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A great snap!

THE new owners of The Alice Springs Reptile Centre thanked the town for its ongoing support by holding an open day last Saturday.

True to form, Terry, the Saltwater Crocodile put on a show during his feeding event, leaping from his pool to take pieces of steak dangled above the water. It is one of several experiences new owner Christabel Moschetti is introducing for visitors to take part in, making their visit to the centre more memorable.

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SNAP: The crowd is 'wowed' as Terry the Croc launches from the water to capture a piece of steak dangled above the water at the ASRC Open Day. (Phil Williams: 536216)

Better care

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Lunch grog clamp

By Gladys Barreta

THE Liquor Commission of the Northern Territory has made it mandatory for patrons to purchase a meal when buying a full-strength drink from Wednesday to Friday across 20 Alice Springs venues.

The licensing condition which came into effect last week, limits the sale of full-strength alcohol from 11.30am to 3pm.

Bona fide lodgers or paying guests staying

at licensed accommodation are exempt when liquor is supplied through a minibar or via room service.

It also exempts groups of at least four people who have ordered food to share, are consuming food on premises at a table or counter, and are seated while consuming full strength alcohol.

The Commission has also directed four venues to establish an on-premises identification system to determine whether a person is a banned drinker, subject to bail conditions, or under a court order relating

to domestic violence.

The decision was made after the Commission received 29 responses from almost all affected licensees in Alice Springs, as well as a range of service providers, business organisations, and individuals.

The Commission noted there were strongly contrasting views among the respondents.

The Commission's report said there was entrenched anti-social behavior in the Alice Springs CBD on weekday afternoons, much of

it linked to drinking at CBD venues.

It also found people who had been drinking contributed significantly to incidents at the Yeperenye Centre around the time takeaway outlets opened, particularly on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

The Commission also confirmed it would not conduct a public hearing, stating that the anticipated public and private costs would outweigh any potential benefits.

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OH WHAT A FEELING

Work begins on new oval

By Phil Williams

A popular oval in Sadadeen with a stunning backdrop of the East Macdonnell Ranges will soon look even better after receiving a long-awaited multi-million dollar upgrade

Following the injection of funding from the Alice Springs Town Council and the Federal Government, work officially began on the redevelopment of the oval with the turning of the first sod on Friday 20 February.

Paul Fitzsimons Oval commemorates Paul “Fizzer” Fitzsimons, a former educator, ABC sports broadcaster and much-loved figure in the Northern Territory.

Mr Fitzsimons was also an important member of the Federal Sporting Club and the oval was renamed in 2017 to honour his unique contribution to his beloved community.

Mayor Asta Hill and Member for Lingiari Marion Scrymgour were joined by Mr Fitzsimons’ wife, Linda, to officially break ground on the project, beginning work on the \$5 million project.

Andrew Willsmore, ASTC CEO said the works were “...a key achievement for the people of Alice Springs”.

The redevelopment will create flexible spaces, designed to support wider community programs and events.

The upgrade includes a new clubhouse with change rooms, canteen, storage and multipurpose community space, as well as new training light towers to improve safety, energy efficiency and evening use.

New spectator seating and shade structures will also be built, together with improved pedestrian access and an upgrade to the car parking area.

Mrs Fitzsimons, who travelled from Adelaide to take part in the ceremony, said it was a very proud moment for her and the rest of the family.

“Even my brothers-in-law were very thrilled to hear that this was happening,” Mrs Fitzsimons said.

“Paul played on this oval but wasn’t a great fan of sport in the heat, so the fact that there’s going to be shelter for spectators as well the amenities for players is wonderful.

“Paul would really, really love that this is all happening.

“It’s a fabulous thing for the community. Alice Springs deserves something like this.”

The project was originally championed by Federal, which sought funding support and played a key role in bringing the vision to life.

Constructed by local company MPH Projects, all work will align with sporting code requirements, accessibility standards and building compliance.

FIRST SOD: Linda Fitzsimons, flanked by ASTC Mayor Asta Hill and Member for Lingiari Marion Scrymgour, turns the first sod on the redevelopment of Paul Fitzsimons Oval. (Phil Williams: 536198)



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Flooded with calls as snakes forced inside

By Phil Williams

ALICE Springs Reptile Centre’s new owner Christabel Moscheti has issued a timely warning after an influx of calls to the Alice Springs Snake Line in the past two weeks.

Due to the recent wet weather and flooding, calls to the Snake line have more than quadrupled.

“Last February, we had less than 40 calls. So far this month we’ve had about 40 call outs a week,” Ms Moscheti said.

She said it wasn’t just snakes and other reptiles that had been forced to move from their usual safe places to seek shelter in higher ground throughout the suburbs of Alice Springs.

“Because of all the rain and flooding in town, it’s pushed snakes and other animals out of where they live, and into people’s houses.

“Homes are one of the only safe spaces that haven’t been flooded out. The same thing happened when had all the fires a couple of years ago,” Ms Moscheti said.

“Any time there’s some kind of natural di-



DANGER NOODLE: Snake catcher, Rex Neindorf with a western brown snake caught at a house in Larapinta. (Phil Williams: 465542)

saster or weather event that’s fairly extreme, the snakes get pushed out. They don’t know any better.

“They might also be following the scent of food, because their food sources have been pushed out of their habitat as well.”

She said Western Browns were the most common species being caught, many of them recently hatched juveniles.

“This is the time of year where they start to

hatch and disperse and so the majority of the call outs we’re getting is for them.”

Ms Moscheti said most snake bites happened when people tried to kill or remove them themselves instead of leaving them alone.

“Just call us, and we’ll come and remove them,” she said.

“Watch where they go and keep kids and pets away from the area and we will come and remove them. It’s a free service.”

Under NT Parks and Wildlife regulations, once a snake or other reptile is caught, they are taken to the reptile centre and recorded before being released into the wild away from the town.

The Reptile Centre uses several release sites that in areas away from people and cattle and are often situated through locked gates.

Anyone who finds a snake on their property can phone the dedicated 24-hour “Snake Line” at the reptile centre on 0407 983 276.

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Toe-tapping tribute to Ted

By Phil Williams

ALMOST 600 people bid farewell to a Territory titan at the Alice Springs Convention Centre on Tuesday 17 February.

Ted Egan's State Memorial Service was attended by several former chief ministers, dignitaries including NT Assistant Administrator Fran Kilgariff and Alice Springs townsfolk.

The two-hour celebration of Mr Egan's life was far from sombre, but more of a concert, as many groups and solo artists performed musical tributes to one of our greatest Centralians.

It began with a rendition by musician Matt Scullion of his song about Ted, the Beer Box Man.

Mr Egan's wife of 44 years, Nerys Evans, said he was the best of human beings.

"The excitement that he generated and the love he inspired, I think, are the eighth and ninth wonders of the world," she said.

In her eulogy, NT Chief Minister Lia Finocchiaro said he had a life of extraordinary breadth of service and contribution to the Northern Territory and to Australia.

Delivering his eulogy, Mr Egan's son, Greg, said it was an enormous honour for the family to have a State Memorial bestowed on his father.

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SONG: As in his life, music and song played a major role in Ted Egan's farewell. (Phil Williams: 535421)

Centralians to breathe easier with 100K investment

By Phil Williams

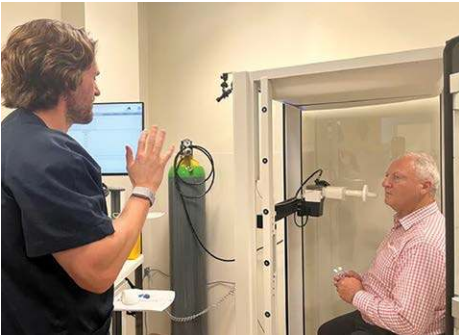
FRONTLINE healthcare in Central Australia has taken another big step forward with the NT Government delivering two new lung function machines - a Plethysmograph and a Fractional Exhaled Nitric Oxide (FeNO) breathing device.

The \$100,000 investment at Alice Springs Hospital of the new state-of-the-art lung testing equipment means a broader range of respiratory tests can be performed.

This will lead to better care and treatment of Territorians with respiratory conditions in Central Australia.

The Plethysmograph has numerous integrated diagnostic testing capabilities and is a specialized, air-tight diagnostic tool used to measure precise changes in volume within an organ, or the whole body, most commonly for assessing lung function or blood flow.

The Fractional Exhaled Nitric Oxide (FeNO) breathing device can measure the level of inflammation in a patient's airways



DEMO: Oliver Stokes, Senior Respiratory Scientist at Alice Springs Hospital, demonstrates some of the new lung function equipment to Minister for Health Steve Edgington. (PNT GOV'T)

The new machines equip Alice Springs Hospital with state-of-the-art lung testing technology, giving clinicians faster, more detailed diagnostic information for people with respiratory conditions.

"This new equipment means the Alice Springs hospital lung function team can now

provide a broader range of respiratory tests that were not previously available, Minister for Health Steve Edgington said

"More testing means earlier detection, earlier treatment, and better care for Territorians with respiratory conditions."

"This new equipment means Territorians with suspected airway conditions, such as asthma, can now undertake airway hypersensitivity testing here in the Territory instead of being referred interstate or having to pay for private services, saving residents time and money.

"The Plethysmograph is a critical machine that ensures the Territory's respiratory healthcare practices are in line with other states and territories," Mr Edgington said.

Another important addition is the portable FeNO breathing device, which can measure the level of inflammation in a patient's airways.

Testing on this device is quick, simple and non-invasive, and can support an asthma diagnosis when other tests are inconclusive.

It can also determine if a patient will respond to particular medications, as well as adjusting dosages according to the patient's needs.

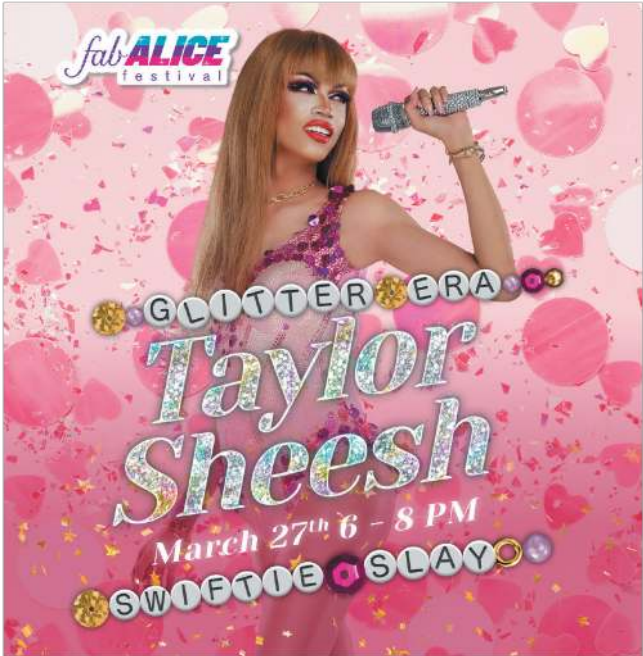
Being portable, the device can be used for bed-bound patients and will be used in communities to determine environmental differences that can impact airways.

Oliver Stokes, Senior Respiratory Scientist at Alice Springs Hospital, said, "The addition of new equipment marks a significant advancement in respiratory diagnostics for Central Australia.

"We've been able to perform routine lung function testing for some years, but now it's really exciting to have access to more specialised tests in the form of FeNO testing, bronchial challenge testing, and respiratory muscle assessments.

"These tests mean we can better diagnose and manage a range of breathing conditions without people having to travel longer distances, he said.

"It's a big step forward for the region."



Mr Gaff said the platform automatically set his location via VPN to the closest major city,



Mr Gaff's petition returned a significant number of responses from people outside of

"I support her decision to do so. I was happy to take on the duties because we had 80 people waiting to receive their citizenship."

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Date change set in motion

By Phil Williams

AFTER refusing to take part in this year's Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony Alice Springs Mayor Asta Hill last week flagged plans to change the date of next year's event.

In a notice of motion scheduled to be raised at the 24 February Council meeting and sent to councillors, Mayor Hill outlined a plan to change the date of the annual citizenship and civic awards that are traditionally held on January 26.

Her motion, seen by the Centralian Today, read: "That Council resolves to move the Alice Springs Australia Day Citizenship and Awards Ceremony to an alternative within the Department of Home Affairs approved window (three days prior to, or three days following 26 January) each year at the CEO's discretion".

While the matter was listed in the 24 February Council Agenda under Notices of Motion/Business, no other detail was provided in the document when it was released on 19 February.

Just months after being voted in as the town's first Greens Party-endorsed leader, Mayor Hill handed her civic responsibility of officiating at the Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony on 26 January this year to Deputy Mayor Allison Bitar.

Mayor Hill said in a statement at the time that because of her personal views she did not want to play a formal role on a day that "causes harm to parts of our community".

"It is my personal view that the 26 January is not the right date to celebrate our national day," she said in January.

"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."

Mayor Hill's 24 February motion was for the council to move the date to within three days either side of Australia Day, from 26 January, 2027.

Supporting her motion the mayor cited that as of January 2024, more than Australian 80 councils had decided to move their citizenship ceremonies.

She also said holding the ceremony on a day before or after Australia Day would ensure the Ceremony was inclusive of all community members.

Supporting her views, Mayor Hill said in her motion that in 2022 the Federal Government changed the law to allow councils to conduct citizenship ceremonies three days before or after Australia Day.

At the January ASTC meeting, councillors Aia Newport, Cherisse Buzzacott, Larissa Ellis and Allison Bitar all indicated they would be in favour of a change of date.

If the remaining four elected council members, Damian Ryan, Sean Heenan, Darren Burton and Danial Rochford, all voted against the motion at Tuesday's council meeting, which was held after the Centralian Today and Tennant Creek Today went to press, Mayor Hill would have had a casting vote to

MOTION: ASTC Mayor Asta Hill will move a motion at the February council meeting to change the date of the Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony.

resolve the deadlock.

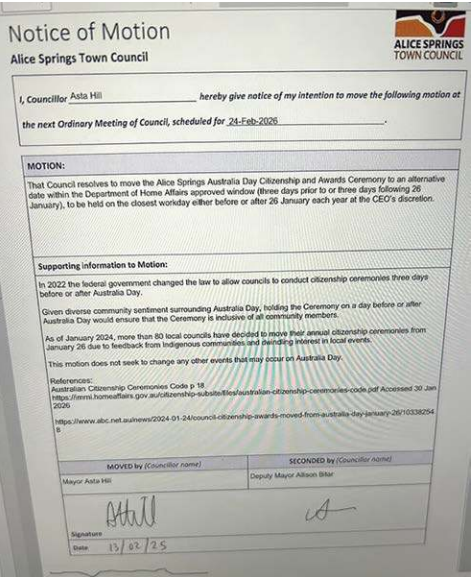
Supporting information also stipulated the motion did not seek to change any other events "that may occur on Australia Day".

Polling by market research company Roy Morgan in the lead up to this year's Australia Day events found an increasing majority of Australians (72 per cent), said January 26 should be known as 'Australia Day' which was 3.5 per cent above similar research in 2024.

There was also a two per cent increase in people from the previous survey who said the date of Australia Day should stay on January 26 (60.5 per cent).



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



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The Pulse

Dr Glenn Morrison



Rubbery figures on petition

FOR almost a month, one question has gone unanswered regarding the validity of a recent online petition demanding that the Alice Springs mayor resign.

The Change.org petition, organised by local Ben Gaff, called for lawyer and former Greens candidate for Braintree Asta Hill to resign her current role as mayor of Alice Springs over her 'recent conduct' in the town.

Specifically, the petition opposed her withdrawal from convening the town's citizenship ceremony over conflicted personal views on the date of Australia Day.

Under the headline 'Symbolism carries weight', the Pulse of 5 February 2026 denounced the petition as spurious and politically motivated; after all, Alice Springs had elected Asta Hill as mayor knowing full well her background and views.

Provisions were made for Deputy Mayor Allison Bitar to take the mayor's place, former mayor Fran Kilgarrif was present as a dignitary, and the current mayor had earlier informed the town what was happening and with plenty of notice.

The citizenship ceremony went off without a hitch.

One reader present at the ceremony told me the presence of senior Central Arrernte Custodian Elaine Kngwarraye Peckham had been invaluable.

Ms Peckham spoke prominently on the day in support of Mayor Hill's position on the date and gave a bit of local Alice history ... the effect, in the reader's words, being to "open an opportunity for conversations, including trying to explain the consequences of terra nullius".

At the time of writing the column 'Symbolism carries weight', I had not confirmed whether the more than 1200 who voted for the mayor to resign were from Alice Springs.

To clarify the matter, I requested Change.Org provide their raw data from the vote; now, some three weeks later, the data has arrived.

And the answer? Fewer than half of petitioners who voted were from Alice Springs.

Can we say that with confidence? Well, we're pretty sure. Let me explain.

The figures being thrown about from the poll are somewhat 'rubbery', a term coined by 1980s ABC current affairs producer Ian Carroll, who created the political satire series "Rubbery Figures", featuring comical puppets of politicians and prominent characters of the day that screened on television from 1984 to 1990.

The number of about 1200 petitioners is correct, roughly speaking. But as it turns out, many of the voters were not even from the



MAYOR: Local Government and Community Development Minister Steve Edgington about to place the Mayoral Chains on Mayor Asta Hill at the swearing in of the new Alice Springs Town Council in September. Fewer than half the people who signed a Change.org petition calling for her to resign after she withdrew from this year's Australia Day citizenship ceremony actually live in Alice Springs. (Phil Williams: 506061)

Northern Territory, yet alone Central Australia or the town itself, which is, after all, where the mayor reigns.

Rather than be considered some sort of surrogate vote then, the petition must be deemed misleading.

When weighing who gets to have a say on the role of a town mayor, being a local is mandatory.

Not so for Change.Org, however, which is "an open platform where participation is not restricted by electorate or voting eligibility".

Consequently, more than half of those who voted in the poll freely registered postcodes indicating they were from elsewhere in Australia altogether.

A rough analysis follows.

The total number of votes requesting Asta Hill resign her mayoral position was 1220.

From the raw poll data, it was clear that 11 voters had not recorded a postcode at all, and so I excluded these from my analysis, leaving 1209 valid votes.

Of the valid votes, 570 recorded their post-

code as 0870 and five recorded 0871.

Those who recorded postcodes indicating they resided outside Alice Springs numbered 634, representing 52.4 per cent of the total vote.

These outlying postcodes varied widely, ranging from Ottaway South Australia (5013) to Clybucca NSW (2440) and some closer to home at Ali Curung and other remote Aboriginal communities (0872).

But how does Change.org check the postcodes are real? I asked them. And received the following response on 19 January.

"Every time someone signs a petition on Change.org, we send an email to verify that the email address provided is valid.

"We use a combination of the information a signer provides (such as postcode) and geo-IP data to help determine a signer's location.

"Because disclosing a signer's location can, in some cases, pose safety risks, signers are permitted to use VPNs or manually override our geolocation software by editing their location".

In some cases, then, might a voter be play-

ing the system? Might such playing be unwitting or deceitful?

Conversely, is it possible to know if a voter had previously lived in Alice Springs (and so felt they should get a say), lives at Alice but works remotely (so definitely should get a say), or perhaps that they were on holidays at the time and recorded the postcode of where they were staying?

The best and perhaps only conclusion we might make from this confused picture is that either my figures stand and that nowhere near 1200 voted for mayor Asta Hill to resign, or that we may never know.

US-owned and based, the Change.Org platform has been in operation since 1995 according to scam-detector.com, a site that assesses websites for risk, with Change.Org classed as low.

