industry, ambitious creative projects and the price of gold.

The most difficult period is October 24 until November 14, when Mercury and Venus are both retrograde. So, it's not the ideal time to get married, buy a home, start a business or go on a big, expensive holiday. The luckiest days are February 22-23, when Venus and Jupiter bless love, romance and friendship. And also July 29, when Jupiter conjuncts the Sun (the Jupiter Cazimi in Leo) which amplifies each planet's positive effects. Plus, August 31-September 1, when Jupiter (planet of good luck and prosperity) makes beautiful music with Saturn (planet of wisdom and achievement).

What's ahead for you? Read the personal forecast for your zodiac sign below.





LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

LOVE & LUST

The best month to meet your soulmate, get engaged, say 'I do' (or go on a holiday with your sweetheart) is in February, when the stars highlight love, pleasure and new beginnings. But romance and self-love will be hard to find and maintain from October 3 until November 14, when your ruler Venus (the planet of love) is retrograde. So it's not a good time to join a singles' site or go on a first date. An established relationship could hit a rocky patch as you argue with your partner or find faults within yourself.

LOOT & LUCK

Your luckiest days are February 22-23, when Venus and Jupiter send good fortune your way (especially involving work, colleagues, customers and/or clients). Mercury and Venus reverse through your financial zone from October 3 until November 14, so it's not a suitable time to lend or borrow money, buy a house, start a business venture or sign important contracts. In 2026, clever Librans will find financial peace of mind via thorough planning, thrifty shopping, smart saving and sustainable living.

LIFESTYLE

The Solar Eclipse on February 17 stimulates creativity and sociability, as you start a new artistic project or plan to host a major celebration. But are you unhappy with your job or unsatisfied with your current life direction? With Jupiter and Uranus in your hopes and aspirations zones, the second half of 2026 is the time to change course and head off in a bolder, more adventurous new direction. And the Jupiter Cazimi on July 29 is the perfect day to write a wish list and set intentions and then send your dreams out to the Universe during the Solar Eclipse on August 12-13.

FAMOUS LIBRANS

Olivia Newton-John, Hugh Jackman, Naomi Watts.

NEW YEAR MOTTO

"You can't change the past, but you can always change your future." – Olivia Newton-John



SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

LOVE & LUST

Single Scorpios – get your skates on because the best month to join a dating site or look for love online is January. And some singles will fall for the boy or girl next door. February and March look unpredictable, as Mercury reverses through your love zone and communication could be strained. Coupled Scorpios – frustrations come to a head around the Lunar Eclipse on August 28. Whether the partnership sinks or swims depends on the actions you take and the choices you make. A solid relationship will come out stronger and more resilient.

LOOT & LUCK

The Solar Eclipse on February 17 signals a fresh start involving home, family and/or real estate. Jupiter transits through your career and reputation zones during the second half of 2026, so confidence is the rocket fuel that will take you places and make you stand out from the crowd. Good fortune could also come your way via a work colleague, client, customer, mentor or international connection. But money and luck will be temporarily in short supply from October 3 until November 14, when Mercury and Venus reverse through your sign. Smart Scorpios will be extra patient, thrifty and diligent during this period.

LIFESTYLE

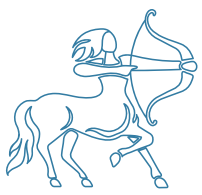
With plenty of planetary action in your travel and adventure zones, you'll feel restless from January to May, as Jupiter and the gypsy gene stir your wanderlust. The best months to travel interstate and overseas are January and May, but avoid big holidays or important business trips from June 29 until July 24, when Mercury reverses through your travel zone. On March 3, the Lunar Eclipse stimulates your hopes-and-wishes zone, so it's time to seriously contemplate, "What are my long-term goals?"

FAMOUS SCORPIOS

Katy Perry, Ryan Gosling, Delta Goodrem.

NEW YEAR MOTTO

"If you present yourself with confidence, you can pull off pretty much anything." – Katy Perry



SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 21

LOVE & LUST

Singles: expect a few disasters before you find your dream lover. Don't give up, though – each dating disappointment will lead you closer to your soulmate. Look for a partner who is not your usual type – someone who will stretch you in adventurous new ways. Attached Archers: with Saturn, Uranus and Neptune shifting into your relationship zones, you have much to learn from each other as you pursue exciting new dreams together. The best times to embark on a romantic getaway are late July, August and December.

LOOT & LUCK

A generous gift, lucky opportunity or financial boost could come your way between January 1 and June 30, when prosperity planet Jupiter transits through your money-from-others zone. During the second half of the year, you'll find friendship, luck, travel and business are all linked. So it's a good time to start (and promote) a promising venture, especially with a friend or business partner from another country or culture. July 29 – the Jupiter Cazimi – is your luckiest day of the year, especially involving travel, education and international connections.

LIFESTYLE

Two Lunar Eclipses (in March and August) herald professional or domestic dramas as you make a big career move or reorganise your home life. Unpredictable, exciting Uranus is also visiting your work and daily routine zones until April 26. So expect a bumpy, exhilarating ride as Uranus shakes up your daily routine and work relationships! Don't worry about what other people think – it's time to be the authentic you, as you express your true self and experiment with new ways of doing things on a regular basis. August, September and December are terrific months for travel and adventure.

FAMOUS SAGITTARIANS

Bruce Lee, Taylor Swift, Miley Cyrus.

NEW YEAR MOTTO

"Always be yourself, express yourself, have faith in yourself." – Bruce Lee



CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 20

LOVE & LUST

The first half of 2026 is a lucky time for love, as Jupiter jumps through your relationship zone until June 30. Coupled Capricorn: plan a weekend getaway or longer holiday with your sweetheart (somewhere with an exotic, romantic, adventurous vibe). Unhappily single? Someone with a big personality could knock you off your feet, especially in January or February. You could also fall in love while you (or your future partner) are travelling, or with someone from another country or culture. Be extra patient and understanding between June 29 and July 24, when Mercury reverses through your relationship zone.

