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Buffel action

STRONGER action on the environmental, cultural and fire risks posed by buffel grass across Central Australia is at the centre of the town's concerns. Alice Springs Town Council's (ASTC) made a submission to the Northern Territory Government's Draft Buffel Grass Weed Management Plan 2026–2036 calling for a more realistic and practical approach to managing buffel grass in highly infested urban areas such as river corridors, roads, parks and public spaces.

In its submission, ASTC is seeking clearer definitions within the draft plan, practical exemptions for essential municipal services, and management expectations that reflect the realities of widespread infestation.

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From the heart

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SURPRISE: A stunned Wendy Corkill is overcome as her friend Lucinda Moody offers congratulations after being announced as Central Australia's top citizen for 2026. (Phil Williams)

Change on cards

FOLLOWING Mayor Asta Hill's boycott of the Australia Day Citizenship ceremony, the Alice Springs Town Council meeting on 27 January drew a full, vocal crowd, largely supporting the mayor.

Petition organiser Ben Gaff, with nearly 1200 signatures calling for her resignation, questioned Mayor Hill about repaying her allowance for not attending the ceremony.

The mayor defended her decision, citing the Local Government Act's Section 59, stating her allowance is not linked to public events and proper procedure was followed. Gaff remained unsatisfied, saying she "didn't answer it".

Separately, the meeting also revealed that the Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony date is likely to change in Central Australia.

At least four councillors, including Deputy Mayor Alison Bitar, indicated they would vote favourably to move the ceremony off 26 January, recognising it is not a day of celebration for many First Nations people. Mayor Hill's casting vote, should the other four councillors oppose, would inevitably secure the date change.

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Pavers make way

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Several new arbours based on a gum tree design will shade over areas of heavy pedestrian traffic.

Lighting will also be receiving an upgrade to improve safety at night.

During construction of the mall, restrictions on access to businesses and traders along the precinct will be kept to a minimum.

Addressing a ratepayers concern at the the recent Council meeting, Council CEO Andrew Willsmore confirmed that the donated and engraved bricks from a previous mall upgrade would be kept and utilised in the current redevelopment.

"The engraved bricks, we know they are important to the people of Alice Springs, particularly those who contributed them, he said.

"They're going to be very carefully relocated and retained as part of the Todd Mall refurbishment works.

"The remaining bricks, we're looking to try and utilise as much as possible at the regional waste (facility) to allow them to go to other homes or other purposes across Alice Springs.

"As much as possible, well try and recycle those that are available.

The work comes as a construction boom in the Alice Springs CBD continues with the multi million dollar redevelopment of Alice Plaza and the proposed redevelopment of Yeperenye Shopping Centre along with several other locations around the town.

Construction of the new library and relocation of the Tourism Central Australia offices is also about to begin.

It is anticipated the work on the Todd Mall will be completed towards the end of this year.

WORK: Construction work has begun in the latest redevelopment of Todd Mall. (Phil Williams 531846)

REMOVAL: Existing pavers being removed as the Todd Mall redevelopment begins. (531846)

CONSTRUCTION: Barriers close off pedestrian access down the middle of Todd Mall as work begins to remove existing pavers. (531846)

Body of NT man found

By Phil Williams

A man believed to be from the Northern Territory has died a lonely death on an unsealed road, in an isolated and remote part of Queensland.

The body of the man, possibly from Alice Springs, was found in a vehicle bogged on a closed road near the NT border.

Police from Dajarra located the elderly man's remains in a black Jeep SUV bearing NT plates on Urandangi Road, south-west of Mount Isa on Thursday, 22 January.

Officer in Charge of Dajarra Police Station, Sergeant Matthew Harling said it is believed the man was travelling in an easterly direction, towards Dajarra.

It is thought he was likely heading back to the NT when his vehicle became trapped in mud.

The man's Jeep had sustained no other damage.

Sergeant Harling said the road was closed due the boggy conditions and that the man had driven past road closure signs before becoming stranded.

It is not known when the man's vehicle became bogged.

"The road was closed at the time the man was located, and it is likely no vehicles have travelled the road for the approximately three weeks (period) since it was closed, he said.

The man was first discovered when council workers were conducting a check on road conditions after it was reopened to traffic.

Sergeant Harling said the man's death in an area with no mobile phone reception was tragic and avoidable.

Sergeant Harling said the roads are closed for a reason and by ignoring the signs, it can quickly become a life threatening situation.

Queensland Police are working with Northern Territory police to formally confirm the man's identity before notifying his family.

"The cause of the man's death is yet to be confirmed, however there are no suspicious circumstances at this time," Sergeant Harling said.

Indications are the man had suffered from a lack of food and water and had been exposed to significant heat.

Queensland Police are still working with NT Police to confirm the identity of the man, and anyone with any information about the man or his movements prior to 22 January is urged to contact Police link on 131444.

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Lovegrove fire quickly brought under control

By Phil Williams

A grass fire has burnt a small area not far from a town camp on Lovegrove Drive on Friday evening, 30 January.

Around 8.30pm the area at the end of Elder Street ignited sending flames leaping several metres into the air.

Pushed by a stiff breeze the flames advanced in a southerly direction along Lovegrove Drive and away from residences in the Akngwertnarre Town Camp.

At the height of the blaze, a large amount of smoke and embers drifted across the road and over several nearby homes and businesses..

Police and two NT Volunteer Fire crews and one NTFRS unit attended and quickly had the blaze contained.

There are no reports of property damage at this stage.

The blaze and another in hilly terrain in Braitling several days earlier come after the Chief Fire Control Officer, Bushfires NT and Chief Fire Officer NT Fire and Rescue Service extended the current fire season for Alice Springs and nearby regions until Friday, 27 February.

HOSE DOWN: An NT Volunteer Firefighter hoses down flames during the fire on Lovegrove Drive. (Phil Williams)

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Heart nurse honoured

HONOUR: Assistant Administrator, Gran Kilgariff congratulates Wendy Corkill on her Citizen of the Year Award. (Phil Williams)

By Phil Williams

WENDY Corkill is the Centralian Citizen of the Year for 2026.

She is a cardiac nurse at the Alice Springs Hospital who has dedicated her life to improving people's health and wellbeing in Central Australia.

Ms Corkhill was named as Centralian of the Year in a ceremony on Australia Day, 26 January.

She was chosen ahead of eight other highly regarded everyday community members for the prestigious honour.

She has played a key role in building heart health services across the region extending into remote communities with outreach programs.

She first helped establish CT Cardiac Angiography in 2013 by bringing advanced heart testing to the Alice Springs community in the absence of a resident cardiologist.

Since then, she has continued her work and shared her knowledge through research, nursing and volunteer work overseas.

Ms Corkill also holds the honour of being the longest serving member of the Central Australian Research Ethics Committee and is known for her passion, clear communication and commitment to her patients and the wider community.

A shocked Ms Corkill said in her acceptance speech said she had no plans to go anywhere.

"I've been a nurse for 40 years, now, Ms Corkill said.

"I love working in Central Australia. I'm not going anywhere, I'm staying here, she said emphatically.

"I love this community. I came here in 1986 and not leaving anytime soon."

Centralian Senior Citizen of the Year was chosen from four nominees and was awarded to Elaine Peckham, a Central Arrente land custodian.

She is human rights campaigner who has dedicated her life to seeking justice and wellbeing for Aboriginal people.

Ms Peckham established the Central Australian Aboriginal Strong Women Alliance, giving Aboriginal women a voice in decisions and policies affecting their own lives and future generations.

She also co-founded Elder's groups helping to protect culture and supporting people to stay connected to Country.

A long term library volunteer, Ben Russel was awarded Centralian Young Citizen of the Year and the 2025 Alice Springs Beanie Festival was awarded the event of the year.

The 2026 winners are the epitome the fabric of the Alice Springs and Central Australian community and make a massive contribution to the community.

FUN: Jessie Hall and Reka Berger with some of the more than 6500 beanies available for sale at the 2025 Festival which won the Central Australia Event of the Year. (483938)

CONGRATULATED: Elaine Peckham is congratulated by Australia Day Ambassador, Nicole Hayes after being named as Senior Central Australian Citizen of the Year on Australia Day.

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Support for mayor's stance

By Phil Williams

FOLLOWING community reaction to Mayor Asta Hill's decision to boycott the Australia Day Citizenship ceremony, the Alice Springs Town Council meeting on Tuesday 27 January was a full house.

Even before the scheduled 5pm start, the public gallery was full to it's 70-person capacity, with standing room only.

A significant number had been unable to enter and were forced to wait outside in the 40-plus degree heat and listen to the live stream.

Council Rangers were used as security to restrict entry to the chambers once it had reached capacity.

Many of those filling the gallery were there in support of the Mayor Hill, with several bearing home made cardboard placards in the shape of a heart and painted in the colours of the Aboriginal flag, black yellow and red, reading 'Love Asta.'

Others held similarly painted placards that read 'Not a date to celebrate.'

Another of her supporters carried a poster which read "Asta Hill Leadership"

Within around 20 minutes of starting, the live stream failed and the meeting was paused as attempts were made to rectify an issue with the audio.

When those attempts failed, arrangements were made to open the function room adjacent the council chamber and allow those still outside to listen to proceedings from inside the building.

However, by this time the number waiting had dwindled with many leaving to avoid the stifling heat..

Several members of the gallery directed questions to the mayor, including Ben Gaff, the organiser of a petition calling for the Ms Hill to resign.

SUPPORT: The public gallery was filled with many people bearing placards in a coordinated show of support for the Mayor (Phil Williams: 531857)

LOCKED OUT: Even before the council meeting started, many people were locked out of the council meeting due to the public gallery being filled. (531857)

CAPACITY: Supporters for the Mayor packed the public gallery to capacity at the recent saw council meeting. (531857)

At the time of writing Mr Gaff's petition had received almost 1200 confirmed signatures.

Mr Gaff was displeased with the mayor's answer to his question asking if she would payback her allowance for the day as a result of not performing her duties at the Citizenship Ceremony instead handing the responsibility to Deputy Mayor Alison Bitar.

During the mayor's prolonged answer, Ms Hill pointed to Section 59 of the Local Government Act which outlines the duties of the mayor, saying that her allowance is not linked to public events.

"The allowance that I get - it's not actually linked in any way to public events or particular duties that I perform"

Ms Hill added the proper process was followed in relation to her absence from the citizenship ceremony.

When asked by the mayor if that had answered his question, a frustrated Mr Gaff replied "Not Quite.'

Later he told the Centralian today, "She didn't answer it".

"She directed us to Section 59 under the local Government code. That's cool. The mayor can allocate her job, but how often do you keep doing that?, he questioned.

"Why would we have a mayor that only half does her job.

Several times some of Ms Hill's supporters heckled those asking questions they didn't agree with and vigorously applauded those they did.

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Over 1000 sign petition

By Phil Williams

THE chains of office are likely to be weighing heavily on Alice Springs Mayor Asta Hill following her decision to spurn 85 residents who took the oath to become new citizens on Australia Day.

Ms Hill has faced backlash following her announcement she would not take part in the Alice Springs Town Council's Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony.

Following her snub, a private petition on change.org had garnered almost 1200 verified signatures early on Friday, January 30.

Leading the call against Ms Hill's decision is independent Member for Araluen and NT Parliamentary Speaker, Robyn Lambley who labelled the Mayor's stance a 'Disgrace'

Ms Lambley said: "Asta is out on her own here".

"She is making an appalling decision and quite frankly I cannot see how her position is tenable if she intends to boycott every Alice Springs Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony during her term as Mayor."

Ms Hill, a Greens Party member, said in a statement on Wednesday 21 January that despite Citizenship Ceremonies being "...one of the highlights of my role as Mayor.." she had informed the Council that "...I will not be participating in the Australia Day formalities on 26 January 2026. The citizenship and awards ceremony will be conducted by Deputy Mayor Allison Bitar."

Ms Hill added "...this is a day of mourning. While I do not intend to stand in the way of others' celebrations, I do not personally want to play a formal role on a day that causes harm to parts of our community."

Ms Hill's stance is in line with Green's Party policy.

In her statement, Ms Hill claimed a "growing number of Australians" shared her view that 26 January is not the right date to celebrate the national day.

This comes in spite of the recent research by Roy Morgan released the day before Ms Hill's statement

The latest poll revealed one of the highest support for the day recorded by Roy Morgan.

The poll revealed an an increased majority of Australians say Australia Day should not be moved from 26 January.

Almost two thirds of respondents, 60.5 per cent, said the date should remain.

This figure is by up two per cent from a similar poll in 2024.

Petition organiser Ben Gaff initially intended to table the petition at Council's General Meeting on January 27, but was thwarted by the requirement to give a minimum seven days notice.

Mr Gaff, in an update on the change.org website on 23 January, said he had enlisted the help of an elected member and would instead table the document at the February meeting provided the petition gains more than 1000 signatures.

"I am unable to table the petition in January as the Council requires seven days notice," he said.

"Instead, I have opted to table the petition at the February Town council meeting. I have found an elected member who is willing to table it on my behalf, provided we reach over one thousand signatures."

In the preamble to his petition Mr Gaff says: "These ceremonies, particularly those held on Australia Day, are a revered tradition, embodying the spirit of community and belonging. Typically, these essential events are presided over by the local Mayor, who stands as a symbol of civic leadership and duty".

"Yet, recent actions by Alice Springs Mayor Asta Hill threaten this tradition," he said.

"Elected officials should put the community's interest above all else, prioritising civic duties over personal beliefs or political maneuvers. Mayor Hill's recent conduct suggests a misalignment with the duties of her role and a lack of respect for the symbolic importance of ceremonies like those on Australia Day.

The people of Alice Springs deserve leaders who uphold the significance of civic traditions and act with integrity."

Following the ASTC meeting Mr Gaff told the Centralian Today: "Her job's not about her. It's about the community of Alice Springs. The council's meant to a-political".

Speaking about the throng of supporters for Ms Hill, Mr Gaff said "It depends who you ask (but) it nearly appeared to be anti-Australian sentiment coming from the Mayor and her supporters at the council meeting".

During the meeting, Mr Gaff directed a question to the mayor asking if she would give back her payment for the day and said he was disappointed by her response, saying he didn't feel his question was answered

"She didn't answer it," he said.

"She directed us to Section 59 under the local Government code.

"I'm a tradesman, I don't know that. She sort of fluffed me off and said 'that's it'

"I've since looked up that code and the mayor should be doing her job.

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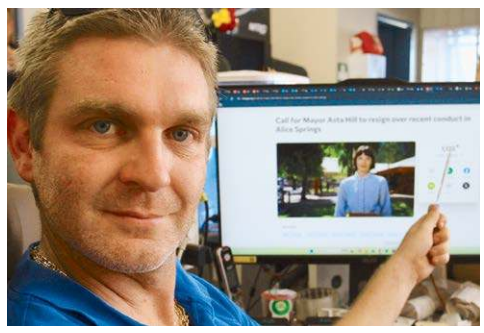
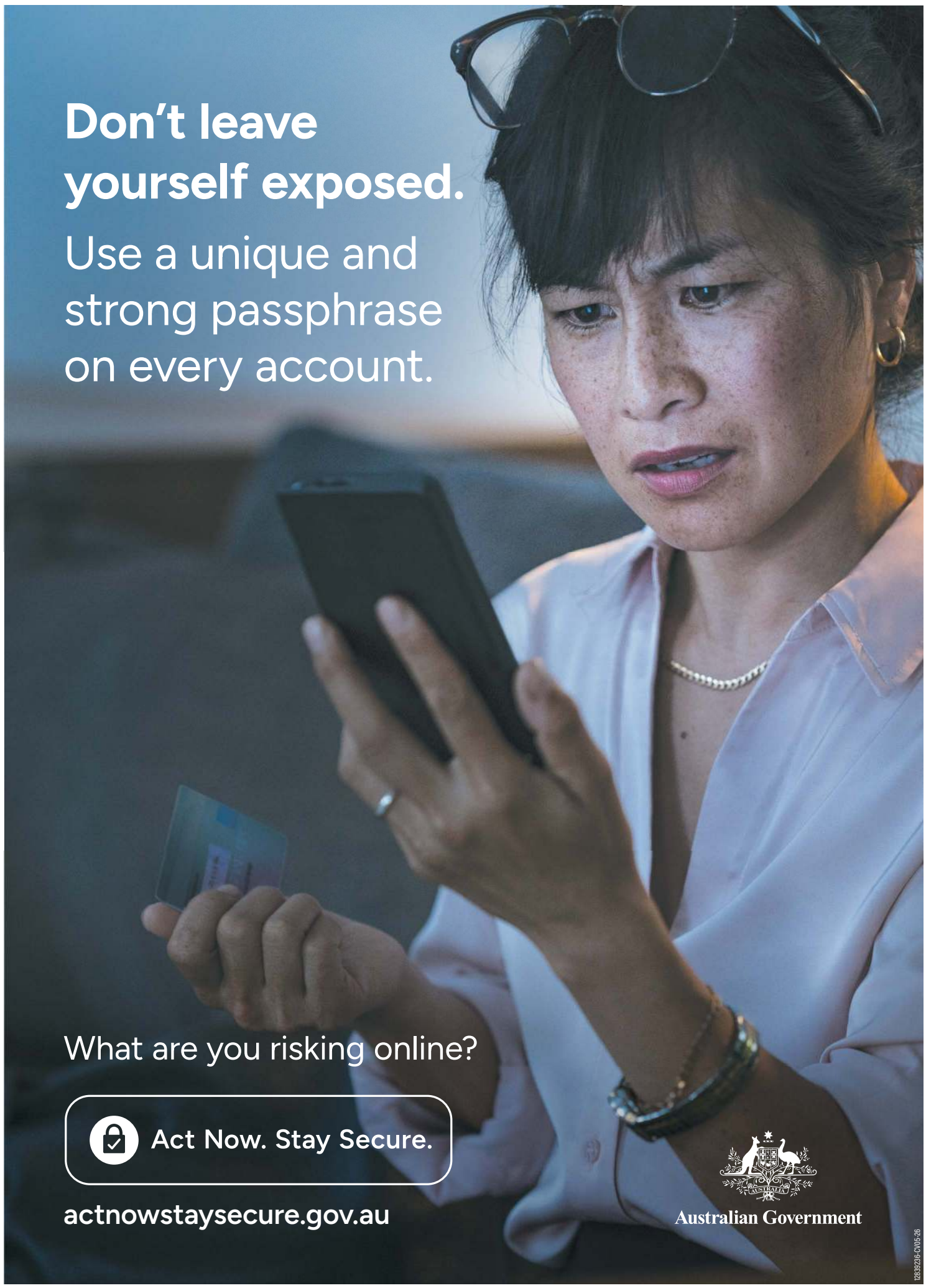
"Why would we have a mayor that only half does her job.

"All the ratepayers should be upset. We're paying more and more, and getting less and less from our elected officials."



PETITION: Ben Gaff points to the total number of people who have signed his online petition calling for the Mayor's resignation. (Phil Williams: 531497)



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The Pulse

Dr Glenn Morrison

Symbolism carries weight

IT should come as no surprise then, that Mayor Asta Hill's withdrawal from the town's 2026 Australia Day citizenship ceremony because she did not agree with celebrating the date has stirred controversy.

Given Alice Springs' reputation for political volatility, you might even expect her decision to delegate running the ceremony to her deputy could spark something of a backlash on social media, perhaps even draw national media interest.

But a petition calling for her resignation? Really?

Late last month, some 1100 Centralians signed a petition demanding Mayor Asta Hill resign her elected role over the citizenship controversy.

The petition gained tacit support from former NT Country Liberal turned independent member for Araluen Robyn Lambley, who labelled the mayor's move a "disgrace" and questioned whether her ongoing role could remain "tenable".

Were Mayor Hill's actions so wrong?

Citizenship ceremonies welcome new Australians to the civic family and are among the few moments on a town's calendar when a council visibly and consciously represents everyone.

In Outback towns like Alice, the mayor's presence at Citizenship Day signals institutional respect and a pulling together of the community; the ceremony is not just a matter of protocol, but a rare moment when council speaks for the whole town, not one faction or another, and acts not only on its own behalf but as proxy for the Commonwealth.

In Alice Springs, where identity and belonging are so frequently contested, symbolism can often end up being what matters most, but that doesn't mean it's always right.

If Mayor Hill is guilty of anything, it is of publicly raising an important question that is clearly uncomfortable for some: Where does personal conscience end and public duty begin?

For the record, a mayor can lawfully delegate a citizenship ceremony if it falls on Australia Day; there is no automatic breach for stepping aside.

And let's face it: the date of Australia Day is a vexed issue. In 2024, 81 local Australian councils cancelled or moved their citizenship events from 26 January.

Public sentiment that 26 January is a painful day for First Nations people and widespread decline in attendance at celebrations has seen an uptick in support for the date to be moved.

Araluen MP Robyn Lambley.

Alice Springs Mayor Asta Hill.

More broadly, Hill is certainly not the first mayor to take a personal stance on a matter concerning the town.

In 2023, former Alice Springs mayor Matt Patterson fronted national television cameras to call for then NT Chief Minister for the ALP Eva Lawler to hand responsibility for running the town to the federal government if it could not keep residents safe.

Furthermore, he proposed Australian Federal Police or the Australian Army be brought in to restore order.

Patterson acted in this instance as an individual, not on behalf of council or even all residents: He made a personal conscience call using the mayoral robes to do so.

And while many applauded his actions, others did not, particularly those still feeling bruised from a 2007 federal intervention, when the army did roll into the Red Centre to 'restore order' on orders from then Australian prime minister John Howard.

In similar fashion, Mayor Hill's stance this year on Australia Day has attracted both naysayers and supporters.

In Australian local government, power sits with the council as a whole: A mayor may advocate, lobby, speak publicly and propose motions, but decisions must normally follow legislation, procedure and votes.

However, free speech also applies. And a mayor does not lose their right to free political expression simply by wearing the robes, even though at council level it might be frowned upon.

Mayors have always been and always will be creatures of politics; as Alice Springs 10th mayor, Asta Hill is no different, having previously contested the NT electorate of Braitling for the Australian Greens at the 2024 Territory election, a poll she came close to winning.

Her predecessor Matt Patterson served one mayoral term as an independent yet all the while demonstrating a close support for Country Liberal values.

Alice Springs' longest-serving Mayor Damien Ryan separately vied for Territory and Federal roles as a candidate for the CLP; his predecessor Fran Kilgarrif is considered a CLP blue blood as daughter of party co-founder Bernie Kilgarrif, though ruled with an even hand.

A mayor can take a stand, campaign, lobby and speak out on community issues – that's called leadership. What they cannot do is use the office for party politics, ignore due process, or prejudge formal decisions that require fairness.

On the Australia Day issue, Mayor Hill has walked a line between personal conscience, official duty and symbolic leadership, and without cancelling or changing the date of the citizenship ceremony as councils elsewhere have done.

Instead, she delegated her ceremonial obligation to her deputy, officially withdrew from the role based on a conflicted personal stance, and told the community what she was doing.

MLA Lambley is a strong advocate for her constituents and widely respected for it. But her tacit backing of a petition calling for the current mayor's resignation over this matter looks less like principled leadership and more like political theatre.

A test of public office is not whether a leader has convictions, it is whether they keep the institution they represent strong enough to carry everyone with them.

In a town as complex as Alice such balance matters more than ever, and in this respect Mayor Hill's actions deserve our congratulations, rather than our scorn.

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Shaping good community

By Gladys Barreta

TWO bright young leaders from Mparntwe/Alice Springs have been selected to have their voices heard as part of NT Youth Week 2026, helping shape a stronger and more inclusive community.

Tasharnii Voller and Esther Klerck will represent young people across the Territory as 2026 NT Youth Week Ambassadors, bringing forward ideas focused on opportunity, education and community wellbeing in Central Australia.

NT Youth Week, running from 2-15 April, is the Territory's largest annual celebration of young people, providing opportunities for those aged 12 to 25 to connect, share ideas and take part in activities that matter to them.

Seventeen-year-old Esther Klerck is passionate about creating clearer pathways to education, particularly for young people in remote communities.

For the past two years, Esther has been advocating for improved access to tertiary education in the Northern Territory. Working with stakeholders across the NT, she has helped develop a tertiary education framework targeting remote areas of Central Australia.

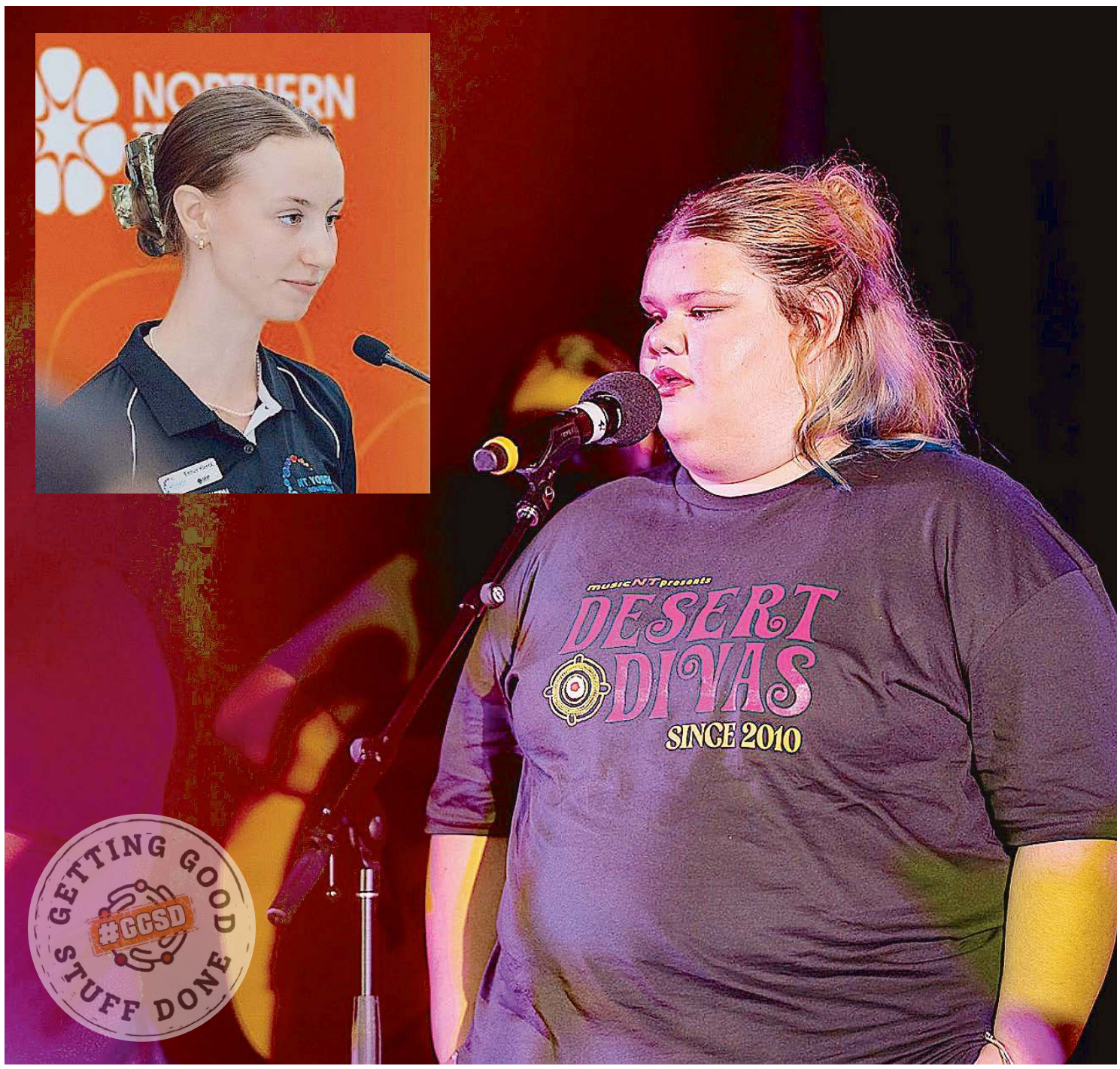
"I want to work with organisations to help young people obtain a Certificate III in Youth Work, creating pathways into social and youth work," Esther said. "This would help relieve pressure on the sector, provide job security and support young people to break cycles of poverty."