Change.Org is considered part of a digital swing to what media and political pundits are calling "clicktivism", a process that may well generate a lot of noise in online political activism but, at least according to the academics, brings precious little impact.

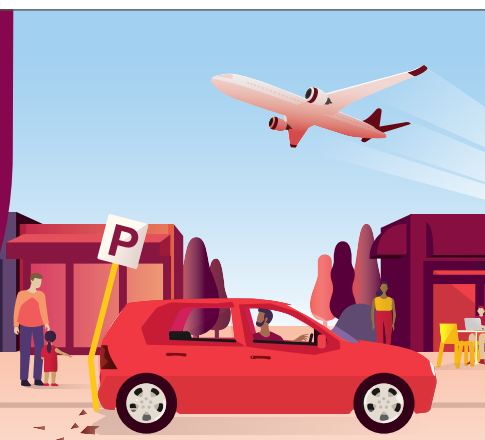
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Getting Good Stuff Done



Desert club's green impact

By Gladys Barreta

IT took a group of bright, like-minded individuals who could see the value of the resources available in the desert and what sustainability could mean for their community.

For more than a decade, volunteers at the Alice Springs Golf Club have quietly been getting good stuff done, driving a grassroots recycling effort that continues to give back to the club and the town.

The golf club volunteers are an example of what a community can achieve when people invest in the town they live in.

Rather than allowing countless bottles and cans from club events to go to waste, a dedicated group of volunteers ensures containers are returned through recycling schemes and the Alice Springs Waste Management Facility's Wine Bottles Fund, with proceeds reinvested back into the club.

Funds raised have helped improve the gardens and outdoor areas, keeping the course as lush as possible in the desert environment.

Behind the club's sustainability efforts are Life Members Maxine and Tim, both in their 80s, along with mascot dog Ava, who help clean, sort and recycle containers.

Fellow volunteers Heather, Ron, Fay, Denise and Marion have joined the effort over the years, creating a hands-on system that makes a tangible difference to the environment.

"It all adds up," Tim said. "Every container goes back into the club, into the gardens, the grounds and the places people enjoy sitting and spending time."

Since the initiative began 12 years ago, about \$145,000 has been raised through recycling, with the majority coming from container deposits due to the high volume of eligible items.

The funds have supported garden development and practical improvements across the course and clubhouse surrounds, averaging more than \$12,000 each year.

Plants, soil, landscaping materials and other practical needs have been funded through the recycling program, helping maintain the garden and outdoor areas.

The initiative has become interactive, with golfers participating by emptying and placing containers into crates located at each hole.

Heather heads out once or twice a week to collect the containers, supported by the volunteer team.

Tim takes pride in sorting the containers and delivering them weekly to the Envirobank



The team behind the Alice Springs Golf Club's recycling effort with Maxine, Tim (at the front) and volunteers Heather, Ron, Fay, Denise and Marion (Not pictured)



GREEN: Volunteer Denise watering some of the greens in the outdoor area.



HAPPY: Chuffed volunteers Dave and Life Member Maxine with one of the garden beds they have been nurturing.

Recycling Depot and twice weekly after major rounds, as well as taking wine bottles to the Alice Springs Waste Transfer Station on Saturdays.

Importantly, the recycling effort has never been about profit.

It has been about care for the environment, for the club and for the people who use it.

The recycling team's vision is clear: to support responsible recycling while enhancing the club experience for members, visitors and the wider Alice Springs community, en-

suring the Alice Springs Golf Club remains a welcoming place for all.

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#GETTINGGOODSTUFFDONE



DESIGN: Early concept designs for the Alice Springs Multicultural Centre.



CENTRE: Minister Bill Yan, Minister Jinson Charls, Chief Minister Lia Finocchiario and Minister Joshua Burgoyne at the site of the new centre.

Alice a multicultural hub

CONCEPT designs have been unveiled for the first Multicultural Centre in Alice Springs, a \$9.8 million precinct planned for the Anzac Oval area.

The venue, funded by the Northern Territory Government, will include a flexible event space accommodating up to 400 people, a stage for performances and catering facilities.

Construction is due to commence in late 2026, with completion expected by mid-2027.

The Chair of Multicultural Community Services of Central Australia, Mona Ulak,

said the centre would be highly valued by the community.

“This new Multicultural Centre represents an important milestone for Alice Springs, bringing together people from across Australia and around the world who call the town home,” she said.

“It will provide a welcoming space for a broad range of cultural and community events, strengthening connections among the diverse community of Alice Springs.”

Alice Springs is home to a growing culturally diverse population, with around one in

five residents born overseas and more than 20 per cent speaking a language other than English at home.

Minister for Logistics and Infrastructure and Member for Namatjira Bill Yan said he looked forward to seeing how the permanent home would be used year-round for cultural festivals, dance and music performances, food events and community celebrations.

“Alice Springs has always been home to many people from diverse communities, and we know this facility will be put to good use by

these community groups,” he said.

Minister for Lands, Planning and Environment and Member for Braitling Joshua Burgoyne said the centre would provide a much-needed space for multicultural communities to gather, host events and share their unique cultural expressions.

“I know from talking with people in the community how excited they are to have this dedicated space to celebrate and share their cultures with their families and friends for generations to come,” Mr Burgoyne said.

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Lunch time grog limits

By Gladys Barreta

THE Liquor Commission quietly handed down its decision last week to make it mandatory for patrons to purchase a meal when buying a full-strength drink during lunch hours from Wednesday to Friday across 20 Alice Springs venues.

The report, published on the Northern Territory Government website on Monday 16 February stated the new licensing conditions would limit the sale of full-strength alcohol from 11.30am to 3pm, effective immediately.

The conditions exempt bona fide lodgers or paying guests staying at licensed accommodation, where liquor is supplied through a minibar stocked in the guest's room or unit, or via room service delivered to the room or unit.

The condition also exempts groups of at least four people who have ordered food to share, are consuming food on the premises at a table or counter, and are seated while consuming liquor.

The Commission also directed Todd Tavern, The NT Rock Bar, Bojangles Saloon and Dining Room, and Uncles Tavern to establish an on-premises identification system to determine whether a person is a banned drinker, subject to bail conditions, or under a court order relating to domestic violence.

The Commission confirmed it would not conduct a public hearing, stating the anticipated public and private costs would outweigh any potential benefits.

In making its determination, the Commis-



EXTERIOR: The exterior of the the Todd Tavern in Alice Springs. (Phil Williams: 492451)

sion said there was entrenched anti-social behaviour in the Alice Springs CBD on weekday afternoons, much of it linked to drinking at CBD venues.

It also found people who had been drinking contributed significantly to incidents at the Yeperenye Centre around the time take-away outlets opened, particularly on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, when all outlets in Alice Springs open at 3pm.

The Commission received 29 responses to its Notice from almost all affected licensees, as well as a range of service providers, business organisations and individuals. The responses were published on its website.

The Commission noted there were strongly contrasting views among respondents.



SAFETY: The Northern Territory government have delivered reforms that will close gaps in Working with Children screening. (Supplied)

New laws for child safety

STRONGER child safety laws will mean people barred from working with children elsewhere in Australia will no longer be able to apply for a clearance in the Northern Territory.

New legislation passed earlier this month aims to close gaps in the Working with Children screening system, with the NT joining the national negative-notice information-sharing scheme.

The Care and Protection of Children Amendment (Worker Screening) Bill 2025 delivers nationally agreed reforms to improve information sharing between states and territories and ensure greater consistency across Working with Children Check screening processes.

Under the laws, the Northern Territory Screening Authority (SAFE NT) will be empowered to access, share and act on relevant risk information held by interstate screening authorities and national databases.

Employers and regulatory bodies will also be notified of negative clearance notices.

Existing safeguards remain in place, including natural justice protections and appeal rights through the original jurisdiction that issued the negative notice.

Minister for Child Protection Robyn Cahill said the legislation ensured that if someone was barred from working with children elsewhere in Australia, that decision would be recognised in the Northern Territory.

"These reforms are about putting children's safety first. Families should be confident that people working with children in the Northern Territory are subject to strong, nationally consistent safeguards," she said.

Attorney-General Marie-Claire Boothby said the Bill gave effect to national commitments endorsed by Attorneys-General across Australia.

"These changes implemented nationwide will strengthen Working with Children Checks," Ms Boothby said.

"By improving information sharing and mutual recognition of negative notices, we are closing loopholes that enabled offenders to skirt accountability."

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Skills to prevent suicide

By Gladys Barreta

SUICIDE rates in the Northern Territory, particularly among the Aboriginal population, remain deeply concerning.

Through the Central Australian Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Training (CASPT) Program, the Mental Health Association of Central Australia (MHACA) delivers culturally appropriate, accredited training designed to build skills and confidence in recognising suicide risk and supporting people experiencing mental ill-health.

MHACA will host two workshops in March: Youth Mental Health First Aid on 3-4 March, and Indigenous Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (I-ASIST) on 18-19 March.

MHACA CEO Nicole Pietsch said the Northern Territory had the highest rate of suicide and the highest burden of disease in Australia.

“Mental health conditions account for 16.3 per cent of the Territory’s total burden of disease, compared with 7.4 per cent nationally,” she said.

“Nationally, Aboriginal people die by suicide at twice the rate of non-Aboriginal people, and suicide remains the leading cause of death for Australians aged 15 to 44.

“Distance from services, workforce shortages and social pressures all contribute to increased risk in Central Australia.

“While these statistics are concerning, community action is what creates change.

“Suicide prevention is a shared community responsibility, and this training is for everyone.”

All training sessions are free for unwaged participants, pensioners, higher education and VET students, and Centrelink recipients.

“Training does not turn someone into a



SUPPORT: CASPT Trainer Peter Riley, Community Support Resource Rose Nakidde and CASPT Trainer Susie Thompson.

counsellor.

“It builds confidence to notice when something is not right, to check in with people and to provide appropriate support,” Ms Pietsch said.

“Suicide is everyone’s business, and we all need to work together to keep people safe.

Learning these skills helps strengthen safety in our community.”

For course dates or enquiries, call 0437 947 257, email training@mhaca.org.au or visit mhaca.org.au/services/training/.

If you or someone you know is struggling, contact Lifeline on 13 11 14 or 13YARN on 13

92 76. For a mental health or suicidal crisis, contact the NT Mental Health Line on 1800 682 288.

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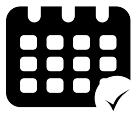


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Paint elders

By Gladys Barreta

ARTISTS are encouraged to start picking up their paint brushes and cameras for the 2026 Portrait of a Senior Territorian (POAST) Art Award. The award celebrates senior Territorians and helps tell the stories of elders, while supporting Territory artists to develop their craft and showcase their talent.

First prize is \$7000, with \$2000 awarded for second place and \$500 for third.

The People's Choice Award carries a \$1000 prize, and there is also a Young Artist Award (ages 16 to 25) worth \$500.

Now in its 27th year, POAST will be presented during Seniors Month in August, a tradition since the award's 25th anniversary.

Running alongside the portrait prize is the popular 'Selfie with a Senior' Award, sponsored by Council on the Ageing (COTA) NT.

The initiative invites Territorians to celebrate seniors through photography and storytelling across generations.

COTA NT CEO Sue Shearer said the award was a powerful way to capture intergenerational connections.

"This is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the bond between older and younger Territorians," Ms Shearer said.

"Senior Territorians have shaped our communities and contributed richly to the fabric of our Territory lifestyle.

"This is a chance to recognise someone who deserves a spotlight... every story matters."

Alice Springs local Rachel Jericho was the winner of the 2025 Selfie with a Senior Award and said the experience connected three generations of her family and reinforced the importance of celebrating seniors and their connection to the Territory. Entries are close at midnight on Monday 8 June.

To enter, visit the Portrait of a Senior Territorian Art Award website.

Further details about the exhibition location and award ceremony will be announced once finalised.



WINNER: Rachel Jericho, winner of the 2025 Selfie with a Senior Award, with Jesse and Ella and Rachel's mum, Val, and dad, Gary Prior.

Jacinta Price is 'back baby', with fire in the belly

By Gladys Barreta

SENATOR Jacinta Nampijinpa Price has returned to the Federal Opposition frontbench following a leadership reshuffle, five months after she was removed over controversial remarks about Indian voters.

Senator Price was dropped from the shadow ministry last September by then-Liberal leader Sussan Ley after claiming the Albanese government prioritised migrants likely to vote Labor, citing Indian Australians as an example.

She refused to apologise for the comments

and declined to publicly support Ms Ley's leadership.

"Don't try to force me to apologise for something that doesn't require an apology," she said at the time.

New Opposition Leader Angus Taylor, who defeated Ms Ley in a party room ballot 34-17, has reinstated Senator Price to the frontbench as Shadow Minister for Small Business.

Her predecessor, Tim Wilson, has been appointed Shadow Treasurer.

Speaking to Sky News on 17 February,

Senator Price said she had already exchanged congratulatory messages with the newly appointed Indigenous Affairs spokesman Julian Leaser, who resigned from the role in 2023 to support the Voice referendum.

Ms Price was not a supporter of the Voice campaign.

"Julian and I have already exchanged congratulatory messages," Ms Price told Sky News host Chris Kenny.

"Obviously, for me, I've always championed the fact that we need to encourage more

Aboriginal people to be independent, away from government dependency."

She also declared her return in an interview on television host Karl Stefanovic's podcast.

"I'm back baby ... I was having a breather, but I'm back. The fire's back," she said.

Mr Taylor said immigration, home ownership and the economy would be the Coalition's key priorities under his leadership.

The Centralian Today contacted Senator Price for further comment but had not received a response by the time of going to press.

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Coronial inquest for outback killer

By Phil Williams

A coronial inquest will be held into the death in custody of convicted outback killer Bradley John Murdoch.

Murdoch, who murdered British backpacker Peter Falconio on a lonely part of the Stuart Highway in July, 2001, died in palliative care while in custody at the Alice Springs Hospital on July 15 last year.

Murdoch had been moved from the Alice Springs Correctional Centre the previous month.

Mr Falconio's girlfriend, Joanne Lees, was also taken hostage by Murdoch.

She managed to escape, and after hiding in bushes near the highway for several hours, flagged down a passing truck driver who took her the Barrow Creek Hotel, where they called police, beginning a murder-mystery that has endured for nearly a quarter of a century.

Under Northern Territory law, because Murdoch was in custody at the time of his death, a coronial inquest is required to be held.

The outback killer protested his innocence until his death, never giving up details of Mr Falconio's final resting place and, despite repeated attempts by NT Police in his last weeks, Murdoch took his secrets to the grave.

At the same time, and on the eve of the 24th anniversary of Mr Falconio's murder, Northern Territory police announced a substantial increase to the reward for information leading to the whereabouts of his remains as Murdoch's death became imminent.

Acting Commander (AC) Mark Grieve



PROBE: An investigation by the NT Coroner will be held into the death of convicted killer, Bradley John Murdoch. (AAP)

made the announcement on Wednesday, June 25, 2025 that the figure would be raised to \$500,000

"It's a good opportunity for us to up the ante in regard to the reward," AC Grieve told media when making the announcement.

"We think there's still people out there that

may hold some information.

"Now is the right time, we feel, to present this reward on offer," he said.

The inquest into Murdoch's death will be conducted by NT Coroner Elisabeth Armitage in the Alice Springs Local Court beginning on March 19.

Seven arrested over attack

By Phil Williams

SEVEN people, all of them female, have been arrested following a violent attack on a another girl.

The daylight bashing, in Gillen occurred on Friday afternoon, 13 February.

Police were only made aware of the incident after vision was posted online.

The alleged offenders, two girls aged 14, one aged 15 and two 16 year-olds ,along with two older women aged 30 and 32, allegedly used blunt weapons to assault another 16-year-old girl.

The group approached the teen along Nicker Crescent and are alleged to have assaulted her repeatedly with the weapons before forcibly removing her clothes.

After video of the incident appeared online, investigations by police began and statements were later provided to police.

Members from Strike Force Viper arrested the seven females on Thursday morning, February 19.

They remain in police custody, with charges expected to follow.

Police investigations are ongoing and anyone with information is urged to phone 131 444. Anonymous reports can be made through Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or at crimestoppersnt.com.au/.



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Comedians mixing it with the locals

TENNANT Creek and Alice Springs are gearing up for a full throttle comedy takeover as the Darwin Comedy Festival on Tour hits the road, bringing along big laughs, big energy and big names.

Two of Australia's comedic powerhouses will deliver standout stand-up to audiences in Tennant Creek and Alice Springs next month.

Nationally celebrated Aboriginal comedian Kevin Kropinyeri's high-energy style lights up every room.

His heartfelt and deadly funny reflections on culture and his own lived experience are guaranteed to have audiences laughing, cheering and leaning in for more.

Joining him is Darwin's own award-winning comedian Amy Hetherington, who brings her signature warmth and wit to the stage, sharing hilariously honest stories about the chaos of parenting and her wild quest to find her identity as a mum.

The two will bring crowd-roaring material straight from their Darwin Comedy Festival but they won't be the only ones in the spotlight.

Each show will feature a local comedy showcase.

So if your mates think you're a funny bugger, or you drive your family mad with 'dad jokes', take up this opportunity to flaunt your fun because it might just be your lucky break.

There's no need to be nervous because Kropinyeri and Hetherington will have your back.

They will be running workshops prior to the shows to help prep the emerging talent.

Ms Hetherington said for anyone thinking of trying comedy, the local showcase was the best way to rip the band-aid off.

"Territorians have great stories and Kevin and I will help local legends craft their ideas into a neat five-minute set and let them hit the stage," she said.

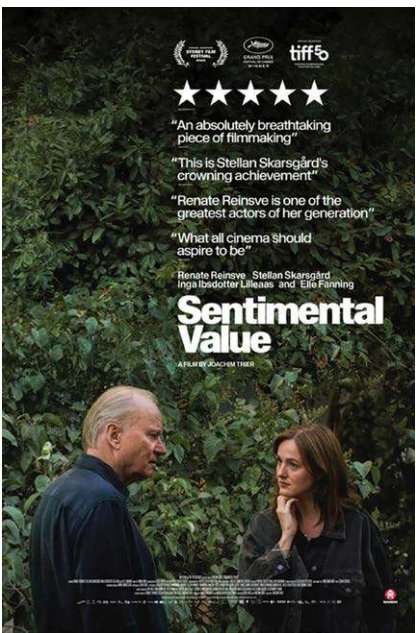
The Darwin Comedy Festival on Tour is in Tennant Creek at the RSL on 11 March and at Araluen Arts Centre in Alice Springs on 13 March.

Both performances will be AUSLANinterpreted, ensuring access for deaf and hard-of-hearing audiences.

Those champing at the bit to attend the shows or the free workshops can contact Barkly Regional Arts or Araluen Arts Centre.



Amy Hetherington shares hilariously honest stories about the chaos of parenting.



Sentimental Value is screening at Alive Springs Cinema for one session only.

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THE always superb Reinsve (Armand, SFF 2024) plays Nora Borg, an accomplished stage actress experiencing deep anxiety about performing.

When she and her sister Agnes are reunited with their estranged father, the once-revered director Gustav (Skarsgard), he asks Nora to take the lead role in a new, deeply personal film - his comeback, he hopes.

With Gustav having abandoned his family decades prior, Nora angrily declines his artistic overtures.

He instead casts eager Hollywood star Rachel Kemp (Fanning), and begins work on the ambitious and risky film.

But filial connections run deep, and the personal and the artistic intersect in ways that transcend the practicalities of creation.