LOOT & LUCK

February and August are the best months to start a new financial cycle (or make a major purchase) as the Solar Eclipses stimulate your money zones. Finances and luck are linked from July 1 onwards, when Jupiter (planet of good fortune) transits through your money-from-others zone. So expect a boost to your bank balance via a pay rise, bonus, better job, bumper tax return, superannuation payout or extra business. The Jupiter Cazimi (on July 29) is an especially lucky time to receive money, gifts or extra business from others.

LIFESTYLE

With a Lunar Eclipse in your aspirations zone (on March 3), and Uranus charging through your daily routine zone (from April 26), it's time to shake up complacency, set ambitious goals and draw up an adventurous wish list for the future. You can't hit a target if you don't have one! In October and November (courtesy of retrograde Mercury and retrograde Venus) your dreams might look like they're going backwards but – if you are extra patient and persistent – they'll soon be back on track again!

FAMOUS CAPRICORNS

David Bowie, Dolly Parton, Timothée Chalamet.

NEW YEAR MOTTO

"Tomorrow belongs to those who can hear it coming." – David Bowie



AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

LOVE & LUST

The best months to join a dating site, fall in love, celebrate an engagement or get married are February and August, when the Solar Eclipses promise exciting romantic beginnings. But love planet Venus is in retrograde mode from October 3 until November 14, so expect a few relationship bumps, especially if you are working or travelling with your sweetheart. Singles: avoid getting involved in a workplace romance in October and November, when Venus and Mercury both reverse through your career zone. With Jupiter jumping through your partnership zone, December is a fabulous month to celebrate with an old or new love.

LOOT & LUCK

Expect some financial ups and downs as retrograde Mercury and two Lunar Eclipses stir up your money zones (in February, March and August). It could be a case of cash pouring in one month and then slim pickings the next. Things look particularly complicated from February 26 until March 21, when Mercury reverses through your money zone and your bank balance could go backwards. So make sure you plan carefully and prepare for a feast and famine kind of year. The best time for a financial reboot is from September onwards.

LIFESTYLE

Pluto – the planet of dismantling, rebuilding and metamorphosis – continues its long journey through your sign in 2026. And the best month to detox, dig deep, dismantle the old, rebuild the new and reflect on the changes you want to make is February, when the Solar Eclipse encourages personal transformation. And your totally original, quirky creative side gets a real boost from April 26 onwards, when innovative Uranus (your ruling planet) shifts into your creativity zone (where it stays until 2033).

FAMOUS AQUARIANS

Yoko Ono, Michael Hutchence, Jennifer Aniston.

NEW YEAR MOTTO

"You change the world by being yourself." – Yoko Ono



PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

LOVE & LUST

Love is in the air from January 1 until June 30, as lucky Jupiter jumps through your romance zone. So it's a terrific time to join a dating site, fall in love, celebrate an engagement, get married or renew your wedding vows. Retrograde Mercury rocks the relationship boat from June 29 until July 24, and it will take your substantial diplomatic skills to get things back on an even keel, especially if you've been putting work before love. Singles: expect a dating drought mid-year, when romantic prospects are thin on the ground.

LOOT & LUCK

For the first six months, Jupiter blesses romance, children, creativity, sport and speculation. So it's a fabulous time to work with children, start a romance, launch a creative project or get sporty. When it comes to making a major decision at work, listen to your inner voice on July 29. The lucky Jupiter Cazimi will boost confidence and point you in the right direction. But good luck (and extra cash) will be in short supply from October 25 until November 14, when Venus reverses through your money zone.

LIFESTYLE

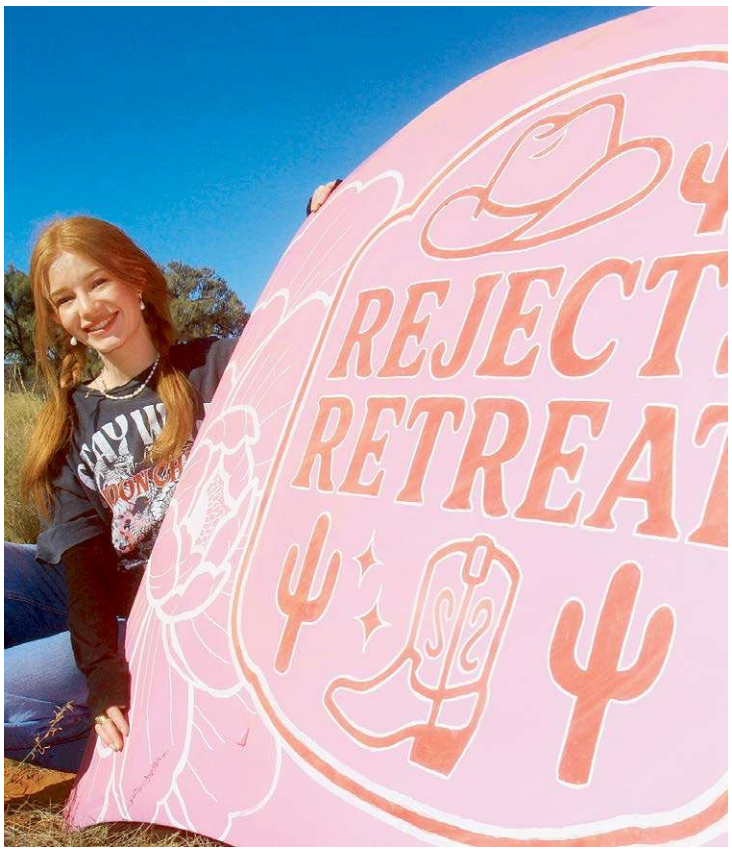
With plenty of planetary action in your wellbeing zone (including a Solar Eclipse and Jupiter transit), 2026 is the year to focus on your physical, mental and spiritual health. A fresh, fun approach to your daily diet and fitness routine will bring the best results. Find a motivated friend to work out with! But pace yourself between February 26 and March 21, when retrograde Mercury could temporarily slow you down. It's a good time to dream, meditate, contemplate and ruminate.