She said early intervention through the community sector is vital but often limited by employment barriers. Esther credits her mother and grandmothers for inspiring her passion for education and opportunity.

"It's important to give young people a pathway for study and the flow-on effect benefits entire communities," she said. "Young people make up only a small percentage of decision-makers, so opportunities like Youth Week are critical for our voices to be heard."

Sixteen-year-old Tasharnii Voller is focused on changing the way Aboriginal culture and her hometown of Mparntwe/Alice Springs are portrayed. Currently undertaking a Certificate III apprenticeship in nursing and midwifery at the hospital, Tasharnii wants to see more safe and positive spaces created for young people.

"I want more activities so kids aren't on the streets and have places where they feel safe and supported," she said. "Some kids don't have the best home environments, so those spaces really matter."



CHANGES: Tasharnii Voller will present her ideas of youth engagement for NT Youth Week. Inset: Esther Klerck at the NT Youth Round Table in 2025.

Tasharnii said media portrayals of Alice Springs often focus on negative narratives and fail to reflect the lived experiences of local young people.

"There's a lot of talk about crime, but if people came here, talked to the kids and walked around town, they'd realise it's not bad," she said. "We need to remove the shame around speaking up. Young people can be where change starts."

Both ambassadors say they're excited to connect with other young people during Youth Week and hear their ideas for the future of their communities.

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Better plan for buffel

By Gladys Barreta

STRONGER action on the environmental, cultural and fire risks posed by buffel grass across Central Australia is at the centre of the town's concerns.

Alice Springs Town Council's (ASTC) made a submission to the Northern Territory Government's Draft Buffel Grass Weed Management Plan 2026–2036 calling for a more realistic and practical approach to managing buffel grass in highly infested urban areas such as river corridors, roads, parks and public spaces.

In its submission, ASTC is seeking clearer definitions within the draft plan, practical exemptions for essential municipal services, and management expectations that reflect the realities of widespread infestation.

Council also raised concerns about the significant cost burden the draft plan would place on local government and residents, noting that current Territory-wide funding for buffel grass control does not match the scale of the obligations proposed. ASTC has reaffirmed its willingness to work collaboratively with the NT Government's Weed Management Branch to develop achievable solutions that protect the environment while remaining fair and affordable for the Alice Springs community.

Community concern over the draft plan has also been highlighted by grassroots letter-writing and advocacy group, Letters for the Environment Central Australia (LECA), who have launched a new Case Card addressing the NT Government's Have Your Say survey.

LECA has held stalls at Yeperenye Shopping Centre in recent weeks to encourage public participation and raise awareness of the impacts of buffel grass.

LECA co-administrator Adrian Tomlinson said community feedback showed strong concern about the draft plan, particularly its treatment of pastoral leases.

BUFFEL: Adrian Tomlinson and Jaqueline Arnold at Yeperenye sharing information to encourage people to make submissions on the NT's draft buffel weed management plan.

"It's fair to say the consensus is that the plan has major problems, especially because it largely exempts pastoral leases from the responsibilities expected of others," Mr Tomlinson said.

"It's urgent people speak up, as the submission period closes on February 12."

Mr Tomlinson said many people already understood the damage caused by buffel grass, describing it as a "curse" due to its role in intensifying fires, degrading ecosystems and threatening cultural values.

"What we wanted to do was meet people where they are," he said. "Not everyone is tech-savvy, so by being at the shopping centre we were able to provide hard-copy information and let people make up their own minds."

Buffel grass was declared a weed in the NT in June 2024, with the draft management plan developed as a result of that declaration. However, LECA has raised serious concerns about proposals allowing continued planting and spread under a 10-year industry-wide permit for pastoralists.

"Our concern is that while reasonable behaviours are expected of most landholders, the Minister is offering blanket permission for buffel to continue being spread on pastoral leases," Mr Tomlinson said.

"Buffel doesn't respect boundaries. It spreads across land tenures and creates risks for everyone."

He said landcare groups, local residents and remote communities were already bearing the cost of managing fire risk, environmental damage and air pollution, while buffel grass continues to transform iconic landscapes such as the Larapinta Trail.

"Enough is enough," Mr Tomlinson said. "We don't want more buffel or more resilient strains. If any activity involving buffel is proposed, it should be assessed on a case-by-case basis, with proper consideration of location and impact."

LECA is encouraging Territorians to make submissions, saying the draft plan represents a critical opportunity to strengthen protections for Central Australia's arid lands.

"This is a moment where people can tell government what they know and what they're experiencing," Mr Tomlinson said. "We have a choice and they are to either continue widespread planting, or to respect the weed declaration and protect our country."

Case card can be found through here: https://www.lettersfortheenvironment.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Have-Your-Say-Buffel-Grass-Weed-Management-Plan-.pdf

Roadhouse worker charged

By Phil Williams

A 22-YEAR-OLD roadhouse worker has been charged with serious driving offences after a crash near Stuart's Well last month.

A couple believed to be from interstate were injured after their vehicle rolled over near Stuart's Well on Wednesday, January 21.

NT Police are continuing to investigate the full circumstances of the crash involving a grey Mazda BT50 and Toyota Hilux ute.

Around 2:45pm, emergency services received reports of the crash on the Stuart Highway approximately 10km south of Stuarts Well.

It is alleged the couple failed to pay for fuel before driving off from the roadhouse at Stuart's Well.

The roadhouse employee gave chase and followed the vehicle for several kilometres along the highway.

It is further alleged the two vehicles drew alongside each other before a collision occurred, causing the Mazda ute, to spear off the road and roll.

The employee returned to the service station and contacted police.

Police and St John Ambulance attended and located a 37 year old man who had been thrown from the vehicle and a female 38 year old woman who had freed herself from the wreckage.

Both occupants were stabilised at the scene before they were taken to Alice Springs Hospital.

The man was later flown by air ambulance to Adelaide for further treatment.

Liam Meyer who was travelling to Alice Springs with his wife, was one of the first on the scene and was waved down by the woman.

"We saw her come running towards the road waving at us and we could see the rolled over car.

"She had a fair bit of blood on her legs, he said.

Mr Meyer said the man was obviously suffering from serious injuries and that it was a confronting scene.

"He was very lucky to still be alive. We found him lying on the ground. She'd covered him in a tarp to try and keep the sun off him, Mr Meyer said.

Mr Meyer said he believed the man had been thrown from the car.

"She said she'd found him outside the car, and you couldn't get his door open. It was crumpled, so we suspect he was thrown out. We think it it rolled more than once," he said.

"He wasn't in a good state, that's for sure. He was struggling to breathe and in quite a bit of pain.

"We did what we could with the first aid kit we had in the car and tried to keep him comfortable while we waited for other help to arrive.

"It was a heck of an intermediate stop to the journey, that's for sure, Mr Meyer said.

Following investigations, police charged a man in relation to the circumstances of the crash.

Police will allege that the 22 year old man's Hilux collided with the right rear passenger side door of the Mazda, causing it to lose control and crash.

The 37 year old man driving the Mazda suffered life-threatening injuries and remains in Royal Adelaide Hospital receiving treatment.

His passenger, the 38-year woman remains in Alice Springs Hospital.

The 22 year old driver of the Hilux has now been charged with driving a vehicle in a manner dangerous and remains in police custody.

He is also facing one count of drive a motor vehicle causing death or serious harm and two counts of recklessly endangering serious harm

He was due to appear in Alice Springs local Court on Friday, January 23.

Anyone with information, or dash cam footage from the Stuart Highway between Stuarts Well and approximately 30km south of Stuarts Well around the time of the incident, is urged to make contact on 131 444 and quote reference number P26021338. Anonymous reports can be made through Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or via https://crimestopper-snt.com. au/.

CHARGES: A 22 year old roadhouse worker has been charged after a Mazda BT50 rolled after an alleged drive-off from the Stuarts Well Roadhouse. (Liam Meyer)

For more details
go to **eSafety.gov.au**

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BLUE: Blue lights of a fire unit light up the sky as flames burn at the base of the hills off Dalgety Road. (Phil Williams: 531162)

AATCK: A volunteer firefighter attacks the flames of a fire on Love Grove Drive.

Fire ban period extended

By Phil Williams

THE current fire danger period in Alice Springs and the Barkly along with several other Central Australian fire zones have been extended.

Chief Fire Control Officer, Bushfires NT and Chief Fire Officer NT Fire and Rescue Service have declared Saturday, January 31 to Friday, February 27 a Fire Danger Period.

The ban applies to the Alice Springs Fire Protection Zone (FPZ) as well as Simpson East, Simpson West, Barkly South , Tanami North, Tanami South, Lasseter East and Lasseter West Fire Weather Forecast Districts.

Specific permit requirements apply within the prescribed areas during a Fire Danger Period.

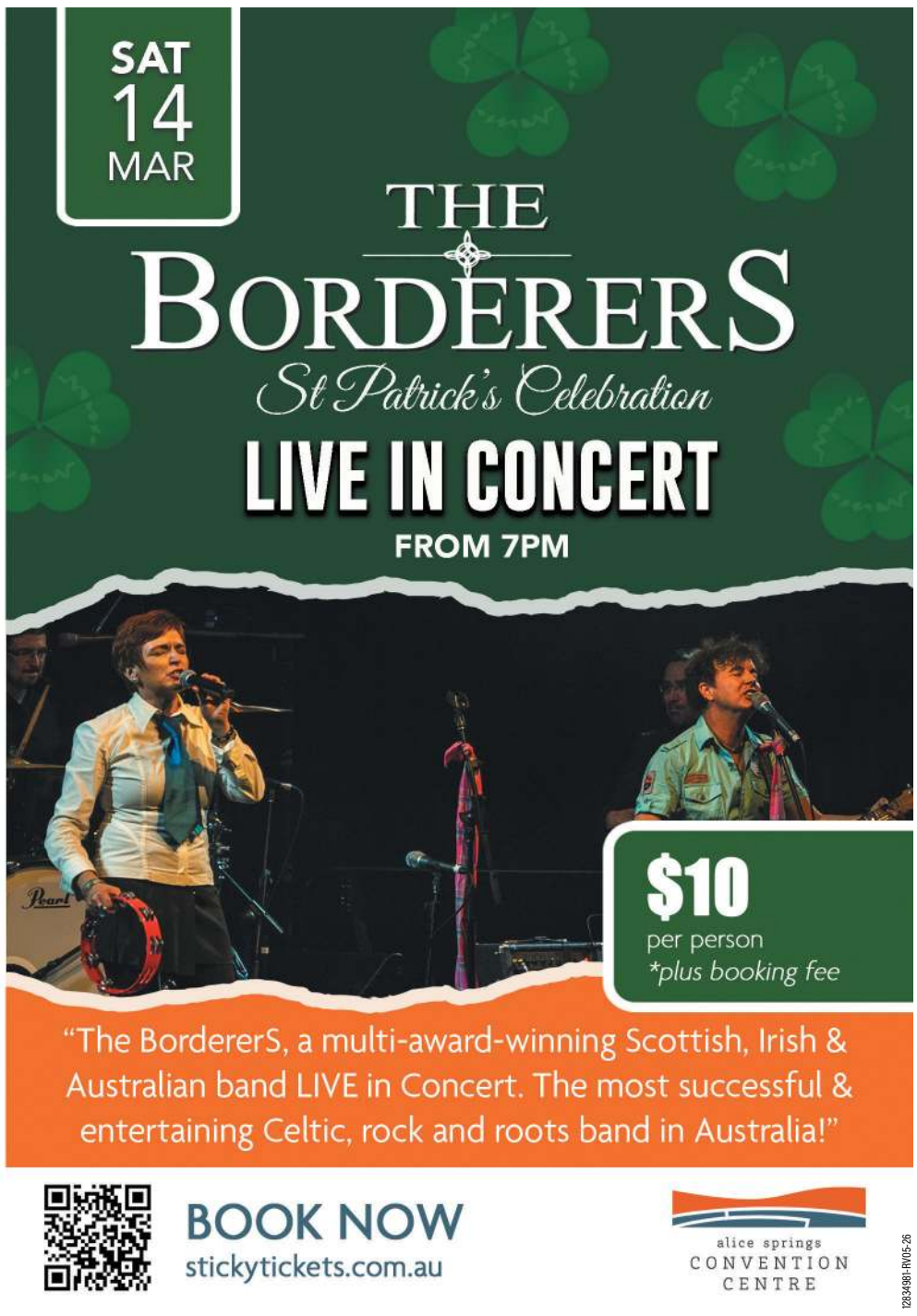
No new burn permits will be issued in Emergency Response Areas (ERAs) during the Fire Danger Period and permits are required in areas where a fire danger period applies and residents in any FPZ must have permits year round.

The fire ban extension comes after the prolonged high temperatures across the region and high fuel loads due excellent growing conditions for grasses and undergrowth earlier in the season and a spate of fires across the region in recent weeks.

For more information, visit Fire danger periods | Secure NT.

Residents and landholders can stay up to date via SecureNT and by following the Bushfires NT and NTFRS social media channels.

For further information on fire restrictions contact Bushfires NT on 08 8922 0844.



EXCITEMENT: Viviana Desanto couldn'y contain her excitement at becoming an Australian on Australia Day. (Phil WIlliams: 531869)

Momentum for date change at council

By Phil Williams

THE 2026 Citizenship Ceremony on Australia Day this year is likely to be the last on January 26 for the foreseeable future in Central Australia.

During the January 27 Council meeting, in front of a public gallery packed with supporters of Mayor Asta Hill after she faced a wave of community backlash for taking a personal stance to not execute her civic duties as mayor and not take part in the Australia Day ceremony, at least four councillors indicated they were open to a change of date.

The four councillors, Larissa Ellis, Aia Newport, Cherise Buzzacott and Alison Bitar all indicated they would vote favourably for a change of date.

During the meeting, Cr Bitar said that officiating over the ceremony the previous day was a privilege, however she said she recognised January 26 was not a day of celebration for many First Nations people and supported changing the date of Australia Day.

Cr Ellis gave her support to the mayor in not officiating at the citizenship ceremony, commending her for her leadership.

Cr Newport is also known to support a date change while Cr Buzzacott echoed the sentiment of her other council colleagues in angling for a date change.

Should the other four councillors, Darren Burton, Damian Ryan, Danial Rochford and Sean Heena all oppose the move, that would lave the mayor with a casting vote.

Based on her current stance, that would lead to an inevitable change.

PROUD: Sammy, Chris, Megan and Haley Deans proudly flew the Aussie Flag at the fun run. (Phil WIlliams)

Pride on show at Aus Day run

By Phil Williams

AROUND 200 people of all ages came out for some early morning fun on Australia Day.

Australian Flags and various interpretations of a national costume were on show as many locals, such as the Deans family, showed off their pride in the annual 26 January tradition.

After starting in front of the casino, Magnus Brandt was first to complete the one lap course along Barret Drive and South Terrace.

For many of the less serious participants, it was a chance to catch up with friends or have some quality family time together in the nation's heart as they ran, walked or cycled their way alongside the Todd River taking in the unique surroundings of Central Australia.

Following the run, most people gathered for the free pancake breakfast provided by the Alice Springs Town Council as the early morning light lit up the Macdonnell Ranges.

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It's a big Red Centre welcome for 85 new Australians

By Phil Williams

DEPUTY Mayor Alison Bitar presided over the 2026 Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony as 85 residents of Central Australia in a special Australia Day ceremony, with the event taking place at the Alice Springs Convention Centre at 8:30am, becoming the region's newest Australians.

It is one of the largest groups of conferees to become Australian citizens on Australia Day in Central Australia, surpassing the 70 who took the oath in 2025.

Around 300 people including friends an family of those taking the oath packed into the Alice Springs Convention Centre to witness the ceremony.

The conferees made up of 71 adults and 14 children originated from 19 countries including Italy, America, Ireland, Kenya and Zambia.

The ceremony recognised the diversity and richness that new citizens bring to the community.

Dressed in a green and gold Aussie, Aussie onesie, Italian native, Viviana De Santo stole the show with her unbridled enthusiasm.

Ms De Santo who has been in Alice Springs for five years, and in Australia for nine, bounded onto the stage waving an Australian flag before embracing Assistant Administrator, Fran Kilgariff AM after receiving her certificate from the Deputy Mayor.

Ms De Santo who works in the health and disability sector, said afterwards that it was her excitement coming to the surface.

"It's me. It's just me, she said.

She said that as soon as she got her permanent residency, she knew she wanted to become an Australian Citizen and the process had taken her five years.

NEW AUSSIES: Eighty five people became new Australian Citizens on Australia Day. (Phil WIlliams)

"It takes a lot of patience. You have to wait, she said.

"It's a long journey. I waited five years to become a citizen. It's good pain.

"I can say 'I closed that chapter now'"

"I'm so happy."

Following the Citizenship Ceremony, the 2026 Centralian Citizen of the Year Awards, including naming of the Centralian Citizen of the Year were announced.

Other awards to be presented were Senior Centralian Citizen of the Year, Young Centralian Citizen of the Year, Community Event of the Year and Student Citizen of the Year.

FAMILY: The Sayer family with Assistant Administrator Fran Kilgarrif and Deputy Mayor Alison Bitar after becoming new citizens on Australia Day.

JOY: Viviana Desanto bounces her way on to the stage to receive her Certificate of Citizenship.

AUSSIE: Oliver Eclipse wearing a cork hat receives his certificate from Alison Bitar on Australia Day.

CORTEGE: Mr Shaw's funeral cortege makes its way through The Gap.

FLANKED: The priest leads the hearse containing Mr Shaw's casket as it is flanked by young men from Tangentyere Council. (531822)

800 attend farewell for respected Elder

By Phil Williams

FOLLOWING his death on 18 December at the age of 79, Geoffrey Shaw OAM was farewelled at a funeral service in Alice Springs on Friday 30 January.

Around 800 people packed into the Alice Springs Convention Centre for a more than three hour celebration of the life of the much respected First Nations leader.

He was the first ATSIC Commissioner for Central Australia and also helped establish Tangentyere Council, and served time as its president.

Mr Shaw also served in the Australian Army and made two Tours of Duty to Vietnam.

He was extensively involved with many other Central Australian organisations such as Central Land Council, and Central Australian Aboriginal Congress.

Mr Shaw was also a strong advocate for Aboriginal people and received his Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in 1993 recognising his work and advocacy. His legacy will continue for many years to come.

Following the service, Mr Shaw was buried at the Alice Springs Cemetery.

A cortege of more than 100 vehicles followed the hearse containing the late Kaytetye and Arrente Elder as it made it's way to the cemetery.

His hearse, with close family members following, was flanked by an escort of young men from Tangentyere Council as it approached the grave site .

The young men, dressed in crisp white shirts and black trousers then carried his casket to Mr Shaw's final resting place in the shadows of the Macdonnell Ranges.

Several hundred mourners gathered at the grave site to pay their final respects as Mr Shaw was laid to rest.

The Centralian Today attended Mr Shaw's interment at the Alice Springs Cemetery with the knowledge of his daughter, Barbara Shaw and acknowledges and appreciates her assistance.

ESCORT: Mr Shaw's hearse is escorted into the Alice Springs Cemetery by young men fron Tangentyre Council. (Phil Williams: 531822)

MOURNERS: Hundreds of mourners gathered at the Alice Springs Cemetery to pay their final respects. (531822)

HEARSE: Mr Shaw's Hearse passes through The Gap on its way to the Alice Springs Cemetery. (531822)

PREPARE: Young men from Tangentyere Council prepare to remove Mr Shaw's casket from the hearse. (531822)

CARRY: Young men from Tangentyere Council carry Mr Shaw's casket to his final resting place. (531822)

School a part of good health

By Gladys Barreta

AS schools across the Northern Territory begin the 2026 school year, families and communities are being encouraged to support children returning to school, recognising the important role education plays in overall wellbeing.

Around 32,000 students returned to 153 Northern Territory Government schools last week. The start of the school year also marks the rollout of the NT Government's Boosting Literacy and Numeracy Plan, which introduces a consistent, evidence-based approach to learning through explicit teaching.

The plan focuses on getting back to basics, with structured and systematic instruction shown to deliver stronger learning outcomes. Research indicates students taught through explicit instruction make greater learning gains than those who are not.

On January 27 and 28, the Department of Education and Training held professional learning days for teachers, focused on the explicit teaching of literacy and numeracy. Workshops were led by Dr Lorraine Hammond AM, an educator and academic who works with schools across Australia to implement evidence-based teaching practices.

Minister for Education and Training Jo Hersey said teachers and schools are being supported with improved resources and professional development.

"Explicit teaching is especially important in the Northern Territory because of the diverse linguistic, cultural and educational backgrounds of our students," she said. "Clear, structured instruction ensures equitable access to learning and gives all students the foundational skills they need for life."

The Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory (AMSANT) is also encouraging families and communities to support regular school attendance, highlighting the strong links between education, health and wellbeing.

AMSANT Chair Rob McPhee said school plays a vital role beyond the classroom.

"It's where children build confidence, routines and relationships that support their health for life," he said.

AMSANT noted research shows each additional year of education reduces adult mortality risk by nearly two per cent, while completing secondary school reduces it by almost 25 per cent.

"Education is one of the strongest predictors of lifelong health," Mr McPhee said. "When children are supported to attend school, the benefits flow to families, communities and the Territory as a whole."

SCHOOL: As schools across the Northern Territory start the 2026 schooling year, families and communities are being encouraged to support kids to return to school.

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New Barkly Regional Council CEO Peter Harder helped with the Rotary barbecue.

Josephine Bethel and Linda Renfrey from The Mob enjoyed the celebrations.

Hundreds brave the heat

HUNDREDS of people turned out at Lake Mary Ann in Tennant Creek to celebrate Australia Day, undeterred by soaring temperatures and more than a few flies.

Families turned out for a full day of games, food and entertainment, with activities including face painting, a lively tug o' war and plenty of chances to win prizes. While the lake's water level was too low to allow a planned kayak race to go ahead, the shortage didn't stop the fun.

With no big blazes burning across the region, the Northern Territory Fire Service and Bushfires NT were able to turn their attention to crowd enjoyment, using their hoses to water a giant slip and slide that proved a hit with children and adults alike.

Local groups kept everyone well fed, with Bluestone Motor Inn serving freshly made pastries and Rotarians cooking sausages on the barbeque throughout the day. One of the most popular - and messiest - events was the Tim Tam scoffing competition, drawing plenty of laughs and cheers and earning its place as the day's sweetest contest.

The celebrations were broadcast Australia-wide on community radio station 8CCC, with Brian Coleman providing a running commentary and interviewing guests to capture the atmosphere as it unfolded.

Despite the heat and conditions, the crowd stayed on to enjoy the relaxed, community-focused celebration, making it a memorable Australia Day at one of Tennant Creek's best locations.

Mayor Sid Vashist with the newly crowned Tim Tam King.

The cool drinks went down well with families.

Locals enjoyed the Australia Day celebrations. (Linda Alexander)

8CCC host Brian Coleman interviews Barkly MLA Steve Edgington. Events at Lake Mary Ann were broadcast across Australia (Photos Linda Alexander).

NT Emergency Services volunteers helped to make the day a success.

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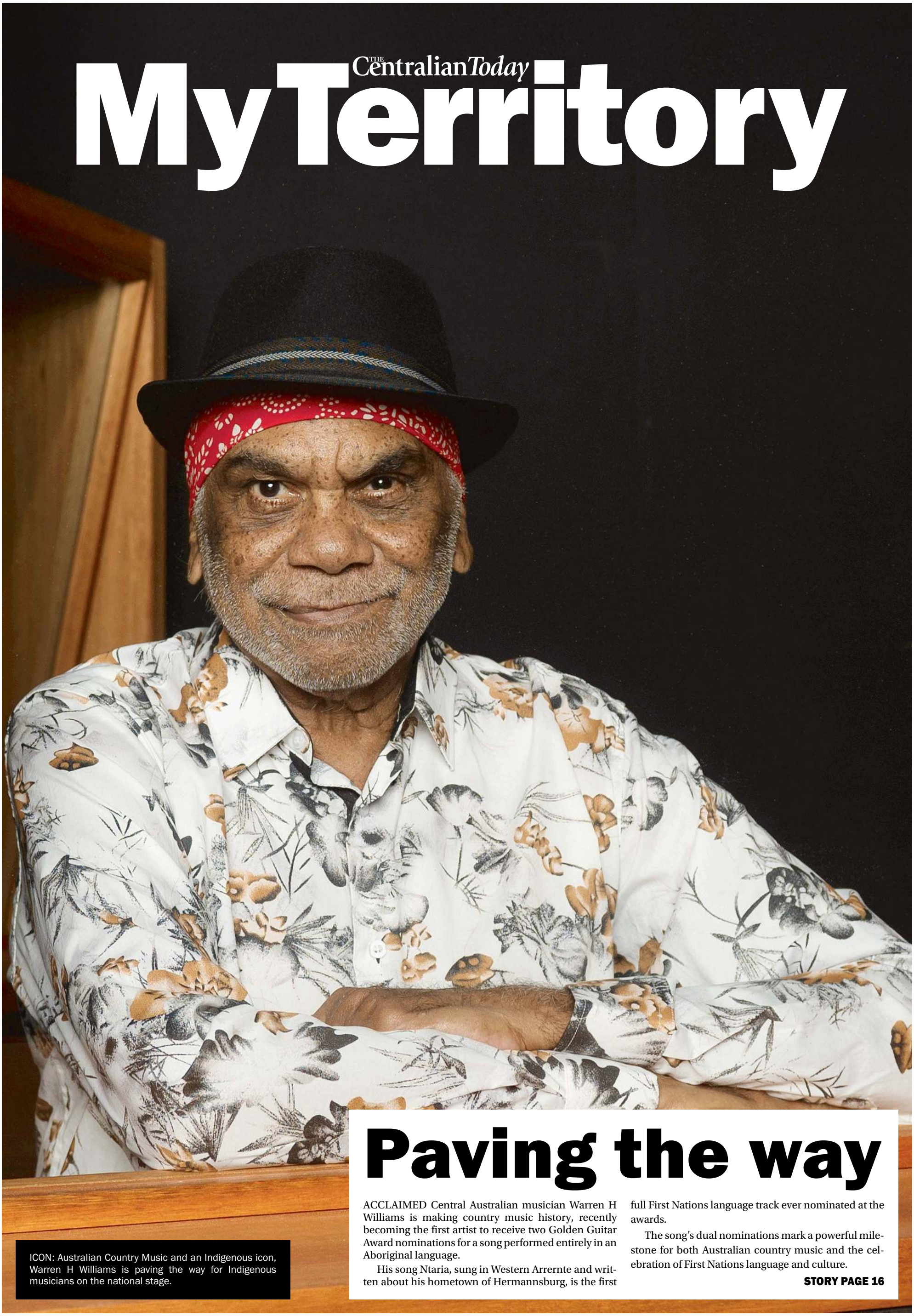

ICON: Australian Country Music and an Indigenous icon, Warren H Williams is paving the way for Indigenous musicians on the national stage.

Paving the way

ACCLAIMED Central Australian musician Warren H Williams is making country music history, recently becoming the first artist to receive two Golden Guitar Award nominations for a song performed entirely in an Aboriginal language.

His song Ntaria, sung in Western Arrernte and written about his hometown of Hermannsburg, is the first full First Nations language track ever nominated at the awards.

The song's dual nominations mark a powerful milestone for both Australian country music and the celebration of First Nations language and culture.

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PERFORM: Warren performing his new album called “Undar Werma” which translates to

BAND: Warren Williams performing with Ryan Simpson, Nathaniel Andrews and Jasper Williams.

Music in language a dream

By Gladys Barreta

TEARS and a deep sense of joy were felt not only by Warren H Williams, but by those around him, after the acclaimed musician made country music history.

Warren has become the first artist to receive two Golden Guitar Award nominations for a song performed entirely in an Aboriginal language. His song Ntaria, written about his hometown of Hermannsburg, is the first full First Nations language track ever nominated at the awards.

The song has been nominated for both Vocal Collaboration of the Year and Heritage Song of the Year, marking a significant milestone for country music and First Nations language representation.

Warren’s music being recognised and nominated is paving the way for more music in language to take national and world stage.