Profound, funny and deeply moving, Sentimental Value finds Trier at the height of his considerable directorial powers.

"The film balances fiction with something deeply personal, carrying the weight of inherited trauma, artistic legacy, and the ways creativity can become a coping mechanism when normal communication fails." - Guillermo Troncoso, Screen Realm 135 minutes | Drama | Rated MA15+ | Directed by Joachim Trier | Elle Fanning, Renate Reinsve, Stellan Skarsgard | ONE session only! 2 March 6:15pm

Unravelling the mystery of poetry

By Kelly Lee Hickey*

POETRY can be a daunting medium.

I left school early, and so, even as I made my way as a performance poet, I encountered most published poetry as mysterious word-craft.

For those who have felt similarly, Padraig O'Tuama's Poetry Unbound is a generous invitation into the form.

Spanning 50 poets and poems from different backgrounds and countries, the collection offers, in Padraig's words, 'little doors to open up the world of a reader.'

Each poem is accompanied by a short essay exploring the literary craftsmanship, alongside Padraig's personal reflections.

In unravelling these poems, Padraig unravels his own life, inviting readers into an intimacy with both.

Poetry Unbound is a meditation on the textures of life, and on love of all shapes and

shadows.

There are short, sharp poems that land like a punch, poems long and languid as Sunday mornings.

I read these poems aloud to myself and to friends.

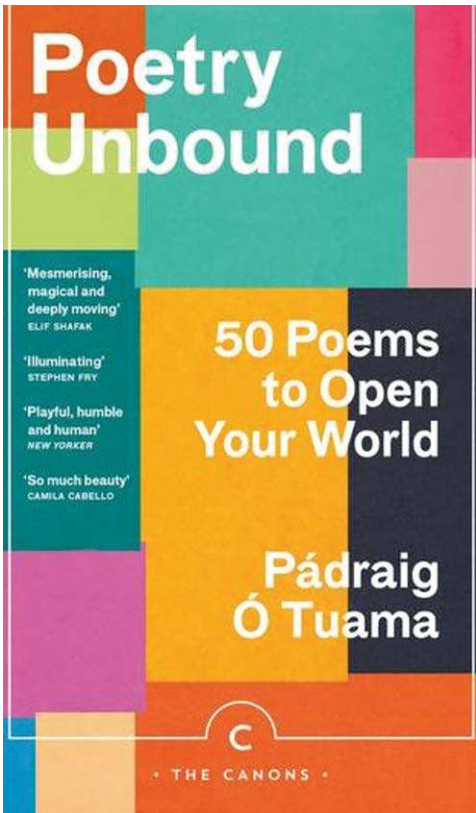
As I do, each poem moves through me like light through a crystal, refracting new meanings and illuminating neglected parts.

On dark days when the world feels uncertain, these poems remind me that I am not the first to experience challenge and change, and through this kinship, they offer a balm.

On 7 March I'll host Words to Live By at Red Kangaroo Books. This gathering is for community to share the writers and words that offer them solace in hard times.

I'll bring my ear-marked copy of Poetry Unbound. See you there.

*Kelly Lee Hickey is an award winning poet, philosopher and artist. find out more at echo-location.com.au/



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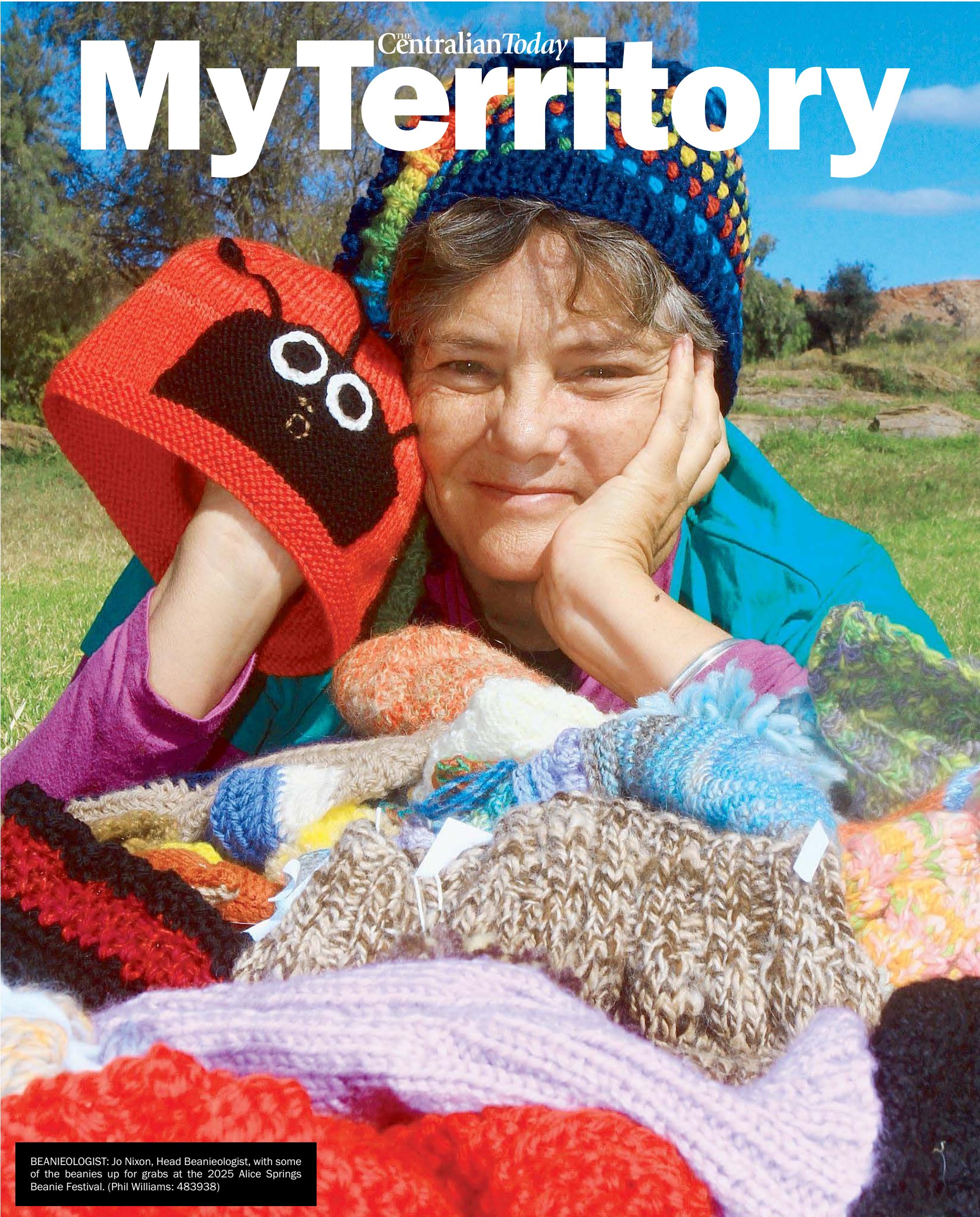
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BEANIEOLOGIST: Jo Nixon, Head Beanieologist, with some of the beanies up for grabs at the 2025 Alice Springs Beanie Festival. (Phil Williams: 483938)

Jo wears many beanies

By Gladys Barreta

JO Nixon is a beanieologist, an audiologist and a localologist - a proud local who loves her town, the place where her three children, and her "passion baby," were born.

What began as one small idea in 1997 - meeting fellow beanie addicts - grew into the town's (and perhaps the country's, or even the world's) only beanie festival, right in the middle of the Central Australian desert.

Jo sparked a beanie revolution in her hometown, and this year the festival is celebrating not only its Community Event of the Year title, but also marking its final year after three fabulous decades.

This My Territory is an ode to the maker, the nurturer, the grower and the head beanieologist behind one of Alice Springs' most iconic events.

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UNISON: Morners stand in unison as they sing This Land, Australia. (535421)



TEDLEY: John Kane and Mark Walmsley played a medley of Ted Egan's songs. (535421)



Sally Balfour plays a musical tribute at Ted Egan's State Memorial Service. (535421)

Toe-tapping tribute to Ted

By Phil Williams

CLOSE to 600 people bid farewell to a Territory titan at the Alice Springs Convention Centre on Tuesday 17 February.

Ted Egan's State Memorial Service was attended by several former chief ministers, dignitaries including NT Assistant Administrator Fran Kilgariff and Alice Springs townsfolk.

Many of those to pay their final respects had come from far flung places including the Tiwi Islands and from outside the Territory.

The two-hour celebration of Mr Egan's life was far from a sombre affair, but more of a concert, as many groups and solo artists paid musical compliments with toe-tapping tributes to one of our greatest Centralians. They included words from Port Fairy Folk Festival founder Dr Jamie McKew OAM.

It began with a rendition by musician Matt Scullion of his song about Ted, the Beer Box Man.

Mr Egan's wife of 44 years, Nerys Evans, said he was the best of human beings.

"The excitement that he generated and the love he inspired, I think, are the eighth and ninth wonders of the world," she said.

"He loved people and solitude...

"He loved the English language but was fascinated by all languages and the people who spoke them.

"He loved the fact that he was Australian and 93 per cent Irish-Celt."

Ms Evans said her husband's legacy was one of Mr Egan's miracles.

"The miracle for me is that he has left a massive legacy of songs, film (and) literature for me to hear, see (and) read, nurturing for me Ted's beautiful face, body and soul, keeping him alive forever in my heart."

In her eulogy, NT Chief Minister Lia Finocchiaro said he had a life of extraordinary breadth of service and contribution to the Northern Territory and to Australia.

"For more than half a century, Ted helped shape the culture and civic life of our Territory," she said.

"He was a gifted communicator and tireless advocate whose work preserved history, amplified indigenous voices and deepened Australia understanding of the Northern Territory story."

Delivering his eulogy, Mr Egan's son, Greg, said it was an enormous honour for the family to have a State Memorial bestowed on his father.

"It's a wonderful gesture," he said, thanking the NT Government and acknowledging the Chief Minister, Lia Finocchiaro for making the offer.

Speaking of his father, Mr Egan said he was "...a talented dad, a mate and an inspiration to us - but we never had him to ourselves.

"We shared him with Australians of all backgrounds and in particular, we thank the peoples of the Territory for sharing him with us.

"We were always proud of him and always proud to share him.

"What we will always have as a family is the memory of this talented and generous



BEST: Ted Egan's wife, Nerys Evans, delivers her heartfelt eulogy. (Phil Williams: 535421)



GIFTED: NT Chief Minister, Lia Finocchiaro said that Ted Egan was a gifted communicator and tireless advocate. (535421)



EMOTION: Ted Egan was given an emotional farewell with a State Memorial Service as around 600 people paid their respects. (535421)

bloke - our Dad."

Ted Egan's service concluded with his song, "This Land Australia."

As the video played, the musicians who had made their own tributes earlier in the service spontaneously filed on to the stage gesturing

to the mourners and bringing them to their feet to join in, leaving barely a dry eye in the convention centre.



FRIEND: Alice Springs icon, Wayne Kraft makes his eulogy. (535421)



SINGER: Matt Scullion opened the service with his song The Beer Box Man. (Phil Williams: 535421)



SOLO: Glenny Ray plays her solo tribute. (535421)



CHIEF MINISTER: Lia Finocchiaro spoke of Mr Egan's service to the NT and Australia. (535421)



TRIBUTE: Ted Egan's son, Greg Egan paid a heartfelt tribute to his father. (535421)



DUO: Sally Balfour and Glenny Ray playing Ride on Little Cowboy during Ted Egan's State Memorial Srvce. (535421)



CHEERS: The gathering stood as one during the playing of This Land, Australia at the conclusion of Ted Egan's memorial service. (535421)



EDNA: Glenny Ray sung 'Edna' as her tribute to Ted Egan. (535421)



FITTING: The group Bloodwood paid tribute to Ted Egan. (535421)



Ted Egan's great grand daughter, Charlotte Elcoate hugs his wife, Nerys Evans in front of a portrait of the icon at his memorial service. (535421)



SONG: As in his life, music and song played a major role in Ted Egan's farewell. (535421)

Beanie addiction spreads

By Gladys Barreta

THE local behind one of the most iconic festivals to emerge from Alice Springs, Jo Nixon, is a beanie addict first and foremost but also a health worker, mother, community lover, and passionate force.

The Beanie Festival started in 1997 when Jo's aunty, Adi Dunlop, would head out to Yuendumu to teach English to local women.

As a self-proclaimed beanie addict, Adi passed on her knitting skills, coaching her students to make beanies.

The women wanted to learn, and Jo recalls how Adi would bring them to town to make beanies with her.

Jo and Adi ended up with a bunch of gorgeous beanies the crew had made.

"A few of us wondered what we were going to do with them," Jo said.

"So we got a band together, a hundred beanies and some pumpkin soup, hung them on the roof, and in 20 minutes the beanies had sold."

"In the same sitting, Adi taught 20 to 30 women how to make beanies... and the beanie addiction quickly followed."

That was what the first Beanie Festival looked like: a bunch of beanies hung on a roof.

It grew organically each year, attracting more people from across Australia and eventually the world.

"Then social media came along, and a beanie community formed, then a real movement was established," Jo said.

Jo never expected that, 30 years later, the festival would reach its current scale: a record 6000 beanies sold last year, raising \$250,000, with 70 per cent of profits going to the artisans who created them and the remainder towards running the festival.

"I didn't ever believe we'd still be going after 30 years."

"Every year the festival has been more successful than the last. Thinking back on how the committee has grown the festival and maintained its philosophy over the years, it's remarkable," she said.

"Some people have come out of isolation, lifelong friendships have been made."

"But being a Chief Beaniologist isn't about the money... it's about love, community, and, of course, beanies."

Apart from keeping heads warm, Jo works as an audiologist in community health, the profession that brought her to Alice Springs in 1992.

"I came for a two-year contract, but the country, the people, the community... I stayed," she said.

She is mother to Monty, Tom, and Nellie, all raised in Alice Springs, and has helped establish local initiatives such as the Alice Springs Steiner School, an organic wholefoods shop, and Afghan Traders.

For Jo, the festival has always been about community, storytelling, and providing a platform for people to share their creativity.



SWAMPED: Jo Nixon nestled among thousands of beanies. (Phil Williams: 483938)



BEANIE-FEVER: Jo Nixon and Adi Dunlop - the woman who developed the infectious beanie fever in Alice Springs.

"That's one of my biggest roles," she said.

"Whether it's volunteers excited about beanies, Indigenous women sharing their stories, or makers from across Australia connecting and feeling seen because this festival has been about creating genuine community. That's the most honouring thing I've done."

Local artists and makers have also benefited.

"Indigenous women who have travelled to the festival grow in confidence and passion, and feel loved by people around Australia who come to visit and sit with them. They walk in confident, sharing, and people love them," Jo said.

"They realise they're special because they really are."

"In terms of beanie makers around Australia, the festival each year gets love letters, phone calls, and social media messages, creat-

ing connections through beanies."

This year's event will see huge numbers of people flying in from interstate and record beanie entries.

Jo guesses locals will be buying armfuls of beanies to last them for the next 30 years.

There will also be a puppet show as a farewell gift to the beanie community and the women coming from out bush.

Recently, the Alice Springs Beanie Festival was named Community Event of the Year at the Centralian Awards, announced on January 26 - a fitting accolade in its final year.

For Jo, the award is an ode to the whole beanie community for the past 30 years.

"We're really proud and excited to be recognised by the people of Alice Springs," she said.

"It's a bit of a fist pump from around Australia to us. Being recognised this year is fitting for

our last festival."

The Alice Springs Beanie Festival Committee is made up of nine people, both local and from interstate.

"The festival has grown too big for the Araluen space to cope with the volume of beanies and people," Jo said.

"We wanted to end on a high note, keep it inclusive, and celebrate 30 years of joy, colour, and community."

"Our volunteers are getting older, and recruiting young ones is hard."

"But the young people of Alice Springs will create the next great event, and we want to support them to shine."

"After the last festival, I don't have specific projects lined up yet, but Alice Springs has a way of making magic happen, and the next thing will just happen," Jo said.



HEAD WARMERS: Jo Nixon, Jessie Hall and Reka Berger make an offering to the beanie gods. (483938)



FAMILY: Jo Nixon and her dad, Tony Nicholson, the Treasurer of the Alice Springs Beanie Festival.

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Off the beaten track

Brooke Blurton may be best known for her appearances on *The Bachelor*, but there's not a rose in sight for her new TV outing: *Going Places with Ernie Dingo*. The youth worker tells **Siobhan Duck** why the authentic travel series sits close to her heart



BROOKE Blurton has grown used to the questions and speculation about who she is dating. Having made her TV debut on *The Bachelor Australia* before two more tilts at reality dating – first as a contestant on *Bachelor in Paradise* and then as the lead on *The Bachelorette* – audiences are invested in Blurton finding a happily ever after.

"People just want me to be happy, I know," she says with a laugh.

"I get it because I felt like that about another Bachelorette, Sophie Monk. And when she found her partner, I was like 'Oh my god, that's great!'"

"So, I am all on board for people out there supporting me. And I will promise to stay open."

For the record, Blurton is currently (and happily) single.

"I would love to have a story to tell," she jokes of meeting her future Mr or Ms Right.

"But my life is just my work at the moment. And I'm not just saying that, I genuinely mean it."

"I don't have capacity to invest in a relationship right now because I travel so much, that I feel like I'd be doing it a disservice."

One of the projects that has Blurton regularly packing her bags is travel series *Going Places with Ernie Dingo*.

Now in its seventh season, *Going Places* takes viewers onto Country to meet the interesting folk who live there.

Going Places couldn't be further away from the harbourside *Bachelor* mansion. There's not a glamorous gown, long-stemmed rose or champagne flute to be seen when Blurton hits dusty outback roads to showcase the vast kaleidoscope of stories and landscapes of Australia.

A girl from the bush, Blurton says she didn't miss the glitz and glamour of the mansion lifestyle, saying she's always been more at home in work boots than stilettos.

"*Going Places* strips that all back," she smiles of fronting a very different sort of TV reality.

"I'm on a horse breakaway roping. I'm on a boat with my hair all flowing out. There's very little makeup, because it's not about that, it's about the storytelling."

"I'm just there to talk to the people, draw out the stories and showcase our backyard in the best way possible."

There's nothing new to this approach. Blurton has always prioritised substance over style. And she's never been afraid to stand out from the crowd.

It was this authenticity that first endeared her to audiences in season six of *The Bachelor* when she took herself out of the running to win Nick "Honey Badger" Cummins' heart (he later did the same thing, controversially choosing nobody in the shocking 2018 series finale).

"I try to practice what I preach, be responsible and be accountable," the youth worker says of being a role model.

"I feel like I'm fighting against the grain already. In terms of being Aboriginal, I'm going up against huge factors and barriers."