FAMOUS PISCEANS

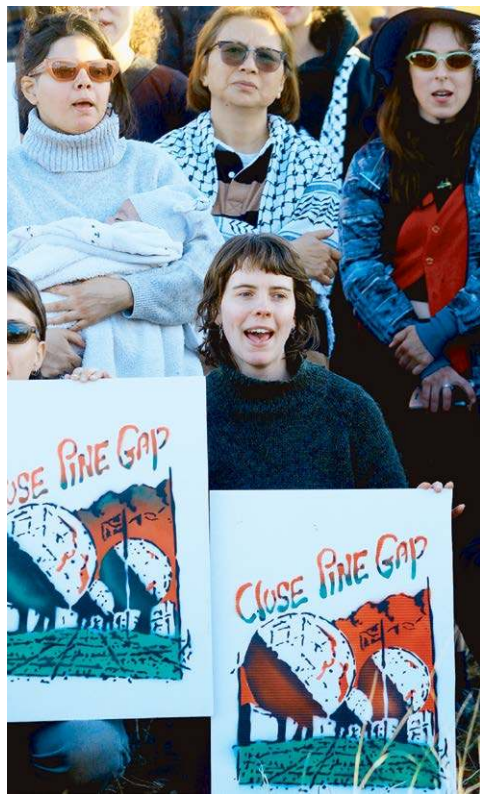
Anais Nin, Rihanna, Drew Barrymore.

NEW YEAR MOTTO

"Throw your dreams into space like a kite, and you do not know what it will bring back, a new life, a new friend, a new love, a new country." – Anais Nin



REJECTS: Jasmine Anderson spent a complete weekend creating the sign with a hidden message for her girls only Finke Camp. (483938)



NOT WELCOME: During her election campaign in August, Aia Newport now an ASTC councillor attended a protest and declared Pine Gap workers were not welcome in the community.



SCHOLARSHIP: Charli Rumpff recently visited Canberra as part of her She Hoops scholarship.. (483938)

A pictorial review of 2025

By Phil Williams

CENTRALIAN Today's photographer, **PHIL WILLIAMS**, has scoured the vault to create a chronicle of the year.

His favourite images of 2025 were drawn from thousands of stories and around 150,000 photos.

He showcases just some of the memorable news, capturing defining moments and significant events.

Relive the highs and lows, triumphs and challenges faced by the community.

Williams' work documents history, inviting readers to experience the world through his lens.



CHOO CHOO: Bubsie meets the Ghan as it hauls its way to Darwin after leaving Alice Springs in July. (483938)



NOVELTY: Younger kids off and running in a novelty event at Henley on Todd. (483938)



RACE: Rosie, Frankie and Eva race off with a swag showbags after getting a sneak peek ahead of the 2025 Alice Springs Show. (483938)



DIVE: Runners in a HoT Budgie Smuggler heat dive across the finish line. (483938)



TOSS UP: Jo Nixon, Jessie Hall and Reka Berger with just a few of the beanies for sale at the 2025 Beanie Festival. (Phil Williams: 483938)







LAVISH LIVING ON THE LINKS

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Presented to the market for the first time, this stunning Desert Springs residence offers an exceptional opportunity to secure a beautifully maintained and thoughtfully designed family home in one of Alice Springs' most sought-after golf estate locations.

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At the front of the home, the master suite enjoys views over the landscaped front garden and is complete with a renovated ensuite and a walk-in robe.

The four additional bedrooms are all generous in size, featuring built-in robes and easy access to a stylish family bathroom with a separate bath and shower, plus a conveniently located WC.

The well-appointed kitchen is designed for those who love to cook and entertain, featuring a five-burner gas cooktop, stainless-steel rangehood, double sink, dishwasher, large fridge cavity, and a practical island bench for extra workspace and casual dining.

A dedicated home office or study with a handy adjoining storage room overlooks the rear yard-ideal for remote work or study time.

The expansive open-plan living and dining area provides abundant space for the whole family and flows seamlessly to the covered outdoor entertaining area, where you can enjoy year-round gatherings beside the sparkling saltwater swimming pool.

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Hendra virus detected

THE Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) has confirmed the Northern Territory's first detection of Hendra virus in a bat, following a positive test result on December 11 in the North.

The detection was not unexpected, with little red and black flying foxes the natural hosts of the virus.

More than 20 per cent of bats in the NT are estimated to have been exposed to Hendra virus.

DAF Acting Chief Veterinary Officer Dr Sue Fitzpatrick said Hendra virus was a known viral infection that can affect horses and, in rare cases, can spread from horses to people.

"There are no known instances of dogs becoming infected with Hendra virus through contact with bats," Dr Fitzpatrick said.

"This detection in a bat does not change the current level of risk to horses, pets or the wider community. It simply confirms the virus is present in the NT's bat population, as it is in other parts of northern Australia. Further surveillance and sampling are now underway."

Dr Fitzpatrick said horse owners can continue to manage risk through established and effective measures.

"We encourage horse owners to vaccinate their horses, particularly in areas where large bat populations are present," she said.

"Everyone working with or around horses should continue practising good biosecurity and personal hygiene, even if horses are vaccinated. If a horse becomes unwell, contact your local veterinarian immediately."

Horse owners are also reminded of the importance of having a Property Identification Code (PIC), which identifies where livestock, including horses, are located.



HENDRA: The Northern Territory's had its first detection of Hendra virus in a bat.

