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Roaming lions stop shoppers

By Phil Williams

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The lion dance is a centuries-old tradition performed during Lunar New Year celebrations and is believed to bring luck, prosperity and protection.

The mid-morning celebration featured the ear-splitting beating of drums and sharp clashing of cymbals that echoed through the mall.

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FRIENDS: Young girls make friends with one of the lions during the dance in Yeperenye. (Phil Williams: 537695)

Funds for repairs

By Phil Williams

THE Federal and Northern Territory governments have announced disaster assistance packages for communities affected by the severe weather and flooding across Central Australia last month.

The joint Commonwealth-State funded Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) will provide support across the region, including areas covered by the Alice Springs Town Council, Barkly Regional Council, Cen-

tral Desert Regional Council, and MacDonnell Regional Council.

The extreme weather caused significant damage, with sections of major roads, such as the Stuart Highway, Tanami Road, and Plenty Highway impacted, and rail services disrupted.

Remote communities, including Murray Downs and Ali Curung, were isolated, and some residents were forced to relocate.

Under the DRFA, primary producers can claim a Freight Subsidy covering up to 50 per

cent of eligible freight costs, capped at \$5000.

Eligible non-profit organisations can apply for grants of up to \$10,000 to repair significant asset damage.

The arrangements also support state and territory agencies, as well as local governments, to undertake counter-disaster operations, restore essential public assets and infrastructure, and remove debris.

Last week's announcement of the disaster package followed extensive lobbying from

Barkly Regional Council, actively seeking assistance, with CEO Peter Harder saying a region-wide assessment was now underway to determine the full extent of the impacts and establish recovery priorities.

Federal Minister for Emergency Management Kristy McBain and NT Chief Minister Lia Finocchiaro said targeted assistance was important to support the recovery efforts and help communities rebuild.

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OH WHAT A FEELING

No Bull. Phil's the best

THE Centralian and Tennant Creek Today's photojournalist Phil Williams has added to his list of media awards.

At the 2025 SA Country Press Awards held in Adelaide last Friday night, 27 February, he was once again crowned the SA and NT's best sports photographer.

His photo of bull rider Harrison Sutcliffe trying to make time at last year's Aileron Rodeo that graced the front page of the Centralian Today was judged the best sports photo of 2025.

Photos were judged across five criteria with category judge, Sean McGowan, describing the image as jaw dropping and captured perfectly.

"Williams caught this instant perfectly. His jaw dropping image, featured on the front page of Centralian Today, provokes feelings of awe and fear in the viewer, and possibly wonder that the rider survived.

"Williams nailed focus on the bull's eye at the height of the massive creature's extraordinary leap, just a split second before the rider fell.

"His timing was impeccable."

Williams said having work judged by industry peers made the award it all the more significant.

"To be recognised at industry awards is always special. Receiving an award that is judged by peers makes it a much more significant.

"This isn't just what I do. This is who I am, so to be recognised by the industry is a proud moment.

"I love what I do and to be able to show off what happens in this great community is the basis of what I set out to do every day.



WINNER: Phil Williams' pic of Harrison Sutcliffe doing his best to hang during the Aileron Rodeo won the Best Sports Photo at the 2025 AS Country Press Awards. (Phil Williams)

"I can't do what I do without the support of the community," he said.

It is the second time Williams has won the CPA's Best Sports Photo award, taking the crown in 2018 and goes with his Best News Photo in 2023 taken within weeks of joining the Centralian Today.

It is also the second time the Centralian Today has claimed the Best Sports Photo award in its three years of publication.

Williams also received a special mention in the Best Photo category for his pic of a bathing rainbow bee eater which ran as the lead image of the My Territory feature about Olive Pink Botanic Garden in January last year.

There was another special mention for Williams' headline 'Falcon Hell' which accompanied his photo from the Off Road 12 Hour Enduro that ran on the back page of the August 14 edition.

The Centralian Today and Tennant Creek Today were awarded third prize for for the 'Grab your local paper' promotion in the House Advertisement category.

"This is a simple but important idea: clearly listing where the paper is sold," the judging panel said.

"Knowing where to buy the local newspaper is essential information, and this advertisement encourages readers to engage by scanning the list for their nearest outlet. It is particularly valuable for casual readers or those who come to the paper "second or third hand."

"The strong colour scheme and full-page



SPLASH: Phil Williams' image of a rainbow bee eater cooling off in the summer heat received a special mention. (Phil Williams: 452189)

presentation give the advertisement real presence, ensuring it stands out and does its job effectively."

The Tennant Creek Today also received a commendation for the series of Alice Denture advertisements.

The Centralian Today's "Getting Stuff Done" promotional series on the Mparntwe Alice Springs Community Foundation was commended in the Best Community Advertising Promotion category.

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Funding for flood repairs

By Phil Williams

DISASTER assistance packages will be available for communities impacted by severe weather and flooding in February, with funding from the Federal and Northern Territory governments.

Under the joint Commonwealth-State funded Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA), support has been made available across most of Central Australia including communities covered by Alice Springs Town Council, Barkly Regional Council, Central Desert Regional Council and MacDonnell Regional Council.

Flooding impacted sections of the Stuart Highway, Tanami Road and Plenty Highway, disrupted rail services, and isolated remote communities. Days of torrential downpours isolated communities and pastoral stations with residents of Imangara, who relocated to Ali Curung after their homes flooded, still not able to return.

Under the DRFA, primary producers can claim a Freight Subsidy covering up to 50 per cent of eligible freight costs, capped at \$5000.

Eligible non-profit organisations can apply for grants of up to \$10,000 to repair significant asset damage.

The arrangements also support State and Territory agencies and local governments to undertake counter disaster operations, as well as restore essential public assets and infrastructure, including debris removal, temporary repairs and work to make properties safe.

The announcement followed concerted lobbying by the Barkly Regional Council.

Heavy rain and high winds that lashed the Barkly caused major damage to roads and critical infrastructure.

Days of torrential downpours isolated communities and pastoral stations and left many routes impassable.

Residents of Imangara, who relocated to other communities after their homes flooded, have still not been able to return.

Barkly CEO Peter Harder said a region-wide assessment to reveal the extent of the damage was now underway.

"Intense rainfall and flash flooding across the region caused widespread damage to roads, community assets and critical infrastructure," he said.

"Now we have to determine the full extent of the impacts so we can establish recovery priorities as soon as possible."

Federal Minister for Emergency Management Kristy McBain said the extraordinary amount of rainfall across the Alice Springs, Barkly and wider Central Australia regions had substantially impacted communities.

"Through the DRFA we are supporting councils, primary producers and community organisations by jointly providing the financial support needed to repair essential infrastructure and restore services as quickly as

possible," she said.

NT Chief Minister Lia Finocchiaro said the targeted assistance to support recovery efforts would help communities to rebuild following the severe weather.

Information about disaster assistance and eligibility is available at disasterassist.gov.au and <https://secure.nt.gov.au/recover-from-an-emergency>.



CLOSED: The closed Wills Terrace causeway as council workers repair damage to the road surface. (Phil Williams: 534725)



FLOTSAM: Debris washed down the river added to the damage to infrastructure. (534725)

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Frontline care boost

TWO dozen new graduate nurses and midwives will begin at Alice Springs Hospital as part of the 72 graduates joining the NT health workforce in the first three months of this year.

This boost to frontline care also includes new fast-track pathways to transition undergraduate students into graduate nursing programs, along with improvements to the structure of the graduate program to expand career pathways and opportunities.

Health Minister Steve Edgington said ensuring Territorians have access to the best healthcare is a key part of restoring the Territory's unique lifestyle.

"Every graduate nurse and midwife who chooses the Territory strengthens our healthcare system, delivers better care for patients and helps build a sustainable health workforce that keeps Territorians healthier," Mr Edgington said.

"NT Health provides up to 300 graduate nursing and midwifery positions each year across the Territory, with more graduates set to join throughout 2026."

Graduate nurses and midwives undertake an intensive orientation and workplace readiness program designed to support their transition into employment. As part of their induction, they complete essential training focused on delivering safe, high-quality, patient-centred care.

The application portal for the NT Health Graduate Nursing and Midwifery Program re-



BABY: Minister for Health, Steve Edgington, meets some of the new graduate nurses and midwives at Alice Springs Hospital. (Supplied)

mains open to allow ongoing recruitment rather than applicants having to wait for a specific intake period or advertised vacancies.

Participant numbers for subsequent Alice Springs intakes in May, July and October will be confirmed later this year.

New cohort of nurses

A cohort of 40 nurses will help address workforce shortages in Alice Springs, with Charles Darwin University Alice Springs campus welcoming its first cohort of Nursing Practice (Pre-Registration) students.

Classes and simulation blocks will be delivered face-to-face at the CDU Alice Springs campus, with students undertaking clinical placements across Central Australia.

CDU Associate Vice-Chancellor Central Australia and Barkly Jodie Summers said the course would also deliver economic benefits to Alice Springs.

"This program will not only bring additional students to Central Australia, but it also supports our campus to offer these opportunities locally for students to train as nurses or healthcare professionals, helping address real workforce shortages," Ms Summers said.

"This program will directly benefit our region and our communities by offering training and placements that will hopefully lead to meaningful employment in areas that need it most."

CDU Pro Vice-Chancellor Faculty of Health Professor Dominic Upton said the program was designed specifically for regions such as Central Australia, with a focus on evidence-based, person- and family-centred care, and respect for diverse contexts, cultures and communities.

"This course is designed to prepare nursing students for a broad range of healthcare settings but not only public and private sectors, but also specialty areas such as community health, acute care and chronic care," Professor Upton said.

Over the past two years, more courses have become available with flexible options for residents of Central Australia and the Barkly, including the Bachelor of Midwifery and the Graduate Diploma of Midwifery.

Professor Upton said CDU was also looking to expand its health offerings in Alice Springs, providing more pathways into the sector, including a Diploma of Nursing, which is due to start in April.



NURSE: CDU Alice Springs Nursing Lecturer Karina Foyle.

Help for the growing issue of elder abuse

By Gladys Barreta

TWO new grant programs have been launched to help protect older people against abuse, despite questions about whether the scale of funding will meet the needs of rural and regional communities.

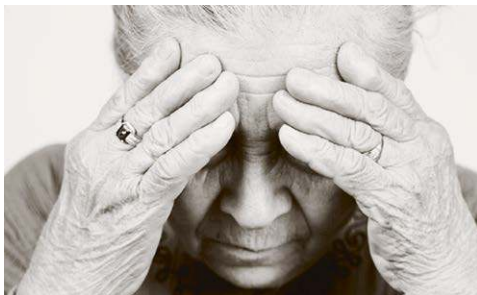
The Department of People, Sport and Culture will offer the grants through two programs: the Older Persons' Abuse Grant Program (OPAGP) and the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Grant (WEAADG).

The OPAGP will issue grants of between \$3000 and \$15,000, with a total funding pool of \$50,000 for the Northern Territory for the 2025-26 round.

The program supports locally designed initiatives that address older persons' abuse, such as community education sessions, professional development for frontline workers, culturally appropriate awareness campaigns, events that create safe spaces for older people and families to learn, connect and seek support, and travel within the NT to deliver activities in regional and remote communities.

The WEAADG is a one-off \$20,000 grant to support activities marking World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on 15 June.

Department of People, Sport and Culture



ELDER: The Northern Territory government have announced grants launched to protect and empower older Territorians. (Supplied)

CEO Samantha Livesley said the grants were an important step in strengthening community-led prevention.

"Older persons' abuse is a serious and often hidden issue affecting far too many Territorians," Ms Livesley said.

"For the first time, we are providing dedicated funding focused specifically on prevention and awareness, empowering communities to develop responses that reflect local needs.

"These grants will support practical initiatives, from frontline training to culturally safe education and community events that help en-

sure older Territorians remain safe, connected, and respected."

The Territory's senior population is projected to exceed 35,000 by 2036.

CatholicCare NT director Jayne Lloyd said while the funding was welcome, the total \$50,000 pool for small grants across the Territory was too limited.

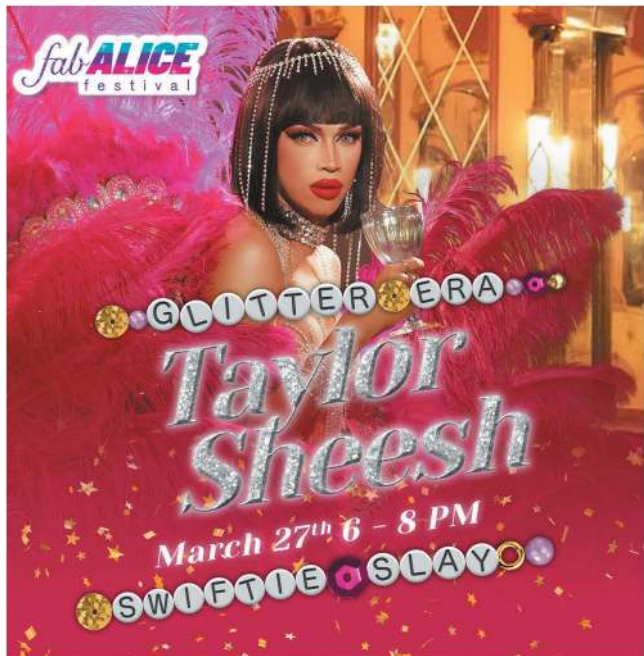
"Any investment that strengthens awareness, education, and community engagement around the safety and dignity of older Territorians is a step in the right direction," she said.

"Given the extent and impact of elder abuse in the Northern Territory, this funding will struggle to meet the scale of need, particularly in regional and remote communities.

"Meaningful prevention requires a sustained, long-term approach that enables organisations to build strong, trusted relationships and work alongside communities to develop and deliver locally led solutions.

"One-off minor grants cannot achieve this. Older Territorians deserve a far greater investment in their safety, wellbeing, and inclusion."

Applications for both grants are now open via GrantsNT, or by contacting the Office of Senior Territorians on (08) 8999 3861 or email DPSC.OST@nt.gov.au



Oz Day ceremony decision

By Phil Williams

ALICE Springs Town Council decided the future of citizenship ceremonies on Australia Day.

During an at times tense debate between herself and several other councillors last week, Mayor Asta Hill said she was proud the council voted in favour of her motion.

Prior to the voted, Councillor Danial Rochford proposed a one-sentence amendment.

“Keeping the substantive motion as is, but adding in a new sentence that would include the words, ‘In addition, council commits to strengthening existing and encouraging potentially new community events and activities on January 26 with the options to be brought back to Council by July 26,’” Cr Rochford said.

Mayor Hill called for a seconder for the amendment, and after a period of awkward silence of almost a minute, she called again for a seconder.

No councillor responded and the amendment failed.

“I am extremely proud to move this motion to change the date of the Alice Springs Town Council’s (ASTC) Citizenship and Award Ceremony, so it no longer falls on January 26,” the Mayor said.

“This motion does not seek to change the date of Australia Day, and nor could it.

“That is a matter for the Australian Government,” Mayor Hill said.

“The Citizenship and Award Ceremony however is an important civic duty that falls squarely within the remit of our town council.

“We have been elected to lead and that is what we are going to do today.

“This motion does not take away our opportunity to celebrate our community, or our pride in being Australians or becoming Australian citizens,” she said.

Deputy Mayor Allison Bitar, who seconded the motion, and told the meeting via a video link from Darwin that some of her ancestors were on the First Fleet, and said this was a chance for the council to create history.

“While we can’t change history, we can go forward and make a different future...,” Cr Bitar said. “One way for us as a community to do this is to move the ceremony to a different day.

“We aren’t the first council in the Territory to do this...”

Councillors Larissa Ellis, Cherisse Buzzacott and Aia Newport also spoke in favour of the motion.

Former mayor, and current councillor Damian Ryan spoke against it, and described Mayor Hill as “disingenuous”.

“I find your motion is disingenuous to the community as a whole,” he said.

He then referred to comments Mayor Hill said during a mayoral debate hosted by the by the national broadcaster during the election campaign.

“You were clearly asked a question by (for mer) Mayor (Matt) Paterson, ‘Asta, what is your position on holding the Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony on January 26?’

“Your answer included, to Mayor Paterson, ‘Your question on Australia Day is a really good one,’ Cr Ryan said.

“It’s premature for me to answer that because it’s a matter that would need to be brought to the community.

“We’ll need to receive input from the community and have a conversation from there.”

“Later this evening,” he continued, “we are to discuss community engagement.

“It would seem that that was a waste of time with you doing this now.

“Community consultation’s been a buzzword in your time, in your seven months here,” he said.

“Let the community be involved in the decision that’s been put before us.”

Cr Darren Burton also spoke against the motion saying he agreed with Cr Ryan.

“At the end of the day, it’s all about the public out there,” he said.

Cr Burton said he had received up to 50 messages from people who were upset about changes being made without the opportunity

have their say.

“I’m really disappointed because I feel the community should have had the opportunity to vote on this.

“At the end of the day, I’m really disgusted,” he said.

“I’m voting ‘No’ because I think it should have gone out to all the public of Alice Springs.”

The Mayor responded to a number of comments made by councillors speaking to the motion.

“I would just like to, very briefly respond, particularly to some assertions that were levelled at me, particularly the suggestion that I’ve been disingenuous in my comments about

having a discussion with the community and receiving input from the community,” she said

Shortly after she began, Cr Ryan interjected, calling a point of order, “Are you speaking for it or against it, or are you making a statement?,” he asked.

To which the Mayor replied: “I’m speaking for it. As the mover of the motion, I would like to respond to what has been said before it’s put to a vote.

“I made the decision to display leadership as an elected representative and bring this motion to Council, and that’s what I have done.”

The motion was passed 5-4 after the Mayor and Councillors Larissa Ellis, Aia Newport,

Cherisse Buzzacott and Allison Bitar voted in favour.

Councillors Damian Ryan, Darren Burton, Sean Heenan and Danial Rochford voted against.

Cr Ryan asked for the result to be officially minuted by calling for a division.

The division was granted.

The new date for the ASTC Australia Day Citizenship and Awards Ceremony is yet to be announced, but it can be held three days either side of 26 January.

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The Pulse

Dr Glenn Morrison



Can you read the sign?

OVER the past decade, news media has consistently spruiked how Aboriginal Rangers and the work they do helps to keep our deserts “healthy” and their culture “strong”.

“Traditional knowledges” and “cultural burning” are offered up as companions to modern science for the benefit of everyone.

We hear less of what all of this means in practise.

What exactly is being done? What results are evident? How does all this benefit the landscape, flora, fauna, jobs? And who is keeping score?

There are more informative instances of course, including the work of the Martu of the Western Desert, brought to life for a broader audience through the writings of author and consultant Kim Mahood.

Among the many roles Martu undertake is to regularly patch burn the desert to clear underbrush, encourage new growth, and maintain healthy ecosystems, a cultural practise frequently lost to elsewhere in Australia since colonisation.

Nonetheless, examples are few.

Often, we are left to unearth for ourselves exactly how traditional knowledges contribute to scientific understandings of Australia’s desert regions.

The best option, naturally, is to work with ranger groups and observe directly their role or approach, something that on rare occasion it’s been my great privilege to do; but not everyone gets that chance.

It was with some excitement then that I chanced upon a recent review of ranger programs proving successful in the Central and Western Deserts that neatly captures how traditional knowledges are used and the benefits that represents for everyone.

One of the largest collaborations on biodiversity in Australian history, the “Arid Zone Monitoring (AZM) Project”, ran between 2019 and 2021 and demonstrates how Aboriginal trackers might be key to modern conservation.

Led by Professor Sarah Legge of Charles Darwin University and Australian National University and a host of researchers and ranger groups, the project used “sign-based surveys” in a massive effort to map the waxing and waning of our desert wildlife.

Results published late last year in the journal Wildlife Research list more than 29 Indigenous ranger groups involved, including the Central Land Council (CLC)

Rangers, Kiwirrkurra Rangers, and Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Land



Professor Sarah Legge of Charles Darwin University and Australian National University led a project using

Management.*

“Sign-based surveys” means physically searching for tracks, scats (the faecal droppings of animals) and burrows, taken together, the ‘signs’ of an animal’s presence.

To even be capable of seeing such signs hidden in the sandy substrate of the desert floor requires experience and skills on country that are the preserve of a select few.

As the authors note, however, sign-based surveys have over the decades become a widely used tool for Indigenous ranger and Traditional Owner groups and land-management organisations.

“They can provide employment,” say the

authors, “and ... opportunities for people to continue cultural practices on Country and facilitate intergenerational knowledge transfer from elders to youth, as well as share skills cross-culturally with other scientists.”

During those decades, the vastness of the Red Centre has made consistent scientific monitoring nearly impossible for outsiders.

All the while, however, Traditional Owners have never stopped checking in, and ranger groups have been collecting species records by using sign-based surveys, adding to work begun in the 1980s by researchers and government scientists.

The project has collated data from 44 groups and individuals, comprising almost

15,000 surveys from more than 5300 sites, from which rangers detected 65 native and 11 introduced species.

As co-authors, the rangers themselves note that: “Our old people taught us how to recognise tracks and scats of different animals.

“Looking for tracks and scats is a good way to be on Country and pass knowledge from older to younger people.

“If we search for animal signs regularly, we can collect information on which animals are present, and whether their numbers are going up or down.”

For example, about 700km west of Alice Springs on the Kiwirrkurra Indigenous Protected Area, Traditional Owners used sign-based surveys to test whether cat hunting might reduce cat activity around threatened species such as the bilby (ninu in Pintupi) and great desert skinks (tjalapa in Pintupi).

Turns out having rangers on Country really does make a difference, as their data shows.