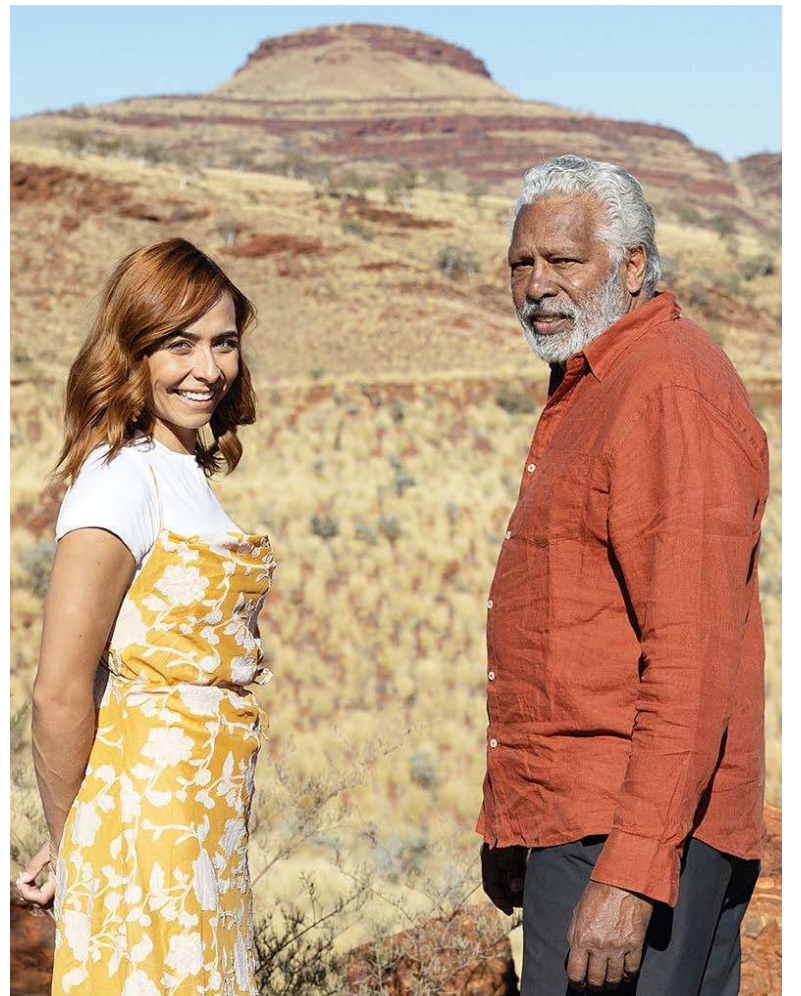
Blurton is dismayed that so many people are striving towards uniformity rather than embracing and celebrating their individuality.

The presenter and author credits her grandmother with laying the foundations for her own self-acceptance early on.

"She said: 'God painted you the way he wanted you. So why change that?'" Blurton recalls.

"I don't follow a religion, but because my Nanna said it to me, I thought, you know what? Absolutely! Whatever you believe in – whether its God or ancestors or another religion – you are who you are and why would you want to change it?"

"In terms of beauty, I don't really try to set unrealistic beauty



Cultural connection: Noongar Yamatji woman Brooke Blurton joins family friend Ernie Dingo for a new season of *Going Places* on SBS.

standards. I have insecurities. I rock them. I don't always look great. I will post [on social media] without makeup. I just I don't really care."

Blurton is always trying to lead by example.

It's a philosophy that Blurton has always admired in Dingo, her mentor and now co-star on *Going Places*.

"In terms of what he's achieved in the media space, if I could only scratch the surface of what he's achieved in his life, it would be absolute honour," she smiles of the award-winning personality.

"But I think in terms of him as a person, this show has been such a nice way of connecting on so much more than work."

"He gives me guidance that I haven't really had, to be honest. He knows so much about my family, and I don't have a lot of adults or people guiding me in this space who understand it. And he's definitely one of the people that I look to for advice about what I should and shouldn't do."

It's for this reason that joining *Going Places* has felt a bit like a family reunion for Noongar Yamatji woman Blurton.

"We're from the same mob, so I grew up basically knowing him in community," she says of Dingo, who is a Yamatji man.

"My family knows him. He knows my family. So, I've always kind of called him Uncle Ernie, rather than just Ernie... so when I am on set that really brings a really beautiful family vibe."

Blurton can't believe her luck to be on a team that includes Dingo, Gold Logie nominee Mark Coles Smith and journalist Rae Johnston, laughing that she initially thought she was being pranked when

she received the job offer. "It has been very full circle. It's a real dream to tell other people's stories, not just my own, this time," she says.

"It's really nice to have the focus and the attention on other people, what they're doing in the world and what they're achieving and what they're inspiring other people to do."

Blurton and Dingo have also been hatching ideas for more projects.

"We were sitting on a rock, and I was just talking about love and care... and he was talking about how fun it would be to do a black dating show," she explains.

"And I was like, 'Yeah, it would be funny because you'd have to make sure that you're not related.' It's a real thing!"

"So, if you are Noongar, you don't want to date another Noongar. You've got to cross into Queensland, because that's where the other mob is who aren't related."

Blurton would also be open to hosting a reboot of *The Bachelor*, though quickly adds that "nobody could fill Osher [Günsberg's] shoes."

"I would really enjoy hosting something like that because I want to see other people happy, and also I want to protect people," she explains.

"If anyone's got an understanding of red flags and green flags, it's me."

"So, if there's an opportunity to do that, I would definitely put my hand up. I want to be the host or producing it rather than as a contestant."

"I think I've done enough suffering on TV now."

■ *Going Places with Ernie Dingo*, Friday, 7.30pm, SBS and NITV, and streaming, SBS On Demand

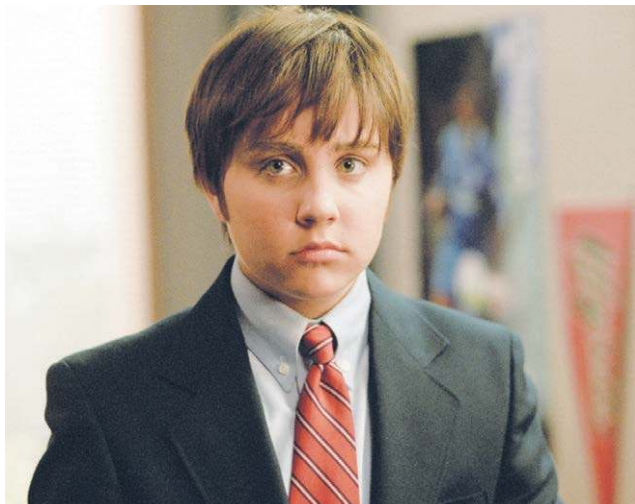
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PICK OF THE WEEK

Saturday
FAST X
Seven, 6pm, M (2023)

One movie's villain is another's hero – or at least that's how it goes in the *Fast* universe. In this 10th instalment, defeated baddie Cipher (Charlize Theron) returns to warn Dominic Toretto (Vin Diesel) about a new threat: terrorist Dante Reyes (Jason Momoa). As it turns out, he's not entirely fresh blood either... rather he's the aggrieved son of old foe Hernan Reyes, whom the gang ripped off and killed back in the incomparable *Fast 5*. Logic and the laws of physics have long been abandoned by this franchise, but who needs a plot when Momoa is playing a character this deliciously unhinged? ★★★

Lethal weapon:
Dante Reyes
(Jason Momoa)
has a score to
settle in *Fast X*.



SHE'S THE MAN
9Go!, Friday, 6pm, PG (2006)

In the tradition of the *Taming of the Shrew*, *She's the Man* lifts the skeleton of Shakespeare's greatest comedy, *Twelfth Night*, and fills it out with utterly un-Elizabethan gender-bending teen comedy. Amanda Bynes (pictured) is daffy but likeable as Viola, a girl who dons a short bob to disguise herself as her twin brother Sebastian in order to play soccer at his elite boarding school. It's not long before Viola finds herself developing a crush on her hunky teammate Duke (Channing Tatum). ★★★★★



OLYMPUS HAS FALLEN
Imparja, Friday, 8pm, MA15+ (2013)

This fast-paced thriller hosts plenty of action and stars Gerard Butler as Mike Banning, a disgraced former security guard to US President Benjamin Asher (Aaron Eckhart, pictured, right, with Butler), who is under immense pressure to save the day when heavily armed and highly trained terrorists launch a bold daytime attack on the White House. The building is overrun, and President Asher and his staff are taken hostage. But will the pressure be too much for Mike? ★★★★★



BABY DRIVER
Seven, Saturday, 9pm, MA15+ (2017)

Young getaway driver Baby (Ansel Elgort) finds himself forced to take part in a doomed heist that threatens his life, love and freedom in this masterful film from *Shaun of the Dead* director Edgar Wright. Baby suffers from tinnitus, and he offsets this by always being plugged into music, which soundtracks the action. Lily James (pictured with Elgort), Jon Hamm and Jamie Foxx also star as Wright proves once again that he has an abundance of style to match the substance of his material. ★★★★★



PARASITE
SBS World Movies, Sunday, 8.30pm, MA15+ (2019)

The first foreign language film to win the Academy Award for Best Picture is a genre-bending social commentary about an impoverished South Korean family. Director Bong Joon Ho blends elements of comedy, drama and horror to phenomenal effect as Kim Ki-woo (Cho i Woo-sik, pictured, right, with Park So-dam) takes drastic measures to reach his goal of a lavish lifestyle – infiltrating the home of a wealthy family as a tutor and replacing their servants with his own relatives. ★★★★★



BLOOD DIAMOND
SBS World Movies, Monday, 8.30pm, MA15+ (2006)

Leonardo DiCaprio (pictured) went two for two in 2006 with his great performance in *The Departed* followed by an equally striking effort in Edward Zwick's stirring action-drama. DiCaprio plays cold-hearted South African diamond smuggler Danny, caught in a crossfire of moral conflict in civil war-stricken Sierra Leone. Djimon Hounsou and Jennifer Connelly are part of his quest to possess a priceless stone. The action is thunderous and the heroics are genuinely exciting. ★★★★★



THE COURIER
SBS Viceland, Tuesday, 8.30pm, M (2020)

A stellar Benedict Cumberbatch (pictured) walks a tightrope of emotions in this Cold War-era spy thriller based on the true story of British spy Greville Wynne. Directed with style and old-school panache by *On Chesil Beach*'s Dominic Cooke and flush with electrifying close-ups of Cumberbatch, we follow a naive Wynne from recruitment by an MI6 officer (Angus Wright) and CIA operative (Rachel Brosnahan) to schmoozing in Russia against the backdrop of the impending Cuban Missile Crisis. ★★★★★

The Guide

PROFESSOR T
ABC TV, Friday, 8.30pm

"Truth and justice are not always compatible," muses Professor Jasper Tempest (Ben Miller, pictured) after witnessing the process firsthand. Having spent some time on remand charged with attempted murder, the fastidious academic finally gets his day in court this week. As the trial progresses, Tempest must weigh whether to tell the truth and save himself, or lie and protect his former lover, DCI Christina Brand (Juliet Aubrey). The court proceedings unfold alongside DS Lisa Donckers (Emma Naomi) and DS Dan Winters' (Barney White) investigation into the grisly death of a prison officer – a crime for which Tempest's cellmate Omar (Chris Ryman) seems intent on taking the blame.



SYDNEY GAY AND LESBIAN MARDI GRAS 2026
ABC TV, Saturday, 7.30pm

As the streets of Sydney transform into a glittering celebration of pride and diversity, the ABC is beaming the joy and exuberance of the Mardi Gras party nationwide. Drag icon Courtney Act and journalist Mon Schafter (both pictured) lead the glitzy telecast, joined by ABC News' Jeremy Fernandez and comedian Nath Valvo. More than 12,000 participants are set to light up Oxford Street for a dazzling display of artistry inspired by the 2026 theme, "Ecstatica", led by the pioneering 78ers. Reporting from the beating heart of the revelry, Brooke Blurton, chef Anna Polyviou and former AFL player Mitch Brown have the action covered from all angles.



Close to home: The Matildas begin their Asian Cup campaign on Sunday.

INSIGHT
SBS, Tuesday, 8.30pm

Last year, 53 per cent of Australians surveyed by thinktank the Lowy Institute said they believe the number of migrants arriving in Australia is too high – a figure that jumps to 62 per cent of respondents over the age of 60. Amid cost-of-living, infrastructure and housing pressures, migration remains a hotly contested political concern, making it the perfect starting point for Australia's leading forum program to begin its 2026 season. Host Kumi Taguchi (pictured) returns to guide the discussion, examining the facts and figures around Australia's historically high overseas migration, while going beyond the statistics to explore the lived experiences of those on both sides of the issue.



PICK OF THE WEEK

SOCCER: AFC WOMEN'S ASIAN CUP, AUSTRALIA V PHILIPPINES
10, Sunday, 5.30pm

Having inspired the nation with their stellar semi-final run at the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup when it was held Down Under, the Matildas return to home soil hungry for a major title and ready to take on the world for some serious silverware. Held across three host cities – Sydney, Perth and the Gold Coast – the AFC Women's Asian Cup begins on Sunday at Optus Stadium with a sold-out crowd cheering on our Tillies as they face the Philippines. It's a high-stakes homecoming for returning captain Sam Kerr. Australia walked away 8-0 winners in their last encounter, but with fellow Aussie Mark Torcaso now at the helm, the Filipinas squad is packed with rising stars who have nothing to lose.

Thursday, February 26

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. (PG, R) **10.30** The Weekly With Charlie Pickering. (Ml, R) **11.00** Creative Types With Virginia Trioli. (PGv, R) **11.30** QI. (M, R) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Bergerac. (Ml, R) **2.00** Grand Designs Transformations. (PG, R) **3.00** Spicks And Specks. (PG, R) **3.30** Anh's Brush With Fame. (PG, R) **3.55** 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** Grand Designs Transformations: Mulgrave Spanish Arch And Sandford Glasshouse. (Final) **9.00** Amanda & Alan's Italian Job. (Final) Amanda and Alan renovate the last two rooms. **9.30** Muster Dogs. (PG, R) The handlers and their pups perform assessment tasks. **10.30** If You're Listening. (R) **10.55** ABC Late News. **11.10** The Business. (R) **11.25** Love Your Garden. (PG, R) **12.15** Long Lost Family. (PG, R) **1.00** Rage. (MA15+dhlnsv) **4.00** Gardening Australia. (R) **5.00** A Bite To Eat With Alice. (R) **5.30** 7.30. (R)

ABC FAMILY (22) **6.05am** Fizzy And Suds. **6.55** Peter Rabbit. **7.20** Mojo Swoptops. **8.10** Kangaroo Beach. **9.10** Play School. **9.40** Knee High Spies. **10.25** Guess How Much I Love You. **10.40** Mini Kids. **11.15** The Makery. **11.45** Andy's Global Adventures. **12.35pm** Ben And Holly. **1.30** PJ Masks. **1.50** Kangaroo Beach. **2.45** The Makery. **3.00** Play School. **3.30** Wiggle. **9.30** Andy's Safari Adventures. **4.35** Vida The Vet. **5.40** Kangaroo Beach. **6.05** PJ Masks. **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 Wonderful World Of Kittens. **10.00** Late Programs.

NITV (34) **6am** Morning Programs. **8.40** The Magic Canoe. **9.10** Spartakus. **10.00** Great Blue Wild. **11.00** Extraordinary Animals. **Noon** **MOVIE:** This Is Ballroom. (2024) **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** Great Blue Wild. **7.30** Going Places. **8.30** The Green Veil. **9.30** **MOVIE:** Godzilla Minus One. (2023, M) **11.45** **MOVIE:** The Moogai. (2020, M) **Midnight** **MOVIE:** The Endangered Generation? (2022, PG) **1.35** Stompem Ground 2022: Yatangal. **2.00** On The Road. **3.00** NITV On The Road: Mbantua. **5.00** Bamay.

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **9.20** My Unique B&B. (R) **10.15** Paddington Station 24/7. (PGal, R) **11.05** Wonderland: Lewis Carol To JRR Tolkien. (PGa, R) **12.00** BBC News At Ten. **12.30** France 24. **1.00** PBS News. **2.00** Legends Of The Pharaohs. (Ma, R) **3.00** Going Places. (R) **3.30** Plat Du Tour. (R) **3.35** The Cook Up. (R) **4.10** Robson Green's British Adventure. (PGa, 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. Spring break brings a surge in passengers. **8.25** Robson Green: World's Most Amazing Walks. (PG) Robson Green heads to southern Poland as he explores the legendary Trail of the Eagle's Nest. **9.20** A Spy Among Friends. Lily knows Elliott will never reveal his secrets. **10.30** SBS World News Late. **11.00** In Memoriam. (Malsv) **11.50** The Hollow. (Malv, R) **1.50** Silent Road. (Mav, R) **4.00** Mastermind Australia. (R) **4.30** Bamay. (R) **5.00** NHK World English News Morning. **5.30** ANC Philippines The World Tonight.

SBS VICELAND (31) **6am** TRT World News. **6.50** DW English News. **7.20** FBC News. **8.10** NHK Newline. **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. **12.30pm** DW The Day. **1.00** The Billionaires Who Made Our World. **1.55** Bamay. **2.15** Insight. **3.20** WorldWatch. **5.20** Mysteries From Above. **6.15** Curse Of Oak Island. **7.05** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** History's Greatest Mysteries. (Mav) **10.10** Brassic. **12.15am** Couples Therapy. **2.00** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) **6am** Boychoir. (2014, PGav) **7.45** Philadelphia. (1993, PGals) **10.00** The Peacock. (2023, Malsn) **11.55** The Big Short. (2015, Mln) **2.15pm** Thirteen Days. (2000, PGal) **4.50** Love And Friendship. (2016, PGa) **6.30** Guess Who's Coming To Dinner. (1967, PGal, R) **8.30** Michael Clayton. (2007, MA15+I, R) **10.40** The Bridges Of Madison County. (1995, Ml, R) **1.10am** Adaptation. (2002, MA15+ad) **3.15** One Cut Of The Dead. (2017, MA15+vv, Japanese) **5.00** The Movie Show. **5.35** Discovering Film.

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. (PGa)

6.00 Home And Away. (PGa) Lacey's new-found positivity is crushed. Cash pursues Holden. Levi is the bearer of bad news. **7.00** **MOVIE:** Notting Hill. (1999, Mls, R) The simple life of an English bookshop owner changes after a celebrity enters his shop. Hugh Grant, Julia Roberts. **9.35** To Be Advised. **11.05** Dare Me. (MA15+asv) Addy, Beth and Colette get involved in a faceoff. **12.05** Harry's Practice. (R) Information about pet care. **12.30** Home Shopping. (R) **2.30** NBC Today. News and current affairs. **3.30** Sunrise Early News. **4.00** Sunrise.

7MATE (70) **6am** Morning Programs. **8.30** Blokesworld. **9.00** American Resto. **9.30** Storage Wars. **10.00** American Pickers. **11.00** Pawn Stars. **Noon** Highway Patrol. **1.00** The Force: BTL. **2.00** Desert Collectors. **3.00** American Resto. **3.30** Storage Wars. **4.00** American Pickers: Best Of. **5.00** Pawn Stars. **6.00** More Power. **7.00** **MOVIE:** Hellboy. (2004, M) **9.30** **MOVIE:** The New Mutants. (2020, M) **11.30** American Pickers: Best Of. **12.30am** Pawn Stars. **1.30** More Power. **2.30** Desert Collectors. **3.30** Ax Men. **4.30** Hook, Line And Sinker. **5.30** Fish'n Mates.

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** Under The Hammer. **4.30** Home In WA. **5.00** Escape To The Country.

IMPARJA (9)

6.00 Today. **8.30** Today Extra. (PG) **11.00** 9News Morning. **11.30** Married At First Sight. (Mls, R) **1.00** Getaway. (PG, 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** RBT. (Mdl) Follows the activities of police units. **8.00** Murder Down Under: Byron Bay Murders. (Mav, R) Looks at notable murders in Australia. **10.00** 9News Late. **10.30** The Equalizer. (Ma) **11.30** Tipping Point. (PG, R) **12.30** Surfing Australia TV. (R) **1.00** TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) **2.00** Global Shop. (R) **2.30** TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) **3.30** Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. (R) **4.00** A Current Affair. (R) **4.30** Today Early News. **5.00** Today.