A PIC is an important biosecurity tool used to manage disease outbreaks.

The department will notify horse owners and horse associations and provide advice on clinical signs to monitor. Early signs of illness in horses can include fever, increased heart rate, discomfort or shifting weight between legs, and rapid or difficult breathing.

There is no vaccine for humans against Hendra virus.

Because horses can shed the virus before appearing unwell, people handling horses should maintain routine hygiene practices, including washing hands regularly, covering open cuts, wearing appropriate protective equipment, and washing skin that comes into contact with horse body fluids.

For more information, visit nt.gov.au.

PWC release new videos

By Phil Williams

POWER and Water Corporation (PWC) has launched a series of Life Support Service awareness videos in different Aboriginal languages to help keep Territorians informed.

The videos include important information on how to prepare and what to include when making a back up plan for loss of service.

The videos, available online, help people better understand how to register for the free service, which provides critical support for vulnerable customers who rely on life-support equipment at home.

Life support equipment includes ventilators for life support, oxygen concentrators, intermittent peritoneal dialysis machine, kidney dialysis machine, chronic positive airways pressure respirators, Crigler-Najjar syndrome phototherapy equipment and any other equipment that a registered medical practitioner certifies as required for life support.

Households with a member who relies on any life support equipment of any type are urged to register their details with PWC or their energy provider.

Individual details are added to the Life Support Customer Register immediately they are received.

Those who register receive advance notice of planned power or water outages, so they can enact their back-up plan to stay safe and supported.

Recognising many Aboriginal Territorians do not speak English as their first language, Power and Water has partnered with the Aboriginal Interpreter Service to produce videos that explain what counts as life-support equipment (for example, medical devices and fridges for storing life-saving medicine) and how to register for the service.

Michelle Flynn, General Manager Customer Experience and Operations, said the initiative demonstrates Power and Water's commitment to accessibility, cultural respect and community safety, and forms part of the organisation's ongoing work to strengthen reconciliation.

"We want every Territorian, no matter where they live or what language they speak, to know about this free Life Support Service.

"Producing videos in language will allow us to reach more people, she said.

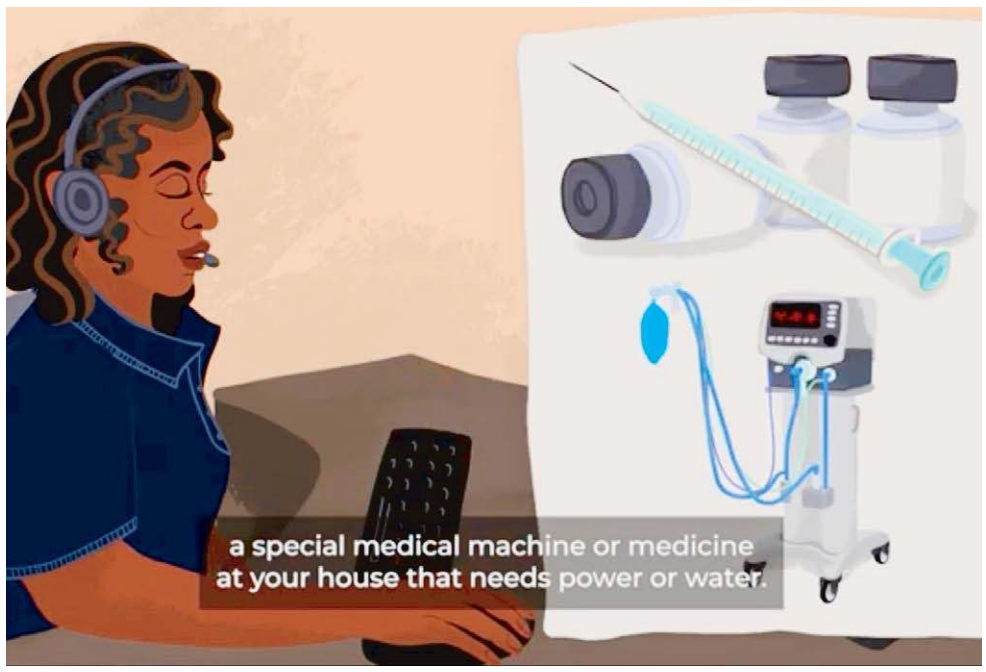
"The videos will help families understand how to register for the Life Support Service and prepare for planned service interruptions.

"It's about keeping people safe, respecting culture and ensuring no one is left behind.'

The videos come with English subtitles and are available in Eastern and Central Arrente, Western Arrernte, Warlpiri, Pintupi-Luritja, Warumungu, Pitjantjatjara, Alyyawarr, Anindilyakwa, Anmatyerr, Burarra, East Side Kriol, Kunwinjku, Maung, Murrinh Patha, Ngarinyman, Tiwi, West Side Kriol and Yol?u Matha.

The videos will be distributed by Power and Water to stakeholders across the Territory.

The videos, Life Support Service resources and information about what to consider when making a back-up plan are available at powerwater.com.au or by calling the remote customer service line on 1800 245 091.