“I felt so nervous about it. I should be crying,” Warren said. “Little things like this hit you, but this is huge.”

Raised in Ntaria, Warren curated his five-part album Undar Wurrmar (“Are You Listening”), which tells stories of life, place and culture in Central Australia. The album challenged him creatively, particularly through writing and singing in Western Arrernte.

“English is my language too, it’s my great-grandmother’s language,” he said. “But I wanted to challenge myself and write a song in language. I’ve written so many songs in English but this was something different.”

The first time Warren performed Ntaria was alongside Kasey Chambers at the Tamworth Country Music Festival, an experience he said left audiences stunned. Chambers, who does not speak Arrernte, learnt the song in language and performed it with Warren.

“She’s spent time in Aboriginal communities her whole life,” he said. “It was powerful to hear her sing in language.”

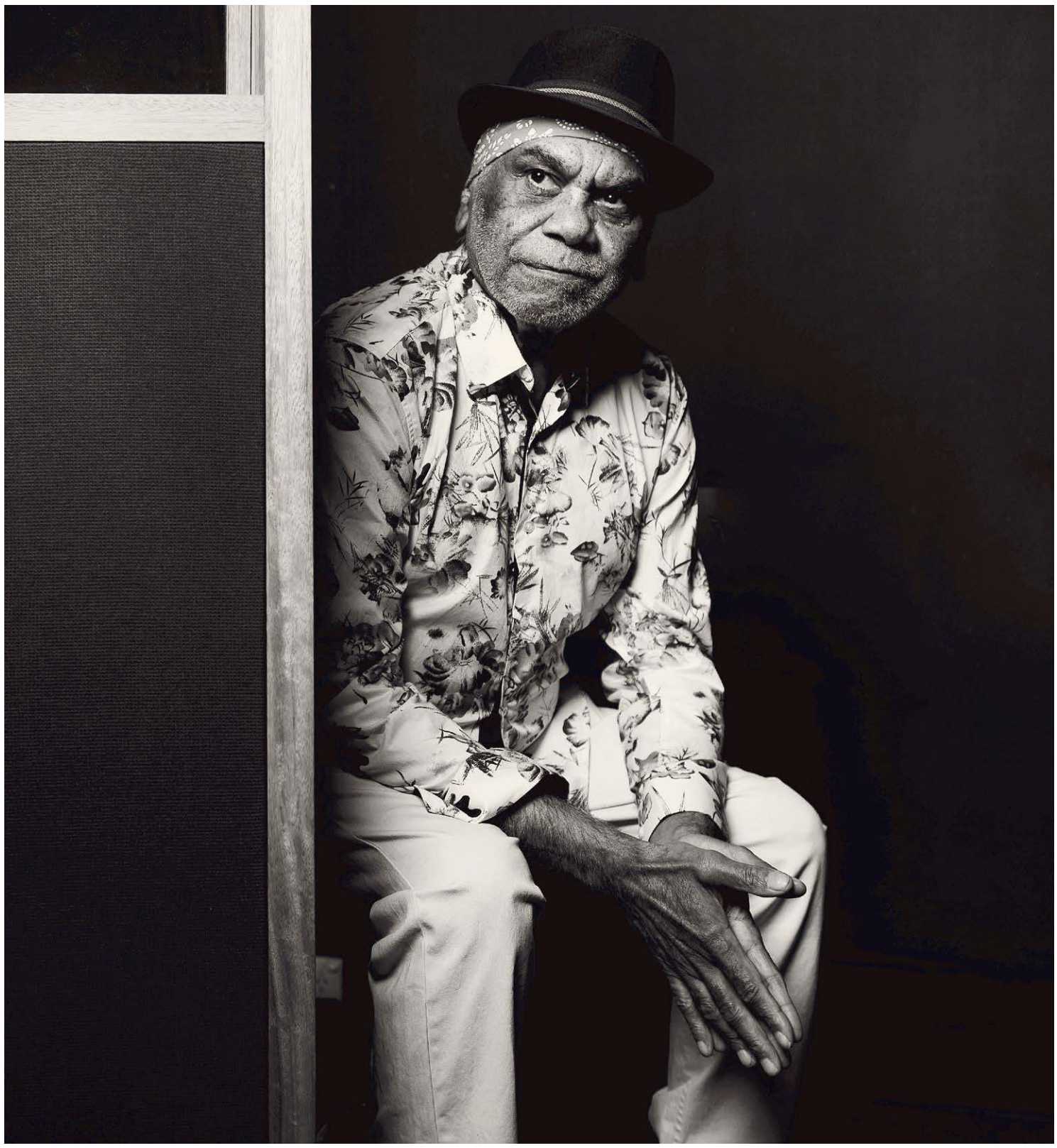
The album features collaborations with a range of Australian musicians, all of whom learnt to sing in Arrernte, including Shane Nicholson, Ian Moss, Ben Lee, Adam Thompson and Kayanar Cruz.

Warren believes music has the power to unite cultures.

“Half my family is white, half Aboriginal. Sometimes we don’t know how to take each other,” he said. “But singing together brings us closer.”

Music has been central to Warren’s life from a young age. He taught himself piano at six, learned guitar from his mother Rhonda Malbunka Williams, and was influenced heavily by his father, the late Gus Williams. Touring with his father through Central Australian communities helped shape his love for performance.

“Music takes you away from sadness,” Warren said. “It’s my secret place.”



MUSIC: Warren H Williams’ made history with his song Ntaria as the first song in language to ever be nominated at the Golden Guitar Awards for Vocal Collaboration of the Year and Heritage Song of the Year.

For Warren, the nomination is deeply personal.

“I come from Hermannsburg, 150 kilometres west of Alice Springs, in the middle of nowhere and I’ll be at the Golden Guitar Awards,” he said. “I want to represent all Arrernte speakers of Central Australia.”

Warren H Williams performed Ntaria at the Golden Guitar Awards on 24 January.

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A salute to aircraft

By Phil Williams

BEECHCRAFT Court in Araluen is named after the American aircraft manufacturer and was gazetted on 11 September, 1981.

Much of Araluen is built on the site of the original Alice Springs airport which closed in 1968.

The suburb has several other streets named after aircraft in recognition of its historical significance to Alice Springs.

The original north south runway is now Memorial Drive and original east west runway is now part of of Van Senden Avenue.

Connellan Airways which which later became Connair, was based at the airport used a total of 14 models of Beechcraft for its services with small airlines and private operators still using this popular classic aircraft in their business today.

The Beechcraft company was named after the American designer Walter Beech whose widow Olive continued as a director after his death.

The Central Australian Aviation Museum houses several former Connnellan/Connair Beech craft and other airframes and is on the site of the former airline, using one of the company's original hangars.

Source: The History of Alice Springs through Landmarks and Street Names by Jose Petrick - Third Edition 1996 .

Additional information: NT Place Names Register.

BEECHCRAFT: A Connellan Airways Beechcraft 18 being refuelled at Yuendumu in 1962. It was withdrawn from use in 1966 and later burnt in Alice Springs (Library and Archives NT/Evan Luly Collection: 391019)

First Nations talent at Partjima

By Gladys Barreta

PARRTJIMA 2026 will welcome a lineup of First Nations artists and celebrated performers to Mparntwe/Alice Springs as part of this year's program.

Proud Malyangapa and Barkindji woman Barkaa, Australian First Nations hip-hop supergroup 3%, family band Drifting Clouds from Gapuwiyak, and local Central Australian artists including Alice Kings, Sneaky Train, Damien Armstrong and Voller are among the acts set to grace the stage.

The Festival of Lights, running from 10-19 April, will be headlined by Electric Fields, returning to Parrtjima after performing on national and international stages. The electronic music duo blends soul and language, represented Australia at Eurovision in 2024, and has collected multiple ARIA, AIR and NIMA honours.

Rounding out the lineup is acclaimed singer-songwriter Emma Donovan, renowned for her powerful vocals and deeply emotive storytelling. Ms Donovan is a proud Gumbaynggirr and Noongar woman who has built an extraordinary career across solo work, collaborations and festival stages nationwide.

Parrtjima will showcase large-scale light installations, art, music and storytelling that illuminate the MacDonnell Ranges. The festival which is a celebration of one of the world's oldest continuing cultures will this year explore the theme of Language, inviting visitors to engage with First Nations knowledge through immersive experiences and interactive workshops across the 10-day event.

Tourism and Events NT Executive Director of Events, Aimee Luxton, said events like Parrtjima play a vital role in strengthening the Territory's visitor economy by attracting thousands of visitors to Mparntwe and supporting local jobs, businesses and communities.

"Parrtjima continues to grow as one of Australia's most important cultural festivals, and the 2026 music program is a powerful celebration of First Nations talent and storytelling," Ms Luxton said.

"From the return of Electric Fields to the incredible voices of Barkaa, Drifting Clouds and Emma Donovan, this year's lineup showcases the depth, diversity and strength of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander music."

KINGS: Local Central Australian artists, Alice Kings are part of the stellar 2026 Partjima music lineup.

Band member from 3%, Dallas, highlighted the uniqueness of the festival held in Central Australia.

"I've been lucky enough to perform at this amazing festival before and can't wait to come back and have a great night with all the amazing people and artists that make Parrtjima the unique experience it is," he said.

Comedy a very modern take on divorce

ALICE Springs Cinema's Spotlight film is Is This Thing On?

As their marriage quietly unravels, Alex (Will Arnett) faces middle age and an impending divorce, seeking new purpose in the New York comedy scene, while Tess (Laura Dern) confronts the sacrifices she made for their family - forcing them to navigate co-parenting, identity, and whether love can take a new form.

Directed by Bradley Cooper and written by Bradley Cooper and Will Arnett and Mark Chappell from a story by Will Arnett and Mark Chappell and John Bishop, Is This Thing On? also stars Andra Day, Bradley Cooper, Amy Sedaris, Sean Hayes, Christine Ebersole, Ciarán Hinds and Scott Icenogle.

"The film is also a rarity: a smart and charming crowd-pleaser, with natural sweetness. And make no mistake, other filmmakers would have drowned in syrup a tale about two famously dark subjects: divorce and stand-up comedy."

Danny Leigh, Financial Times

"Cooper's kinetic camerawork and Matthew Libatique's dynamic cinematography mirrors the exhausting balancing act of middle age perfectly fine without having to spell it out for the audience."

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Alessandra Rampolla, John Aiken and **Mel Schilling** return for a 13th season of **Married at First Sight**

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Both sides of the aisle

Love it or hate it, *Married at First Sight* remains one of Australia's most talked-about programs. The show's relationship expert John Aiken and sexologist Alessandra Rampolla don't mind what people say about the reality experiment – as long as it's a hot topic of conversation, writes **Siobhan Duck**

PASSION is a key ingredient to any lasting relationship.

That's why *Married at First Sight* expert John Aiken is happy that the reality juggernaut continues to draw such a strong reaction – good and bad – from viewers after 10 tumultuous years of mostly toxic TV unions.

"I don't really pay attention to any of the criticism, but what I would say is that it certainly doesn't worry me that people either love or hate the show," Aiken enthuses.

"That means that we're still on top and we're still reaching a huge audience.

"When people are lukewarm about the show, or they're calling it vanilla, that's when I would be concerned."

Based on a Danish format that sees strangers living together as spouses after being matched by a trio of experts and meeting for the first time at the altar, the very foundations of the franchise are set up for shocking drama.

But what happens after the couples exchange their "I do's" becomes a masterclass in what not to do in a relationship.

"If you are a single person, you watch it and say, 'I've got to avoid someone like that with those red flags,'" he explains.

"And if you're in a couple, you watch it and you go, 'Oh, we have to avoid doing those things, otherwise we'll break up'.

"And so, it has this huge reach. Both singles and couples watch it, and they relate to certain couples. They are certainly wound up by certain individuals, and they are also drawn into the show to see whether strangers can get a fairytale."

Compared to dating shows like *The Bachelor* and *Farmer Wants a Wife*, there have been far fewer long-term relationships forged on *MAFS*, despite the involvement of experts who match and counsel the couples.

Sexologist Alessandra Rampolla, who joined Aiken and Mel Schilling on the expert panel in 2021, doesn't believe *MAFS'* success should be measured by how many couples have stayed together.

"*MAFS* doesn't promise fairytale endings; it reveals the behaviours that lead toward or away from real connection," Rampolla argues.

"Longevity isn't guaranteed, and it's also not the only measure of success. Many participants gain profound insight into themselves, their patterns, and how they love and show up – or not – in relationships, which can be genuinely life-changing even if the relationship doesn't last. It's about the journey, not just the dream destination."

Aiken agrees, arguing that *MAFS* also tests relationships in ways the other formats do not.

"The big difference with our show is the personalities that go on [it], because we have a great diversity," he says, admitting that some participants are motivated by getting their 15 minutes of fame as well as a chance at a happily ever after.

"We go from 25 to 55 [in age] and include different cultures – Italian, Greek, Lebanese. We have different sexual orientations [this season features a bisexual bride who left it to the experts to determine whether she's matched with a man or a woman].

"So, there's a real complexity and diversity to our show, huge personalities, and then these really intense challenges for 10 weeks that, in real life, couples probably typically experience over two or three years."

Given the pressure-cooker environment, Aiken is proud that six couples have gone the distance and stayed together after the cameras have stopped rolling.

"And we need that, because it shows that the experiment can work," he insists.

Of course, it's not really the romance that viewers tune in to watch unfold on *MAFS*.

Over the years, viewers have been left gobsmacked as participants have partaken in cheating scandals, dinner table slanging matches and all manner of crazy mind games.

After more than 25 years in private practice as a relationship expert and 12 years on the series, Aiken could be forgiven for thinking he'd seen and heard it all.

Amid all the backstabbing and passive-aggressive snipes, two moments stand out for Aiken.

Martha Kalifatidis pouring red wine over Cyrell Paule at a 2019 dinner party and David Cannon using his pretend-wife Hayley Vernon's toothbrush to clean the toilet in 2020.

Aiken promises the latest series, which saw the formation of a "boss babes" group of TV brides, will up the ante on the drama yet again.

"I was absolutely stunned with how hurtful some of the language is on this year's show," he hazards.

"And some of the ways in which groups targeted or certainly treated some people on the show, even I was shocked... the group dynamic this year is so powerful and, at times, confronting that some couples just simply couldn't cope with it, and that all that shocked me.

"Also, the level of noise and the intense rawness of the dinner parties this year really took my breath away."

Rampolla gets sucked in by the showdowns and juicy relationship plot twists but also sees each fiery exchange as a learning opportunity.

"Professionally, I'm watching what's driving the drama underneath: insecurity, fear of rejection, communication breakdowns, power struggles and unmet needs. The explosions might be entertaining, but the real story is always the emotional patterns playing out behind them."

That's why, though the arguments are sensational and raise eyebrows, Aiken and Rampolla are filled with admiration for the participants who subject themselves to such intense international scrutiny.

"Putting yourself out there so publicly, emotionally and vulnerably takes courage," Rampolla says.

"Regardless of the outcome, it's an incredibly brave thing to do."

A former New Zealand cricketer, Aiken is no stranger to the pressures of the spotlight but admits he would struggle to have cameras on him 24 hours a day.

"I wouldn't really find that particularly easy," he says.

"As an expert, I come in, I come out. [To be on-camera 24/7] you've got to be a certain type of person that's pretty resilient to deal with it. And they're out there, and they're on our show."

■ *Married at First Sight*, 6.30pm, Sunday and 7pm, Monday-Wednesday, Imparja and streaming, 9Now

Pearls of wisdom: *MAFS* experts Alessandra Rampolla, John Aiken and Mel Schilling.

Movie Guide

PICK OF THE WEEK

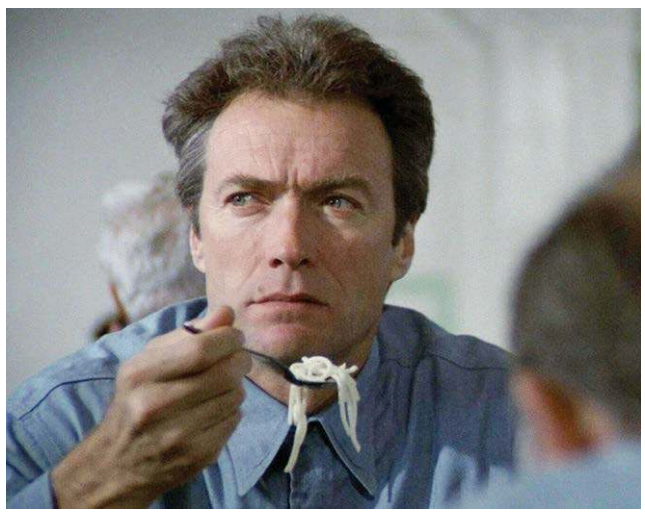
Team spirit: Mckenna Grace, Carrie Coon, Logan Kim, Paul Rudd, Celeste O'Connor and Finn Wolfhard.

Saturday
GHOSTBUSTERS: AFTERLIFE
7mate, 6pm, PG (2021)

It's a family affair in more ways than one in this fun, unapologetically nostalgic addition to the much-loved '80s franchise. In a fitting twist, it's directed by Jason Reitman, the son of original director Ivan. This new instalment is set 31 years after *Ghostbusters II*. Single mother Callie (Carrie Coon) and her teenage children Trevor (Finn Wolfhard, *Stranger Things*) and Phoebe (Mckenna Grace) relocate to the scary Oklahoma farm they inherited from their grandfather Egon Spengler (late *Ghostbusters* star Harold Ramis), uncovering a new ghostly threat. Featuring cameos from original stars Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd and Sigourney Weaver, it's a very amusing nod to the original, with many Easter eggs to boot. Grace is a standout new star with some hilarious lines, and Paul Rudd is winsome as Phoebe's curious science teacher – and Ghostbusters fan. From the opening chords of the theme song that delighted kids almost 30 years ago, this is heartwarming stuff and perfect fodder to enrapture a new generation of fans. ★★★★

PRETTY WOMAN
Seven, Friday, 7pm, M (1990)

As Viv Ward, a "hooker with a heart of gold", '90s rom-com queen Julia Roberts manages to woo suave corporate client Edward Lewis (Richard Gere, pictured with Roberts) in a modern-day fairytale that pushes so many right buttons, you can't help but adore it. Directed by Garry Marshall (*Valentine's Day*, *Runaway Bride*), and featuring fine support from Hector Elizondo, Laura San Giacomo and Jason Alexander, *Pretty Woman* is an unapologetically corny classic. ★★★★



ESCAPE FROM ALCATRAZ
SBS World Movies, Friday, 7.30pm, M (1979)

Clint Eastwood (pictured) flexes his acting muscle in this fact-based adaptation of the novel by J. Campbell Bruce. Eastwood shines as enigmatic inmate Frank Morris, one of three prisoners who successfully overcame the notorious myth that surrounded Alcatraz's inescapable status, never to be seen again. Legendary director Don Siegal (*Coogan's Bluff*, *Dirty Harry*) captures the dour and depressing prison way of life, upholding masterful integrity right until the last ambiguous frame. ★★★★

THE VOYEURS
SBS World Movies, Saturday, 8.30pm, MA15+ (2021)

Since a breakout role on teen drama *Euphoria*, Sydney Sweeney (pictured) has taken a stab at most genres, but thrillers are her bread and butter. In this erotically charged entry, the starlet and *Genera+ion*'s Justice Smith portray an attractive young couple with a front-row seat to the lives of their neighbours (Ben Hardy and Natasha Liu Bordizzo). Interest becomes obsession and boundaries are crossed as they learn each other's secrets and the watchers become the watched. ★★★

JASON BOURNE
7mate, Sunday, 7pm, M (2016)

Here it is – the film Matt Damon (pictured) and Paul Greengrass said they'd never make: a fourth *Bourne* instalment (if you don't include *Legacy*), In a much-changed world of super hackers and Wikileaks, Bourne still remembers, but doesn't understand what he's done. So it's time to make amends, with a tour of redemption taking him from Greece to London, Las Vegas and beyond. Julia Stiles is back as Nicky, while Tommy Lee Jones and Alicia Vikander join the cast on the side of "the law". ★★★

OCEAN'S ELEVEN
9Go!, Sunday, 6pm, M (2001)

With George Clooney, Brad Pitt (both pictured), Matt Damon, Elliott Gould, Don Cheadle and Julia Roberts in on the game, director Steven Soderbergh's fail-safe remake of the sloppy 1960 heist flick (which starred the Rat Pack) is an exceedingly enjoyable affair. The quality crime caper sees suave thief Danny Ocean (Clooney) head an 11-strong cadre of cons in a conspiracy to swipe $160 million from three Las Vegas casinos owned by the object of Ocean's vengeance (Andy Garcia). ★★★★★

LA LA LAND
SBS World Movies, Monday, 7.30pm, M (2016)

Glistening with an irresistible old-school pizazz that pays tribute to Hollywood musicals of the 1940s, this sublime song-and-dance flawlessly taps into a hankering for soul-quenching ballads and simpler times. Writer and director Damien Chazelle (*Whiplash*) is the conductor of joy, whimsy and colour in this jazz-inspired tale following the romance of two young Los Angelenos – aspiring actress Mia (Emma Stone) and struggling pianist Seb (Ryan Gosling, pictured with Stone). ★★★★

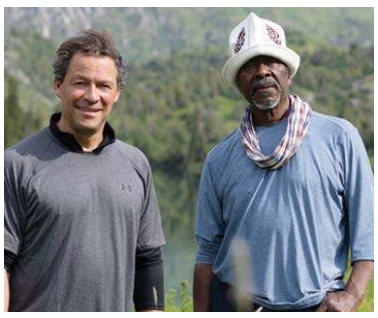
The Guide

PICK OF THE WEEK

OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES MILANO CORTINA 2026 OPENING CEREMONY
Imparja, Saturday, live at 4.30am, replayed at 12.30pm

From Leonardo da Vinci to the late Giorgio Armani, Italian design and creativity have shaped the world. It's a tradition that continues with the stylish Opening Ceremony of the Milano Cortina Olympic Winter Games, which pays tribute to Italy, its art, innovation and history. Olympic cauldrons will be lit in both Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo, underscoring the theme of "armonia" (or harmony). Whether you're up early to watch live, tuning in on demand or catching the encore at 12.30pm, this promises to be an event to remember, with performances from Mariah Carey, Andrea Bocelli (inset), Laura Pausini, Pierfrancesco Favino and Sabrina Impacciatore.

Voice of a nation: Italian star Laura Pausini opens the Olympic Winter Games.



DOMINIC WEST: EXTREME SILK ROAD
SBS, Sunday, 7.30pm

After playing a conceited cop in *The Wire*, a philandering author in *The Affair* and winning a BAFTA Award for portraying a serial killer, actor Dominic West is ready for a change of scenery. TV's go-to bad guy steps back in time with this rugged new docuseries that explores the ancient Eurasian trade route known as the Silk Road. Starting in Kyrgyzstan, West seeks to understand the country's nomadic heritage, visiting modern-day yak herders and markets before embarking on a horseback trek with his *The Wire* co-star Clarke Peters (pictured, right, with West) and adventurer Alexandra Tolstoy.

AUSTRALIAN IDOL
Seven, Monday, 6pm

After 25 years of twists, turns and shock reveals, it seems that Australia's reality TV industry is back where it began: *Big Brother* is live at Dreamworld, Gretel Killeen is hosting a televised social experiment (this time it's *The Traitors*) and Marcia Hines is scouring the nation for up-and-coming singing sensations on *Australian Idol*. The noughties nostalgia is strong, with this year's hunt for vibrant vocalists taking Hines, Kyle Sandilands and Amy Shark (pictured) to all corners of the country. The series' biggest auditions round to date is focused on uncut gems, including Karratha guitar player Cody and nervous teen Nicholas, who hails from Gawler, South Australia.

MISSION TO SPACE WITH FRANCIS BOURGEOIS
ABC TV, Tuesday, 8pm

Francis Bourgeois' love of trains has taken the enthusiastic engineering student around the world, documenting his passion for all things railway-related for a social media audience of three million followers. But does his excitement for transportation extend to spacecraft? You bet. The 25-year-old TikTok star is a man on a mission in this two-part special, taken under the wing of British astronaut Tim Peake as he follows a childhood dream: launching into orbit. A gruelling training regime lies ahead for Bourgeois (pictured) as he is tested for health issues and subjected to G-forces before a zero-gravity flight. The end result is more "space oddity" than odyssey.

Thursday, February 5

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

ABC TV (2)

6.00 News Breakfast. **9.00** News. **10.00** Hard Quiz. (PGa, R) **10.30** The Weekly With Charlie Pickering. (PG, R) **11.00** Creative Types With Virginia Trioli. (PGv, R) **11.30** QI. (Ms, R) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Bergerac. (Mv, R) **1.45** Way Out Ag. (R) **2.00** Parliament Question Time. **3.00** Would I Lie To You? (PG, R) **3.30** Anh's Brush With Fame. (PG, R) **4.00** Love Your Garden. (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 Grand Designs Transformations: Booker Bay Studio And St Peters Extension. (PG)
9.00 Amanda & Alan's Italian Job. (PG) Amanda and Alan aim to transform the yard.
9.30 The Piano UK. (PG, R) Hosted by Claudia Winkleman.
10.20 Rural Flavours. (R)
10.35 ABC Late News. **10.50** The Business. (R) **11.05** Love Your Garden. (R) **11.55** Long Lost Family. (PG, R) **12.40** Parliament Question Time. **1.40** 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. **8.00** DD India News Hour. **9.00** Barkley Manor. (PG, R) **10.00** Paddington Station 24/7. (PGa, R) **10.50** Mountain Vets. (PG, R) **12.00** BBC News At Ten. **12.30** France 24. **1.00** PBS News. **2.00** South America With Simon Reeve. (PGaw, R) **3.05** Going Places. (R) **3.35** The Cook Up. (PG, R) **4.05** Secrets Of The Sabre-Toothed Tiger. (PG, R) **5.05** Jeopardy! **5.30** Letters And Numbers. (R)

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R)
6.30 SBS World News.
7.35 Toronto Airport Uncovered. (PG) Intruders infiltrate restricted areas at the airport.
8.25 Robson Green: World's Most Amazing Walks. (PG) Robson Green visits Portugal's Douro Valley.
9.20 In Flight. (Madl) Jo realises Cormac's also being blackmailed.
10.15 SBS World News Late.
10.45 Before We Die. (Mal, R)
11.40 This Town. (MA15+dl, R) **2.00** Because We Have Each Other. (Mal, R) **3.30** Rediscover Victoria. (PG, R) **4.30** 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. (PG) **10.30** Seven's National News At Noon. **11.30** Seven News With Alex Cullen. **11.40** Catch Phrase. (PG, R) **12.30** Bridge Of Lies: Celebrity Specials.
1.30 The Chase.
2.30 Seven News At 4.
3.30 The Chase Australia.
4.30 Seven News.
5.30 Home And Away. (PG)

6.00 Home And Away. (PG) Cash's lie catches up to him. Remi's symptoms multiply.
7.00 MOVIE: The Proposal. (2009, PGls, R) An editor gets engaged to her assistant to get a green card so she can continue working in the US. Sandra Bullock, Ryan Reynolds.
9.20 To Be Advised.
11.05 Dare Me. (Premiere, MA15+asv) A cheerleading coach arrives in a small town.
12.30 Home Shopping. (R)
2.30 Better Homes And Gardens. (R) Hosted by Johanna Griggs.
3.30 Sunrise Early News.
4.00 Sunrise.

IMPARJA (9)

6.00 Today.
8.30 Today Extra. (PG)
11.00 9News Morning.
11.30 Married At First Sight. (PGls, R)
1.15 9Honey Hacks. (R)
1.30 Pointless. (PG, R)
2.30 Tipping Point. (PG)
3.30 9News Afternoon.
4.30 Tipping Point Australia. (PG)
5.30 9News.

6.30 A Current Affair.
7.00 Married At First Sight. (Mls) Australia's most controversial social experiment continues with plenty of love and drama. Featuring sexologist Alessandra Rampolla and relationship experts Mel Schilling and John Aiken.
8.35 Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. Coverage includes curling, South Korea v Italy and ice hockey. From Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy.
11.30 Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. Post Midnight.
2.30 Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. Overnight.
5.00 Today. The latest in news and current affairs.