One of the core benefits of the work is “getting old people and young people out on Country together”, where Elders can teach the next generation how to read the “stories in the sand”.

In turn, this ensures that traditional ecological knowledge is passed down, keeping culture and Country in what is so often called ‘good health’.

And the project has provided practical tools for local management, including a new Species Profiles Manual featuring photos of animals and their tracks to help rangers identify creatures from the Dingo (marrany) to the Australian Bustard (parrkarra).

Moreover, by standardising the way data is collected, local efforts can now feed into national-scale programs monitoring how desert populations change over time.

All of which means ecologists and planners are no longer blind as to what is out there. And that’s down to Indigenous rangers.

For such work to continue, however, a long-term commitment is needed to fund a nationally coordinated monitoring program led by Indigenous organisations.

No need for any sign to convey that would be money well spent.

*NB: The paper is called “The Arid Zone Monitoring Project: Combining Indigenous ecological expertise with scientific data analysis to assess the potential of using sign-based surveys to monitor vertebrates in the Australian deserts.”

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Getting Good Stuff Done



Community backing kids

By Gladys Barreta

LOCAL organisations and businesses are investing in sport, giving outback kids opportunities and showing remote life doesn't have to be a limitation.

A group of seven talented young soccer players from Alice Springs will head to the CommBank Emerging Socceroos and Matildas Championships next month - the highest representation ever at that level for the desert town.

The six standout boys Harry McBryde, Henry Raveney, Thomas Phillips, Sergio Razemba, James Lloyd, and Tyler Ruffing are joined by exceptional girl Halle Wamara.

They will compete nationally against other State National Selections at elite venues, including Melbourne's Home of the Matildas (9-15 April for girls) and Sydney's Valentine Sports Park (18-24 April for boys).

The championships provide the team with exposure to Football Australia scouts, high-performance coaching, and insights into the innovation driving Australia's senior teams.

It's an opportunity to build skills, resilience, and pursue dreams of professional or national pathways.

What makes their story truly remarkable is the community support behind the cohort.

For players in Central Australia, travel to interstate competitions comes with significant financial and logistical barriers.

The team must fundraise to cover flights, accommodation, and other costs.

Harry's mum, Renee McBryde, has been working tirelessly to support her son's journey.

She has been overwhelmed by the generosity of the Alice Springs community, with local organisations including McDonald's Alice Springs, Alice Springs Realty, and the Gillen Club stepping in to help through sponsorship and dedicated sports funds.

"Fundraising for an opportunity like this can be challenging, especially in the current financial climate, but the Alice Springs community is incredible," Ms McBryde said.

"It's been a powerful reminder that in a town like ours, when a young person achieves



ENCOURAGE: James Lloyd, Thomas Phillips, Sergio Razemba, Tyler Ruffing, Harry McBryde and Henry Raveney watch on as Halle Wamara flicks the ball down the field. (Phil Williams: 537456)

something significant, the community stands behind them.

"Harry has felt that support in a very real way, and it has strengthened his confidence and sense of belonging.

"Sport gives kids purpose, connection, and belief in themselves, and when the community invests in them, it shows them where they come from is something to be proud of, not a limitation."

NT head coach Dr Scott Richardson, who has been training the group, said investment

in sport was crucial in remote NT communities.

"It keeps kids engaged, healthy, and connected while opening doors to scholarships, NPL contracts, and professional pathways," he said.

"It builds community pride, leadership, and social cohesion.

"We're calling on the Alice Springs community to rally behind these seven young stars, whether sponsoring an individual athlete or the team collectively.

"Every dollar bridges the gap for remote players and shows these kids that their town believes in them."

With community backing, the young players are carrying Alice Springs' spirit to the national stage, proving the outback is no limit to chasing Socceroos or Matildas dreams.

The Getting Good Stuff Done (#GGSD) page celebrates initiatives that encourage, support, and amplify positive community stories like this one.



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SURPRISE: A shopper receives a gift voucher from one of the lions during the celebration in the centre. (537695)



PROSPERITY: The lions unfurl their good luck banners at the end of their dance in Yeperenye. (537695)



PURPLE: The colourful characters entertained the crowds. (537695)

Lions roam shopping strip

By Phil Williams

TO mark the Lunar New Year, the dedicated Lionheart Dance Troop thrilled shoppers in Yeperenye Shopping Centre on 28 February.

For a short time, the usual pace of trade gave way to beating drums and celebration dance.

For more than 50 years the Lionheart Association has been in Alice Springs and the special dance troop brought shoppers to a standstill with an energetic performance of traditional lion dance through the centre.

The lion dance is a centuries-old tradition performed during Lunar New Year celebrations and is believed to bring luck, prosperity and protection.

The mid-morning celebration featured the ear-splitting beatin of drums and sharp clashing of cymbals that echoed through the mall.

A drum and gong ensemble led the procession into the food court, followed closely by a pair of dancing lions, immediately attracting the attention of diners and shoppers.

Families paused as the performers guided the lions between tables with controlled, deliberate movements.

The lions dipped low before rising into balanced lifts as the tempo built and children reached out to touch the brightly coloured lions \as the procession continued through the Centre, stopping at several businesses to perform traditional blessings for the year ahead.

Staff and customers looked on as the lions bowed and moved through the shops, symbolically blessing them for prosperity and good fortune.

As part of the celebration, the lions delivered randomly selected shoppers with Yeperenye gift cards from their mouths to the surprised recipients.

As a finale, the group performed another blessing with red banners reading “Happy New Year” and “Wishing You Prosperity” laid out across the floor as confetti scattered across the area, symbolising good fortune for the year ahead.

The lions bowed before the banners before rising again in coordinated stances that drew applause from onlookers.

The event added a vibrant cultural display to the Centre’s calendar and was well received by the local community and shoppers across the Centre.



PROSPERITY: The lions strike a pose with their banners at the conclusion of their dance. (Phil Williams: 537695)



SURPRISE: The parade was a hit with shoppers. (537695)



LOUD: A traditional Chinese gong and drum ensemble created an ear-splitting sound as it made its way through the Yeperenye Shopping Centre as part of Chinese New Year celebrations. (537695)



LIONS: The traditional Chinese lions brought Saturday morning shoppers to a standstill. (537695)

Choosing our own destiny

By Gladys Barreta

INTERNATIONAL Women's Day, celebrated on 8 March, is a tribute to women's ongoing fight for equality and liberation. The global day recognises and celebrates

the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women and this year's theme is #BalanceTheScales for all women and girls. Alice Springs is home to many women achieving remarkable things and contrib-

uting to society, making the world a better place and carving out their own space in history. This small desert town has produced some of the most successful and influential women shaping the region through leadership in poli-

tics, Indigenous advocacy, environmentalism, the arts and community development. The Centralian Today spoke with several women in the community about what International Women's Day means to them and what it means to be a woman today.

Power to shape the future

By Gladys Barreta

YOUNG and passionate, Monique George is determined to empower young women around her to strengthen their voices and fight for what they believe in.

Monique has lived in the Northern Territory her entire life, growing up in rural and remote communities across the Territory.

She said the remoteness of where she lives has created a strong drive within her to achieve.

"Living remotely shouldn't be used as a barrier to achieving something different," she said.

Monique, who works at St John Ambulance as a Patient Transport Officer, has recently taken on a position as a board member at a local foundation, the Mparntwe Alice Springs Community Foundation, where she has the opportunity to provide local knowledge about Alice Springs and contribute ideas to help create positive change in town.

"I'm constantly hearing people bag out Alice and I want to change that. Attending meetings with like-minded people through the foundation who have the initiative and passion to see change has been really great," she said.

"I'm really passionate about highlighting different projects and initiatives that can make a difference."

Monique is 23 and believes young people have the power to shape the future of the town.

"This town is built on young people and their potential to create change," she said.

"Especially for locals, it's easier to criticise something instead of making change and voicing what you think.

"People are afraid to express how they feel about something.

"If you're genuinely passionate about something, speak your mind."

For Monique, International Women's Day is an opportunity to reflect on how far women have come in their careers, economically and socially.

"Women are incredible... girls run the world," she said.

"It's a day to recognise the women around you who you love and appreciate how incredible they are.



FRONTLINE: Monique George works at St John as a patient transport officer.

"From juggling responsibilities to being a mother, we still see women oppressed to this day, but it's also a good day to celebrate women in careers."

She said that over the years more women had stepped into leadership roles, including within healthcare.

"In medicine especially, people often assume doctors are male, but nowadays the field is filled with women."

Monique works alongside many women and is passionate about empowering young women to rise through the ranks.

She is also part of the Redtails Pinktails program, where she sees young women feel empowered and develop as leaders within their community, which is something she believes has not always been prioritised.

"It's as simple as recognising the women around you and appreciating what they do. Tell the women in your life how valued they are."

What message would you like to give to girls and young women today?

"You can achieve anything you put your mind to. It feels like things are based on academia and logistics but realistically it's all about drive and passion." - Monique George.

Bringing balance to lives

By Gladys Barreta

PURPLE House CEO Sarah Brown has led the community-controlled Aboriginal health service for 23 years.

Run by Pintupi people, Purple House aims to support patients to return to Country while accessing dialysis, as well as care for those living in town.

As a mother and grandmother of girls, Sarah said International Women's Day was an important time to reflect on the efforts of previous generations to improve the circumstances of women around the world.

"A lot of things have improved, including the right to vote and even having a female Prime Minister, but in Australia there's still a lot to do around equity and access and in some parts of the world, things are getting worse for women instead of better," she said.

"It's a day to remember the brave women who fought for women's rights, but also to recognise that there's still a lot of work to do."

For Sarah, her path to becoming CEO of the non-profit health service began with a desire to get mob onto dialysis machines in Kintore - a goal that grew into something much bigger.

"Over the years I've had to learn skills along the way," she said.

"At Purple House we've built a strong culture of inclusion and recognise that the people who work for us, particularly women, are often juggling big lives and lots of responsibilities. It's about supporting people in all aspects of their lives.

"What we want are people who wake up in the morning excited to come to work."

She recalls her own children spending time at Purple House after school and during holidays, often surrounded by the other women working there.

"It's about making sure women with lots of caring responsibilities feel they can balance those with paperwork and professional development," Sarah said.

"Women bring different skills to leadership and advocacy roles, and those skills are incredibly valuable."

Sarah is a nurse by background - a profession she acknowledges is female-dominated.

"For me, nursing meant I could do what I love most, which is caring for other people," she said. "Nurses can work anywhere and do many interesting things. It has a strong focus on compassion and trying to make the world a better place.

"I've sometimes wondered whether advocacy would be easier if the CEO of Purple House was a bloke but I don't want to be a bloke," she laughed.

Sarah has special advice for the women in her life: "My message to my granddaughters and other young women is dream big.

"There's no reason why you shouldn't. You only get one life and it's not a dress rehearsal.

"Many barriers have come down, and we need to push through the ones that remain.

"You have the right to expect to live in a world where you are valued as a human being and get to choose your own destiny."



PURPLE: Sarah Brown with her Purple House boss, Marlene Nampitjinpa Spencer.

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NT Administrator sworn in

By Phil Williams

AFTER months of controversy following the announcement of his pending appointment, Queensland-born David Connolly is officially the new Northern Territory Administrator.

Mr Connolly's appointment drew outrage after a number of historical social media posts - said to be racist, misogynistic and denigrating to women - came to light.

Some of his posts mocked Indigenous languages, Welcome to Country ceremonies and made jokes about domestic violence.

A number of NT and Federal politicians took aim at the Chief Minister, Lia Finocchiaro over her choice of Mr Connolly as the next administrator, with calls for her to reconsider the decision continuing in the days up to his 27 February swearing in ceremony.

In a statement of apology on Wednesday 25 February, Mr Connolly, a former president of the NT Cattleman's Association, said: "I deeply regret the past social media posts I made; I never intended to cause offence. I am genuinely sorry for the hurt they may have caused members of the community. These posts are no reflection of my personal core values."

He said he understood the responsibilities that came with the role of NT Administrator.

"I am committed to upholding the standards the community rightly expects," Mr Connolly said.

"My actions moving forward will demonstrate genuine care and commitment to serving all Territorians. I am turning my energy now towards fulfilling my commission and the duties of office."

Mr Connolly was sworn in as the 24th Administrator of the Northern Territory at a ceremony attended by the Governor-General, Members of the Legislative Assembly, judicial



SWORN IN: The 24th Administrator of the NT, David Connolly, signs the papers of office at a ceremony in Darwin. (NT Chief Minister's Office: 537568)

leaders and community leaders at Parliament House in Darwin.

During the ceremony, Governor-General of

the Commonwealth of Australia Sam Mostyn administered the Affirmation of Allegiance and the Affirmation of Office to Mr Connolly,

who will serve as the Crown's representative in the Northern Territory.

In assuming the Office of Administrator, he takes on a role that upholds the constitutional traditions underpinning Australia's democratic system while engaging with communities, industries, cultural institutions and families across the Territory's vast and diverse regions.

Born in Cunnamulla, Mr Connolly was raised in a rural family and has had a career spanning more than 30 years in the pastoral and agribusiness sectors.

Chief Minister Lia Finocchiaro said Mr Connolly's longstanding connection to the Northern Territory and extensive industry experience made him well suited to the role.

"(He) has spent nearly two decades working in the Northern Territory, building strong relationships across regional and remote communities," Mrs Finocchiaro said.

"He has played a prominent role in the Territory's primary industries, including serving as President of the Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association during the live cattle export ban, where he demonstrated strong advocacy and leadership during a challenging period for the industry."

The appointment comes at a time when economic growth and regional development remain key priorities for the Northern Territory, Mrs Finocchiaro said, adding that Mr Connolly had a deep understanding of the Territory industries and communities expected to support continued growth and prosperity.

He succeeds a distinguished line of Administrators who have upheld constitutional integrity while celebrating the unique identity of the Northern Territory.

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‘Not fit’ for office, says MP

MARION Scrymgour refused to take any part in 27 February’s swearing in ceremony for the Northern Territory’s 24th Administrator in protest against what she branded his “offensive comments” about Indigenous Australians and domestic violence victims.

The Member for Lingjari, Ms Scrymgour, described Chief Minister Lia Finocchiaro’s appointment of David Connolly to the role of Administrator as “appalling” and said the choice was extremely divisive and spoke volumes about Mrs Finocchiaro and her Country Liberal Party team.

“He is not fit to be Administrator,” Ms Scrymgour said.

“His social media comments attacking Indigenous Australians, mocking domestic violence victim survivors, the sexualisation of female athletes and multiple vulgar references are not those of a suitable for the high office of Administrator.

“His offensive comments and opinions show a complete disconnect with the Northern Territory community.

“People have every right to be upset at the Chief Minister for picking this bloke – those comments are not OK.

“The Prime Minister has said that while he wouldn’t have made the same decision as the CLP, picking an Administrator is an NT Government responsibility. “That means it’s the Chief Minister who needs to fix this.

“Sadly, she is still refusing to listen to the community and overturn this selection.”

Ms Scrymgour said the CLP seemed to have been trying to “quietly rush through” last Friday’s swearing in ceremony.

“The swearing in of an NT Administrator should be a joyful celebration, as it was for the late, great Ted Egan and many others,” she said.

“This time it’s a sad event in comparison



Left: Member for Lingjari Marion Scrymgour has refused to support the appointment of new NT Administrator David Connolly. (Parliament of Australia)

OPINION

Front page image draws flak

I am writing to voice my dismay at photograph on the front page of last week’s newspaper showing a police officer holding a taser and standing over a prostate Aboriginal person on the bed of the Todd River.

It brought to mind a passage from the novel 1984 by George Orwell, in which O’Brien is describing to Winston the nature of the Party.

O’Brien says: ‘If you want a picture of the future, imagine a boot stamping on a human face - forever’.

Alice Springs is more than this, and better than this, and The Centralian Today should be too.

Andy Kenyon,
Alice Springs.

and I won’t be supporting his investiture, nor him for the entirety of his term in the role.”

Ms Scrymgour blasted the Chief Minister for “publicly defending the appalling social media comments”.

“His comments weren’t made decades ago.

They were posted on social media recently and they show how little he values Indigenous Australians, women, domestic violence victim survivors, and other minorities,” she said.

“The Chief Minister needs to explain why she’s happy for this role to be tarnished by her selection of David Connolly.”

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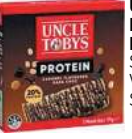
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Cops rammed, shots fired

By Phil Williams

PARTS of the Alice Springs CBD were shut down on 26 February, after police discharged a firearm at an unregistered vehicle on Todd Street around 10.30pm the night before.

The area around the Todd Tavern, with access to Wills Terrace and the Alice Plaza car-park was restricted until about 1.40pm while investigations continued.

A 38-year-old man is facing a raft of serious charges after he allegedly drove his vehicle at police officers during the incident.

Police said multiple units responded to reports of disturbances involving several people on Todd Street around 10.30pm.

It is alleged the man drove a blue Mazda BT-50 dual cab at speed towards an officer who was standing on the road and footpath, as well as at a parked police vehicle that was occupied by another officer.

The police car was pushed some distance down Wills Terrace after the Mazda slammed into it.

The Northern Territory Police Force charged a man with two counts of recklessly endangering life and three of assaulting a worker.

He has also been charged with one count each of driving unlicensed, driving in manner dangerous, driving an unregistered vehicle, driving an uninsured vehicle and damage to property



CRIME SCENE: Police investigators at the scene of a major incident on Wills Tce which saw a police vehicle rammed. (Phil Williams: 537273)



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Upcoming Events

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BETTER BUSINESS PROGRAM
Hosted by PAX Migration

Understanding Employer-Sponsored Visas: A Practical Guide for Business Owners

🕒 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

📍 CADO Building, 55 Todd Mall

Navigating Australia's visa system can feel complex and overwhelming for employers. This practical and informative session is designed as part of Chamber NT's Better Business program to support Chamber NT members and non-members who employ, or are considering employing overseas workers.

Chamber members: \$20 | Non-member: \$35



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COFFEE WITH CHAMBER
Hosted by the Centralian Today

🕒 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM

📍 TBA

Join us for our next Coffee with Chamber, a morning networking event designed to connect the local business community in a relaxed, conversational setting.

This session is proudly hosted by Centralian Today, offering a fantastic opportunity to meet the team behind the news, share your stories, and engage with fellow professionals over a fresh brew. Whether you are looking to expand your local network, discuss upcoming regional projects, or simply catch up with familiar faces, this event is the perfect way to start your workday.



Man jailed over child abuse

A man who locals described as 'creepy' when he worked for a Tennant Creek freight company more than 20 years ago has been jailed for sexually abusing Filipino boys.

Jason Cordwell, now 56, was convicted of producing, procuring and transmitting child abuse material.

Police searched Cordwell's home in 2024 following a tip-off that he was using Skype to produce text-based child abuse material about a 14-year-old Filipino boy.

On his phone he had a collection of sexual messages, photos and videos he had commissioned, including a man raping a 12-year-old boy.

Cordwell, lived in Tennant Creek for about three years until he was arrested in 2004 for an offence committed some years earlier in Tasmania.

He received an eight-month sentence after he admitted to plying a 12-year-old boy with cannabis and alcohol before sexually assaulting him.

The sentence was suspended after 11 days after which Cordwell returned to the Territory, where he has lived in Darwin for about 20 years.

The Supreme Court of the NT heard Cordwell had an emotionally deprived childhood marred by sexual abuse by his older brothers and an uncle.

When he moved to Tennant Creek, he experienced social isolation, boredom and increased feelings of depression, which caused him to resume methamphetamine use, which he said heightened his libido.

Justice Sonia Brownhill said the case against Cordwell was compelling and she did not accept that he was genuinely remorseful for the effects of the offending on the victims.