SCREEN GRAB: A screen grab from the PWC Life Support video (Power and Water)

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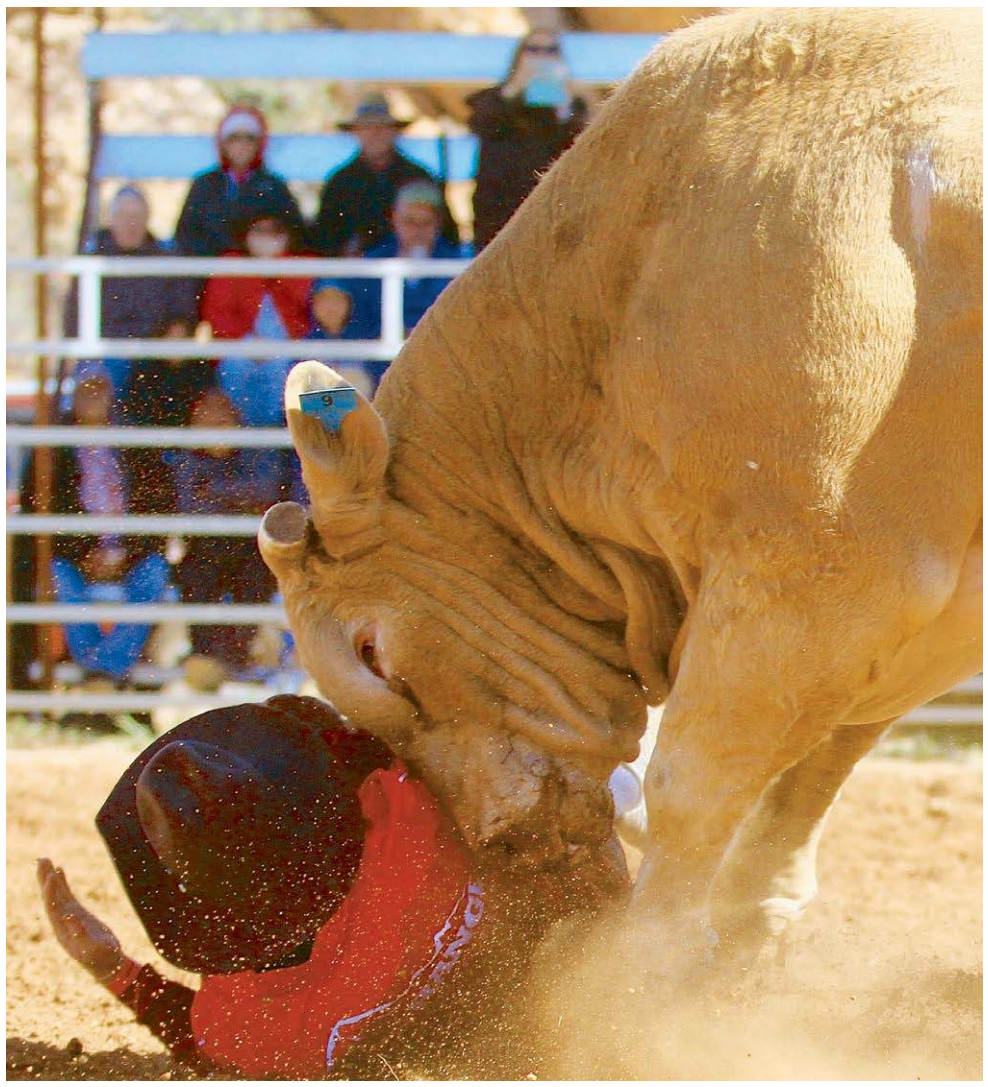
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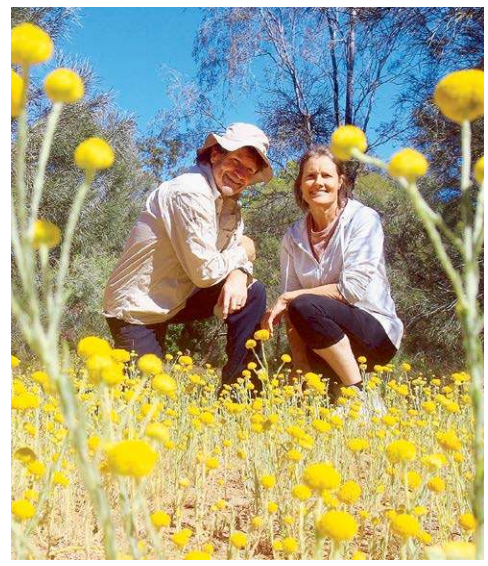
TIGHT SQUEEZE: A driver from Romanian team Solis UTCN squeezes in to his cockpit before leaving Traeger Park during the World Solar Challenge. (499721)



BEWARE: Merie and Jade embraced the fun of Book Week and came to school in matching Little Red Riding Hood outfits, staying safe from the wolf. (498001)



LOVE TAP: Safety man, Jimmy McGlynn receives a love tap from an angry bull at Harts Range. (Phil Williams: 495038)



WILDFLOWERS: Mark and Amanda Dunn with a display of billy buttons in their huge garden in September. (499555)



EDUACATORS: Acacia Hill School educators Julie Permezel, Chenyi Li, Kelly Adams, Mel Insch and Carly Ross were nominated for the 2025 educator awards. (509584)



MAYOR: Minister for Local Government and Community Development, Steve Edgington, placed the Mayoral Chains on new Mayor Asta Hill. (506061)



A30-004: An RAAF Wedgetail surveillance aircraft takes off from Alice Springs after making a surprise stopover in August. (498243)



DIFFERENCES: The hi-tech Romanian team Solis UTCN car races past the Old Ghan NSU Class locomotive on the run to Adelaide. (499721)



CHIPPY: Vaiari, Avei and Giovanni Ford tuck into a twisty chip in Todd Mall during the Diwali night markets. (511116)



MARCHERS: A large group of men marched in solidarity against male-perpetrated domestic violence in December. (524569)



RETRO: CSC Students show off their Retro theme ahead of the arts festival in November. (517227)

Some snapshots of 2025

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CONSERVATION: Sorell Diddams with Jimmy Bellette attracted attention at the St Philip's formal with her outfit made from feral cat pelts trapped in local conservation parks. (519435)



SOLIDARITY: Yipirinya School staff joined in solidarity ahead of pending wholesale redundancies in November. (Phil Williams: 517442)



SPECTACULAR: An RFDS PC12 on a flight to Finke left a light trail as it appeared to fly into the Aurora at the height of the spectacular natural display rarely seen in Alice Springs in November. (Phil Williams)



