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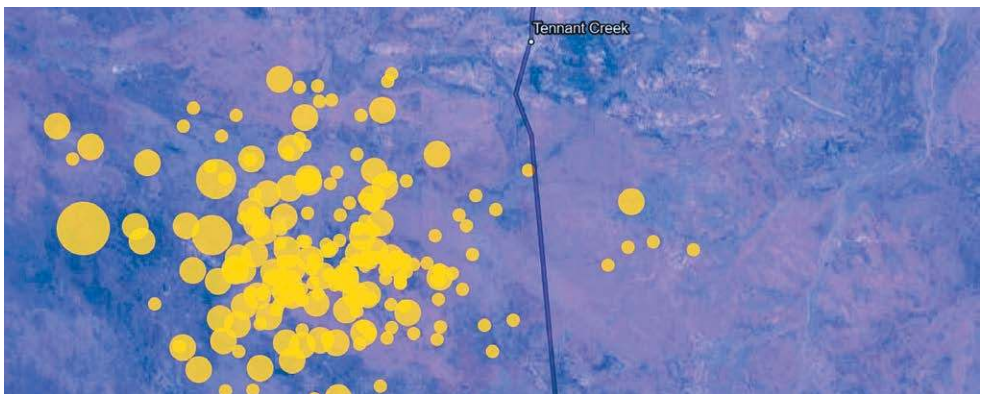
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Seismic activity near Tennant Creek since 1988. (Geoscience Australia)


The total fissure length of the earthquakes was nearly 35km.


Workers repair the gas pipeline damaged during the 1988 earthquakes.

Shaky end to the year

THE Barkly rumbled its way into the new year with a 3.7 magnitude earthquake on New Year's Eve.

The quake, just northeast of Bonney Well, followed a nearby 2.6 magnitude ground-shaking on Christmas Day.

There were also two minor earthquakes near Tennant Creek earlier in December, measuring 2.6 and 2.7 magnitude.

On 22 January, it will be 38 years since three powerful earthquakes struck near Tennant Creek – the biggest ever recorded on mainland Australia.

Ranging from 6.7 to 6.3 in magnitude, the earthquakes were the first recorded in the area, although there have been hundreds since.

The earthquake warped a section of the Amadeus Gas Pipeline which had been completed only a year earlier.

This prompted a team of specialists to travel to Tennant Creek to carry out urgent repairs in what was described as the "most interesting and challenging pipeline repair job in Australian history".

Pipe welder Laurie Atkins, who led the repair team, told The Australian Pipeliner magazine in 2016 that at first no one could understand how it happened.

"It was all new to everybody and very new to me," Mr Atkins said at the time.

"It was the first time it had happened in Australia, I think, so no one had a lot of experience with it or knew what to expect," he said.

"We progressively exposed the pipeline towards the fault line in order to relieve the stress in the pipe but as this happened the pipe snaked all over the place.

"Because it was in a concertina shape, once it was exposed by backhoes, and still had some stress in it, nobody actually knew which way the pipe was going to swing or move when we cut it.

"We had to drill a hole in it and light it up and then cut it live with oxy-acetylene equipment and, as the flames were coming out, I got in the bucket of a backhoe to be lowered into the hole to cut the pipe.

"Cutting the bottom of the pipe was the hardest because we had no idea which way it was going to go.

"If it had swung up it might have hit me. If it went left and I was standing there, it would squash me."

Fortunately, the pipe swung as the team predicted and about 100 metres of the stressed pipe was replaced with pre-hydro tested, thicker wall emergency pipe, which has managed to withstand all earthquake activity to date.

The earthquake, across the Kunayungku and Lake Surprise faults, created a total fissure length of around 35km, with the scar still obvious today.

Across the town, there was only superficial structural damage, but the quakes left plenty of mess in their wake.

Plenty of memories too, and a town that has now become unfazed by shakes, rattles, and the groan of shifting ground.


Sergeant Mark McAdie measures the depth of the fissure with a stick.

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Recognised for progress

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Principal Lisa Goldsworthy said it was the only independent school in Central Australia to achieve the distinction in 2025, marking a significant milestone in academic excellence and whole-child development.

"While NAPLAN results often focus on raw achievement, this particular league table highlights student growth over time, making it arguably the most meaningful metric for evaluating a school's impact," Ms Goldsworthy said.

"Growth data reflects the value added by a school - how much a student improves, not just where they started.

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"This culture of professional reflection and shared responsibility ensures that no child slips through the cracks."

Ms Goldsworthy said school did not just teach subjects, it taught students.

"Our systems are strong, but our relationships are stronger," she said.

"Every student is known, valued, and supported to grow."

She said academic growth at Living Waters was inseparable from its wellbeing program, which nurtures emotional resilience, social connection, and spiritual grounding.

"Through trauma-informed practices, relational pedagogy, and daily rituals of care, students develop the confidence and calm needed to thrive.

"As one parent commented: 'Living Waters doesn't just grow students—it grows people."

Ms Goldsworthy said Living Waters Lutheran School's recognition by ACARA was more than a badge of honour.

"It's a beacon for what's possible in Central Australian education.

"In a region where challenges are real and resources can be stretched, this school proves that vision, community, and commitment can drive exceptional outcomes.

"As the only independent school in Central Australia to make the top ten for NAPLAN growth between Years 3 and 5, Living Waters stands as a model of academic rigour, relational care, and transformative impact."

End-of-life reform to focus on choice

THE Northern Territory Government will introduce legislation on the rights of the terminally ill, continuing reform efforts following the recent parliamentary inquiry.

The 2025 Voluntary Assisted Dying Inquiry Report, tabled during the September 2025 sittings by the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee Chair Dr Tanzil Rahman made a series of recommendations, most of which have been accepted by the Government, Attorney-General Marie-Clare Boothby said.

Additional work continues to address the remaining recommendations.

Ms Boothby said the Committee travelled widely, hearing from patients, families, medical professionals, faith groups, and community members, while also examining the operation of voluntary assisted dying frameworks in other Australian jurisdictions.

"Legislating for the rights of the terminally ill is one of the most sensitive and complex reforms any government can undertake," Ms Boothby said.

"We're taking the time to get this right. We're working carefully and consultatively - not rushing it.

"We acknowledge these reforms will not be supported by everyone. This is a deeply personal issue, and people hold strong and differing views."

Ms Boothby said the legislation was now being drafted, with the Bill to be introduced to Parliament mid-year as a conscience vote for all members.

The Government will consider key elements of the framework, including:

- eligibility criteria for people with serious and incurable illnesses, including consideration of a clear timeframe linked to end-of-life;
- appropriate assessment and decision-making timeframes; and
- strong safeguards to protect the independence and safety of vulnerable Territorians.

Ms Boothby said ensuring appropriate protections and learning from other jurisdictions would be central to developing the legislation.

She highlighted the Government's consultative approach, adding that she would continue to engage with the Opposition as part of the reform process.

"This reform is about dignity, compassion and choice at the end of life, while ensuring strong safeguards and a careful, considered approach," she said.



Attorney-General Marie-Clare Boothby.

Tributes for mum of five

FLORAL tributes adorn the entrance to the Police Station in Tennant Creek as the town continues to mourn a woman who died in the watch house two days after Christmas.

The mother-of-five, who cannot be named for cultural reasons, was a well-loved local who was warm, generous and kind.

A friend of the woman, who declined to be named, said she would be sadly missed by her children, family members and friends.

"She was a lovely person who really cared for others," she said.

"Although she had a lot to deal with, she kept her head up high. It is such a tragedy, and I hope her children remember how much she loved them."

Member for Barkly Steve Edgington paid tribute to the woman in a social media post.

"My thoughts are with the family and loved ones during this sad and difficult time," he wrote.

"Condolences to family and friends."

Police believe the 44-year-old woman 's death was the result of a medical episode.

She had collapsed in her cell a few minutes after she was checked by duty officers.

Results of a post-mortem conducted last Friday will be included in the report to the Coroner, however it is widely known the woman suffered from Rheumatic Heart Disease and other health issues.

The investigation into the woman's death is being led by the Major Crime Unit with oversight from the Professional Standards Command.



Facebook (Steve Edgington MLA)

Terrifying home invasion for elderly couple

By Phil Williams

AN elderly Braitling couple endured a terrifying home invasion which resulted in six youths, one as young as 10, being taken into custody.

NT Police arrested six boys in relation to the aggravated burglary in Alice Springs overnight on December 27.

One of the boys was taken to hospital after being injured while leaving the scene.

Around 8.30pm, the Joint Emergency Services Communication Centre received a report that a group of up to six male youths had unlawfully entered a residence in Grey Court, Braitling.

The group forced their way through the front door of the residence, which was occupied by an elderly couple, a man aged in his 80s and his wife aged her in 70s.

One of the youths was allegedly armed with a stick and assaulted the man, striking him to his shoulder.

Another youth was allegedly armed with a screwdriver and threatened both victims, demanding they hand over car keys, before the group left the scene on foot.

No items were reported stolen, and the male victim received treatment from St John Ambulance for minor injuries.

Multiple police units responded and, with assistance from the police drone, five boys, one, a 15-year-old, three aged 12, and one aged 11 were located and arrested.

A sixth boy, a ten-year-old, was also apprehended and taken to Alice Springs Hospital for assessment after suffering leg injuries when fleeing from police.

Investigations are ongoing and police urge anyone with information to contact police on 131 444, quoting reference P25352285. Anonymous reports can be made through Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or via https://crimestoppersnt.com.au/



POLICE: A group of six male youths allegedly forced their way through the front door of a Braitling home. (Phil Williams: 385059)





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Once she managed to open the door, which was engulfed in flames, she picked up her daughter, ran outside and hid as she called 000.

The man ran and hid in bushland as police and emergency services arrived and walked 12km into Barrow Creek in a bid to evade arrest.

However he was arrested later that day.

In the NT Supreme Court in Alice Springs in December, the man's partner recounted the incident, telling the court she feared she would be burned alive.

"Because of what [he] did, I burnt my hand and could have died," she said.

"It's scary to think I could have died that day. It's even scarier to think my daughter could have died."

Justice John Reeves rebuked the man, saying exposing his partner to fear and trauma was reckless enough, but exposing his young daughter to it was despicable.

"All that is compounded by the fact that your violent fury towards them occurred in a domestic violence context apparently triggered by a petty desire to take possession of [your partner's] phone," he said.



(Unsplash)

"You deliberately lit fire to the door of the bedroom knowing your partner and young daughter were inside.

"All of this occurred in a domestic violence context where ... you caused both [your partner] and your daughter to fear for their life and safety.

"To compound that you did nothing afterwards to assist them to get medical attention but instead attempted to evade police."

Justice Reeves said women and children who lived in remote communities were particularly vulnerable to consequences of domestic violence offending - such as the difficulty for them to find a place of safety when violence erupts.

The man, who pleaded guilty to a range of charges including arson, contravening a domestic violence order, and giving rise to danger of death was sentenced to eight years and eight months imprisonment.

His sentence was backdated to January 2025 to take into account time spent in custody and a non-parole period of four years, four months was set.

Save on school

NOW Christmas is over, families are bracing for the hefty costs that come with outfitting children for the new academic year.

From clothing and supplies to electronics and extracurricular activities, the price tag can quickly add up.

However, there are several strategies that can help save money and ease the financial burden.

Take Advantage of Sales and Discounts

Retailers often offer back-to-school sales, especially in late summer. Look for discounts on clothing, shoes, and school supplies, in-store and online.

Buy in Bulk

Stock up on items that are required in large quantities, such as notebooks, pens, and folders. Purchasing in bulk can yield significant savings. Share supplies with other families or pool resources to take advantage of bulk pricing.

Repurpose and Reuse

Check if your child has leftover supplies from the previous year that are still in good condition. Backpacks, binders, and pens can be reused, which will save money. A fresh set of notebooks or a new lunchbox may be all that's needed to give old supplies a new life.

Shop at Discount Stores

For essentials like uniforms, shoes, and backpacks, consider shopping at discount stores or thrift shops. You can often find high-quality items at a fraction of the cost of brand-name retailers.



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Dr Glenn Morrison



AI futures, Barkly's paradox

THE Red Centre's Barkly region boasts some of the best solar energy resources in the world.

But a push to turn it into an AI-driven northern defence super hub powered by Betaloo gas could change all that.

Spread over an area half as large again as Victoria, some 6316 people live in the Barkly region.

More than two-thirds of them are Aboriginal, and roughly 3000 make a home at Tennant Creek, about 500km north of Alice Springs.

Employment is complex: In 2021, unemployment stood at 12.7 per cent for a labour force participation rate of 45.6 per cent, the latter said to be declining.

The recent Commonwealth-funded Barkly Economic Growth Strategy 2030 records the Barkly's community and industries as focussed on environmental sustainability and renewable energies.

Water conservation is important too. The region's supply comes primarily from groundwater, meaning careful management of its use is paramount to future development.

So why an Artificial Intelligence super-hub?

Sure, there's solar aplenty to power it.

But the AI industry is a notoriously high user of water.

Water supply is already causing widespread angst in the district over the granting of a water license to horticultural venture Fortune Agribusiness.

The license permits the company to ultimately extract up to 40,000 ML of water a year from Singleton Station on a stretch of remote desert 400km north of Alice Springs.

The water comes free of charge, under conditions set down by the NT government's Water Controller in 2021.

Native Title holders have contested the license unsuccessfully in the NT Supreme Court, though in September the High Court agreed to hear their appeal.

Scientists estimate global water consumption for AI data centres could "increase more than seven times by mid-century, with cooling-related operational consumption accounting for the majority of demand."

Despite such challenges, the push for Barkly AI is on; and exactly who and what is behind it may raise eyebrows.

On 2 December, Australia's federal government launched its National AI Plan promising to "capture opportunities, share benefits and keep Australians safe".

The forecast pluses are enormous: AI will help close service gaps in health, disability and aged care, improve education, and create "secure, well-paid jobs in future industries".



70 YEARS: Sun Cable signed an Indigenous Land Use Agreement in November for an energy project on Powell Creek Station near Elliot, with an expected life of 70 years. (Sun Cable: 518658)

A 2024 Senate Select Committee had earlier declared demand for AI jobs is growing in Australia faster than overseas, the share of AI-related job postings rising by "more than seven times between 2014 and 2022, roughly double that of peer nations".

While the National AI Plan doesn't mention the Barkly, it does frame the North generally and the NT specifically, as firmly in its sights.

Slightly ahead of the plan's launch, however, two articles appeared in The Strategist, an influential policy review published by The Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI), a defence and strategic policy think tank based in Canberra with a taxpayer-funded office in Washington.

In a 1 December article 'Needed: massive computing power in the Northern Territory', ASPI's Director National Security and Head of the Northern Australia Strategic Policy Centre Dr John Coyne argued that "Australia lacks secure, onshore computing power capable of training defence algorithms, running classified simulations or supporting the advanced capability agenda under the AUKUS partnership".

Formerly of the Australian Federal Police, Dr Coyne has worked in intelligence and national security for more than 25 years.

To shore up Australia's northern strategic deficit, Dr Coyne wants government and industry to build a "sovereign computing zone linked to North Australia's

emerging energy capacity" along with new digital corridors and national fibre upgrades.

"A sovereign computing zone in the Beetaloo and Barkly area in the middle of the Northern Territory offers a credible way to close this gap," he writes.

"Gas from the Beetaloo Basin can provide the firm, continuous power required for high performance computing."

In Dr Coyne's view, the Barkly's coveted (though largely unrealised) renewables potential only adds to the region's promise of plenty via large-scale solar generation suited to "next-generation computing loads", a potential clearly apparent in the nascent SunCable Australia-Asia Power Link.

Paired together, he suggests, the energy sources may support "national research, defence simulation, trilateral collaboration, commercial artificial intelligence development and sovereign surge capacity during crises."

In mid-September, in 'Gas-powered computing: Develop Beetaloo for Australia's AI centre', Dr Coyne argues that for Australia to achieve its own AI capability it must be anchored in "our own energy, and the gas-rich but largely underdeveloped Beetaloo basin presents an opportunity".

"Beetaloo gas can underwrite Australia's digital sovereignty: powering AI data centres and enabling critical industries.

"As renewables and nuclear scale over time, gas can provide the speed and reliability required by computing-intensive systems currently."

ASPI is promoting Northern Australia as central to the nation's future, a gateway to Indo-Pacific trade and a world-class resources hub.



ASPI Director National Security and Head of the Northern Australia Strategic Policy Centre Dr John Coyne. (Australia Strategic Policy Institute)

The group is funded by taxpayers, the Australian Department of Defence and has links to defence and technology companies.

Well-regarded by many as a source of informed policy debate, it has also been described as "this country's loudest voice in whipping up fears of war with China".

Such fears and a government review of Australia's security research last year sparked doubts over ASPI's funding, and specifically, its taxpayer-funded Washington office.

In a third recent article from Dr Coyne, also published the day before the national AI policy was announced, he casts the North as the "backbone of Australia".

"The north is one of the few places in the country where Australia can build economic opportunity, industrial capability and strategic advantage simultaneously.

"Whether it's critical minerals, defence, energy or First Nations economic inclusion, the north is becoming the proving ground for national resilience."

AI may well underpin future Australian defence postures, and perhaps even offer significant economic and social opportunities for the nation and in the Centre and North.

But important questions remain.

Is the US Spy Base at Pine Gap in the loop on defence aspirations for the Barkly?

How might any AI project gain social license to operate, given already entrenched (and defensible) positions on water use?

Do the touted opportunities suit the social, ecological and cultural fabric of the region?

And in building Australia's north-facing AI defence capability on Beetaloo gas, and thereby expanding further our already unsustainable fossil fuel dependency, don't we create a paradox by undermining our ability to leverage the more sustainable resource advantages we already have?

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"David has been a fearless advocate for pastoralists, for regional communities, and for industry.

"His leadership as President of the Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association and his national roles have earned the trust of people across Australia.

"David will represent the Territory with integrity, clarity and a keen sense of purpose."

Mr Connolly has almost four decades of industry leadership, deep regional knowledge, and a strong commitment to building the Territory's economy.

He has a reputation for being an accomplished agribusiness executive with a career spanning livestock management, pastoral operations, agribusiness investment and organisational governance.

He has played a significant role in national agricultural policy, overseen large-scale pastoral and investment enterprises, and contributed to the long-term sustainability and economic growth of the sector.

Mr Connolly said he was honoured by the appointment.

"The Northern Territory has shaped my life, my work and my family," he said.

"It is the privilege of a lifetime to serve Territorians in this role.

"I look forward to contributing to the growth and promotion of the Territory, and to shining a light on the many diverse communities that make it so unique."

Mrs Finocchiaro said that by appointing Mr Connolly, the government acknowledged those who built the Territory from the ground up, with their hard work and enduring spirit providing a platform on which to shape the Territory's future.



Chief Minister Lia Finocchiaro and newly appointed NT Administrator David Connolly.

Chair announced for brand-new Tourism and Events NT

A new advisory board will harness tourism and major events to unlock new economic opportunities across the Northern Territory.

Tourism and Events NT was formally established last month following the merger of Tourism NT and the NT Major Events Company, creating a unified agency for driving visitation through destination marketing, improved aviation access and a stronger calendar of major events.

Minister for Tourism and Hospitality and Minister for Major Events Marie-Clare Boothby has appointed the team who will help deliver the lifestyle locals love and showcase what makes visitors want to come and stay.

"The Territory lifestyle offers something you can't find anywhere else, and that uniqueness is central to how we grow our visitor economy," Ms Boothby said.

Alice Springs-based Paul Ah Chee will chair the new board.

He brings together leaders with expertise across major events, tourism operations, hospitality, aviation, marketing and regional economic development, with a strong emphasis on events-led growth.



APPOINTMENT: Paul Ah Chee is the new chair of Tourism and Events NT. (Supplied)

"The Board will provide practical recommendations on how we can sharpen our focus on events that drive visitation, fill accommodation, support local businesses, and deliver real economic outcomes for the Territory," Ms Boothby said.

Mr Ah Chee said the Board would focus on showcasing the Territory's proud identity and rich history.

"The new highly experienced Advisory Board will provide expert advice to grow the visitor economy, showcase the destination, Aboriginal culture, unique landscapes and the cultural diversity of the Northern Territory," Mr Ah Chee said.

Advisory Board member Lisa Pile is a global tourism executive with senior leadership experience across the cruise, accommodation, and luxury travel industry. She said she was proud to bring her Territory roots and global experience back to help shape the future of the NT visitor economy.

"I was raised in the Northern Territory, and while my career has taken me around the world, this place has always been home," Ms Pile said.

"The Territory has extraordinary potential. I'm excited to work with this Board and the Minister to help transform our visitor economy, attract more high-value visitors, and make a real difference for local businesses and communities."

Ms Boothby said early signs of progress demonstrated the opportunity ahead.

"This new Board will help unlock growth opportunities right across the Territory."

The Board includes Paul Ah Chee, a highly respected Alice Springs-based tourism leader with more than 25 years' experience, bringing strong Aboriginal tourism knowledge and extensive governance expertise; Penny Priest, a Top End-based tourism and hospitality operator with experience across attractions, major events, trade distribution and international markets; Hayley Richards, a trade and investment specialist focused on improving connectivity and visitor access across the Territory; adventure tourism executive Brett Mitchell, who has a strong track record of driving domestic tourism growth, regional investment and experiential travel; Director of Developing East Arnhem Land Tim McColl Jones, who brings to the role extensive experience in global marketing, airline partnerships and destination strategy; Lisa Pile, with expertise in business events, strategic partnerships and market expansion; and major events specialist Amy Hill, with more than 20 years' experience in international sport, major events delivery, tourism and governance.

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Roadworthy shift

PERIODICAL roadworthy inspections for light vehicles will be scrapped across the Territory from 9 February, replaced instead by targeted audits carried out by Northern Territory Government Transport Inspectors, working together with NT Police.

Minister for Logistics and Infrastructure Bill Yan said abolishing regular inspections for vehicles under 4.5 tonne GVM was logical.

Currently, vehicles up to and including 4.5 tonne GVM require a roadworthy inspection once they reach five years old and another when vehicle is 10 years old.

Under the new regulations roadworthy inspections will only be required if a vehicle is seven years and older when transferring ownership (can be completed by seller or buyer); re-establishing registration after a vehicle has not been registered for more than 12 months; or first registering in the Northern Territory (prior to compliance check for interstate transfers).

The new rules include all light vehicles that are 4.5 tonnes (GVM) or less, such as cars, 4WDs, mini vans, motorcycles and boat or box trailers over 750kg.