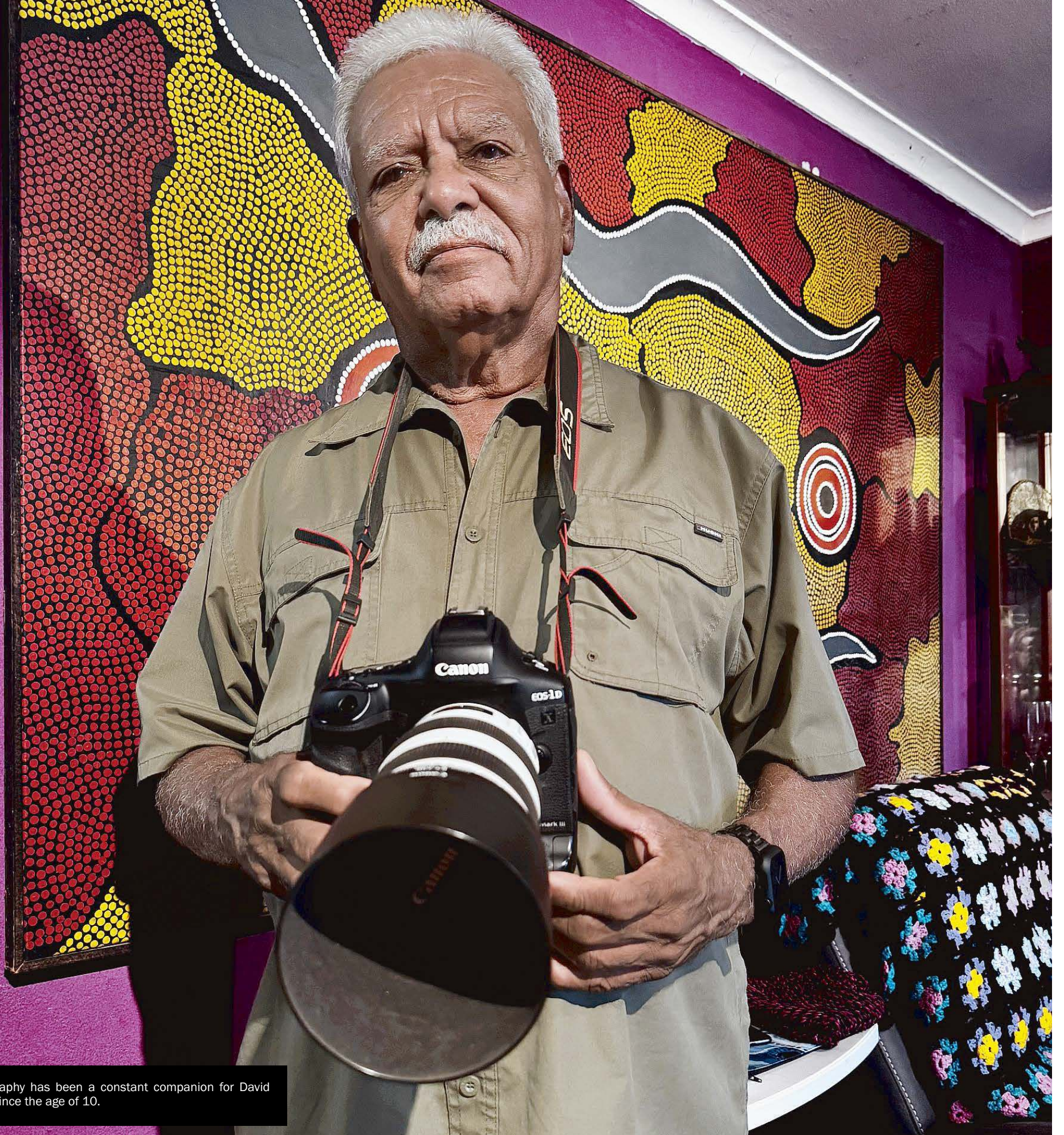
Cordwell was sentenced to prison for seven years and one month with a non-parole period of three years, backdated to March 2024 to take into account time spent in custody.



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Photography has been a constant companion for David Curtis since the age of 10.

Portfolio reflects passion

By Jasmin Afianos

DAVID Curtis's first foray into photography was something of a disaster, but taught the eager 10-year-old a valuable lesson that he carries with him today.

"Each time I'd go through each photo and work out what I could do better next time," David recalls of his time as a budding lensman.

As he got older, David's interest in photog-

raphy continued and his toy camera was set aside, giving way to a succession of new models that were updated as his passion grew.

His extensive portfolio includes landscapes, portraits, wildlife, events, and occa-

sions, capturing brilliant colours, subtle textures, shifting light, expansive landscapes and the incredible stillness and beauty of the bush.

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The Garden Guru

Geoff Miers



Conditions ideal, get busy

FOLLOWING the disappearance of 40 degree days and lots and lots of rain. conditions are absolutely ideal for gardening.

They are also ideal for pests and weeds, so get busy.

Weed management becomes number one priority closely followed by pest and disease management.

As the rain abates and the temperature slowly rises it's inevitable that weeds will quickly emerge.

It's best to get on top of them immediately.

While just emerging from the soil, these tiny weeds will quickly become a problem if left unattended.

If rubbed out, scuffed by your foot, mulched over or sprayed when really tiny they quickly disappear, left to grow they can become a major problem.

I will be spraying with Fusillade, a weedicide that only affects grasses, the moment the rain has gone.

The great thing about using this chemical is it has no effect on plants in your garden - it only affects grasses.

Once you have got the garden rid of any weeds you need to focus on any pest or disease problems.

Masses of different grubs and caterpillars have emerged and really need to be managed as there are literally millions that have hatched



Annual wildflowers should be sown this month, among them the ever-popular Sturt's Desert Pea. (Phil Williams: 479760)

out throughout Alice Springs following the rain.

As the rain has stopped, I use the biological control Dipel.

This spray is harmless to everything except caterpillars and grubs.

Add a very little of wetting agent to your spray mix and cover the plants' foliage.

The grub or caterpillar nibbling on your plant will almost immediately stop eating and slowly die.

Eradicate your pests and then set to giving the garden a good "autumn" clean up removing any dead plants, pruning as required, raking up surplus leaves, turning beds and introducing fertilisers and other necessary ingredients to improve the soil.

Initially you need to be preparing the soil for planting winter vegetables, winter flowering annuals, bulbs, citrus trees, grape vines and general plants for the garden.

From mid-March to mid-May it is the best time to be planting whether in the vegetable, bulb, flowering annual or herb gardens or planting generally throughout the garden.

The vegetables that can be planted now are many and varied.

Beetroot, broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbages, Chinese spinach, endive, lettuce, leaks, onions, parsnips and silver beet are all best planted this month for optimum results.

Broad beans, cauliflower, celery, cress, French beans, parsley, peas, potatoes, radish, shallots, spring onions, swedes, sweet corn and zucchini can also be planted now.

In the flower garden the choices are almost endless.

Old summer favorites such as petunias, gazanias, Sea-side Daisies, verbena and mari-

golds can still be planted, however many gardeners' thoughts may already be turning towards planting the vast array of winter and spring flowering annuals.

Stocks, alyssum, primula, lobelia, pansies, viola, ageratum, anemone, snapdragons, calendula, candytuff, carnations, corn flowers, cineraria, chrysanthemum, gypsophila, helichrysum, linaria, lupins, nasturtiums, nemesia, poppies and wall flowers are other winter flowering annuals that can be planted from March onwards.

Annual wildflowers should also be sown this month, including the ever-popular Sturt's Desert Pea, everlastings and many other Central Australian flowering annuals.

Sweet peas are traditionally planted on Saint Patrick's Day on the 17 th March with planting completed by Anzac Day.

In the general garden plant to your hearts content. Planting now your plants will quickly settle with little stress and quickly burst forth with new growth establishing an expanded root system and foliage growth on top.

It's also an ideal time to plant new lawns while the soil temperatures are still quite high. Provided a rigorous watering regime is adopted watering the lawn area up to 5-6 times a day for a minute or two to keep the topsoil visibly moist kikuyu seed will be popping its head up in five days.



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Capturing nature’s beauty

By Jasmin Afianos

WHEN 10-year-old David Curtis sent off his first roll of film for processing, it was returned with ‘failure’ stamped across the packet.

He had opened the back of his toy camera, exposing the film, and ruining every single photo that he had waited for weeks to receive.

It was a big lesson for David, and he was determined not to repeat the mistake.

“I continued to take photos of everything around me, then I’d send off the film and wait in anticipation for the photos to be returned,” he said.

“Each time I’d go through each photo and work out what I could do better next time.”

As he got older, David’s interest in photography continued and his well-used toy camera was set aside, giving way to a succession of new models that were updated as his passion grew.

Not so long ago he came across a box of older cameras he had forgotten about.

“It made me realise that my interest in photography has been a constant companion throughout my life and it’s the way I have documented my world,” he said.

David’s extensive portfolio includes landscapes, portraits, wildlife, events, and occasions.

His photographs capture brilliant colours, subtle textures, shifting light, expansive landscapes and the incredible stillness and beauty of the bush.

When David turns his attention to the skies, his images move into another dimension.

Somehow, he gets the stars to speak, captures the moods of the moon, and reveals the depths of darkness.

He encapsulates the intensity and energy of storms and highlights the electrifying fury of lightning as it splits the sky so brilliantly you can almost hear the angry roar of thunder.

“The Barkly sky is endlessly amazing,” David said.

“It’s the perfect palette for photographers and the star shows here are stunning.”

David was born on a wolfram mine at Wauchope and that’s where he spent his early years.

His father, William Curtis, was a prospector, miner and pastoralist who established Greenwood Station and had interests in other pastoral properties as well. The family moved into Tennant Creek when David was about six years old.

As a young man, David headed north to the Top End, where he worked in various fields, including drilling at Maranboy, and on the construction of the alumina refinery at Gove.

He also worked at Australia Post, which is where he met his wife, Pene.

The couple went on to have four children and are now proud grandparents and great grandparents.

After stints in Katherine and Jabiru, David felt it was time to return to Tennant Creek so he could help his people.

“For a while I had been wondering why nothing was being done to advance the Barkly community and then I realised that I could be the one to do something.



David Curtis now runs a photographic business - Jungarayi 2000.



The Milky Way from the Barkly.



A watchful owl found an unusual perch upon a fan. (David Curtis)

“I felt a real need to get involved and so I came home.”

He was the General Manager at Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation, worked for the NT Government in leadership roles, and was a strong community contributor through his roles on various boards, as an Alderman with the former Tennant Creek Town Council and an ATSIC Commissioner.

While David is no longer on a payroll, he balks at the suggestion he has retired.

“No way, I haven’t retired, I’m just doing

other things,” he said. Which, of course, includes photography.

Through his business, Jungarayi 2000, David sells his images and works as a commercial photographer.

He’s also teamed up with his son, David Jnr, providing local yard maintenance services through their business, Royes Maintenance.

For downtime, David likes to head out to his traditional homeland at Kulainda, about 100km south of Tennant Creek, which he has

transformed into a peaceful retreat.

“Being at Kulainda gives me time to escape the busyness of life in town,” he said.

“It’s a calming place where only the sounds of the bush break the silence.

“I find it so relaxing to sit and listen to the tunes of native birds and the wind moving through the trees.

“And best of all, with the untouched ancient landscape and the beautiful Barkly skies there’s plenty to photograph.”

Meteorologist helps out

By Phil Williams

AS vast parts of the Northern Territory continued to be smashed by torrential rain and flooding, NT Fire and Emergency Services announced a major strengthening of its disaster response.

Under a three-year agreement with the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM), with funding from the Australian Government's Disaster Ready Fund (DRF), the Northern Territory's disaster preparedness and response capability will be strengthened by the appointment of an embedded meteorologist within Northern Territory Fire and Emergency Services (NTFES).

The money is included in \$1 billion in spending by the Federal Government over five years from July 2023 to reduce the physical and social impacts of disasters.

The meteorologist position is one of 96 projects funded under round three of the DRF, which is delivering up to \$200 million nationally for disaster resilience and risk-reduction projects across Australia in 2025-26.

Through the 36-month service agreement with the Bureau of Meteorology, a specialist meteorologist will be integrated into NTFES operations, providing frontline decision-makers with immediate access to expert weather analysis, modelling and forecasting during routine planning and emergency events.

Senior Forecast meteorologist with more than two decades of forecasting NT weather, Billy Lynch, based in Darwin with the BoM, has been selected for the role and will soon start his new position.

Mr Lynch's experience includes 16 years in the Tropical Cyclone Warning Centre and a decade in the NT Severe Weather Section.

He has worked closely with emergency services agencies, including during major events such as severe Tropical Cyclones Fina, Trevor and Megan, as well as major flooding and campaign fire events.

The position is funded through a \$495,000 grant and will focus on optimising the use of real-time weather and river data to support both tactical and strategic emergency management.

It aims to enable faster, more accurate assessments of risk across the Northern Territory's diverse and often extreme landscapes.

"This strengthened capability will support NTFES to utilise the best available information when preparing for, responding to, and recovering from natural disasters," NT Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner Andrew Warton said

"Embedding this expert role will also enhance the Territory's resilience by improving community warnings, informing mitigation strategies, and ensuring emergency personnel are equipped with the most accurate forecasts during critical operations."

Todd Smith, Manager, Decision Support Services NT and WA, Bureau of Meteorology welcomed the opportunity to help strengthen the response to natural disasters

"The Bureau of Meteorology values the partnership with Northern Territory Fire and Emergency Services (NTFES) and welcomes the opportunity to embed our expertise alongside decision makers," Mr Smith said.

"Our meteorologists will work side-by-side with NTFES to help strengthen all aspects of managing hazards, including preparing, responding and recovering from natural disasters in the Territory."



HEIGHT: Flood measuring equipment in the Todd River. (Phil Williams: 534725)

Capturing the deluge and damage

By Phil Williams

THE Centralian Today's Phil Williams has been as busy documenting the recent wet weather that has hammered Alice Springs and Central Australia over the past few weeks.

His images capture the daring 11-hour rescue of a stranded woman, the heart-breaking sight of cars destroyed in the basement of an accommodation building on South Terrace and people just taking in the rare sight of massive amounts of water raging down the Todd River's normally dry sandy bed.

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PUZZLED: A man stands on the roof a car dumped in the river near the Tuncks Road Crossing. (Phil Williams)



FINAL TRIP: A car removed from the flooded basement car park about to take its last journey. (Phil Williams)



CLOSED: The Tuncks road causeway closed due to flooding and road damage. (Phil Williams: 537763)



across the Roe Creek causeway on Larapinta Drive as the water level dropped. (Phil Williams)



RESCUED: Laurel Palmer is safely rescued after being stranded in the Todd River for more than 11 hours. (Phil Williams)



SANDBAGS: the Lutheran Care office sandbagged to prevent any further damage. (Phil Williams)

Push for a weather radar

By Phil Williams

IN the wake of February's deluge and prolonged rain across a vast tract of the NT that caused havoc across the Barkly and Central Australia, there have been renewed calls for the Federal Government to step up.

Steve Edgington, the Member for Barkly, has called for the government to finally deliver a weather new radar for the Barkly after a wait of more than 10 years.

"The residents of the Barkly have been waiting for a new weather radar since the Federal Government de-commissioned the old one in 2015 - over a decade ago," Mr Edgington said.

"We have seen a severe weather event in the Barkly ... with record rainfall and flooding causing a massive impact, but communities and stations had little knowledge of when and where the rain was coming with no radar to provide real time information.

"Support has been made available under the joint Commonwealth-State funded Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) but better real time information would have helped residents of the Barkly better prepare for the flooding and know more about what to expect.

"In past years there were massive bushfires that the radar would have also been useful in assisting with wind direction, strength and wind changes, amongst other things."

Under the Barkly Regional Deal, the Federal

Government is providing \$15.4m toward the radar and the NT Government is providing a \$2.5m co-investment.

"Where is the Member for Lingiari and Senator McCarthy? It's time they stepped up and started delivering for Territorians," Mr edgington said.

"It is time for the Commonwealth to get the issues sorted and get it built for the residents of the Barkly as soon as possible."

The Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association (NTCA) also weighed into the debate saying remote Territorians should not have to settle for second best.

"Remote Territorians should not have a lower standard of safety information than the rest of Australia," NTCA Chief Executive Officer Romy Carey said.

"Restoration of the Barkly radar coverage is urgent.

"The Barkly has operated without local radar coverage for more than a decade.

"Producers and communities need reliable, real-time weather information to make safety decisions, and the focus must now be on delivery.

"A weather radar is basic safety infrastructure for regional and remote communities.

"The Barkly needs reliable, real-time coverage so people can make timely decisions before access is cut and risks escalate."



DECOMISSIONED: The old Tennant Creek weather station which was decommissioned in 2015. (Steve Edgington/Minister For Barkly's Office)

Capturing the deluge and damage

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CLOSED: Many roads across the Centre have been closed dur to the flooding and road damage. (Phil Williams)



BOIL: The Todd River appears to boil as it races over the Wills Terrce causeway. (Phil Williams: 537763)



CANCELLED: More predicted bad weather led to the cancellation of the March 1 markets in Todd Mall.. (Phil Williams)



RARE: A group of ladies take in the rare experience of seeing the Todd flow across the Wills Terrace causeway. (Phil Williams)



PLAY: The sunshine was enough to bring people out to play in the river as the Todd flows across the Schwarz Crescent causeway



POURING: Water pours from a car as it is pulled from the underground car park, (537763)



SPLASH: A school bus sends the water high as it crosses Roe Creek on Larapinta Drive. (Phil Williams)



HIGH: The height of the water is indicated by debris left high in a tree near the Taffy Pic Crossing. (Phil Williams)



DESTROYED: On of more than 20 cars that were destroyed when the basement car park of an apartment building facing the Todd filled with almost two metres of water. (537763)



HEAVY WORK: Steve Russell loading sand into a hopper to fill sand bags at the SES headquarters. (Phil Williams)



RIPPED OUT; A specially made park bench near the Wills Terrace causeway torn from it's foundation by the force of the water. (Phil Williams)

Entertainment

Power of love

MIDWINTER Break is a compelling story about lost faith, commitment, and the enduring power of love, as a longtime couple takes a life-changing trip to Amsterdam.

“It’s a movie that’s not afraid to deal earnestly and honestly with its themes, while treating an underserved adult audience to the kind of offering they rarely get these days. It’s intimate, nuanced, emotionally textured, and remarkably restrained.” - Keith Garlington, Keith & the Movies

“In just 90 minutes, Hinds and Manville demonstrate a remarkable and heartbreaking chemistry that navigates the peaks and valleys of their characters’ love under a multi-layered marital portrait embedded in history.” - Rendy Jones, Yahoo.com

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Midwinter Break screens at Alice Springs Cinema from 5 March.

New lights for brighter Parrtjima

By Phil Williams

ACROSS the country, Parrtjima’s reputation continues to grow as a must-see event in Alice Springs and this year organisers have announced a slew of new features.

Under the guidance of long-standing curator Rhoda Roberts, the new art includes stunning light installations and a rich program of hands-on workshops, talks, art and music that will connect audiences with Aboriginal culture

This year’s program brings the festival theme of Language to life, exploring how knowledge is carried across generations through story, song, mark making, textiles and Country.

From 10–19 April, the free 10-night festival will again transform the desert into a celebration of culture, creativity and modern technology under the starry skies of Arrernte Country.

“Under the desert sky, Parrtjima continues to honour the strength of Arrernte Country while celebrating the creativity and cultural continuity of First Nations artists,” Tourism and Events NT Executive Director of Events, Aimee Luxton said.

“We’re proud to welcome visitors back to Mparntwe to stand on the red earth, connect with culture, and experience the magic of the MacDonnell Ranges in a whole new light.

“This year’s program brings together extraordinary new light installations and powerful collaborations with artists and cultural leaders from across Central and Northern Australia, illuminating the deep knowledge carried through story, song and mark-making.”

Working with leading First Nations artists, major new works have been developed to sit at the heart of the 2026 program.

Among others, Corban Clause Williams of Martumili Artists will present The Language of Soaks, exploring the lifeblood role of hidden water sources across desert Country.

Reggie Uluru’s The Language of Wati Ngintaka invites visitors into an immersive landscape of Perentie forms, light and sound, honouring the Wati Ngintaka story, telling of the creation of the Perentie Lizard Man.

Returning in 2026 is Nina Fitzgerald’s reimagined textile installation, bringing together artists from multiple Central Australian groups with twelve illuminated female figures celebrating women’s knowledge and cultural continuity.

The MacDonnell Ranges Light Show, which transforms the Ranges into a living



CHANGING: One of the many changing Grounded light displays in 2025. (Phil Williams)



GROUND-ED: The ever popular grounded installation will feature new work by emerging artists from across Northern and Central Australia.



VISITORS: Parrtjima visitors silhouetted by light from one of the installations last year.

canvas of light, sound and story, and Ground-ed, the much-loved animated projection series, featuring new works by emerging artists from across Northern and Central Australia, remain highlights of the festival.

A diverse program of free workshops and demonstrations offer hands-on cultural experiences, along with creative workshops offering immersive spaces to listen, make and connect with Western Aranda culture.

Chairperson of Tourism and Events NT Advisory Board, Paul Ah Chee said: “This year invites us to come together at Parrtjima, where language and culture continue to illuminate age-old traditions in new and powerful ways.

“This program echoes the enduring legacy of Country and the stories that connect us across generations.

“We welcome everyone to come stand on the red earth, feel its heartbeat beneath your feet, and look up as Arrernte Country comes alive across the majestic MacDonnell

Ranges.”

Family-friendly sessions include Arrernte Voices with Children’s Ground, introducing simple Arrernte words through music and movement, while Sand Painting invites visitors to explore the significance of markings in sand through glowing lightboxes.

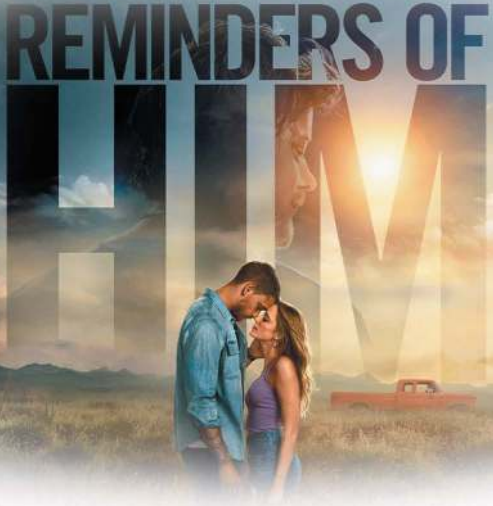
The Parrtjima Dome will debut a curated program of short films and animations by Central Australian artists and leading Indigenous filmmakers, creating a contemporary campfire experience under the desert sky.

The opening weekend also marks the return of the Parrtjima Night Markets, offering a vibrant opportunity to support Aboriginal artists, makers and businesses.

A live music program will once again be a highlight each night, with several artists and bands taking to the main stage across the festival.

For more information and to plan your visit, go to parrtjima.com.au.





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Matt Preston trades his signature cravat for a set of scrubs in **The Hospital: In the Deep End**



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Behind the curtain

Viewers are set to see a new side to former *MasterChef* judge Matt Preston as he takes part in SBS docuseries *The Hospital: In the Deep End*. The award-winning food critic and writer tells **Siobhan Duck** why the experience was so important to him and his family

FORTY years after the death of his brother William, Matt Preston is still looking for answers. William was just 22 when he died from a massive seizure. Having only recently been diagnosed with epilepsy, William's sudden death came as massive shock to Preston and his family, who were largely unaware of the risks associated with William's condition at the time.