9GEM (90) **6am** Thunderbirds. **6.30** TV Shop. **9.00** Pointless. **10.00** M*A*S*H. **10.30** Keeping Up Appearances. **11.30** Midsomer Murders. **1.40pm** Antiques Roadshow. **2.10** **MOVIE:** Dentist On The Job. (1961, PG) **4.00** Yorkshire Auction House. **5.00** Antiques Roadshow. **6.00** M*A*S*H. **7.00** To Be Advised. **10.10** M*A*S*H. (PGa, R) **11.10** Antiques Roadshow. **11.40** Creflo. **12.10am** **MOVIE:** Dentist On The Job. (1961, PG) **2.00** Danger Man. **3.00** My Favorite Martian. **3.30** Yorkshire Auction House. **4.30** Danger Man. **5.30** Creflo.

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** Australian Survivor: Redemption. (PGl, 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. **5.30** Millionaire Hot Seat. (PG)

6.00 Gogglebox Australia. **7.00** The Graham Norton Show. (Ml) Graham Norton is joined by Sir Idris Elba. **8.10** 10's Late News. Comprehensive coverage of local, national and international news, as well as the latest 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)

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** The Bold And The Beautiful. **10.30** Days Of Our Lives. **11.15** The Young And The Restless. **12.00** JAG. (PGa, R) **2.00** Bull. (PGa, R) **3.00** JAG. (PGlv, R) **5.00** Bull. (PGa, R) **6.00** NCIS. (Mv, R) **8.50** Bull. (PGa, R) **9.45** JAG. (PGlv, R) **10.45** Home Shopping. (R)

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. (PGs, 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.

Friday, February 27

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 Australia's Wild Odyssey. (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. (Mals, R) 2.55 Spicks And Specks. (PG, R) 3.30 Anh's Brush With Fame. (R) 3.55 Love Your Garden. (R) 4.45 Long Lost Family. (PG, R) 5.30 Antiques Roadshow. (R)	SBS (3) 6am Morning Programs. 10.15 Paddington Station 24/7. (PGal, R) 11.05 Wonderland: Lewis Carol To JRR Tolkien. (Ma, R) 12.00 BBC News At Ten. 12.30 France 24. 12.55 PBS News. 1.55 The Hospital: In The Deep End. (Ma, R) 3.00 Nula. 3.30 Plat Du Tour. (R) 3.40 The Cook Up. (R) 4.10 Robson Green's British Adventure. (PG, R) 5.05 Jeopardy! 5.30 Letters And Numbers. (R)	SEVEN (7, 71) 6.00 Sunrise. 7.30 The Morning Show. (PG) 10.30 Seven's National News At Noon. 11.30 MOVIE: All For Her. (2021, Ma, R) 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.	IMPARJA (9) 6.00 Today. 8.30 Today Extra. (PG) 11.00 9News Morning. 11.30 MOVIE: Love At First Like. (2023, PGa, R) 1.30 Pointless. (PG, R) 2.30 Tipping Point. (PG, R) 3.30 9News Afternoon. 4.30 Tipping Point Australia. (PG, R) 5.30 9News.	TEN (10) 6.00 Farm To Fork. (R) 6.30 Lingo. (R) 7.30 The Finish Line. (R) 8.30 Ent. Tonight. (R) 8.45 Australian Survivor: Redemption. (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. (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)
6.25 Hard Quiz. (PG, R) 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 Gardening Australia. Sophie Thomson visits a home orchard with unfamiliar fruits. 8.30 Professor T. (Ma) A prison officer is found dead and there are no shortage of suspects, but one in particular seems intent on taking the blame. 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) 10.45 ABC Late News. 11.00 Smother. (Mal, R) 12.50 Rage New Music. (MA15+adhlnsv) 5.00 Rage. (PGadhlnsv)	6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. Ernie Dingo and Brooke Blurton visit the Atherton Tablelands. 8.30 Fukushima: Days That Shocked The World. (Premiere) Chronicles the 2011 Fukushima disaster, in which an earthquake unleashed a tsunami and nuclear catastrophe. 9.25 Fly With Me. (PGal, R) Looks at the first stewardesses. 10.30 SBS World News Late. 11.00 Sisi. (Return, Ma) 12.00 Babylon Berlin. (MA15+as, R) 1.50 El Immortal: Gangs Of Madrid. (MA15+av, R) 3.45 Mastermind Australia. (R) 4.20 Bamay. (R) 4.55 Destination Flavour: Singapore Bitesize. (R) 5.00 NHK World English News Morning. 5.30 ANC Philippines The World Tonight.	7.00 The Marlow Murder Club. (Mav) After a revered member of the sailing club is brutally bludgeoned to death, Judith, Becks and Suzie must navigate simmering grudges within the tight-knit community in a hunt for justice. 9.00 To Be Advised. 10.40 GetOn Extra. Lizzie Jelfs, Matt Hill, Simon Marshall and Brent Zerafa dive headlong into the weekend's best racing. 11.10 Dare Me. (MA15+asv) In the wake of a tragedy, Addy and Colette struggle with a shared secret that threatens them both. 12.30 Home Shopping. (R) 2.30 Million Dollar Minute. (R) Hosted by Simon Reeve. 3.30 NBC Today. News and current affairs. 5.30 Weekend Sunrise. The latest news, sport and weather.	6.30 A Current Affair. 7.00 Taronga: Who's Who In The Zoo: Sea Lion Surprise. (PGm) A koala is treated after being struck by a car. 8.00 MOVIE: Olympus Has Fallen. (2013, MA15+lv, R) After the White House is taken over by terrorists, a former secret service agent must save the president. Gerard Butler, Morgan Freeman. 10.20 MOVIE: Lions For Lambs. (2007, Mlv, R) Two rangers sustain injuries behind enemy lines. Tom Cruise, Meryl Streep. 12.05 Tipping Point. (PG, R) 1.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. (R) 4.00 Global Shop. (R) 4.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 5.00 Postcards. (PG, R) 5.30 Getaway. (PG, R)	6.00 Selling Houses Australia. (R) Lynda's rental cottage in Sunshine West is in bad shape. 7.10 Love It Or List It Australia. (R) A woman is suffering buyer's remorse. 8.10 10's Late News. Comprehensive coverage of local, national and international news, as well as the latest 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) Stephen Colbert interviews a variety of guests from the worlds of film, politics, business and music. 10.30 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 Tough Tested. (R) 5.30 Reel Action. (R)

ABC FAMILY (22) 6am Children's Programs. 3.30pm Wiggle. 4.10 Andy's Safari Adventures. 4.35 Vida The Vet. 5.40 Kangaroo Beach. 6.05 PJ Masks. 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 BattleBots. 9.45 Gladiators UK. 10.45 Late Programs.	SBS VICELAND (31) 6am Morning Programs. 12.10pm DW The Day. 12.40 Patriot Brains. 2.30 History's Greatest Of All-Time With Peyton Manning. 3.20 WorldWatch. 5.20 Mysteries From Above. 6.15 Curse Of Oak Island. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats. 8.30 Stacey Dooley Sleeps Over. (Final) 9.25 Stacey Dooley: Rape On Trial. (Final) 10.25 Adam Hills: The Last Leg. 11.15 Homeland. 1.10am Late Programs.	7MATE (70) 6am Morning Programs. 8.30 Desert Collectors. 9.30 Storage Wars. 10.00 American Pickers: Best Of. 11.00 Pawn Stars. Noon More Power. 1.00 Cricket. Women's ODI Series. Aust v India. 8.30 MOVIE: Independence Day: Resurgence. (2016, M) 10.55 MOVIE: Antlers. (2021, MA15+) 1am Pawn Stars. 1.30 Road Wars. 2.30 American Pickers. 3.30 Ax Men. 4.30 Fishing Addiction. 5.30 Red's Fishing Adventures.	9GEM (90) 6am Morning Programs. 1.30pm Antiques Roadshow. 2.00 MOVIE: The Day The Earth Caught Fire. (1961, PG) 4.00 Yorkshire Auction House. 5.00 Antiques Roadshow. 6.00 New Tricks. 7.10 MOVIE: Lethal Weapon 4. (1998, MA15+) 9.40 The Equalizer. 10.40 M*A*S*H. 11.10 Antiques Roadshow. 11.35 Creflo. 12.05am MOVIE: The Day The Earth Caught Fire. (1961, PG) 2.00 New Tricks. 3.00 Late Programs.
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NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 11.00 Going Places. Noon Sing About This Country. 2.00 Kriol Kitchen. 2.30 The Cook Up. 3.00 Jarjums. 5.00 Harlem Globetrotters. 5.30 Nula. 6.00 Bamay. 6.40 Great Blue Wild. 7.30 MOVIE: Legend. (1985, PG) 9.15 MOVIE: The Golden Child. (1986, M) 10.55 Nula. 11.25 Turn Up Respect. 11.45 Two Laws. 2am NITV On The Road: Mbantua. 4.00 On The Road. 5.00 Bamay. 5.30 Late Programs.	SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Morning Programs. 12.15pm The Bridges Of Madison County. (1995, Ml) 2.45 Boychoir. (2014, PGav) 4.40 The Assassin. (2015, PGv, Mandarin) 6.40 Driving Miss Daisy. (1989) 8.30 The Departed. (2006, MA15+lv) 11.15 The Hatful Eight. (2015, MA15+ansv) 2.15am Michael Clayton. (2007, MA15+lv) 4.20 The Assistant. (2019, Mal) 5.55 Late Programs.	7TWO (72) 6am Morning Programs. 12.30pm Our Town. 1.00 South Aussie With Cosi. 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: She's The Man. (2006, PG) 8.05 MOVIE: The Rebound. (2009, M) 10.50 Psychic Kids. 10.55 Love Island UK. 11.55 Legacies. 12.45am Ready Vet Go: The Vet Paramedics. 1.25 Motor Racing. IndyCar Series. Indianapolis 500. H'tights. 2.30 Late Programs.
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Saturday, February 28

ABC TV (2) 6.00 Rage Charts. (PGadhlnsv) 7.00 Weekend Breakfast. 9.00 Rage. (PG) 10.30 Rage Vault Guest Programmer. (PGadhlnsv) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 12.25 Call The Midwife. (Final, PGa, R) 1.25 Professor T. (Ma, R) 2.15 The Piano. (PG, R) 3.10 Extraordinary Escapes. (PG, R) 4.00 The ABC Of... (PG, R) 4.30 Todd Sampson's Why? (PG, R) 5.00 Australian Story. (R) 5.30 Landline. (R)	SBS (3) 6am Morning Programs. 9.15 Prince's Master Crafters Next Generation. (PG, R) 10.05 Vintage Voltage. (R) 11.00 World Wide Nate: African Adventures. (PG) 12.00 BBC News At Ten. 12.30 France 24. 1.00 Cycling. ProVelo Super League. Round 3. Melbourne to Warrnambool. Men's race. 4.00 Stories From The Cities. 4.30 PBS News. 5.30 What Are We Fighting For?	SEVEN (7, 71) 6.00 Weekend Sunrise. 8.30 The Morning Show: Weekend. (PG) 10.30 Horse Racing. Verry Elleegant Stakes Day and Australian Guineas 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)	IMPARJA (9) 6.00 ACA. (R) 6.30 Weekend Today. 9.30 Today Extra: Saturday. (PG) 11.30 My Way. (R) 12.00 Destination WA. (R) 12.30 Find My Beach House Australia. (PG, R) 1.00 Great Australian Detour. (R) 1.30 Taronga: Who's Who In The Zoo. (PGm, R) 2.30 Explore TV. 3.00 Epic Builds. (Premiere, PG) 4.00 Journey To Japan. (Premiere) 4.30 News. 5.00 Getaway. (PG) 5.30 9News Saturday.	TEN (10) 6.00 Escape Fishing With ET. (R) 6.30 IFISH. (R) 7.00 Camper Deals. (R) 7.30 All 4 Adventure. (PGL, R) 8.30 Australian Survivor: Redemption. (PGal, R) 11.45 Good Chef Bad Chef. (R) 12.00 Frugal Foodie. (R) 12.30 Farm To Fork. (R) 1.00 Ultimate Classroom. (R) 1.30 The Brighter Side. (R) 2.00 Millionaire Hot Seat. (PG, R) 2.30 Lingo. (R) 3.30 10 News. 5.00 The Dog House Australia. (PGa, R)
6.00 Kath & Kim. (PGals, R) Kim gives up smoking. 6.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R) Presenter Tom Gleeson grills four self-declared experts in a comedic quiz show. 7.00 ABC News. Takes a look at the top stories of the day, including coverage of developing stories and events. 7.30 Sydney Gay And Lesbian Mardi Gras 2026. Coverage of Australia's largest celebration of diverse LGBTQIA+ communities from Sydney. 10.00 This England. (Ml, R) Looks at Britain during COVID-19. Cabinet discusses setting up a temporary hospital in East London. 10.55 Rage. (MA15+dhlnsv) Continuous music programming.	6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Neil And Martin's Bon Voyage. The guys go fishing off the coast of Biarritz. 8.25 Travels With Agatha Christie And Sir David Suchet: Australia. (R) Sir David Suchet follows Agatha Christie to Australia. 9.20 Shaun Micallef's Origin Odyssey: Lizzy Hoo. (PGa, R) Shaun Micallef heads to Ireland. 10.20 Highclere: The Real Downton Abbey. (PG, R) 11.15 Outlander. (MA15+av, R) 1.35 El Immortal: Gangs Of Madrid. (MA15+av, R) 3.30 Mastermind Australia. (R) 4.00 Bamay. (R) 4.40 Destination Flavour: Singapore Bitesize. (R) 5.15 Euronews. 5.30 ANC Philippines The World Tonight.	6.00 MOVIE: Fast X. (2023, Mv) A terrifying threat from Dom's past surfaces. Vin Diesel, Michelle Rodriguez. 9.00 MOVIE: Baby Driver. (2017, MA15+v, R) After being coerced into working for a crime boss, a talented young getaway driver nicknamed Baby finds himself forced to take part in a doomed heist that threatens his life, love and freedom. Ansel Elgort, Lily James, Jon Hamm. 11.20 Devils. (MA15+av, R) A businessman is denied a promotion. 12.30 Home Shopping. (R) 2.30 Tales Of Aluna. (R) 3.30 Million Dollar Minute. (R) 4.30 NBC Today. 5.30 Weekend Sunrise.	6.30 A Current Affair. 7.00 Space Invaders. (Return, PG) The team transforms a family's chaotic basement. 8.00 MOVIE: Runaway Bride. (1999, PGls, R) A columnist searches for the woman who cost him his job. Julia Roberts, Richard Gere. 10.30 MOVIE: Something Borrowed. (2011, Mls, R) Ginnifer Goodwin. 12.35 Find My Beach House Australia. (PG, R) 1.05 Great Australian Detour. (R) 1.30 The Incredible Journey Presents. (PGa) 2.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Global Shop. (R) 4.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 5.00 Helping Hands. (PG, R) 5.30 Hello SA. (PG, R)	6.00 Love It Or List It Australia. (PGL) Megan and Justin are on the hunt for a home. 7.10 The Graham Norton Show. (Ml, R) Graham Norton is joined by Sir Idris Elba. 8.20 Gogglebox Australia. (R) TV fanatics open up their living rooms to reveal their reactions to popular and topical TV shows. 9.30 Matlock. (PGa, R) The team takes on a harassment case involving the city's fire department. Matty and Edwin contemplate meeting Joey's sister. 10.30 Elsbeth. (Mv, R) 11.30 Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 Hour Of Power. 4.30 Mass For You At Home. 5.00 Key Of David. (PGa) 5.30 Joseph Prince: New Creation Church.

ABC FAMILY (22) 6am Children's Programs. 2.30pm Mister Maker Around The World. 3.00 Play School. 3.25 Wiggly Big Day Out. 4.20 Dino Dex. 4.45 Gardening Australia Junior. 5.10 The Gruffalo. 5.40 Super Monsters. 6.05 Knee High Spies. 6.25 Paddington. 7.05 Let's Go Bananas! 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. 10.30 The Movie Show. 12.10pm Hoarders. 2.30 Heroines. 3.35 WorldWatch. 4.00 Sailing. SailGP Sydney. 5.30 WorldWatch. 6.00 PBS News. 7.00 Mastermind Aust. 7.35 Engineering From Above. 8.30 Icons Unearthed: Marvel. 10.20 Marcella. (Return) 12.10am WWE Legends. 1.45 Dark Side Of The '90s. 2.40 NHK World English News. 5.00 Al Jazeera.	7MATE (70) 6am Morning Programs. 11.30 Blokesworld. Noon Cool Cars With Dermott And Elise. 12.30 Rides Down Under: Workshop Wars. 1.30 Motor Racing. Night Thunder. High Limits World Tour. 2.30 Frozen Gold. 3.30 Counting Cars. 4.30 Pawn Stars. 5.30 Storage Wars. 6.00 MOVIE: Robin Hood. (2010, M) 8.55 MOVIE: The Game. (1997, M) 11.35 Storage Wars. 12.05am Frozen Gold. 1.00 Pawn Stars. 1.30 Late Programs.	9GEM (90) 6am Morning Programs. 12.30pm MOVIE: The Colditz Story. (1955) 2.30 M*A*S*H. 3.30 MOVIE: M*A*S*H: Goodbye, Farewell And Amen. (1983, PG) 6.00 Death In Paradise. 7.10 MOVIE: Under Siege. (1992, M) 9.20 MOVIE: Out Of Time. (2003, M) 11.30 MOVIE: The Colditz Story. (1955) 1.30am MOVIE: Contraband Spain. (1955, PG) 3.15 Edgar Wallace Mysteries. 4.30 Skippy. 5.00 Late Programs.
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NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 1.15pm Nula. 1.45 Great Blue Wild. 2.45 Sammy Butcher: Out Of The Shadows. 3.30 Soh Presents: Generations And Dynasties. 5.00 First Australians. 6.00 Haututu Hunters. 6.40 The Other Side. 7.30 Alone Australia. 8.35 MOVIE: Lady In The Water. (2006, PG) 10.35 Soh Presents: Generations And Dynasties. 11.50 MOVIE: Coextinction. (2021, M) 1.25am Late Programs.	SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Morning Programs. 10.20 Radioactive. (2019, Mavv) 12.20pm The Daughter. (2015, Mals) 2.10 Love And Friendship. (2016, PGa) 3.55 Discovering Film. 4.45 Mia And The White Lion. (2018, PGal) 6.30 My Girl. (1991) 8.30 Argo. (2012, Mlv) 10.55 Unfaithful. (2002, MA15+sv) 1.10am The Departed. (2006, MA15+lv) 3.50 The Conference. (2022, Ma, German) 5.45 Mia And The White Lion. (2018, PGal)	7TWO (72) 6am Morning Programs. Noon Better Homes And Gardens Summer. 1.30 Better Homes. 2.30 Wildlife ER. 3.30 Horse Racing. Verry Elleegant Stakes Day and Aust Guineas Day. 4.30 Luxury Escapes: World's Best Holidays. 5.00 Bondi Vet. 6.00 The Yorkshire Vet. 7.00 Lewis. 9.00 Escape To The Country. 10.00 The Amazing Homemakers. 11.00 Auction Squad. Midnight Under The Hammer. 12.30 Late Programs.	9GO! (99) 6am Morning Programs. 12.10pm Soccer. English Premier League. Manchester City v Newcastle. 2.10 MOVIE: Undercover Blues. (1993, PG) 4.00 MOVIE: Dennis The Menace. (1993, PG) 6.00 MOVIE: Harry Potter And The Half-Blood Prince. (2009, M) 9.05 MOVIE: Looper. (2012, MA15+) 11.25 MOVIE: Kane. (2023, MA15+) 1.05am MOVIE: Isaac's Dream. (2023, M) 2.50 Late Programs.
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Sunday, March 1