Box or boat trailers under 750kg don't require periodic roadworthy inspections.

"When we looked at how other jurisdictions manage roadworthiness, we realised having an annual inspection didn't deliver the strongest safety outcomes," Mr Yan said.

"With the majority of drivers maintaining their cars to a roadworthy standard, it made no sense for them to be slugged a fee and find time for an inspection that isn't needed."

Mr Yan said Transport Inspectors would work with NT Police to target unroadworthy cars.

"A smarter approach will see inspectors out on the road with police targeting unroadworthy vehicles," he said.



Having an annual inspection doesn't deliver the strongest safety outcomes, according to Logistics and Infrastructure Minister Bill Yan.

"This is a far more effective way to keep unsafe vehicles off our roads."

He said the changes would help with the cost of living.

"For a household with three cars, we're saving the inconvenience of inspections and putting around $200 back in their pocket," he said.

Mr Yan said inspections were still required for heavy vehicles or commercial passenger vehicles.

"The National Transport Commission shows the benefit specifically for regular heavy vehicle inspections, especially for wearing components such as tyres, brakes, wipers and shock absorbers so we'll stick to that plan," he said.

"There is a significant amount of research that shows while regular inspections for light vehicles can have some benefit, other compliance activity and interventions have a much bigger impact for the same amount of effort."

Mr Yan urged everyone to be safe on the road.

"It's not just the vehicle but the driver that matters so don't be an idiot - drive like your life and others are worth living," he said.

Youth charged

A male youth has been charged after a vehicle was stolen in Alice Springs on New Year's Day.

Northern Territory Police allege the youth stole a Mitsubishi Eclipse from an address on Gap Road about 6.40pm.

Police said the vehicle was parked in the driveway, with a teenage girl waiting inside while her parent momentarily left, when a male youth allegedly entered the driver's seat.

The girl left the vehicle and alerted her parent, while the youth drove away.

An Operation Ludlow II patrol was nearby and witnessed the incident, and an additional police vehicle followed the Mitsubishi.

The vehicle was driven with the handbrake still on, causing damage to the road.

It came to a halt a short distance away and the youth fled on foot but was arrested after a brief foot pursuit.

He has been charged with Theft, Drive Motor Vehicle Without Consent, Drive Dangerous Manner, Damage Surface of a Road and Drive Unlicensed.







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Alice court cells now managed privately

THE Alice Springs Court Cells are now managed by a global security and facility services company.

They officially transitioned from being managed by the Northern Territory Police Force to the remit of G4S on December 30, in a move the NT Government said would free officer resources to focus on keeping the community safe.

Chief Minister and Police Minister Lia Finocchiaro said the transfer of responsibility marked a clear shift from the past.

"For years under Labor, police were forced to pick up the slack for a broken corrections system and a government that had no plan to deal with rising crime or ballooning prisoner numbers," Mrs Finocchiaro said.

"With no long-term plan in place, police were diverted into correctional duties, managing the ongoing care and custody of prisoners and coordinating scheduled court appearances, instead of keeping the community safe."

As a result of the change, seven police officers have boosted community safety and increased police visibility across Alice Springs.

"We have taken decisive action to (restore police) to their core duties," Mrs Finocchiaro said.

"We remain focused on reducing crime.

"We are already seeing good results from this year's work implementing stronger laws and giving police better powers.

"The latest crime statistics for Alice Springs show the number of victims of crime has decreased by 19 per cent, representing 1117 less victims in that community alone."



LEADER: NT Chief Minister Lia Finocchiaro outside the Alice Springs Law Courts. (Charles Geary: 454282)

The 70-day summer policing operation Operation Ludlow II launched in mid-December and Mrs Finocchiaro said the return of additional officers to policing meant they could directly contribute to community safety during a traditionally heightened period of antisocial behaviour.

"Police are out on patrol, drones are back in use, stronger BDO (Banned Drinking Order) powers are in place, and there are consequences for offending," Mrs Finocchiaro said.

Operation Ludlow remains ongoing across Alice Springs, Katherine and Tennant Creek, targeting repeat offenders and those who seek to evade justice.

Charged with theft

A 30-year-old woman has been charged with a swag of theft offences after a series of thefts from elderly patients at a Northern Territory hospital.

NT Police charged the woman with seven counts of theft, 13 counts of obtaining benefit by deception, one attempt at obtaining benefit by deception and one count of possessing cannabis.

Police alleged that between November 2024 and December 2025, she attended the Alice Springs Hospital and stole the personal belongings of elderly victims recovering from serious surgical and medical interventions.

One victim died shortly after the offending occurred.

The offender was not known to her victims.

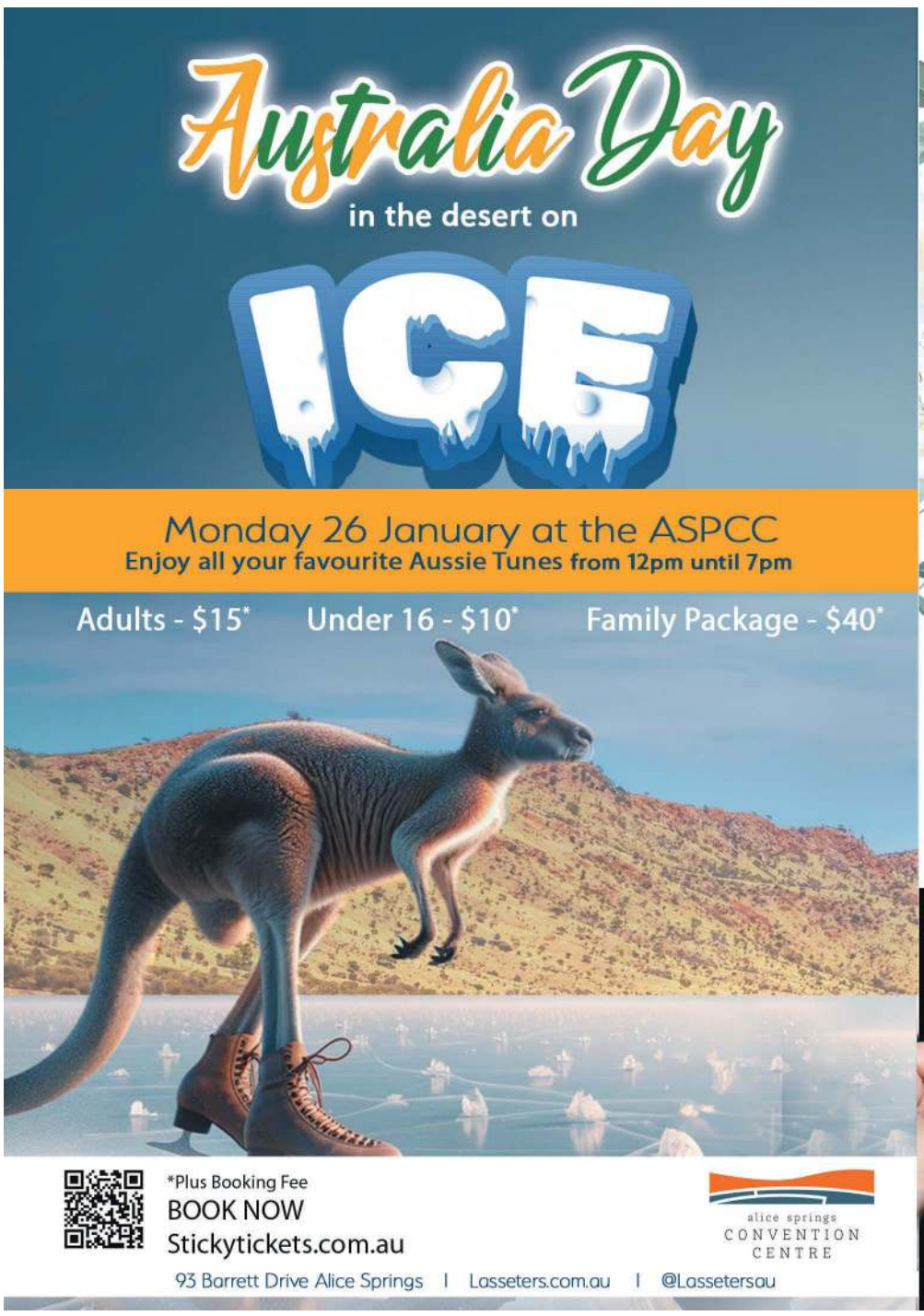
On Saturday 27 December 2025, members from Strike Force Viper visited the hospital and arrested the 30-year-old.

She was remanded to appear in Alice Springs Local Court on 29 December.

Acting Superintendent Deanne Ward described the thefts as "horrible" and said they targeted the most vulnerable people in the community.

"Police have been investigating this for a number of days, and we believe there are more victims," Acting Supt Ward said.

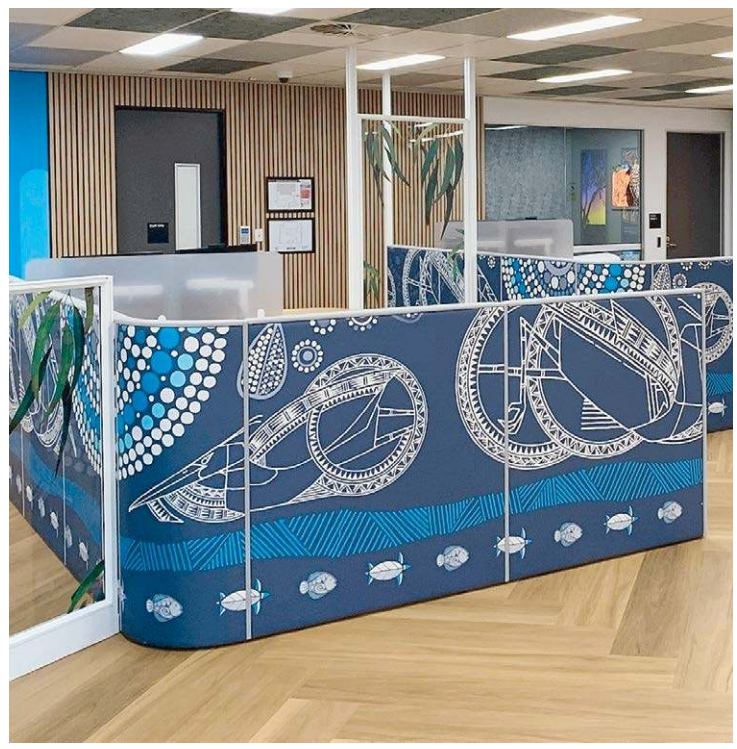
"We urge anyone who has had property stolen during a visit to the hospital, particularly in recent days, to make a police report via 131 444 or by attending their local police station."







Five staff are on hand to help customers.


The new Services Australia Centre was designed with customer needs in mind.

Service centre makes move

THE Tennant Creek community is now able to access a range of government services from a new bespoke Services Australia service centre.

Located at 183 Paterson Street, Tennant Creek, the new centre replaces the previous site just 550 metres down the road at 77 Paterson Street, Tennant Creek.

This is the eight bespoke service centre delivered by Services Australia, improving the way Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities access government services.

The new centre was designed in collaboration with Elders, community stakeholders, customers and staff to reflect local culture, values and practical needs.

The site opened on Monday 15 December.

Tennant Creek Service Centre Manager Karen Harlan said locals would benefit from a larger state-of-the-art office, designed with customer needs front of mind.

"We're so pleased residents in Tennant Creek get to enjoy a fresh new space to access government services," Ms Harlan said.

The service centre will continue to have five front-of-house staff available to help customers face-to-face.

Customers who prefer a set time to speak with a staff member about Centrelink matters or to talk to a social worker can go online to book an appointment at the Tennant Creek Service Centre for a time that suits them.

Digital coaching is also available for those seeking additional support to access online services.

Customers interested in digital coaching can arrange a free session by calling their regular Centrelink payment line, booking online or asking a service centre staff member to book them in.

"During this coaching, our staff can help people with their specific needs or interests – from how to set up a digital account to lodging claims," Ms Harlan said.

The new site will be open Monday to Friday, from 8.30am to 4.30pm.

On-site parking is available in front of the building.

Regular self-checks are key to noticing abnormal changes

BREAST Cancer Network Australia (BCNA) launched a new Breast Cancer Awareness campaign, Know Yourself. Feel Yourself, urging women to give their breasts the same attention they give their faces in the mirror.

BCNA wants all women, particularly young women, to be confident in establishing a conscious breast routine. An action that could save their life.

For the first time data captured by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) shows that tumour size matters. It is one of the predictors of survival. Early detection is key, regular self-checks increase the likelihood of a woman noticing changes that don't feel or look normal for them.

The Know Yourself. Feel Yourself campaign takes the familiar habit of focusing on our faces and reframes it as a reminder to check our breasts.

BCNA has used the latest information to create a new step by step breast check education video to encourage women to be proactive in their breast health. Watch the video at bcna.org.au/know-yourself-feel-yourself/

Breast Cancer Network Australia CEO Kirsten Pilatti said the organisation was broadening its scope of support to include behavioural changes and early detection.

"As a network of women with lived experience, we know the big difference early detection can make and the latest data released by the AIHW confirms this," she said.

"Our campaign creates awareness, and the breast check video provides a practical tool that empowers women to take action."

Breast cancer is now the most common cancer in women in Australia.

On average more than 1000 women under 40 each year – around three every day – are diagnosed.

Younger women are more likely to be diagnosed at a later stage and with more aggressive disease, they face added challenges including being dismissed by the health care system.


Jess Pearce is a mum and nurse who featured in the campaign.

Impacts include financial burden, fertility loss, early menopause and career disruption.

Jess Pearce, a mum and nurse who featured in the campaign, knows this reality all too well.

She was told she was "too young" when she first raised concerns about changes in her breast.

A year later, aged just 33, she was diagnosed with invasive breast cancer and has since undergone a double mastectomy.

How to check your breasts

Source: https://www.bcna.org.au/resources/screening-and-diagnosis/how-to-check-your-breasts/

Finding breast cancer early gives you the best chance of effective treatment.

You should examine your breasts regularly to be aware of anything that looks or feels different.

If you notice any changes in your breast that are new or unusual for you, you should see your doctor as soon as possible. Not all breast changes are cancerous (they may be 'benign' changes).

Screening with regular mammograms is also important, even when you don't have any symptoms.

Symptoms of breast cancer to check for

It's common to hear "I felt a lump" from people who have had a breast cancer diagnosis. A lump is one sign, but there are many other symptoms or warning signs to watch for.

Breast changes may include:

- A lump or swelling in your breast or underarm (armpit)
- Changes in the shape or size of the breast
- Irritation or dimpling of your breast skin
- Pain in any area of your breast that is unusual or ongoing
- An indent (puckering) in part of the breast when you lift your arms
- A rash or red, crusty or flaky skin in your nipple area or your breast
- A change in the shape of the nipple, such as it turning inwards ('inverting')
- Discharge from the nipple, other than breast milk.

Remember to check all parts of your breast, your armpits, and up to your collarbone.

Not everyone has symptoms. In some cases, a lump is too small to be felt or cause any changes to the breast. Routine screening is important to pick up changes and cancers.

Don't delay, if you find a change in your breast that's unusual for you, see your doctor as soon as possible.



Healthy Harold and Educator Miss Leaha had a wonderful time at Elliott School in 2025. It was an engaging visit with students, exploring new skills and strategies to keep themselves safe, strong and healthy. (Life Education NT)



Healthy Harold and educator PJ visited Tennant Creek and the Barkly delivering the Life Ed program to local students, catching up with Barkly MLA Steve Edginton in September 2025.

Program to benefit youth

YOUNG people in the Barkly region are among those who will benefit from the latest round of the Territory's Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Youth Grants Program.

Life Education NT Incorporated - Barkly Region Youth Health & AOD Education Program was among 15 organisations to receive funding.

A total of $299,000 has been awarded for community projects or initiatives providing comprehensive support and education for young people across the NT.

The grants aim to minimise harm associated with the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs through a range of prevention, education and community action initiatives.

A range of AOD educational programs will be delivered to young people by grant recipients through activities that are active, creative, and engaging.

The programs will incorporate positive educational messages through a range of activities.

Life Education NT Incorporated - Barkly Region Youth Health plans to deliver a health education and prevention program focusing on protective behaviours and AOD education.

The project will also include a Festival of Health as a major community engagement event.

The latest grant follows a five-year funding agreement between Life Ed NT (LENT)N and the Northern Territory Department of Education and Training announced in June.

That funding gave LENT the stability to expand its reach, delivering health and wellbeing education to children and young people in some of Australia's most diverse and remote communities.

In Term 3 last year the team travelled more than 18,000km to 24 remote schools in the Big Rivers (Katherine) and Barkly regions, as well as six schools in Darwin and Palmerston.

A statement on the LENT website said the organisation planned multiple visits to the Barkly region this year, including to Tennant Creek, which have some of the most remote students in Australia and some of the poorest health and education outcomes.

"LENT have made a commitment to provide access to our programs and lead community events that promote health and wellbeing in this region over the next three years," the statement said.





Social

Soaking up events in 2025

THERE'S always smiling faces at events in Alice Springs. **PHIL WILLIAMS** shares some of his favourite and most memorable social photos from throughout 2025.

MORE PHOTOS
PAGES 15, 16, 25, 36, 37

1: LOUD: Neil Linklater was hard to miss in his loud shirt on Cup Day. (470949)

2: PINK: Coordinated dress was the key to standing out on Cup Day. (Phil Williams)

3: CUTENESS: Eva Brown and Norah and Lillian Spargo looking a little bit cute at the Cup.

4: WINNERS: Rachael Lendrum, Josie Lopez, Mary Wilson, Jodi Macdonald and Nellie Barlow cheer as the field flies past the winning post during an early Alice Cup Day race.


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Highlights of 2025

AFTER years of dedication, collaboration and a true labour of love, Wildflowers & Plants of Central Australia was officially relaunched at the Olive Pink Botanical Garden, where the journey first began.

Originally written by Dr Anne Urban in 1990, the much-loved guide underwent a long-awaited revision led by a passionate team of botanists, writers and photographers determined to bring the book up to date.

Over eight years, Ian Coleman, Peter Jobson, Barb Gilfedder and Jenny Purdie worked tirelessly to reflect decades of botanical change, new species discoveries and evolving plant names, while also incorporating Aboriginal plant uses.

Carefully redesigned to honour the original while embracing modern knowledge, the updated edition celebrates the resilience, diversity and beauty of Central Australia's native flora.

The finished book now stands as an essential resource for locals and visitors alike, preserving knowledge for generations to come.

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REALITY: Barb Gilfedder and Jenny Purdie's new book was a reality after four years of work. (Phil Williams: 475564)



BALLET: Lynne Hanton OAM at the 2025 NT Performing Arts Awards.

Heart of the Red Centre's ballet

IN 2025, for the first time a Central Australian creative was honoured at the NT Performing Arts Awards, with Alice Springs ballet pioneer Lynne Hanton OAM recognised for her extraordinary contribution to dance.

Founder of the Australian Dance Academy in 1974 and Duprada Dance Company in 1984, Lynne was named Inspiring Educator of the Year and received the Ultimate Legend Award at the ceremony in Katherine.

Over decades, she has shaped generations of dancers, proving that world-class ballet can thrive in the heart of the desert.

From launching the first performances at Araluen Arts Centre to guiding students onto national and international stages, Lynne's legacy reflects passion, perseverance and the strength of Central Australia's arts community.



COORDINATOR: Kaitlyn Peters was awarded for her role as coordinator in the 2025 NAIDOC Awards. (Phil Williams: 490867)

Youth of the Year

LOCAL changemaker Kaitlyn Peters was recognised as NAIDOC Youth of the Year for 2025, in celebration of her tireless commitment to community, culture and opportunity in Alice Springs.

Balancing full-time work with Saltbush and casual roles teaching water safety in remote communities, Kaitlyn has become a powerful advocate for confidence-building, employment pathways and practical life skills for Aboriginal Territorians.

After returning home from Adelaide to study and work where her values felt most aligned, she quickly made an impact supporting job seekers to build confidence, transition into work and create lasting change for themselves and their families.

Whether mentoring through Saltbush's Foundation to Future program or teaching swimming and water safety across the region, Kaitlyn's passion for giving back shines through.

Her recognition during NAIDOC Week was a reminder of the strength, leadership and positivity young people continue to bring to Central Australia.

Rya's mark made

CENTRAL Australian defence veteran Karyn Clarke began a life-changing journey with her service dog, Rya early in 2025.

After 17 years in the Australian Army, Ms Clarke has PTSD and was paired with the black Labrador through support from the Department of Veterans' Affairs and Dogs for Life.

The bond-building process began just before Christmas 2024, with intensive training alongside psychologist and former RAAF dog handler Georgia Bennie. Rather than focusing solely on commands, the program prioritises trust, instinct and connection, setting handler and dog up for long-term success.

Born on the anniversary of the Charge of Beersheba, two-year-old Rya quickly proved to be the right match.

Even in the early stages, the impact was clear, with Ms Clarke able to spend more time in public spaces and regain confidence.

It was a powerful reminder of the difference service dogs can make for veterans rebuilding their lives.



DUO: Karyn Clark and Rya are more than just mates. (Phil Williams: 490867)

Jose, the queen of Alice

ALICE Springs celebrated a remarkable milestone as much-loved local icon Jose Petrick turned 101 on Valentine's Day in 2025.

Sharp-witted, warm and endlessly curious, Jose's memory remains as vivid as the Central Australian history she has helped preserve for decades.

Born in Bournemouth, England, she arrived in Australia as a young nurse before heading to the Territory in 1951 as governess at MacDonald Downs, instantly falling in love with the outback.

Over more than 70 years in Alice Springs, Jose wore many hats, most famously as a journalist with the Centralian Advocate, where her beloved weekly column uncovering the stories behind local street names became must-read material.

Beginning her journalism career at 50, she later went on to work as a guide at the Telegraph Station, cementing her reputation as Alice Springs' foremost local historian.

At 101, Jose remains a living link to the town's past and proof that age has not dulled her sparkle.



HISTORY: Jose Petrick with the first two issues of her books detailing the landmarks and street names of Alice Springs.

Entertainment

Journey captures love and music

IN 1917, Lionel — a young, talented music student — meets David at the Boston Conservatory, where they bond over a deep love of folk music.

Years later, Lionel receives a letter from David, leading to an impromptu journey through the backwoods of Maine to collect traditional songs.