"My mother's way of dealing with the death of my brother was to set up a charity with four other bereaved mums who lost kids to epilepsy, and that's gone on to do a fair amount of campaigning work to get it taken seriously," Preston explains.

"But I've got questions around epilepsy and how it starts and how it can be cured, and what SUDEP (Sudden Unexplained Death in Epilepsy) is, and how come people die of it, and how come we don't know more about people dying of it?"

SUDEP still claims between 170 and 300 Australian lives each year.

And yet, there is still a lot of ignorance about epilepsy and the impact it has on people's lives. Preston points out that those who live with epilepsy are often unable to drive or even cook meals for themselves due to the ever-present danger of having an unexpected seizure.

Raising awareness and learning more about the condition that took his brother was a large part of Preston's motivation for joining the second season of *The Hospital: In the Deep End*.

Along with tennis commentator Jelena Dokic and actor Ruby Rose, Preston spent time shadowing frontline hospital workers at St Vincent's Hospitals in Sydney and Melbourne.

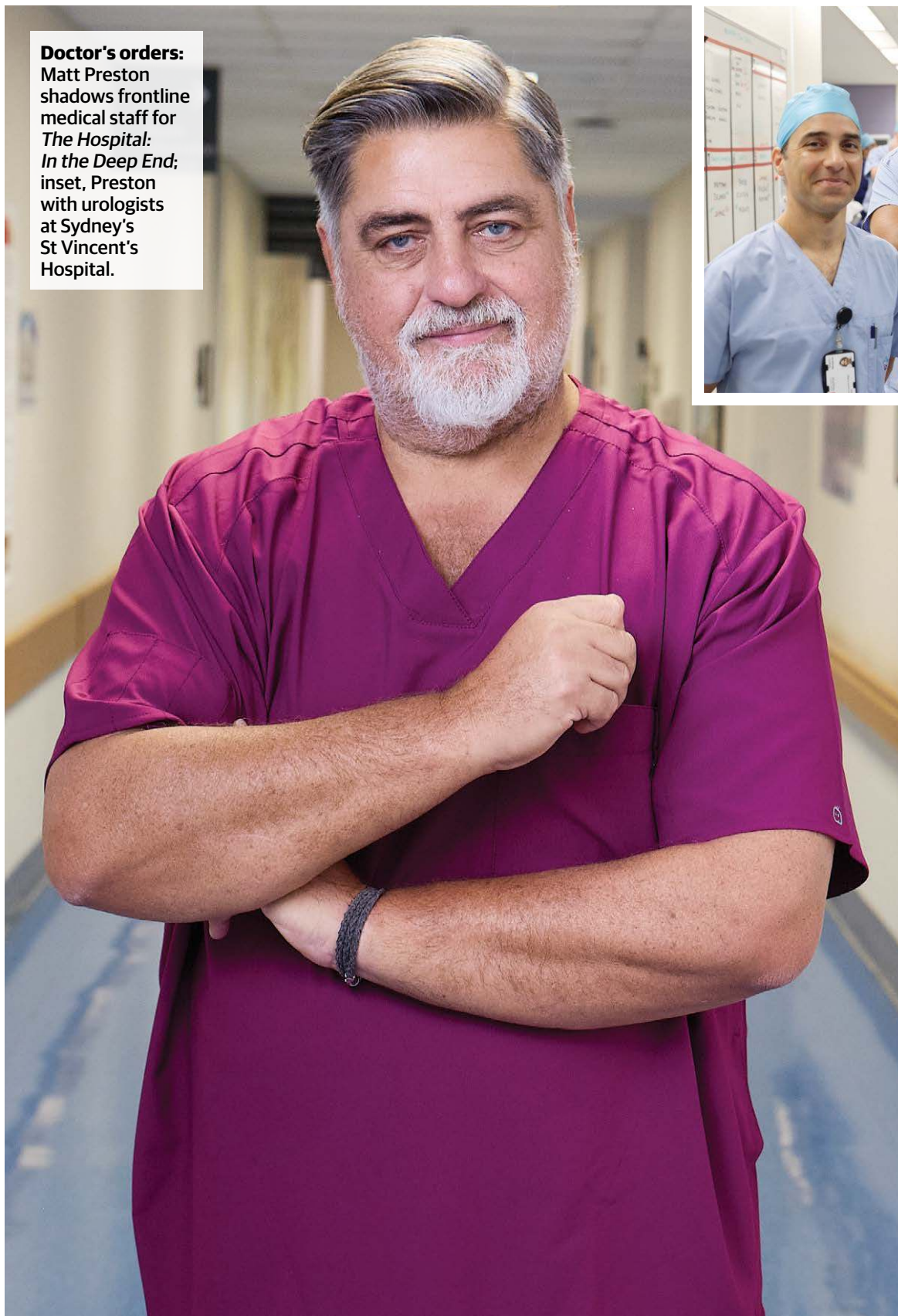
Like Preston, Dokic and Rose had deeply personal reasons for taking part in the factual series.

Having endured years of abuse from her father and tennis coach, Dokic was confronted with reminders from her own past while working in the emergency department.

And for Rose, who spent several weeks in intensive care after a near-fatal road accident when she was a teenager, working with patients facing potential paralysis and chronic pain took her back to her own recovery journey.

The trio's experiences on the series, though undertaken separately and in different sections of the healthcare system, were still a bonding experience.

Doctor's orders: Matt Preston shadows frontline medical staff for *The Hospital: In the Deep End*; inset, Preston with urologists at Sydney's St Vincent's Hospital.



“BEFORE THIS, MY HOSPITAL EXPERIENCE HAD BEEN HAVING MY WISDOM TEETH REMOVED AND HAVING A PIN PUT IN MY ARM. IT'S [ONLY] BEEN OVERNIGHT

"We are absolutely tourists," Preston says of spending time in the hospital.

"We're not in our world. We are fascinated by it. We are affected by the visit and I don't know what Jelena and Ruby would say, but I think it's been quite an effective thing.

"Before this, my hospital experience had been having my wisdom teeth removed and having a pin put in my arm.

"It's [only] been overnight. It's been very short."

Preston scoffs at the idea that his previous TV work in any way prepared him for the arduous of shooting *The Hospital*.

"Anyone who does TV who tells us it is a hard job [is lying]," he smiles.

"It's not hard, really. It can be boring, it can be grinding, but it's a well-paid lurk."

In addition to judging *MasterChef* for a decade, Preston sang his heart out while disguised as a garden gnome on *The Masked Singer* and strut his stuff on *Dancing with the Stars* in 2023 (until having to pull out due to an ankle injury).

Despite his best intentions, having spent 38 weeks of the last year travelling for work –conducting food tours, attending a literary festival and shooting an upcoming series for SBS – hasn't left a lot of time to fine-tune his salsa routine.

It's also left precious little time to watch much TV himself. He didn't watch his former *MasterChef* judge George Calombaris on *I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here!*, preferring to spend what little downtime he has ensconced in the Winter Olympics coverage.

"Better him than me," Preston laughs of Calombaris dining on gizzards and roughing it in the TV jungle.

"Would I do it? No. Why would you? There's an interesting discussion around that, at what point you would do that?"

"I enjoyed doing both *Dancing with the Stars* and *The Masked Singer* because I learnt stuff.

I got to play in uncomfortable spaces of my own choosing. And it was great to embrace being crap at stuff. But *I'm a Celebrity*? No."

The Hospital offered a whole new level of discomfort and education for Preston, who remarks that judging someone's croquembouche cannot compare to being confronted with life and death at work.

"You're standing in an operating theatre watching a young registrar under the watchful eye of a senior surgeon remove someone's thalamus and hippocampus and their blade is millimetres away from their brainstem," he recalls.

"You can see the brainstem pulsing. One slip and it's over. That is pressure."

One of the most confronting chapters of Preston's time at the hospital was his shift on the geriatric ward.

"One of the things that a nurse manager said to me was that it's enough that you're having to care for people; moving them, turning them so they don't get sores. It means changing dressings, changing pads, all this kind of really menial stuff," he begins.

"And then next moment you've got a code blue and you're rushing off to try and bring someone back to life. And then you've got the issue of the children of the person in the bed, arguing over what their mum really wanted."

Having watched both his mother and grandmother succumb to the ravages of dementia, Preston also can't help but wonder what lies in store for himself as he gets older.

He hopes the series will spur people to have some frank conversations about how they want to spend their final days.

"The question that I think we struggle to have, generally, just as a society, is quality versus quantity?" he poses, thoughtfully.

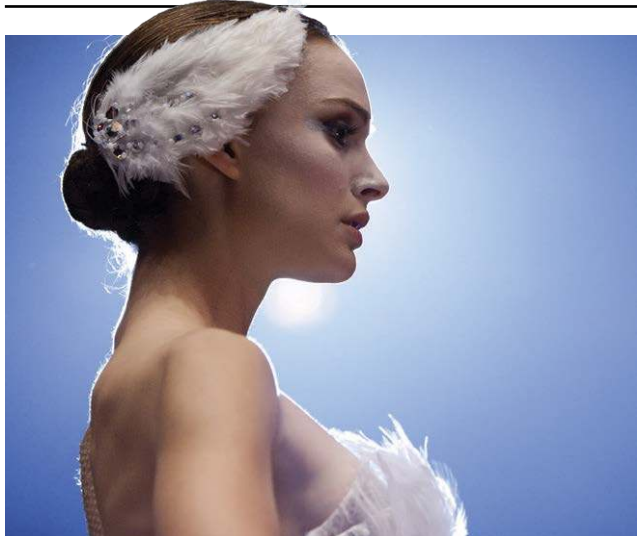
"I know I don't want to have five years bed-bound in a hospital, looking forward to the next meal, or being visited once a week.

"I'd much rather have two years of good times, thank you very much indeed.

"You can keep the bad stuff. Just take me down the end of the pier into the sunset like Jacob Elordi as *Frankenstein's monster*."

■ *The Hospital: In the Deep End*, Thursday, 8.30pm, SBS and streaming, SBS On Demand

Movie Guide



BLACK SWAN
SBS World Movies, Friday, 8.30pm, MA15+ (2010)

Natalie Portman (pictured) won the best actress Oscar for her role in this mind-bending psychological thriller from director Darren Aronofsky (*The Wrestler*). When artistic director Thomas Leroy (Vincent Cassel) chooses Nina (Portman) to replace prima ballerina Beth MacIntyre (Winona Ryder) in the lead role in the production of *Swan Lake*, Nina is thrilled to be in the spotlight, but begins to unravel after finding a rival in new dancer Lily (Mila Kunis) who is waiting in the wings. ★★★★★



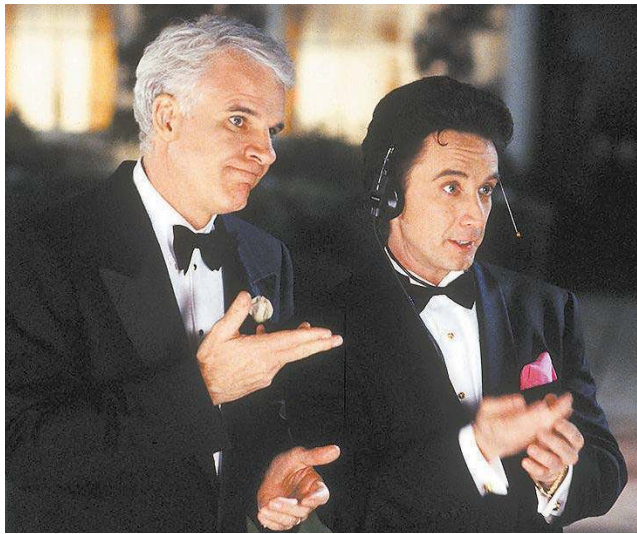
HORRIBLE BOSSES
9Go!, Friday, 8pm, MA15+ (2011)

Colin Farrell, Jennifer Aniston and Kevin Spacey play the titular bosses who make life hell for Kurt, Dale and Nick (Jason Sudeikis, Charlie Day and Jason Bateman, pictured from left), in this raunchy comedy. Until one day, when the bullied workers have a few too many drinks and devise a crazy plan to hire a hitman (Jamie Foxx) to end their problems. Directed by Seth Gordon (*The King of Kong*), the goofy creation is a typically crass lads' outing. The stellar casting saves the day. ★★★



2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY
NITV, Saturday, 8.30pm, G (1968)

An undisputed masterpiece of cinema, Stanley Kubrick's magnum opus remains an experience unlike any other. A crew of astronauts (led by Keir Dullea, pictured) head towards Jupiter to unravel the mystery of an alien artefact found on the moon, when the unforgettably creepy talking computer HAL malfunctions, jeopardising the journey. Kubrick uses dialogue sparsely, and offers only the bare bones of plot, glorying in the beauty of images and music for their own sake. ★★★★★



FATHER OF THE BRIDE
Imparja, Saturday, 8pm, G (1991)

An affable remake of the 1950 Spencer Tracy hit, *Father of the Bride* uses a wedding as a front for charming niceties and all the family entrapments associated with the big day. Steve Martin takes the lead as George, the titular father exasperated and agitated at the prospect of his daughter Annie's (Kimberly Williams) impending marriage. Diane Keaton is mother of the bride Nina, who's overwhelmed with the calamitous proceedings and zany wedding co-ordinator Franck (a stupendous Martin Short, pictured, right, with Martin). ★★★



THE HURT LOCKER
SBS World Movies, Sunday, 8.30pm, MA15+ (2008)

Point Break director Kathryn Bigelow puts her audience directly in the line of sniper fire and flying shrapnel for an unforgettable tour of the hostile Iraq war trenches in this explosive thriller. Jeremy Renner (pictured) is sensational as William James, a US army sergeant whose reckless approach to bomb disposal raises concerns within his on-edge team. By-the-book JT Sanborn (Anthony Mackie) and his anxious offsider Owen Eldridge (Brian Geraghty) don't appreciate their brazen leader's tactics. ★★★★★

PICK OF THE WEEK

Monday
THE GREAT GATSBY
SBS World Movies, 8.30pm, M (2013)

Baz Luhrmann indulges his penchant for sparkle in this glitzy rendering of F. Scott Fitzgerald's classic novel about the American Dream. Leonardo DiCaprio stars as titular protagonist Jay Gatsby, an enigmatic, exquisitely tailored gent who throws decadent parties at his Long Island mansion in a desperate bid to engineer a reunion with his long-lost love, Daisy Buchanan (Carey Mulligan). Daisy is trapped in an unhappy marriage to brawny millionaire Tom (Joel Edgerton) and the whole tangled mess is narrated by Daisy's cousin Nick Carraway (Tobey Maguire), Gatsby's next-door neighbour who becomes swept up in the man's quixotic quest. Wild party scenes are Luhrmann's forte, and the revelries at Gatsby's waterside palace are a visual feast. ★★★★★

All that glitters:
Leonardo DiCaprio
as Jay Gatsby.



THE HEAT
9Go!, Monday, 7pm, MA15+ (2013)

The free wheeling humour of Melissa McCarthy and Sandra Bullock's understated physical comedy are perfectly matched in this odd-couple cop movie. FBI special agent Sarah Ashburn (Bullock) is uptight, clean-cut and gets her crooks by the book. Boston police officer Shannon Mullins (McCarthy, pictured, right, with Bullock) prefers to rough them up. Both are top cops but work best on their own, so when they are paired to bring down a ruthless drug lord, it starts badly and gets worse fast. Jump aboard for the wild ride. ★★★

The Guide



BLUE MURDER MOTEL

ABC TV, Saturday, 7.30pm

McLeod's Daughters co-stars Brett Tucker and Michala Banas (both pictured) reunite for this Kiwi murder mystery with a kooky twist. Recently retired from the Sydney homicide squad for reasons they're not willing to discuss, married couple Vinny (Banas) and Cole (Tucker) head across the ditch for a fresh start, buying a rundown retro motel in a seaside town near Auckland. It's not quite the dream they had in mind though – the plumbing's a disaster, the sign is permanently askew... and there's a dead body in one of the rooms. When a rookie local copper (Tangata Pai) arrives at the crime scene wearing boardies and thongs, it's not long before Vinny finds herself drawn back to the thrill of the hunt, against Cole's better judgement.

PICK OF THE WEEK

HOME AND AWAY

Seven, Monday, 5.30pm

It's been a decade since beloved fan favourites Ricky (Bonnie Sveen) and Brax (Stephen Peacocke) drove off into the sunset to find their happily ever after. However, as any soap opera aficionado knows all too well, the past always has a way of returning to haunt the present. Leaving behind the chaos of tumultuous Summer Bay, the couple have made a new life for themselves with their son Casey (Austin Cutcliffe) on a remote cattle station deep in the West Australian outback. Unfortunately, their peaceful existence comes under threat when Brax is forced to choose between his family's hard-fought safety and his long-held loyalty to notorious surf gang the River Boys.



Trouble brewing: Ricky (Bonnie Sveen) and Brax (Stephen Peacocke).



DOG PARK

ABC TV, Sunday, 8.30pm

Viewers tuning into this Melbourne-made "comedy" expecting to watch *Fisk* set in an off-leash dog park might have been surprised to find that the six-part ABC series isn't exactly a barrel of laughs. Rather, it's a sometimes-sad, sometimes-serendipitous drama with a wry sense of humour. As season one comes to an end, Sunday's finale is full of surprises. Typically grouchy Roland (Leon Ford) and pooch Beattie are on top of the world after welcoming Mia (Florence Gladwin) back home from the US. The teen even joins them at the park for Samantha (Celia Pacquola, pictured with Ford) and Steve's (Nick Boshier) champagne wedding breakfast, an occasion that gives Roland food for thought.

MARRIED AT FIRST SIGHT

Imparja, Tuesday, 7pm

Rolling green hills, tranquil bird song and luxurious accommodation – it might sound relaxing but there's no surer way to ensure chaos and conflict among *Married at First Sight* participants than the series' infamous Retreat Week. Like a days-long dinner party, the couples are encouraged to mingle, gain a fresh perspective and find out if their connections really work outside the four walls of their Sydney apartments. This year, it's a bad joke that has sent the experiment into meltdown – with the fallout isolating Rachel and Steven from the rest of the group. At the final drinks night, Bec (pictured) is caught at the centre of all the drama as the lingering tensions reach an explosive conclusion.



Thursday, March 5

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

ABC TV (2)

6.00 News Breakfast. **9.00** News. **10.00** Tonight At The Museum. (PG, R) **10.30** The Weekly With Charlie Pickering. (R) **11.00** Creative Types With Virginia Trioli. (Final, PGv, R) **11.30** QI. (M, R) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Bergerac. (MI, R) **2.00** Parliament Question Time. **3.00** Grand Designs Transformations. (Final, R) **4.00** Sister Boniface Mysteries. (PGa, 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** Back Roads: Shark Bay, WA Pt 1. (Return) Lisa Millar visits Shark Bay. **8.30** Creative Types With Virginia Trioli: Jimmy Barnes. (Return, MI) Virginia Trioli meets Jimmy Barnes. **9.00** Muster Dogs. (PG, R) The novice handlers face two stock-handling tasks. **11.00** ABC Late News. **11.15** The Business. (R) **11.30** Sister Boniface Mysteries. (PG, R) **12.15** Long Lost Family. (PG, R) **1.05** Parliament Question Time. **2.05** 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) **6am** Children's Programs. **9.30** Fireman Sam. **10.25** Guess How Much I Love You. **10.40** Mini Kids. **11.05** Bananas In Pyjamas. **11.20** The Makery. **11.45** Andy's Global Adventures. **12.35pm** Ben And Holly. **12.55** Thomas And Friends. **1.30** PJ Masks. **1.50** Kangaroo Beach. **2.45** The Makery. **3.00** Play School. **3.30** 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** Batwheels. **7.35** Ninjago. **8.00** Deadly 60. **8.35** Secrets Of The Zoo. **9.20** Ultimate Vets. (Premiere) **9.50** Animal Park. (Premiere) **10.35** Late Programs.

NITV (34) **6am** Morning Programs. **8.40** The Magic Canoe. **9.10** Spartakus. **10.00** Undiscovered Vistas. **11.00** Extraordinary Animals. **Noon** Pro Bull Riding: USA. **1.00** Over The Black Dot. **1.30** Coniston Muster. **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** Undiscovered Vistas. **7.30** Going Places. **8.30** The Green Veil. **9.30** **MOVIE**: Snowpiercer. (2013, MA15+) **11.45** Always Blak Always Cracked. **Midnight** Women Of The Sun. **1.00** The Real Stories Of Basketball. **2.00** On The Road. **3.00** On The Road. **4.00** On The Road. **5.00** Bamay.