TEN (10)

6.00 Farm To Fork. (R) **6.30** Lingo. (R) **7.30** The Finish Line. (R) **8.30** Entertainment Tonight. (R) **9.00** I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here! (PGal, R) **10.30** Farm To Fork. **11.00** Family Feud. (PG, R) **11.30** 10 News: Lunchtime. **12.30** Millionaire Hot Seat. (PG, 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** Millionaire Hot Seat. (PG)

6.00 Attenborough's Parenthood: Freshwater. (PGa)
7.00 The Graham Norton Show. (MA15+s)
8.10 10's Late News. Coverage of news, sport and weather.
9.10 10 News+. (R) Comprehensive coverage of the day's top stories, investigative reports and stories that haven't been heard.
9.40 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) Hosted by Stephen Colbert.
10.30 Home Shopping. (R)
4.30 Entertainment Tonight. (R)
5.00 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG, R)
5.30 Deal Or No Deal. (R)

ABC FAMILY (22)

6am Children's Programs. **9.00** Play School. **9.40** Mecha Builders. **10.25** Guess How Much I Love You. **10.40** Mini Kids. **11.05** Bananas In Pyjamas. **11.20** The Makery. **11.45** Andy's Global Adventures. **12.35pm** Ben And Holly. **1.20** Octonauts. **2.15** Peter Rabbit. **2.35** Daniel Tiger's. **2.50** The Makery. **3.05** Play School. **3.30** Wiggle. **4.15** Andy's Aquatic Adventures. **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. **8.35** Secrets Of The Zoo. **9.20** The Secret Life Of Our Pets. **10.10** Late Programs.

SBS VICELAND (31)

6am TRT World News. **6.50** DW English News. **7.20** FBC News. **7.50** Euronews. **8.10** NHK Newsline. **8.40** CBC The National. **9.30** BBC News At Six. **10.00** France 24 English News. **10.30** Euronews The Ring. **11.00** The Food That Built The World. **11.45** DW The Day. **12.15pm** Mastermind Aust. **2.45** Insight. **3.50** WorldWatch. **5.50** The Fast History Of. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30 MOVIE: Snatch.** (2000, MA15+alv, R) **10.30** The UnXplained. **11.20** Homicide. **1.10am** Threesome. **2.05** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera.

7MATE (70)

6am Post-Show: Riyadh. **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** Tougher In Alaska. **3.00** American Resto. **3.30** Storage Wars. **4.00** American Pickers. **5.00** Pawn Stars. **6.00** More Power. **7.00 MOVIE:** Green Zone. (2010, M) **9.20 MOVIE:** Resident Evil: The Final Chapter. (2016, MA15+) **11.30** More Power. **12.30am** Golf. LIV Golf League Riyadh. **4.30** Golf. LIV Golf League Riyadh. Continued. **5.30** Post-Show: Riyadh.

9GEM (90)

6am Morning Programs. **11.30** Midsomer Murders. **1.30pm** Keeping Up Appearances. **2.30 MOVIE:** Escapement. (1958, PG) **4.00** Yorkshire Auction House. **5.00** Antiques Roadshow. **6.00** M*A*S*H. **6.30** Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. Night. **7.35 MOVIE:** You've Got Mail. (1998, PG) **10.00** Recipes For Love And Murder. **11.00** Antiques Roadshow. **11.30** Creflo. **Midnight MOVIE:** Escapement. (1958, PG) **1.30** Escape To The Farm With Kate Humble. **2.30** M*A*S*H. **3.00** Yorkshire Auction House. **4.00** Late Programs.

10 DRAMA (1)

6am Home Shopping. **6.30** Reel Action. **7.30** The Living Room. **8.30 JAG.** (PGlv, R) **10.30 Days Of Our Lives.** (PGalv) **11.15 The Young And The Restless.** (PGasv) **12.00 A Million Little Things.** (PGas, R) **1.00 JAG.** (PGdlv, R) **3.00 The Living Room.** (PG, R) **4.00 JAG.** (PGlsv, R) **6.00 NCIS.** (Ma, R) **8.50 FBI: International.** (Mv, R) **9.45 A Million Little Things.** (PGal, R) **10.45 Home Shopping.** (R)

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **7.50** Bushwhacked! **8.15** Motown Magic. **8.40** The Magic Canoe. **9.10** Spartakus. **10.00** Wild Rockies. **11.00** Shepherdess. **Noon** Earth Oven. **12.45** Yothu Yindi Tribute Concert. **2.00** Kriol Kitchen. **2.30** The Cook Up. **3.00** Jarjums. **5.00** Harlem Globetrotters. **5.30** Going Places. **6.00** Bamay. **6.40** Wild Rockies. **7.30** Going Places. **8.30** Reckless. **9.30 MOVIE:** The Last Boy Scout. (1991, MA15+) **11.25** Stompem Ground 2022: Yatangal. **Midnight** Going Places. **1.00** Cultural Connections Immersion Festival. **2.00** On The Road. **3.00** On The Road. **4.00** We Need To Talk About Cosby. **5.00** Bamay.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Time Bandits. (1981, PGahv) **8.15** Hajjan. (2023, PGav, Arabic) **10.35** The Fourth Protocol. (1987, Msv) **12.45pm** Out Of Season. (1975, M) **2.50** The Movie Show. **3.25** Discovering Film.
4.15 Dancing At Lughnasa. (1998, PGa, R)
5.55 The Amazing Mr. Blunden. (2021, PG, R)
7.30 Indecent Proposal. (1993, Mals, R)
9.40 The Quiet American. (2002, MA15+av, R) **11.35** The Good German. (2006, MA15+l) **1.35am** The Hateful Eight. (2015, MA15+ansv) **4.30** The Movie Show. **5.05** Dancing At Lughnasa. (1998, PGa)

7TWO (72)

6am Morning Programs. **11.30** Escape To The Country. **12.30pm** South Aussie With Cosi. **1.00** House Calls To The Rescue. **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** Home In WA. **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 Real Seachange. **4.30** Home In WA. **5.00** Escape To The Country.

9GO! (99)

6am Morning Programs. **8.00** Addams Family. **8.30** Bewitched. **9.30** Harry And Meghan: Royal Rebels. **10.30** Conquering Skin Cancer. **12.30pm** Golden Girls. **1.00** Nanny. **2.00** Seinfeld. **3.00** Addams Family. **3.30** Bewitched. **4.30** Golden Girls. **5.00** Nanny. **6.00** Seinfeld. **7.00 MOVIE:** Cowboys & Aliens. (2011, M) **9.25** Seinfeld. **10.25** The 100. **11.15** Love Island UK. **12.15am** The Vampire Diaries. **2.00** I Love VIP Pets. **2.30** Barbie It Takes Two. **3.00** Hop. **3.20** Booba. **3.40** LEGO Jurassic World: Legend Of Isla Nublar. **4.00** Barney's World. **4.30** Beyblade X. **5.00** Lego Dreamzzz. **5.30** Barbie It Takes Two.

10 COMEDY (11)

6am Stephen Colbert. **8.00** Bold. **8.30** Family Feud. **9.00** Deal Or No Deal. **10.00** Becker. **10.30** Frasier. **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. **12.30pm** Friends. **2.00** Becker. **2.30** Farm To Fork. **3.00** Frasier. **4.00** The Big Bang Theory. **5.00** Friends.
6.30 The Big Bang Theory. (PG, R)
8.30 Becker. (PG, R)
9.00 Frasier. (PGa, R)
10.00 Entertainment Tonight. (R)
10.30 Home Shopping. (R)
1am The Bold And The Beautiful. **2.00** Shopping. **4.30** GCBC. **5.00** Farm To Fork. **5.30** Ent. Tonight.

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, February 6

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ABC TV (2)

6.00 News Breakfast. **9.00** ABC News Mornings. **10.00** Solar System With Brian Cox. (R) **11.00** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Muster Dogs. (PG, R) **2.00** Dog Park. (Ml, R) **2.30** In Limbo. (Mal, R) **3.00** Would I Lie To You? (PG, R) **3.30** Anh's Brush With Fame. (PG, R) **4.00** Love Your Garden. (R) **4.45** Long Lost Family. (PG, R) **5.30** Antiques Roadshow. (R)

6.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)
7.00 ABC News.
7.35 All Creatures Great And Small Christmas Special. (Final, PG) Mrs Hall's world is rocked by bad news.
8.35 Art Detectives. (Final, PGa) Mick's father is taken hostage by a criminal gang after he steals a valuable painting from them.
9.20 Hard Quiz. (PGa, R) Presenter Tom Gleeson grills four self-declared experts in a comedic quiz show.
9.50 The Weekly With Charlie Pickering. (PG, R) A satirical news program.
10.20 Dog Park. (Ml, R)
10.50 ABC Late News.
11.10 Smother. (Mal, R)
12.55 Rage New Music. (MA15+adhlnsv)
5.00 Rage. (PGadhlnsv)

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **8.00** DD India News Hour. **9.00** Barkley Manor. (PG, R) **10.00** Paddington Station 24/7. (PGal, R) **10.50** Mountain Vets. (Ma, R) **12.00** BBC News At Ten. **12.30** France 24. **12.55** PBS News. **1.55** South America With Simon Reeve. (PGaw, R) **3.00** Nula. **3.30** The Cook Up. (R) **4.05** Secrets Of The Terror Whale. (R) **5.05** Jeopardy! **5.30** Letters And Numbers. (R)

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) Presented by Marc Fennell.
6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 Southern Cyprus: Aphrodite's Paradise. (Premiere) Looks at the sights and sounds of Cyprus.
9.30 Isle Of Wight: Jewel Of The South. (PG, R) Marine biologist Theo Vickers goes in search of a sea slug to photograph.
10.25 SBS World News Late.
10.55 Sisi. (MA15+ds, R) Franz seeks out Sisi in France.
11.50 Babylon Berlin. (Mav, R)
1.40 Silent Road. (MA15+v, R)
4.25 Bamay. (R)
4.55 Destination Flavour China 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. (PG) **10.30** Seven's National News At Noon. **11.30 MOVIE:** One Of A Kind Love. (2021, PGa) Jocelyn Hudon, Jake Manley. **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: Pretty Woman. (1990, Mal, R) A businessman, in need of an escort for the evening, gives a sex worker a first-hand look at the lives of the mega-rich. Richard Gere, Julia Roberts, Hector Elizondo.
9.35 To Be Advised.
11.20 Dare Me. (MA15+asv) While Addy tries to ensure Colette's secret is safe with Beth, Colette makes a decision about Will.
12.30 Home Shopping. (R)
2.30 Million Dollar Minute. (R) Hosted by Simon Reeve.
3.30 Dr Harry's Animal Encounters. (PG, R) Presented by Dr Harry Cooper.
4.30 Better Homes And Gardens. (R) Karen Martini cooks French toast.
5.30 Weekend Sunrise. The latest news, sport and weather.

IMPARJA (9)

6.00 Today. **8.30** Today Extra. (PG) **11.00** 9News Morning. **11.30** Married At First Sight. (Mls, R) **1.00** Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. H'lights of the Milano Cortina 2026 games. From Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy. **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 Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. Night.
11.30 Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. Post Midnight.
1.30 Next Stop. (R)
2.00 World's Greatest Myths And Mysteries. (PG, R) **3.00** Beyond The Dream: Ice Breakers – Chasing Olympic Gold. (R) **4.00** Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026: Opening Ceremony Pre-Show. The Opening Ceremony of Milano Cortina 2026, from the Milano San Siro Olympic Stadium. **4.30** Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026 Opening Ceremony. The Opening Ceremony of Milano Cortina 2026, from the Milano San Siro Olympic Stadium. **5.30** Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026 Opening Ceremony Continued. The Opening Ceremony of Milano Cortina 2026.

TEN (10)

6.00 Farm To Fork. (R) **6.30** Lingo. (R) **7.30** The Finish Line. (R) **8.30** Ent. Tonight. (R) **9.00** Attenborough's Parenthood. (PGa, R) **10.00** My Market Kitchen. (R) **10.30** Farm To Fork. **11.00** Family Feud. (PG, R) **11.30** News. **12.30** Millionaire Hot Seat. (R) **1.00** The Finish Line. (R) **2.00** Lingo. (R) **3.00** Bold. (PG) **3.30** 10 News. **4.30** 10 News+. **5.00** Deal Or No Deal. (R) **5.30** Millionaire Hot Seat. (PG)

6.00 AACTA Awards 2026. Honours Australian television creatives and performers.
8.30 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. Hosted by Denham Hitchcock and Amelia Brace.
10.00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) Stephen Colbert interviews a variety of guests from the worlds of film, politics, business and music.
11.00 Home Shopping. (R)
4.30 Tough Tested. (PGl, R)
5.30 Reel Action. (R)

ABC FAMILY (22)

6am Children's Programs. **3.30pm** Wiggle. **4.15** Andy's Aquatic Adventures. **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? **8.35** My Adventures With Superman. **8.55** Robot Wars. **9.55** TKO: Total Knock Out. **10.35** Late Programs.

SBS VICELAND (31)

6am Morning Programs. **10.30** The Food That Built The World. **12.05pm** DW The Day. **12.35** Blaktrax. **1.10** Mastermind Aust. **3.50** WorldWatch. **5.50** If You Are The One. **6.50** Jeopardy! **7.45** 8 Out Of 10 Cats. **8.30 MOVIE:** Risky Business. (1983, M) **10.20** Adam Hills: The Last Leg. **11.10** Homeland. **1.15am** Sex Before The Internet. **2.05** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera.

7MATE (70)

6am Morning Programs. **11.30** NFL. Awards show. **1.30pm** Timbersports. **2.00** Tougher In Alaska. **3.00** American Resto. **3.30** Storage Wars. **4.00** American Pickers. **5.00** Pawn Stars. **6.00** Road Wars. **7.00 MOVIE:** The Longest Yard. (2005, M) **9.20** NFL Tailgate. **9.50 MOVIE:** Major League. (1989, M) **12.05am** Road Wars. **12.30** Golf. LIV Golf League Riyadh. **4.30** Golf. LIV Golf League Riyadh. Continued. **5.30** Late Programs.

9GEM (90)

6am Morning Programs. **11.30** Poirot. **1.30pm** Antiques Roadshow. **2.00 MOVIE:** Some People. (1962) **4.00** Yorkshire Auction House. **5.00** Antiques Roadshow. **6.00** New Tricks. **7.10 MOVIE:** Lethal Weapon. (1987, M) **9.25** The Equalizer. **10.25** New Tricks. **11.30** Creflo. **Midnight MOVIE:** Some People. (1962) **2.00** Danger Man. **3.00** M*A*S*H. **3.30** Yorkshire Auction House. **4.30** Danger Man. **5.30** Late Programs.

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** A Million Little Things. **1.00** JAG. **3.00** The Living Room. **4.00** JAG.
6.00 NCIS. (Mav, R)
8.50 FBI: International. (Ma, R)
9.45 A Million Little Things. (PGal, R)
10.45 Home Shopping. (R)

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon MOVIE:** LUV. (2012, M) **1.40** Words Matter. **2.00** Kriol Kitchen. **2.30** The Cook Up. **3.00** Jarjums. **5.00** Harlem Globetrotters. **5.30** Nula. **6.00** Bamay. **6.40** Volcanic Odysseys. **7.30 MOVIE:** The Witches. (2020, PG) **9.30 MOVIE:** What We Do In The Shadows. (2014, M) **11.00** Nula. **11.30** Stompem Ground. **12.05am** Going Places. **1.00** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Morning Programs. **12.20pm** Indecent Proposal. (1993, Mals) **2.30** Discovering Film. **3.25** Time Bandits. (1981, PGahv) **5.35** Whale Rider. (2002, PGal) **7.30** Escape From Alcatraz. (1979, Mav) **9.35** Harry Brown. (2009, MA15+dlsv) **11.40** End Of Watch. (2012, MA15+lv) **1.40am** The Quiet American. (2002, MA15+av) **3.30** Hounds. (2023, Malv, Berber, French) **5.10** Late Programs.

7TWO (72)

6am Morning Programs. **12.30pm** Home In WA. **1.00** Weekender. **1.30** Room For Improvement. **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** Home In WA. **12.30** Late Programs.

9GO! (99)

6am Morning Programs. **12.30pm** Golden Girls. **1.00** Nanny. **2.00** Seinfeld. **3.00** Addams Family. **3.30** Bewitched. **4.30** Golden Girls. **5.00** Nanny. **6.00 MOVIE:** The Chronicles Of Narnia: The Voyage Of The Dawn Treader. (2010, PG) **8.15 MOVIE:** Stargate: Continuum. (2008, M) **10.15** Psychic Kids. **11.15** Love Island UK. **12.15am** The Vampire Diaries. **2.00** I Love VIP Pets. **2.30** Barbie It Takes Two. **3.00** Late Programs.

10 COMEDY (11)

6am Morning Programs. **8.00** Bold. **8.30** Family Feud. **9.00** Deal Or No Deal. **10.00** Becker. **10.30** Frasier. **11.30** Big Bang. **12.30pm** Friends. **2.00** Becker. **2.30** Farm To Fork. **3.00** Frasier. **4.00** Big Bang. **5.00** Friends. **6.30** Big Bang. **8.30** Becker. **9.00** Frasier. **10.00** Ent. Tonight. **10.30** Shopping. **1am** Bold. **2.00** Shopping. **4.00** Joseph Prince. **4.30** GCBC. **5.30** Bold.

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Saturday, February 7

ABC TV (2)

6.00 Rage Charts. (PGadhlnsv) **7.00** Wknd Brekky. **9.00** Rage. (PG) **10.30** Rage Vault Guest Programmer. (PGadhlnsv) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **12.30** Call The Midwife. (PGa, R) **1.30** Art Detectives. (Final, PGa, R) **2.15** All Creatures Great And Small Christmas Special. (Final, PG, R) **3.10** Extraordinary Escapes. (PG, R) **4.00** Human. (Final, PG, R) **5.00** Australian Story. (R) **5.30** Dr Karl's How Things Work. (R)

6.00 Kath & Kim. (PGals, R) Kim moves in with Kath.
6.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R) Presented by Tom Gleeson.
7.00 ABC News. Takes a look at the top stories of the day, including coverage of developing stories and events.
7.30 Call The Midwife. (PGa) Joyce faces a difficult situation when a mother suffers postnatal complications.
8.30 Midsomer Murders. (M) Two teams compete in the local lawn bowls' championship as the season draws to a close.
10.00 This England. (Ml, R) Looks at Boris Johnson winning the 2019 general election and COVID-19 emerging in Wuhan.
11.05 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) Continuous music programming.

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **10.15** Vintage Voltage. (R) **11.10** Laos: Echoes Of Serenity. (Premiere, PGaw) **12.00** BBC News At Ten. **12.30** France 24. **1.00** PBS News. **2.00** Figure Skating. ISU Four Continents Championships. Highlights. **4.00** Going Places. (R) **4.30** Cycling. Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race. Elite Women's. **5.30** Imperial Crown: The Myth, Mystery And Majesty.

6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 Secrets Of Britain's Historic Houses: Goldfinger. (PG) An avant-garde work of art needs restoration.
8.40 Swiss Alpine Rail Journeys: The Tenacious Davoser Railways. (R) The funiculars of Schatzalp and Parsenn in Davos pull travellers through an alpine winter wonderland.
9.35 The Secret DNA Of Us: Bathurst. (PG, R) Marc and his team unravel the DNA of Bathurst, a regional and agricultural hub just three hours west of Sydney.
10.40 Lord Lucan: The Trail. (Malv, R)
11.45 Outlander. (MA15+asv, R)
2.30 Beyond Signs. (MA15+a, R)
4.25 Bamay. (R) **5.15** Euronews. **5.30** ANC Philippines The World Tonight.

SEVEN (7, 71)

6.00 Weekend Sunrise. **8.30** The Morning Show: Weekend. (PG) **10.30** Horse Racing. Inglis Millennium Day And Caulfield Charity Family Day. **3.30** Seven News At 5.
4.00 Border Security: Australia's Front Line. (PG, R)
4.30 Seven News.
5.30 Border Security: Australia's Front Line. (PG, R)

6.00 MOVIE: The Mummy. (1999, Mhv, R) A former soldier awakens a mummy. Brendan Fraser.
8.30 MOVIE: American Made. (2017, MA15+l, R) A pilot is recruited by the CIA to carry out one of the largest covert operations in history. Tom Cruise, Domhnall Gleeson, Sarah Wright.
10.50 MOVIE: Daughter In Disguise. (2021, Mav, R) A couple are reunited with their long-lost daughter. Emily Alatalo.
1.00 Home Shopping. (R)
2.30 It's Academic. (R)
3.30 Million Dollar Minute. (R)
4.30 Better Homes And Gardens. (R)
5.30 Weekend Sunrise.

IMPARJA (9)

6am Morning Programs. **10.00** Find My Beach House Australia. (R) **11.00** Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. H'lights of the Milano Cortina 2026 games. **12.30** Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026 Opening Ceremony. The Opening Ceremony of Milano Cortina 2026. **4.30** News. **5.00** Find My Country House Aust. (PG, R) **5.30** 9News Saturday.

6.30 A Current Affair.
7.00 Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. Day 1. From Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy. Hosted by Alison Langdon and James Bracey.
11.30 Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. Day 1 – Post Midnight. From Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy. Hosted by Leila McKinnon.
2.30 Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. Day 1 – Overnight. From Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy.
5.30 Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. Day 1 – Early Morning. Coverage includes women's ski jumping and ice hockey, men's snowboarding big air final and figure skating.

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** I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here! (PGal, R) **11.30** Cook With Luke. (R) **12.00** Frugal Foodie. (R) **12.30** Farm To Fork. (R) **1.00** Next Gen Dairy. (Premiere) **1.30** Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. (R) **2.00** The Brighter Side. (R) **2.30** Lingo. (R) **3.30** 10 News. **5.00** The Dog House Australia. (PGa, R)

6.00 Love It Or List It Australia. (Return) A couple have outgrown their property.
7.10 Sort Your Life Out. (PGa, R) Hosted by Stacey Solomon.
8.20 Ambulance Australia. (Ma, R) The low blood sugar levels of a 23-year-old type-1 diabetic have led to a dangerous seizure.
9.20 Matlock. (PGa, R) Matlock and Olympia work on the resentencing case of a teenager sentenced as an adult to life.
10.20 Elsbeth. (PGlsv, R) A grief influencer's presumed-dead husband returns.
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. **3pm** Play School. **3.30** Thomas. **4.15** Dino Dex. **4.40** Gardening Australia Junior. **5.05** Superworm. **5.40** 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. **10.00** France 24 English News. **10.30** Mastermind Aust. **Noon** The Rap Game UK. **3.05** Heroines. **3.45** WorldWatch. **5.45** Mastermind Aust. **6.45** The Food That Built The World. (Return) **7.35** Engineering From Above. **8.30** Icons Unearthed: The Simpsons. **10.20** Marcella. **12.10am** WWE Legends. **1.40** Dark Side Of The '90s. **2.30** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera.

7MATE (70)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon** Cool Cars With Dermott And Elise. **12.30** Rides Down Under: Workshop Wars. **1.30** Motor Racing. Alpine Rally of East Gippsland. **2.30** Desert Collectors. **3.30** Counting Cars. **4.30** Pawn Stars. **5.30** Storage Wars. **6.00 MOVIE:** Ghostbusters: Afterlife. (2021, PG) **8.30 MOVIE:** In The Line Of Fire. (1993, M) **11.10** Storage Wars. **Midnight** Pawn Stars. **12.30** Late Programs.

9GEM (90)

6am Morning Programs. **12.05pm MOVIE:** Hell Is A City. (1960, PG) **1.55 MOVIE:** Train Of Events. (1949, PG) **3.50 MOVIE:** Piccadilly Incident. (1946) **6.00** Death In Paradise. **7.10 MOVIE:** Rambo: First Blood. (1982, M) **9.05 MOVIE:** The Driver. (1978, M) **10.55 MOVIE:** Hell Is A City. (1960, PG) **12.45am MOVIE:** Train Of Events. (1949, PG) **2.40 MOVIE:** Twice Round The Daffodils. (1962, PG) **4.30** Late Programs.

10 DRAMA (1)

6am Shopping. **7.30** I Fish. **8.00** On The Fly. **9.00** JAG. **3pm** Soccer. A-League Men. Brisbane v Central Coast.
5.30 Football Tonight.
6.05 Soccer. A-League Men. Round 16. Western Sydney Wanderers v Melbourne City.
8.30 NCIS. (Mv, R)
11.15 NCIS: Origins. (Mav, R)
12.15am Home Shopping.

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **11.45 MOVIE:** Tudawali. (1987) **1.15pm** Nula. **1.45** Volcanic Odysseys. **2.35** Walkabouts. **3.00** The Last Ice Hunters. **4.20** Glen Thomas: Beyond The Walls. **4.45** First Australians. **6.00** Haututu Hunters. **6.40** The Other Side. **7.30** Alone Australia. **8.30 MOVIE:** The Exorcist. (1973, MA15+) **10.40** Soh Presents: Generations And Dynasties. **Midnight** Going Places. **1.00** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Morning Programs. **12.55pm** Gloria Bell. (2018, Mdlns) **2.50** The Movie Show. **3.25** The Amazing Mr. Blunden. (2021) **5.00** Mia And The White Lion. (2018, PGal) **6.50** Eloise At The Plaza. (2003) **8.30** The Voyeurs. (2021, MA15+lnsv) **10.40** La Maison. (2022, MA15+adnsv, German, English, French) **12.20am** Harry Brown. (2009, MA15+dlsv) **2.15** End Of Watch. (2012, MA15+lv) **4.15** Late Programs.

7TWO (72)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon** Better Homes And Gardens Summer. **1.30** Better Homes. **2.30** Wildlife ER. **3.30** Horse Racing. Inglis Millennium Day And Caulfield Charity Family Day. **4.30** Luxury Escapes: World's Best Holidays. **5.00** Bondi Vet. (Return) **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** Late Programs.

9GO! (99)

6am Morning Programs. **12.20pm** Motor Racing. FIA Formula E World C'ship. H'lights. **1.25** Surfing Aust. **1.55** Swimming. Aust Open Water C'ships. H'lights. **2.25** LEGO Masters. **4.05 MOVIE:** Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed. (2004, PG) **6.00 MOVIE:** Harry Potter And The Prisoner Of Azkaban. (2004, PG) **8.45 MOVIE:** Gretel & Hansel. (2020, M) **10.30** Top 20 Funniest. **11.30** Love After Lockup. **1am** Late Programs.

10 COMEDY (11)

6am Bold. **8.00** Millionaire Hot Seat. **8.30** Frasier. **9.30** Farm To Fork. **10.00** Deal Or No Deal. **10.30** Stephen Colbert. **12.30pm** Friends. **4.30** Big Bang.
9.00 Frasier. (PGa, R)
10.00 The Neighborhood. (PGal, R)
10.30 South Park. (MA15+av, R)
11.30 Shopping. **Midnight** South Park.
1.00 Shopping. **4.30** Deal Or No Deal.

Sunday, February 8

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ABC TV (2)

6.00 Rage. (PG) **7.00** Weekend Breakfast. **9.00** Insiders. **10.00** Offsiders. **10.30** The World This Week. (R) **11.00** Compass. (PG, R) **11.30** Songs Of Praise. (R) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **12.30** Landline. (R) **1.30** Gardening Australia. (R) **2.30** Muster Dogs. (PG, R) **3.40** The Piano UK. (PG, R) **4.30** Amanda & Alan's Italian Job. (PG, R) **5.00** Antiques Roadshow. (R)

6.00 Grand Designs Transformations: Booker Bay Studio And St Peters Extension. (PG, R)
7.00 ABC News.
7.30 Muster Dogs. (PG) Training begins for the puppies.
8.30 Dog Park. (M) Roland tries to guide his daughter Mia through a breakup while facing his own crumbling relationship.
9.00 This England. (M) Looks at how the UK prepared for rising COVID-19 cases and how hospitals and care homes made plans on how to deal with the pandemic.
9.50 Call The Midwife. (PGa, R) Joyce faces a difficult situation.
10.55 Midsomer Murders. (Mv, R)
12.25 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv)
3.00 Gardening Australia. (R) **4.00** Dream Gardens. (R) **4.30** A Bite To Eat With Alice. (R) **5.00** Insiders. (R)

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **11.05** Laos: Echoes Of Serenity. (PGa) **12.00** PBS News Compass Points. **12.30** PBS Washington Week. **12.55** The Point: Road To Referendum History Bites. (R) **1.00** Speedweek. **3.00** Cycling. AlUla Tour. Highlights. **4.00** Going Places. (PG, R) **4.30** Cycling. Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race. Elite Men's. Highlights. **5.30** The Anti-Soviet Fighters.