This unexpected reunion, ensuing love affair, and the music they collect and preserve, will shape the course of Lionel's life far beyond his own awareness.

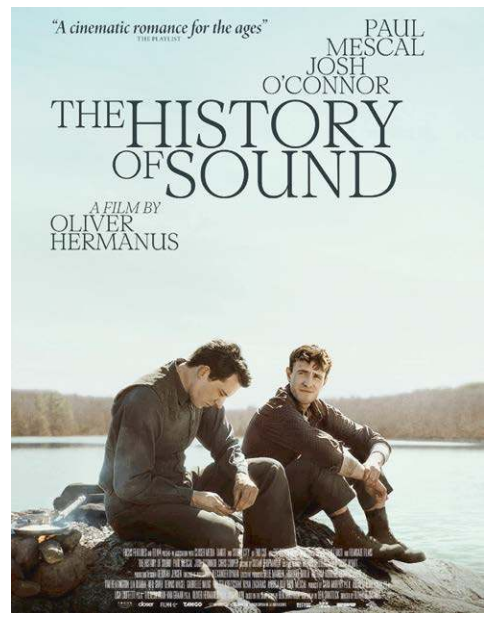
"This beautifully performed, restrained drama explores music, love, and loss." - Sandie Angulo Chen, Common Sense Media

"The History of Sound casts an enchanting spell in its languid story of a love that dare not speak its name between Lionel and David, two scholars who meet at the New England Conservatory of Music in 1917." - Andre Hereford, Metro Weekly (Washington, DC)

"The History of Sound is not a Brokeback Mountain of country music. It is an ode to love in all its permutations. It is love found, love lost and love that endures, tied up in the notes and melodies of songs discovered where least expected." - Neely Swanson, Beverly Hills Courier

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The History of Sound screens at Alice Springs Cinema from 8 January.

PHIL WILLIAMS has hand-picked some of his favourite social photos of the year.

The year that was: Events entertained the crowds



PINK: Leanne Hodge, Virginia Moore and Bridget Hodge show off the Pink Stump merch. (Phil Williams)



ELEGANT: Cup Day Fashions on the Field drew plenty of elegant entries.



PLUNDER: Pirates getting ready to plunder during the Bangtail Muster.



LADIES IN RED: Ophelie Perrichan and Courtney Jay lit up Pioneer Park on Cup Day in their matching red ensembles.



TOP THREE: Randle Walker, Fletcher McElwee and Kumbie Chieruki were the three Best Dressed Men at Pioneer Park for the Alice Springs Cup.



PRINCESES: The Popcorn Princesses were just having too good a time at the Bangtail Muster.



FINALISTS: The Ladies FoF finalists take to the catwalk during Cup Day.

Colour and class shine

PHIL WILLIAMS shares some of his favourite and most memorable social images from the past 12 months.



SOUTHERN STATIONS MOB: The station hands from south of Alice Springs were hell bent on having a good time at Harts Range (494896)



UPSIDE DOWN: Riders on the Move It getting thrilled and spilled at the show. (Phil Williams: 488552)



PINK: The Move It ride lights up in pink as it begins to thrill its riders on the last night of the show. (Phil Williams)



KALEIDOSCOPE: Dave Reeve was a brimming with colour on Cup Day. (Phil Williams)



CASHED UP: Cameron Young show off his loot after winning the Harts Range Junior Stockwhip challenge. (Phil Williams: 494896)



RIBBONS: Clem Muenster and William Vickers show off their ribbons from the motorkhana at Harts Range. (Phil Williams: 494896)



DIORAMA: Perry Carter with his first prize diorama in the Show's craft hall. (Phil Williams: 489823)



SILHOUETTE: The Ferris Wheel silhouetted against the red desert sky. (Phil Williams)



I'M ON: Gerogia Luhrs flashes her betting tickets for Race 2 at Harts Range. (Phil Williams: 494896)



GLAMOUR: The Over 34 ladies brought a touch of the Melbourne Cup to the Harts Range weekend. (Phil Williams: 494896)



BEST BEGINNER: Victoria Shiel is all smiles after being awarded the Best Beginner rosette in the show's photography section. (Phil Williams: 489823)

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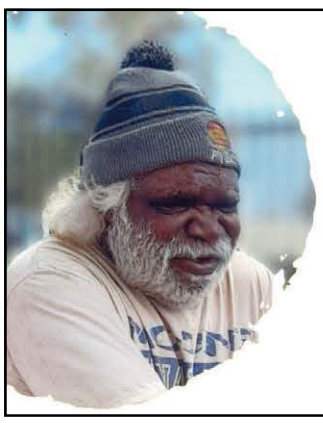
The best medicine
Noah Wyle clocks on for season two of *The Pitt*



STREAMING HIGHLIGHTS **INSIDE**

Fight or flight

Ashleigh Cummings gets a move on in Binge's Postcard Bandit drama **Run**



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Stamp of approval

Based on the unbelievable true story of Australia's most notorious bank robber, *Run* features a talented local cast. Ashleigh Cummings, who returned from the US to play the crook's first love Jackie, tells **Siobhan Duck** why the series is a full-circle moment



The great escape: Jackie (Ashleigh Cummings) is the girlfriend of bank robber Brenden Abbott, aka the Postcard Bandit.
Cover image: Binge/John Tsiavis
Image: Binge/John Platt

IT IS fitting that Ashleigh Cummings' role in *Run* began with a frantic dash across the world.

Now based in the United States, Cummings signed on to the Binge drama and was due on the Perth set just four days later.

"I had zero time to prep, but when I did, I was scrambling to make sure that I could get a handle on the material on the plane over," she smiles.

Run tells the story of one of Australia's most infamous crooks, Brenden Abbott. Known as the Postcard Bandit, the bank robber notoriously escaped from Fremantle Prison in 1989 and enjoyed six years as a fugitive before his recapture in 1995. Less than three years later, he broke out of Sir David Longland Correctional Centre, before being caught again six months later.

"I wasn't familiar with the story at all," Cummings admits.

"I grew up overseas, and I think I kind of missed the boat on his story, but after we started working on it, I learned that my cousin was actually in prison with Brenden at the same time. So, it was closer to home than I thought."

In addition to the drama series, Binge has produced the two-part documentary *Postcard Bandit*, which streams alongside the true-crime drama.

While there's no shortage of material about Abbott's exploits (including the 2003 film *The Postcard Bandit* starring Tom Long), there wasn't an awful lot of resources available about the woman Cummings would be playing: Abbott's girlfriend, Jackie.

"And so, I asked pretty early on if we could change her last name, because there was no opportunity to chat with her and I didn't want to incorrectly impose a story, and also, to some degree, tell the most intimate parts of someone's life on-screen without any consultation," she explains.

"So, I did feel that pressure [to portray her with sensitivity], and I felt it was probably not appropriate to forge down that path. Everyone thought it was great [to make Jackie more of a work of fiction], because we did want to infuse her with her own autonomy and her own ambitions and her own life, and that wasn't what the literature we had on Brenden Abbott focused on, because it was about his story."

Having worked with much of the team before on the 2016 movie, *Hounds of Love*, Cummings felt in safe hands to take the plunge into *Run*.

"I did want to do what I could to honour the world and the story, but it was fast," she explains.

"I had most of my big scenes in the first and second week. My sex scene was on the second day of filming, so it was right in the deep end, pedal to the metal – even though I haven't driven in a while."

Luckily, Cummings is the sort of person who isn't afraid of a challenge. Cummings was just a teenager when she convinced her parents to let her travel to New York to pursue her career. Her parents, both medicos, were initially reluctant to let Cummings pursue acting because it meant missing school.

But, seeing her passion and hard work pay off with roles in the 2007 film *Razzle Dazzle: A Journey into Dance* and TV shows such as *Home & Away*, *Rescue: Special Ops* and *Underbelly: Razor*, they saw this wasn't just a pipe dream.

"I think my parents were pretty courageous themselves," she says.

"I was born and raised in the Middle East, in Saudi Arabia, and they always instilled a sense of curiosity and adventure in me.

"So, it felt pretty natural to some degree."

Feeling stifled and out of place in her new Catholic school after having spent her formative years in the Middle East, Cummings threatened emancipation if her parents wouldn't allow her to make the move.

"I think I was struggling a little bit to find my feet in Australia," she shrugs.

"I came from Saudi and I didn't feel completely at home in my peer group. And I met this beautiful woman called Sam Noble – her father's John Noble (of *Lord of the Rings* fame) – who did acting, though she doesn't do acting anymore, but she was just an incredible spirit, and I felt really inspired by her.

"And at that point, I don't think I completely wanted to be an actress. I think I just wanted the adventure and that was the place that they could agree to let me go [knowing she'd have someone older there to look out for her]."

Since then, thanks to the #MeToo movement, there's a lot more awareness about the predators and dangers that have lurked under the glittering façade of the entertainment industry.

Despite navigating that world at a vulnerable age, Cummings says her experience was overwhelmingly positive.

"I've been very fortunate in my career, and I think also the Australian industry is – or the people I was working with were – fiercely protective of my wellbeing," she says.

"[Director] Ben Young included, who did *Hounds of Love*, which was an incredibly vulnerable film, but I never once felt unsafe.

"Then Glendyn Ivin, who did *Puberty Blues*, which is full of awkward situations [that] I never felt awkward about. Awkward situations for the character, I should say, but I, as a person, never felt uncomfortable."

Filming *Run* has been something of a full-circle moment for Cummings, bringing her back to Australia to work for the first time in a decade and reuniting her with *Razzle Dazzle* director Young, *Dance Academy* co-star Keiynan Lonsdale and old friend Christian Byers.

"And there was a lot of the other cast I'd known or met or worked with on some level or another, and so it really felt like kind of returning to my roots," she enthuses.

"A lot of the other jobs that I work on now, it's a brand-new cast and crew of hundreds of people.

"I'm adaptable, but it's also almost sacred to be back with people who've known you and have loved you for decades, and vice versa.

"That's personally and creatively enriching. And I love the Australian film community for that reason."

■ *Run*, streaming, Binge

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. ★★★★



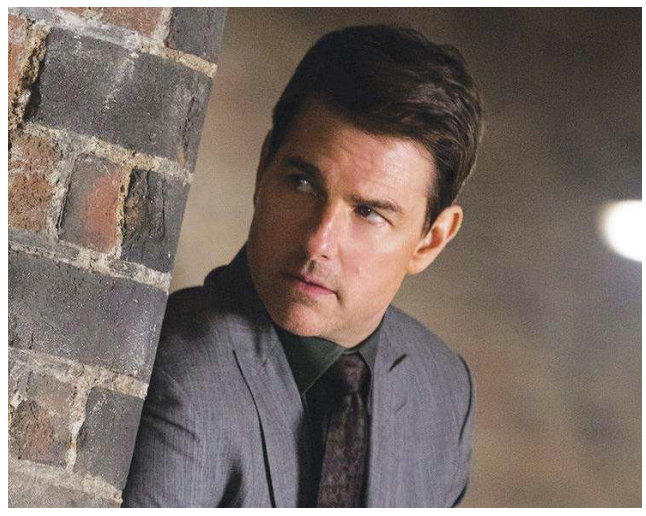
POINT BREAK
SBS World Movies, Sunday, 8.30pm, M (1991)

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. ★★★★

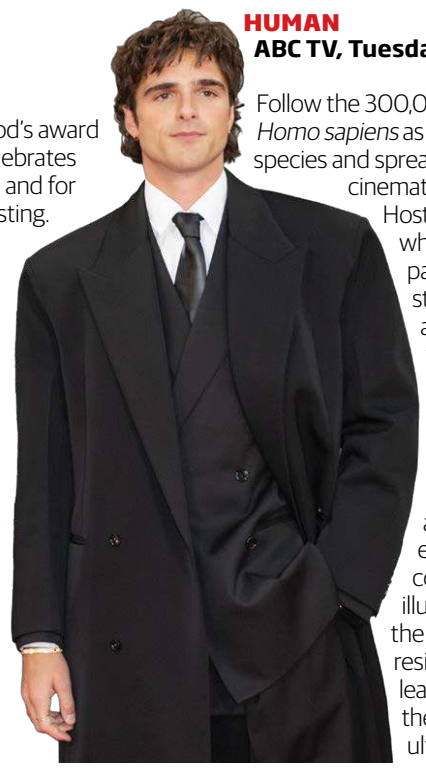
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MY ADVENTURES WITH SUPERMAN
ABC Family, Friday, 8.30pm



Lois Lane and Clark Kent entertain a new generation of fans in this anime-influenced, family-friendly take on the iconic DC Comics superhero that's worlds away from recent grim portrayals of the Man of Steel. The wholesome animation follows Clark (voice of Jack Quaid, *The Boys*) as he works at *The Daily Planet* alongside star reporter Lois (Alice Lee, *Zoey's Extraordinary Playlist*) and photographer Jimmy Olsen (Ishmel Sahid) and builds his reputation as Superman while exploring his mysterious origins. In this instalment, when Lois wants to interview the hero, Clark must figure out a way to help her while keeping his hidden identity – and major crush on her – a secret.

THE 83RD ANNUAL GOLDEN GLOBES
10, Monday, 6pm



Setting the stage for Hollywood's award season, this glittering affair celebrates achievements in cinema, TV – and for the first time in 2026 – podcasting. Comedian Nikki Glaser, who won praise for her sharp wit and hilarious Adam Sandler impressions in 2025, returns to host this year's event. The black comedy *One Battle After Another* leads the field with nine nominations, while Australian actor Jacob Elordi (pictured) has doubled his chances of winning with outstanding performances in both *Frankenstein* and *The Narrow Road to the Deep North*. Other Aussies in contention include Rose Byrne, Nick Cave, Joel Edgerton and two-time winner Sarah Snook.

HUMAN
ABC TV, Tuesday, 8.30pm

Follow the 300,000-year journey of *Homo sapiens* as they outlast other human species and spread across the globe in this cinematic five-part docuseries. Host Ella Al-Shamahi, who is curiously both a paleoanthropologist *and* stand-up comedian, travels around the world to talk to experts and explore archaeological dig sites in her bid to simply explain our epic evolution. The knowledgeable narrator is the perfect guide for a topic that could be as engaging as a caveman's conversation. Tuesday's illuminating episode "Into the Unknown" follows our resilient ancestors as they leave Africa to explore the wider world. It's the ultimate origin story.

PICK OF THE WEEK



MUSTER DOGS: WHERE ARE THEY NOW
ABC TV, Sunday, 7.30pm

They grow up so fast. Just a year after winning the *Muster Dogs* season three title, champion kelpie Banjo has become a dad – to a litter of 12, no less. But now, the time has come for some of Banjo and Chilli's puppies to fly the nest, finding their forever homes with the next generation of graziers. Host Lisa Millar (pictured) heads to Tooborac, Victoria, where 12-year-old farmer Eric is set to begin his working dog journey with pup Diesel and mentor Kim by his side. Meanwhile, in Ethel Creek, Western Australia, trainer Blythe and Banksi (Banjo's sister) are showing 16-year-old Cameron and young Bindi the ropes.

Thursday, January 8

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ABC TV (2)
6.00 News Breakfast. **9.00** ABC News Mornings. **10.00** Hard Quiz. (PG, R) **10.30** Spicks And Specks. (PG, R) **11.00** Classic Countdown Extras. (R) **11.10** Changing Ends. (PG, R) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Miss Austen. (R) **2.00** Restoration Australia. (PG, R) **2.55** Would I Lie To You? (PG, R) **3.25** Nigella At My Table. (R) **3.55** Grand Designs: The Streets. (PG, R) **4.45** Long Lost Family. (PG, R) **5.30** Antiques Roadshow. (R)

6.25 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)
7.00 ABC News.
7.30 7.30.
8.00 Grand Designs Transformations: Mitcham White And Fitzroy Funhouse. (Return, PG)
9.00 Amanda & Alan's Italian Job. (Return, PG) Alan Carr and Amanda Holden transform an old house.
9.30 Goolagong. (Ma, R) Charts the story of Evonne Goolagong Cawley.
10.20 Chopsticks Or Fork? (R)
10.30 Grand Designs: The Streets. (PGl, R)
11.25 Long Lost Family. (PG, R) **12.15** 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. **10.10** Craig & Bruno's Great British Road Trips. (PG, R) **11.10** Wild Beauty Of Germany's Islands. (Premiere) **12.00** BBC News At Ten. **12.30** France 24. **1.00** PBS News. **2.00** Britain's Most Expensive Houses. (PG, 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 4. Highlights.

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (PG, R)
6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 Toronto Airport Uncovered. (Premiere)
8.20 Robson Green: World's Most Amazing Walks. (Premiere) Robson Green walks the Hadrian's Wall path.
9.15 In Flight. (Premiere) A flight attendant's son is accused of murder.
10.10 Great British Railway Journeys. (PGa, R)
10.45 Vienna Blood. (MA15+av) **11.40** Outlander. (Msv, R) **2.05** The Eco Show. (R) **3.30** Off The Beaten Track With Kate Humble. (PG, R) **4.05** My Unique B&B. (R) **4.40** Bamay. (R) **5.00** NHK World English News Morning. **5.30** ANC Philippines The World Tonight.

SEVEN (7, 71)
6am Morning Programs. **11.00** The Ashes: The Lunch Break. **11.40** Cricket. The Ashes. Fifth Test. Australia v England. Day 5. Afternoon session. **1.40** The Ashes: Tea Break. **2.00** Cricket. The Ashes. Fifth Test. Australia v England. Day 5. Evening session. **4.30** News. **5.30** Cricket. Big Bash League. Match 27. Melbourne Stars v Sydney Sixers.

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 Boyzone: Life, Death And Boybands: Love Me For A Reason. (Mal, R) Charts the rise of five young men from Dublin who formed the popular boy band Boyzone.
10.45 Life. (Malsv, R) Crews searches for a missing Reese.
11.45 Travel Oz. (PG, R) Hosted by Greg Grainger.
12.30 Home Shopping. (R)
2.30 NBC Today.
3.30 Sunrise Early News.
4.00 Sunrise.

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 Tennis. United Cup. Day 7. Quarter-finals.
10.00 Chicago Med. (Ma) Maggie and Sharon's friendship is tested.
11.00 A Remarkable Place To Die. (MA15+lv) A detective returns to her home town.
12.00 Murder In The Family: Cheryl Hooper. (Mav, 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. (PGlv, 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) **5.30 Deal Or No Deal.** (R)

6.00 The Graham Norton Show. (Mns) Guests include Kim Kardashian.
7.10 MOVIE: Rocketman. (2019, Madls, R) Follows the life of Elton John, from his years as a prodigy to his musical partnership with Bernie Taupin. Taron Egerton, Jamie Bell.
9.40 10 News+. (R) Comprehensive coverage of the day's top stories, investigative reports and stories that haven't been heard.
10.10 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) Hosted by Stephen Colbert.
11.00 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. **6.55** Peter Rabbit. **7.20** Mojo Swoptops. **8.10** Kangaroo Beach. **9.05** Play School. **10.35** Mini Kids. **11.00** Bananas In Pyjamas. **11.15** The Makery. **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** Secrets Of The Zoo. **9.10** Secret Life Of The Wombat. **10.00** The Wonderful World Of Puppies. **10.40** Merlin. **11.25** 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** Mastermind Aust. **Noon** DW The Day. **12.40** Bowled Over: Untold Australia. **1.45** Devoured. **2.40** Insight. **3.40** WorldWatch. **5.40** Shaun Micallef's Origin Odyssey. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** Genius Game. **9.30** The UnXplained Mysteries Of The Universe. **10.20** The Handmaid's Tale. **11.10** Homicide. **12.50am** Normal People. **2.35** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera.

7MATE (70)
6am Creek To Coast. **6.30** A Football Life. **7.30** America's Game. **8.30** Blokesworld. **9.00** American Resto. **9.30** Storage Wars. **10.00** American Pickers. **11.00** Pawn Stars. **Noon** Highway Patrol. **1.00** The Force: BTL. **2.00** Billy The Exterminator. **3.00** American Resto. **3.30** Storage Wars. **4.00** American Pickers. **5.00** Pawn Stars. **6.00** American Pickers. **7.00 MOVIE:** Ghostbusters: Afterlife. (2021, PG) **9.30 MOVIE:** Resident Evil: Apocalypse. (2004, M) **11.30** American Pickers. **12.30am** American Resto. **1.00** Storage Wars. **1.30** NFL. NFL. Week 18. Replay. **4.30** Hook, Line And Sinker. **5.30** My Fishing Place.

9GEM (90)
6am Thunderbirds. **6.30** TV Shop. **9.00** Iconic Australia. **10.00** My Favorite Martian. **10.30** Avengers. **11.30 MOVIE:** Second Fiddle. (1957) **1pm MOVIE:** Josephine And Men. (1955) **3.00** Yorkshire Auction House. **4.00** Tennis. United Cup. Quarter-finals. **6.00** Clarkson's Farm. **7.10 MOVIE:** Hot Shots! (1991, M) **8.50 MOVIE: The Pink Panther Strikes Again.** (1976, PGsv, R) **11.00** Antiques Downunder. **11.30** Creflo. **Midnight MOVIE:** Josephine And Men. (1955) **2.00** My Favorite Martian. **2.30** Gideon's Way. **3.30** Yorkshire Auction House. **4.30** Danger Man. **5.30** Creflo.

10 DRAMA (1)
6am Home Shopping. **6.30** Escape Fishing With ET. **7.30** The Living Room. **8.30** JAG. **10.30 Days Of Our Lives.** (PGalv) **11.15 The Young And The Restless.** (PGasv) **12.00 The Dog House.** (PGa, R) **1.00 JAG.** (PGv, R) **3.00 The Living Room.** (PG, R) **4.00 JAG.** (PGlv, R) **6.00 NCIS.** (Mv, R) **8.50 Matlock.** (PGal, R) **9.45 The Ex-Wife.** (Mlv, R) **10.45 Home Shopping.** (R)

NITV (34)
6am Morning Programs. **8.15** Motown Magic. **8.40** The Magic Canoe. **9.10** Spartakus. **10.00** Wild, Smart And Deadly. **11.00** Ocean Warriors: Mission Ready. **11.30** Lurujarri Dreaming. **Noon MOVIE:** Bedevil. (1993, PG) **1.35** Bamay. **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** Going Places. **8.30** Reservation Dogs. **9.30 MOVIE:** Timecop. (1994) **11.15** Trans And Pregnant. **12.05am** Going Places. **1.00** Everything's Gonna Be All White. **2.00** On The Road. **3.00** On The Road. **4.00** On The Road. **5.00** Bamay.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)
6am Limelight. (1952, PGas) **8.20** My Neighbour Totoro. (1988, PG) **10.00** Iris And The Men. (2023, French) **11.55 Bergman Island.** (2021, Malnsv, R) **2.00 Hajjan.** (2023, PGav, R, Arabic) **4.20 Mia And The White Lion.** (2018, PGal, R) **6.10 Spirited Away.** (2001, R) Daveigh Chase. **8.30 Priscilla.** (2023, Madl) Jacob Elordi. **10.40 May December.** (2023, MA15+as, R) Natalie Portman. **12.45 Spirited Away.** (2001, R) **3.15 Pig.** (2021, R) **4.55 Mia And The White Lion.** (2018, PGal, R)

7TWO (72)
6am Morning Programs. **11.30** Escape To The Country. **12.30pm** Home In WA. **1.00** The Age Of Elizabeth. **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** Home In WA. **5.00** Escape To The Country.