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **9.05** Destination Flavour: Singapore Bitesize. (PGaw, R) **9.25** My Unique B&B. (R) **10.15** Paddington Station 24/7. (PGa, R) **11.05** The Toy Hospital. **12.00** BBC News At Ten. **12.30** France 24. **1.00** PBS News. **2.00** Ancient Egypt: Top 7 Pyramids. (R) **3.00** Going Places. (R) **3.30** The Cook Up. (R) **4.05** The Wonders Of Europe. (PGav, R) **5.05** Jeopardy! **5.30** Letters And Numbers. (R)

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (PG, R) **6.30** SBS World News. **7.35** Toronto Airport Uncovered. (PG) An oversold flight causes problems. **8.30** The Hospital: In The Deep End. (Return, Ma) Matt Preston, Jelena Dokic and Ruby Rose visit two of the country's busiest public hospitals. **9.35** A Spy Among Friends. Philby senses his position is fragile. **10.40** SBS World News Late. **11.10** In Memoriam. (Madlv) **12.00** The Hollow. (Madlv, R) **2.05** 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 Morning. **7.20** FBC News. **8.10** NHK Newslive. **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 Movie Show. **12.10pm** DW The Day. **12.40** Appetite. **1.55** Insight. **3.00** WorldWatch. **5.00** Alone. **6.15** Curse Of Oak Island. **7.05** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** **MOVIE**: To Catch A Killer. (2023) **10.40** Brassic. **12.30am** Couples Therapy. **1.40** Cosplay Culture. **3.25** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) **6am** The Movie Show. **6.15** Hotel Salvation. (2016, PGad, Hindi) **8.10** Tokyo Story. (1953, PGa, Japanese) **10.40** The Longest Week. (2014, Mas) **12.15pm** Shakespeare In Love. (1998, Ms) **2.30** The Movie Show. **3.05** Discovering Film. **4.00** Limelight. (1952, PGas) **6.25** Agatha Christie's Crooked House. (2017, PGals) **8.30** Gravity. (2013, Mal, R) **10.15** Misery. (1990, MA15+v) **12.15am** Thelma & Louise. (1991, Malsv) **2.30** Arcadia. (2024, ans) **4.20** The Girlfriend Experience. (2009, Mlns) **5.45** Limelight. (1952, PGas)

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** Football. AFL. Opening Round. Sydney v Carlton.

9.00 AFL Post-Game Show. Post-game discussion and interviews taking a look back at all the action from the match. **9.30** Kick Ons. (Return) Kane Cornes, Josh Jenkins and Jason Richardson debate the hottest topics and preview the upcoming AFL matches. **10.00** Australian Idol. (PGI, R) The contestants strive to avoid elimination and earn a place in the live shows. **11.20** Dare Me. (MA15+asv) Tragic news spreads through town. **12.30** Home Shopping. (R) **2.30** NBC Today. News and current affairs. **3.30** Sunrise Early News. The latest news, sport and weather. **4.00** Sunrise. News, sport and weather.

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** Mountain Men. **3.00** American Resto. **3.30** Storage Wars. **4.00** American Pickers. **5.00** Pawn Stars. **6.00** Highway Patrol. **6.30** Motorway Patrol. **7.00** **MOVIE**: Bridesmaids. (2011, MA15+) **9.35** **MOVIE**: Hellboy II: The Golden Army. (2008, M) **Midnight** American Resto. **12.30** Mountain Minute. **1.30** Pawn Stars. **2.00** The Front Bar. **3.30** Ax Men. **4.30** Fishing Addiction. **5.30** Fish'n Mates.

7TWO (72) **6am** Morning Programs. **11.30** Escape To The Country. **12.30pm** South Aussie With Cosi. **1.00** Air Crash Inv. **2.00** Harry's Practice. **2.30** Better Homes. **3.30** Escape To The Country. **4.30** Bargain Hunt. **5.30** Home And Away. **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** Explore TV: Egypt. (R) **1.30** Pointless. (PG) **2.30** Tipping Point. (PG) **3.30** 9News Afternoon. **4.30** Tipping Point Australia. (PG) **5.30** 9News.

6.30 Rugby League. NRL. Round 1. Melbourne Storm v Parramatta Eels. **8.25** NRL Thursday Night Footy Post-Match. Post-match coverage and analysis of the NRL game between Melbourne Storm and Parramatta Eels. **9.10** 9News Late. **9.40** The Equalizer. (Mv) A history professor obsessed with gold is killed. **10.40** To Be Advised. **11.35** 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. **4.30** Today Early News. **5.00** Today.

9GEM (90) **6am** Thunderbirds. **6.30** TV Shop. **9.00** Pointless. **10.00** My Favorite Martian. **10.30** Keeping Up Appearances. **11.30** Midsomer Murders. **1.30pm** Antiques Roadshow. **2.00** **MOVIE**: Manuela. (1957, PG) **4.00** Yorkshire Auction House. **5.00** Antiques Roadshow. **6.00** RBT. **7.00** RPA. **8.00** A+E After Dark. **9.00** Forensics: The Real CSI. (Mv, R) **10.15** Court Cam. **10.45** Antiques Roadshow. **11.15** Explore. **11.30** Creflo. **Midnight** **MOVIE**: Manuela. (1957, PG) **2.00** A+E After Dark. **3.00** My Favorite Martian. **3.30** Yorkshire Auction House. **4.30** Danger Man. **5.30** Creflo.

9GO! (99) **6am** Morning Programs. **8.30** Bewitched. **9.30** My Way. **9.45** LEGO Masters: Grand Masters Of The Galaxy. **12.30pm** Golden Girls. **1.00** Nanny. **2.00** Seinfeld. **3.00** Addams Family. **3.30** Bewitched. **4.30** Golden Girls. **5.00** Nanny. **6.00** Seinfeld. **7.00** **MOVIE**: Volcano. (1997, M) **9.05** Seinfeld. **10.05** Rugby Heaven. **11.05** Love Island UK. **Midnight** Legacies. **12.55** Nanny. **1.25** Motor Racing. IndyCar Series. Farm to Finish 275. **2.30** Barbie It Takes Two. **3.00** Wild Manes. **3.20** Lego Dreamzzz. **3.40** Booba. **4.00** Hop. **4.30** Beyblade X. **5.00** LEGO Friends: Girls On A Mission. **5.30** Barbie It Takes Two.

10 COMEDY (11) **6am** Stephen Colbert. **8.00** Bold. **8.30** Family Feud. **9.00** Deal Or No Deal. **9.30** Millionaire Hot Seat. **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. (Ms, 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, March 6

Please note: channel numbers and programming times may vary based on the broadcast signal received.			
ABC TV (2) 6.00 News Breakfast. 9.00 ABC News Mornings. 10.00 Australia's Wild Odyssey. (Final, R) 11.00 Antiques Roadshow. (R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 1.00 Muster Dogs. (PG, R) 2.00 Dog Park. (Ml, R) 2.30 In Limbo. (Mal, R) 2.55 Fake Or Fortune? (R) 3.55 Murdoch Mysteries. (PGv) 4.45 Long Lost Family. (PG, R) 5.30 Antiques Roadshow. (R)	SBS (3) 6am Morning Programs. 9.25 My Unique B&B. (R) 10.15 Paddington Station 24/7. (PGa, R) 11.05 The Toy Hospital. 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 The Cook Up. (R) 4.05 Marseille: Birth Of A Megapolis. (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: Killer Condo. (2022, Mav, R) Shemeka Wright, Kia Dorsey. 1.30 Unfiltered: Cricket. (PG, R) 2.00 Women's Test Cricket: Pre-Game. 2.30 Seven News At 4. 3.30 The Chase Australia. 4.30 Seven News. 5.30 AFL: Friday Night Countdown. (Return)	IMPARJA (9) 6.00 Today. 8.30 Today Extra. (PG) 11.00 9News Morning. 11.30 MOVIE: Romantic Rewrite. (2022, PGa, R) 1.30 Pointless. (PG) 2.30 Tipping Point. (PG, R) 3.30 9News Afternoon. 4.30 Tipping Point Australia. (PG, R) 5.30 9News.
6.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R) 7.00 ABC News. A look at the top stories of the day. 7.35 Gardening Australia. Tammy Huynh visits a colourful slice of Malta. 8.35 Professor T. (PGa) Out of prison, Professor T is desperate to get back to his work at the university and with the police. 9.25 Tonight At The Museum. (PG, R) Alex Lee is joined by Alan Davies, Tegan Higginbotham, Zoe Coombs Marr and Brett Blake for a series of challenges and quizzes. 9.55 The Weekly With Charlie Pickering. (R) A satirical news program. 10.25 Dog Park. (M, R) 10.55 ABC Late News. 11.10 Murdoch Mysteries. (M, R) 12.00 Smother. (Mls, R) 1.45 Rage New Music. (MA15+dhlnsv) 5.00 Rage. (PGadhlnsv)	6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. (PG) Rae Johnston goes sledding. 8.30 Fukushima: Days That Shocked The World. Witnesses and survivors of the 2011 Fukushima disaster recall the struggle for survival amid the devastation. 9.25 Fly With Me. (Ml, R) Explores the lively, important but neglected history of the women who changed the world while flying it. 10.40 SBS World News Late. 11.10 Sisi. (PGa) 12.05 Babylon Berlin. (MA15+v, R) 2.00 El Immortal: Gangs Of Madrid. (MA15+av, R) 3.50 Mastermind Australia. (R) 4.20 Bamay. (R) 5.00 NHK World English News Morning. 5.30 ANC Philippines The World Tonight.	6.00 Football. AFL. Opening Round. Gold Coast Suns v Geelong. From People First Stadium, Queensland. 9.30 AFL Post-Game Show. Post-game discussion and interviews taking a look back at all the action from the match. 10.30 GetOn Extra. Lizzie Jelfs, Matt Hill, Simon Marshall and Brent Zerafa dive headlong into the weekend's best racing. 11.00 Dare Me. (MA15+asv) Addy and Colette feel the heat. Beth's digging begins to pay off, leading to revelations. 12.00 Travel Oz. (PG, R) Greg Grainger meets a camel driver. 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.	6.00 Rugby League. NRL. Round 1. Brisbane Broncos v Penrith Panthers. 8.25 NRL Friday Night Footy Post-Match. Post-match coverage and analysis of the NRL game between the Brisbane Broncos and Penrith Panthers. 9.15 MOVIE: Sicario. (2015, MA15+alv, R) An FBI agent is enlisted as part of a specialised taskforce to help in the escalating war on drugs. Emily Blunt, Josh Brolin, Benicio Del Toro. 11.30 Next Stop. Takes a look at desirable travel destinations. 12.00 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)
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. 10.40 Late Programs.	SBS VICELAND (31) 6am Morning Programs. 12.15pm DW The Day. 12.45 Patriot Brains. 2.35 Where Are You Really From? 3.10 WorldWatch. 5.10 From North Korea. With Love. 6.05 Over The Black Dot. 6.35 The Future. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats. 8.30 Travel Man. 9.00 Cycling. UCI Track World Cup. 10.45 MOVIE: Hustlers. (2019) 12.45am Adam Hills: The Last Leg. 1.45 Night Bloomers. 2.55 Late Programs.	7MATE (70) 6am Morning Programs. 1.30pm Timbersports. STIHL Timbersports. World C'ship. 2.00 American Resto. 2.30 Cricket. Women's Test. Aust v India. Arvo. 4.50 Women's Test Cricket: Tea Break. 5.30 Cricket. Women's Test. Aust v India. Late arvo. 7.30 Women's Test Cricket: Dinner Break. 7.50 Cricket. Women's Test. Aust v India. Evening session. 10.30 MOVIE: The Forever Purge. (2021, MA15+) 12.40am Late Programs.	9GEM (90) 6am Morning Programs. 1.30pm Explore TV. 2.00 Antiques Roadshow. 2.30 MOVIE: Miss Robin Hood. (1952) 4.00 Yorkshire Auction House. 5.00 Antiques Roadshow. 6.00 Airport Security: USA. (Premiere) 7.00 MOVIE: London Has Fallen. (2016, MA15+) 9.00 MOVIE: Exit Wounds. (2001, MA15+) 11.00 Antiques Roadshow. 11.30 Creflo. Midnight MOVIE: Miss Robin Hood. (1952) 1.30 Late Programs.
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10 DRAMA (1) 6am Shopping. 6.30 Days Of Our Lives. 7.15 The Young And The Restless. 8.00 JAG. 9.00 Living Room. 10.00 Bold. 10.30 Days Of Our Lives. 11.15 The Young And The Restless. Noon JAG. 2.00 Bull. 3.00 Motor Racing. Formula 1. Aust Grand Prix. 5.00 Bull. 6.00 NCIS. 8.50 Bull. (Mv, R) 9.45 JAG. (PGl, R) 10.45 Home Shopping.	10 COMEDY (11) 6am Morning Programs. 8.30 Family Feud. 9.00 Deal Or No Deal. 9.30 Millionaire Hot Seat. 10.00 Becker. 10.30 Frasier. 11.30 Big Bang. 12.30pm Friends. 2.00 Becker. 2.30 Farm To Fork. 3.00 Frasier. 4.00 Big Bang. 5.00 Friends. 6.30 Big Bang. 8.30 Becker. 9.00 Frasier. 10.00 Ent. Tonight. 10.30 Shopping. 1am Bold. 2.00 Shopping. 4.00 Joseph Prince. 4.30 GCBC. 5.30 Bold.	7TWO (72) 6am Morning Programs. 11.30 Escape To The Country. 12.30pm Our Town. 1.00 Weekender. 1.30 Australia's Best Drives. 2.00 Harry's Practice. 2.30 Better Homes. 3.30 Escape To The Country. 4.30 Bargain Hunt. 5.30 Better Homes. 6.30 Escape To The Country. 9.30 Secrets Of Beautiful Gardens. 10.30 Escape To The Country. 11.30 Bargain Hunt. 12.30am Harry's Practice. 1.00 Medical Emergency. 1.30 Late Programs.	9GO! (99) 6am Morning Programs. 12.30pm Golden Girls. 1.00 Nanny. 2.00 Seinfeld. 3.00 Addams Family. 3.30 Bewitched. 4.30 Golden Girls. 5.00 Nanny. 6.00 MOVIE: Journey To The Centre Of The Earth. (2008, PG) 8.00 MOVIE: Horrible Bosses. (2011, MA15+) 10.00 Seinfeld. 11.00 Psychic Kids. 11.55 Love Island UK. 12.55am Big Rigs Of Oz. 1.25 Rugby Sevens. SVNS Series Perth. H'lights. 2.30 Late Programs.



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Saturday, March 7

ABC TV (2) 6.00 Rage Charts. (PGadhlnsv) 7.00 Wknd Brekky. 9.00 Rage. (PG) 10.30 Rage Vault Guest Programmer. (PGadhlnsv) 12.00 News. 12.30 In The Room. (Ml, R) 1.25 Professor T. (PGa, R) 2.15 The Piano. (PG, R) 3.15 Extraordinary Escapes. (PG, R) 4.00 The ABC Of... (Pgl, R) 4.30 Todd Sampson's Why? (PGa, R) 5.00 Nick Cave And Warren Ellis At Hanging Rock. (PG, 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 PBS News. 2.00 Sailing. SailGP Sydney. Round 3. Highlights. 3.00 Stories From The Cities. (PG) 3.30 Going Places. (R) 4.30 Light Years: Olive Cotton. (R) 5.30 Emilie Schindler: Woman In The Shadow.	SEVEN (7, 71) 6.00 Weekend Sunrise. 8.30 The Morning Show: Weekend. (PG) 10.30 Horse Racing. The Agency Randwick Guineas Day and Super Saturday. 3.30 Seven News At 5. 4.00 Border Security: Australia's Front Line. (PG, R) 4.30 Seven News. 5.30 Better Homes And Gardens.	IMPARJA (9) 6.00 A Current Affair. (R) 6.30 Weekend Today. 9.30 Today Extra: Saturday. (PG) 11.30 Open For Inspection. 12.00 Paralympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026 Opening Ceremony. From Verona Arena, Italy. 2.30 Explore TV. 3.00 Epic Builds. 4.00 The Garden Gurus. 4.30 9News First At Five. 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. (R) 8.30 Motor Racing. Formula 1. Australian Grand Prix. Day 2. 4.00 10 News. 5.00 The Dog House Australia. (PGad, R) Narrated by Mark Coles Smith.
6.00 Kath & Kim. (PGals, R) 6.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R) Hosted by Tom Gleeson. 7.00 ABC News. A look at the top stories of the day. 7.30 Blue Murder Motel. (Premiere, PG) Follows two married Australian detectives. 8.20 Top End Bub. (Premiere, PG) A couple's perfect Adelaide life is interrupted when a family tragedy strikes and they're forced to return to Darwin. 8.50 Death In Paradise. (Mv, R) Commissioner Selwyn Patterson is shot while celebrating 50 years of police service at the yacht club. 9.50 This England. (M, R) Looks at Britain during COVID-19. 10.35 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv)	6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Neil And Martin's Bon Voyage. (Final) The guys reach the final stage of their journey. 8.25 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. (Pgl, R) Hosted by Ernie Dingo. 8.55 Cycling. UCI World Tour. Strade Bianche Women. 10.50 Cycling. UCI World Tour. Strade Bianche Men. 1.45 Travels With Agatha Christie And Sir David Suchet. (R) 2.40 Shaun Micallef's Origin Odyssey. (PGa, R) 3.45 El Immortal: Gangs Of Madrid. (MA15+av, R) 4.45 Destination Flavour Scandinavia Bitesize. (R) 5.15 Euronews. 5.30 ANC Philippines The World Tonight.	6.30 Cricket. Women's Test. Australia v India. Day 2. Late afternoon session. 7.30 Women's Test Cricket: Dinner Break. Takes a look at the day of play so far in the women's Test match between Australia and India. 7.50 Cricket. Women's Test. Australia v India. Day 2. Evening session. 10.30 Motor Racing. Supercars Championship. Round 2. Melbourne Supersprint. Day 1. Highlights. 11.30 Devils. (MA15+av, R) Massimo devises a plan to create a scandal. 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. (PGa) The team helps a man drowning in grief and clutter. 8.00 MOVIE: Father Of The Bride. (1991, G, R) A family plans a wedding. Steve Martin, Diane Keaton. 10.10 MOVIE: Moonstruck. (1987, PGal, R) A bookkeeper falls for the brother of her fiancé. Cher. 12.05 Epic Builds. (R) 1.00 Open For Inspection. (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. An intervention is necessary for a couple. 7.10 The Graham Norton Show. (Ml, R) Celebrity guests include Dwayne Johnson. 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. (R) Olympia and Matty each put together their own collateral for Julian, hoping to regain his trust after he makes a shocking discovery. 10.30 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. 3.30 Superworm. 4.30 Little J And Big Cuz. 5.05 The Gruffalo's Child. 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. 9.05 Mr Bean: The Animated Series. 9.30 Fresh Off The Boat. 10.10 Late Programs.	SBS VICELAND (31) 6am Morning Programs. 12.15pm Hoarders. 2.50 Bamay. 3.10 Heroines. 3.45 WorldWatch. 5.45 Mastermind Aust. 6.45 The Food That Built The World. 7.35 Engineering From Above. 8.30 Lion Dancers: The Crane And The Lion. 8.50 Cycling. UCI Track World Cup. 11.00 MOVIE: Peppermint. (2018) 12.50am Forged In Fire. 1.40 Travel Man. 2.10 Dark Side Of The '90s. 3.05 Late Programs.	7MATE (70) 6am Morning Programs. Noon Cool Cars With Dermott And Elise. 12.30 Rides Down Under: Workshop Wars. 1.30 Motor Racing. Night Thunder. High Limits World Tour. Night Grand Final. 2.30 Cricket. Women's Test. Aust v India. Arvo. 4.50 Women's Test Cricket: Tea Break. 5.30 Cricket. Women's Test. Aust v India. Late arvo. 6.30 MOVIE: I, Robot. (2004, M) 8.50 MOVIE: Inside Man. (2006, MA15+) 11.30 Late Programs.	9GEM (90) 6am Morning Programs. 1.10pm Explore. 1.30 MOVIE: The Scarlet Blade. (1963, PG) 3.15 MOVIE: Red River. (1948) 6.00 Death In Paradise. 7.10 MOVIE: Under Siege 2. (1995, MA15+) 9.10 MOVIE: Rocky. (1976, PG) 11.35 MOVIE: Sweeney 2. (1978, M) 1.50am MOVIE: Horrors Of The Black Museum. (1959, M) 3.30 Danger Man. 4.30 Creflo. 5.00 Amazing Facts With Doug Batchelor. 5.30 Late Programs.	10 DRAMA (1) 6am Shopping. 7.30 I Fish. 8.00 On The Fly. 9.00 Top Gear Australia. 10.15 JAG. 3pm Soccer. A-League Men. Newcastle Jets v Western Sydney. 5.30 Football Tonight. 6.05 Soccer. A-League Men. Round 20. Sydney FC v Melbourne Victory. 8.30 NCIS. (M, R) 11.20 JAG. 12.15am Home Shopping.
NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 11.40 MOVIE: Happy Halloween, Scooby-Doo! (2020, PG) 1.10pm Nula. 1.40 Undiscovered Vistas. 2.30 Over The Black Dot. 3.00 The Colleano Heart. 4.30 Off Country. 5.00 First Australians. 6.00 Haututu Hunters. 6.40 The Other Side. 7.30 Alone Australia. 8.30 MOVIE: 2001: A Space Odyssey. (1968) 10.55 Bob Marley: Uprising Live. 1.05am The Real Stories Of Basketball. 2.00 Late Programs.	SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Morning Programs. 12.15pm Mass. (2021, Mal) 2.20 The Movie Show. 2.55 Mr. Holmes. (2015, PGa) 4.50 Dean Spanley. (2008, PG) 6.35 Robot Dreams. (2023, PGav) 8.30 Braveheart. (1995, MA15+v) 11.50 Bang Gang (A Modern Love Story) (2015, MA15+adlns, French) 1.35am Black Swan. (2010, MA15+asv) 3.30 Marinette. (2023, Malsv) 5.00 The Movie Show.	7TWO (72) 6am Morning Programs. Noon Better Homes. 2.30 Wildlife ER. 3.30 Horse Racing. The Agency Randwick Guineas Day and Super Saturday. 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 Room For Improvement. 12.30 Medical Emergency. 1.00 Late Programs.	9GO! (99) 6am Morning Programs. 5pm Nanny. 6.00 MOVIE: Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows: Part 1. (2010, M) 8.55 MOVIE: Three Thousand Years Of Longing. (2022, M) 11.05 Prodigal Son. (Premiere) 12.45am MOVIE: Just A Farmer. (2024, M) 2.50 Surfing Aust. 3.20 Barney's World. 3.40 Booba. 4.00 Hop. 4.30 Beyblade X. 5.00 LEGO Friends: Girls On A Mission. 5.30 Lego Dreamzzz.	10 COMEDY (11) 6am The Bold And The Beautiful. 7.30 Family Feud. 8.00 Millionaire Hot Seat. 9.30 Farm To Fork. 10.00 Ridiculousness. 12.30 Friends. (PG, R) 4.30 The Big Bang Theory. (PG, R) 9.00 Ridiculousness. (PGal, R) 10.30 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 Good Chef Bad Chef. (R) 5.30 Deal Or No Deal. (R)