6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 Dominic West: Extreme Silk Road. (Premiere) Dominic West explores Kyrgyzstan's Silk Road legacy.
8.25 Grand Canal: China And Its Wondrous Waterway: The South. Presented by Andrew Field.
10.15 Dunhuang: Ancient Frontier Fortress: The Shining Beacon. (MA15+v, R)
11.15 George Michael: Portrait Of An Artist. (Mdls, R)
1.00 Unlocking The Secrets Of The Nazca Lines. (PGa, R)
1.50 Rise Of The Nazis: The Downfall. (Mav, R)
2.55 The Great House Revival. (R) **3.55** Rediscover Victoria. (R) **4.25** Bamay. (R) **5.00** NHK World English News Morning. **5.15** Euronews. **5.30** PBS News Horizons.

SEVEN (7, 71)

6.00 Weekend Sunrise. **8.30** The Morning Show: Weekend. (PG) **10.30** Cycling. Santos Tour Down Under. H'lights. **12.00** Unfiltered: Cricket. (PG, R) **12.30 MOVIE:** Close Encounters Of The Third Kind. (1977, PGh, R) Richard Dreyfuss, Teri Garr. **3.30** Seven News At 5. **4.00** Border Security: International. (PG, R) **4.30** Seven News. **5.30** Australian Idol. (PGal)

7.10 The Fall Of The House Of Beckham. (Premiere) Looks at the public fallout of the Beckhams.
8.10 The Royal Rich List. (Premiere, PG) Looks at some of the British royal family's treasures, worth over £21 billion.
9.40 Crime Investigation Australia: Most Infamous: No Mercy – The Killing Of Virginia Morse. (MA15+av, R) Takes a look at the sexual assault and murder of Virginia Morse and the random killing of a farm hand in 1973.
10.50 Temple. (Mal) Lee tries to help Jamie get in contact with Michelle.
11.50 Travel Oz. (PG, R)
12.30 Home Shopping. (R)
2.00 Million Dollar Minute. (R)
2.30 Better Homes And Gardens. (R)
3.30 Sunrise Early News.
4.00 Sunrise.

IMPARJA (9)

6.00 Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. Day 1 – Early Morning. **6.30** Weekend Today. **9.30** Golf. Jack Newton Celebrity Classic. H'lights. **10.30** Fishing Australia. **11.00** Take Me Home. (PG, R) **12.00** Forging Champions. (PGl, R) **1.30** Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. Day 1 – H'lights. **4.30** 9News First At Five. **5.00** RBT. (PGl, R) **5.30** 9News Sunday.

6.30 Married At First Sight. (PGls) In the final two weddings, one bride takes a big leap of faith in an experiment first.
8.05 Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. Day 2 – Night. Coverage includes women's downhill alpine skiing, men's 10km cross-country skiing and men and women's parallel giant slalom qualifiers and finals.
11.30 Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. Day 2 – Post Midnight. Coverage includes men and women's parallel giant slalom finals, mixed biathlon relay 4x6km and mixed doubles curling prelims.
2.30 Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. Day 2 – Overnight.
5.00 Today. The latest in news and current affairs.

TEN (10)

6am Morning Programs. **8.30** Farm To Fork. (R) **9.00** GCBC. (R) **9.30** Well Traveller. (PGa, R) **10.00** Pooches At Play. (R) **10.30** I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here! (PGal, R) **12.00** Lingo. (R) **1.00** Basketball. NBL. Round 20. South East Melbourne Phoenix v Sydney Kings. **3.00** Deal Or No Deal. (R) **3.30** News. **5.00** 10 News+. **5.30** I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here! (PGal)

7.00 NCIS: Sydney. (Mv) The team investigates a car explosion.
8.00 Law & Order: SVU. (Mav) Bruno suspects a bomb was planted to destroy DNA evidence and Benson investigates a connected murder.
9.00 NCIS: Origins. (Mav, R) Still grieving the loss of his wife and daughter, Gibbs helps the team work a case involving a missing girl. The moment that irrevocably changed Gibbs' life is revealed.
10.00 10 News+. (R) Comprehensive coverage of the day's top stories, investigative reports and stories that haven't been heard.
10.30 Home Shopping. (R)
4.30 Entertainment Tonight. (R)
5.00 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG, R)
5.30 Deal Or No Deal. (R)

ABC FAMILY (22)

6am Children's Programs. **3pm** Play School. **3.30** Tiddler. **3.55** Odd Squad. **4.20** Dino Dex. **4.45** Gardening Australia Junior. **5.10** Super Monsters And The Wish Star. **5.55** Octonauts. **6.50** Andy And The Band. **7.05** Piripenguins. **7.30** Shaun Tan's Tales From Outer Suburbia. **7.50 MOVIE:** Space Jam: A New Legacy. (2021, PG) **9.45** Fresh Off The Boat. **10.05** Late Programs.

SBS VICELAND (31)

6am Morning Programs. **2.15pm** Jeopardy! **4.20** WorldWatch. **5.15** PBS News Compass Points. **5.45** Icons Unearthed: The Lord Of The Rings. **6.40** The Architecture The Railways Built. (Return) **7.35** Abandoned Engineering. (Return) **8.30** Mysteries Unearthed With Danny Trejo. (Premiere) **10.10** The Grudge. **11.40** Secrets Of Miss America. **12.35am** Django. **1.35** Late Programs.

7MATE (70)

6am Morning Programs. **11.30** Fishing Addiction. **12.30pm** Red's Fishing Adventures. **1.00** Merv Hughes Fishing. **1.30** Pawn Stars. **2.30** Deep Water Salvage. **3.30** Counting Cars. **4.30** Border Security: Int. **5.30** Border Security. **7.00 MOVIE:** Jason Bourne. (2016, M) **9.30 MOVIE:** Skyscraper. (2018, M) **11.35** Blokesworld. **12.05am** Border Security: Int. **1.00** Sound FX: Best Of. **1.30** Late Programs.

9GEM (90)

6am Morning Programs. **5.30pm** Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. Day 2 – Night. **7.05** TBA. **9.30** Major Crimes. **10.30 MOVIE:** That'll Be The Day. (1973, M) **12.20am MOVIE:** Victoria The Great. (1937) **2.35** My Favorite Martian. **3.00** Avengers. **4.00** Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. Day 2 – Early Morning. **4.30** Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. Day 2 – Early Morning.

10 DRAMA (1)

6am Shopping. **6.30** Tough Tested. **7.30** What's Up Down Under. **8.30** Navigating The World. **9.30** JAG. **2.30pm** I Fish. **3.00** Basketball. NBL. Brisbane Bullets v Cairns Taipans. **5.00** JAG. **6.00** NCIS. **7.00 Matlock.** (PGa, R) **7.55 NCIS.** (M, R) **9.45 JAG.** (PGv, R) **11.45 Shopping.**

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **1.55pm** Rugby League. Qld Murri Carnival. Women's. Semi-final 1. Walkabout Tiddas v SEQ Magic. Replay. **3.00** I Am Smokin' Joe Frazier. **4.35** Stompem Ground. **5.15** Soh Presents: Generations And Dynasties. **6.45** Volcanic Odysseys. **7.35** Most Endangered Species New Zealand. **8.25** The Issue With Tissue. **10.35 MOVIE:** The Chant Of Jimmie Blacksmith. (1978, M) **12.40am** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Morning Programs. **12.40pm** Dating Amber. (2020, Mals) **2.20** Whale Rider. (2002, PGal) **4.15** Mr. Holmes. (2015, PGa) **6.10** Big Fish. (2003, PGav) **8.30** For A Few Dollars More. (1965, Mv) **11.00** Sundown. (2021, MA15+sv) **12.30am** The Voyeurs. (2021, MA15+lnsv) **2.40** La Maison. (2022, MA15+adnsv, German, English, French) **4.15** First Snow Of Summer. (2023, Ml, German)

7TWO (72)

6am Morning Programs. **11.30** Luxury Escapes: World's Best Holidays. **Noon** Harry's Practice. **12.30** South Aussie With Cosi. **1.00** Medical Emergency. **1.30** Better Homes. **2.30** The Amazing Homemakers. **3.25** Secrets Of Beautiful Gardens. **4.25** Escape To The Country. **5.25** Vicar Of Dibley. **7.00** Vera. **9.00** Miss Scarlet And The Duke. **10.00** Vicar Of Dibley. **11.00** Harry's Practice. **11.30** Better Homes. **12.30am** Vera. **2.30** Late Programs.

9GO! (99)

6am Morning Programs. **1pm** Snackmasters. **2.20** LEGO Masters. **3.30** Young Sheldon. **4.00 MOVIE:** Three Men And A Baby. (1987, PG) **6.00 MOVIE:** Ocean's Eleven. (2001, M) **8.30 MOVIE:** Tango & Cash. (1989, M) **10.30** Gotham. **11.30** World Endurance Championship: Season Review. **12.30am** Tennis. Davis Cup. Qualifiers. Ecuador v Aust. **4.30** Late Programs.

10 COMEDY (11)

6am Deal Or No Deal. **6.30** Frasier. **9.20** Inspired Unemployed (Impractical) Jokers. **10.00** Stephen Colbert. **1pm** Friends. **4.30** The Big Bang Theory. **9.00 Frasier.** (PGa, R) **10.00 South Park.** (MA15+dlv, R) **11.30** Home Shopping. **Midnight** South Park. **12.30** Home Shopping. **4.30** GCBC. **5.00** Farm To Fork. **5.30** Ent. Tonight.

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ABC TV (2)

6.00 News Breakfast. **9.00** News. **10.00** Midsomer Murders. (Mv, R) **11.30** Back Roads. (PG, R) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** The Great Australian Bee Challenge. (Final, R) **2.00** Parliament Question Time. **3.00** Would I Lie To You? (Final, PG, R) **3.30** Anh's Brush With Fame. (PG, R) **4.00** Love Your Garden. (PG, 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 Australian Story. Australians tell personal stories.
8.30 Four Corners. A continued look at the Bondi Beach terror attacks.
9.15 Media Watch. (PG) Presented by Linton Besser.
9.35 Planet America. A look at American politics.
10.05 Dr Karl's How Things Work. (R)
10.35 ABC Late News. **10.50** The Business. (R) **11.10** The Weekly With Charlie Pickering. (PG, R) **11.40** Love Your Garden. (PG, R) **12.25** Long Lost Family. (PG, R) **1.15** Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) **4.00** Gardening Australia. (R) **5.00** A Bite To Eat With Alice. (R) **5.30** 7.30. (R)

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **9.00** Good With Wood. (PGs, R) **10.00** Skeleton's Serious Kids. (PGal) **12.05** BBC News At Ten. **12.30** France 24. **1.00** PBS News Compass Points. **1.30** Al Jazeera News Hour. **2.00** Karnak: The Largest Temple In The World. (R) **3.05** Going Places. (R) **3.35** The Cook Up. (R) **4.05** Secrets Of The Killer Mega Shark. (PGa, R) **5.05** Jeopardy! **5.30** Letters And Numbers. (R)

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R)
6.30 SBS World News.
7.35 Inside The Tower Of London. (Return) The Constable's Dues is prepared.
8.30 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. (M) Game show, featuring contestants tackling a words and numbers quiz. Hosted by Jimmy Carr.
9.25 Never Mind The Buzzcocks. (M) Hosted by Greg Davies.
10.05 SBS World News Late.
10.35 Other People's Money. (Premiere, Mn)
11.30 Vigil. (Malv, R)
2.30 The Great House Revival. (R) **3.30** Rediscover Victoria. (Mls, R) **4.00** Bamay. (R) **5.00** NHK World English News Morning. **5.30** ANC Philippines The World Tonight.

SEVEN (7, 71)

6.00 Sunrise.
8.30 NFL. Super Bowl LX. Seattle Seahawks v New England Patriots.
1.30 The Chase. Hosted by Bradley Walsh.
2.30 Seven News At 4.
3.30 The Chase Australia. Hosted by Larry Emdur.
4.30 Seven News.
5.30 Home And Away. (PGa)

6.00 Australian Idol. (PGal) Hosted by Ricki-Lee Coulter and Scott Tweedie.
7.45 9-1-1. (Mav) Athena and Hen navigate their way back home.
8.45 I Cut Off His Penis: The Truth Behind The Headlines. (MA15+av) Goes beyond the headlines to hear the testimony of women and men who have witnessed and felt the impact of this act.
9.45 Crime Investigation Australia: Most Infamous: The Family Murders. (MA15+av, R) A look at the murder of six young men.
11.05 Conviction. (MA15+av, R)
12.05 Harry's Practice. (R)
12.30 Home Shopping. (R)
2.30 Better Homes And Gardens. (R)
3.30 Sunrise Early News. **4.00** Sunrise.

IMPARJA (9)

6.00 Today. **8.30** Today Extra. (PG)
11.00 9News Morning.
11.30 Married At First Sight. (PGls, R)
1.00 Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. Day 2 – Highlights.
2.30 Tipping Point. (PG)
3.30 9News Afternoon.
4.30 Tipping Point Australia. (PG)
5.30 9News.

6.30 A Current Affair.
7.00 Married At First Sight. (Mls) After nine weddings, the next phase of the experiment begins. The couples come face-to-face with each other for the first dinner party of the season.
8.35 Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. Day 3 – Night. Coverage includes men's team downhill alpine skiing, women's ice hockey and freestyle skiing slopestyle finals.
11.30 Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. Day 3 – Post Midnight.
2.30 Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. Day 3 – Overnight.
5.00 Today. The latest in news and current affairs.

TEN (10)

6.00 Farm To Fork. (R) **6.30** Lingo. (R) **7.30** The Finish Line. (R) **8.30** Ent. Tonight. (R) **9.00** I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here! (PGal, R) **10.30** Farm To Fork. **11.00** Family Feud. (PG, R) **11.30** News. **12.30** Millionaire Hot Seat. (PG, 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. **5.30** Millionaire Hot Seat. (PG)

6.00 I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here! (PGal)
7.30 Matlock. (PGad) Matty and Olympia help a group of nuns.
8.30 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** The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG, R) **5.30** Deal Or No Deal. (R)

ABC FAMILY (22)

6am Children's Programs. **1.20pm** Octonauts. **2.15** Peter Rabbit. **2.45** The Makery. **3.05** Play School. **3.30** Wiggle. **4.10** Andy's Aquatic Adventures. **4.35** 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. **8.35** TKO: Total Knock Out. **9.15** Kids BBQ Championship. **9.55** Merlin. **10.40** Late Programs.

SBS VICELAND (31)

6am Morning Programs. **12.10pm** France 24 English News. **12.40** Rex In Rome. **2.30** Mastermind Aust. **3.30** WorldWatch. **4.25** PBS News Compass Points. **4.55** WorldWatch. **5.25** The Fast History Of. **6.15** Curse Of Oak Island. (Return) **7.05** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats. **8.30** Triumph: Jesse Owens & The Berlin Games. **10.05** The Secret DNA Of Us. **11.15** James Brown: Say It Loud. **12.05am** Late Programs.

7MATE (70)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon** Rides Down Under: Workshop Wars. **1.00** Motor Racing. Alpine Rally of East Gippsland. Replay. **2.00** Tougher In Alaska. **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** Mighty Planes. **10.00** When Big Things Go Wrong. **11.00** Storage Wars. **11.30** Late Programs.

9GEM (90)

6am Morning Programs. **6pm** Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. Day 3 – Night. **7.35** The Brokenwood Mysteries. (Return) **9.35** London Kills. **10.35** M*A*S*H. **11.35** Creflo. **12.05am MOVIE:** The Tales Of Hoffmann. (1951) **2.35** London Kills. **3.30** M*A*S*H. **4.00** Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. Day 3 – Early Morning. **4.30** Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. Day 3 – Early Morning.

10 DRAMA (1)

6am Shopping. **6.30** Days Of Our Lives. **7.15** The Young And The Restless. **8.00** JAG. **9.00** Living Room. **10.00** Bold. **10.30** Days Of Our Lives. **11.15** The Young And The Restless. **Noon** Bull. **1.00** JAG. **5.00** Bull. **6.00 NCIS.** (Ma, R) **7.00 FBI: Most Wanted.** (Mav, R) **8.50 Bull.** (Madsv, R) **10.45** JAG. **11.45** Shopping.

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **11.55** The Issue With Tissue. **2pm** Kriol Kitchen. **2.30** The Cook Up. **3.00** Jarjums. **5.00** Harlem Globetrotters. **5.30** The 77 Percent. **6.00** Bamay. **6.40** Volcanic Odysseys. **7.30** Who Do You Think You Are? **8.30** Karla Grant Presents. **9.30 MOVIE:** Ghosts Of Mississippi. (1996, M) **11.45** Turn Up Respect. **12.05am** Going Places. **1.00** Desert Hikoi. **1.15** The Frontier. **2.05** On The Road. **3.05** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Morning Programs. **11.45** For A Few Dollars More. (1965, Mv) **2.15pm** Mia And The White Lion. (2018, PGal) **4.05** Eloise At The Plaza. (2003) **5.50** Madison. (2020, PGal, German) **7.30** La La Land. (2016, Ml) **9.50** One Of A Kind. (2023) **11.45** Falcon Lake. (2022, Mls) **1.40am** Sundown. (2021, MA15+sv) **3.10** My Little Sister. (2020, MA15+s) **5.00** The Movie Show. **5.35** Late Programs.

7TWO (72)

6am Morning Programs. **12.30pm** Weekender. **1.00** This Rugged Coast. **2.00** Harry's Practice. **2.30** Medical Emergency. **3.00** Better Homes. **4.00** Escape To The Country. **5.00** Bargain Hunt. **6.00** Doc Martin. **7.00** Endeavour. **9.00** Air Crash Inv: Accident Files. **10.00** Doc Martin. **11.00** Bargain Hunt. **Midnight** Home In WA. **12.30** Harry's Practice. **1.00** Medical Emergency. **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. **4.30** Golden Girls. **5.00** Nanny. **6.00** Seinfeld. **7.00 MOVIE:** Civil War. (2024, MA15+) **9.10** Seinfeld. **10.10** The 100. **11.05** Love Island UK. **Midnight** The Vampire Diaries. (Final) **12.55** Surfing Aust. **1.25** Motor Racing. FIA World Endurance C'ship. Qatar 1812 km. H'lights. **2.30** Late Programs.

10 COMEDY (11)

6am Morning Programs. **8.00** Bold. **8.30** Family Feud. **9.00** Deal Or No Deal. **10.00** Becker. **10.30** Frasier. **11.30** Big Bang. **12.30pm** Friends. **2.00** Becker. **2.30** Farm To Fork. **3.00** Frasier. **4.00** Big Bang. **5.00** Friends. **6.30** Big Bang. **8.30** Becker. **9.00** Frasier. **10.00** Ent. Tonight. **10.30** Shopping. **1am** Bold. **2.00** Shopping. **4.30** GCBC. **5.00** Farm To Fork. **5.30** Ent. Tonight.

Tuesday, February 10

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** Australian Story. (R) **10.30** Planet America. (R) **11.00** Human. (PG, R) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Call The Midwife. (Ma, R) **2.00** Parliament Question Time. **3.00** Spicks And Specks. (PG, R) **3.30** Anh's Brush With Fame. (PG, R) **4.00** Love Your Garden. (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 Dr Karl's How Things Work: Ice Cream. Dr Karl looks at how ice cream is made.
8.30 Mission To Space With Francis Bourgeois. (Premiere) Presented by Francis Bourgeois.
9.20 Grand Designs Transformations: Booker Bay Studio And St Peters Extension. (PG, R) Two properties are transformed.
10.35 ABC Late News.
10.50 The Business. (R) **11.05** Four Corners. (R) **11.50** Media Watch. (PG, R) **12.10** Love Your Garden. (R) **1.00** Long Lost Family. (PG, R) **1.45** Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) **4.00** Gardening Australia. (R) **5.00** A Bite To Eat With Alice. (R) **5.30** 7.30. (R)

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **9.05** Good With Wood. (PGas, R) **10.00** Paddington Station 24/7. (R) **10.50** Mountain Vets. (PGa, R) **12.00** BBC News At Ten. **12.30** France 24. **1.00** PBS News. **2.00** Queens Of Ancient Egypt. (PGa, R) **3.00** Going Places. (PG, R) **3.30** Plat Du Tour. (R) **3.35** The Cook Up. (R) **4.05** Secrets Of The Tasmanian Tiger. (PG, R) **5.05** Jeopardy! **5.30** Letters And Numbers. (R)

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R)
6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 Who Do You Think You Are? Camilla Franks. (PGa, R) Camilla Franks explores her roots.
8.35 MOVIE: I Am Raquel Welch. (2025) Celebrates the life of trailblazing actress and single mother Raquel Welch. Nina Colman, Eugenio Derbez, Michael Ferrara.
10.10 Rock Legends: Diana Ross And The Supremes. Looks at Diana Ross and the Supremes.
10.40 SBS World News Late.
11.10 Exit. (MA15+ads)
12.05 DNA. (Malv, R)
1.50 We Hear You. (PG, R)
2.40 The Great House Revival. (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. (PG) **10.30** Seven's National News At Noon. **11.30** Seven News With Alex Cullen. **11.40** Blankety Blank. (PGa, R) **12.30** Bridge Of Lies.
1.30 The Chase.
2.30 Seven News At 4.
3.30 The Chase Australia.
4.30 Seven News.
5.30 Home And Away. (PGad)

6.00 Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. (PG) From Edinburgh Castle, Scotland.
8.00 Doc. (Ma) A popular weight loss medication reveals the cracks in a couple's relationship. Two sisters face an unexpected diagnosis.
9.00 St. Denis Medical. (PGal) Alex is eager to impress her old charge nurse, who comes back to St. Denis. Serena and Matt try to solve a patient's mystery illness.
10.00 Autopsy USA: Anthony Bourdain. (Madl, R) A look at the death of Anthony Bourdain.
11.00 Childhood's End. (Premiere, Mav) An alien presence arrives on Earth.
1.00 Home Shopping. (R)
2.30 Better Homes And Gardens. (R)
3.30 Sunrise Early News.
4.00 Sunrise.

IMPARJA (9)

6.00 Today. **8.30** Today Extra. (PG) **11.00** 9News Morning.
11.30 Married At First Sight. (Mls, R)
1.00 Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. Day 3 – Highlights.
2.30 Tipping Point. (PG)
3.30 9News Afternoon.
4.30 Tipping Point Australia. (PG)
5.30 9News.

6.30 A Current Affair.
7.00 Married At First Sight. (Mls) Revelations week, the new phase of the experiment, is revealed. Over two nights, a new task is revealed and the photo ranking returns where connections and cracks start to form.
8.45 Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. Day 4 – Night. Coverage includes short track mixed team relay finals, 500m and 1000m qualifiers, women's alpine skiing and men's moguls qualifiers.
11.30 Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. Day 4 – Post Midnight.
2.30 Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. Day 4 – Overnight.
5.00 Today. The latest in news and current affairs.

TEN (10)

6.00 Farm To Fork. (R) **6.30** Lingo. (R) **7.30** The Finish Line. (R) **8.30** Ent. Tonight. (R) **9.00** I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here! (PGal, R) **10.30** Farm To Fork. **11.00** Family Feud. (PG, R) **11.30** News. **12.30** Millionaire Hot Seat. (PG, 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) **5.30** Millionaire Hot Seat. (PG)

6.00 I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here! Hosted by Julia Morris and Robert Irwin.
7.30 NCIS. (Mmv) Parker continues to hunt down mob boss Carla Marino.
8.30 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 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG, R)
5.30 Deal Or No Deal. (R)

ABC FAMILY (22)

6am Children's Programs. **12.35pm** Ben And Holly. **1.10** Knee High Spies. **2.15** Peter Rabbit. **2.45** The Makery. **3.05** Play School. **3.30** Wiggle. **4.10** Andy's Safari Adventures. **4.35** 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. **8.35** Whale With Steve Backshall. **9.25** Planet Weird. **10.15** Late Programs.

SBS VICELAND (31)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon** DW The Day. **12.30** Homicide. **2.20** Mastermind Aust. **3.25** WorldWatch. **5.25** The Fast History Of. **6.15** Curse Of Oak Island. **7.05** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats. **8.30** Shark. (Premiere) **10.20** Casketeers Life & Death Across The Globe. **11.15** Out Of Bounds. (Premiere) **12.45am** Then You Run. **2.30** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera.

7MATE (70)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon** Outback Opal Hunters. **2.00** Tougher In Alaska. **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** Deadliest Roads. **11.00** Storage Wars. **11.30** American Pickers. **12.30am** Pawn Stars. **1.30** Outback Truckers. **2.30** Deadliest Roads. **3.30** Ax Men. **4.30** Late Programs.

9GEM (90)

6am Morning Programs. **6pm** Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. Day 4 – Night. **7.45** Agatha Christie's Marple. **9.45** Miniseries: The Pale Horse. **10.45** M*A*S*H. **11.45** Creflo. **12.15am MOVIE:** Operation Bullshine. (1959) **2.00** Miniseries: The Pale Horse. **3.00** M*A*S*H. **4.00** Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. Day 4 – Early Morning. **4.30** Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. Day 4 – Early Morning.

10 DRAMA (1)

6am Shopping. **6.30** Days Of Our Lives. **7.15** The Young And The Restless. **8.00** JAG. **9.00** Living Room. **10.00** Bold. **10.30** Days Of Our Lives. **11.15** The Young And The Restless. **Noon** Bull. **1.00** JAG. **2.00** Bull. **3.00** JAG. **5.00** Bull. **6.00** NCIS.
7.00 FBI: International. (Ma, R)
8.50 Bull. (Mv, R)
10.45 JAG. **11.45** Shopping.

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon** Undermined: Tales From The Kimberley. **1.40** Turn Up Respect. **2.00** Kriol Kitchen. **2.30** The Cook Up. **3.00** Jarjums. **5.00** Harlem Globetrotters. **5.30** Going Places. **6.00** Bamay. **6.40** Wild Survivors. **7.30** Big Backyard Quiz. **8.30** Unleash The Beast. **9.30** Boy Called Piano: The Story Of Fa'amoana John Luafutu. **10.30 MOVIE:** The Unknown Country. (2022, PG) **Midnight** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Morning Programs. **11.50** La La Land. (2016, Ml) **2.10pm** Mr. Holmes. (2015, PGa) **4.05** Roxane. (2019, PGals, French) **5.45** Enigma. (1982, PGasv) **7.35** Walkabout. (1971, Maln) **9.30** The Blue Caftan. (2022, Mans, Arabic) **11.45** Fathers And Mothers. (2022, Mdlns, Danish, Icelandic) **1.35am** One Of A Kind. (2023) **3.30** Falcon Lake. (2022, Mls) **5.20** The Movie Show.

7TWO (72)

6am Morning Programs. **12.30pm** Creek To Coast. **1.00** Air Crash Inv: Accident Files. **2.00** Harry's Practice. **2.30** Medical Emergency. **3.00** Better Homes. **4.00** Escape To The Country. **5.00** Bargain Hunt. **6.00** Call The Midwife. **7.15** Judge John Deed. **9.15** Northern Lights. **10.15** Bargain Hunt. **11.15** Room For Improvement. **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. **4.30** Golden Girls. **5.00** Nanny. **6.00** Seinfeld. **7.00 MOVIE:** Expend4bles. (2023, MA15+) **9.00** Seinfeld. **10.00** The 100. **10.55** Love Island UK. **11.55** Kardashians: The Billion Dollar Dynasty. **12.55am** Surfing Aust. **1.25** Motor Racing. FIA World Endurance C'ship. 6 Hours Of Imola. H'lights. **2.30** Late Programs.