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. 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. 5.00 Antiques Roadshow. (R)	SBS (3) 6am Morning Programs. 11.00 World Wide Nate: African Adventures. (PG) 12.00 PBS News Compass Points. 12.30 PBS Washington Week. 12.55 The Point: Road To Referendum History Bites. (R) 1.00 Cycling. ProVelo Super League. Women's. Round 3. Melbourne to Warrnambool race. 4.00 Steady. 4.25 Entanglement. (PGa, R) 5.25 Her War, Her Story: WWII. (PGa, R)	SEVEN (7, 71) 6.00 Weekend Sunrise. 8.30 The Morning Show: Weekend. (PG) 10.30 MOVIE: Love Blossoms. (2017, PGa) Shantel VanSanten, Victor Webster. 12.30 To Be Advised. 2.15 Surveillance Oz. (PG, R) 2.30 Surf Patrol. (PG, R) 3.00 Weekender. (R) 3.30 Seven News At 5. 4.00 Border Security: International. (PG, R) 4.30 Seven News. 5.30 Australian Idol.	IMPARJA (9) 6am Morning Programs. 10.30 Fishing Aust. 11.00 Ready Vet Go: The Vet Paramedics. (PGm, R) 11.30 NRL Season Preview. (Return) 1.30 NRL Sunday Footy: Las Vegas Pre-Show. 2.00 Rugby League. NRL. Round 1. Canterbury Bulldogs v St George Illawarra Dragons. 4.00 NRL Sunday Footy: Las Vegas Post-Match. 4.30 News. 5.00 My Way. 5.30 9News Sunday.	TEN (10) 6am Morning Programs. 7.00 Key Ingredient. (R) 7.30 Freshly Picked. 8.00 Travel Oz. 8.30 The Weekly Kick-Off. (R) 9.30 Australian Survivor: Redemption. (PGI, R) 12.30 Deal Or No Deal. (R) 1.00 Millionaire Hot Seat. (PG, R) 1.30 The Finish Line. (R) 2.30 Lingo. (R) 3.30 News. 5.00 10 News+. 5.30 Soccer. AFC 2026 Women's Asian Cup. Group stage. Australia v Philippines.
6.00 Grand Designs Transformations: Mulgrave Spanish Arch And Sandford Glasshouse. (Final, R) 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 Muster Dogs. (PG) Trainers go through their 10-month assessments. 8.30 Dog Park. (M) When Penny announces Farty Marty has to be put down, Roland and the Divas do their best to make his last day a special one. 9.00 This England. (M) Looks at Britain during COVID-19. Boris Johnson is taken to hospital as his symptoms persist. 9.45 MOVIE: Shine. (1996, PGav, R) A pianist suffers a nervous breakdown. Geoffrey Rush, Sonia Todd. 11.30 Rage. (MA15+adhlvns) 1.40 Ragdoll. (MA15+av, R) 4.00 Dream Gardens. (R) 4.30 A Bite To Eat With Alice. (R) 5.00 Insiders. (R)	6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Rome: Secrets From Above. (Premiere) Sweeping drone footage reveals the sights of Rome, following engineers who are restoring the Trevi Fountain. 9.35 Ancient Empires. (MA15+av, R) Looks at the life of Julius Ceasar, who is notorious for destroying the Roman Republic and bringing about the Roman Empire. 11.40 Powerful Women. 12.30 MOVIE: Fiona Clark: Unafraid. (2021, Malns, R) Fiona Clark. 2.00 MOVIE: The Endangered Generation? (2022, PGal, R) 3.35 Mastermind Australia. (R) 4.35 Bamay. (R) 5.00 NHK World English News Morning. 5.15 Euronews. 5.30 PBS News Horizons.	6.50 The Mystery Of The Lady In The Lake. (Mav) Takes a look at the murder of Shani Warren. 8.20 The Hunters: The Car Bomb And The Underworld War. (Madv, R) Takes a look at the murder of John Furlan in 1998 by a car bomb, a crime which has never been solved. 9.50 24 Hours In Police Custody: The Norfolk Narco Cartel. (Madl, R) Takes a look inside the track of a major police operation that leads to the seizure of drugs worth over \$3 million. 10.50 Temple. (MA15+alv) Lee reaches his lowest point. 1.00 Home Shopping. (R) 2.00 Million Dollar Minute. (R) 2.30 NBC Today. 3.30 Sunrise Early News. 4.00 Sunrise.	6.30 Married At First Sight. (PGIs) The social experiment continues. 8.15 60 Minutes. Current affairs program, investigating, analysing and uncovering the issues affecting all Australians. 9.15 9News Late. 9.45 Hunting Bundy: Chase For The Devil: The Devil Comes To Utah. (Premiere, MA15+asv) Explores the untold story of how detectives from multiple states joined forces to stop serial killer Ted Bundy. 10.45 The First 48: Cover Story. (Mav, R) Detectives investigate a suicide. 11.35 Wild Cards. (Mv, R) 12.30 Ready Vet Go: The Vet Paramedics. (PGm, R) 1.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. (R) 4.00 The Garden Gurus. (R) 4.30 Today Early News. 5.00 Today.	9.00 MOVIE: The Italian Job. (2003, Mlv, R) With the help of a fleet of Mini Coopers and some computer hijinks, a gang of wise-cracking thieves plots to bring Los Angeles traffic to a standstill as part of their plan to steal millions worth of gold. Mark Wahlberg, Charlize Theron, Edward Norton. 11.15 10 News+. (R) Comprehensive coverage of the day's top stories, investigative reports and stories that haven't been heard. 11.40 Law & Order: SVU. (Mv, R) A runaway bride calls the SVU for help. 12.30 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 Entertainment Tonight. (R) Hollywood's hottest stories. 5.00 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG, R) Liam tells Hope the truth about Eric. 5.30 Deal Or No Deal. (R)
ABC FAMILY (22) 6am Children's Programs. 1.30pm PJ Masks. 1.50 Kangaroo Beach. 2.25 Mister Maker Around The World. 2.45 Wiggle. 3.00 Play School. 3.25 Super Monsters. 4.10 Dino Dex. 4.35 Gardening Australia Junior. 5.00 Thomas And Friends: Sodor Sings Together. 5.55 Octonauts. 6.25 Paddington. 7.05 Let's Go Bananas! 7.30 The Inbestigators. 8.00 Meet The Hedgehogs. 9.30 Fresh Off The Boat. 10.15 Late Programs.	SBS VICELAND (31) 6am Morning Programs. 1.15pm Jeopardy! 3.45 Fashionista. 4.00 Sailing. SailGP Sydney. 5.30 WorldWatch. 6.00 PBS Washington Week. 6.30 PBS News Compass Points. 7.00 The Architecture The Railways Built. 7.55 Abandoned Engineering. 8.50 Mysteries Unearthed With Danny Trejo. 10.30 Myths: The Greatest Mysteries Of Humanity. 11.30 Late Programs.	7MATE (70) 6am Morning Programs. 9.30 Storage Wars. 10.00 Pawn Stars. 10.30 The Fishing Show By AFN. 11.30 Fishing Addiction. 12.30pm Hook, Line And Sink. 1.00 Cricket. Women's ODI Series. Aust v India. 8.30 MOVIE: Bullet Train. (2022, MA15+) 11.10 MOVIE: The Change-Up. (2011, MA15+) 1.30am Blokesworld. 2.00 Border Security. 3.30 Ax Men. 4.30 Fishing Addiction. 5.30 The Fishing Show By AFN.	9GEM (90) 6am Morning Programs. 9.00 Avengers. 10.00 Getaway. 10.30 Edgar Wallace Mysteries. 11.45 MOVIE: Hobson's Choice. (1954, PG) 2pm MOVIE: Night Boat To Dublin. (1946, PG) 4.00 Midsomer Murders. 6.00 Planet Earth III. 7.10 Paramedics. 8.10 Emergency. 9.10 Major Crimes. 10.10 Midsomer Murders. 12.10am MOVIE: Hobson's Choice. (1954, PG) 2.25 Avengers. 3.30 The Baron. 4.30 Danger Man. 5.30 Creflo.	10 DRAMA (1) 6am Shopping. 6.30 Tough Tested. 7.30 What's Up Down Under. 8.30 Navigating The World. 10.30 The Living Room. 11.30 Top Gear Australia. 1.00 JAG. (PGv, R) 6.00 NCIS. (M, R) 8.50 Matlock. (PGa, R) 9.45 JAG. (PG, R) 10.45 Home Shopping. (R)
NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 2pm Dreaming Big. 2.30 Football. Tiwi Islands Football League. Grand Final. Imalu Tigers v Muluwurri Magpies. Replay. 4.00 MOVIE: Category: Woman. (2022, PG) 5.20 Soh Presents: Generations And Dynasties. 6.50 Great Blue Wild. 7.40 Most Endangered Species New Zealand. 8.30 Tree Kangaroos: Ghosts Of The Forest. 9.30 MOVIE: Finding Forrester. (2000) 11.55 Late Programs.	SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Morning Programs. 8.25 My Girl. (1991) 10.25 The Tunnel (Part 1) (2001, Malv) 12.05pm Argo. (2012, Mlv) 2.25 The Assassin. (2015, PGv, Mandarin) 4.25 The Orator. (2011, PGa, Samoan) 6.25 Charade. (1963, PGv) 8.30 Parasite. (2019, MA15+sv, Korean) 10.55 Michael Collins. (1996, Malv) 1.25am Petrol. (2022, MA15+) 3.10 Radioactive. (2019, Mavw) 5.10 The Orator. (2011, PGa, Samoan)	7TWO (72) 6am Morning Programs. 11.30 Luxury Escapes: World's Best Holidays. Noon Harry's Practice. 12.30 South Aussie With Cosi. 1.10 The Amazing Homemakers. 2.10 The Yorkshire Vet. 3.10 Secrets Of Beautiful Gardens. 4.10 Escape To The Country. 5.10 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 LEGO Masters. 2.30 Basketball. WNBL. Playoffs. Grand Final Series. 4.30 TBA. 6.30 MOVIE: Ocean's 8. (2018, M) 8.40 MOVIE: National Lampoon's Vacation. (1983, M) 10.45 Gotham. 11.40 Arrow. 1.20am Jeopardy! Australia. 2.20 Motor Racing. IndyCar Series. Detroit Grand Prix. H'lights. 3.20 Mia & Codie. 3.40 Barney's World. 4.00 Hop. 4.30 Beyblade X. 5.00 Late Programs.	10 COMEDY (11) 6am Deal Or No Deal. 8.00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. 1.00 Friends. (PG, R) 4.30 The Big Bang Theory. (PG, R) 9.00 Ridiculousness. (Mls, R) 10.30 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 Good Chef Bad Chef. (R) 5.00 Farm To Fork. (R) 5.30 Entertainment Tonight.



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6.25 Hard Quiz. (PG, R) 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 7.30. 8.00 Diabolical: The Epstein Files. Looks at the Epstein files. 9.15 Media Watch. (PG) Presented by Linton Besser. 9.35 Planet America. A look at American politics. 10.05 Foreign Correspondent. (R) 10.35 ABC Late News. 10.50 The Business. (R) 11.10 The Weekly With Charlie Pickering. (PG, R) 11.40 MOVIE: Murdoch Mysteries: Except The Dying. (2004, Mdnsv, R) Peter Outerbridge, Colm Meaney. 1.05 Parliament Question Time. 2.05 Rage. (MA15+dhlnsv) 2.35 Ragdoll. (MA15+v, R) 5.00 A Bite To Eat With Alice. (R) 5.30 7.30. (R)	6.00 Mastermind Australia. (PG, R) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.35 Inside The Tower Of London. (PG) The Tower of London is alive with summer activity. 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. 10.10 SBS World News Late. 10.40 Other People's Money. (Ml) 11.35 The Old Man. (MA15+v, R) 2.45 Greenland: Survival At The Edge. (R) 3.40 Mastermind Australia. (R) 4.40 Bamay. (R) 5.00 NHK World English News Morning. 5.30 ANC Philippines The World Tonight.	6.00 Australian Idol. (PGal) Hosted by Ricki-Lee Coulter and Scott Tweedie. 7.45 9-1-1. (Masv) Her's attempts at keeping her health issues private start to impact more than just her physical wellbeing. 8.45 Granny Killer: The Unsolved Murders. (Mav, R) Takes a look at John Wayne Glover, a notorious serial killer who was convicted of murdering six elderly women. 10.20 Autopsy USA: Frank Sinatra. (Ma, R) A look at the death of Frank Sinatra. 11.20 Conviction. (MA15+av, R) Rossi nears a conviction in a disturbing case. 12.30 Home Shopping. (R) 2.30 NBC Today. 3.30 Sunrise Early News. 4.00 Sunrise.	6.30 A Current Affair. 7.00 Married At First Sight. (Mls) Family and friends week begins. 8.30 Epstein: Making Of A Monster. Tara Brown investigates the powerful people who were part of Jeffrey Epstein's network. 9.30 9News Late. 10.00 Love Cheats. (Return, Ma) Looks at twin sisters who were scammed. 11.00 Sight Unseen. (Return, Mv) 11.50 Tipping Point. (PG, R) 12.40 Hello SA. (PG) 1.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 2.00 Global Shop. (R) 2.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. (R) 4.00 A Current Affair. (R) 4.30 Today Early News. 5.00 Today.	6.00 Australian Survivor: Redemption. (PGa) 7.30 Matlock. Julian makes a shocking discovery. 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)
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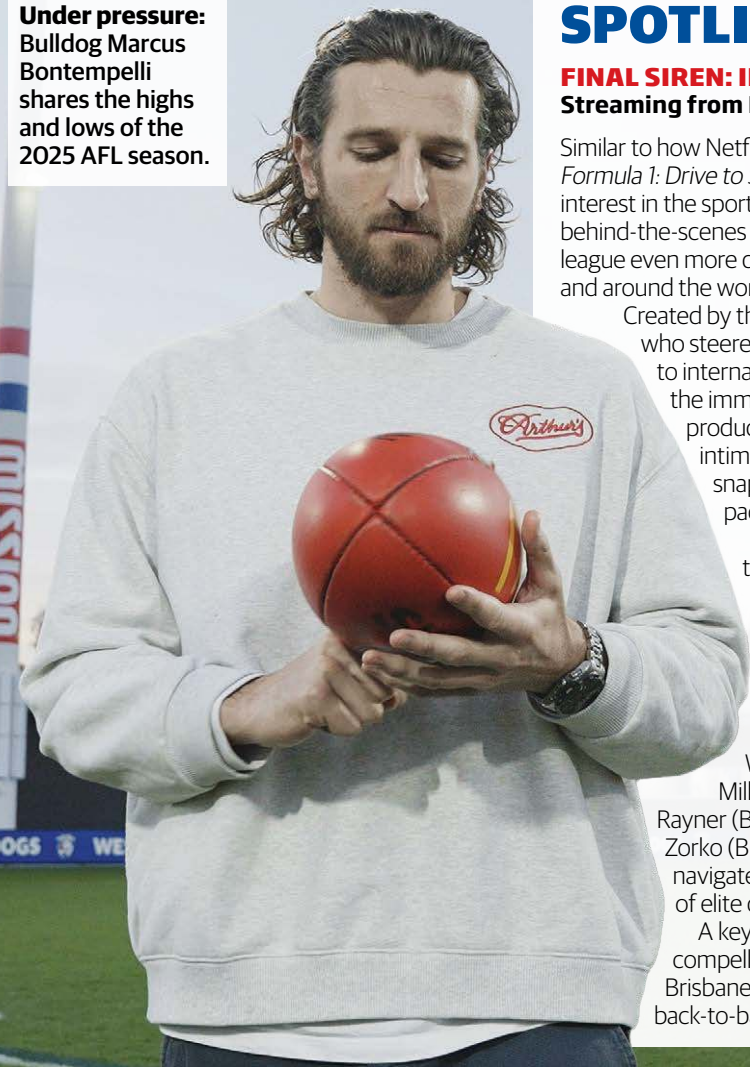
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Under pressure:
Bulldog Marcus Bontempelli shares the highs and lows of the 2025 AFL season.



SPOTLIGHT ON GAME CHANGERS

FINAL SIREN: INSIDE THE AFL
Streaming from Friday, Prime Video

Similar to how Netflix phenomenon *Formula 1: Drive to Survive* ignited global interest in the sport, the AFL hopes this behind-the-scenes docuseries will win the league even more die-hard fans at home and around the world.

Created by the same producers who steered *Drive to Survive* to international success, the immersive four-part production offers an intimate, character-driven snapshot of the action-packed 2025 season.

It follows seven of the game's biggest names – Marcus Bontempelli (Western Bulldogs), Nat Fyfe (Fremantle), Max Gawn (Melbourne), Toby Greene (Greater Western Sydney), Touk Miller (Gold Coast), Cam Rayner (Brisbane), and Dayne Zorko (Brisbane) – as they each navigate the personal cost of elite competition.

A key focus of the compelling series is the Brisbane Lions' historic tilt at back-to-back premierships.



Loyalty: Melbourne's Max Gawn.

Viewers get a front-row seat to the inner workings of the club through Rayner and Zorko as they strive to secure another flag.

Cameras also follow Fremantle champion Fyfe as the dual Brownlow Medallist plays in his 16th and final season.

Box To Box executive producer Hillary Olsen says *Final Siren* is a captivating watch that's sure to resonate with a global audience.

"While Aussie rules football is deeply rooted in Australia, the emotions at the centre of this series are universal – ambition, pressure, identity and the personal cost of competing at the highest level," Olsen says.

"With unprecedented access and a character-first lens, the series thrusts viewers into the intensity of the game, capturing high-stakes moments on and off the field." – Travis Lewis



MAN ON THE RUN
Streaming from Friday, Prime Video

This candid documentary examines a pivotal time in the life and career of Paul McCartney (pictured): his creative rebirth after the demise of The Beatles. Directed by Morgan Neville (*20 Feet from Stardom*), the film charts the formation of McCartney's follow-up rock band Wings with his first wife Linda. It's an intimate portrait of an artist rediscovering his voice.



SCRUBS
Streaming, Disney+

Charge your pagers and straighten your stethoscope, this beloved medical comedy has been resuscitated after 16 years. Original stars Sarah Chalke, Zach Braff and Donald Faison (pictured from left) are all returning. Creator Bill Lawrence went on to gift audiences with *Ted Lasso* and *Shrinking*, so hopes are high that *Scrubs* still has a clean bill of health.



SURVIVOR 50: IN THE HANDS OF THE FANS
Streaming, Stan

The ultimate reality competition marks 25 years on our screens with an epic 50th season that will delight devotees and captivate latecomers. Hosted by veteran Jeff Probst, this instalment features game mechanics and production designs as chosen by the public – as well as celebrity fans including singer Billie Eilish and talk show host Jimmy Fallon. *The White Lotus* creator Mike White (pictured) is among the 24 castaways.



BRIDGERTON
Streaming, Netflix

When it comes to this saucy Regency drama's most swoon-worthy lines, "Be my mistress?" doesn't quite make the cut. Benedict (Luke Thompson) might have intended it as the ultimate romantic statement, but maid Sophie (Yerin Ha, pictured) doesn't view it as such, and rightly so. Can Benedict recover from such a blunder? And will the penny ever drop that Sophie is in fact the mysterious "Lady in Silver" he's been pining after?