MATCHING: Tim, Richard, Mathew and Samantha Pearson all came dressed for the occasion at Carols by Candlelight. (5229661)



STUNNER: A stunning rainbow lights up the sky to the east of Alice Springs as ANZAC Hill is bathed in the late afternoon light at the start of December. (Phil Williams)



CLOSE CALL: No one was sitting in these chairs when when branches fell on them as a wind storm tore through Alice Springs during the Chreistmas Street Party. (524503)



DEADLY: The Deadly Lightshades enjoying the Todd Mall Halloween party. (Phil Williams)



SAVIOUR: Graham Schmidt is bowled to complete the Rovers innings saving Wests from being penalised for a slow bowling rate with just one minute to spare in November. (Phil Williams: 514562)



REARRANGED: Brad Coleiro's stumps are rearranged after taking a big swing chasing quick runs late in the innings. (Phil Williams: 516146)



ROLL: David Gould rolls his shot down the green on the way to snatching the Healy Pennant in November. (Phil Williams: 517760)

Around the grounds

From junior golfing and tennis champs to rollicking rodeo rides, action-packed motorsport, hockey, AFL, cricket and netball, Centralian Today photojournalist **PHIL WILLIAMS** was there to capture the magic.

Here's a snapshot of 2025's great sporting moments.



GRAPPLE: Isaiah Miller goes to ground as he grapples with Daniel Gorry for possession during the Preliminary Final. (Phil Williams: 500950)



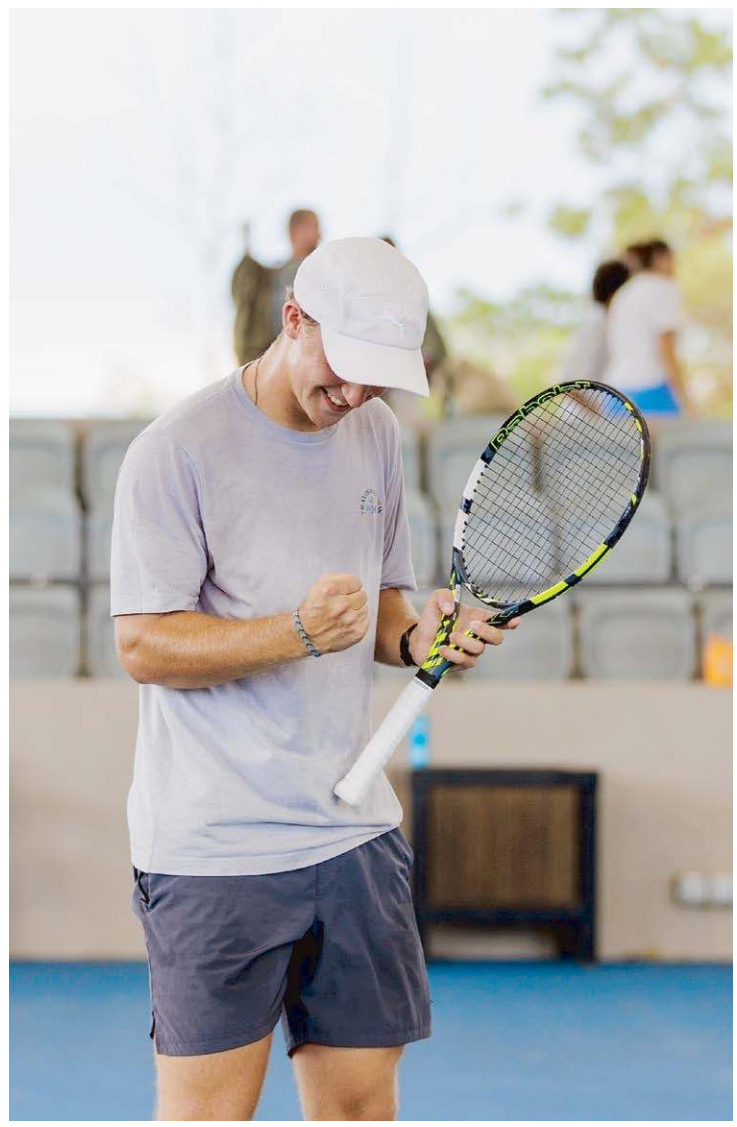
FLUNG: A Laramba player flies after being flung off the ball by a Papunya opponent during a community match at Traeger Park. (Phil Williams: 495256)



RATTLED: Shane Hayes looks to see his stumps rattled by a Waheed Hussain delivery. (Phil Williams: 516146)



LEVITATE: Dustin Oliver appears to levitate as he fire out a handball. (Phil Williams: 498189)



The first of eight State/Territory Champions for the AO 1 Point Slam was Thomas Van Haaren. He won a $5K tennis grant for Alice Springs Tennis Association as well as a once in a lifetime player experience. (Tennis NT)



ARROW: Jesiah Minor fires a virtual arrow into the crowd as he celebrates a goal in the A Grade Grand Final. (Phil Williams:503300)



GONE: Oscar Jaques-Ball breaks the stumps to catch a diving Lucas Nitschke short of his ground in the A Grade T20 Grand Final. (Phil Williams: 524579)



OVER AGAIN: Alli Goodwin starts to go over for the second time during her big crash at Tennant Creek during the Junior NT Speedway Titles. (Phil Williams)



ROUGHIAN: Allan Duffel sends up a cloud of dust as he digs his ball out of the rough on the approach to the 9th hole in January. (Phil Williams: 454227)