9GO! (99)
6am The Actually Really Very Difficult Show. **6.30** Cards And Collectables Australia. **7.00** Nanny. **8.00** Addams Family. **8.30** Bewitched. **9.00** Jeannie. **9.30** The West Wing. **10.30** Tennis. Brisbane International. **4.30pm** Tennis. Brisbane International. **9.30 MOVIE: Man On A Ledge.** (2012, Mlv, R) **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 COMEDY (11)
6am Ridiculousness. **6.30** Taskmaster Australia. **7.30** My Market Kitchen. **8.00** Bold. **8.30** Family Feud. **9.00** Ridiculousness. **10.00** Deal Or No Deal. **10.30** Taskmaster Australia. **11.30** Ridiculousness. **12.30pm** Stephen Colbert. **1.30** Becker. **2.00** Frasier. **2.30** Farm To Fork. **3.00** Frasier. **3.30** Becker. **4.00** Frasier. **5.00** Friends. **6.30** The Big Bang Theory. **8.00** Becker. **8.30 Frasier.** (PGa, R) **9.30 Ridiculousness.** (PGal, R) **10.30** Shopping. **1am** Bold. **2.00** Stephen Colbert. **3.00** Shopping. **4.30** GCBC. **5.00** Everyday Gourmet. **5.30** Ridiculousness.

CONSUMER ADVICE (P) Pre-school **(C)** Children **(PG)** Parental Guidance Recommended **(M)** Mature Audiences **(MA15+)** Mature Audiences Only **(AV15+)** Extreme Adult Violence **(R)** Repeat **(a)** Adult themes **(d)** Drug references **(h)** Horror **(s)** Sex references **(l)** Language **(m)** Medical procedures **(n)** Nudity **(v)** Violence. NT
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Friday, January 9

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ABC TV (2)

6.00 News Breakfast. **9.00** ABC News Mornings. **10.00** The Exhibitionists. (Mns, R) **11.00** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Muster Dogs: Where Are They Now. (PG, R) **1.45** Goolagong. (Ma, R) **2.50** Would I Lie To You? (R) **3.20** Nigella At My Table. (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) Presented by Tom Gleeson.
7.00 ABC News. A look at the top stories of the day.
7.30 All Creatures Great And Small. It's baby Jimmy's Christening day.
8.15 Art Detectives. (Ma) The detectives look into the discovery of a gold Viking hoard stolen from a prehistoric burial chamber.
9.05 Hard Quiz. (PG, R) Presenter Tom Gleeson grills four self-declared experts in a comedic quiz show.
9.35 A Life In Ten Pictures: Freddie Mercury. (Mln, R) A look at Freddie Mercury's life.
10.25 Silent Witness. (Malv, R)
12.10 Rage New Music. (MA15+adhlnsv)
5.00 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv)

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **10.05** Craig & Bruno's Great British Road Trips. (PG, R) **11.05** Wild Beauty Of Germany's Islands. **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. Highlights. Stage 5.

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) Presented by Marc Fennell.
6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 The Great House Revival: Post House. (Return) A local man and his partner convert an old post office.
9.30 Isle Of Wight: Jewel Of The South. (PGaw, R) Narrator Alan Titchmarsh documents the lives of the residents of the Isle of Wight.
10.25 Great British Railway Journeys: Bradford To Hebden Bridge. (PGa, R) Presented by Michael Portillo.
11.00 Sisi. (Masv, R)
12.05 Babylon Berlin. (MA15+ansv, R)
1.55 Silent Road. (Ma, R)
3.55 Designing Paradise With Bill Bensley. (R)
4.25 My Unique B&B. (PG, 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:** Love Knots. (2021, PGa) Brooke Williams, Matthew 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 Better Homes And Gardens Summer.

7.00 MOVIE: The Green Mile. (1999, MA15+av, R) Death row guards at a penitentiary in the '30s find themselves facing a moral dilemma when they discover one of their prisoners, a convicted murderer, apparently possesses miraculous powers. Tom Hanks, Michael Clarke Duncan, David Morse.
10.45 MOVIE: Student Seduction. (2022, Mav, R) A high school student joins an academic cheating ring to maintain her grades and keep her scholarship. Cameron Cipolla, Jonathan Stoddard, Le'Priesh Roman.
1.00 Home Shopping. (R)
2.30 Million Dollar Minute. (R) Hosted by Simon Reeve.
3.30 NBC Today. News and current affairs.
5.30 Weekend Sunrise. The latest 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 Tennis. United Cup. Day 8. Quarter-finals.
10.00 Law & Order: Organized Crime. (MA15+av, R) DNA from an SVU rape investigation connects to an unsolved murder.
11.00 A Remarkable Place To Die. (Mlv, R) Anais investigates when a body is found locked in an abandoned gold-mining tunnel.
12.00 Murder In The Family: Jennifer Cronin. (MA15+al, R) Takes a look at the case of Jennifer Cronin.
1.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
3.30 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. (R) Mark invites a girl out.
4.00 Global Shop. (R) Home shopping.
4.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
5.00 Surfing Australia TV. (PGl, R)
5.30 A Current Affair. (R)

TEN (10)

6am Morning Programs. **7.30** Lingo. (R) **8.30** Location, Location, Location Australia. (PGl, R) **9.30** Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly Australia. (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** Bold. (PG) **3.30** News. **4.30** 10 News+. **5.00** Deal Or No Deal. (R)

6.00 Selling Houses Australia. (R) Michelle and Garry wanted to invest in a property.
7.10 Love It Or List It Australia. (R) A couple own a home in Brighton.
8.10 The Graham Norton Show. (Mls, R) Graham Norton is joined on the couch by Reese Witherspoon, Will Ferrell, Ariana Grande and Don Gilet.
9.20 10 News+. (R) Comprehensive coverage of the day's top stories, investigative reports and stories that haven't been heard.
9.50 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) Hosted by Stephen Colbert.
11.00 Home Shopping. (R)
4.30 What's Up Down Under. (PGl, R)
5.00 Camper Deals. (R) **5.30** Reel Action. (R)

ABC FAMILY (22)

6am Children's Programs. **4.15pm** 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** Gardening Australia Junior. **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. **10.30** Late Programs.

SBS VICELAND (31)

6am Morning Programs. **11.30** Vegan Vigilantes. **11.45** DW The Day. **12.15pm** Dark Side Of Comedy. **1.10** WWE Legends. **3.00** Bamay. **3.40** WorldWatch. **5.40** If You Are The One. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats. **8.30** A Very British Space Launch. **9.30** Sex Tape Germany. **10.25** The Handmaid's Tale. **11.20** Shoresy. **11.50** Homeland. **12.50am** WWE Legends. **2.25** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera.

7MATE (70)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon** American Pickers. **1.00** Billy The Exterminator. **1.30** Timbersports. Aust C'ship Pt 1. **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 Patriot. (2000, MA15+) **10.15 MOVIE:** Underworld: Evolution. (2006, MA15+) **12.30am** Road Wars. **1.30** Late Programs.

9GEM (90)

6am Morning Programs. **11.30 MOVIE:** Dangerous Voyage. (1954, PG) **1pm MOVIE:** The House In Nightmare Park. (1973, PG) **3.00** Yorkshire Auction House. **4.00** Tennis. United Cup. Quarter-finals. **6.00** New Tricks. **7.10 MOVIE:** Swordfish. (2001, MA15+) **9.10** The Equalizer. **10.05** Customs. **10.30** New Tricks. **11.30** Creflo. **Midnight MOVIE:** The House In Nightmare Park. (1973, PG) **2.00** My Favorite Martian. **2.30** Late Programs.

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** All 4 Adventure. **4.00** JAG. **6.00 NCIS.** (Mdv, R) **8.50 Matlock.** (PGad, R) **9.45 The Real CSI: Miami.** (Mav, R) **10.45 Home Shopping.** (R)

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon** Electric Lady Studios: A Hendrix Vision. **1.40** Stompem Ground 2022: Karajarri Dancers. **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** Wild, Smart And Deadly. **7.30 MOVIE:** Hook. (1991) **10.15 MOVIE:** Friday. (1995, MA15+) **Midnight** Going Places. **1.00** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Mia And The White Lion. (2018, PGal) **6.40** Hajjan. (2023, PGav, Arabic) **9.00** Spirited Away. (2001) **11.20** Only The Brave. (2017, Mals) **1.45pm** Limelight. (1952, PGas) **4.15** The Orator. (2011, PGa, Samoan) **6.20** Howl's Moving Castle. (2004, PG) **8.30** Paint. (2023) **10.20** Man Up. (2015, Mls) **11.55** Howl's Moving Castle. (2004) **2am** May December. (2023, MA15+as) **4.00** Priscilla. (2023, Madl)

7TWO (72)

6am Morning Programs. **12.30pm** Home In WA. **1.00** Room For Improvement. **1.30** The Great Australian Doorstep. **2.00** Harry's Practice. **2.30** Medical Emergency. **3.00** Better Homes. **4.00** Escape To The Country. **5.00** Bargain Hunt. **6.00** Wildlife ER. **7.00** Escape To The Country. **10.00** Secrets Of Beautiful Gardens. **11.00** Escape To The Country. **Midnight** Late Programs.

9GO! (99)

6am Morning Programs. **4.30pm** Tennis. Brisbane International. Quarter-finals. **9.30 MOVIE:** Safe Haven. (2013, M) **11.50** 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 MOVIE:** Barbie Skipper And The Big Babysitting Adventure. (2023) **5.45** Late Programs.

10 COMEDY (11)

6am Morning Programs. **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. **6.00 MOVIE:** War Of The Worlds. (2005, 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 10

ABC TV (2)

6.00 Rage Charts. (MA15+adhlnsv) **7.00** Wknd Brekky. **9.00** Rage. (PG) **10.30** Rage Vault Guest Programmer. (MA15+adhlnsv) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **12.30** Call The Midwife. (PGa, R) **1.30** Art Detectives. (Ma, R) **2.15** All Creatures Great And Small. (R) **3.00** Extraordinary Escapes. (PG, R) **3.50** Human. (PG, R) **5.00** Dr Karl's How Things Work. (R) **5.55 Back Roads.** (R)

6.25 Hard Quiz. (PG, R) Presented by Tom Gleeson.
7.00 ABC News. A look at the top stories of the day.
7.30 Call The Midwife. (M) Trixie cares for an unmarried first-time mother.
8.30 Vera. (Ma, R) Vera investigates the apparent suicide of a well-known TV personality who has recently fallen from grace.
10.00 Goolagong. (Ma, R) Charts the story of Evonne Goolagong Cawley.
10.55 The Jetty. (Madl, R) A detective suspects a predator is targeting young girls.
11.55 Rage Vault Guest Programmer. (MA15+dhlnsv)
4.55 Rage. (MA15+dhlnsv)

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **9.05** Destination Flavour: Singapore Bitesize. (R) **9.15** Matched. (PG, R) **10.05** The Eco Show. (R) **11.05** Phase III Odyssey. (Mal, 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 2. Highlights. **4.00** Going Places. (PG, R) **5.00** Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Weekly Highlights.

6.00 Grand Tours Of Scotland's Rivers. (R)
6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 Secrets Of Britain's Historic Houses: The Doll's House. (Return) Beatrix Potter's Dolls' House undergoes renovations.
8.40 MOVIE: Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy. (2011, MA15+v, R) A spy searches for a mole within MI6. Gary Oldman, Benedict Cumberbatch.
11.00 Scottish Islands With Ben Fogle. (R)
12.05 Reframed: Marilyn Monroe. (Mans, R) **3.25** Bowled Over: Untold Australia. (Mal, R) **4.25** My Unique B&B. (R) **5.15** France 24 Feature. **5.30** ANC Philippines The World Tonight.

SEVEN (7, 71)

6.00 Weekend Sunrise. **8.30** The Morning Show Summer Series. (PG) **10.30** Horse Racing. Magic Millions Gold, The Lakes Race Day and VRC Standish Handicap Race Day. **3.30** Seven News At 5. **4.00** Border Security: Australia's Front Line. (PG, R) **4.30** Seven News. **5.30** Horse Racing. Magic Millions Twilight. From the Gold Coast Turf Club, Queensland.

7.30 MOVIE: White House Down. (2013, Mlv, R) During a tour of the White House, a policeman springs into action to stop a group of paramilitary invaders. Channing Tatum, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Jamie Foxx.
10.15 Air Crash Investigations: Missed Opportunities. (PGa, R) Takes a look at the crash of Independent Air Flight 1851 that cost the lives all 144 passengers and crew.
11.15 Dr Harry's Animal Encounters. (PG, R) Presented by Dr Harry Cooper.
12.30 Home Shopping. (R)
2.30 It's Academic. (R)
3.30 Million Dollar Minute. (R)
4.30 NBC Today.
5.30 Weekend Sunrise.

IMPARJA (9)

6.00 Weekend Today. **9.00** Tennis. United Cup. Day 9. Semi-finals. **3.00** Find My Beach House Australia. (R)
3.30 Taronga: Who's Who In The Zoo. (PG, R)
4.30 9News First At Five.
5.00 Find My Country House Australia. (R)
5.30 9News Saturday.

6.30 Tennis. United Cup. Day 9. Semi-finals.
10.00 MOVIE: The Next Three Days. (2010, Mlv, R) A married couple's lives are turned upside down when the wife is sent to jail for murder. Russell Crowe, Elizabeth Banks, Lennie James.
12.30 Next Stop. (R) A look at holiday destinations.
1.00 Customs. (PG, R) Follows customs officers at work.
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)
5.30 Hello SA. (PG, R)

TEN (10)

6.00 Escape Fishing. (R) **6.30** I Fish. (R) **7.00** On The Fly. (R) **7.30** 4x4 Adventures. (R) **8.30** Airport 24/7. (PGad, R) **9.30** GCBC. (R) **10.00** Frugal Foodie. (R) **10.30** Surf Life Saving. Shaw And Partners Iron Series. Day 1. Specialist Round. **12.30** 4x4 Adventures. (Final) **1.30** Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly Australia. (PGal, R) **2.30** All 4 Adventure. (I) **3.30** News. **5.00** Dog House Aust. (PGa, R)

6.00 Love It Or List It Australia. A couple contemplate leaving their home of 11 years.
7.10 Location, Location, Location Australia. (R) Property experts search for homes.
8.20 Ambulance UK. (Mad, R) It is a busy weekend night shift across Lancashire as crews attend to patients with mental health issues.
9.35 NCIS. (Mv, R) The team is drawn into the world of UFO conspiracy theories while investigating a pilot's death.
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.

ABC FAMILY (22)

6am Children's Programs. **2.50pm** Wiggle And Learn. **3.05** Play School. **3.30** Bluey. **4.20** Dino Dex. **4.45** Gardening Australia Junior. **5.10** Thomas. **5.30** Super Monsters. **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** Shaun Tan's Tales From Outer Suburbia. **9.25** Fresh Off The Boat. **10.10** Late Programs.

SBS VICELAND (31)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon** Mastermind Aust. **2.00** WorldWatch. **2.30** Cycling. Westbridge Funds Road Nationals C'ships. Men's Under-23. Road Race. **6.00** France 24. **6.30** PBS News. **7.30** Impossible Engineering. **8.25** Big Fat Quiz Of The Year 2025. **10.00** The Phoenix Lights Phenomenon. **10.50** Snowpiercer. **12.35am** WWE Legends. **2.05** Dark Side Of The '90s. **3.00** Late Programs.

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. Replay. **2.30** Desert Collectors. **3.30** Counting Cars. **4.30** Pawn Stars. **5.30** Storage Wars. **6.00 MOVIE:** Uncharted. (2022, M) **8.20 MOVIE:** Striking Distance. (1993, M) **10.30** Storage Wars. **11.00** Pawn Stars. **Midnight** Desert Collectors. **1.00** Late Programs.

9GEM (90)

6am Morning Programs. **11.55 MOVIE:** Mr Forbush And The Penguins. (1971, PG) **2pm MOVIE:** The Count Of Monte-Cristo. (1975, PG) **4.00** Tennis. United Cup. Semi-finals. **5.30** M*A*S*H. **6.00** Death In Paradise. **7.10 MOVIE:** Indiana Jones And The Temple Of Doom. (1984, M) **9.35 MOVIE:** The Awakening. (1980, M) **11.45 MOVIE:** Up The Front. (1972, PG) **1.35am** Late Programs.

10 DRAMA (1)

6am Shopping. **7.30** I Fish. **8.00** Dog House. **9.00** JAG. **3pm** Soccer. A-League Men. Melbourne v Western Sydney. **5.30 Football Tonight.** **6.05 Soccer.** A-League Men. Round 12. Macarthur FC v Sydney FC. **8.30 NCIS.** (PGv, R) **11.20 NCIS: Origins.** (Mav, R) **12.15am** Home Shopping.

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **12.35pm MOVIE:** Jester Till. (2003) **2.05** Wild, Smart And Deadly. **2.55** Living Black. **3.25** Soh Presents: Generations And Dynasties. **5.00** Unsettled. **6.00** The Barber. **6.40** The Other Side. **7.30** Alone Australia. **8.30 MOVIE:** Beowulf. (2007, MA15+) **10.10** Australian Music Vault: Kate Ceberano. **11.30** Unspoken: Manu Vatuvei. **Midnight** Going Places. **1.00** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Morning Programs. **12.30pm** Other People's Children. (2022, Madlns, French, Hebrew) **2.25** The Movie Show. **3.00** Paint. (2023) **4.50** Boychoir. (2014, PGav) **6.45** The Secret World Of Arrietty. (2010) **8.30** Anatomy Of A Fall. (2023, MA15+a, French, English, German) **11.20** The Beautiful Summer. (2023, French, Italian) **1.25am** Limitless. (2011, Mdlsv) **3.25** Late Programs.

7TWO (72)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon** Wildlife ER. **1.00** Better Homes And Gardens Summer. **2.30** Better Homes. **3.30** Horse Racing. Magic Millions Gold, The Lakes Race Day and VRC Standish Handicap Race Day. **4.30** Bondi Vet. **5.30** Dog Patrol. **6.00** The Yorkshire Vet. **7.00** Lewis. **9.00** Escape To The Country. **10.00** The Amazing Homemakers. **11.00** The Yorkshire Vet. **Midnight** Last Chance Learners. **12.30** Late Programs.

9GO! (99)

6am Morning Programs. **10.30** Tennis. Brisbane International. Semi-finals. **4.30pm** Golden Girls. **5.00** Nanny. **6.00** Tennis. Brisbane International. Semi-finals. **10.00** Ice Hockey. NHL. Chicago Blackhawks v Washington Capitals. **12.40am** Love After Lockup. **2.10 MOVIE:** Isaac's Dream. (2023, M) **3.40** Booba. **4.00** Bubble's Hotel. **4.30 MOVIE:** Barbie And Stacie To The Rescue. (2024) **5.40** Lego City: No Limits.

10 COMEDY (11)

6am Morning Programs. **8.00** Deal Or No Deal. **8.30** Ridiculousness. **9.00** Inspired Unemployed (Impractical) Jokers. **9.30** Farm To Fork. **10.00** Deal Or No Deal. **10.30** Stephen Colbert. **12.30pm** Inspired Unemployed (Impractical) Jokers. **1.30** Frasier. **2.30** Friends. **5.00** Big Bang. **8.30** Frasier. **9.30** Ridiculousness. **10.30** South Park. **11.30** Shopping. **Midnight** South Park. **1.00** Shopping. **4.30** Deal Or No Deal.

Sunday, January 11

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

ABC TV (2)

6am Morning Programs. **10.00** Eat The Invaders. (Final, PG, R) **10.30** New Leash On Life. (R) **11.00** Compass. (R) **11.30** Praise. (R) **12.00** News. **12.30** Magda's Big National Health Check. (Final, PG, R) **1.30** Gardening Aust. (R) **2.30** Muster Dogs: Where Are They Now. (PG, R) **3.40** Extraordinary Escapes. (PG, R) **4.30** Amanda & Alan's Italian Job. (PG, R) **5.00** Antiques Roadshow. (R)

6.00 Grand Designs Transformations: Mitcham White And Fitzroy Funhouse. (PG, R)
7.00 ABC News.
7.30 Muster Dogs: Where Are They Now. (PG) Presented by Lisa Millar.
8.20 Goolagong. (M) Evonne Goolagong Cawley is driven away from tennis at her peak due to personal loss and burnout.
9.15 The Jetty. (MA15+l) Still reeling from her discovery, Ember agrees to share information with Riz, a crime podcaster.
10.15 Call The Midwife. (M, R)
11.15 MOVIE: Sirens. (1994, MA15+an, R) Hugh Grant.
12.50 Rage Vault. (MA15+adhlnsv)
2.30 Gardening Australia. (R) **3.25** Dream Gardens. (R) **4.00** The Art Of. (PG, 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. **9.25** Matched. (PG, R) **10.15** The Eco Show. (R) **11.15** Phase III Odyssey. (Mal, R) **12.00** Cycling. Westbridge Funds Road Nationals Championships. Women's Elite and Under-23 Road Race. **3.30** APAC Weekly. **4.00** PBS Washington Week. **4.25** The Point: Road To Referendum History Bites. **4.30** Going Places. (R) **5.00** Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Weekly Highlights.

6.00 Grand Tours Of Scotland's Rivers. (R)
6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 Days That Shocked The World: Challenger. Looks at the Space Shuttle Challenger disaster.
8.25 Ken Burns' The American Revolution. (Final, PG) Peace is restored.
10.40 Secrets Of Modern Archaeology. (PGa, R)
11.45 Australian Fashion Past, Present, Future. (PGn, R) **1.15** Birdsville Or Bust: Untold Australia. (Ml, R) **2.20** 24 Hours In A&E. (M) **3.15** The Eco Show. (R) **4.15** Designing Paradise With Bill Bensley. (R) **4.45** Destination Flavour Scandinavia Bitesize. (R) **5.00** NHK World English News Morning. **5.15** France 24 Feature. **5.30** APAC Weekly.