10 COMEDY (11)

6am Morning Programs. **8.00** Bold. **8.30** Family Feud. **9.00** Deal Or No Deal. **10.00** Becker. **10.30** Frasier. **11.30** Big Bang. **12.30pm** Friends. **2.00** Becker. **2.30** Farm To Fork. **3.00** Frasier. **4.00** Big Bang. **5.00** Friends. **6.30** Big Bang. **8.30** Becker. **9.00** Frasier. **10.00** Ent. Tonight. **10.30** Shopping. **1am** Bold. **2.00** Shopping. **4.30** GCBC. **5.00** Farm To Fork. **5.30** Ent. Tonight.

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ABC TV (2)

6.00 News Breakfast. **9.00** News. **10.00** Four Corners. (R) **11.00** All Creatures Great And Small Christmas Special. (Final, PG, R) **12.00** News. **12.30** Press Club. **1.35** Media Watch. (PG, R) **2.00** Parliament. **3.00** Spicks And Specks. (PG, R) **3.30** Anh's Brush With Fame. (PG, R) **3.55** Love Your Garden. (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. (PGa) Hosted by Tom Gleeson.
8.30 The Weekly With Charlie Pickering. (PG) A satirical news program.
9.00 Dog Park. (M, R) Roland guides his daughter through a breakup.
9.30 QI. (Mls) Hosted by Sandi Toksvig.
10.00 Planet America. (R)
10.35 ABC Late News.
10.50 The Business. (R)
11.05 Live At The Wireless. (R)
11.55 Love Your Garden. (R) **12.40** Long Lost Family. (PG, R) **1.30** Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) **4.00** Gardening Australia. (R) **5.00** A Bite To Eat With Alice. (R) **5.30** 7.30. (R)

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **9.00** Destination Flavour. (R) **9.20** Good With Wood. (PGa, R) **10.15** Paddington Station 24/7. (PGa, R) **11.05** Britain By Beach. (PG, R) **12.00** BBC News At Ten. **12.30** France 24. **1.00** PBS News. **2.00** Queens Of Ancient Egypt. (Mav, R) **3.00** Going Places. (R) **3.30** The Cook Up. (R) **4.05** Race For The Sky. (PGalv, R) **5.05** Jeopardy! **5.30** Letters And Numbers. (R)

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R)
6.30 SBS World News.
7.35 Saving Yellowstone. (PG)
8.30 Seven Wonders Of The Ancient World: The Colossus Of Rhodes And The Statue Of Zeus At Olympia. (PG, R) Bettany Hughes sets sail to Greece.
9.25 Trespasses. (Mls)
10.20 SBS World News Late.
10.50 Face To Face. (Ma, R)
11.40 Darkness: Those Who Kill. (Mav, R)
1.30 Golden Boy. (MA15+s, R) **2.20** The Great House Revival. (R) **4.15** Bamay. (R) **4.50** Destination Flavour China 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. (PG) **10.30** Seven's National News At Noon. **11.30** Seven News With Alex Cullen. **11.40** Blankety Blank. (PGas, R) **12.30** Bridge Of Lies.
1.30 The Chase.
2.30 Seven News At 4.
3.30 The Chase Australia.
4.30 Seven News.
5.30 Home And Away. (PGad)

6.00 The 1% Club UK. (PGl)
7.00 Highway Patrol. (PGl)
7.30 Operation Dark Phone: Murder By Text. (MA15+av) The authorities identify dangerous criminals.
8.30 Air Crash Investigations: Deadly Charter. (Return, PGa) Amid high pressure and heavy snow, a private jet crashes on approach to Aspen, Colorado.
9.30 The Disappearance Of Gabby Petito. (Mav, R) An exploration of the case of Gabby Petito.
10.45 The Last Weekend. (Malv)
11.45 Travel Oz. (R)
12.30 Home Shopping. (R)
2.30 Better Homes And Gardens. (R)
3.30 Sunrise Early News.
4.00 Sunrise.

IMPARJA (9)

6.00 Today. **8.30** Today Extra. (PG) **11.00** 9News Morning.
11.30 Married At First Sight. (Mls, R)
1.00 Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. Day 4 – Highlights.
2.30 Tipping Point. (PG)
3.30 9News Afternoon.
4.30 Tipping Point Australia. (PG)
5.30 9News.

6.30 A Current Affair.
7.00 Married At First Sight. (Mls) Revelations week sees the couples show some vulnerability as a new task begins. In front of peers, raw truths will be exposed, but it's one grooms honesty that leaves the room speechless.
8.35 Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. Day 5 – Night. Coverage includes women's snowboarding halfpipe and moguls and men's super alpine skiing.
11.30 Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. Day 5 – Post Midnight.
2.30 Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. Day 5 – Overnight.
5.00 Today. The latest in news and current affairs.

TEN (10)

6.00 Farm To Fork. (R) **6.30** Lingo. (R) **7.30** The Finish Line. (R) **8.30** Ent. Tonight. (R) **9.00** I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here! (R) **10.30** Farm To Fork. **11.00** Family Feud. (PG, R) **11.30** News. **12.30** Millionaire Hot Seat. (PG, 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. (PGa) **5.30** Millionaire Hot Seat. (PG)

6.00 I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here!
7.30 Elsbeth. (PGav) A suburban housewife butts heads with a new neighbour.
8.30 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** The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG, R) **5.30** Deal Or No Deal. (PGa, R)

ABC FAMILY (22)

6am Children's Programs. **2.15pm** Peter Rabbit. **2.45** The Makery. **3.05** Play School. **3.30** Wiggle. **4.10** Andy's Safari Adventures. **4.35** 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. **8.55** Adv Time. **9.40** We Bare Bears. **9.55** Shaun Tan's Tales From Outer Suburbia. **10.15** Late Programs.

SBS VICELAND (31)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon** DW The Day. **12.30** Stone Cold Takes On America. **1.15** Mastermind Aust. **3.50** WorldWatch. **5.50** The Fast History Of. **6.15** Curse Of Oak Island. **7.05** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats. **8.30** Adam Hills: The Last Leg. **9.20 MOVIE:** Dangerous Liaisons. (1988, M) **11.35 MOVIE:** The Flowers Of War. (2011, MA15+) **2.10am** Tales From The Territories. **3.00** Late Programs.

7MATE (70)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon** Outback Truckers. **2.00** Tougher In Alaska. **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** Pawn Stars. **1.30** Late Programs.

9GEM (90)

6am Morning Programs. **6pm** Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. Day 5 – Night. **7.35** Midsomer Murders. **9.35** The Madame Blanc Mysteries. **10.35** M*A*S*H. **11.35** Creflo. **12.05am MOVIE:** Jules Verne's Rocket To The Moon. (1967) **2.30** The Madame Blanc Mysteries. **3.30** M*A*S*H. **4.00** Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. Day 5 – Early Morning. **4.30** Late Programs.

10 DRAMA (1)

6am Shopping. **6.30** Days Of Our Lives. **7.15** The Young And The Restless. **8.00** JAG. **9.00** Living Room. **10.00** Bold. **10.30** Days Of Our Lives. **11.15** The Young And The Restless. **Noon** JAG. **2.00** Bull. **3.00** JAG. **5.00** Bull.
6.00 NCIS. (Mv, R)
8.50 Bull. (PGlv, R)
9.45 JAG. (PG, R)
10.45 Home Shopping. (R)

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon** Piri's Tiki Tour. **12.30** Unleash The Beast. **1.30** The Lake Winnipeg Project. **2.00** Kriol Kitchen. **2.30** The Cook Up. **3.00** Jarjums. **5.00** Harlem Globetrotters. **5.30** News. **6.00** Bamay. **6.40** Wild Survivors. **7.30** Shepherdess. **8.40** Earth Oven. **9.30 MOVIE:** Steel Magnolias. (1989, PG) **11.35** Stompem Ground 2022: Yatangal. **Midnight** Going Places. **12.55** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Morning Programs. **12.45pm** Falcon Lake. (2022, Mls) **2.40** Discovering Film. **3.35** A Handful Of Dust. (1988, PG) **5.45** The Big Steal. (1990, PGls) **7.35** My Own Private Idaho. (1991, Madlns) **9.30** Bare. (2015, MA15+ds) **11.10** National Anthem. (2023, MA15+dlns) **1.05am** Walkabout. (1971, Maln) **3.00** Fathers And Mothers. (2022, Mdlns, Danish, Icelandic) **4.50** Late Programs.

7TWO (72)

6am Morning Programs. **11.30** Escape To The Country. **12.30pm** Weekender. **1.00** House Calls To The Rescue. **2.00** Harry's Practice. **2.30** Medical Emergency. **3.00** Better Homes. **4.00** Escape To The Country. **5.00** Bargain Hunt. **6.00** Heartbeat. **7.15** Inspector George Gently. **9.15** The Queen Unseen. **10.15** Bargain Hunt. **11.15** Room For Improvement. **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. **4.30** Golden Girls. **5.00** Nanny. **6.00** Seinfeld. **7.00 MOVIE:** RoboCop. (2014, M) **9.25** Seinfeld. **10.25** The 100. **11.20** Love Island UK. **12.20am** Kardashians: The Billion Dollar Dynasty. **1.25** Motor Racing. FIA World Endurance C'ship. 6 Hours of Spa-Francorchamps. H'lights. **2.30** Late Programs.

10 COMEDY (11)

6am Morning Programs. **8.00** Bold. **8.30** Family Feud. **9.00** Deal Or No Deal. **10.00** Becker. **10.30** Frasier. **11.30** Big Bang. **12.30pm** Friends. **2.00** Becker. **2.30** Farm To Fork. **3.00** Frasier. **4.00** Big Bang. **5.00** Friends. **6.30** Big Bang. **8.30** Becker. **9.00** Frasier. **10.00** Ent. Tonight. **10.30** Shopping. **1am** Bold. **2.00** Shopping. **4.30** GCBC. **5.00** Farm To Fork. **5.30** Ent. Tonight.

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Self-defence: Manuel Garcia-Rulfo returns as legal eagle Mickey Haller.

TRIAL AND ERROR

THE LINCOLN LAWYER
Streaming, Netflix

Defence lawyer Mickey Haller (Manuel Garcia-Rulfo) has successfully navigated his fair share of challenging cases in heated courtrooms, but the stakes couldn't be higher when the legal eagle is faced with clearing his own name.

At the jaw-dropping end of season three, the body of a veteran conman and former client was mysteriously found in the boot of Mickey's car. As the hit drama returns for a 10-episode fourth instalment, Mickey shockingly finds himself behind bars wrongly accused of the crook's murder.

On trial for a crime he didn't commit, Mickey comes up against relentless prosecutor Dana Berg (new cast member Constance Zimmer) as he tirelessly fights to prove his innocence, restore his damaged reputation and expose the real killer.

Of course, he's once again ably supported by his trusty support network, including ex-wives and fellow attorneys Maggie and Lorna (Neve Campbell and Becki Newton), private investigator Cisco (Angus Sampson), office manager Izzy (Jazz Raycole) and wise mentor Legal (Elliott Gould).

Co-showrunner Ted Humphrey says savvy Mickey has a tough task ahead of him to find out who is framing him – and why.

"This is going to be the biggest and most personal challenge Mickey has ever faced, and also the biggest roller-coaster we've yet taken our audience on," Humphrey says.

Based on the best-selling books by Michael Connelly and created by genre legend David E. Kelley (*The Practice*, *Ally McBeal*, *Boston Legal*), *The Lincoln Lawyer* remains a top-tier guilty pleasure. **– Travis Lewis**

ELLA McCAY
Streaming, Disney+

From *Terms of Endearment* to *As Good as it Gets*, writer-director James L. Brooks has been responsible for some of the most memorable films and TV shows of the past 40 years. The filmmaker returns to helm this comedy that follows a progressive politician (Emma Mackey, pictured) as she struggles to balance her demanding work with her dysfunctional family.

I AM... RUTH
Streaming, BritBox

Kate Winslet and her real-life daughter Mia Threapleton (both pictured) co-star in this timely drama about the dangers of social media. The Oscar winner plays Ruth, a single mother fighting to save her withdrawn teenager Freya (Threapleton) from the addictive apps on her phone. It's a cautionary tale in the vein of the Netflix hit *Adolescence*.

THE 'BURBS
Streaming from Sunday, Binge

Armchair detectives will have a ball with this reboot of the 1989 cult classic about a group of suburbanites who grow suspicious of their new neighbours. Young couple Samira and Rob (Keke Palmer and Jack Whitehall, both pictured) relocate to his home town to raise their son, but it soon becomes apparent that the seemingly idyllic cul-de-sac is hiding a raft of long-buried secrets behind its perfectly trimmed hedges.

CRICKET: ICC MEN'S T20 WORLD CUP
Streaming from Saturday, Prime Video

Mitch Marsh skippers a star-studded Australian cricket team as they take to the field for the T20 World Cup in India and Sri Lanka. The spin-heavy Aussie squad welcomes back Pat Cummins, Cameron Green and Cooper Connolly, with the 2021 champions kicking off their campaign to reclaim the title against Ireland in Colombo on Wednesday. Follow all the action of the 20-team tournament that wraps up with the final on March 8.

THE WASP
Streaming, Paramount+

Natalie Dormer and Naomie Harris (both pictured) team up for this twist-filled psychological thriller that has a satisfying sting in its tail. Unhappy housewife Heather (Harris) approaches her former classmate Carla (Dormer) with a plan to kill her unfaithful husband, but their nefarious plot soon veers off in unexpected directions.

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The Rhine River flows through one of Germany's most scenic regions passing vineyard-blanketed hills where castles line the banks, all of which have stories to share, and see the Lorelei Rock at a dramatic curve in the river.

Strasbourg is said to be the capital of Christmas in France, with the city's cathedral square taking center stage as it is transformed into a winter wonderland.

Christmas on the Rhine

By Lee Mccarthy

WITH many families breaking away from traditional Christmas celebrations and exploring ways to connect so the whole family can relax, the idea of taking a family holiday away from home is becoming more appealing to Aussies.

Due to the vastness of Australia and the many financial and time considerations of travel from state-to-state, couples are now discovering other options including hiring a holiday home together or taking a cruise.

But, for those wanting a really special treat with family or friends where the accommodation and food are nearly outdone by the remarkable scenery, this might be the one to look at.

Celebrating 'Christmas on the Rhine' with Viking is the kind of Christmas always remembered and reflected upon each time the festive season is mentioned.

This is the opportunity to journey through storybook villages, sample tasty yuletide treats and regional delicacies, browse colourful stalls for handcrafted ornaments and unique gifts.

With December the middle of summer for Australians it is the chance to enjoy the festive season in scarfs and jumpers drinking mulled wine, eating hot savoury and sweet delicacies by the fire in comfort with all the work done and just time to enjoy each other.

Here guests can experience the twinkling lights of Cologne and revel in the merry atmosphere of the Rhine Valley, as storefront displays, wine cellars and markets embrace the holiday season. This eight-day Viking 'Christmas on the Rhine' voyage is a joyful celebration of festive cheer.

Enjoy eight days, eight guided tours across four countries sailing from Amsterdam to Basel through Cologne, Koblenz, Speyer, Strasbourg, Breisach and on to Basel on the Swiss border and take advantage of the fly free on selected 2026 to 2028 voyages saving up to $5000 per couple (contact Viking for dates, prices and valid dates).

Amsterdam. A city of charming canals, elegant gabled houses, splendid museums and abundant bicycles, the Dutch capital of Amsterdam is a delight to explore.

All travelers need for this wonderful adventure of a lifetime is included with no surprises or hidden fees including complimentary shore excursion in every port of call, free Wi-Fi, all onboard meals featuring specialties and classics, beer, wine and soft drinks with onboard lunch and dinner, 24-hour specialty coffee, tea and bottled water, enrichment lectures and of course much more.

An added addition and one of the best parts of the Viking cruises is guests can book pre and post cruise extensions on selected cruises meaning additional days to explore the embarkation or disembarkation city or visit a new destination altogether with a choice of exciting cities.

More days means more to discover and with extension packages the team onboard and at each port are there to help with booking accommodations and tours in the selected cities.

One option is to extend this cruise with two-night stay in Amsterdam and think of all the fun to be had in this stunning city, especially in winter.

Enjoy the picturesque canals while discovering the city's cultural and architectural treasures. Witness the legacy of the Dutch Golden Age that lives on in the city's gilded manses and stroll through the Jordaan district, passing historic sites such as Wester Church and the Anne Frank House.

Another extension on the Christmas cruise is three nights in Brussels with time to explore the intriguing Belgian cities of Brussels, Bruges and Antwerp. View iconic landmarks and stroll through historic UNESCO World Heritage Sites then celebrate the season immersed in the festive atmosphere of traditional Christmas markets.

Take a 'Viking Longship 360-degree tour' of the longship used for river cruising right now to see what the cruise will look like by visiting the Viking website showing the ship layout and including narrated tours.

The small, modern Viking Longships are elegantly designed for discovery and comfort. Each longship is identical and features all outside staterooms, serene Scandinavian spaces and light-filled public areas.

All guests must be 18 years old to cruise with Viking on the longships, there are no casino's, no theme nights and during the day, dress is casual, slacks or jeans and the recommended evening dress is 'elegant casual'.

Have a look at the wonderful Christmas cruises available with Viking including the Christmas on the Rhine tour by visiting viking.com or by phoning 138 747

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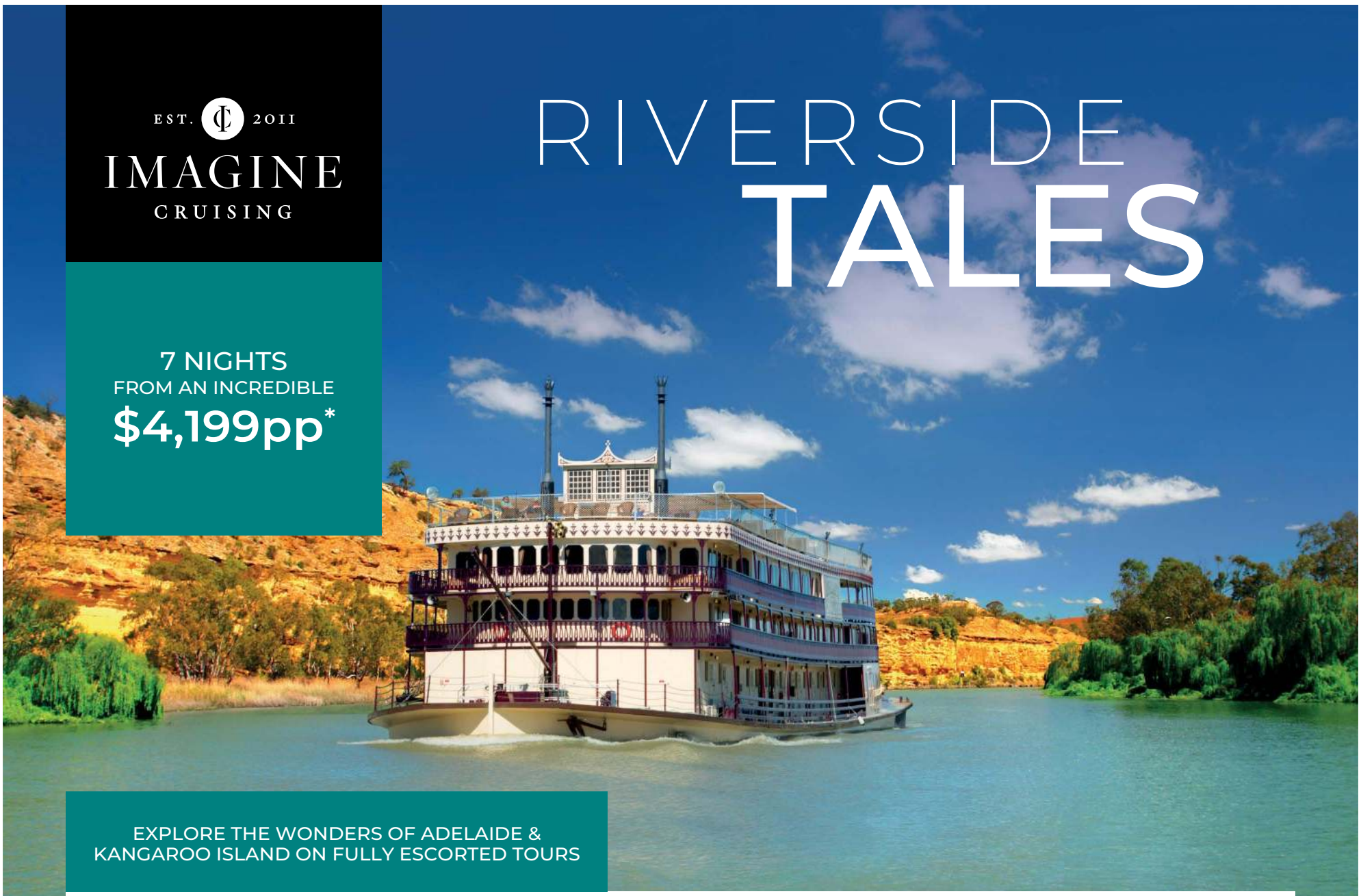

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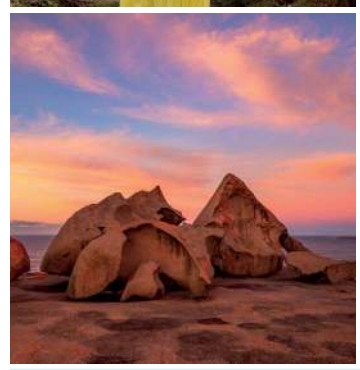

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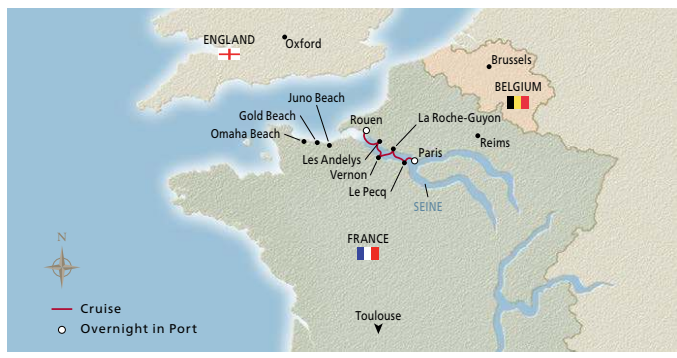

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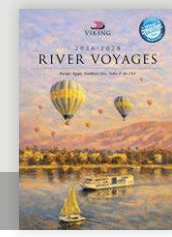

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EVENTS

All Abilities Program

- Multiple venues | February
- Sign up for the Alice Springs All Abilities Program, including Open Para Futures, Boccia for Beginners and swimABILITY.
- Designed for people of all abilities to explore sport in a supportive and inclusive environment. More information: https://dpsc.nt.gov.au/ntsa

Art Workshop

- Olive Pink Botanic Garden | February 7, 9:30am – 12:00pm
- Terracotta pot painting and yarning in a relaxed social setting while learning about local bush flowers.
- Small pot: $35 | Large pot: $45
- All welcome. Includes lemon myrtle tea and damper.
- Bookings essential. Contact: Mingara – 0488 029 788

NTSA Open Futures

- Bruce Reid Sports Centre, St Philip's College | Starting February 9
- Mondays & Wednesdays, 6am
- Open to athletes aged 12+ from any sport who want to improve fitness and strength with a qualified Strength and Conditioning coach. Find out more or register: Northern Territory Sports Academy: ntsa.pathwaysservices@nt.gov.au

Propagation Workshop

- Alice Springs Desert Park Nursery | Every Friday in February, 8:30 – 10:00am
- Learn how to propagate native plants through hands-on nursery experience, with opportunities for future volunteering at Olive Pink.
- $50 donation (supports equipment upgrades and volunteer comfort).
- Limited spots available. Book now: https://www.givenow.com.au/event/314

Valentine's Day at Tali Restaurant

- Tali Restaurant | February 14, 6pm
- Celebrate love with a romantic three-course Valentine's Day dinner.

2025 CHAMPIONS: The Imparja Cup is set for February 20-24, 2026. The Desert Rats clebrate their 2025 Imparja Cup win. (Phil Williams)

- $90 per person (plus booking fee)*
- Includes a glass of sparkling wine on arrival.
- Menu highlights include Crispy Pork Belly, Grain-Fed Eye Fillet and Lemon Myrtle Crème Brûlee. Vegetarian menu available on request. Book now: https://www.stickytickets.com.au/JDWCP3

Valentine's Special

- Honeymoon Gap | February 14, 5:30 – 7:30pm
- A beginner-friendly watercolour painting class focused on romantic or platonic love. Paint each other as muses while learning light-hearted, art-school-approved drawing and painting techniques. Two-hour guided experience. More details available via Art Tours of Australia.

Sri Yantra Practice

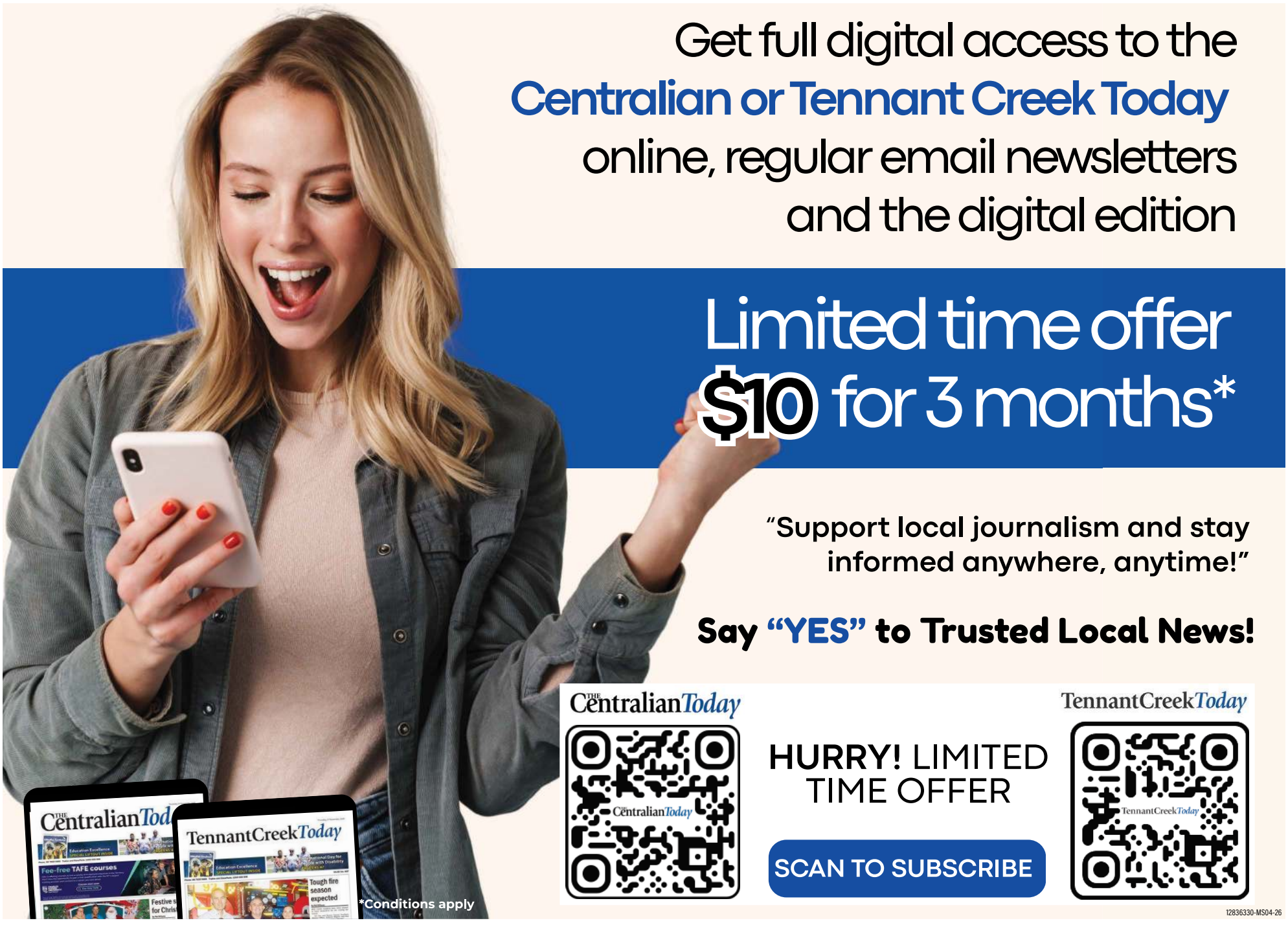
- Corkwood Collective, 205 Ross Highway | February 8, 9:30 – 11:30am
- A sacred practice offering a gentle yet powerful doorway into the infinite energy of the Sri Yantra — the source of flow, nourishment and luminous creation. Enquiries: Paulina – breatheconnectheal@gmail.com

Mixed Netball

- Pat Gallagher Netball Courts | February 16 – March 23 (Mondays)
- Six-round competition running from 6–8pm (times may vary depending on team numbers).
- Teams play two 20-minute matches per night with a break in between.
- Maximum 12 players per team. Registrations close Wednesday, February 11. Register here: https://forms.gle/W4XFjLCyjPUMmu9QA

Imparja Cup

- Friday, 20 February – Tuesday, 24 February 2026 | 12:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Australia's premier Indigenous cricket festival, celebrates its 33rd edition in 2026. It's a vibrant gathering of First Nations cricketers, families, and communities from across the Northern Territory and beyond.
- Registration is free and open to new and returning teams:
- https://www.ntcricket.com.au/diversity-inclusion/imparja-cup



ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL

February WHAT'S ON

@ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL

HERE'S WHAT ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL HAS TO OFFER THIS MONTH! MORE INFO ON OUR WEBSITE!