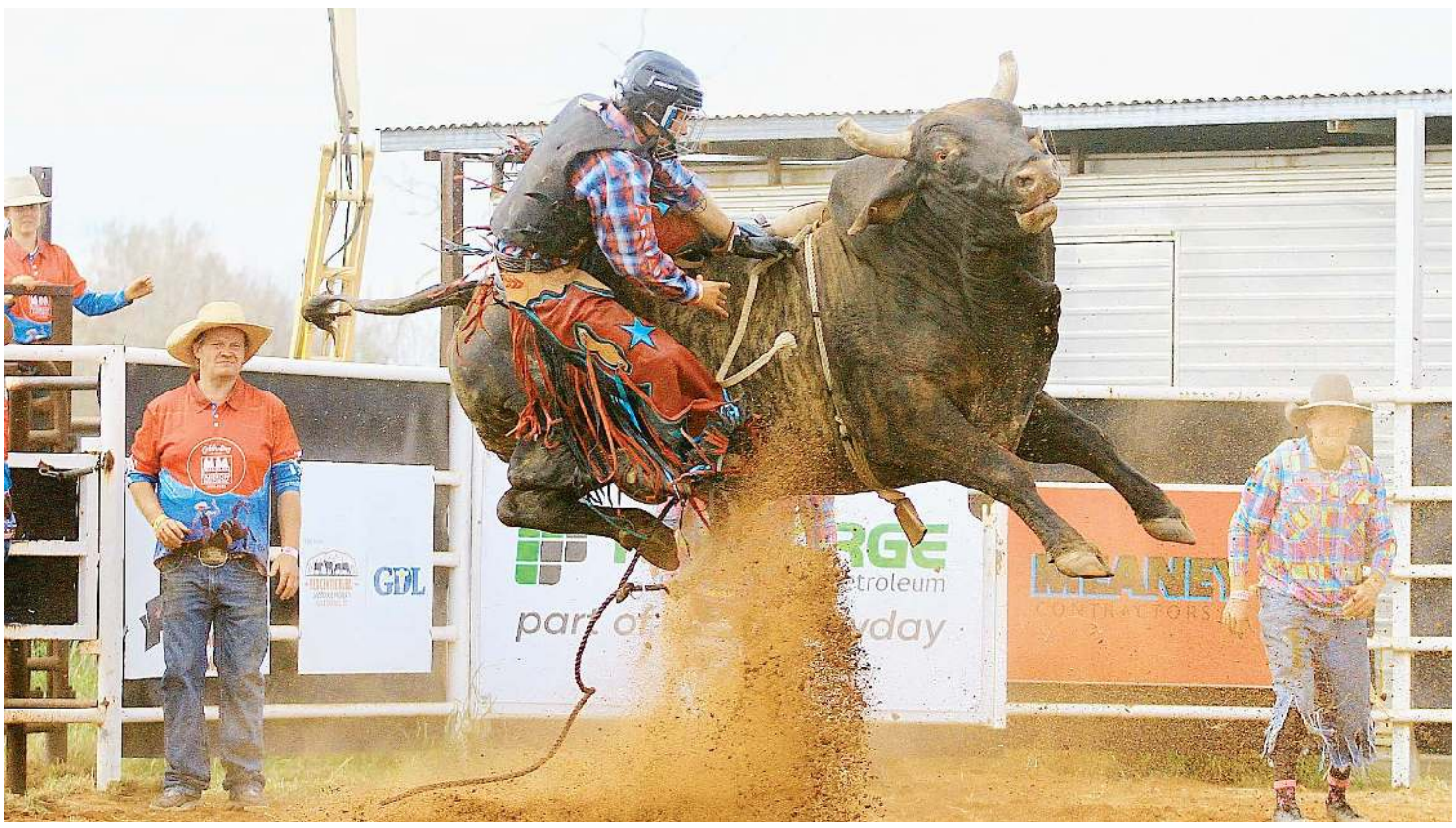


STARFISH: Steven Hicks does a Finke Starfish after being spat from his bike at the 35km dune on the way to Finke. (Phil Williams)



JUMP: The 2025 Alice Springs Cup field jumps to start its 2000 metre journey. (Phil Williams: 470291)

Top sport picks of the year



RAGING: Harrison Sutcliffe does his best to hang on before losing the battle against the raging bull at Aileron. (Phil Williams)



DETERMINED; Riley Griffin tries to find a way past a determined Brooke Siwempi at the end of March (Phil Williams: 467257)



DEFEND: Redbacks David Cheetham's attempt to score is beaten by Fed's desperate goalkeeper Jawyon Hiscox in late May. (Phil Williams: 479968)



FALCON: The goal umpire reacts after being accidentally hit in the face by a full blooded close range shot for goal by Emran Minor during a Community Football match at Traeger Park.. (Phil Williams: 495256)



SCORE: Michael Jarman tries to get the ball past goalkeeper John Chishlom to put the first score on the board for Desert Sharks. (Phil Williams: 493324)



EARTHMOVER: Scott Anderson creates a cloud of dust in his Evo Lancer during the CARS Club Test and Tune morning in early March. (Phil Williams)



LUCKY: Wade Beaton is lucky not to be tipped out of his kart after tangling with Jack Wade at the start of a race in June. (Phil Williams: 485797)



HOOTFOOT: Johnny Little tries to put out his burning race boot after a fuel line ruptured in his sprint car during the Centralian Titles meeting at Arunga Park. (Phil Williams)



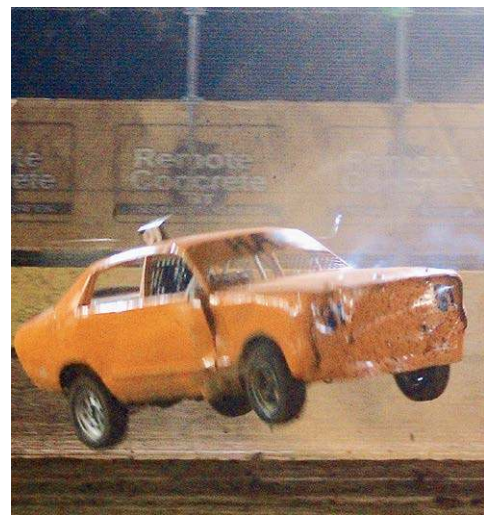
THROWN: Steven Hicks goes flying after being spat from his bike at the 35km dune. (Phil Williams)