SEVEN (7, 71)

6.00 Weekend Sunrise. **8.30** The Morning Show Summer Series. (PG) **10.30** Border Security: Int. (PG, R) **11.00** Air Crash Inv: Accident Files. (PGal, R) **12.00** Big Bash League Pre-Game. **12.30** Cricket. Big Bash League. Match 31. Sydney Sixers v Hobart Hurricanes. **4.00** Border Security: Int. (PG, R) **4.30** News. **5.30** Cricket. Big Bash League. Match 32. Adelaide Strikers v Perth Scorchers.

9.00 Big Bash League Post-Match. Post-match coverage of the game between the Adelaide Strikers and Perth Scorchers.
9.30 7NEWS Spotlight. Ashlee Mullany investigates the biggest crypto heist in history and the Aussie billionaire at its centre. Then, Melanie C chats one-on-one with Sonia Kruger.
10.30 MacGruber. (MA15+lsv) The plan Queeth set into motion is still alive. MacGruber must find out who is behind the attacks.
11.30 Dr Harry's Animal Encounters. (PG, R) Presented by Dr Harry Cooper.
1.00 Home Shopping. (R)
2.00 Million Dollar Minute. (R) Hosted by Simon Reeve.
2.30 NBC Today. News and current affairs.
3.30 Sunrise Early News.
4.00 Sunrise.

IMPARJA (9)

6.00 Find My Beach House Australia. (R) **6.30** Weekend Today. **9.30** Journey To Europe. (R) **10.30** Fishing Australia. **11.00** GolfBarons. (PG, R) **11.30** Great Getaways. (PG, R) **12.30** David Attenborough's Dynasties II. (PGa, R) **1.30** Conquering Skin Cancer. (PGmn) **3.30** Take Me Home. (PG, R) **4.30** 9News First At Five. **5.00** RBT. (PGdl) **5.30** 9News Sunday.

6.30 Tennis. United Cup. Day 10. Final.
10.00 The First 48: The Standoff. (Malv, R) Tulsa homicide responds when a father of three is gunned down at his job by suspects who end up in a standoff with police.
11.00 Wild Cards. (Mv, R) After an accountant set to testify against the mob is kidnapped, Ellis is asked to help get him back.
12.00 Tycoons Down Under: Hard Times. (PGa, R) Looks at some of Australia's biggest tycoons.
1.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
3.30 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. (R) A group of water skiers is sabotaged.
4.00 The Garden Gurus. (R) Great gardening tips and hints.
4.30 Today Early News.
5.00 Today.

TEN (10)

6am Morning Programs. **9.00** 10 Minute Kitchen. (R) **9.30** Well Traveller. (PG, R) **10.00** Pooches At Play. (R) **10.30** Deal Or No Deal. (R) **11.00** Surf Life Saving. Shaw And Partners Iron Series. Day 2. Specialist Round. **1.00** Basketball. NBL. Round 16. Illawarra Hawks v New Zealand Breakers. **3.00** Deal Or No Deal. (R) **3.30** News. **5.00** 10 News+. **5.30** Selling Houses Aust. (R)

6.30 MOVIE: Top Gun: Maverick. (2022, Mlv, R) An aviator trains a detachment of Top Gun graduates for a mission while confronting the ghosts of his past. Tom Cruise, Miles Teller.
9.05 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.
9.35 FBI. (Mv, R) The team discovers a rogue terrorist group has infiltrated the FBI. Unsure of who to trust, they must work in the shadows to unmask the culprits threatening the New York field office.
10.30 Home Shopping. (R)
4.30 Entertainment Tonight.
5.00 Deal Or No Deal. (R)
5.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG, R)

ABC FAMILY (22)

6am Children's Programs. **3pm** Play School: Down At The Beach. **3.25** Room On The Broom. **3.55** Odd Squad. **4.20** Dino Dex. **4.45** Gardening Australia Junior. **5.10** Tiddler. **5.35** Super Monsters. **6.05** PJ Masks Power Heroes. **6.50** Andy And The Band. **7.05** Piripenguins. **7.30** Shaun Tan's Tales From Outer Suburbia. **7.50** TBA. **9.40** Fresh Off The Boat. **10.00** Late Programs.

SBS VICELAND (31)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon** WWE Rivals. **12.55** Jeopardy! **3.00** Mastermind Aust. **4.00** The Story Of. **4.30** Cycling. Westbridge Funds Road Nationals C'ships. Elite Men's. Road Race. **8.30** The Story Of. **9.00** France 24. **9.30** PBS Washington Week. **10.00 MOVIE:** Food, Inc. 2. (2023, M) **11.45** History's Greatest Of All-Time With Peyton Manning. **12.35am** Django. **2.35** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera.

7MATE (70)

6am Morning Programs. **2pm** Storage Wars. **2.30** Deep Water Salvage. **3.30** Counting Cars. **4.30** Border Security: Int. **5.30** Border Security. **7.00 MOVIE:** The Bourne Identity. (2002, M) **9.30 MOVIE:** The Dark Tower. (2017, M) **11.30** Blokesworld. **Midnight** Counting Cars. **1.00** Border Security: Int. **2.00** Border Security. **3.00** Sound FX: Best Of. **3.30** NFL. NFL Playoffs. Wild Card Round. **4.30** Late Programs.

9GEM (90)

6am Morning Programs. **11.45 MOVIE:** All Creatures Great And Small. (1975) **1.40pm MOVIE:** Silver Bears. (1978, PG) **4.00** Tennis. United Cup. Final. **5.30** M*A*S*H. **7.00 MOVIE:** Ronin. (1998, M) **9.30** Mrs Sidhu Investigates. **11.30 MOVIE:** Death Is A Woman. (1966, M) **1.10am MOVIE:** Silver Bears. (1978, PG) **3.30** Avengers. **4.30** Danger Man. **5.30** Late Programs.

10 DRAMA (1)

6am Shopping. **6.30** Tough Tested. **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. Sydney Kings v Melbourne United. **5.00 JAG.** (PGdv, R) **6.00 NCIS.** (Mv, R) **8.50 Matlock.** (PGa, R) **10.45 Home Shopping.** (R)

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **2.50pm** Football. West Kimberley Football League. Women's. Grand Final. Replay. **4.05** Bob Marley & The Wailers: The Capitol 73. **5.20** Australian Music Vault: Kate Ceberano. **6.50** Wild, Smart And Deadly. **7.40** Aerial Australia. **8.30 MOVIE:** Luther: Never Too Much. (2024) **10.25 MOVIE:** Mad Dog Morgan. (1976, MA15+) **12.15am** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Morning Programs. **12.40pm** Song To Song. (2017, Malnsv) **3.00** The Movie Show. **4.00** Discovering Film. **4.50** The Emperor's Club. (2002, PGlns) **6.50** Porco Rosso. (1992, PG) **8.30** My Sailor, My Love. (2022, PG) **10.25** Ondine. (2009, Malv) **12.25am** Porco Rosso. (1992, PG) **2.05** Anatomy Of A Fall. (2023, MA15+a, French, English, German) **4.50** Late Programs.

7TWO (72)

6am Morning Programs. **11.30** Medical Emergency. **Noon** Sean's Kitchen. **1.00** Harry's Practice. **1.30** Better Homes. **2.30** The Amazing Homemakers. **3.30** Secrets Of Beautiful Gardens. **4.30** Escape To The Country. **5.30** Vicar Of Dibley. **7.00** Vera. **9.00** Murdoch Mysteries. **Midnight** Harry's Practice. **12.30** Vera. **2.30** Million Dollar Minute. **3.30** Room For Improvement. **4.00** Last Chance Learners. **4.30** Late Programs.

9GO! (99)

6am Morning Programs. **1pm** Surfing Aust. **1.30** Tennis. Brisbane International. Finals. **4.30** Tennis. Brisbane International. Finals. **8.30 MOVIE:** Air. (2023, M) **10.40** Gotham. **11.40** Arrow. **1.30am** Big Rigs Of Oz. **2.10 MOVIE:** Barbie And Stacie To The Rescue. (2024) **3.20** Wild Manes. **3.40** Barney's World. **4.00** Bubble's Hotel. **4.30** Beyblade X. **5.00** Late Programs.

10 COMEDY (11)

6am Deal Or No Deal. **6.30** Frasier. **8.30** The Neighborhood. **9.30** Stephen Colbert. **12.30pm** The Neighborhood. **1.30** Frasier. **2.30** Friends. **5.00** Big Bang. **8.05 Frasier.** (PGa, R) **9.00 The Neighborhood.** (PGs, R) **10.00** South Park. **11.00** Home Shopping. **Midnight** South Park. **1.00** Shopping. **4.30** GCBC. **5.00** Everyday Gourmet. **5.30** Ridiculousness.

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Monday, January 12

ABC TV (2)

6.00 News Breakfast. **9.00** ABC News Mornings. **10.00** Vera. (Ma, R) **11.30** Back Roads. (PG, R) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** The Kimberley. (Final, R) **2.00** Restoration Australia. (PG, R) **2.55** Would I Lie To You? (PG, R) **3.25** Nigella At My Table. (R)
3.55 Grand Designs: The Streets. (R)
4.45 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 To Be Advised.
9.00 Simon Schama: The Road To Auschwitz. (Premiere, MA15+a) Historian Simon Schama visits Auschwitz.
10.00 Dr Karl's How Things Work: Chips. (R)
10.35 ABC Late News.
10.50 Dr Karl's How Things Work. (R)
11.20 Grand Designs: The Streets. (R)
12.10 Long Lost Family. (PG, R) **12.55** 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. **11.10** Wild Vienna. (Premiere, PG) **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. (PG, R) **3.35** The Cook Up. (R) **4.05** Jeopardy! **4.30** Letters And Numbers. (R) **5.00** Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Stage 7. Highlights.

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R)
6.30 SBS World News.
7.35 Wonders Of The Sun With Dara Ó Briain. (R) Dara Ó Briain learns about the Sun.
9.20 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: Tilbury To Barbican. (R)
10.55 Like Water For Chocolate. (MA15+sv)
11.45 Clean Sweep. (MA15+s, R)
1.45 Pagan Peak. (Mav, R) **3.30** Designing Paradise With Bill Bensley. (PG, R) **4.00** My Unique B&B. (R) **4.35** Bamay. (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:** MatchMaker Mysteries: A Fatal Romance. (2020, PGav) Danica McKellar. **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 33. Sydney Thunder v Melbourne Renegades. From ENGIE Stadium, Sydney.

9.00 Big Bash League Post-Match. Post-match coverage of the game between the Sydney Thunder and Melbourne Renegades.
9.30 MOVIE: Miami Vice. (2006, MA15+v, R) Two detectives investigate after an informant, his family and two FBI agents are killed by a drug cartel. Jamie Foxx, Colin Farrell, Gong Li.
12.10 Girlfriends' Guide To Divorce. (MA15+s) Abby is ordered by her doctor to rest.
1.30 Home Shopping. (R)
2.30 NBC Today.
3.30 Sunrise Early News.
4.00 Sunrise.

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 Travel Guides. (PGl, R) Ordinary Australians become travel critics.
8.30 MOVIE: Indiana Jones And The Kingdom Of The Crystal Skull. (2008, Mv, R) Indiana Jones is reunited with a woman from his past when he searches for a mysterious crystal skull. Harrison Ford, Shia LaBeouf, Cate Blanchett.
10.55 Sight Unseen. (Mv)
11.40 Tipping Point. (PG, 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** Lingo. (R) **7.30** The Finish Line. (R) **8.30** Ent. Tonight. **9.00** Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly Australia. (PGa, R) **10.00** My Market Kitchen. (R) **10.30** Farm To Fork. **11.00** Family Feud. (PG, R) **11.30** News. **12.30** Deal Or No Deal. (R) **1.00** The Finish Line. **2.00** Lingo. (R) **3.00** Bold. (PG) **3.30** 10 News. **4.30** 10 News+. **5.00** Deal Or No Deal. (R)

6.00 The 83rd Annual Golden Globes. (Premiere, PGals) Hosted by Nikki Glaser.
9.00 10's Late News. Comprehensive coverage of local, national and international news, as well as the latest sport and weather.
9.30 10 News+. (R) Comprehensive coverage of the day's top stories, investigative reports and stories that haven't been heard.
10.00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) Hosted by Stephen Colbert.
11.00 Home Shopping. (R)
4.30 Entertainment Tonight. (R)
5.00 Deal Or No Deal. (R)
5.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG, R)

ABC FAMILY (22)

6am Children's Programs. **2.15pm** Peter Rabbit. **2.45** The Makery. **3.05** Play School: Let The Games Begin. **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. **10.00** Late Programs.

SBS VICELAND (31)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon** France 24 English News. **12.30** Rex In Rome. **3.05** Mastermind Aust. **3.35** WorldWatch. **5.30** Freddie Flintoff's Field Of Dreams Tour. **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** Question Team. **12.15am** Django. **1.30** Everyone Else Burns. **2.30** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera.

7MATE (70)

6am Morning Programs. **2pm** NFL Tailgate. **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** Billy The Exterminator. **12.30am** Pawn Stars. **1.30** Aussie Salvage Squad. **2.30** The Mightiest. **3.30** Boy To Man. **4.30** Late Programs.

9GEM (90)

6am Thunderbirds. **6.30** TV Shop. **8.00** Newstyle Direct. **8.30** Rainbow Country. **9.00** Pointless. **10.00** Tennis. Adelaide International. **4.30pm** Tennis. Adelaide International. **9.30** The Chelsea Detective. **11.30** Creflo. **Midnight** Harry Wild. **1.00** Mrs Sidhu Investigates. **3.00** Danger Man. **4.00** Find My Country House Canada. **4.30** Danger Man. **5.30** Creflo.

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** The Dog House. **1.00** JAG. **3.00** The Living Room. **4.00** JAG. **6.00 NCIS.** (Mv, R) **7.00 FBI: Most Wanted.** (Masv, R) **8.50 Matlock.** (PGa, R) **10.45 Home Shopping.** (R)

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon MOVIE:** Luther: Never Too Much. (2024) **2.00** Strait To The Plate. **2.30** The Cook Up. **3.00** Jarjums. **5.00** Harlem Globetrotters. **5.30** The 77 Percent. **6.00** Bamay. **6.40** Wild, Smart And Deadly. (Final) **7.30** Who Do You Think You Are? **8.30** Living Black Conversations. **9.05** Sammy By Sammy: My Tale Of The 60s. **10.05 MOVIE:** Purple Rain. (1984, M) **Midnight** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Morning Programs. **12.20pm** Moving. (1993, Ma, Japanese) **2.40** Boychoir. (2014, PGav) **4.30** Finding Altamira. (2016, PGa) **6.15** Nausicaä Of The Valley Of The Wind. (1984, PGh) **8.30** Santosh. (2024, MA15+alv, Hindi) **10.50** August: Osage County. (2013, MA15+al) **1.05am** Monster's Ball. (2001, MA15+alsv) **3.10** To Leslie. (2022, Madl) **5.20** The Movie Show. **5.55** Late Programs.

7TWO (72)

6am Morning Programs. **11.30** Australia: The Story Of Us. **12.30pm** Weekender. **1.00** This Rugged Coast. **2.00** Harry's Practice. **2.30** Million Dollar Minute. **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** Home In WA. **12.30** Harry's Practice. **1.00** Late Programs.

9GO! (99)

6am Morning Programs. **12.30pm** Golden Girls. **1.00** Nanny. **2.00** Seinfeld. **3.00** Addams Family. **3.30** Bewitched. **4.00** Jeannie. **4.30** Golden Girls. **5.00** Nanny. **6.00** Seinfeld. **7.00 MOVIE:** The Hangover 2. (2011, MA15+) **9.05** Seinfeld. **10.05** The 100. **11.00** The Vampire Diaries. **12.40am** Pretty Little Liars: The Perfectionists. **1.30** Nanny. **2.00** I Love VIP Pets. **2.30** Late Programs.

10 COMEDY (11)

6am Morning Programs. **10.30** The Inspired Unemployed: The List. **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 13

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** To Be Advised. **11.00** The Penguin King With David Attenborough. (R) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Call The Midwife. (M, R) **1.55** Restoration Australia. (PG, R) **2.55** Would I Lie To You? (PG, R) **3.25** Nigella At My Table. (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.
8.00 Dr Karl's How Things Work: Pies. Dr Karl Kruszelnicki looks at how meat pies are made.
8.30 Human: Into The Unknown. (PG) Looks at early Homo sapiens's ancestors leaving Africa.
9.30 Grand Designs Transformations: Mitcham White And Fitzroy Funhouse. (PG, R) Two Melbourne couples transform their homes.
10.35 ABC Late News.
10.50 Australia's Open. (Final, Ml, R)
11.45 Grand Designs: The Streets. (Ml, R)
12.30 Long Lost Family. (PG, R) **1.20** Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) **2.25** Close To Me. (Mals, R) **4.00** Gardening Australia. (R) **5.00** A Bite To Eat With Alice. (R) **5.30** 7.30. (R)

SBS (3)

6.00 DW English News. **6.30** Al Jazeera News. **7.00** BBC News At Six. **7.30** France 24 English News. **8.00** DD India News Hour. **9.00** Tennis. Kooyong Classic. Day 1. From Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club, Melbourne. **3.30 France 24 International News.** **4.00 PBS NewsHour.** **5.00 Motor Racing.** Dakar Rally. Stage 8. Highlights.

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R)
6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 Who Do You Think You Are? Patrick Brammall. (Ml, R) Patrick Brammall investigates a family myth.
8.35 Air India Crash: What Went Wrong? (Ma, R) Looks at the tragic events of Air India Flight 171, which crashed in June 2025, resulting in 260 fatalities.
9.30 Aerial Australia. (PGa, R) Looks at the hot, dry, extreme centre of Australia.
10.25 Great British Railway Journeys: Waterloo To Regent's Park. (R)
11.00 Exit. (MA15+adls)
11.55 Dopesick. (MA15+ad, R) **2.10** The Eco Show. (R) **3.15** Designing Paradise With Bill Bensley. (R) **4.15** My Unique B&B. (R) **4.50** Destination Flavour Scandinavia 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:** MatchMaker Mysteries: A Killer Engagement. (2019, PGav) Danica McKellar, Victor Webster. **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 34. Melbourne Stars v Adelaide Strikers. From the MCG.

9.00 Big Bash League Post-Match. Post-match coverage of the game between the Melbourne Stars and Adelaide Strikers.
9.30 Lopez Vs. Lopez. (PGal) Mayan and Quinten have mixed feelings when Rosie finally dates a nice guy who also happens to be Quinten's boss. George must face his painful past to recover Mayan's childhood home videos.
10.30 MOVIE: A Dangerous Defence. (2021, Mav, R) An ambitious lawyer sets out to determine whether her estranged sister is responsible for their father's death. Anita Leeman Torres, Scott Christopher, Sabrina Stull.
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 Taronga: Who's Who In The Zoo: Bongo Blood Draw. (PG) Taronga attempts to breed endangered Asian elephants.
8.00 MOVIE: Cool Runnings. (1993, G, R) An ex-Olympic bobsledder tries to train the first Jamaican team to compete in the Calgary Winter Olympics. John Candy, Doug E. Doug.
10.00 Volare: Valentino Guseli. Takes a look at Valentino Guseli.
11.10 The Equalizer. (Mav)
12.00 Tipping Point. (PG, R)
1.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
2.00 Destination WA. (PG, R)
2.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
3.30 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. (R)
4.00 A Current Affair. (R)
4.30 Today Early News. **5.00** Today.

TEN (10)

6.00 Farm To Fork. (R) **6.30** Lingo. (R) **7.30** The Finish Line. (R) **8.30** Ent. Tonight. **9.00** Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly Australia. (PGas, R) **10.00** My Market Kitchen. (R) **10.30** Farm To Fork. **11.00** Family Feud. (PG, R) **11.30** News. **12.30** Deal Or No Deal. (R) **1.00** The Finish Line. **2.00** Lingo. (R) **3.00** Bold. (PG) **3.30** 10 News. **4.30** 10 News+. **5.00** Deal Or No Deal. (R)

6.00 The Dog House Australia. (PGa, R) Narrated by Mark Coles Smith.
7.00 MOVIE: Mission: Impossible – Dead Reckoning. (2023, PGlv, R) The IMF team must track down a new weapon. Tom Cruise, Hayley Atwell.
10.10 10's Late News. Comprehensive coverage of local, national and international news, as well as the latest sport and weather.
10.40 10 News+. (R) Hosted by Denham Hitchcock and Amelia Brace.
11.10 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) Hosted by Stephen Colbert.
12.00 Home Shopping. (R)
4.30 Entertainment Tonight. (R)
5.00 Deal Or No Deal. (R)
5.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG, R)

ABC FAMILY (22)

6am Children's Programs. **1.20pm** Octonauts. **2.15** Peter Rabbit. **2.45** The Makery. **3.05** Play School: Let The Games Begin. **3.30** Wiggle And Learn. **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. (Final) **8.30** Ice Age. **9.15** Planet Weird. **10.05** Late Programs.

SBS VICELAND (31)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon** DW The Day. **12.30** Homicide. **2.30** Mastermind Aust. **3.30** WorldWatch. **5.30** Freddie Flintoff's Field Of Dreams Tour. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats. **8.30** Genius Game. **9.30** The UnXplained Mysteries. **10.20** The Handmaid's Tale. **11.10** Hoarders. **12.40am** We Need To Talk About Cosby. **1.50** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera.

7MATE (70)

6am Morning Programs. **2pm** 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** Billy The Exterminator. **1.30am** Outback Truckers. **2.30** Ice Road Truckers. **3.30** Boy To Man. **4.30** Hook, Line And Sinker. **5.30** Late Programs.

9GEM (90)

6am Thunderbirds. **6.30** TV Shop. **8.00** Newstyle Direct. **8.30** TV Shop. **9.00** Pointless. **10.00** Tennis. Adelaide International. **4.30 Tennis.** Adelaide International. Night 2. **9.30 Agatha Christie's Marple.** (PGasv, R) **11.30** Creflo Dollar Ministries. **Midnight** Harry Wild. **1.00** Mrs Sidhu Investigates. **3.00** Danger Man. **4.00** Find My Country House Canada. **4.30** Danger Man. **5.30** Creflo Dollar Ministries.