1 February

ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL

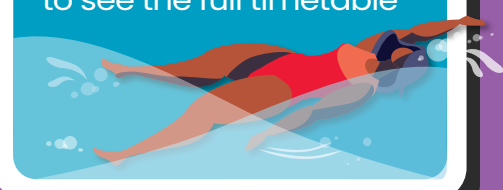
COMMUNITY GRANTS & EVENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMS

ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION
10am, Wednesday 11 February

All month!

HEALTH & WELLNESS @Alice Springs Town Council

There are heaps of great health and wellness programs at *Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre!* Pop in or visit ***alicesprings.nt.gov.au*** to see the full timetable



7 February

FREE WHITEGOODS DROPOFF DAY!

8am - 4pm

@RWMF, Commonage Rd.

Dispose of your unwanted whitegoods for free! Whitegoods must be empty and clean. One free item per person.

First Saturday of each month

14 February

Library Lovers Day

Happy Library Lovers Day! Pop in, find a good book, make something cool or just hang out.

Blind Date with a Book!

This Library Lover's Day, have blind date with a book! Pick up a wrapped book from the library. The only thing you'll know about it: the genre and the first line.

14 February

MULTI LINGUAL STORYTIME @ the Library

Punjabi 10.15am | Saturday

All month!

PIECES OF US @ THE LIBRARY

WE'RE MAKING A PUZZLE!

WANT TO DESIGN A PIECE?

Drop into the library to decorate your puzzle piece and contribute to this collaborative artwork!

27 February

ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL

LUNAR NEW YEAR Pop-up Park

27 FEBRUARY
COUNCIL LAWNS
5:00 - 8:00PM

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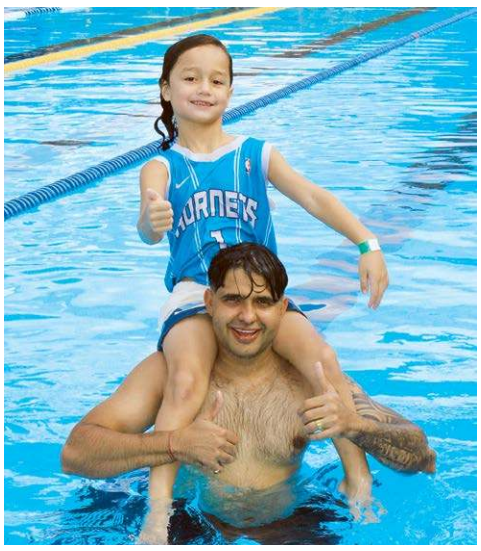
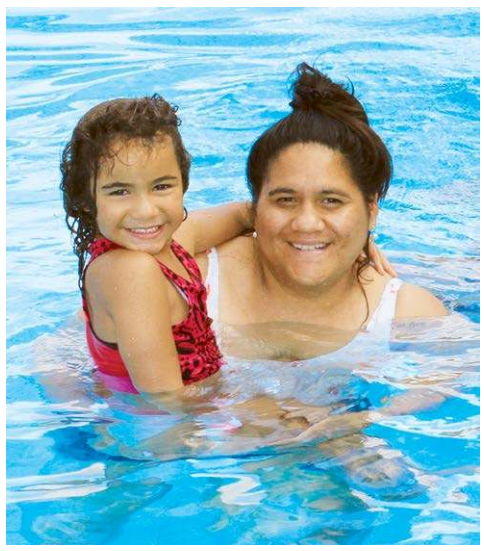


SHOULDERS: Nitin Kadyan and Cairo Tubou having som Oz Day fun at the pool.



COOL: Luna Prior and Jojo Herewini enjoying the pool Splash Party on Australia Day.

COOL: Lebron Walker cools down at the pool party.

Fun in the Oz Day sun

By Phil Williams

WITH numerous ways to stay cool it was party time in Alice on Australia Day.

Big numbers took to the pool for the Council's free Splash Party.

Others cooled their heels at the convention centre for the themed party on ice.

CHILLING: Jesse Jericho chilling out from the Australia Day heat at the ice skating rink.

GIRLS: Christa Lingen, Zhavia Tupou and Willow Prior having some fun in the sun. I. (Phil Williams)

ICE TIME: Billie and Macry Anderson take to the ice on Australia Day.

BOMB: Tuori Tupou bombs in to the pool on Australia Day.

LEAP: Dimitri Kadyan leaps off the blocks at the Oz Day Splash Party.

PARTY: Renee and Neddy Miller at the Splash Party.

SPLASH DOWN: Matayo Tupou, Dimitri Kadyan and Arjay Prior make a splash on Australia Day.

MATES: Matayo Tupou, Dimitri Kadyan, Arjay Prior, Tuori Tupou and Antonio Wilson at the pool Splash Party.

SKATES: Ella Jericho takes to ice on Australia Day.

Woolies out of Yeppies

By Phil Williams

DESPITE Yeperenye general manager Owen Cole emphatically saying last year that he believed supermarket giant, Woolworths would be staying in the redeveloped Yeperenye Shopping Centre, he confirmed in a statement on 27 January that the Fresh Food People would be moving out at the end of the current lease.

At a Community at Sunset event held on the rooftop carpark of the shopping centre in October, Mr Cole said Woolies had been with the shopping centre for 'forever'

"All I can tell you, is Woolworths, they've been on this journey with us since forever.

"We're not about to let them go," Mr Cole said, as he outlined the plans and showed off concept designs for a multi million dollar upgrade of the centre which includes an unlicensed restaurant.

After pointing out where the supermarket's click and collect bay would be located, Mr Cole declared his wish for the supermarket giant to remain at the centre.

"I can tell you that they've got a lease with us. It's still got a fair term in it and we're going to be talking to Woolworths about staying on at Yeperenye and continuing with us (on) this journey.

"If that changes, you'll be the first to know," Mr Cole said, prophetically.

Mr Coles wish has been denied and, after 40 years, Woolworths will be moving from the Bath Street Shopping Centre and will relocate to a brand new space in the upgraded Alice Plaza in 2028.

As part of its massive upgrade, Yeperenye Shopping Centre will feature a new supermarket tenant in its $27 million redevelopment plan following the withdrawl of Woolworths.

FRESH START: Woolworths will disappear from Yeperenye Shopping Centre at the end of the supermarket's current lease. (Phil Williams: 531014)

Mr Cole said it paves the way for Yeperenye to attract a new operator to the Alice Springs market.

The new supermarket tenant will take centre stage in the proposed redevelopment, which features a four-level car park with more than 200 parking bays as well as a new loading dock and click-and-collect facilities.

The plan also contemplates serviced office space on the third level of the building plus a new family friendly rooftop restaurant with local joint venture involvement.

"We'd like to thank Woolworths for their fantastic support over the past four decades. They have been integral to the success of Yeperenye Shopping Centre, and we are looking forward to continuing our great working relationship over the next two years, Mr Cole said.

"In the meantime, we are tremendously excited about the opportunity to completely refresh our supermarket offering as part of our $27 million redevelopment and add a new player to the Alice Springs market.

DIFFERENT: Yeperenye will look different when he Woolworths branding disappears at the end of the supermarket's current lease. (531014)

"The performance metrics of our centre are undeniable. We are the number one shopping centre in Alice Springs by some distance, and we know this opportunity will be extremely attractive to major operators.

"We now have the ability to consider some of the leading retailers in Australia and we'll use our expertise to match that to the needs of the community, Mr Cole said.

"Bringing another quality supermarket to the market will increase diversity, choice and competitiveness and that can only be for the betterment of Alice Springs."

Yeperenye expects to confirm the new supermarket operator within the next 12 months.

Construction of the redevelopment is anticipated to be completed late 2027 with Woolworths relocating to Alice Plaza at the end of its lease in February 2028.

PUZZLES

SUDOKU

No. 275

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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medium

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hard

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easy

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medium

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hard

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4	9	5	3	6	1	2	7	8

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QUICK CROSSWORD

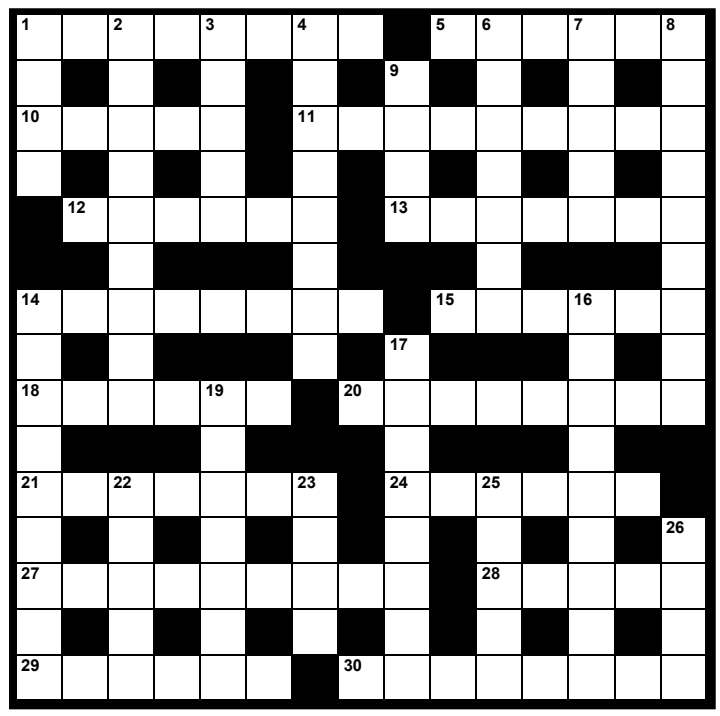
No. 275

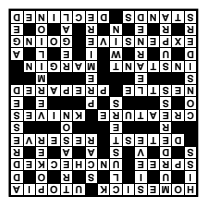
ACROSS

1 Unhappy to be away from residence (8)
5 Perfect state (6)
10 Binge (5)
11 Unexamined (9)
12 Hate (6)
13 Save (7)
14 Animal (8)
15 Blades (6)
18 Settle cosily (6)
20 Ready (8)
21 On the spot (7)
24 Edge (6)
27 Dear (9)
28 Departing (5)
29 Platforms (6)
30 Decreased (8)

DOWN

1 Sibilate (4)
2 Female killer (9)
3 Sifting implement (5)
4 Bunches (8)
6 Sedition (7)
7 Metal rod for stirring a fire (5)
8 Greeted (9)
9 Cicatrice (4)
14 Reflects upon (9)
16 Cinnabar pigment (9)
17 First showing of a movie (8)
19 Well-educated (7)
22 Prefix meaning above (5)
23 Doppelganger (4)
25 Royal (5)
26 Old (4)





DECODER

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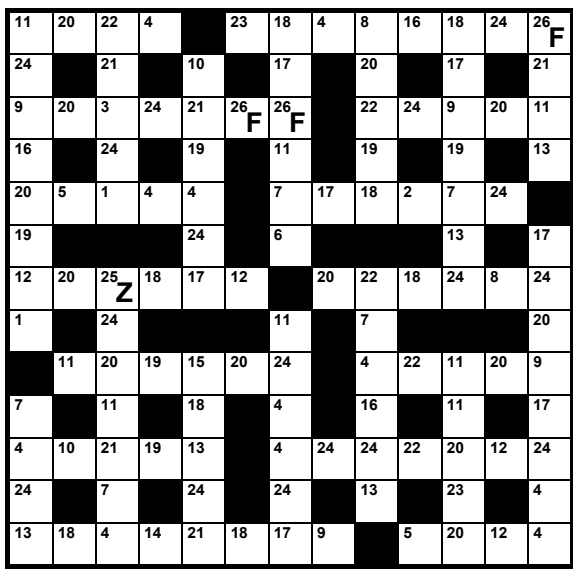

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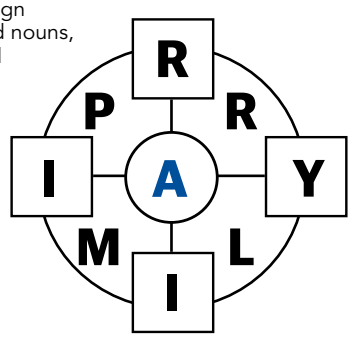
9-LETTER WORD

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. 275

3 LETTERS
AGE
CAT
CUR
DUE
EKE
ERA
EVE
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FRY
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4 LETTERS
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5 LETTERS
ADULT
AGENT
AMASS
AMONG
ARENA
ARSON
AWARE
AWOKE
BLIPS
BRAID
BUGLE
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CATER
CEDES
DELTA
ENSUE
ERRED
GATES
LEARN
LEASE
LIVED
MELON
MOSSY
OPTED
OVALS
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PALES
PEEVE
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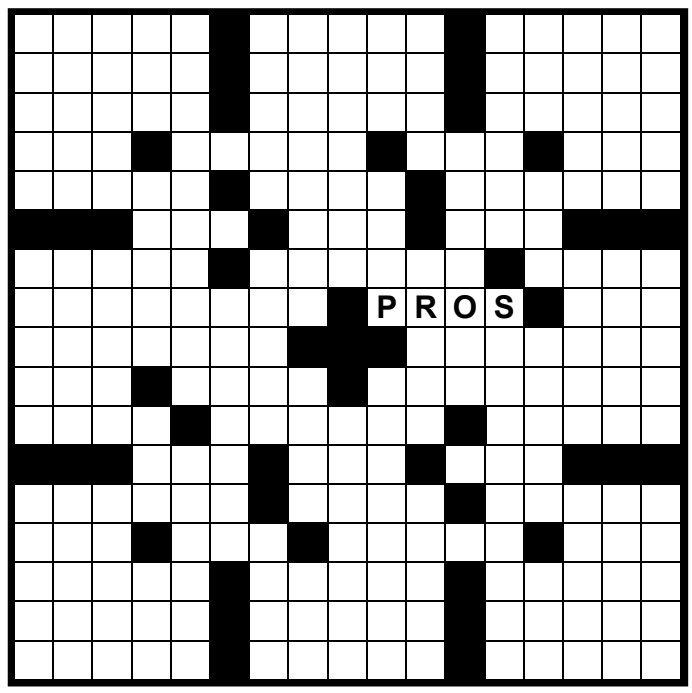
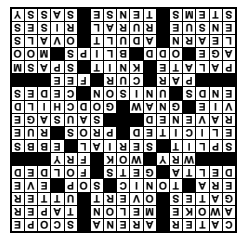


6 LETTERS
ATONES
FOLDED
PALATE
SERIAL
STUPOR
UNISON

7 LETTERS
ELECTOR
OFFLOAD
RAVENED
SAUSAGE
SUNBURN
TENURED

8 LETTERS
ELICITED
GODCHILD
GORILLAS
REVIEWED

10 LETTERS
RESTARTING
SUCCESSORS



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5x5

No. 382

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

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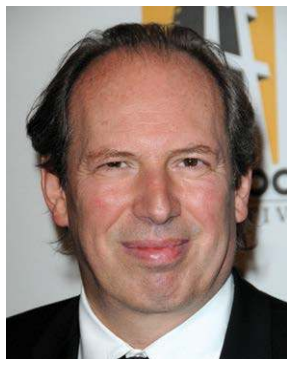
QUICK QUIZ



1 What is the largest country in South America by area?
2 On what planet would you find the largest volcano in the solar system?
3 In Jonathan Swift's novel *Gulliver's Travels*, what is Gulliver's first name?
4 In what city was the band U2 formed?
5 In French folklore, who does Père Fouettard (Father Whipper) accompany?
6 What is rum distilled from?
7 Who was the first person to win the Nobel Prize twice?
8 What was the last novel completed by Charles Dickens?
9 Hans Zimmer (pictured) is best known for his work in what area of filmmaking?
10 In the 1967 film *Cool Hand Luke*, Paul Newman's character accepted a challenge to eat 50 what?

ANSWERS: 1. Brazil **2.** Mars **3.** Lemuel **4.** Dublin **5.** St. Nicholas **6.** Cane sugar **7.** Marie Curie **8.** *Our Mutual Friend* **9.** Music composition **10.** Boiled eggs

HOROSCOPE by Lilith

Week beginning 8th February

Your week ahead

The zodiac invites you to extend this week's big red heart day beyond the strictly romantic via some inspiring love talk from fellow star signs …

ARIES
(Mar 21 - Apr 20)

You can either practice being right or practice being kind. It's about choosing to believe this one thing, that love is bigger than any grim, bleak sh_t anyone can throw at us. Love gives us a shot at becoming the person we were born to be.
Anne Lamott, Aries author
Best day: Wednesday 11 February

TAURUS
(Apr 21 - May 20)

In nature I find grace tangled in a rapture with violence; I find an intricate landscape whose forms are fringed in death; I find mystery, newness, and a kind of exuberant, spendthrift energy in the world's water and weather, the world's nourishment freely given, its soil and sap.
Annie Dillard, Tauran author
Best day: Saturday 14 February

GEMINI
(May 21 - Jun 21)

God help us to live slowly. To move simply. To look softly. To allow emptiness. To let the heart create for us. Love one another and you will be happy. It's as simple and difficult as that. There is no other way.
Michael Leunig, Gemini artist/social commentator
Best day: Tuesday 10 February

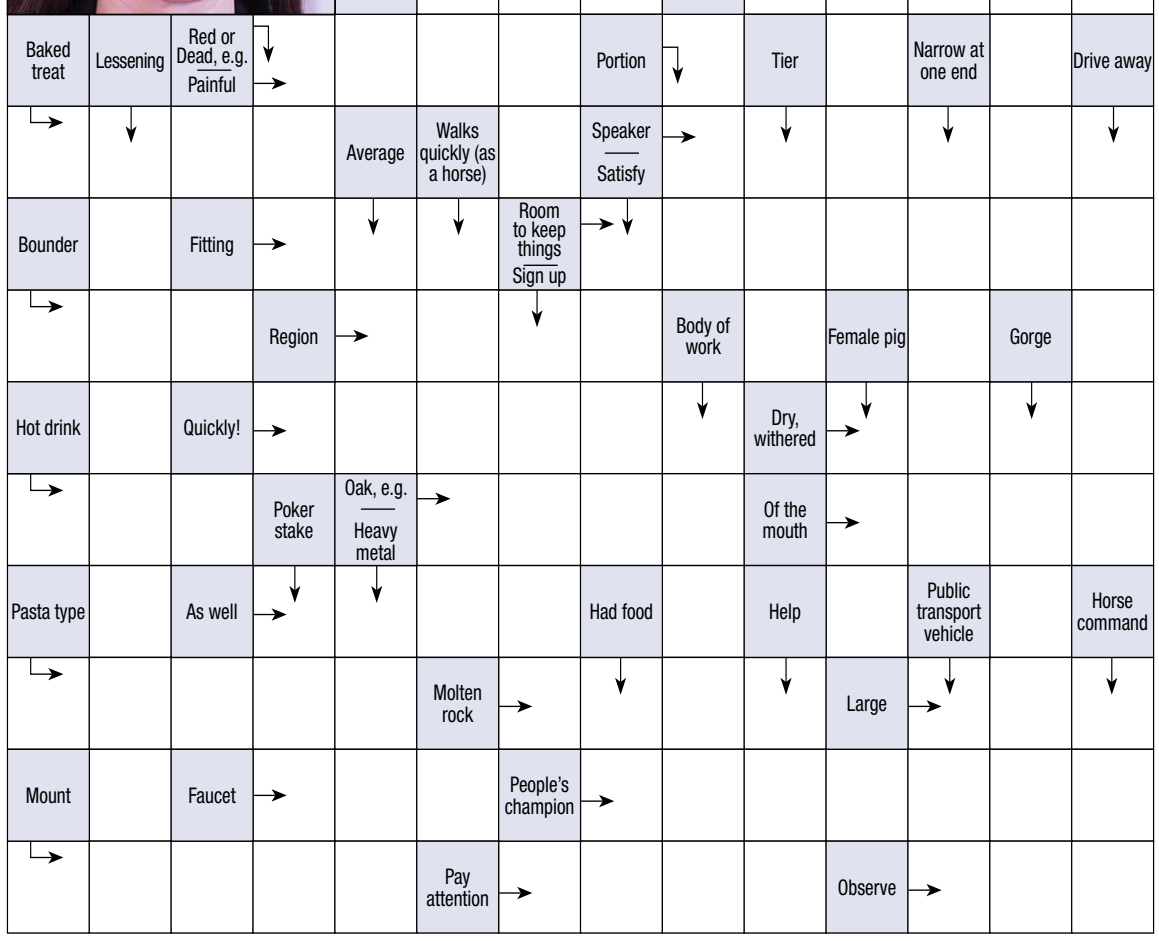
CANCER
(Jun 22 - Jul 22)

To be loved is a great privilege. Pause regularly to bask in the knowledge that there are people out there who care for you and want you to thrive and hold you in their thoughts with fondness. Animals, too: you've been the recipient of their boundless affection.
Rob Brezsny, Cancerian astrologer
Best day: Monday 9 February

LEO
(Jul 23 - Aug 23)

I am happier when I love than when I am loved. I adore my husband, my son, my grandchildren, my mother, my dog, and frankly, I don't know if they even like me. But who cares? Loving them is my joy. Love exists, nothing else matters.
Isabel Allende, Leo writer
Best day: Thursday 12 February

ARROW WORDS



VIRGO
(Aug 24 - Sep 22)

Lean back and be loved by all that is already loving you. It is your effort at love that is preventing you from experiencing it. So come my friends, be not afraid, we are so lightly here. It is in love that we are made, in love we disappear.
Leonard Cohen, Virgo poet
Best day: Saturday 14 February

LIBRA
(Sep 23 - Oct 23)

To love oneself is the beginning of a lifelong romance. Keep love in your heart. It takes a great deal of courage to see the world in all its tainted glory, and to still love it. Always forgive your enemies - nothing annoys them so much.
Oscar Wilde, Libran author
Best day: Wednesday 11 February

SCORPIO
(Oct 24 - Nov 22)

Love is where you find it. There is love enough in this world for everybody, if people will just look. I am proof of that. I have had some experiences with love; the ones I have liked best could easily be described as 'common decency'.
Kurt Vonnegut, Scorpio author
Best day: Sunday 8 February

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov 23 - Dec 21)

I think the kind of landscape you grew up in, it lives with you… You may love a building, but I don't think that you can love it in the way that you love a tree or a river or the colour of the earth; it's a different kind of love.
Arundhati Roy, Sagittarian writer
Best day: Tuesday 10 February

CAPRICORN
(Dec 22 - Jan 20)

When the heart is ready for a fresh beginning, unforeseen things can emerge. Beginnings are new horizons that want to be seen. Somehow they win clearance and become fiercely free of the grip of the past. What is the new horizon in you that wants to be seen?
John O'Donohue, Capricorn poet
Best day: Friday 13 February

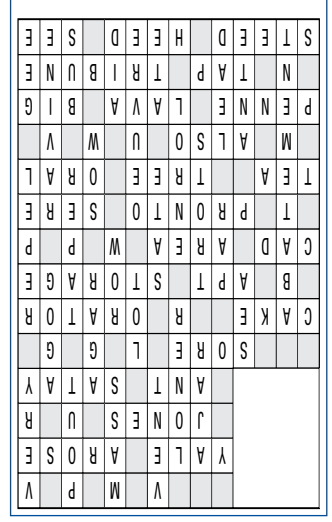
AQUARIUS
(Jan 21 - Feb 18)

During my years of being engaged in changing the world I have seen fear turn into courage. Sorrow into joy. Funerals into celebrations. Because whatever the consequences, people, standing side by side, have expressed that they believe in the love of the world and each other.
Alice Walker, Aquarian writer
Best day: Friday 13 February

PISCES
(Feb 19 - Mar 20)

The only transformer and alchemist that turns everything into gold is love. The only magic against death, aging, ordinary life, is love. And you don't find love, it finds you. It's got a little bit to do with destiny, fate, and what's written in the stars.
Anais Nin, Pisces writer
Best day: Monday 9 February

SOLUTION



Runners fly the flag

By Phil Williams

AUSTRALIAN Flags and various interpretations of a national costume were on show as locals displayed their pride in the annual Australia Day Fun Run.

The Centralian Today was there to record the fun and antics of the 26 January tradition.

1: PATRIOTIC: Samantha Pearson decked out in green and gold and the Aussie flag was all smiles. (Phil Williams: 531661)

2: TRIO A trio of runners in good spirits early in the run.

3: PLAYFUL: Runners were in playful mood in the early stages of the run.

4: AUSTRALIA: A pair of runners enjoying the early morning event.

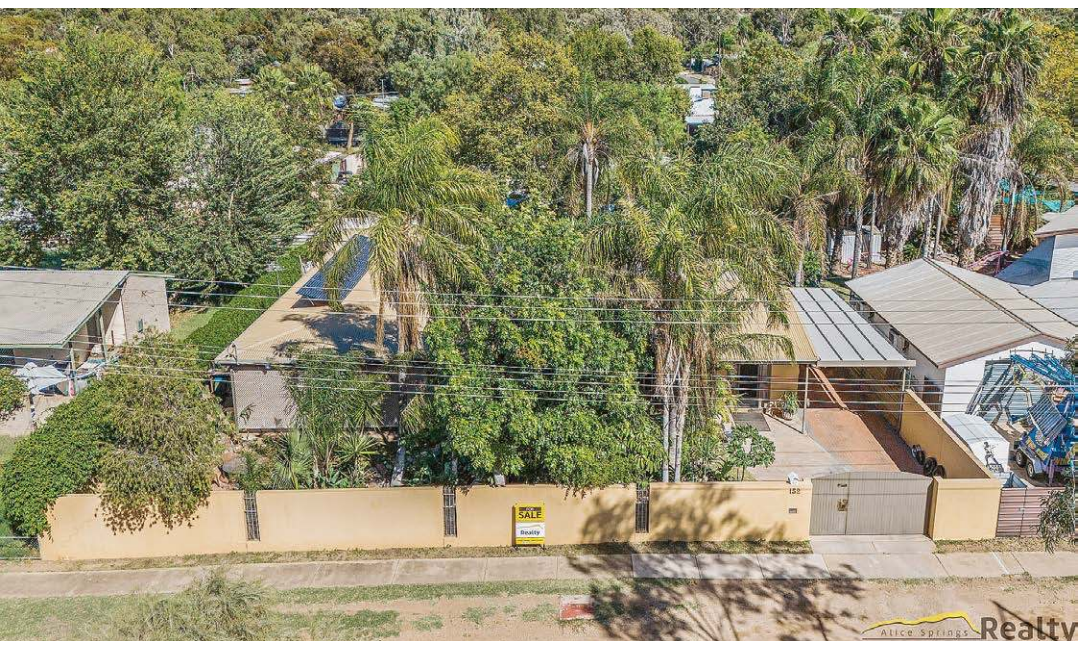
5: FAMILY TIME: Josh Burgoyne with his daughter Lilly enjoying the early morning run.