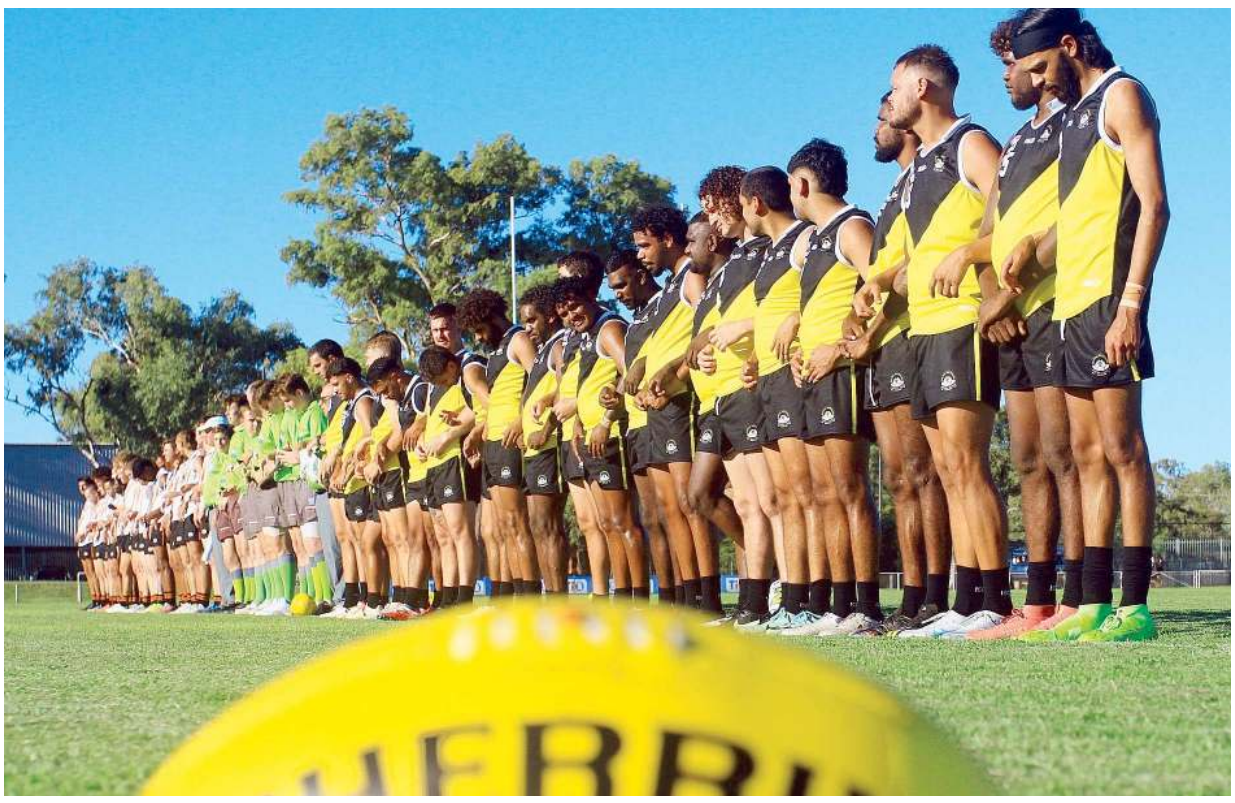
TOUGH DAY: Rodeo Safety Man, Jimmy Beckton is ground into the Harts dirt by an angry bull. (Phil Williams: 495038)



DIVE: Samindra Matushan puts in a big dive as he makes his ground in the T20 Semi Final thriller against Feds at Heat Street Oval at the end of March. (Phil Williams: 467269)



4-HANG TIME: Hamish Chmielewski's car hangs in the air during his wild ride at the NT Junior Titles in Tennant Creek. (Phil Williams)



FOOTY: The men's NTFL and CAFL rep sides line up before their match at Traeger Park in April. (Phil Williams: 471771)



HIGH FLYER: A St Kilda player flies high in a marking attempt early in the game between the Dees and Saints at Traeger Park (Phil Williams)



UNREALISTIC: Matt Walsh comes in late and gives a way a free kick for an unrealistic attempt as team mate Robert Shaw pulled in a mark in a B Grade game at Traeger Park. (Phil Williams: 493328)



TOSSED: Jacob Wilkinson braces after he realises he's in for heavy landing after being thrown off at the 35km dune heading to Finke. (Phil Williams)



DISTRACT: Lilla Reid puts up a shot as Kimberley Lightfoot attempts to distract in a match that ended with scores tied in August. (Phil Williams: 493607)



HANGTIME: Kenny Armistead goes horizontal as he gets big air over the jump in front of the spectator area during the final motocross round in April. (Phil Williams)



CRUNCHED: Pioneers' Tyrell Charles is crunched hard by a Souths opponent during a B Grade game at Albrecht Oval in late May. (Phil Williams: 481289)



Alice Springs young gun Sam Rumpff held off a strong field from around the country to be crowned the Junior & NT Champion at this year's NT Amateur Championship on his home course. (Golf Australia NT)



SMASHED: The ball smashes into Samuel Conell's stumps in the opening over of the Feds run chase. (Phil Williams: 462756)

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CELEBRATE: Hannah Le Blanc celebrates her race record win on Hasseltoff in the 2025 Alice Springs Cup. (Phil Williams: 470291)

2025 in action

CENTRALIAN Today photojournalist PHIL WILLIAMS was on the sidelines throughout the year to capture magic sporting moments - from weekly competitions to Grand Finals, he caught all the action.

Here's a snapshot sport in 2025.

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