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.** (PG, R) **4.00 JAG.** (PGv, R) **6.00 NCIS.** (Mv, R) **8.50 Matlock.** (PGals, R) **10.45 Home Shopping.** (R)

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **11.35** Rebel With A Cause: Tiga Bayles. **12.30pm** Make It Right. **1.00** Benny And The Dreamers. **2.00** Strait To The Plate. **2.30** The Cook Up. **3.00** Jarjums. **5.00** Harlem Globetrotters. **5.30** Indian Country Today News. **6.00** Bamay. **6.40** Africa's Hidden Kingdoms. **7.30** Big Backyard Quiz. **8.30** Unleash The Beast. **9.30** Hunting Aotearoa. **10.30 MOVIE:** The Orator. (2011, PG) **12.30am** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Morning Programs. **12.10pm** Let The River Flow. (2023, Mal, Norwegian, Saami) **2.30** My Sailor, My Love. (2022, PG) **4.25** The Crow's Egg. (2014, PGa, Tamil) **6.10** Castle In The Sky. (1986) **8.30** Jules. (2023) **10.10** Princess Mononoke. (1997, PG, Japanese) **12.40am** Castle In The Sky. (1986) **3.05** Princess Mononoke. (1997, PG, Japanese) **5.30** 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** Million Dollar Minute. **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: Midnight Man. **10.15** Bargain Hunt. **11.15** Room For Improvement. **Midnight** Home In WA. **12.30** Late Programs.

9GO! (99)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon** Surfing Aust. **12.30** Golden Girls. **1.00** Nanny. **2.00** Seinfeld. **3.00** Addams Family. **3.30** Bewitched. **4.00** Jeannie. **4.30** Golden Girls. **5.00** Nanny. **6.00** Seinfeld. **7.00 MOVIE:** Flight Of The Navigator. (1986) **9.00** Seinfeld. **10.00** The 100. **10.50** The Vampire Diaries. **12.30am** Love After Lockup. **2.00** I Love VIP Pets. **2.30** Barbie: Dreamhouse Adventures. **3.00** Late Programs.

10 COMEDY (11)

6am Morning Programs. **10.30** The Inspired Unemployed: The List. **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 14

ABC TV (2)

6.00 News Breakfast. **9.00** ABC News Mornings. **10.00** Australia's Favourite Tree. (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? (R) **3.25** Nigella At My Table. (R) **3.55** Grand Designs: The Streets. (R) **4.45** Long Lost Family. (PG, R) **5.30** Antiques Roadshow. (R)

6.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)
7.00 ABC News.
7.30 7.30.
8.00 Hard Quiz. (PG)
8.30 The Weekly With Charlie Pickering. (Return, Ml) A satirical news program.
9.00 Spicks And Specks. (PG, R) Hosted by Adam Hills.
9.30 Changing Ends. (PG) Alan gets a shock regarding his future.
10.20 Classic Countdown Extras. (PG, R) **10.35** ABC Late News. **10.50** The Jetty. (MA15+, R) **11.50** Grand Designs: The Streets. (R) **12.40** Long Lost Family. (PG, R) **1.25** Rage. (MA15+dhlnsv) **2.25** Close To Me. (Mals, R) **4.00** Gardening Australia. (R) **5.00** A Bite To Eat With Alice. (R) **5.30** 7.30. (R)

SBS (3)

6.00 DW English News. **6.30** Al Jazeera News. **7.00** BBC News At Six. **7.30** France 24 English News. **8.00** DD India News Hour. **9.00** Tennis. Kooyong Classic. Day 2. From Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club, Melbourne. **3.30 France 24 International News.** **4.00 PBS NewsHour.** **5.00 Motor Racing.** Dakar Rally. Stage 9. Highlights.

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R)
6.30 SBS World News.
7.35 Michael Palin: Into Iraq. (PGa, R) Michael Palin continues his journey.
8.30 The Jury: Murder Trial UK. The jury are presented with some CCTV evidence.
9.25 Crime. (MA15+) Lennox wrestles with the consequences of his actions.
10.25 Great British Railway Journeys. (PG, R)
11.00 Face To Face. (Mals)
11.50 Darkness: Those Who Kill. (Malv) **1.35** The Eco Show. (R) **2.35** Designing Paradise With Bill Bensley. (PG, R) **4.05** My Unique B&B. (R) **4.40** Bamay. (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:** Love, Romance And Chocolate. (2019, PGa) Lacey Chabert, Will Kemp. **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 35. Hobart Hurricanes v Brisbane Heat. From Ninja Stadium, Hobart.

9.00 Big Bash League Post-Match. Post-match coverage of the game between the Hobart Hurricanes and Brisbane Heat.
9.30 Air Crash Investigations: Power Play. (PGa, R) Documents the investigation into the 2011 crash of PNG Flight 1600 in Papua New Guinea's remote Madang Province that claimed the lives of 28 of the 32 passengers and crew during an emergency landing.
10.30 Wolfe. (Premiere, MA15+anv) Crime scene investigator Wolfe Kinteh and his team are called to an industrial accident at a meat processing plant.
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) **11.00** 9News Morning. **11.30 MOVIE: Learning To Love.** (2023, G, R) **1.30 Pointless.** (PG, R) **2.30 Tipping Point.** (PG, R) **3.30 9News Afternoon.** **4.30 Tipping Point Australia.** (PG, R) **5.30 9News.**

6.30 A Current Affair.
7.00 Tennis. 1 Point Slam.
9.30 American Crime Story. (Madlsv) Johnnie Cochran and F. Lee Bailey search for the Mark Fuhrman tapes and Judge Ito decides if they are admissible.
11.45 Tipping Point. (PG, R) Hosted by Ben Shephard.
12.35 Fishing Australia. (R) Rob Paxevanos visits Merimbula.
1.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
2.00 Global Shop. (R) Home shopping.
2.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
3.30 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. (R) A Tasmanian tiger is spotted in the park.
4.00 A Current Affair. (R)
4.30 Today Early News.
5.00 Today.

TEN (10)

6.00 Farm To Fork. (R) **6.30** Lingo. (R) **7.30** The Finish Line. (R) **8.30** Ent. Tonight. **9.00** Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly Australia. (PGa, R) **10.00** My Market Kitchen. (R) **10.30** Farm To Fork. **11.00** Family Feud. (PG, R) **11.30** News. **12.30** Deal Or No Deal. (R) **1.00** The Finish Line. **2.00** Lingo. (R) **3.00** Bold. (PG) **3.30** 10 News. **4.30** 10 News+. **5.00** Deal Or No Deal. (R)

6.00 Gogglebox Australia. (PGals, R)
7.30 Elsbeth. (Mas, R) Elsbeth investigates the death of a real estate developer.
8.30 10's Late News. Comprehensive coverage of local, national and international news, as well as the latest sport and weather.
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) Hosted by Stephen Colbert.
10.30 Home Shopping. (R)
4.30 Entertainment Tonight. (R) **5.00** Deal Or No Deal. (R) **5.30** The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG, R)

ABC FAMILY (22)

6am Children's Programs. **2.45pm** The Makery. **3.05** Play School: Let The Games Begin. **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. **9.35** We Bare Bears. **9.50** Shaun Tan's Tales From Outer Suburbia. **10.10** Late Programs.

SBS VICELAND (31)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon** DW The Day. **12.40** Stone Cold Takes On America. **1.30** If You Are The One. **3.30** WorldWatch. **5.30** Freddie Flintoff's Field Of Dreams Tour. **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. **11.30 MOVIE:** Ninja Assassin. (2009, MA15+) **1.20am** Tales From The Territories. **2.10** Late Programs.

7MATE (70)

6am Morning Programs. **1.30pm** 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.

9GEM (90)

6am Thunderbirds. **6.30** TV Shop. **9.00** Pointless. **10.00** Tennis. Adelaide International. **4.30 Tennis.** Adelaide International. Night 3. **9.30 Midsomer Murders.** (Mav, R) **11.30** Creflo Dollar Ministries. **Midnight** Harry Wild. **1.00** Mrs Sidhu Investigates. **3.00** Danger Man. **4.00** Find My Country House Canada. **4.30** Danger Man. **5.30** Creflo Dollar Ministries.

10 DRAMA (1)

6am Shopping. **6.30** Reel Action. **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.** (PG, R) **4.00 JAG.** (PGv, R) **6.00 NCIS.** (Mv, R) **8.50 Matlock.** (PGadl, R) **10.45 Home Shopping.** (R)

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon** Piri's Tiki Tour. **12.30** Unleash The Beast. **1.30** Off Country. **2.00** Strait To The Plate. **2.30** The Cook Up. **3.00** Jarjums. **5.00** Harlem Globetrotters. **5.30** News. **6.00** Bamay. **6.40** Africa's Hidden Kingdoms. **7.30** Our Medicine. **8.40** Earth Oven. (Premiere) **9.25 MOVIE:** Poetic Justice. (1993, MA15+) **11.20** Always Was Always Will Be. **Midnight** Going Places. **1.00** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Morning Programs. **12.30pm** The Exchange. (2021, Mals) **2.15** Finding Altamira. (2016, PGa) **4.00** Discovering Film. **4.55** The Secret Garden. (2020, PGa) **6.45** Mary And Max. (2009, PG) **8.30** Reality. (2023, Ma) **10.05** Haywire. (2011, Mlv) **11.50** Lamb. (2021, MA15+v, Icelandic) **1.50am** Jules. (2023) **3.25** Let Me Introduce You To Sofia. (2018, Mal, Italian) **5.15** The Movie Show. **5.50** Late Programs.

7TWO (72)

6am Morning Programs. **11.30** Escape To The Country. **12.30pm** Weekender. **1.00** The Master. **2.00** Harry's Practice. **2.30** Million Dollar Minute. **3.00** Better Homes. **4.00** Escape To The Country. **5.00** Bargain Hunt. **6.00** Heartbeat. **7.15** Inspector George Gently. **9.15** Young Elizabeth. **10.15** Bargain Hunt. **11.15** Room For Improvement. **Midnight** Home In WA. **12.30** Harry's Practice. **1.00** Million Dollar Minute. **1.30** Late Programs.

9GO! (99)

6am Morning Programs. **12.30pm** Golden Girls. **1.00** Nanny. **2.00** Seinfeld. **3.00** Addams Family. **3.30** Bewitched. **4.00** Jeannie. **4.30** Golden Girls. **5.00** Nanny. **6.00** Seinfeld. **7.00 MOVIE:** Doctor Dolittle. (1998, PG) **8.45** Seinfeld. **9.45** The 100. **10.40** The Vampire Diaries. **12.30am** Love After Lockup. **2.00** I Love VIP Pets. **2.30** Barbie: Dreamhouse Adventures. **3.00** Hop. **3.20** Booba. **3.40** Late Programs.

10 COMEDY (11)

6am Morning Programs. **10.30** The Inspired Unemployed: The List. **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



THE BEST MEDICINE

Under pressure: Doctors Robby (Noah Wyle) and Samira (Supriya Ganesh) treat patients in The Pitt's emergency department.

THE PITT
Streaming from Friday, HBO Max

Your pulse will be racing from the second the emergency room doors swing open on season two of this riveting medical drama.

Taking place on the Fourth of July, this intense follow-up focuses on Dr Michael "Robby" Robinavitch (*ER* favourite Noah Wyle) and his dedicated team at a fictional Pittsburgh hospital during a hectic 15-hour shift – chief attending Robby's last day of work before a well-earned break. The immersive series is structured so that it unfolds in real time over 15 captivating episodes, starting from 7am.

Given the nature of the US holiday, you can expect gruesome barbecue burns, fireworks-related fumbles and more as patients start to flood the ward with an array of ailments.

There's also plenty of explosive drama swirling in the turbulent personal lives of the healthcare heroes who tirelessly strive to care for those in need.

Alongside Wyle, Katherine LaNasa is back as experienced charge nurse Dana Evans, a fan favourite who was on the brink of quitting after being punched by a disgruntled patient. Patrick Ball also reprises his popular role as Dr Frank Langdon, who is fresh out of rehab for his prescription drug addiction. Newcomer Sepideh Moafi joins the cast as Dr Baran Al-Hashimi, the divisive attending physician who will be covering Robby's leave.

The Emmy Award-winning series has been praised for its realistic depiction of the post-Covid conditions faced by frontline workers, as well as its authentic portrayal of everything from childbirth to grisly gunshot wounds.

It's by no means relaxing viewing, but there's good reason this word-of-mouth hit looks set to remain at top of must-watch lists for 2026 and beyond. **– Travis Lewis**



THE NIGHT MANAGER
Streaming from Sunday, Prime Video

Talk about playing the long game. Almost a decade after he first appeared as globe-trotting British spy Jonathan Pine, Tom Hiddleston (pictured) returns as the suave spook in a long-awaited second season of this acclaimed espionage drama. Now working as a low-level MI6 officer, Pine is called back into the field by his handler Angela Burr (Olivia Colman) to infiltrate the world of a Colombian arms dealer (Diego Calva).



A THOUSAND BLOWS
Streaming from Friday, Disney+

Created by Steven Knight (*Peaky Blinders*), this gritty Victorian period drama set in the brutal underworld of bare-knuckle boxing returns for another round in the ring. Season two finds rival fighters Hezekiah Moscow (Malachi Kirby) and Sugar Goodson (Stephen Graham) both down for the count, as charismatic thief Mary Carr (Erin Doherty, pictured) seeks to rebuild her all-female gang for a dangerous heist.



RED EYE
Streaming, Stan

This propulsive thriller's compelling second season sees Jing Lusi reprises her role as police detective Hana Li, this time tasked with finding a killer roaming the halls of a US embassy in lockdown. She's forced to work with the building's head of security (Martin Compston, pictured with Lusi) in her bid to uncover a high-stakes conspiracy.



TEHRAN
Streaming from Friday, Apple TV

The much-anticipated third season of this riveting espionage thriller zeroes in on Iran's nuclear program, with Hugh Laurie joining the cast as a South African inspector. After going rogue at the end of season two, Mossad agent Tamar Rabinyan (Niv Sultan, pictured) must once again reinvent herself to win back the support of the Israeli spy agency.



PEOPLE WE MEET ON VACATION
Streaming from Friday, Netflix

Based on American author Emily Henry's novel of the same name, this charming rom-com follows Poppy and Alex (Emily Bader and Tom Blyth, both pictured), long-distance best friends who reunite every year for a summer holiday. When the pals' latest getaway puts their bond to the test, they're forced to ponder if they actually might be a perfect match.



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Alice in action across ’25

PHIL WILLIAMS captured the action at local events last year. Here’s a few of his favourite images.



FUN: Vahani Rodrigues, Gemma Harvey, Rio Rodrigues and Leoni Harvey dressed for fun at the Territory Day celebrations at ANZAC Oval. (488542)



DUSTY: Hugh Christian having a great time playing in the Aileron Dust. (488542)



COWGIRLS: Hannah Roberts, Shae Driver, Keeley Hansen and Kayler King get into the show spirit in sideshow alley. (Phil Williams: 488552)



UNGAINLY: Indiana Quaremba has an awkward dismount from the mechanical bull at Aileron. (488542)



SCREAM: Abigail Nungirayi and Zoe Blair come to terms with the Cha Cha on Friday at the show. (488542)

SLUSHIE TIME: Henley Broad, Rilee and Lilly Sabadin, Hayley Armstead and Jorja Manuel having a great time slurping on their slushies at the show. (488542)

SAVIOURS: The rodeo clowns taking a break between events at Aileron (488542)



BUCKLE: Azariah Gardiner shows off his buckle for winning the Led Line equestrian event on Saturday at the show. (488542)



MOBILE GRANDSTAND: Utes made the perfect grandstand for watching the gymkhana and motorkhana at Aileron. (488542)



SCORE: Florence White and and Marley Gerard show off the Easter eggs they scored from the Aileron Easter Bunny. (488542)



BRIBE: A clown attempts to bribe a judge at the Bangtail Muster. (488542)

From Cornwall with love

By Tania Phillips



Down on the Platt at Port Isaac where Fisherman's Friends first performed. If it looks familiar its probably because it's better-known to a lot of the world as Port Wenn thanks to the TV Show Doc Martin.

Cornwall is considered one of the most remote and yet beautiful counties in England.

And the county's North Coast with its dramatic cliffscapes, craggy coves, boundless white-tipped breakers and kilometres and kilometres of golden sands is a jewel in the crown, a hikers paradise – beloved by it's local residents including local fisherman Jeremy Brown, who is more than happy to extoll it's beauty, heritage and culture.

Part of a five-generation fishing family Jeremy lives in Port Isaac – a quintessential Cornish Fishing village – known for its narrow, winding streets lined with charming, white-washed cottages that overlook a picturesque harbour – locally referred to as the Platt.

It has gained fame as the fictional village of Port Wenn in the BBC series Doc Martin with many a visitor searching the historic village for the "Grumpy Doc's" landmarks according to the seasoned fisherman and part-time singer.

However, Jeremy and his fellow members of Fisherman's Friends – a group of local men who have been taking sea shanty's to the world through their two successful movies, musicals and their forthcoming first Australian tour – are slowly changing that. Bringing the tourism focus back on the beautiful landscape and vibrant living culture.

Fishing heritage dates back to the early fourteenth century in Port Isaac. It's a village that has always been deeply connected to the sea, with fishing continuing to play a significant role in the lives of its residents. The village's name comes from the Cornish Porthysek, meaning 'corn port', a nod to its historic role in the grain trade.

"People actually do turn up now and look for someone from the Fisherman's Friends and not just the grumpy old Doc," Jeremy laughed.

"It's been a goal of mine in a way – to have some people come to Port Isaac to see the home of Fisherman's Friends. People have always come to Port Isaac it's such a pretty place – but then we got a certain amount of the Tourism which was just people looking for the Doc's House and what have you.

"Even though we've got members in from other Ports now – Padstow and Boscastle – it is the home of the Fisherman's Friends and people do make a beeline for it but of course the village sells itself - it's so pretty."

And on Wednesday nights Jeremy, an original member of the group, formed to raise a bit of money for charity back in the 90s, can often be found in the pub singing sea shanties with the rest of the community. The band on stage on those nights is The Yarnigoats who do a lot of the Fisherman's Friends repertoire as well as their own music. Local gigs are few and far between for the Friends these days.

"Very occasionally about three times this year – on our group WhatsApp chat – we just say is anyone free on Friday and we just do an impromptu gig," he said.

"But we can't advertise it these days because it causes chaos down there. If we advertise it we get 2000 people turn up – paramedics, police and marshals have to come because there's no parking in the village – it's all out of the village.

"The old sea shanties are obviously from the days of sail so we're going back hundreds of years.

"But for some reason they've got some sort of resonance with people. When we first started singing we had no ambition other than to raise a few pounds for charity. We started singing in the open air at Port Isaac – it's a bit of an amphitheatre and it sort of lends itself to it."

The beauty and setting of the village evokes the past and the fishing culture.

"Everything rolls downhill to the harbour," Jeremy says.

"It's a very small harbour and it's straight into the open ocean from there. You've got the North Atlantic right out there and the gales literally come right on through and they sweep up the streets and we have to move all the boats."

He said visitors invariably always find themselves at the bottom of the village at The Platt – a concreted area where the fishermen (like Jeremy's son who is one of just a few professional fishermen left in the town) keep their dingy. The Platt is also where Fisherman's Friends got their start and still pop up from time to time.



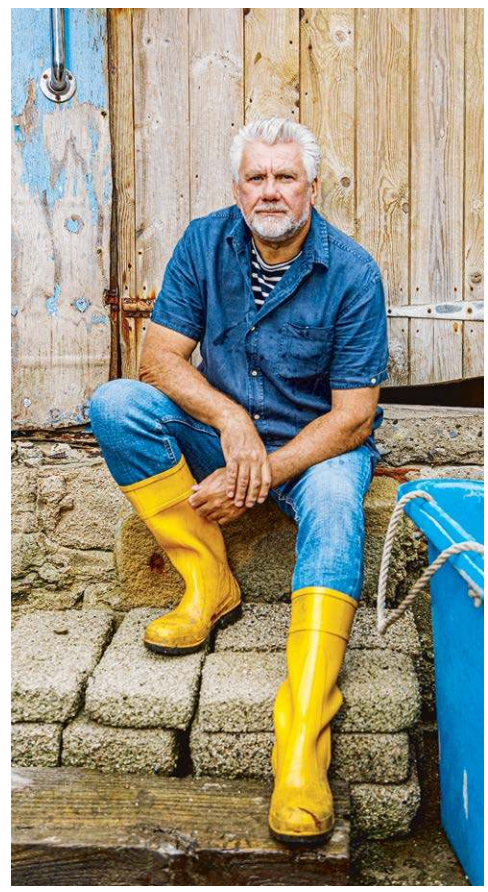
No need to make rustic backdrops for photos, movies or TV shows in Port Isaac in the breathtaking county of Cornwall in the UK.

"You can get a beer and just sit on the Platt or you can go up to our local pub where some of the filming in our films took place and enjoy the atmosphere and have a sing."

Jeremy believes the best thing that has come out of the adventure of Fisherman's Friends is the revival of pub singing – of singing just for the joy of it at your local and of keeping that part of Cornish Culture alive. Of course, the band's trip to Australia is another bonus – and it helps that it's in the English winter when work is not so busy.

"Singing has not really taken us around the world because we've all still got our regular jobs," he said.

The group's first Australian tour starts in Adelaide on 7 January and closes out in Perth on 25 January and takes in all States and the ACT. Tickets on sale head to the fishermansfriends website for more information.



Fisherman's Friends original member Jeremy Brown is part of a long-standing fishing family in the Port Isaac District. He's also a staunch supporter of his home village and keeping the fishing culture alive and vibrant. (Supplied)





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Secure your dogs for mail

By Phil Williams

INCIDENTS with dogs are an ongoing concern for Australia Post workers and are more prevalent with the number of mail deliveries increasing during the festive season.

Alice Springs has been identified as one location with the highest number of incidents in the country.

Australia Post is urging dog owners to properly secure their pets during the holiday season, as new data reveals 46 Posties a week Australia wide are falling victim to dog-related incidents

Almost 1200 dog-related incidents have occurred nationwide in the past six months, with growing fears these numbers will rise as deliveries surge during the busy festive season.

Despite repeated appeals for owners to secure their pets when expecting a delivery, aggressive and unpredictable dog behaviour remains a growing safety risk for Posties.