Sunday, March 8

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ABC TV (2) 6.00 Rage. (PG) 7.00 Weekend Breakfast. 9.00 Insiders. 10.00 Offsiders. 10.30 The World This Week. (R) 11.00 Compass. (PG, R) 11.30 Songs Of Praise. (R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 12.30 Landline. 1.30 Gardening Australia. (R) 2.30 Muster Dogs. (PG, R) 3.30 The Piano UK. (R) 4.30 Creative Types With Virginia Trioli. (PGI, R) 5.00 Back Roads. (R) 5.30 Antiques Roadshow. (R)	SBS (3) 6am Morning Programs. 2.30 Destination Flavour. (R) 2.35 Vintage Voltage. (R) 3.30 Ageless Gardens. (R) 4.00 PBS News Compass Points. 4.30 PBS Washington Week. 4.55 The Point: Road To Referendum History Bites. (R) 5.00 Rehabilitating. (PGa, R) 5.20 The Granny Grommets. (PG, R) 5.30 Women Of WWII: The Untold Stories. (Premiere)	SEVEN (7, 71) 6.00 Weekend Sunrise. 8.30 The Morning Show: Weekend. (PG) 10.30 Sunday Footy Feast. (Return) 1.00 Jabba's Movies. (PGav, R) 1.30 Surf Patrol. (PG, R) 2.00 Better Homes And Gardens Summer. (R) 3.00 Weekender. (R) 3.30 Seven News At 5. 4.00 Border Security: International. (PG, R) 4.30 Seven News. 5.30 Football. AFL. Opening Round. St Kilda v Collingwood. From the MCG.	IMPARJA (9) 6.00 A Current Affair. (R) 6.30 Weekend Today. 9.30 Wide World Of Sports. (PG) 10.30 NRL Sunday Footy Show. (Return, PG) 12.30 Paralympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. Day 1. 1.30 Rugby League. NRL. Round 1. Dolphins v South Sydney Rabbitohs. From Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane. 4.30 9News First At Five. 5.00 My Way. 5.30 9News Sunday.	TEN (10) 6.00 My Market Kitchen. (R) 6.30 Farm To Fork. (R) 7.00 Motor Racing. Formula 1. Australian Grand Prix. Day 3. 3.30 10 News. 5.00 10 News+. Hosted by Denham Hitchcock and Amelia Brace. 5.30 Soccer. AFC 2026 Women's Asian Cup. Group stage. Australia v Korea Republic.
6.30 Compass: Bondi Spirit. 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 Muster Dogs. (Final, PG) The six rookies face their final challenge. 8.30 Dog Park. (Final, MI) It's the day of Samantha and Steve's wedding. Roland is thrilled to have Mia home again but is distracted by his growing feelings. 9.00 This England. (Final, MA15+) Dominic Cummings holds a press conference to address his breach of lockdown regulations. 10.05 Blue Murder Motel. (PG, R) Follows two married Australian detectives. 10.55 Top End Bub. (PG, R) 11.20 MOVIE: Partisan. (2015, MA15+v, R) Vincent Cassel. 1.00 Rage. (MA15+adhl) 3.00 Gardening Australia. (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 Pompeii: Life In The City With Dan Snow. (Premiere) Dan Snow and Kate Lister explore Pompeii. 9.15 Ancient Empires. (MA15+v, R) Looks at the story of Cleopatra, the enigmatic Egyptian queen considered to be history's ultimate femme fatale. 10.55 Roberta Flack. (PGa, R) A look at the life of Roberta Flack. 12.25 Jackie And Lee: A Tale Of Two Sisters. (Ma, R) 1.20 Cycling. UCI World Tour. Paris-Nice Race. Stage 1. 3.20 Mastermind Australia. (R) 4.20 Bamay. (R) 4.50 Destination Flavour Scandinavia Bitesize. (R) 5.00 NHK World English News Morning. 5.15 Euronews. 5.30 PBS News Horizons.	9.00 AFL Post-Game Show. Post-game discussion and interviews taking a look back at all the action from the match. 9.30 The Hunters: Murder Highway. (Mav, R) Former detective Steve van Aperen and crime journalist Adam Shand drive the Flinders Highway, also known as the Murder Highway, and uncover eerie tales that include some of Australia's most notorious serial killers. 11.00 Motor Racing. Supercars Championship. Round 2. Melbourne Supersprint. Day 2. Highlights. 12.00 Harry's Practice. (R) Information about pet care. 12.30 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 couples make significant progress. 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: Rocky Mountain Murder Spree. (MA15+asv) Detective Thompson trains his sights on Ted Bundy. 10.45 The First 48: Into Thin Air/ Love And Lies. (Mav, R) In Tulsa, a mother-to-be shields a potential killer. 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 Gold Wars Downunder. (Premiere, MI) Follows three hardcore mining teams as they battle it out on the same patch of gold-rich land to see who can unearth the biggest nuggets. 10.00 MOVIE: The Lost City. (2022, Masv, R) A reclusive romance novelist on a book tour with her cover model gets kidnapped by an eccentric billionaire. Sandra Bullock, Channing Tatum, Daniel Radcliffe. 12.15 10 News+. (R) Hosted by Denham Hitchcock and Amelia Brace. 12.40 Law & Order: SVU. (Mv, R) Agent Sykes struggles to cope. 1.30 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 Entertainment Tonight. (R) 5.00 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG, R) 5.30 Deal Or No Deal. (R)
ABC FAMILY (22) 6am Children's Programs. 3pm Play School: Let The Music Play. 3.30 The Most Magnificent Thing. 3.55 Odd Squad. 4.20 Dino Dex. 4.45 Gardening Australia Junior. 5.10 Isadora Moon. 5.40 Super Monsters. 6.05 Knee High Spies. 6.25 Paddington. 7.05 Let's Go Bananas! 7.30 The Investigators. 8.00 Meet The Hedgehogs. 8.45 Amazing Animal Friends. 9.35 Fresh Off The Boat. 10.15 Late Programs.	SBS VICELAND (31) 6am Morning Programs. 12.25pm Jeopardy! 2.30 Heroines. 3.00 Making Waves: Extraordinary Women. 3.30 WorldWatch. 4.35 Smoke And Steel: Secrets Of The Modern World. 5.30 Cycling. UCI Track World Cup. 9.30 PBS News Compass Points. 10.00 The Architecture The Railways Built. 10.55 House Of Blak: Miss First Nation. 11.55 While The Men Are Away. 1.05am Conversations. 1.40 Late Programs.	7MATE (70) 6am Morning Programs. 1pm Hook, Line And Sink. 1.30 Pawn Stars. 2.30 Cricket. Women's Test. Aust v India. Arvo. 4.50 Women's Test Cricket: Tea Break. 5.30 Cricket. Women's Test. Aust v India. Late arvo. 7.30 Women's Test Cricket: Dinner Break. 7.50 Cricket. Women's Test. Aust v India. Evening session. 10.30 Border Security: America's Front Line. 11.00 Counting Cars. 11.30 Late Programs.	9GEM (90) 6am Morning Programs. 12.30pm Getaway. 1.00 Traffic Cops. 2.00 MOVIE: San Demetrio, London. (1943, PG) 4.00 Midsomer Murders. 6.00 Planet Earth III. 7.10 Paramedics. 8.10 Emergency. 9.10 Paralympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. Day 1. Replay. 10.10 Midsomer Murders. 12.10am MOVIE: San Demetrio, London. (1943, PG) 2.10 Edgar Wallace Mysteries. 3.30 Avengers. 4.30 Danger Man. 5.30 Late Programs.	10 DRAMA (1) 6am Shopping. 6.30 Tough Tested. 7.30 What's Up Down Under. 8.00 Reel Action. 8.30 JAG. 9.30 Mixed Martial Arts. UFC 326. Prelims. 11.30 Top Gear Australia. 1.00 JAG. (PGI, R) 6.00 NCIS. (M, R) 8.50 Matlock. (R) 9.45 JAG. (PGa, R) 10.45 Home Shopping. (R)
NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 12.30pm Froth. 1.00 Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. H'lights. 2.00 Dreaming Big. 2.30 Football. Big Rivers Football League. Women's. Grand final. Ngukurr v Eastside. Replay. 4.00 Artie: Our Tribute To A Legend. 4.35 Bob Marley: Uprising Live. 6.50 Undiscovered Vistas. 7.40 Most Endangered Species New Zealand. 8.30 Like My Brother. 10.15 God Is A Woman. 11.50 Late Programs.	SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Morning Programs. 9.00 Robot Dreams. (2023, PGav) 10.50 While We're Young. (2014, Mdl) 12.40pm The Winter Guest. (1997, Mal) 2.40 Time Bandits. (1981, PGahv) 4.45 Mosley. (2019, PGav) 6.35 Meek's Cutoff. (2010, PGav) 8.30 The Hurt Locker. (2008, MA15+av) 10.50 Million Dollar Baby. (2004, Malv) 1.15am Braveheart. (1995, MA15+v) 4.25 Mr. Holmes. (2015, PGa)	7TWO (72) 6am Morning Programs. 11.30 Luxury Escapes: World's Best Holidays. Noon Medical Emergency. 12.30 South Aussie With Cosi. 1.00 Harry's Practice. 1.30 The Amazing Homemakers. 2.45 The Yorkshire Vet. 3.45 Secrets Of Beautiful Gardens. 4.45 Escape To The Country. 5.45 Vicar Of Dibley. 7.00 Vera. 9.00 Miss Scarlet And The Duke. 10.00 Vicar Of Dibley. 11.15 Better Homes. 12.30am Vera. 2.30 Late Programs.	9GO! (99) 6am Morning Programs. 4.40pm TBA. 6.00 MOVIE: Rush Hour. (1998, M) 8.00 MOVIE: National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation. (1989, M) 10.00 Gotham. 10.55 Arrow. 12.35am Motor Racing. FIA World Endurance C'ship. Qatar 1812 km. H'lights. 1.35 Motor Racing. FIA World Endurance C'ship. 6 Hours Of Imola. H'lights. 2.40 Rugby Sevens. SVNS Series Perth. H'lights. 3.40 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. (PGs, R) 9.00 Ridiculousness. (PGal, 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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Monday, March 9

ABC TV (2) 6.00 News Breakfast. 9.00 ABC News Mornings. 10.00 Blue Murder Motel. (PG, R) 11.00 Top End Bub. (PG, R) 11.30 Back Roads. (R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 1.00 Landline. (R) 2.00 Spicks And Specks. (PG, R) 2.30 Anh's Brush With Fame. (R) 3.00 Fake Or Fortune? (R) 3.55 Murdoch Mysteries. (PGv) 4.45 Long Lost Family. (PG, R) 5.30 Antiques Roadshow. (R)	SBS (3) 6am Morning Programs. 10.30 Paddington Station 24/7. (PGa, R) 11.20 The Toy Hospital. (PG) 12.10 BBC News At Ten. 12.30 France 24. 1.00 PBS News Compass Points. 1.30 Al Jazeera News Hour. 2.00 Irish Road Trip With Miriam Margolyes. (MI, R) 3.00 Going Places. (R) 3.30 The Cook Up. (R) 4.05 Vietnam: The Birth Of A Nation. (Premiere, PGa) 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 Seven News With Alex Cullen. 11.40 Blankety Blank. (PGas, R) 12.30 Bridge Of Lies. 1.30 The Chase. 2.30 Seven News At 4. 3.30 The Chase Australia. 4.30 Seven News. 5.30 Home And Away. (PG)	IMPARJA (9) 6.00 Today. 8.30 Today Extra. (PG) 11.00 9News Morning. 11.30 Married At First Sight. (PGIs, R) 1.00 Paralympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. Day 2. 2.30 Tipping Point. (PG) 3.30 9News Afternoon. 4.30 Tipping Point Australia. (PG) 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) 9.00 Australian Survivor: Redemption. (PGI, R) 10.30 Farm To Fork. 11.00 Family Feud. (PG, R) 11.30 News. 12.30 Millionaire Hot Seat. (PG, R) 1.00 The Finish Line. 2.00 Lingo. (R) 3.00 Bold. (PG) 3.30 10 News. 4.30 10 News+. 5.00 Deal Or No Deal. 5.30 Millionaire Hot Seat. (PG)
6.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R) 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 7.30. 8.00 Australian Story. Austral-ians tell personal stories. 8.30 ABC National Forum. (Premiere) Hosted by David Speers. 9.35 Media Watch. (PG) Presented by Linton Besser. 9.50 Planet America. 10.20 Foreign Correspondent. (R) 10.55 ABC Late News. 11.10 The Business. (R) 11.25 The Weekly With Charlie Pickering. (R) 11.55 Murdoch Mysteries. (Mav, R) 12.40 Long Lost Family. (PG, R) 1.30 Rage. (MA15+adhl) 4.00 Gardening Australia. (R) 5.00 A Bite To Eat With Alice. (R) 5.30 7.30. (R)	6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Inside The Tower Of London. (Return) 8.30 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. (M) Game show. Hosted by Jimmy Carr. 9.25 Never Mind The Buzzcocks. (M) Hosted by Greg Davies. 10.05 SBS World News Late. 10.35 Other People's Money. (MI) 11.30 The Old Man. (MA15+v, R) 12.40 Kate And Larapinta. 1.10 Cycling. UCI World Tour. Paris-Nice Race. Stage 2. 3.15 Mastermind Australia. (R) 4.15 Bamay. (R) 4.45 Destination Flavour Scandinavia Bitesize. (R) 5.00 NHK World English News Morning. 5.30 ANC Philippines The World Tonight.	6.00 Australian Idol. (PG) Hosted by Ricki-Lee Coulter and Scott Tweedie. 7.40 9-1-1. (Mamv) Chimney grapples with his decision. 8.40 The Agenda Setters. (Return) A team of trusted and respected footy voices tackles the biggest topics in the AFL world. 9.40 The Agenda Setters: Rugby League. (Premiere) A team of trusted and respected footy voices tackles the biggest topics in the rugby league world. 10.40 Conviction. (MA15+a, R) A teen dies in a choking game. 11.40 Travel Oz. (PG, R) 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. (MIs) The couples go on the annual retreat. 8.30 100% Footy. (Return, Mal) Features the latest rugby league news, with exclusive insights from an expert panel. 9.30 9News Late. 10.00 To Be Advised. 11.00 Sight Unseen. (Mav) A realtor's assistant is found dead. 12.00 Footy Classified. (Return, MI) 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. (PGI) 7.30 Matlock. Matty and Olympia navigate a new trust dynamic. 8.30 10's Late News. Comprehensive coverage of local, national and international news, as well as the latest sport and weather. 9.30 10 News+. (R) Comprehensive coverage of the day's top stories, investigative reports and stories that haven't been heard. 10.00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) Hosted by Stephen Colbert. 11.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 Entertainment Tonight. (R) 5.00 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG, R) 5.30 Deal Or No Deal. (R)
ABC FAMILY (22) 6am Children's Programs. 1.30pm PJ Masks. 1.50 Kangaroo Beach. 2.30 Daniel Tiger's. 2.45 The Makery. 3.00 Play School. 3.40 Thomas And Friends. 4.15 Andy's Safari Adventures. 4.40 Vida The Vet. 5.20 Millie Magnificent. 6.05 PJ Masks. 6.25 Paddington. 6.45 Ben And Holly. 7.05 Batwheels. 7.35 Ninjago. 8.00 Deadly 60. 8.35 Gladiators UK. 9.35 Kids BBQ Championship. 10.15 Late Programs.	SBS VICELAND (31) 6am Morning Programs. 12.45pm Secrets Of America's Shadow Government. 1.35 Heroines. 2.05 Over The Black Dot. 2.35 Stories From The Cities. 3.05 WorldWatch. 4.00 PBS News Compass Points. 4.30 WorldWatch. 5.00 Alone. 6.15 Curse Of Oak Island. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats. 8.30 MOVIE: The Count Of Monte Cristo. (2002) 11.05 Hudson & Rex. (Return) 11.55 Late Programs.	7MATE (70) 6am Morning Programs. 2pm Motor Racing. Supercars C'ship. Melbourne Supersprint. H'lights. 2.30 Cricket. Women's Test. Aust v India. Arvo. 4.50 Women's Test Cricket: Tea Break. 5.30 Cricket. Women's Test. Aust v India. Late arvo. 7.30 Women's Test Cricket: Dinner Break. 7.50 Cricket. Women's Test. Aust v India. Evening session. 10.30 Mighty Planes. 11.30 Late Programs.	9GEM (90) 6am Morning Programs. 1.40pm Shakespeare And Hathaway. 1.40pm Antiques Roadshow. 2.10 MOVIE: The Duke Wore Jeans. (1958) 4.00 Yorkshire Auction House. 5.00 Antiques Roadshow. (Return) 6.00 Death In Paradise. 7.10 The Brokenwood Mysteries. 9.10 Paralympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. Day 2. Replay. 10.40 Shakespeare And Hathaway. 11.40 Creflo. 12.10am Late Programs.	10 DRAMA (1) 6am Shopping. 6.30 Days Of Our Lives. 7.15 The Young And The Restless. 8.00 Living Room. 10.00 Bold. 10.30 Days Of Our Lives. 11.15 The Young And The Restless. Noon JAG. 2.00 Bull. 3.00 JAG. 5.00 Bull. 6.00 NCIS. (Mv, R) 8.50 Bull. (Ma, R) 9.45 JAG. (PGa, R) 10.45 Home Shopping. (R)
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6.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R) 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 7.30. 8.00 Tonight At The Museum. (PGa) Hosted by Alex Lee. 8.30 The Weekly With Charlie Pickering. (PG) A satirical news program. 9.00 Dog Park. (Final, MI, R) It's the day of Samantha and Steve's wedding. 9.30 QI. (PG) Hosted by Sandi Toksvig. 10.00 Planet America. (R) 10.35 ABC Late News. 10.50 The Business. (R) 11.05 You Can't Ask That. (Ma, R) 11.40 Murdoch Mysteries. (Mav, R) 12.25 Long Lost Family. (PG, R) 1.15 Parliament Question Time. 2.15 Rage. (MA15+adhlsv) 4.00 Gardening Australia. (R) 5.00 A Bite To Eat With Alice. (R) 5.30 7.30. (R)	6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Sandi Toksvig's Great Riviera Rail Trip. (Premiere) 8.25 Lost Grail With Alice Roberts. (PG) Professor Alice Roberts continues her Grail quest. 9.25 Prisoner 951. (M) Nazanin is alive and briefly reunited with Gabriella. 10.25 SBS World News Late. 10.55 Face To Face. (Mals) 11.50 Darkness: Those Who Kill. (Malv) 12.45 MOVIE: Cold Water. (2023, PGa) Bruce Spence, Deborah Kennedy. 1.10 Cycling. UCI World Tour. Paris-Nice Race. Stage 4. 3.15 Mastermind Australia. (R) 4.15 Bamay. (R) 4.45 Destination Flavour: Japan Bitesize. (R) 5.00 NHK World English News Morning. 5.30 ANC Philippines The World Tonight.	6.00 Australian Idol. (PG) Hosted by Ricki-Lee Coulter and Scott Tweedie. 7.40 The Front Bar. (MI) Hosts Sam Pang, Mick Molloy and Andy Maher take a lighter look at all things AFL. 8.40 Unfiltered. (Return, M) Hamish McLachlan sits down with key football stars and personalities to reveal their stories. 9.10 The Agenda Setters. A team of trusted and respected footy voices tackles the biggest topics in the AFL world. 10.10 Australia: Now And Then. (Ma, R) Hosted by Shane Jacobson. 11.10 The Act. (MA15+ans, R) 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) The couples attend another dinner party. 8.30 Naked City: HITMEN. (MA15+dlv) With Carl Williams' empire at its peak, +the walls begin to close in around him. 9.30 9News Late. 10.00 Freddy And The Eighth. (Return, MI) Hosted by Brad Fittler, Danika Mason and Andrew Johns. 11.00 A Remarkable Place To Die. (Mlv, R) 12.00 Tipping Point. (PG, R) 1.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 2.00 Global Shop. (R) 2.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. (R) 4.00 A Current Affair. (R) 4.30 Today Early News. 5.00 Today.	6.00 Australian Survivor: Redemption. (PGI) 7.30 Elisabeth. (PGa) A pop star purchases a failing convent. 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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NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 1.40pm Stompem Ground 2022: Footprince. 2.00 Kriol Kitchen. 2.30 The Cook Up. 3.00 Jarjums. 5.00 Harlem Globetrotters. 5.30 News. 6.00 Bamay. 6.40 Undiscovered Vistas. 7.30 Extraordinary Animals. 8.30 Pro Bull Riding: USA. 9.30 Over The Black Dot. 10.00 Inside The Huddle. (Premiere) 10.30 MOVIE: Searchers. (2016, MA15+) 12.10am Late Programs.	SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Morning Programs. 12.20pm Oskars Kleid. (2022, Mal, German, Spanish) 2.15 Anton Chekhov 1890. (2015, PGav, French) 4.00 The Lady Vanishes. (1938, PGv) 5.50 Callie & Son. (1981) 8.30 Dangerous Liaisons. (1988, Masv) 10.40 Beau Is Afraid. (2023, MA15+alnsv) 2am Michael Clayton. (2007, MA15+I) 4.05 Days Of Heaven. (1978, PGalv) 5.40 Late Programs.	7TWO (72) 6am Morning Programs. Noon Home In WA. 12.30 Weekender. 1.00 House Calls To The Rescue. 2.00 Harry's Practice. 2.30 Medical Emergency. 3.00 Better Homes. 4.00 Escape To The Country. 5.00 Bargain Hunt. 6.00 Heartbeat. 7.15 Inspector George Gently. 9.15 Air Crash Inv. 10.15 Bargain Hunt. 11.15 Room For Improvement. Midnight Home In WA. 12.30 Harry's Practice. 1.00 Late Programs.	9GO! (99) 6am Morning Programs. 12.30pm Golden Girls. 1.00 Nanny. 2.00 Seinfeld. 3.00 Addams Family. 3.30 Bewitched. 4.30 Golden Girls. 5.00 Nanny. 6.00 Seinfeld. 7.00 MOVIE: Inception. (2010, M) 10.05 Seinfeld. 11.05 Love Island UK. 12.15am The Real Housewives Of Salt Lake City. 2.00 Nanny. 2.30 Barbie: A Touch Of Magic. 3.00 Wild Manes. 3.20 Lego Dreamzzz. 3.40 Booba. 4.00 Hop. 4.30 Late Programs.	10 COMEDY (11) 6am Morning Programs. 8.00 Bold. 8.30 Family Feud. 9.00 Deal Or No Deal. 9.30 Millionaire Hot Seat. 10.00 Becker. 10.30 Frasier. 11.30 Big Bang. 12.30pm Friends. 2.00 Becker. 2.30 Farm To Fork. 3.00 Frasier. 4.00 Big Bang. 5.00 Friends. 6.30 Big Bang. 8.30 Becker. 9.00 Frasier. 10.00 Ent. Tonight. 10.30 Shopping. 1am Bold. 2.00 Shopping. 4.30 GCBC. 5.00 Farm To Fork. 5.30 Ent. Tonight.