THE LADY
Streaming, Binge

The Crown fans are sure to be intrigued by this four-part drama with a royal twist. Inspired by real events, it details the life of Jane Andrews (Mia McKenna-Bruce), a working-class woman who becomes a dresser for Sarah, Duchess of York (Natalie Dormer, pictured right, with McKenna-Bruce) in 1988, only to later be convicted of murdering her own boyfriend.

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A more sustainable Bali

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BALI has always been a popular 'go to' destination for antipodeans, and more recently the World.

Tourists are now travelling far and wide for some of that island magic.

The island is steeped in tradition with a large Hindu population, who are some of the kindest, most patient people on the planet-where nothing (like two-hour traffic jams) is too much trouble.

It is home to more than four million people, the main industry is tourism, followed closely by manufacturing and trade exporting.

Bali is also a popular destination for entrepreneurs and expats to call home- naturally beautiful with vibrant beach clubs and a burgeoning food scene that spans Uluwatu to Canggu.

But with the tourist trade and population growing rapidly the need for a sustainable tourism model is imperative-for the local people and the natural environment.

Finns Beach Club-a mega beachfront club with pools, restaurants, dancefloors and roaming performers-is one business taking its responsibility for keeping the

beaches clean, seriously.

From launching a solar powered rubbish collecting beach robot, to funding the first air and sea rescue helicopter to sponsoring Stella's Child-an organisation that educates and integrates Balinese youth into businesses.

Just up the road Potato Head is following suit, with circular creations, turning rubbish into usable art.

Bali-owned and operated, Ini Vie Hospitality group employs local people, preserves the natural environment and upholds the islands cultural traditions. From the intimate garden villas at Monolocale to the luxurious, local design of Sini Vie Seminyak to the thriving gardens (and monkeys) of Kamala Ubud-with newly opened Habitat Bistro, a showcase of the surrounding food bowl.

Catch a ferry from Padang Bai on the mainland to Gili Air, for an authentic and serene island experience.

There's an array of accommodation options from Captain Coconuts- traditional Javanese rooms and bamboo lodges-to Santorini a newly opened beachfront hotel and Greek restaurant. The remote island has grown in popularity, but no cars or motorbikes are allowed, and there's a waste management program to deal with the Islands rubbish.

Back on the mainland visit the latest food-

ie destination, Uluwatu- known for its epic surf, clifftop abodes and supersized beach clubs- there's an expat scene driving a culinary change.

'Artisan' is a Bali born brunch café that has industrial styled venues with a touch of the tropics-serving quality local coffee, baked bread and fresh garden salads.

Up the street is Papi Sapi, all about fire and flavour, pairing high quality meats and seafood with bold sauces in a laid-back setting. Across the road is Kala, a stylish dining experience inspired by the Mediterranean- smells of sizzling haloumi and lamb kofta waft out of the open plan kitchen.

There's a buzz about Uluwatu, although it's changing rapidly, there's a sense of community where innovation and design are considered. Lyvin Melasti Villas, a sanctuary set high above Melasti Beach, is a property that flows seamlessly with nature. Stay tuned for the opening of their signature restaurant and spa later this year.

Head into the hills of Ubud, to Syrcos Base by talented Chef Syrcos Bakker. A culinary destination, with a regenerative garden, cooking workshop space, contemporary dining and artisan shop- showcasing local talent. Syrcos Base is the future of food in Bali, nurturing young talent and community-a place that invites you

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Local organisations such as Sungaiwatch are on a mission to stop plastic going into the ocean and river inlets. They actively remove rubbish built up on the land that ends up blocking the waterways, leaving lasting impacts on the environment particularly in the wet season.

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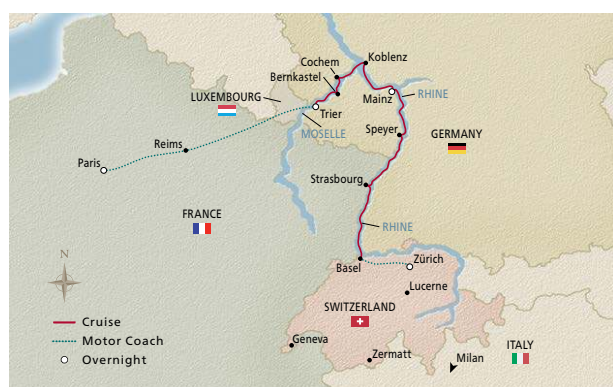
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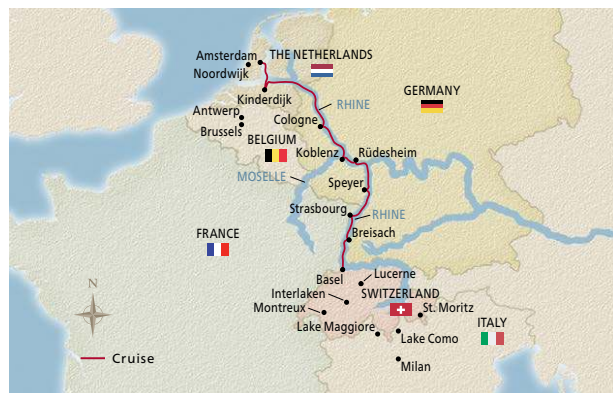
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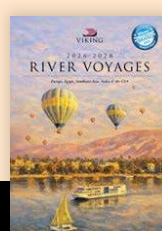
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READY: Alex Skipsey Williams and Michael Hooke about to test the waters in the Todd.



DRAGGED ALONG: Alex Skipsey Williams gets dragged into the HoT fun.

Call to make a splash

By Phil Williams

WITH perfect timing, the Todd River flowed as registrations opened for the 64th Henley on Todd Regatta to be held on 15 August.

The unique event is the only boat race in the world to take place in a dry river bed.

With more than 2000 people watching the mayhem from the riverbank and 200 participants taking part in the craziness in 2025, this year is set to be even bigger.

“What an exciting time for Alice Springs, when the Todd flows. We had to get the boats wet and test out if they are watertight,” event Commodore Michael Hooke said.

A few HOT regulars took the chance to test the floating capabilities of some of the boats used on regatta day, with mixed results.

“With a wet track and little breeze, ‘becalm-ing’ our sails, our skippers engaged their crews in the unique opportunity that HoT watercrafts all have - our leg power,” Mr Hooke said.

“What a great bit of pre-season training.

“All our teams are excited to be part of the 2026 NT Festivals and Events, with HoT celebrating its 64th Year, supporting Rotary Clubs of Alice Springs.

“15 August provides our community the opportunity to come together and celebrate healthy, active participation for all ages.

“This is an opportunity for local businesses and sporting teams to utilise HOT as a team-building afternoon.”

Team Expression of Interests registrations are open via the Henley on Todd Regatta website, including ticket sales.

2026 sees more of the same with several interstate teams already registered to come and claim bragging rights.

Tickets are \$10 per person and \$5 for children over 15. Children under 15 are admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

Mr Hooke commended the Alice Springs Town Council’s workers, who have worked tirelessly to repair damage and remove debris throughout the town due to the recent flooding.

“Thank you. We recognise the work you do,” he said

To find out more about the Henley on Todd, and how to enter, visit henleyontodd.com.au



CAUGHT: Catch a friend and drag them along to be part of this year’s Henley on Todd fun. (Phil Williams)



JOIN IN: The Henley on Todd has lots of ways to join in the fun.



OVERBOARD: HoT Commodore, Michael Hooke ends up in the drink.



NO PAMELA: HoT Commodore Michael Hook does his best Baywatch run.

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TESTING: Sean Akers makes a splash with a HoT canoe.



SPLASH: Hopefully the Todd will be dry by regatta day.



EDUCATION: A packed room listens intently to Christabel Moschetti during one of the reptile information sessions. (Phil Williams: 536216)



DETAILS: New owner Christabel Moschetti delivers an information session at the ASRC Open Day. (536126)

Reptiles say thanks

By Phil Williams

THE new owners of The Alice Springs Reptile Centre thanked the town for its ongoing support by holding an open day last Saturday 21 February.

The centre saw a steady stream of locals and visitors through the doors to listen to talks by the reptile keepers educating locals and tourists about the often-misunderstood creatures that inhabit the region.

The popular tourist attraction, which has been a part of Alice for 26 years, recently changed hands, with Christabel Moschetti - who has been working at the centre for around two years - taking the reins after Rex Neindorf decided to take a step back to explore other opportunities in the reptile world.

Along with the educational talks, there were also children's activities and special feeding sessions with the resident monitor and goanna population and also Terry, the centre's resident saltwater crocodile.

True to form, Terry, created the wow-factor, putting on a show during his feeding event, leaping vertically from his pool to take pieces of steak dangled above the water.

It is one of several new experiences Ms Moschetti is introducing for visitors to take part in, making their visit to the centre more memorable

Ms Moschetti said that she welcomed feedback from the community about the centre, good or bad.

"The community can come in and see me. I'm the new owner and I plan to be very hands-on and in a very front-facing way with the role.

"I want the centre to get better. I want it to evolve. I do want to make it into something different," she said.

"But it can't be done without the community. I want the community to come in and tell me 'I love this or I don't love this'.

"I can't change it, I can't make it better without their feedback.

"The community is more important now than ever before.

"The community has been a big part of the centre for the last 26 years and I don't want them to think that under new ownership that is going to change.

"Any changes will absolutely be for the better, she said.

"I have so many big plans and dreams and goals for this place.

"I'd also really like to contribute to more specific local conservation projects like the Greater Desert Skink."

A delighted Ms Moschetti said she was pleased with the response to the open day.

"I was really surprised by the amount of people that have come in. It's made me really happy.

"We've had a decent turnout. It was really great seeing everyone crowded around the (goanna) enclosures.

"Everyone's been so lovely."



INTIMATE: Wilbur Smede takes a close look at a Northern Blue Tongue Lizard. (536216:)



TONGUE-TIED: A Spencer's Goanna shows off its forked tongue during a feeding session. (536126)



LUNCH: Christabel Moschetti feeds a Spencer's Goanna. (536126)



FEEDING TIME: Terry the croc puts on a show for visitors to the Reptile Centre. (536126)



ACTIVITY: Young people took part in several hands on activities during the open day. (536126)

EVENTS



CREW: New Alice Springs McDonalds licensees Aaron and Charissa Sharp with their son Harry and some of the Alice crew. (Phil Williams: 519977)

Clean Up Australia Day

- 24 Railway Terrace | 26 February, 8-10am
- In the lead-up to Clean Up Australia Day, thousands of Maccas crew members across the country will be getting outside and into their communities, working together to help remove litter and tidy up local streets, parks and public spaces. Maccas is calling on customers, community groups, families and friends to slip on those gloves, pull out those bags and join them for the nation's biggest Clean Up.

Come to Dinner

- Alice Springs Golf Club | Friday 27 February, 5:30pm -8pm
- New to Alice Springs? Still finding your feet?

Come to Dinner is a relaxed, family-friendly evening for people who are new or newly settled in Alice Springs and Central Australia. It's built around a simple idea: community starts when people come together. Book now via Humanitix at events.humanitix.com/new-to-town-come-to-dinner

Lunar New Year Pop Up Park

- Council Lawns | 27 February 5-8pm
- The whole community is invited to come along, regardless of race, language, faith, age. There will be something for everyone to enjoy, and opportunities to learn more about Lunar New Year through the performances, information and fun activities.

Twiggy (2024)

- Araluen Arthouse Cinema | Monday 2 March, 7pm
- An intimate, star-studded dive into the birth of an icon, and everything that followed. A look into the life of the greatest it-girl of all time. araluenartscentre.nt.gov.au/whats-on/twiggy-2024

Ocean Film Festival

- Araluen Arts Centre | 5 March 7-10pm
- Six Breathtaking Ocean Films from independent filmmakers around the globe. The 13th Annual Ocean Film Festival World Tour showcases 2+ hours of ocean films. Sail, Surf, Scuba Dive, Explore & Protect. Tickets: araluenartscentre.nt.gov.au/whats-on/ocean-film-festival-world-tour-2026

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International Women's Day Equal Futures Fair

- Women's Museum of Australia, 2 Stuart Terrace | 7 March 5-8pm
- Free barbecue from 5-6pm with live performances and guest speakers.

Homoeopathic views on vaccinations and managing childhood diseases

- Corkwood Collective, 8009 Ragonesi Road | Sunday 22 March 1-5pm
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Honouring a keen horseman

By Phil Williams

BEFORE the establishment of Pioneer Park, the original Alice Springs racecourse used to be north of the town centre.

Dixon Road in Braitling now occupies the area that was the site of the town's first race track, Mt Nancy Racecourse, which was founded in 1928 and operated until 1977.

It is named after Edward (Ted) James Dixon, who was a keen horseman and jockey who came to Alice Springs in 1914.

He rode on the racetrack, which lies in the shadow of Mt Nancy.

Braitling was once a sparsely populated region and when horse racing relocated south of The Gap, to the Pioneer Park Racecourse, the Mt Nancy racecourse closed.

The area was then subdivided and became the residential area it is now.

Much of the original track is covered by the modern streets and housing that line Dixon Road.

As well as being a jockey, Dixon was also a co-owner with Bill Petrick of the "Spotted Dog" mica mine at Harts Range in the 1920s.

He married Molly Price in 1928 at her home, Woola Downs, and later owned Harper Springs and Waite River Stations.



MT NANCY: Children sit on fences during a race meeting at the Mt Nancy Racecourse. (Isabel Turner Collection/CAHI/ASTC)



RACEDAY: A horse takes to the track on the old Mt Nancy Racecourse.

Dixon Road was gazetted on July 14, 1978 and in Ted's honour, was the first street in Alice Springs named as a 'road'.

When the couple lived on Harper Springs, one evening, in the heat of summer, a stockman, Roy Potter failed to return to the homestead as expected.

The next day, Ted and Molly set out to search for him.

The following day, Potter's fatigued horse returned to the station's water trough.

Ted, worn out, and not believing the stockman could still be alive, gave up the search.

Molly, though herself exhausted, continued the search, determined to find the missing worker.

After three days searching in the heat, she found him semi-conscious and dehydrated.

Fatigued, herself, she was barely able to lift him on to the horse.

Potter clutched the horse's mane as she dragged him over the saddle and she rode

them slowly back to the station.

Once safely back to the homestead, Molly fed him on thin sago pudding for three days while he gradually recovered.

Ted and Molly later retired to Adelaide, where they both died.

Source: The History of Alice Springs Through Landmarks and Street Names, by Jose Petrick OAM. Third edition - Updated to 1996.

Additional information: NT Place Names Register.

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Your week ahead

Three planets in fluid Pisces and four in fiery Aries suggest a certain amount of hot water this week, especially when one of those planets is Mercury retrograde...



ARIES

(Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Amorous Venus, joining Saturn, Neptune and Chiron in your sign until March 30, makes this your month for exercising Aries Joseph Campbell's dictum to Follow Your Bliss! With your ruling planet Mars in his gentlest expression, surrendering to the flow is likely to be this week's most productive approach.

Best day: Thursday 5 March



TAURUS

(Apr 21 - May 20)

It's likely that the early March full moon eclipse, in the zodiac's most exacting sign, highlighted something you've been putting off. Whether that's attending to inefficient habits, unprocessed emotions or a mounting workload, this no-nonsense lunation sounded a much-needed wake-up call to get more organised.

Best day: Tuesday 3 March



GEMINI

(May 21 - Jun 21)

With Jupiter and Gemini's ruling planet Mercury both retrograde in emotional water signs, undeniable feelings could bubble to the surface this month. If you need to debrief, and you may, have a private confab with someone you trust before saying something that can't be unsaid. Slow down, ask questions, listen up.

Best day: Friday 6 March



CANCER

(Jun 22 - Jul 22)

A potent alignment of the south node with a full moon eclipse in the sign of cleansing and decluttering on March 3 is likely to deliver a double dose of motivation to downsize physical belongings, detox emotional patterns and delete relational habits that no longer work. To say sayonara, thank you, bless and release.

Best day: Saturday 7 March



LEO

(Jul 23 - Aug 23)

If this week's retrograde soundtrack has old narratives and unresolved questions playing on repeat, you'll want to turn them off, but try getting curious instead, because there's buried treasure to unpack in whatever circles back. Don't rush to formulate fixes; hit cruise control and watch what comes through.

Best day: Sunday 1 March



LIBRA

(Sep 23 - Oct 23)

With your planetary muse, Venus, in her annual red-hot phase, chemistry can be instantaneous, and you might find yourself drawn towards a completely different direction than you intended. Passions may express in new and experimental forms during this indie-spirited cycle, which could stretch your limits in interesting ways.

Best day: Thursday 5 March

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VIRGO

(Aug 24 - Sep 22)

Your annual Virgo full moon, a total lunar eclipse on March 3, calls for an unflinching life edit. Since eclipses tend to highlight backstage issues that haven't been dealt with, this might perhaps look like the need to address longstanding habits like overextending yourself or over-focussing on flaws.

Best day: Monday 2 March



SCORPIO

(Oct 24 - Nov 22)

As the zodiac completes another cycle, this month invites you to step back from the world's noise, starting perhaps by listening to Seamus O'Rourke's gorgeous poem Rescued Time, about what's important in life. If some things don't seem sensible, this week responds to following instinct rather than reason.

Best day: Saturday 7 March



SAGITTARIUS

(Nov 23 - Dec 21)

This is the zodiac's most emotional month, and with your planet guide Jupiter in reactive mode, feelings you would normally keep under wraps could erupt unexpectedly. If you're feeling agitated, attempts to clear the air are most likely to succeed later in March when Jupiter's on the move again.

Best day: Sunday 1 March



CAPRICORN

(Dec 22 - Jan 20)

With four planets this week in sensitive water signs, it's essential to read the room's shifting moods. To check in, to let people air their feelings and pause if you hit a wall, rather than forging ahead regardless. Take a break from rigid to-do lists and let your imagination flow freely.

Best day: Wednesday 4 March



AQUARIUS

(Jan 21 - Feb 18)

Paradoxical Aquarians are both fiercely independent and expansively interactive, more at home in the mental realm of ideas than this month's emotional currents. Which do, however, brilliantly prime your curious minds to receive intuitive downloads, so find a quiet spot to unplug and be surprised by what arrives.

Best day: Friday 6 March



PISCES

(Feb 19 - Mar 20)

Yes, Mercury retrograde in your sign could complicate communications, but this month's magical start, with the Sun, Mercury and Mars in Pisces, encourages a lifestyle makeover to remove whatever's past its use-by date to make room for what's waiting to emerge at the 19 March Pisces new moon.

Best day: Monday 2 March

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Social

Party faithful glam up

By Phil Williams

AROUND 70 CLP faithful glammed up for a fundraising dinner for the Alice Springs branch at the Double Tree by Hilton on 16 February.

The evening was a relaxed affair and an opportunity for those attending to chat with members of the Government who were in town for a number of official duties.

The evening wrapped up with local band Late Scratching rocking the night away.