Alarmingly, one in three incidents occurs on customer property, with all occurring either at, or when the Postie is approaching or leaving the front door to deliver a parcel.

A further two thirds of episodes occur on the street, with most of those involving dogs escaping a property, or roaming freely, without an owner present.

One in three street incidents involved a Postie being chased by a dog, highlighting the real and immediate danger faced by frontline team members.

Australia Post warns it will cease deliveries to a property, or even a whole street, if a Postie is threatened or injured by an aggressive dog.

To help protect team members, Posties recently became equipped with citronella spray as a last-line-of-defence safety measure.

In the past six months, the deterrent has been effective in nine out of 10 cases, causing dogs to retreat and giving Posties crucial time to take refuge.



SAFETY: Australia Post is urging residents to keep dogs secure to prevent dog attacks on posties. (Phil Williams: 504197)

Australia Post General Manager for Safety Russell Munro said simple actions from dog owners could make a critical difference during the busiest delivery period of the year.

"Our Posties want to be able to deliver for our customers without fear of being attacked or chased by a dog.

"Regardless of breed or temperament, we urge all owners to keep their dogs safely contained when expecting deliveries.

"While the rollout of citronella spray has helped in many situations, we're still seeing far too many cases of aggressive dog behaviour, and unfortunately can't prevent all incidents from occurring.

"We've seen the number of cases increase over the past six months, which shows there's still more work to be done to keep our Posties safe," he said

"If you're expecting a parcel delivery, our app makes it easy to stay informed with up-to-date delivery times and now displays a timely reminder to secure your dog in another room or behind a gate," Mr Munro said.

For the first time in more than two years, New South Wales has taken over Queensland as the worst affected state in the country for dog-related incidents involving Posties.

The Northern Territory is number seven nationally, equal with the ACT with a total of 21 incidents.

Alice Springs is one of four delivery areas in the NT identified as having the highest number of incidents nationally:

As part of its protocols, Australia Post reports all dog-related incidents to local councils to ensure proper enforcement is undertaken and the risk is mitigated.

Australia Post advises dog owners to follow the three PAWS steps: Sit, Stay, and Secure.

Firstly, ensure your dog is safely situated in a contained area, separate room, or behind a locked gate when expecting a delivery.

Secondly, make certain your dog can stay in that designated spot while the Postie delivers the parcel.

Finally, keep your dog secure behind the door or gate, allowing the Postie safe access to complete the delivery and leave the property.

If you cannot properly secure your dog, consider using the banks of Parcel Lockers at Post Office instead.



recipe

Carbonara Risotto

Prep time: 15 min
Cook time: 55 min
Serves: 4-6
Difficulty: Easy

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 20g butter
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 150g bacon or pancetta, diced
- 1 1/3 cups arborio rice
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 3/4 cup white wine
- 1 ltr chicken stock, warmed
- 3 eggs
- 3/4 cups grated parmesan,
- 3/4 cups grated parmesan, extra
- Chopped parsley, to garnish



Method:

1. Preheat oven to 180C fan forced.
2. Place stock in a saucepan and bring to a simmer over medium heat.
3. Heat oil and butter in a large stove and oven-proof pan over a medium heat. Add onion and bacon and cook, stirring occasionally for about 4 minutes. Stir in rice and garlic, cook for 1 minute or until all the grains are coated in the oil.
4. Add wine. Simmer for 1-2 minutes or until reduced by half.
5. Pour in stock. Cover with lid and bake 20 minutes. Remove from oven. The mixture will still be loose and have liquid present.
6. Whisk together ¾ cup of the parmesan and eggs. Gently stir through the rice. Cover with lid and allow risotto to stand for 5-10 minutes.
7. Serve topped with extra parmesan, chopped parsley and freshly ground black pepper if desired.

Tips:

- It is important to allow the rice to continue cooking and soaking up the stock and eggs after being in the oven. Rice will absorb quickly and loose its creaminess if stood longer than recommended time. Serve immediately after standing time.
- If risotto becomes too dry, stir through ¼ -½ cup hot water.
- Wine can be omitted if preferred but it does give the risotto a subtle acidity that is complimentary. Add stock in its place to start the cooking process if wine is omitted.
- Replace parsley with fresh thyme or chives.
- Serve with a large side salad

Recipe courtesy of Australian Eggs



Protein packed bundt tin strata

Prep: 30 min + standing time
Cook: 1 hr 10 min
Serves: 8–10
Difficulty: Easy

Ingredients:

- 250g stale baguette, cut into 2cm cubes
- 1 cup grated Tasty cheese
- 1 cup finely grated parmesan, extra to serve
- 1 tbsp fresh thyme leaves
- 1/2 cup (80g) semi-dried tomato strips, drained
- 1 leek, trimmed, thinly sliced
- 200g baby spinach leaves
- 500g sweet potato, peeled, cut into 1.5cm cubes
- Melted butter, for greasing
- 200g cottage cheese
- 9 eggs
- 3/4 cup milk
- 1 tbsp Dijon mustard

Method:

1. Put sweet potato in a microwave safe bowl with 2 tablespoons. Cover and microwave for 5 minutes until tender. Drain. Set aside.
2. Place leek in same microwave safe bowl with 2 tablespoons water. Cover and microwave on high for 1-2 minutes until soft. Drain. Set aside.
3. Place wet spinach leaves in same bowl, cover and microwave on high for 2 minutes. Stir until evenly wilted. Drain in a large sieve, use the back of a wooden spoon to press out as much liquid as you can. Cool and separate leaves to loosen clumps.
4. Brush a 24.5cm x 8.5cm non-stick fluted ring cake pan liberally with butter. Sprinkle ¼ cup of the parmesan over base, sides and centre piece of pan. Shake pan to distribute cheese all over.
5. Place baguette, remaining parmesan, cheese, thyme, tomato strips, leek, spinach and half of the sweet potato in a large bowl. Mix well. Spoon half of the bread mixture into base of prepared pan and press down slightly.
6. Top with remaining sweet potato cubes. Dollop ½ cup of the cottage cheese over the top then spread remaining bread mixture over.
7. Whisk eggs, remaining cottage cheese, milk and mustard in a jug. Season with pepper. Slowly pour mixture over to cover all the ingredients on top. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours (or overnight) for bread to soak up mixture.
8. Stand the strata at room temperature while the oven is pre-heating to 180C fan-forced. Bake for 35 minutes. Reduce temperature to 160C. Cover tightly with foil and cook for a further 25 minutes or until set and golden.
9. 9Allow to sit for 30 minutes before turning out onto a plate. Place a serving plate on top and invert again to serve crunchy top facing up. Grate extra parmesan over the top and sprinkle with thyme leaves to garnish. Serve.

Tips:

- Strata is cooked when wet egg mixture isn't rising to the surface when the top is pressed.
- Try serving with tomato chutney or drizzle with hollandaise sauce. You can buy Hollandaise sauce in supermarkets.
- Boost the nutrition in this recipe even more by serving with steamed broccolini
- Leftover strata will keep in the fridge for 2 days. Reheat in the microwave.

Recipe courtesy of Australian Eggs

HOROSCOPE by Lilith

Your week ahead

This week's emphasis of planetary energies in determined Capricorn offers continuing celestial support for drawing up a design template to get the new year into gear…

ARIES
(Mar 21 - Apr 20)

If past issues rear their head this week, healing planet Chiron, now headed direct in Aries, helps you promptly put them to rest and move on. And if the current Saturnian seriousness starts feeling a bit heavy, an attitude of gratitude and sense of humour are your finest allies.

Best day:
Thursday 15 January

TAURUS
(Apr 21 - May 20)

Venus is currently a material girl in a material world, quite a comfortable mode for Taurans. This long-term planning week exercises your leadership skills in choosing what projects and people are likely to go the distance. During which, patience and understanding are paramount; assertiveness, not so much.

Best day:
Friday 16 January

GEMINI
(May 21 - Jun 21)

Planetary feng shui advises that the comforting clutter of familiar knick-knacks can give our brains the suggestion of congestion. So free up some mental real estate by removing everything from a selected area, then resetting it with a less-is-more mindset that creates breathing space for your brain to expand.

Best day:
Saturday 17 January

CANCER
(Jun 22 - Jul 22)

We all become accustomed to playing familial and social roles - caretaker, fixer, Captain Reliable - habitual patterns which can be curiously hard to shake. This week's end-of-cycle energetics ask you perennial caregivers to check how well are you nurturing yourself with nourishment, hydration, rest and recreation?

Best day:
Monday 12 January

LEO
(Jul 23 - Aug 23)

If back to business as usual unleashes an outpouring of grievances, the current star scenario says be generous with understanding, firm with boundaries. Consider the concept of emotional contagion, where someone's mood affects those around them. Avoid career complainers and also check what quality of vibes you're spreading.

Best day:
Thursday 15 January

ARROW WORDS



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VIRGO
(Aug 24 - Sep 22)

Your planetary captain, Mercury, is at its best address for organisation and concentration: in sensible, strategic, goal-oriented, methodical mode. Excellent for attacking the to-do list with military precision, but a bit driven, so focus more on enjoying the process. Adopt the attitude that all the way to heaven is heaven.

Best day:
Saturday 17 January

LIBRA
(Sep 23 - Oct 23)

Outgrown your current role and ready for a reset, Libra? Even retrograde Jupiter is still a fortuitous force in your career-and-professional network sector, helping you fine-tune long-term plans. With retrogrades, 're' words apply, as in reflect, revise, recalibrate, rework and refine your blueprint for this year's moves.

Best day:
Monday 12 January

SCORPIO
(Oct 24 - Nov 22)

This week's no-nonsense, taking-care-of-business planetary patterning isn't lacking in confident self-reliance. Though, with Mars your biggest celestial influence, currently in ambitious full-forward mode, best be aware that an I-know-best attitude (even if you do) is likely to meet with resistance.

Best day:
Sunday 11 January

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov 23 - Dec 21)

You're keen to charge ahead into the new year, but in a world that feels increasingly uncertain it's easy to lose touch with the calm centre that steadies us. Jupiter's current retrograde encourages strengthening your sense of inner security and stability before moving forward towards outward expansion.

Best day:
Wednesday 14 January

CAPRICORN
(Dec 22 - Jan 20)

This is the final week of your annual birthday season, so unapologetically factor in a dose of the fine dining, upmarket company, posh shopping, high-end pleasures and deluxe downtime Capricorns adore. Only caution? This week's assertive determination could be received as bossy, so temper it with sensitivity.

Best day:
Friday 16 January

AQUARIUS
(Jan 21 - Feb 18)

This week strongly suggests, and astrologically encourages, drawing up an overall plan and infrastructure for the year ahead. Deciding which obligations and expectations need revamping takes commitment and discipline, during which assumptions could make unnecessary problems. Hearsay isn't fact, so check before acting on it.

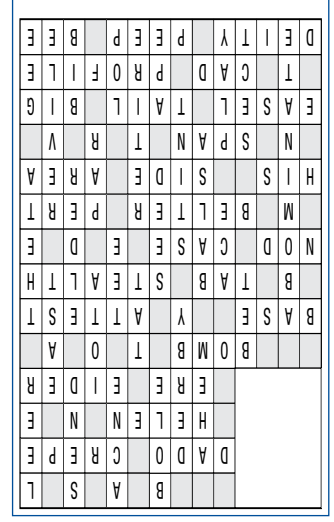
Best day:
Tuesday 13 January

PISCES
(Feb 19 - Mar 20)

Neptune's final weeks in your sign could highlight where your idealistic nature may attract scammers, while smartmaster Saturn cues you to update the latest security settings. Set yourself up for the coming year by avoiding urgency tactics along with schemes or products that sound too good to be true.

Best day:
Tuesday 13 January

SOLUTION



PUZZLES

SUDOKU

No. 271

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

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easy

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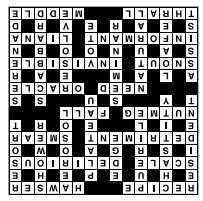
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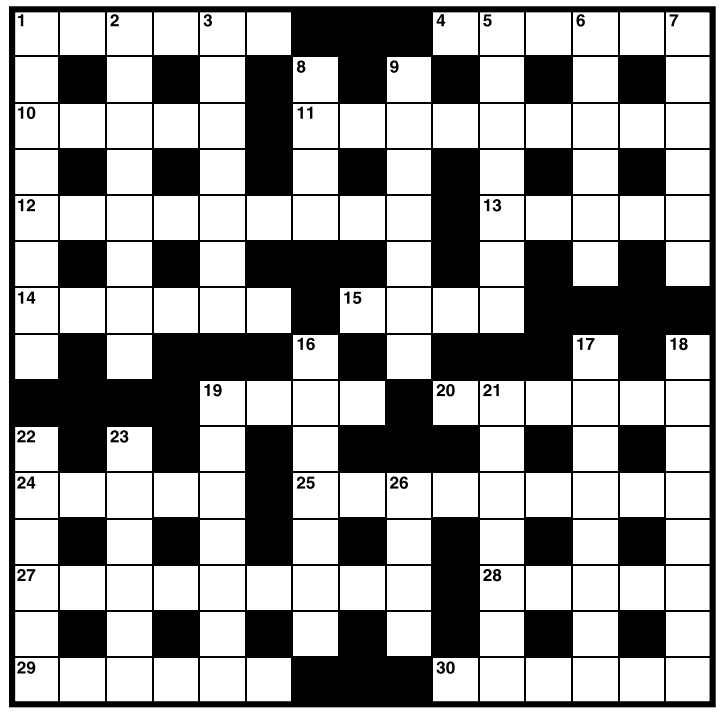
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10 Climb (5)
11 Light-headed (9)
12 Disadvantage, disservice (9)
13 Impugn (5)
14 A spice (6)
15 Plummet (4)
19 Require (4)
20 Source of wisdom (6)
24 Schnoz (5)
25 Incapable of being seen (9)
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29 Slave (6)
30 Interfere (6)

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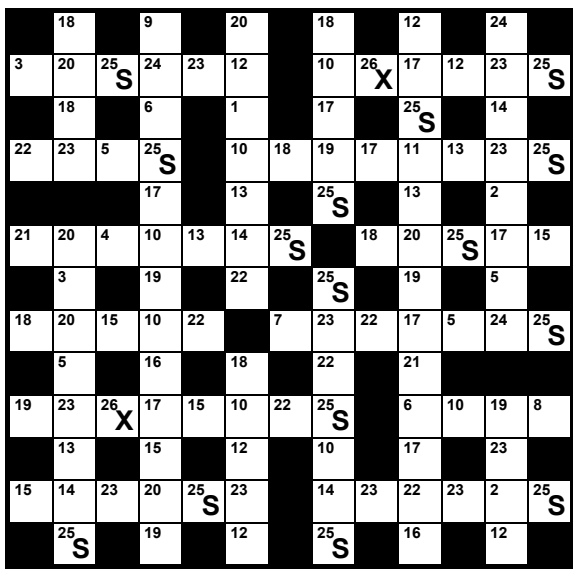
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16 Meeting for an exchange of ideas (7)
17 Sheath (8)
18 Sing to (8)
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23 Slip-on shoe (6)
26 Ballot choice (4)





DECODER

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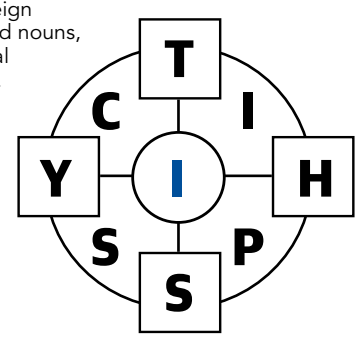
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9-LETTER WORD

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



Today's Aim:
14 words: Good
21 words: Very good
29 words: Excellent

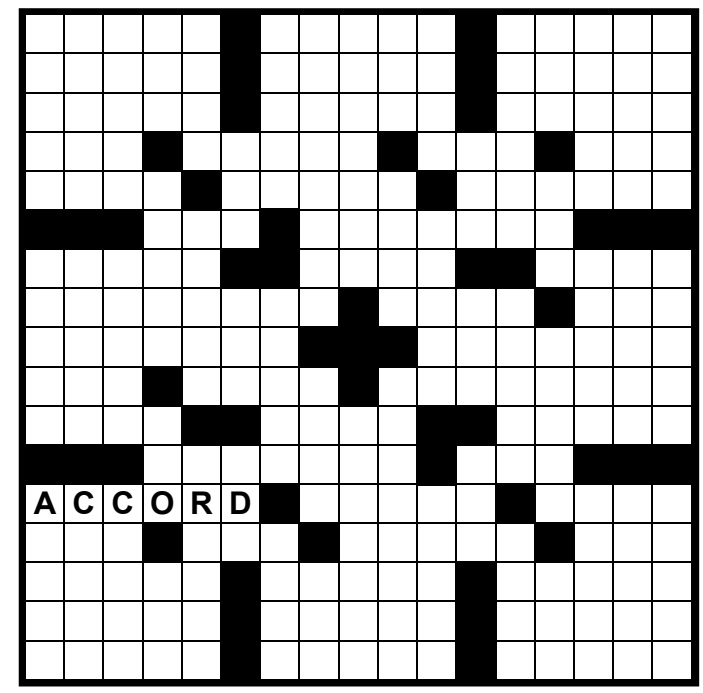
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WORDFIT

No. 271

3 LETTERS
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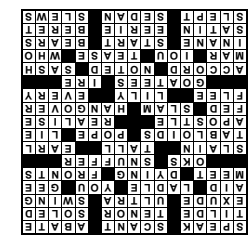


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EDGES
EERIE
ELUDE
EVERY
EXUDE
FLORA
HOSTS
INANE
KNOTS
LADLE
LAPEL
LEERY
LOVES
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PIXIE
RISER
SATIN
SCANT
SEDAN
SHREW
SLAIN
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SPEAK
STAFF
START
STEAM
STUDY
SWING
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TENOR
TILDE
TOILS
ULTRA

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~~ACCORD~~
ASSURE
FRONTS
ORIENT

7 LETTERS
ANTENNA
APOSTLE
GOATEES
LEOTARD
REALISE
SNUFFER

8 LETTERS
CELLISTS
HANGOVER
HYSTERIA
TABLOIDS



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5x5

F		A		K
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	O		E	
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No. 378

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

C	R	E	S	T
N	O	V	E	L
A	T	O	N	E
R	O	B	I	N
F	R	A	N	K

QUICK QUIZ



1 Who was the first wife of Roman emperor Nero?
2 Which band had hits with the songs *Dreams* (1993), *Linger* (1993) and *Ode to My Family* (1994)?
3 Comedians James Acaster and Ed Gamble co-host which podcast?
6 What long-distance hiking trail spans 4,265 kilometres from Canada to Mexico?
5 The 2006 film *She's the Man*, starring Amanda Bynes (pictured), is a modern-day retelling of which of Shakespeare's comedies?
4 The smoky spirit mezcal is derived from which plant?
7 Dorothea Brooke is the heroine of which 19th century English novel?
8 True or false: the shoe company Dr. Martens was founded by a British doctor?
9 How many US states begin with the letter 'n'?
10 What was the name of artist Frida Kahlo's spouse?

ANSWERS: 1. Claudia Octavia **2.** The Cranberries **3.** *Off Menu* **4.** The Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) **5.** *Twelfth Night* **6.** Agave **7.** *Middlemarch* **8.** False; he was a German doctor **9.** Eight **10.** Diego Rivera

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The master suite is a standout, offering an indulgent private retreat. The spacious bedroom connects to a luxurious ensuite where a spa bath invites relaxation, complemented by an oversized shower, dual vanities, and quality finishes throughout. A well-designed dressing room provides exceptional storage with ample hanging space, built-in drawers, and room for personal organisation, enhancing the suite's sense of comfort and exclusivity.

The two additional bedrooms are well proportioned, each equipped with built-in robes and soft natural light. These rooms are serviced by a modern bathroom featuring a sleek shower and stylish twin sinks, while the WC is located separately for added convenience-well suited to family living or guests.

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Summer craft fun for kids

KEEP their kids entertained this summer and spark their creativity with some at-home crafts.

From colourful art to nature-inspired DIYs, there's no shortage of exciting craft ideas that will not only entertain children but also help them develop new skills.

Here are some fun and easy summer craft ideas to try.



1. Painted Rock Creatures

Get outside and into nature with painted rock creatures. This easy and affordable craft involves gathering smooth stones and transforming them into cute animals, bugs, or fantasy creatures. All you need are some acrylic paints, brushes, and a little imagination. Kids can paint ladybugs, bees, or even dinosaurs, then place their creations in the garden or around the house as fun decorations. It's a great activity to keep little hands busy and helps them connect with nature at the same time.

2. Tie-Dye T-shirts

Tie-dye is a summer classic that never goes out of style. Kids will love the process of twisting and folding plain white t-shirts into different patterns, then adding colourful fabric dyes. Whether they're creating rainbow spirals or custom designs, the results are always exciting. This craft is perfect for parties, family gatherings, or simply an afternoon at home. Plus, the best part is that kids get to wear their creations proudly once they dry!

3. DIY Nature Collages

Summer is the season for outdoor adventures, and a nature collage is the perfect way to capture all the beauty of the season. Encourage kids to collect leaves, flowers, sticks, and other natural items during walks or backyard explorations. Once they have their materials, they can arrange them on a piece of cardboard or heavy paper to create a beautiful, textured masterpiece. This craft promotes creativity, helps kids observe the world around them, and provides a perfect memento of summer.

4. Paper Plate Crafts

With a few paper plates, glue, and markers, kids can make a wide range of fun and imaginative crafts. From turning them into colorful masks, animals, or even hats, the possibilities are endless. Paper plates are inexpensive and easy to find, making them an excellent choice for quick and simple projects. For an added twist, children can cut the plates into different shapes or use them to make interactive storybooks. This craft is perfect for rainy summer afternoons or outdoor play.

5. Handprint and Footprint Art

Capture the growing hands and feet of little ones with handprint and footprint crafts. These projects make wonderful keepsakes and are often easy for younger children to complete with minimal assistance. Use washable paints to create handprint flowers, foot-shaped fish, or even handprint animals. After the paint dries, parents can frame the finished artwork or turn it into greeting cards or gifts for family members. It's a fun way to preserve the memories of a child's summer and their ever-changing size.

6. Bubble Wrap Printing

Create colourful prints using bubble wrap—one of the most satisfying crafts for kids. The process is simple: kids paint directly onto a piece of bubble wrap, then press it onto a sheet of paper to create textured prints. It's a sensory experience that combines art with a bit of fun, as popping the bubbles is always a hit! Experimenting with different colors and bubble wrap sizes can produce stunning results, making it a creative project that children of all ages will enjoy.