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WAR MACHINE
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Friday, Netflix

Imagine a kinetic cross between the Arnold Schwarzenegger action classics *Predator* and *The Terminator* and you've got this sci-fi spectacle that follows a team of elite army rangers as they go up against a relentless robot in the wilderness.

Alan Ritchson (*Reacher*) stars as a combat engineer who leads his squad of recruits in a fight for survival when an otherworldly machine gate-crashes their training exercise.

As if fending off an alien adversary wasn't enough of an unexpected challenge, Ritchson's stoic character 81 – so named because of his selection number – must also deal with unresolved trauma from a Taliban attack that killed his brother (Jai Courtney) years earlier. Dennis Quaid co-stars as a high-ranking officer who keeps 81 in check.

The bombastic blockbuster was filmed in Victoria in 2024, with production centring around the regional towns of Bright and Myrtleford, as well as Laverton's RAAF Base Williams and Docklands Studios in Melbourne.

The project was produced, directed and co-written by Victorian filmmaker Patrick Hughes (*The Hitman's Bodyguard*), who was rapt to return to the local industry after making his debut feature *Red Hill* in Ormeo in 2010. "It's been a lifelong dream to bring Hollywood-style blockbusters home to Australia," Hughes says. "This project is just the beginning; I truly believe there's no better place than Victoria to make movies."

- Travis Lewis

Call of duty:
Special ops
candidate 81
(Alan Ritchson)
goes above and
beyond for a
fellow recruit.



YOUNG SHERLOCK
Streaming, Prime Video

Filmmaker Guy Ritchie is clearly intrigued by Sherlock Holmes. After helming two blockbusters centred around the detective, the director revisits Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's most famous character for this propulsive prequel series. Hero Fiennes Tiffin (pictured) plays a rebellious, 19-year-old version of the titular sleuth caught up in his first mystery.



MARSHALS: A YELLOWSTONE STORY
Streaming, Paramount+

The *Yellowstone* universe expands with this spin-off from the popular western that follows fan favourite Kayce Dutton (Luke Grimes, pictured) as he leaves his ranch roots behind to embark on a new journey as a US marshal in Montana. The result is more a police procedural than dynastic drama, but the show confidently stands on its own two feet.



OUTLANDER
Streaming, Bing

The epic romance between time-travelling World War II nurse Claire Randall and 18th-century Scottish warrior Jamie Fraser (Caitriona Balfe and Sam Heughan, both pictured) has been one of TV's most enduring love stories. Sadly, it's time to bid farewell to the couple as this beloved fantasy series based on Diana Gabaldon's series of novels bows out with its eighth season. Will Claire and Jamie finally find their happily ever after?



SELLING HOUSES AUSTRALIA
Streaming, Foxtel

The foundations of this uplifting property makeover series remain as strong ever as it returns for an 18th season and celebrates its 200th episode. Long-standing host Andrew Winter is back alongside interior design expert Wendy Moore and garden guru Dennis Scott (pictured) to guide more homeowners through life-changing renovations. The show's winning formula is more durable than a 1970s laminate countertop.



DTF ST LOUIS
Streaming, HBO Max

David Harbour and Jason Bateman (both pictured) enter a deadly love triangle with Linda Cardellini in this darkly comedic murder mystery. The alluring seven-episode arc follows their middle-aged characters as they spice up their mundane suburban lives by using a hookup app – only to become the reluctant focus of a police investigation.

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A perfect week in paradise

By Lucy Waldron

THE moment the Save the Date landed in the mailbox, I knew this wasn't going to be just another wedding, it was going to be an adventure. Printed in simple, bold letters was the location: Koh Tao, Thailand.

A destination wedding. A celebration in paradise.

For my cousin Jamie and his partner Hope, this was more than just a ceremony. It was a chance to bring together family and friends from the US, Argentina, and Australia for a week on a tiny island in the Gulf of Thailand, a place where time felt slower and joy came easily.

I imagined warm breezes, barefoot evenings, and the sound of the ocean in the background. And from the moment we arrived, Koh Tao delivered exactly that, and so much more.

Our first taste of island life came, quite literally, in a Thai cooking class. Hosted by Thai Cooking with Joy, we learned how a handful of humble ingredients could create flavours that lingered long after the plates were cleared.

The star of the class? Spring rolls. What looked simple turned into a hilarious test of rolling skills. Surrounded by the scent of sizzling garlic and an ocean view stretching to the horizon, it became one of those rare moments you want to bottle up forever.

The festivities officially kicked off with a welcome party. We'd spent the afternoon carefully perfecting hair and makeup, only to climb into the island's version of a taxi: the back of a Ute.

Within minutes, curls unravelled, makeup melted, and any illusions of glamour were left on the roadside.

But it didn't matter. Everyone arrived equally windswept, and somehow, that made it perfect. Under warm air and soft lights, conversations flowed, laughter echoed, and the night blurred into something quietly beautiful.

If the welcome party broke the ice, the Queens Cabaret melted it entirely. Drag queens lit up the stage with sequins, power ballads, and pure joy, a celebration of music and queer expression that had everyone on their feet.

It became one of the week's most talked-about moments. If you ever visit Koh Tao, add this to your must-do list.

The next day brought calm seas and slow magic. We boarded a boat and drifted around the island's reefs, snorkelling through crystal-clear water. Koh Tao, meaning "Turtle Island," lived up to its name, we spotted a turtle gliding lazily beneath us, unbothered by its human audience.

There were also three baby blacktip reef sharks, darting through coral gardens as schools of colourful fish swirled around us.



Jamie and Hope Morley walked down the isle grinning ear-to-ear. (Supplied)

Then came the big day. The wedding opened with a downpour, the kind that makes the world hold its breath. And just minutes before Hope walked down the aisle, the rain eased and the sun spilled across the shore.

With the ocean as a backdrop and loved

ones gathered close, Jamie and Hope said, "I do." It felt cinematic, like the island itself had conspired to set the scene.

"Having our wedding celebrations on Koh Tao was a dream come true," Hope said.

"Due to our families being from different



The spring rolls we made at Thai Cooking with Joy. (Lucy Waldron: 511543)

countries, we decided to invite 60 of our closest friends and family to our favourite little island in Thailand.

"Seeing everyone we love explore and enjoy Koh Tao was so special, and I am so grateful that everyone made the long journey to Thailand to be with us."

For Hope and Jamie, the week was overwhelming in the best way possible.

"When you looked around and realised all these amazing people are here because of Jamie and I, we felt so loved and supported and were so happy to see everyone relaxed and on holiday mode," Hope said.

The celebration stretched long into the night, shoes abandoned, music loud, laughter louder. The next day was slow and sun-drenched, spent lazing on a nearby island, letting the hours stretch like soft linen.

But Thailand had one last plot twist. A storm rolled in just as we left the island, turning our little boat ride into something straight out of an action movie.

Waves crashed, the wind howled, and we clung to the sides, laughing through the chaos. By the time we reached land, we were soaked, windswept, and grinning like fools.

Leaving Koh Tao was unexpectedly emotional. Teary hugs, promises to meet again, that quiet ache that comes from saying goodbye to something truly special.

A wedding had brought us together, but the island gave us so much more, shared adventures, new friendships, and the kind of memories that only happen when you're far from home and fully in the moment.

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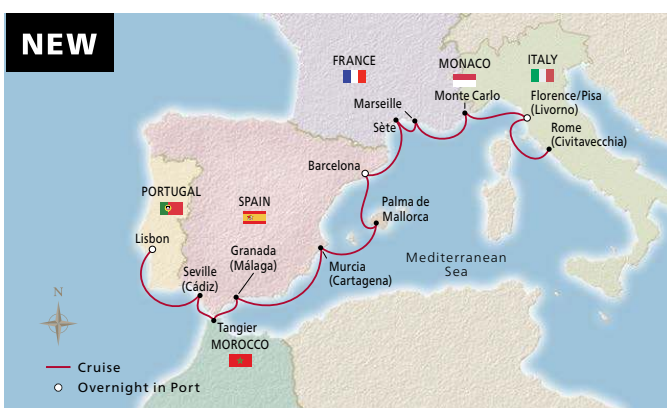
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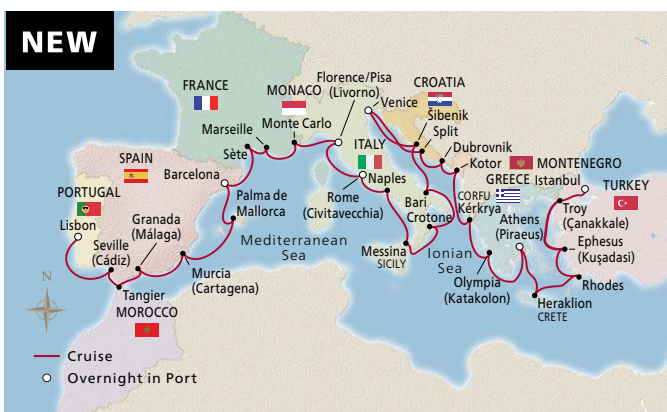
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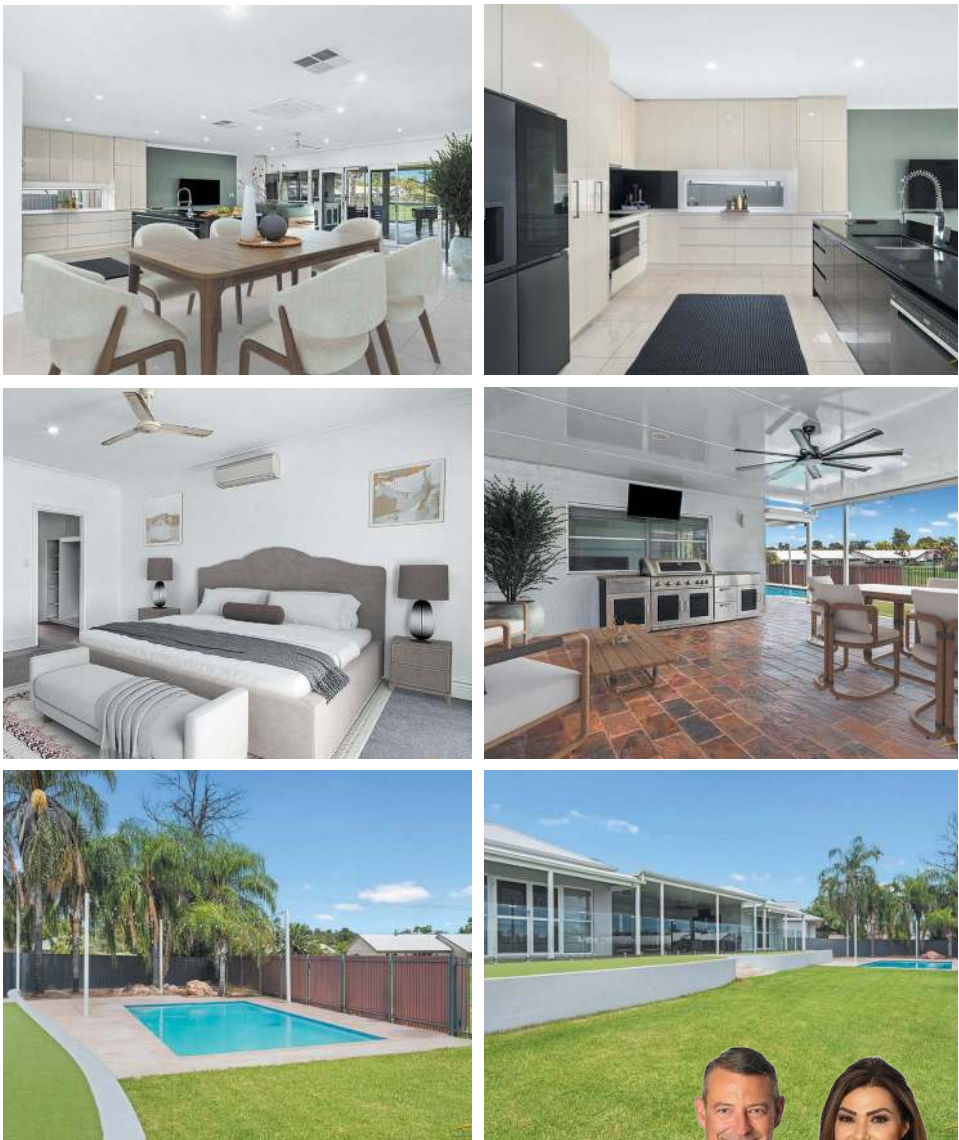
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Bringing more remote jobs

By Gladys Barreta

AFTER a decade of calls for more remote jobs, the Federal Government has expanded a program, which will now 6000 jobs by 2030.

The third grant round of the Remote Jobs and Economic Development (RJED) program is now open, with funding available to support 1300 jobs across the country.

The government last week announced it would expand the RJED program from 3000 to 6000 jobs by 2030, backed by an additional \$299 million in spending as part of the 2026 Closing the Gap Implementation Report.

Eligible employers in Remote Australia Employment Service (RAES) regions can apply for funding to create new jobs, as well as for the infrastructure or equipment needed to support those roles.

This can include uniforms, on-the-job training, insurance, and operating expenses that enable long-term, locally driven employment.

Employers are encouraged to work closely with their communities to identify local priorities and job opportunities.

The Central Land Council (CLC) has welcomed the Commonwealth's decision to double the program.

Chair Warren Williams said the council had been calling for remote employment reform for more than a decade.

"While several factors contribute to low employment in remote communities, the most critical is the shortage of available jobs," Mr Williams said.

"This is exactly the kind of investment our communities need.

"Real jobs keep our communities strong.

"They provide skills, income, and dignity, and allow families to stay on country.

"When our people have meaningful work, they can remain on their lands, continue practising culture, and raise strong young people.

"Without local jobs, we can't close the gap or achieve true self-determination."

CLC chief executive Les Turner said the expanded program was a significant step toward delivering long-overdue economic opportunities in remote Aboriginal communities.



CHAIR: Central Land Council chair Warren Williams and CLC CEO Les Turner have applauded the doubling of the remote jobs program. (Supplied)

"Creating more employment on the ground builds a strong foundation for our people to thrive," Mr Turner said.

Special Envoy for Remote Communities Marion Scrymgour said meaningful employment changed lives and helped build strong communities.

"RJED is an important program making a real impact for people in remote areas. It provides proper wages and conditions and, importantly, drives economic development and employment out bush," she said.

Grant applications are open until 7 April.

For more information visit niaa.gov.au/employers

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Esther makes her landmark

By Phil Williams

ESTHER Court, which runs off Lyndavale Drive in Araluen, was gazetted on 4 December 1985.

It is named after an early station block, Mt Esther.

The name was given to the feature by the explorer John McDouall Stuart in April 1860 on his first expedition north, after Mrs Esther Knowles (formerly Mrs Patterson then Mrs Simpson) who made the flag that Stuart raised on the summit of Central Mt Stuart nearby.

She was born in 1834 and at the age of seven, came to Melbourne from England in 1841.

She then went South to Australia in April 1845 on board the ship the "Teazer".

Stuart left Adelaide without a flag to fly on the mountain in the centre of Australia and asked Mrs Patterson to make him one when he arrived at Moolooloo Station, where she was living, near Leigh Creek, then owned by James Chambers.

This she did, with the help of a police trooper.

Stuart offered to pay Mrs Patterson, who said the honour of making the flag was sufficient.

Stuart told her he would name a suitable landmark after her and named Mt Esther, the nearest mountain to to Central Mt Stuart.

Mt Esther, around 220 km north of Alice Springs lies about eight kilometres from Central Mount Stuart and is now part of Anningie Station.

At the naming ceremony, the explorers gave three cheers for the lady who made the flag.

Esther Knowles returned to Adelaide and lived the latter part of her life on suburban Clarence Gardens, wher she died in 1908.

FLAG MAKER: A circa 1872 portrait of pioneering woman Esther Knowles, who hand-made a flag for John McDouall Stuart's first expedition to Central Australia. (State Library of SA-B 19985/17H)



March WHAT'S ON

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7 March



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27 March

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26 MARCH

EVENTS

Ocean Film Festival

■ Araluen Arts Centre | 5 March 7-10pm
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International Women's Day Equal Futures Fair

■ Women's Museum of Australia, 2 Stuart Terrace | 7 March 5-8pm
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Body Balance - International Woman's Day

■ The Y | 8 March, 6pm
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Summer Series Triathlon - Event One

■ Speed Street | 8 March, 29 March, 19 April
Three distances to choose from: Sprint 750m Swim / 20km Bike / 5km Run | Enticer 300m Swim/10km Bike/2.5km Run | Nano 100m Swim/5km Bike/1km Run. Check In 5:45am - 6:15am, briefing 6.15am and start 6:30am. Teams permitted for Enticer & Sprint distances. Members of a team must register individually. Age Limit 12 years and above. Register on Aus Triathlon website.

Homoeopathic views on vaccinations and managing childhood diseases

■ Corkwood Collective, 8009 Ragonesi Road | Sunday 22 March 1-5pm
Introduction to homoeopathy, benefits and dangers. Booking Geoffrey Vargas 0478 988 493

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■ 93 Barrett Drive | 14 March, 7pm



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St Patrick's Day Cup

■ Alice Springs Turf Club | 15 March
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inspired fun. The first 100 through the gate receive a free green St Paddy's Day beer, with Great Northern drinkers in the chance to be part of the St Paddy's Day Spinning Wheel and the Great Northern Pot of Gold draw. Enjoy live music by Glenn Morrison & Gleny Rae and visit the Carnival Closet pop-up to get race-ready for the 2026 Cup Carnival. For more information on all of our events visit www.alicespringsturfclub.org.au

fabALICE Festival

■ Multiple venues | 26-29 March
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To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in: each of the nine vertical columns, each of the nine horizontal rows and each of the nine 3×3 boxes. Remember, no number can occur more than once in any row, column or box.

easy

		2		3				1
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Figure 1 displays a 3x3 grid of 27 small 3x3 grids, each containing a 3x3 grid of numbers. The grids are arranged in three rows and three columns. The top row is labeled "easy", the middle row "medium", and the bottom row "hard". Each small grid contains a 3x3 grid of numbers, with some numbers highlighted in red. The numbers in the small grids are:

Row	Col	Grid 1	Grid 2	Grid 3
easy	1	3	4	5
	2	1	8	7
	3	2	6	5
medium	1	3	4	5
	2	1	8	7
	3	2	6	5
hard	1	3	4	5
	2	1	8	7
	3	2	6	5

5x5

E		A		T
	A		H	
B		T		S
	V		C	
D		C		S

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

NOTE: more than one solution may be possible

D	E	C	K	S
E	V	I	C	T
B	I	T	E	S
B	A	T	H	E
E	N	A	C	T

ACROSS DOWN

ACROSS

- 1 Spawn, similar to caviar (3)
- 3 A person obsessed with themselves (10)
- 10 Part (7)
- 11 Sweet egg and milk dessert (7)
- 12 Convenient (9)
- 13 Parasitic plant (4)
- 15 Sent off (10)
- 17 Small island (4)
- 19 Cosy retreat (4)
- 20 Articles (10)
- 23 Sham (4)
- 25 Islands west of Central America (9)
- 27 Feeling (7)
- 28 Against the law (7)
- 29 Dishonest (10)
- 30 Period of 24 hours (3)

DOWN

- 1 Answering (10)
- 2 Daydreamers; jailbreakers (9)
- 3 Declared (9)
- 4 Hidden treasure (5)
- 5 Plant yielding gingili oil (6)
- 6 Muslim leaders (5)
- 7 Water rise (4)
- 8 S in the NATO phonetic
alphabet (6)
- 9 Privately (10)
- 14 Exaction (9)
- 16 Rummaged (9)
- 21 Debris (6)
- 22 Interval (6)
- 24 Scent (5)
- 25 Waterway (5)
- 26 Great Barrier – (4)

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G	E	S	T	E	X	I	C	R	A	M	E
C	A	R	I	B	B	E	A	N	A	L	E
F	R	A	K	E	C	A	R	I	B	B	E
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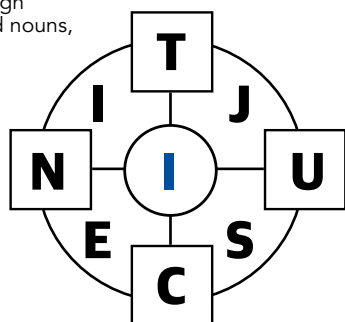
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1	U	2	M	3	A	4	J	5	H	6	E	7	R	8	C	9	I	10	V	11	K	12	P	13	D
14	Q	15	Z	16	O	17	L	18	S	19	W	20	X	21	T	22	N	23	L	24	G	25	F	26	B

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

Today's Aim:
18 words: Good
27 words: Very good
36 words: Excellent

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- 1 The French name for bite-sized confectionary, 'petit four', translates to what?
- 2 Alexis Bledel and Lauren Graham (pictured) co-starred in which US comedy-drama series?
- 3 Released in 1969, *The Edible Woman* is the debut novel of which Canadian author?
- 4 True or false: the unicorn is the national animal of Scotland?
- 5 Toum is a staple condiment of Lebanese cuisine; what is its star ingredient?
- 6 What colour are the flowers of a wisteria plant?
- 7 Located between Asia and Africa, the Suez Canal connects which two seas?
- 8 Performed in 1997 as a tribute to Diana, Princess of Wales, Elton John's *Candle in the Wind* was originally written for whom?
- 9 In what year did colour TV come to Australia?
- 10 Which French Impressionist painter is well-known for painting ballet dancers?