- 1: FABULOUS: Drew Hendriks and Toni Rowan looking fabulous at the CLP Fundraiser Dinner.
- 2: DINNER: Stew Clark, Jennie Mears and Paul Hinkly.
- 3: CHIEF: Lia Finocchiaro addresses the Alice Springs CLP faithful at the dinner.
- 4: CALL: Josh Burgoyne calls a bid with help from Bill Yan.
- 5: COUPLE: Anke Nagel and Dominic Miller at the CLP Fundraiser Dinner.
- 6: CHEERS: Sharing a beverage at the Alice Springs CLP dinner were Darren Burton, Andrew Maloney, David Koch and NT Treasurer, Bill Yan.
- 7: FOURSOME: Geni Le, Thanh Phan, Jemma Bolger and Jayde Armstead enjoyed a night out. (CLP Alice Springs)
- 8: EM-CEE: Naomi Hunter ahead of her role as MC at the CLP Fundraiser Dinner.
- 9: SHARP: Rose and Andrew Maloney glammed up for the CLP Fundraiser Dinner.
- 10: SMILES: Lincoln Van Der Zwag and Jeevean Deet share a light-hearted moment.
- 11: TREASURER: Bill Yan showing the colour of his money during the auction at the CLP dinner.
- 12: SOLEMN: Alex Skipsey Williams puts on a serious face at the CLP Fundraiser Dinner.
- 13: AUCTIONEERS: Bill Yan and Josh Burgoyne calling the auction at the CLP dinner.

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Coroners Act

An Inquest into the death of **Bradley Murdoch** who died on 15 July 2025 at Alice Springs Hospital, will be held on 19 March 2026 (1 day) at the Alice Springs Local Court, Alice Springs commencing 11:30am.

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ALICE SPRINGS NETBALL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday 26th March at 5:15pm
Pat Gallagher Netball Courts

First advertised on ASNA's Facebook & Instagram pages February 18, 2026

Nominations needed: Treasurer, Coach Coordinator, Registrar, and General Committee Members.

For additional information contact
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THE ALICE SPRINGS POLICE CLUB INC.

will be holding the AGM on

Tuesday, 31 March commencing at 5pm.

A venue is yet to be confirmed, however the following number **0439 444 134** can be contacted closer to the nominated day.

All financial members are welcome.

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Classified deadlines for
Thursday, 12th March
issue as follows:

Thursday, 5th March at
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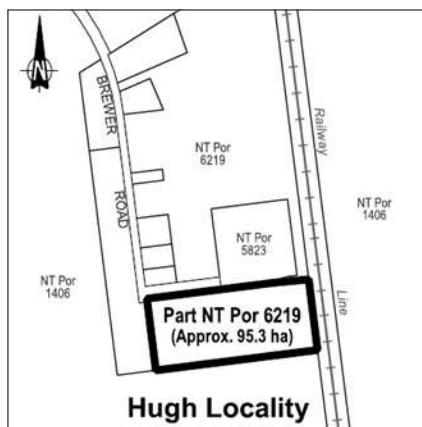


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DIRECT APPLICATION

An application has been received from APAS Infrastructure Holdings Pty Ltd (ABN 75 664 239 436) for the grant of a lease over of approximately 95.3 hectares of Crown land, being part NT Portion 6219, (269 Brewer Road HUGH) for the purpose of logistics hub infrastructure.

Interested members of the public who wish to comment on the application can do so by writing to the Executive Director Crown Land Estate, Department of Lands, Planning and Environment, PO Box 2130, Alice Springs, NT, 0871, or by email to crownland.alicesprings@nt.gov.au on or within 14 days of advertisement.



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NEWS



REMAINS: The upside down remains of the Commodore lie near the large boulder dislodged during the crash. (Phil Williams)

Horror crash

By Phil Williams

THE occupants of two cars had a lucky escape after their vehicles collided on Gap Road in Alice Springs last week.

The serious crash occurred around 7.35 pm and closed the road between Parke Crescent and Mahomed Street for several hours on Wednesday evening, 19 February.

Multiple agencies, including two Northern Territory Fire and Rescue Service units with rescue equipment attended the accident.

A silver Falcon, with five occupants, travelling north, lost control and swerved onto the wrong side of the road before colliding with a black Kia Optima travelling in the opposite direction.

NT Police said the driver of the Falcon, a 34-year-old man who allegedly returned a positive alcohol test, had an altercation with the female front seat passenger, resulting in the loss of control of the vehicle.

After contacting the Kia, the Falcon ploughed into a large boulder on the verge between the service road and rolled, coming to rest on its roof.

The force of the impact shifted the boulder several metres into the middle of the service road.

NTFRS rescuers used cutting equipment to remove the doors on the passenger side of the Falcon to free several passengers trapped inside.

A 34-year-old woman was taken to Alice Springs Hospital with injuries to her lower body.

The remaining occupants were also taken to hospital for assessment.

The driver of the Falcon was expected to be charged in relation to the crash.

The driver of the Kia was attended to by St John Ambulance members and found to be uninjured and allowed to leave the scene.



BOULDER: A large rock lies in the middle of a service road after being dislodged when it was ploughed into.



SKID: Skid marks on the road show the path the Commodore took before colliding with the Kia travelling in the opposite direction.



WRECKAGE: A silver Commodore rolled on Gap Road after colliding with another and a huge boulder.

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FIVE: Katherine O'Donoghue relays some good news. (536203)



WENDY: Wendy Cochrane has a tough shot at the jack as Geoff Stace watches on. (536203)



HELP: Katherine O'Donoghue offers some advice for shot placement. (536203)



CONCENTRATION: David Gould sets his focus as he prepares to play a shot. (536203)

Heavy deck a challenge

By Phil Williams

THE Alice Springs Golf Club's lawn bowlers faced challenging conditions due to recent rains on a beautiful Valentine's Day morning on February 14.

Despite the heavy deck, three eight-end matches were played, and the final result came down to the last bowl.

Pat Coburn emerged victorious with three wins and 14 shots, followed closely by Bruce Fyfe with three wins and 10 shots.

Katherine O'Donoghue rounded out the podium, finishing a match down with two wins and 12 shots up.

The club continues the build up for an exciting 2026, with a full program of Social Bowls and Club Championships starting in the next month, as well as the big prize money Alice Festival of Bowls and the Masters Games in October.



SHOT: Pat Coburn sets his shot down the green. (536203)



JUSTIN: Justin Hemmings sends his bowl to the head. (536203)



LINING UP: Charlie Gammon lines up his shot. (Phil Williams: 536203)



SCORE: Geoff Stace and Justin Hemmings relay the scores. (536203)



PLAY: Katherine O'Donoghue releases her shot. (536203)



DOWN: A Tennant Creek bowler about to hit the turf after losing his footing in the delivery stride.



IT'S OVER: Fans give the umpire some assistance with what to signal.



CHANCE: A Tennant Creek player spills a catch off Harrison's top edge.

Alice wins grudge match

By Phil Williams

ALICE Springs drew first blood in the opening match of the 2026 Imparja Cup last Friday night, 20 February.

Batting first after winning the bat toss against Tennant Creek, Alice Springs set a formidable total of 5/175 from their full 20 overs.

Shane Franey and Peter Nash strode to the crease to open the batting for the home side.

Nash was the first to fall after being bowled for just one, while Franey went on to post a solid 31.

Matt Campbell was the last wicket to fall when he was knocked over for just two with the score on 63.

Measure and young gun Harrison Johnny piled on the runs with an unbeaten 112 run partnership.

Measure went on to make 93 and only falling short of triple figures when the overs ran out.

Young gun, Harrison Johnny finished unbeaten on 39.

Tennant Creek innings didn't start well, losing their first wicket on just the second delivery of the innings.

They steadied a little but losing clusters of wickets at key moments stopped the momentum and ruined any chance of chasing down the target and they finished with 9/106.



CASTLED: Matt Campbell is bowled after only a short stay at the crease. (Phil Williams)



FIRST BALL: Shane Franey plays the first delivery of the tournament.



MIDDLE: Harrison Johnny middles the ball sending it to the fence.



WIDE: Harrison Johnny watches as the keeper attempts to glove a wide ball.



BOWLED: The bails fly as Peter Nash becomes the first wicket of the tournament.



GIFT: Shane Franey presents a cultural gift to members of the Redfern All Blacks.



Shane Franey and Peter Nash stride to the crease at the start of the opening match.

Ceremony sets the stage

By Phil Williams

AUSTRALIA'S biggest Indigenous cricket festival, the Imparja Cup, got underway last weekend at Traeger Park.

For 33 years, what was originally a family grudge match between Alice Springs and Tennant Creek, founded by custodians, Shane Franey and Ross Williams, the tournament has become a national celebration of Indigenous cricket.

Each year it draws hundreds of male and female Indigenous cricketers, coaches, match officials and volunteers from across the Territory and Australia to celebrate cricket, culture and community.

An opening ceremony on Friday evening, February 20 set the ball rolling on the tournament, before a traditional opening match between the two founding teams, Alice Springs and Tennant Creek.

Tournament founder Shane Franey lamented that through the passage of time, the number of players from both teams was becoming fewer.

"The Alice Springs original team is slowly diminishing," he said.

"From the originals, there's not many of us left, and that includes Tennant Creek," he said as he presented Shannon Johnson with his cricket bat gift signed by all the current Alice Springs team.

NT Cricket CEO Gavin Dovey said it was a privilege for NT Cricket to be involved with the Imparja Cup.

"It's arguably one of Australia's most culturally significant community sporting events and we feel a real deep sense of responsibility for ensuring that it's successful and it's here for generations to come," he said.

"It's an incredibly special event to cricket. It's given first nations communities not only here, but across the Territory and across Australia the opportunity to play a great sport and to engage with cricket.

"It's really important to us that everyone has a fantastic experience..."

Alice Springs Mayor Asta Hill said the Imparja Cup was an important festival to cricket and Alice Springs.

"It brings people from all backgrounds and ages together on Arrente country to celebrate sport, culture and community pride.

"What started as a game, has grown with the support of NT Cricket into a festival of cricket that brings together people of all different levels of experience and skill."

During the ceremony, Shane Franey presented cultural gifts of dot painted miniature cricket bats to the four touring regions and to Mr Dovey.

There was also a gift exchange between Mr Franey and Sydney's Redfern All Black Cricket Team.

The ceremony concluded with the induction of Life Membership to Imparja Cup founding father Ross Williams.

Due to Williams being unable to travel because of poor health the honour was accepted by his niece, Irena.

In a moving gesture prior to the start of the first game, players and officials took to the centre of Traeger Park to form a circle in support of victims of domestic violence as part of the Say No campaign.



LIFE MEMBERSHIP: On behalf of Ross Williams, his niece, Irena, accepts his plaque of Imparja Cup Life Membership. (Phil Williams)



EMBRACE: Shane Franey embraces NT Cricket's Gavin Dovey as he presents him with a cultural gift of a hand-painted cricket bat.



BAT TOSS: Mayor Asta Hill tosses the bat for the first match between traditional rivals Alice Springs and Tennant Creek.



STYLE: Imparja Cup umpires demonstrate the various cricket signals.



RIVALS: Tennant Creek's Shannon Johnson and Shane Franey exchange gifts during the opening ceremony.



MOVING: Players and officials come together in a moving moment to Say No to violence against women.



TRADITION: A smoking ceremony was a feature of the opening ceremony.

MX series takes to skies

By Phil Willaims

WITH help from new sponsor, Costello Cattle Company, the Alice Springs Motorcycle Club's MX season revved up with the opening round of the series on 15 February.

After the rain bomb that hit the area earlier in the week, the track crew put in a mammoth amount of work to prepare the track for the weekend's racing and didn't disappoint although conditions remained hot and humid.

There were smaller than usual fields as the almost perfect track, with its high grip levels, made for fast racing and high flying action across all classes, particularly with the senior riders who put on a show.

The next round of high-flying action at the Ilparpa track is round two of the series on 2 March with excellent views of the complete track from the spectator area.

Volunteers for a number of roles including flag marshalling and canteen support are always welcome.



125: A young lady rider takes on the boys. (536247)



REAL ESTATE: Riders fight for track real estate as scramble into the first corner. (Phil Williams: 536247)



FLAG: A senior rider flies past the chequered flag. (536247)



TAIL FLICK: A senior rider flicks out the tail as he flies off a jump. (536247)



FINISH: The chequered flag waves as a senior rider crosses the finish line: (536247)



5HANG TIME: A senior rider gets huge air off the jump in front of the main spectator area. (536247)



SMALL WHEEL: A pair of small wheel riders get air time over a jump. (536247)



YOUNG GUNS: Junior riders having a crack. (536247)



ONE TO GO: A senior rider flies high as the last lap board is shown. (536247)



FLY-ING: A small wheel rider is suspended in mid air as he flies over a jump. (536247)



TAIL FLICK: A senior rider flicks out the tail as he flies off a jump. (536247)



DROP: A senior rider about to pick up his bike after falling while going through a tight corner. (536247)



RACE: Riders take off as they scramble for the first corner. (Phil Williams: 536247)



COMMITMENT: A young rider attacks the tabletop jump. (536247)

WEATHER

FORECAST

Warnings
See www.bom.gov.au/australia/warnings

Alice Springs:
Cloudy. Medium chance of showers. The chance of a thunderstorm in the afternoon and evening. Light winds becoming southerly 15 to 25 km/h during the morning then light during the evening.
Friday. Cloudy. Medium chance of showers. The chance of a thunderstorm. Winds southerly 15 to 20 km/h tending southeasterly during the morning.
Saturday. Partly cloudy. High chance of showers. The chance of a thunderstorm. Light winds becoming northeast to southeasterly 15 to 20 km/h during the morning.
Sunday. Partly cloudy. High chance of showers. The chance of a thunderstorm. Winds east to northeasterly 15 to 20 km/h tending east to southeasterly during the morning.

Tennant Creek:
Cloudy. Medium chance of showers. The chance of a thunderstorm in the morning and afternoon. Light winds becoming easterly 15 to 20 km/h during the morning then becoming light during the day. 24/31 Friday. Shower or two. Possible storm. 23/31

Hermannsburg:
Possible shower. 19/29
Friday. Shower or two. 20/31

Santa Teresa:
Shower or two. 21/28
Friday. Shower or two. 22/31

Ross River:
Shower or two. 20/28
Friday. Shower or two. 21/31

Uluru:
Mostly sunny. 21/32
Friday. Possible shower. 22/32

Darwin:
Partly cloudy. High chance of showers. The chance of a thunderstorm later in the day. Light winds becoming W to NW 15 to 20 km/h during the day.
Friday. Very high chance of showers. The chance of a thunderstorm. Light winds becoming westerly 15 to 20 km/h during the morning.

ALICE SPRINGS FORECAST

**THURSDAY**
Shower or two.
27

**FRIDAY**
Shower or two.
31

**SATURDAY**
Shower or two.
31

**SUNDAY**
Shower or two.
32

Sunny

Mostly sunny

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Cloudy

Chance shower

Shower or two

Showers

Light rain (drizzle)

Rain

Storm

Showers storm

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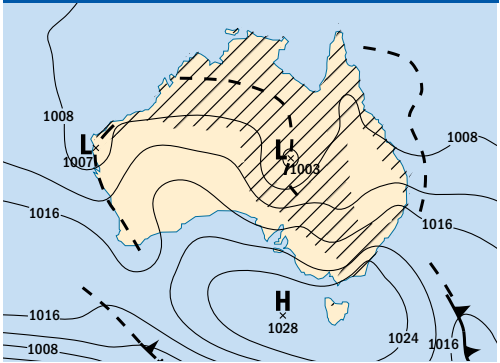
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Fog

CAPITAL CITIES				
City	Condition	Max		
Adelaide	Partly cloudy.	31		
Brisbane	Shower or two.	30		
Canberra	Cloudy.	22		
Darwin	Showers. Afternoon storm.	31		
Hobart	Cloudy.	19		
Melbourne	Partly cloudy.	26		
Perth	Cloud clearing.	33		
Sydney	Showers.	25		

SUN & MOON				
	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	6:28am	7:07pm	2:03pm	Nil
Thursday	6:28am	7:07pm	3:07pm	12:39am
Friday	6:29am	7:06pm	4:05pm	1:43am
Saturday	6:29am	7:05pm	4:56pm	2:49am
Sunday	6:30am	7:04pm	5:41pm	3:55am
Monday	6:30am	7:03pm	6:20pm	4:59am
Tuesday	6:31am	7:02pm	6:55pm	5:59am

THURSDAY 10AM



Forecast Rain
24 hrs to 9am

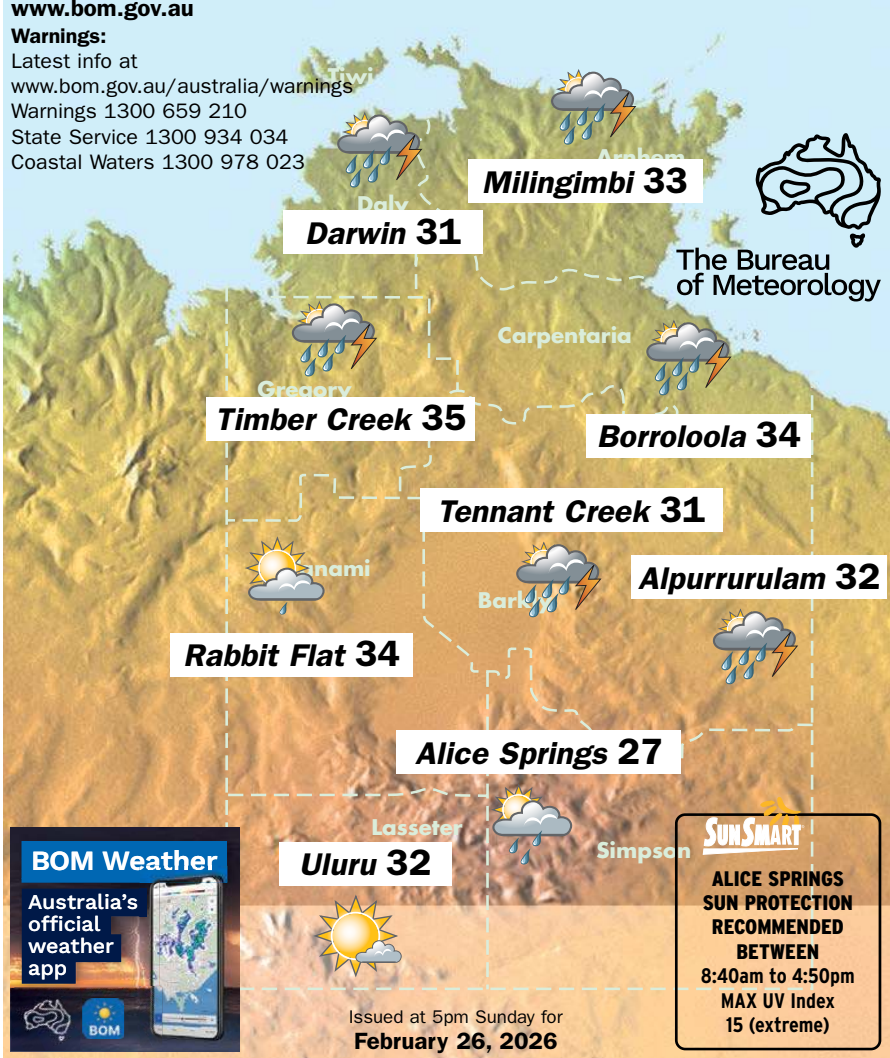
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Home victory

ALICE Springs drew first blood in the opening match of the 2026 Imparja Cup last Friday night 20 February.

The home side claimed victory by 69 runs after winning the toss and batting first.

Shane Franey and Peter Nash strode to the crease to open the batting Alice Springs.

Nash was the first to fall after being bowled for just one, while Franey went on to post a solid 31.

COVERAGE PAGE 40

GONE: Peter Nash has a big swing and is bowled to become the first wicket of the 2026 Imparja Cup competition. (Phil Williams)

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