7. DIY Bird Feeders

Encourage kids to give back to nature by creating simple bird feeders. Using materials like pine cones, peanut butter, and birdseed, children can make their own eco-friendly treats for local birds. All they have to do is spread peanut butter on a pine cone or a cardboard tube, roll it in birdseed, and hang it in a tree. This craft is educational as it teaches kids about animals, nature, and the importance of helping wildlife. Plus, it's a wonderful way to bring some feathered friends to the backyard.

8. Suncatchers

Catch the sunlight with colourful, homemade suncatchers. This craft involves using plastic or cardboard to create a frame, which kids can decorate with tissue paper, paint, or even beads. Once completed, the suncatchers can be hung in windows where they'll catch the light and create a dazzling display. This craft is ideal for teaching kids about colours, light, and shadows while brightening up the home with handmade art.

9. DIY Slime Making

Slime is a favourite sensory craft for many children, and making it from scratch can be a fun science experiment. With simple ingredients like glue, baking soda, and contact lens solution, kids can create gooey, stretchy slime in a variety of colours and textures. For an extra sensory experience, add glitter, foam beads, or even small plastic toys to the mix. Not only will kids have fun with the squishy slime, but they'll also learn about the science behind chemical reactions.

10. Mini Flower Pots

Give kids the opportunity to create their own little garden with mini flower pots. Start with plain terracotta pots and let kids decorate them using paint, markers, or stickers. Once their pots are dry, they can plant small flowers or succulents inside, creating their own mini garden. This craft teaches responsibility and gives kids the chance to care for their plants throughout the summer.

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Jimny fun and games

By Derek Ogden, Marque Motoring



Suzuki Jimny - give it a go says Derek Ogden. (Supplied)

Jimny: it's all in the name.

SINCE its get-go the quirky small Suzuki SUV has been on a 'fun run', on and off road.

Last year the maker invested more in the three-door compact, which had become something of a cult, adding two more doors and extended cabin space.

Release the brakes, start revving the motor, the new Jimny XL five-door, after a bump in the road, has finally been let out onto Aussie streets, following a hold-up on sales for 'an investigation into the model' by the maker.

Suzuki confirmed there were no concerns regarding the stretched XL's quality, safety, performance or compliance for the model put together in India from parts shipped in from Japan, as opposed to the total build of its three-door sibling in the latter. Is it better late than never?

With pent-up demand for the three-door, the Jimny GLX starts at $31,990, plus on-road costs. Now, among a harvest of five-door offerings are a Jimny XL five-speed manual, from $34,990, plus on-road costs, or four-speed automatic from $37,990. The latter was on test.

The Jimny XL is covered by Suzuki's five-year, 100,000km warranty, with servicing recommended every 12 months or 15,000km.

STYLING

The Jimny XL is 340mm longer than the three-door at 3985mm, taken from the front bumper to include the full-size spare wheel cover mounted on the tailgate. Every inch of this is taken up by the wheelbase of 2590mm. Height and width match the three-door at 1720mm and 1645mm, respectively.

Retro fans need not fear, the XL takes its lead from the popular panel work of the tiny three-door, apart from the odd stylistic incursion to maintain a balance of city runabout with robust off-road cues. A metallic-accented front grille fits the bill.

A giant grab-bag of accessories makes up for the average standard spec of the XL and allows for a uniquely personalised small SUV. The test car was stuck (literally) with a gaudy badge, a shout-out to the Suzuki 'Jimnyacs' fan club, on its left flank.

INTERIOR

Here's a dichotomy: The parked car is unlocked electronically by pressing one of two buttons on the key fob. Now, don't trouser this, the physical key is needed to start the motor, as with an old-style ignition via a keyhole in the steering column. Whose idea is this?

So, moving on. With the extra two doors, the anticipated boost in cabin space is the 'main event'. Decor is hard and lacking in tactile surfaces. The softest section is the seating in undistinguished material upholstery.

Storage up front is limited. Two cupholders between the seats, pushed to the rear by the 4WD lever, are not easily accessible and there's no padded lid to a storage compartment to rest the driver's arm on.

Door pockets are slim and all that's left is an open space in front of the passenger, plus the slim glovebox.

Rear passengers miss out on air vents, USB access, or a fold-down central armrest.

Top tether and ISOFIX child seat points feature on both rear seats, and the square rear door opening makes it relatively easy to load little kids.

Boot space is a claimed 211 litres (85 litres, 3dr) with the rear seatbacks in place, expanding to 1113 litres (830, 3dr) with them folded flat. The less-than-90-degree side-opening tailgate does not make it easy to load awkward items.

INFOTAINMENT

The Jimny XL has a larger 9-inch media screen but it doesn't come with built-in sat nav like the three-door GXL. Connection to the display is Apple CarPlay or Android Auto, using the phone map app.

Compared to the equivalent three-door, the XL gains rear parking sensors, a 9-inch touchscreen, up from 7-inch and DAB digital radio.

ENGINES/TRANSMISSIONS

The powertrain, producing 75kW and 30Nm, mated with a four-speed automatic transmission, is a straight lift from the Jimny three-door and is a little wanting, carrying the extra heft of two doors and 100kg of body weight.

SAFETY

Standard throughout the range are front, front-side and curtain airbags, autonomous emergency braking and lane departure warning (at speeds of more than 60km/h). The automatic gains adaptive cruise control, which works at speeds between 40km/h and 130km/h.

Reversing camera and rear sensors add to driver confidence when slotting into skinny shopping centre car parking spots.

The Jimny XL is without an ANCAP rating. With much the same safety standards as the three-door, the new model is unlikely to fare any better than the three-door did when it recorded a three-star score in 2018.

DRIVING

While tiny dimensions make the Jimny XL five-door fun to drive, the test car's four-speed auto and non-turbo engine disappointed, with two more doors and almost 100kg extra to push around relative to the three-door.

Biggest beef is the five-door is held back by its bulk on inclines where it quickly runs out of breath. Overtaking can be a challenge also. Colleagues claim the five-speed manual allows for a more connected drive.

Fuel is a bit of a bind too, with premium unleaded the recommended petrol, the maker claiming 6.9 litres per 100km on the combined urban/highway cycle. During a week with the test vehicle, the Jimny XL averaged 9.5 litres per 100km in the city and 5.8 litres per 100km on the open road.

The ride is bumpy on uneven road surfaces but feels more planted than the three-door at speed. Steering is well suited to slipping into tight spots at low speed but not so sharp on fast bends on the open road.

A face-saver is the fact that the Jimny XL is a genuine off-roader, with 4WD - 2H, 4H, 4L.

Shifting into low-range four-wheel drive is made simple by a traditional lever near the driver's knee. Ground clearance is a lofty 210mm and wading depth up to 800mm.

SUMMARY

When it comes to luxury vehicles, owner loyalty can be rewarded in many ways, from exclusive hotel stays, gourmet meals to 'masterful' golf days.

With its cult-like status through the Jimny three-door and now five-door, Suzuki, in no small way, has been at the birth of a Jimniacs tribe, who offer first access to 'awesome' Jimny offerings, events, free stuff, discounts, merch and more. Give it a go.

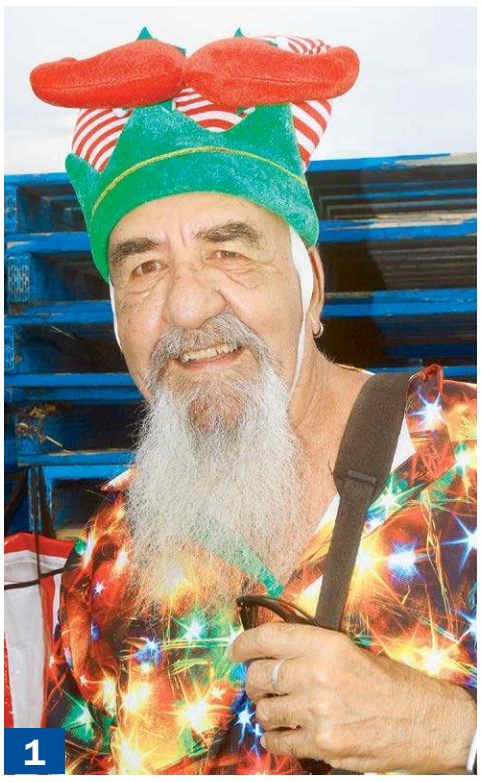
RATINGS

- Looks: 8
- Performance: 6
- Safety: 6
- Thirst: 6
- Practicality: 7
- Comfort: 6
- Tech: 7
- Value: 8

Social

PHIL WILLIAMS captured many memorable social photos last year.

Smiles light up our Alice


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1: BRIGHT: Peter Mifsud was hard to miss as he dressed for the occasion. (524470)

2: PULL UP: Asher Lennie and Keilan Cole made a statement with their bicycle entrance. (522034)

3: ELVES: Norah and Izah Francis make mates with Bluey and friends at the Christmas Show. (519465)

4: ESCORT: Jackson Derrington escorted big sister Astra to the CSC ball. (522034)

5: FUNTIMES: Felix and Emily Presbury had a fun time at the Christmas Show. (519465)

6: ICY POLES: The Icy Pole Run volunteers give a big cheer before they start the run. (524470)

7: INSTA: Grant and Katrina Whan with Layla Duff get insta famous at the Alice Springs Christmas Show. (519465)

8: MATCHING: Tim, Richard, Mathew and Samantha Pearson all came to Carols dressed for the occasion. (522966)

9: FUN: Sophie Morey and Heidi Morrison having fun at Carols by Candlelight. (522966)

10: MINI ME: Tama Wallace with Harley Junior made a grand entrance. (522034)

11: SCENE STEALER. Sorell Diddams and Jimmy Bellette stole the show as they arrived at the St Philip's formal. (519435).

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1: SCARE: Joaquin Novare and Mira Trevers looking scary in the Mall for Halloween. (Phil Williams)

2: ENTHRALLING: A young dancer captivates the crowd with her performance at Diwali. (511117)

3: YEP: A bidder puts up his hand during the Harts Range horse auction. (495041)

4: SACK RACE: Junior riders get all tangled in the sack race during the motorkahna at Harts Range. (495041)

5: PHOTO BOMB: Jockey, Sonja Logan photo bombs her way into a social pic as she heads to the starting barrier on Derby Day. (514590)

6: OI OI OI: The Aussie crew get around the turning mark during a race at HoT. (496670)

7: ELABORATE: Dancers with elaborate costumes bring the Diwali stage to life. (511117)

8: DROPPED: Lucy Muenster drops her bike during the motokhana barrel race at Harts Range. (495041)

9: DEADLY: The Deadly Lightshades enjoying the Todd Mall Halloween party.

10: CRISPY: Ivy and Jack Jericho get stuck into some crispy chicken wings at the Diwali markets. (511116)

11: BYE: Amelia and Arla Mashford farewell the Kondition Krytical car as it leaves Blatherskite Park on the Shitbox Rally. (512919)



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Teen reflects on experience

By NT Cricket

AFTER becoming the first Northern Territorian selected for the Annual Melbourne Cricket Club (MCC) Foundation National Indigenous Cricket Training Camp, 16-year-old Harrison Johnny has returned home to Alice Springs inspired and motivated for what's ahead.

Held at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) in October, the camp brought together some of the country's most promising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cricketers for five days of coaching, cultural connection, and leadership development.

The proud Garawa and Waanyi fast bowler described the experience as "incredible", particularly the opportunity to play and train on the MCG alongside some of Australia's most respected cricketers.

"The camp was very good. Being able to play with some very experienced cricketers and being able to play at the MCG was incredible," Johnny said.

"One of the biggest learning things that I'll take back is… And I'm not even a batter, but I'd take back what Will Pucovski said in the batting chat.

"He said to just envision yourself doing the best you can.

"Keep a cool head and you don't have to improve and be a batter.

"You can improve in stuff that you're good at and try and focus on those things."

Originally from Alice Springs, Johnny started playing cricket in Year 7 after a friend's father encouraged him to join the local team at Complete Constructions Cricket Club.

"I started off playing soccer and AFL, but after joining cricket I just fell in love with it," he said.

"There aren't a lot of opportunities in Alice, but I was lucky to start young and got to play A-grade at 14 or 15.

"That helped me learn quickly and improve faster because I was playing with adults.

"I was learning more than what the kids my age were learning."

Early last year, Johnny represented the Northern Territory at the National Indigenous Cricket Championships (NICC) in Mackay after being identified through the Annual Imparja Cup powered by DXC Technology.

He said his Imparja Cup experience had played a key role in his journey.

"The Imparja Cup is a great opportunity for young Aboriginal cricketers to get around people who love the game," he said.

"You learn from older players, feel supported, and it gives you the chance to be seen.

"Playing there helped me get picked for the NT team, and it's something I'll definitely keep playing in."

Johnny will return to Alice Springs to compete in the Imparja Cup 2026, which will again bring together Indigenous players from across the country.

NT Cricket Pathway and Development Coach Trent Keep said Johnny's story showed what's possible when young players embrace opportunity.

"Harrison has made the most of every chance given to him, from the Imparja Cup through to the NICC and now the MCC Foundation Camp," Keep said.

"His story is a great example of how the Indigenous cricket pathway can open doors for young Territorians who are willing to step forward and give it a go."

The Imparja Cup will return to Alice Springs from Friday 20 to Tuesday 24 February.

The Cup has grown from a family game between Tennant Creek and Alice Springs into Australia's largest Indigenous cricket carnival.

Held on Arrernte land, the event has become a national celebration, each year drawing hundreds of Indigenous cricketers, coaches, match officials and volunteers from across the Territory and Australia to celebrate cricket, culture and community.

Across five days, teams will compete in the Major Centres, Men's Community, Women's Community and Schools Divisions, while the Schools Gala Day will again aim to create a new generation of young Indigenous cricketers who love and play the game.



Harrison Johnny described his experience at the Melbourne Cricket Ground as incredible



Harrison Johnny was selected for the third annual Cricket Australia and Melbourne Cricket Club (MCC) National Indigenous Cricket Training Camp. (NT CRICKET)

Alice Springs Mayor Asta Hill said she was delighted to welcome the 33rd Annual Imparja Cup to Mparntwe.

"This festival of cricket brings people of all ages and backgrounds together on Arrernte Country to celebrate sport, culture and community pride," Cr Hill said.

"It's a chance to connect, to cheer each other on, and to enjoy the spirit of cricket in the heart of Australia.

"Alice Springs Town Council is proud to sponsor such an iconic and meaningful event."

NT Cricket Head of Cricket Nick Winter said the Imparja Cup meant a lot to many people across the Territory and beyond.

"It's a time for communities, family and friends to come together, to play, connect and share stories through cricket," Winter said.

"As Australia's largest Indigenous cricket event, our goal is to see it continue to grow and inspire the next generation."

Registrations for teams and match officials are now open at ntcricket.com.au

Gearing up for Imparja Cup

By NT Cricket

THE Imparja Cup is Australia's biggest Indigenous cricket festival, originally founded by custodians, Shane Franey and Ross Williams, as a family match between Alice Springs and Tennant Creek in 1994.

The name Imparja comes from the Arrernte word Impatye, meaning tracks or footprints, honouring those who came before and creating pathways for the next generation.

The Imparja Cup has made a significant contribution to the history and story of indigenous cricket in Australia and was the event and foundation on which Cricket Australia created the National Indigenous Cricket Championships in 2016.



OUT: Keeper Adrian McAdam has the bails off in a flash to dismiss Isaiah Miller off the bowling of Chris Forbes to win the 2025 Imparja Cup.



2025 CHAMPIONS: The Desert Rats celebrate their 2025 Imparja Cup win. (Phil Williams)

WEATHER

FORECAST

Alice Springs:
Mostly sunny. Light winds becoming north to northeasterly 15 to 25 km/h during the morning then tending east to northeasterly 20 to 30 km/h during the day.
Friday. Mostly sunny. Winds north to northeasterly 15 to 20 km/h turning easterly during the day.
Saturday. Sunny. Winds north to northeasterly 15 to 20 km/h turning east to southeasterly 20 to 30 km/h during the day.
Sunday. Sunny. Winds southeasterly 20 to 30 km/h.

Tennant Creek:
Mostly sunny morning. Medium chance of showers, most likely in the afternoon and evening. The chance of a thunderstorm in the afternoon and evening. Winds easterly 20 to 30 km/h. 26/38
Friday. Partly cloudy. 25/37

Hermannsburg:
Mostly sunny. 25/41
Friday. Mostly sunny. 24/41

Santa Teresa:
Mostly sunny. 25/41
Friday. Sunny. 25/42

Ross River:
Mostly sunny. 24/41
Friday. Sunny. 24/41

Uluru:
Mostly sunny. 27/42
Friday. Mostly sunny. 27/42

Darwin:
Partly cloudy. High chance of showers, most likely in the morning and afternoon. A thunderstorm likely in the afternoon and evening. Light winds becoming westerly 15 to 20 km/h during the morning then becoming light during the evening.
Friday. Partly cloudy. High chance of showers. A thunderstorm likely. Winds westerly 15 to 25 km/h.

Northern Territory:
Sunny south of Ti Tree. A slight to medium chance of showers and storms elsewhere, increasing to a medium to high chance north of Elliott. Very hot in the Tanami, Lasseter and Simpson Districts. Moderate east to northeasterly winds south of Elliott, fresh and gusty at times during the day. Light to moderate southwest to northwesterly winds north of Elliott, tending southeast to southwesterly in the Carpentaria District.

ALICE SPRINGS FORECAST

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mostly sunny.	Mostly sunny.	Sunny.	Sunny.
41	**41**	**41**	**39**

Sunny · Mostly sunny · Partly cloudy · Cloudy · Chance shower · Shower or two · Showers · Light rain (drizzle) · Rain · Storm · Showers storm · Windy · Dust · Fog

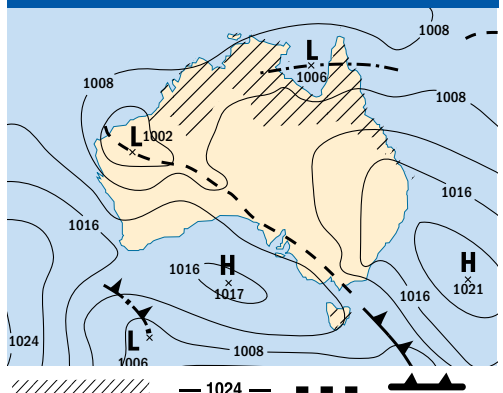
CAPITAL CITIES

City	Condition	Max
Adelaide	Sunny.	39
Brisbane	Partly cloudy.	30
Canberra	Mostly sunny.	39
Darwin	Showers. Possible storm.	33
Hobart	Partly cloudy.	25
Melbourne	Partly cloudy.	31
Perth	Sunny.	28
Sydney	Sunny.	33

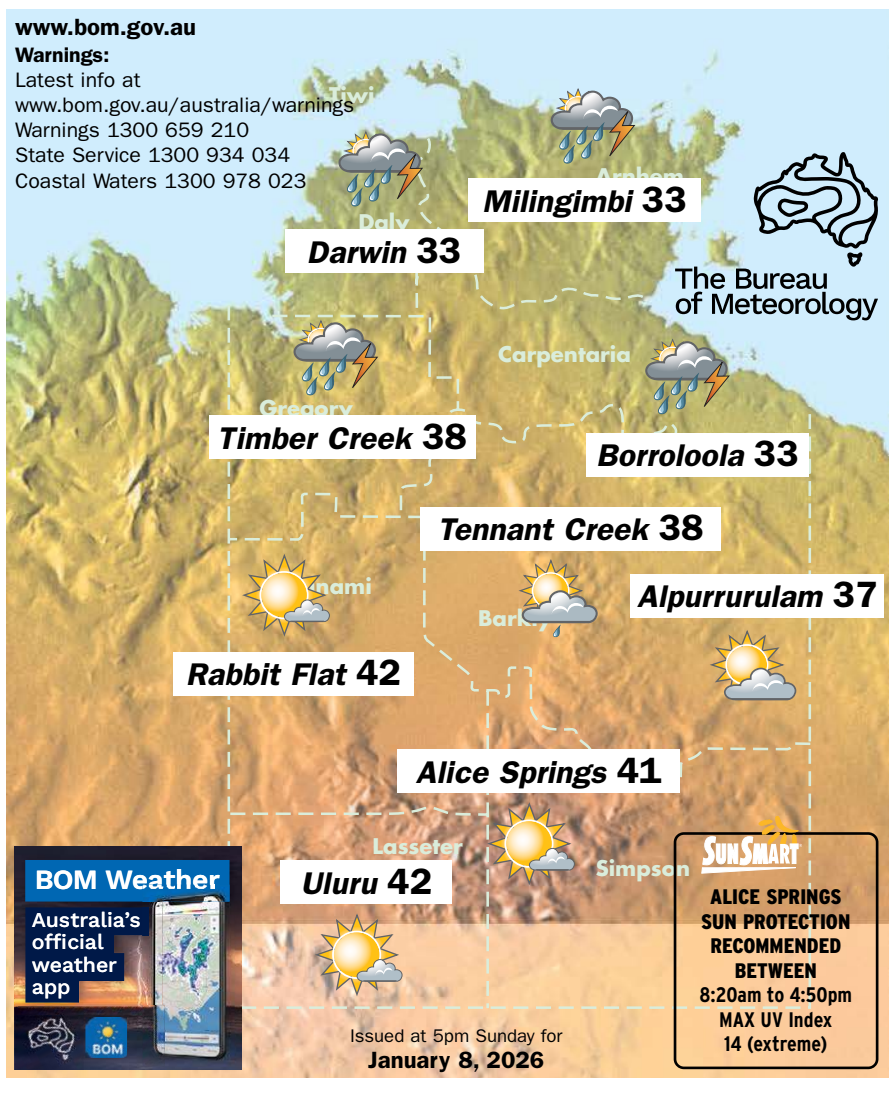
SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	5:55am	7:26pm	10:30pm	9:33am
Thursday	5:56am	7:26pm	11:02pm	10:30am
Friday	5:56am	7:26pm	11:33pm	11:24am
Saturday	5:57am	7:27pm	Nil	12:16pm
Sunday	5:58am	7:27pm	12:03am	1:08pm
Monday	5:58am	7:27pm	12:35am	2:01pm
Tuesday	5:59am	7:27pm	1:10am	2:54pm

THURSDAY 10AM



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Looking ahead

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