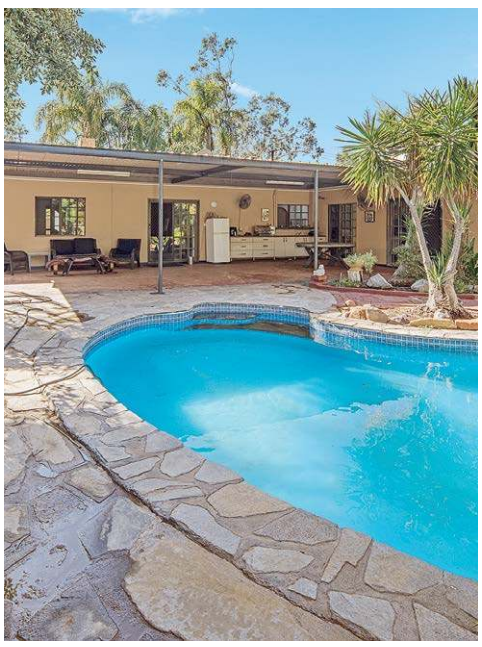
6: PRIZE WINNERS: Fun Run prize winners celebrate after receiving their certificates.

7: DRESS UPS: A giant rabbit attracted plenty of attention during the fun run.

8: OUT FRONT: Magnus Brandt on his way to being the first to finish the Australia Day Fun Run.

9: BIKES: Riders, walkers and runners all took part in the Australia Day Fun Run.





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Elizabeth (Betty)

Betty passed away quietly in Alice Springs on 21st January aged 98 years.

Beloved wife of the late Peter, adored mum to Phillip and Chris, Helen and Roger, loved grandma of 5 and great-grandma of 12.

Betty will be privately cremated and a memorial service is to be held in Alice Springs at a later date.

In accordance with Betty's wishes to be buried with Peter, her ashes will be taken to Adelaide in early March where she will be interred with Peter; date to be advised.

Reunited with Dad.
R.I.P.

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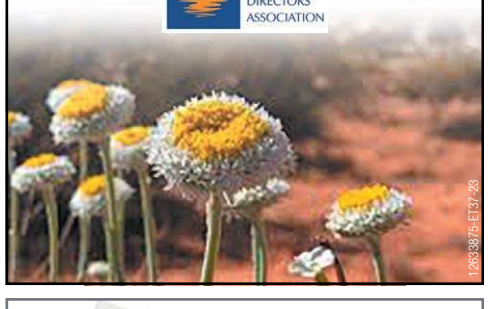

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OPINION

Skewed view

THE apocalypse is upon us. The mayor is revolting (insert preferred meaning here).

Mayor Asta Hill's decision not to participate in the citizenship ceremony on 26 January seems to have set Facebook groups and a single local member's hair ablaze in a "tidal wave of backlash", according to Phil Williams (Today 29 January).

The mayor did not appear at a particular council event and should therefore resign, be sacked or even tarred and feathered.

The case seems simple enough: The mayor chose to delegate the mayoral responsibility of presiding over the citizenship ceremony to the deputy mayor.

Can she do that?

Answer: Yes. As stated in the Local Government Act 2019: "...the role of the deputy principal member [deputy mayor] of a council is to carry out any of the principal member's [mayor's] functions when the principal member (a) delegates responsibility to the deputy..."

So what's the problem?

Is the problem that the mayor is forcing her views on the public? No.

The citizenship ceremony - which the mayor's proposal of moving to another date was voted down by council - continued as intended with the deputy mayor presiding, and the mayor noted in the council meeting on 27 January that she did an excellent job.

The problem is that the agony aunts on Facebook are forcing their views on 26 January on the mayor.

As much as they may want all elected politicians to be involved in celebrating a day when around half their constituents are in mourning, the mayor is under no compulsion to do so.

It's rather amusing seeing people cheer on Pauline Hanson for going against the grain, but they don't seem quite so ecstatic when an elected member does it in a matter for which they don't agree.

Finally, Mr Williams, Facebook groups are not an accurate representation of the sentiment in our town, as evidenced by the turnout of the mayor's supporters at the council meeting on 27 January.

Please leave "people are saying" articles to journalist impressionists like Tucker Carlson and Peta Credlin.

Matthew Owen,
Larapinta

Support for Mayor Asta

I'M just at the library reading your paper. I have an issue with the headings "Mayoral snub a 'disgrace' ", thankfully your article included one paragraph saying that the mayor does have some supporters.

I'd love to see a less biased article - Asta received quite a bit of support for her decision to not participate in Australia Day duties and activities.

I hope this coming week's newspaper includes multiple paragraphs about the support she received at the most recent meeting.

I ask that your paper could perhaps offer less biased news, or avoid biased click site headings.

Could I suggest "Mayor boycotts controversial day of celebration".

Kate Emery

Uncomfortable truths

I AM calling for councilors Asta Hill and Aia Newport to resign.

Both assured the community that their personal political views would not influence their roles on the Alice Springs Town Council.

Yet at their very first meeting, they attempted to change the date of Australia Day, referring to it as "Invasion Day."

Asta and Aia — who exactly threw the first spear? Were either of you there?

The referendum on The Voice was rejected by the majority of Australians.

We are a multicultural nation, and we cannot rewrite history. We can only move forward together.

Consider the Stolen Generations.

Have you ever asked yourselves why some removals occurred?

In many cases, it was to protect vulnerable Aboriginal children from abuse and neglect.

These are uncomfortable truths, but they matter.

Yet our Mayor chooses to portray Alice Springs as a place defined by "entrenched impacts of colonisation and systemic inequities contributing to alcohol-related harm".

What a grossly negative and unbalanced view of our town.

If I were in charge, the focus would not be on restricting venues from serving full-strength alcohol.

The real issue is the lack of meaningful engagement and responsibility.

Why are so many fit, able-bodied young Aboriginal men lining up for a beer at the Todd Tavern the moment it opens, seven days a week, instead of participating in work-for-the-dole, training, apprenticeships, or community programs?

How is this cycle helping anyone — them, their families, or the community?

Until we confront these issues honestly, nothing will change.

Blaming venues or rewriting national history will not fix the problems we face daily in Alice Springs.

Fairness means the same expectations for everyone, and real solutions require courage — not political theatre.

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CLOSE CALL: A rider has a close call after a sketchy landing off the top of Big Red.

TRIBUTE: A junior rider streaks past the memorial to Damon Stokie.

CLOUD: Junior riders get lost in a cloud of dust as the leaders race to the first corner.

Brutal conditions for enduro

By Phil Williams

RIDERS in the 48th Deep Well enduro had to endure brutal conditions as the the mercury soared north of 40 degrees in the shade on Sunday 25 January.

At one point, the temperature of the sand at the Big Red dune was measure at 72 degrees, or 161 in the old money.

The heat radiating off the red sand was intense.

Back in the pits, riders were doing all they could to keep their core temperature to a minimum before their next ride with some taking ice baths or hiding under wet towels. Any respite from the heat was a welcome relief.

It was almost as big a challenge as completing four laps of the nine kilometre course.

The annual Australia Day Long weekend event saw several riders from across the nation take part as they prepare for June's mile stone 50th Finke Desert Race.

Deep Well's reputation as one of Australia's hardest races, testing riders in hot, dusty, and rough conditions is well deserved.

Each round of four laps of the demanding course with its high and steep dunes, deep sand drifts, flowing tracks and fast clay pans became tougher as fatigue took its toll on the riders..

Ten classes from 85cc Small Wheel to Women, Masters and Pro Riders battled the elements as they fought for the Deep Well Enduro Crown.

Just crossing the finish line is a significant achievement and 2026 was no exception.

SCRAMBLE: Senior riders make a dash for the first corner at the start of their first race. (Phil Williams)

BERM: A rider makes his way through a corner early in the day.

ROOSTER TAIL: A rider kicks up a rooster taiil of dust as he crests the top of Big Red.

CAUTION: A rider mkes the descent after topping Big Red.

MONO: A rider lifts his front whell on the descent off Big Red.

DANGER: A rider stands on the pegs for a look at the descent off Big Red.

ORBIT: A rider seemingly suspended in orbit as he flies off the top of Big Red.

STRUGGLE: A rider struggles to hold on after getting caught in deep sand.

Bowlers not deterred

By Phil Williams

JASON Hemmings came out on top by the narrowest of margins after a brave 11 bowlers defied the searing heat at Alice Springs Golf Club on 24 January.

Starting early to beat the forecast 40 plus heat, play was changed from it's regular north-south configuration to the east-west direction used for Thursday night social play due to some work earlier in the week to locate a problem with the green's reticulation system.

In a close finish Hemmings won the day with by a single shot taking two wins and 10 shots up, ahead of David Gould with two wins and nine shots up.

Newcomer Michael Hook sent a scare through the camp to claim third spot, taking two wins and six shots up.

In the deciding end of his second match, Geoff Stace took the play of the day by rolling three jack touches, taking three shots to win the end and the match.

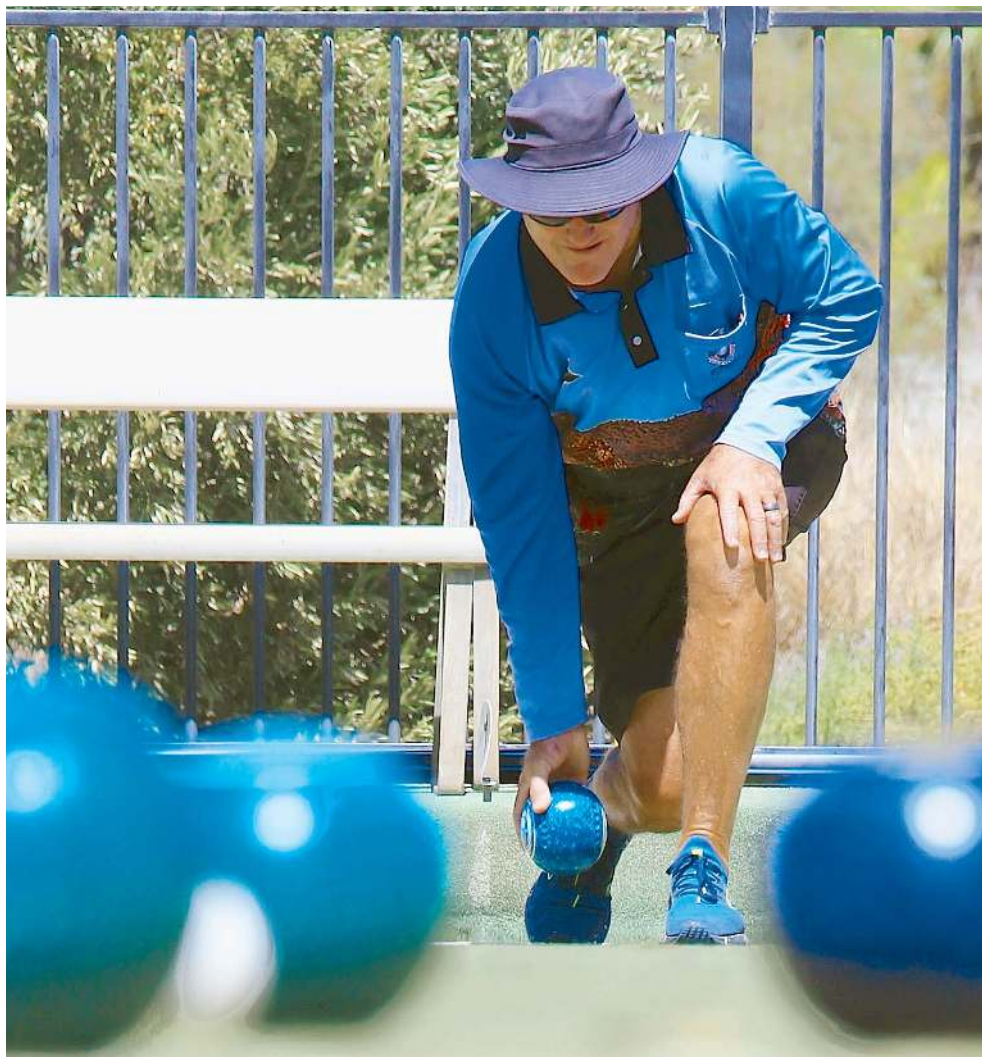
In the lead up to this years Masters Games and supported by the Mbantua Gallery, the ASBC have recently launched the inaugural Festival of Bowls to be held from June 20-28.

With a prize pool of $2500 entries are limited and are now open on Bowlslink via the App or through the NT Bowls website.

Lawn bowls at ASGC is open to everyone with roll ups on Saturday, Sunday and Thursday mornings.

DOWN AND UP: Peter Mifsud and Geoff Stace relay the result. (530473)

NEWCOMER: Michael Hook starred to take third spot. (530473)



DIFFICULT: Pat Coburn has a challenge to make shot with the jack hidden. (PHIL WILLIAMS: 530473)

CLOSE EYE: Charlie Gamon watches as his bowl approaches the head. (530473)

PLAY OF THE DAY: Geoff Stace stole the PoD with three jack touches to win his final match. (530473)

MEASURE: Jen Ashenden brings out the tape to determine who claims the shot.

BACKGROUND: Mt Gillen provides a stunning background as Micheal Hook rolls his shot down the green. (530473)

ASSESMENT: Players asses the score after an end. (530473)

RELEASE: Geoff Stace releases his shot. (530473)

Sonja Logan jumps for joy after riding her second consecutive treble at Pioneer Park in November 2023. This photo, taken by club photographer Nikki Westover, won a South Australian Country Press Award.

Jockey faces another fight

THE renowned resilience of jockey Sonja Logan – a favourite at Pioneer Park – is again being tested.

Logan survived a violent bashing and carjacking incident a few years ago, working her way back into the saddle.

Now she faces a similar challenge after being rolled on by her favourite horse at Darwin races on 9 January.

Logan was riding Jumping Power Two – trained by her husband Tommy Logan – when it was spooked at the barriers and landed on her, breaking her pelvis.

She was rushed to Adelaide for surgery and was told she was lucky to have survived the incident.

"I'm probably very lucky to be alive," Logan told Racenet reporter Ben Dorries.

"Even if I did die, I guess I would have died doing something I loved.

"I love this horse and I know he wouldn't intentionally try to hurt me, it was just bad luck.

"The medical people haven't put much of a time frame on when I will be able to return to riding, but I'd say it's going to be at least six months.

"But, then again, I'm as stubborn as hell."

Logan hopes to be back in the saddle for the big Darwin Cup meeting in August.

HOWZAT: The field turns for home at the top of the straight in race two won by Throw At Da Stumps for trainer Kerry Petrick.

Petrick's fantastic four at Pioneer Park

TRAINER Kerry Petrick dominated the Alice Springs Turf Club meeting at Pioneer Park on Saturday 24 January.

Petrick saddled up the winners of four of the six races. She quinellaed the second race and got the trifecta in the last race.

She was always going to have a big hand in proceedings, saddling up 16 of the 42 runners on the day.

It didn't get off to a great start, with Bahama Boy and Great Gust filling the placings behind the Greg Connor-trained Big Boy in the first race.

Then came the quinella in the second race with Throw At Da Stumps beating Black Zous and Petrick runners were first, third and fourth in the third race, won by Buckleup Buddy.

The stable didn't saddle up a runner in the fourth race and again finished first, third and fourth in the fifth race, won by Dolce D'Amour.

Princess Pancakes beat stablemates Magic Defense and Matron Samsing in the last race to round out a very successful day.

HOME STRAIGHT: The field heads down the home straigh in the second race in Alice Springs. (PHIL WILLIAMS 531163)

TIGHT: A tightly packed field turns for home in the second race at Alice Springs on January 24. (PHIL WILLIAMS 531163)

BIG: Boy Big, ridden by Paul Denton, hits the line ahead of the Kerry Petrick pair Bahama Bay and Great Gust in the first race at Alice Springs on 24 January. (PHIL WILLIAMS 531163)

Punters brave the heat at Pioneer Park

By Phil Williams

DESPITE the stifling summer heat, a few diehard punters were on hand to see Kerry Petrick train the lions share of winners at Pioneer Park on 24 January.

Her feat included a quinella in race two on the card.

GALLOPS: Tanya and David Trace enjoying a day at the gallops.

PLATTER: Stephen and Maxine Baloban with Louise Daniel, Shelly Beattie and David Daniel sharing a platter at the races. (Nicole Walsh/Astc)

TRAINER: Kerry Petrick with Cohen Caddies in between races at Pioneer Park.

CLASSIC: A Feds player takes a spectacular diving catch sending Nicholas White back to the shed. (Phil Williams: 531643)

CELEBRATE: Feds players celebrate the wicket of Ben Ellis for a first ball duck. (531643)

NOT OUT: Feds keeper Oscar Jaques-Ball breaks the stumps as the ball flies over his head. (531643)

Rovers dispatch Feds

By Phil Williams

ROVERS had a comfortable three wicket win over Federal in their opening A Grade T20 clash at Albrecht oval on 24 January.

Batting first after winning the toss, Rovers made a solid start.

Travis King was the first to go when he was caught with the score on 38.

Ben Ellis spent longer walking to and from the crease than he did facing the Rovers attack, after he was trapped in front first ball.

Nicholas White and Lucas Nitschke steadied the innings before White fell for a well compiled 35.

White's loss started a mini collapse and Rovers lost 3/17 due some superb Feds fielding.

Toby Van Holstyn claimed two stellar outfield catches to dismiss Nitschke and Dillon Measures to put the brakes on the Rovers as they went about building a decent target.

Soon after Sam Rumpff had Jake Morton heading back to the shed after taking a catch deep on the boundary off the bowling of Doug McClure with the score on 114.

Harry Weeks who top scored with 41 not out and Graham Schmidt combined for a 33 run partnership in the dying overs with Schmidt falling for 11, caught in the deep on the final delivery of the innings.

Best of the bowlers was McClure with 3/23 from his four overs.

Federal's run chase started well, advancing to 32 before Oly Lee-Young offered up a chance to Thomas MacAllister who snapped up the opportunity off the bowling of Nitschke.

Oscar Jaques-Ball fell with the score at 52 and Senura Senerathne headed back to the pavilion with the score on 70 after edging to 'keeper Jack McGregor.

With wickets still in the shed, Feds were looking solid before two wickets in the 12th over changed the game as Finley Wilson and Sam Rumpff fell in consecutive deliveries.

The Feds innings totally collapsed after the loss of their sixth wicket for 94 which set off a stunning collapse.

The Reds lost their last five wickets in less than three overs.

The remaining middle order and tail could only add nine runs to the total and their innings closed with the score on 103, 44 runs short and with 1.4 overs left to face.

Jaques-Ball's solid contribution of 35 from 28 deliveries was the best of the batting as only two others, were able to break into double figures.

Rhett Souter did most of the damage for Rovers with 3/8 from three overs, backed up by White, whose 3/19 from four overs added to Federal's woes.

CUT: Oscar Jaques-Ball looks on as the ball races away of Lucas Nitschke cut shot. (531643)

RAMP: Lucas Nitschke sends the ball to the fence off a well placed ramp shot. (531643)

GOT HIM: Doug McClure and Toby Van Holsteyn come together after a Rovers wicket. (531643)

BOUNDARY: Graham Schmidt sends the ball to the boundary. (531643)

SET: Sam Rumpff in good position to complete a catch on the boundary. (531643)

SWING: Nicholas White allmost loses teh bat as he takes a big swing at a loose delivery. (531643)

CRAMPED: Nicholas White is cramped for room by a good length delivery.

RELEASE: Toby Van Holsteyn about to release the ball. (531643)

WHACK: Graham Schmidt sends a loose ball deep into the outfield. (531643)

NERVOUS: Lucas Nitschke looks on nervously as the ball just misses the stumps and the keeper's gloves before running away to the outfield. (531643)

CLUB: A Zingers batter gets low as she clubs the ball to the fence. (Phil Williams: 531881)

FOLLOW THROUGH: A Tenders bowler follows through to complete the delivery. (531881)

T20 is FLG for the Zingers

By Phil Williams

THE Alice Springs Women's Cricket post Christmas matches were off to a frying start with a T20 game at Flynn Oval on January 29.

Supported by sponsor KFC, Federal White and Rovers Works combined forces to become the Tenders playing in blue while Feds Red and Tigers merged as the Zingers, wearing a yellow kit.

Zingers took to the crease first and were off to a consistent start.

The opening pair, laid a solid foundation with an impressive stand of 71 before the first wicket fell.

The Zingers went on to bat out their 20 overs finishing with a score of 125.

Tenders were up for the challenge and came out firing in the chase for quick runs..

Opening batter, Vanessa took the long handle to the Zingers attack from the opening delivery.

She smashed the ball to all points of the ground, reaching the boundary five times in the over.

Her big hitting returned 24 runs in the opening over, with three sixes and a single boundary spring boarding the yellows hunt for runs.

She eventually retired after setting up the chase by belting a quickfire 52.

The Tenders were hot to trot and despite losing a cluster of wickets which gave the Zingers a sniff of a win, they caught their opponents total with one wicket to spare.

AWKWARD: A Zingers batter gets herself into an awkward position aftet being hit with the ball. (531881)

DELIVERY: A Tenders bowler in ful flight. (531881)

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Tennant Creek:
Partly cloudy. High chance of showers. The chance of a thunderstorm in the afternoon. Light winds becoming easterly 15 to 20 km/h during the morning then becoming light during the evening. 23/31
Friday. Shower or two. Possible storm. 23/30
Hermannsburg:
Shower or two. 23/35
Friday. Showers. Possible storm. 22/34
Santa Teresa:
Shower or two. 23/36
Friday. Shower or two. Possible storm. 22/34
Ross River:
Shower or two. Possible storm. 21/36
Friday. Showers. Possible storm. 21/35
Uluru:
Possible shower. 25/37
Friday. Shower or two. Possible storm. 25/35
Darwin:
Partly cloudy. High chance of showers, most likely in the morning and afternoon. A thunderstorm likely in the afternoon and evening. Light winds.
Friday. Partly cloudy. High chance of showers. A thunderstorm likely. Light winds.
Northern Territory:
A medium to high chance of showers and storms throughout the Northern Territory. Light to moderate northwesterly winds in the Top End tending moderate northeast to southeasterly winds elsewhere.

ALICE SPRINGS FORECAST

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Shower or two. **35**	Showers. Possible storm. **34**	Shower or two. Possible storm. **31**	Shower or two. Possible storm. **32**

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

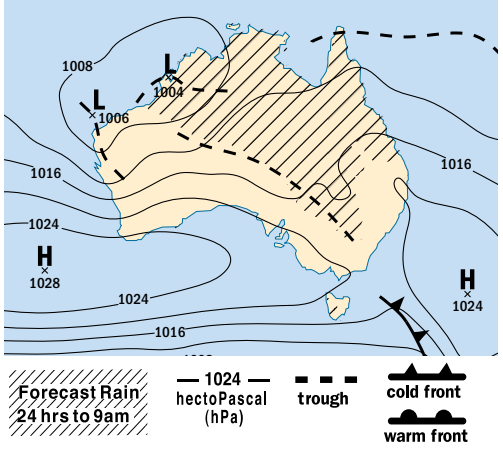
CAPITAL CITIES

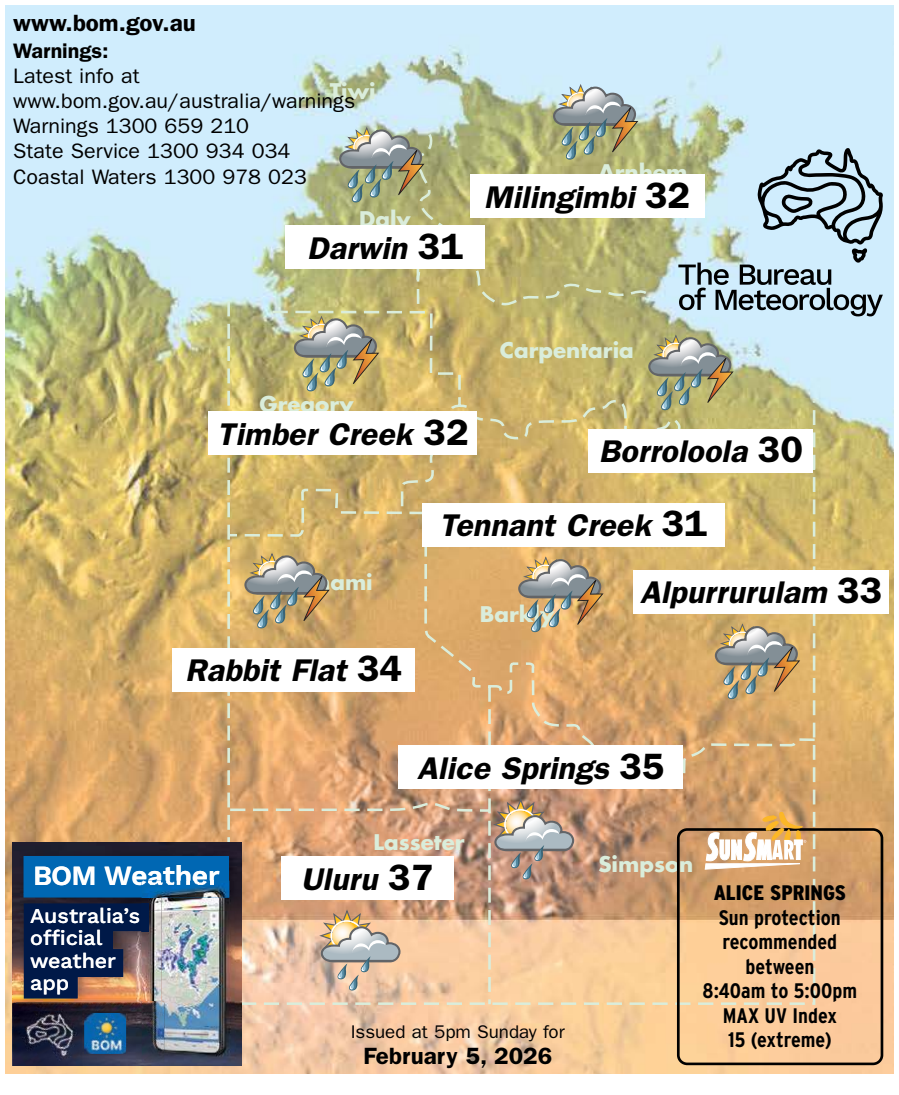
City	Condition	Max
Adelaide	Mostly sunny.	31
Brisbane	Cloud clearing.	30
Canberra	Partly cloudy.	35
Darwin	Showers. Storm developing.	31
Hobart	Cloudy.	21
Melbourne	Cloudy.	23
Perth	Sunny.	35
Sydney	Mostly sunny.	31

SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	6:15am	7:22pm	8:58pm	8:14am
Thursday	6:16am	7:21pm	9:30pm	9:10am
Friday	6:16am	7:20pm	10:01pm	10:04am
Saturday	6:17am	7:20pm	10:33pm	10:58am
Sunday	6:18am	7:19pm	11:07pm	11:51am
Monday	6:18am	7:19pm	11:44pm	12:45pm
Tuesday	6:19am	7:18pm	Nil	1:40pm

THURSDAY 10AM





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A scorcher!

By Phil Williams

THE mercury soared north of 40 degrees in the shade on Sunday 25 January as riders in the 48th Deep Well enduro endured the brutality of the Central Australian Desert. The temperature of the sand at the Big Red dune was measure at 72 degrees, or 161 in the old money in the middle of the day

Any respite from the heat was a welcome relief and staying cool was almost as big a challenge as completing four laps of the nine kilometre course.

The annual Australia Day Long weekend event saw several riders from across the nation take part as they prepare for June's mile stone 50th Finke Desert Race. Deep Well's reputation as one of Australia's hardest races, testing riders in hot, dusty, and rough conditions is well deserved.

HANG TIME: spectators watch as a rider gets hang time coming off Big Red. (Phil Williams)

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