ANSWERS: 1. Small oven 2. *Gilmore Girls*
3. Margaret Atwood 4. True 5. Garlic 6. Purple
7. The Mediterranean and the Red Sea
8. Marilyn Monroe 9. 1975 10. Edgar Degas

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3 LETTERS

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WOE

4 LETTERS

AXIS
DREW
EBBS
ERRS
GRID
LOFT
SMOG
SODA
TEAS
WEEP

5 LETTERS

AFOOT
AILED
ARIAS
ASSET
AWAKE
BALED
BELLS

BERRY
BLUED
BREAK
CARGO
DENTS
DRESS
DUSKY
EBONY
ELOPE
ERODE
EXILE
EXPEL
FELON
FENCE
FORTE
INERT
LILAC
OCEAN
PURER
RESTS
RHINO
SALAD

SASSY
SCALD
SHAFT
SLYER
SNEER
SNORE
STALE
STEER
STOLE
STRAW
SURGE
SWEAR
THERE
TINGE
TOYED
TRIPE
TROTS
WAFER
WINED

6 LETTERS
BEFELL
BIDDEN
CEASES
PLACES
SPREES
SYMBOL

7 LETTERS
BURBLES
LEOTARD
OPINION
POTTERY
READIER
TERSEST

8 LETTERS
GENERATE
GORILLAS
INTREPID
THWARTED

10 LETTERS
ROTISSERIE
STEWARDES

[illegible]

Classic Scrambled Eggs

Prep time: 2 mins
Cook time: 3 mins
Serves: 2
Difficulty: Easy

Ingredients:

- 4 eggs
- 2 tbsp milk
- 2 tsp butter
- Toast of choice

Method:

1. Whisk eggs and milk until combined.
2. Melt butter in a medium, non-stick frying pan over a medium heat.
3. Add egg mixture to pan. Cook for 10 seconds before using a heatproof spatula to continually and gently drag the mixture from the outside to the centre of pan. Cook for 1-2 minutes or until eggs are almost set.
4. Once eggs are beginning to set, use spatula to run around the outer edge of mixture to form a circle of scrambled eggs.
5. Remove pan from the heat as eggs will continue to cook. Slide onto toast and serve with cracked black pepper.

Tip:

- Choose wholegrain bread and swap butter for olive oil to make this recipe heart healthy.

Recipe courtesy of Australian Eggs



Pie Maker Spanish Omelettes

Prep time: 15 min
Cook time: 40 min
Serves: Makes 12
Difficulty: Easy

Ingredients:

- 550g frozen potato gems
- ½ cup (125g) marinated chargrilled capsicum, cut into 2cm pieces

- 1 large onion, halved, thinly sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
- 1 tsp smoked paprika
- 5 eggs
- 1/3 cup grated parmesan, extra to serve
- Chopped parsley, to serve (optional)

Method:

1. Cook gems according to packet directions. (20 minutes in oven or air fryer directions) Cool slightly. Season.
2. Meanwhile, drain capsicum, reserving oil from jar. Heat 2 tablespoons of reserved oil in a frying pan over a medium low heat. Add onion and garlic. Cook, stirring for 10 minutes until lightly golden and soft.
3. Add paprika and capsicum pieces to pan and cook, stirring for 2 minutes. Remove from heat. Cool slightly.
4. Grease a 6-hole (1/3 cup) pie maker with spray oil. Place 4 potato gems in each hole and press into holes using a drinking glass that is the same size as the base of pie maker holes until 1cm thick over base and ¾ of the way up sides of each hole.

5. Place a small portion of mix into the center of each base. Whisk eggs and parmesan. Season. Pour half of the egg mixture slowly over onion and capsicum mixture, use a fork to move onion and capsicum to the side to slowly fill with egg mixture. It is ok if a small amount goes over the sides of potato gems but be careful not to overflow.
6. Close lid and cook for 10-12 minutes until puffed and golden. Turn pie maker off, remove tortillas with a palette knife and repeat with remaining potato gems, filling mixture and egg mixture.
7. Serve drizzled with reserved oil from jar and sprinkle with extra parmesan and parsley to serve.

Tips:

- Chargrilled or roasted peppers are available in jars in the supermarket. Either can be used.

Recipe courtesy of Australian Eggs



CLEAN UP: Some of the Alice Springs Macca's crew ready for CUAD. (Phil Williams)



WOP WOP WOP: Charlotte with the discarded bike tube found during the clean up. (Phil Williams)

Strange finds in clean-up

By Phil Williams

MCDONALD'S Australia has once again rolled up its sleeves for Clean Up Australia Day, marking 36 years of supporting the national initiative that helps keep local communities clean.

In the lead up to last Sunday's 1 March event, thousands of Macca's crew members across the country worked together to help remove litter and tidy up local streets, parks and public spaces.

Last Sunday, a small but dedicated crew from Macca's Alice Springs took to the streets

to participate in the 2026 Clean Up.

As a founding partner since 1989, Macca's has contributed more than \$5 million to Clean Up Australia and supported practical, on-the-ground action to help reduce litter and protect the environment.

Aaron Sharp, Licensee for McDonald's Alice Springs said, "As a local business, we're proud to support the community causes and groups that matter to our customers and people."

"Our crew are involved in this year's Clean Up because it's a simple, practical way to make a positive difference close to home.

"We're part of this community every day, so

it's important to us that we help look after it.

"It's been surprising some of the things we have found today. One of the young crew found a bike inner tube and someone else found a schooner glass from one of the bars, he said, adding "This area is nowhere near a bar, so what's it doing here?"

"It's not hard to put your rubbish in a bin.

"Just dumping on the ground makes the place look ugly.

"Look at those ranges. This is a beautiful part of the world. Why wouldn't you want to keep it that way"



FLAT: A discarded bike tube was just one of the stranger items found by Charlotte during the clean up. (Phil Williams)



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PUBLIC NOTICES AND EVENT

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

Thursday, 5th March at 2.30pm

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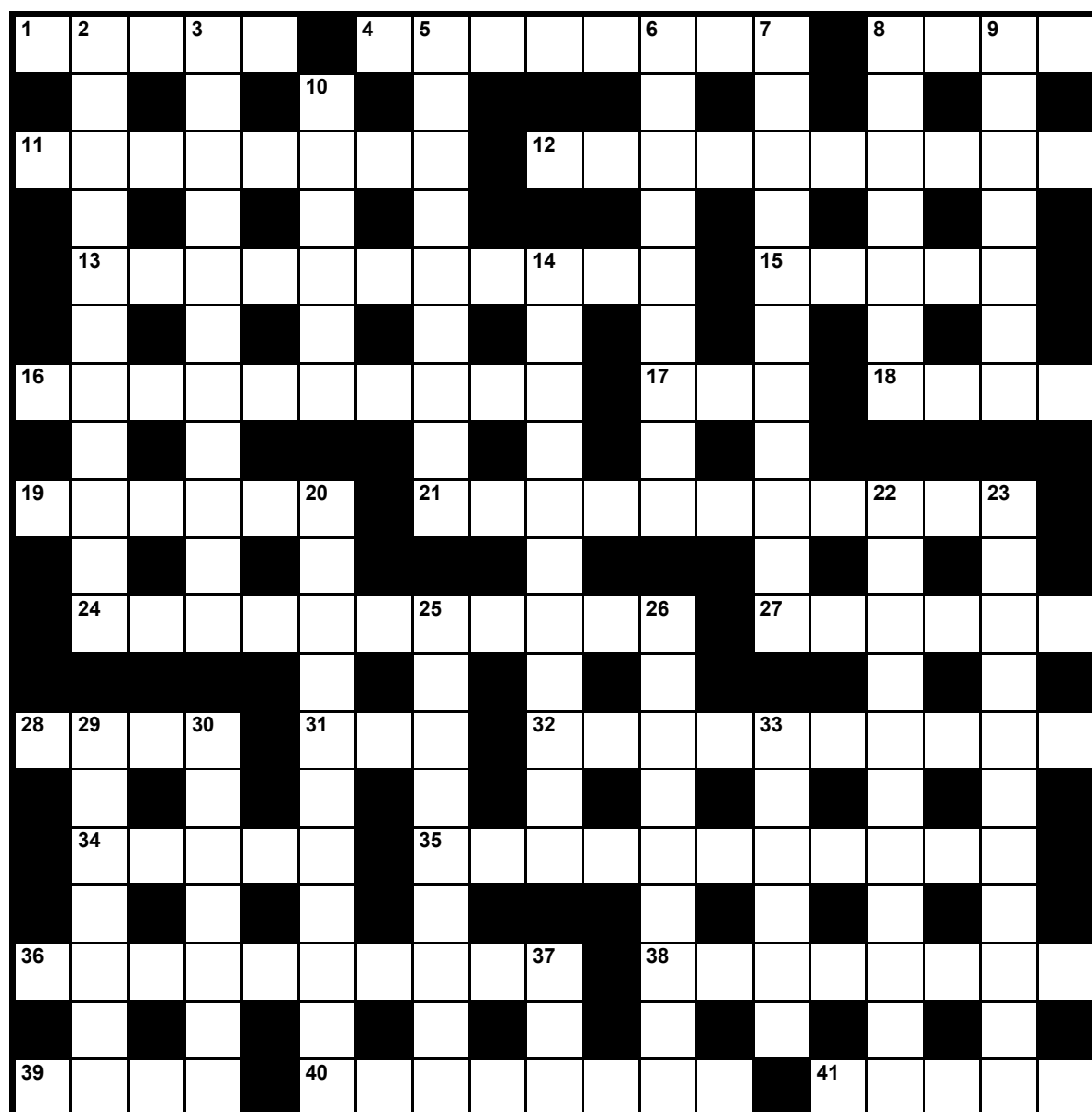


RUBBISH: Charlotte and Jackson picking up rubbish in Alice Springs do their part for CUAD. (Phil Williams)



SOLO: Member for Braitling, Josh Burgoyne with a bag of rubbish he collected. (Josh Burgoyne)

No. 183



- 1** Japanese port city (5)
- 4** Cowboys legend, Johnathan - (8)
- 8** Former Collingwood player, Dane - (4)

- 11** Formal dress (4,4)
- 12** 2020 Norm Smith medallist (5,5)
- 13** Native herb (5,6)
- 15** Sydney midfielder, Taylor – (5)

- 16** AFLW GWS Giants coach, Cameron – (10)
- 17** Deed (3)
- 18** *Kath & Kim* actress, – Riley (4)
- 19** Scottish actor, – Butler (6)

- 21** Cordyline australis, also known as – (5,6)
- 24** Spiky desert lizard (6,5)
- 27** Like some humour (6)
- 28** Rort (4)
- 31** Peruvian currency (3)
- 32** Reinforce (10)
- 34** Accounts (5)
- 35** Alexis Wright's best-known novel (11)
- 36** DNA-carrying thread (10)
- 38** Tiny negative particle (8)
- 39** Sydney rock band (4)
- 40** Precedent-setting example (4,4)
- 41** Short-lived Aussie soap from the early 2000s, – *Palace* (5)

- 10** Sharp ends (6)
- 14** Travel review site (4,7)
- 20** Melbourne-born
comedy great (6,5)
- 22** Anonymous author (11)
- 23** Three-horned
dinosaur (11)
- 25** Tasty (9)
- 26** Bulkiness (9)
- 29** Former Richmond
captain, Trent- (7)
- 30** 2000s cattle
station drama,
- *Daughters* (6'1)
- 33** Warm, sweet spice (6)
- 37** And other things
(abbr) (3)

- 2** NRLW Titans second-rower (7,4)
- 3** Africa's highest peak (11)
- 5** Violet Crumble flavour (9)
- 6** Distinctive; legally registered brand (9)
- 7** Former West Coast Eagles ruckman (3,8)
- 8** *The Front Bar* host (3,4)
- 9** Highly skilled craftsperson (7)

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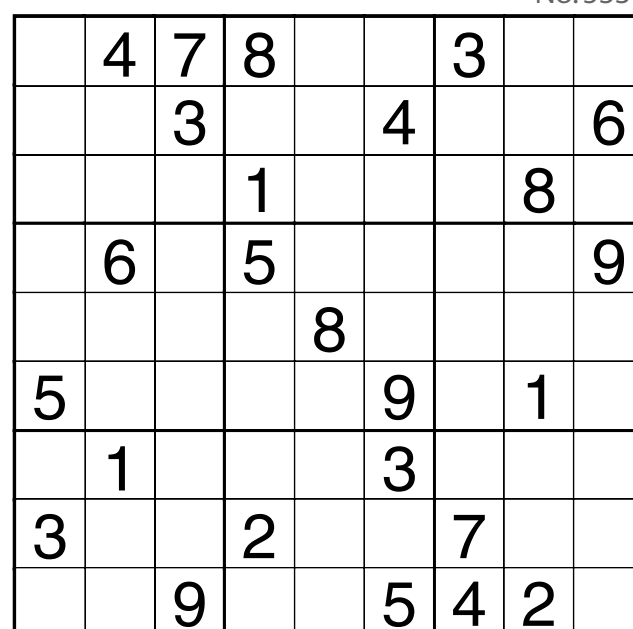


SECRET MESSAGE: America's favorite pastime

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

ASSIST	NINE
BALL	OUT
BASE	PARK
BAT	PITCH
BUNT	RBI
CARD	RUN
CATCH	SAVES
CLUB	SECOND
DECK	SLIDE
FIRST	SLUGGER
FOUL	SPORT
GAME	SPRING TRAINING
GEAR	STEAL
HITS	STOLEN
HOME	STRIKE
INFIELD	SWEET SPOT
INNING	TAG
LINE-UP	TEAM
LOSE	THIRD
MITT	THROW
MOUND	VAULT
MVP	WALK
NATIONAL LEAGUE	WIN

No. 533



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

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

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

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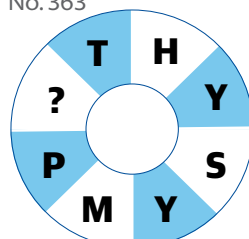
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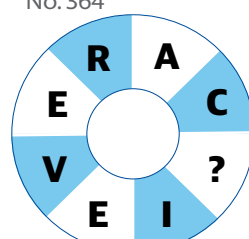
ANSWERS: QUASH, BASIC, AWAKE, LUNGE, DOUGH (ADHESION)

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

No. 363



No. 364



ANSWERS: SYMPATHY, ACHIEVE

No. 183

GLASS

— — — — —
— — — — —
— — — — —
— — — — —
CROWN

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

There may be more than one possible answer.

ANSWER: GLASS, CLASS, CRASS, CROSS, CROWS, CROWN



BLOCKERS: Geoff Stace has plenty of obstacles blocking his shot at the jack. (537691)



RELEASE: Paul Harding releases his shot, sending the bowl to the head. (537691)

Coburn wins with last shot

By Phil Williams

PERFECT cloudy conditions greeted the 15 bowlers who enjoyed the easing of the recent wet weather on 21 February, and lawn bowls was the winner

Playing three matches of eight ends on the manicured grass of the Alice Springs Golf Club bowling green, the result for the second week in a row came down to the last bowl with Pat Coburn on three wins, 23 shots up, taking home first prize.

David Knight on three wins 10 shots up finished second and Wendy Cochrane with two wins and 17 shots up claimed the minor step on the podium.

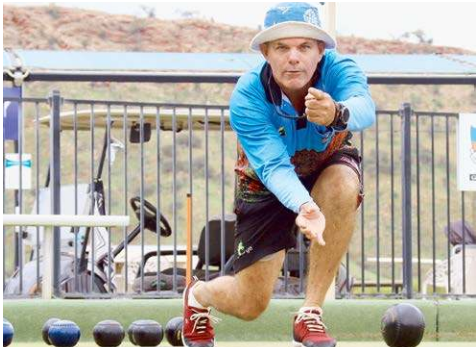
In the last end of the final match, Cochrane trailed Coburn by a single shot but held two on the rink giving her the match prior to Coburn's last bowl.

With a final clutch bowl, Coburn pushed Cochrane's shot bowl through the head and sat to take shot and the match.

"Those moments are why I play bowls," Coburn said

"To be successful two weeks in a row with the last bowl of the day builds confidence for the upcoming Club and NT Championships.

"With bowlers from around Australia coming to Alice for both the Festival of Bowls in June and the Masters Games in October it's a great time to be playing lawn bowls in Alice," he said.



YOU: Michael Hooke tries to pull off a trick shot with mixed results. (537691)



CLOSE CALL: Micheal Hooke gets out the measuring tape to check for shot. (Phil Williams: 537691)



Charlie Gammon eyes off his shot. (537691)



SHOT: Katherine O'Donoghue sends her shot down the green. (537691)



WIDE: Paul Harding indicates a tough shot to his teammate as Katherine O'Donoghue takes a closer look. (537691)



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Carlton
Gold Coast
Hawthorn
Brisbane
Collingwood

000 (1)



LINDSAY, IANNA, JACQUI

Sydney
Gold Coast Suns
GWS
Brisbane
St Kilda

000 (1)



KULWINDER

Carlton
Geelong
Hawthorn
Western Bulldogs
Collingwood

000 (32)



GREG, TAYLAH, MATT

Sydney
Geelong
GWS
Western Bulldogs
St Kilda

000 (24)



SMIMAC

Sydney
Geelong
Hawthorn
Brisbane
Collingwood

000 (17)



BEN, HARRY & TIM

Sydney
Gold Coast
GWS
Brisbane
Collingwood

000 (18)



STEBIN

Sydney
Geelong
GWS
Brisbane
Collingwood

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Sydney
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Hawthorn
Brisbane
Collingwood

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TARA

Sydney
Gold Coast
Hawks
Brisbane
St Kilda

000 (30)



CHARMAINE

Sydney
Geelong
Hawthorn
Brisbane
Collingwood

000 (20)



TAINE, MATHEW & GAGE

Sydney
Gold Coast
Hawthorn
Brisbane
St Kilda

000 (24)



LISA-GOLDSWORTHY

Sydney
Gold Coast
GWS
Brisbane
Collingwood

000 (56)



CHRIS

Sydney
Geelong
Hawthorn
Brisbane
St Kilda

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JENNY & JOHN

Sydney
Gold Coast
Hawthorn
Brisbane
St Kilda

000 (23)



SCOTT, TAHNEE & NIKKI

Sydney
Gold Coast
Hawthorn
Brisbane
St Kilda

000 (8)



LUKE, MIKE, DANIEL

Sydney
Gold Coast
GWS
Brisbane
St Kilda

000 (8)



SHAMILA

Sydney
Geelong
GWS
Western Bulldogs
Collingwood

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Gold Coast
Hawthorn
Brisbane
Collingwood

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Carlton
Gold Coast
Hawthorn
Brisbane
Collingwood

THIS WEEKS LEADERBOARD															
POSITION	NAME	ROUND	OVERALL	POSITION	NAME	ROUND	OVERALL	POSITION	NAME	ROUND	OVERALL	POSITION	NAME	ROUND	OVERALL
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CASTLED: Darrell Lowe is knocked over in the second over of the Desert Rats run chase. (537779)



POWER: Ariki Lowe is all a blur as he steams in from the northern end of Traeger Park. (537779)



HOME: A Redfern batter beats home the outfield throw as Adrian McAdam attempts to break the stumps. (537779)

Cup decided in last over

By Phil Williams

AN interstate side almost stole the glory as the unseasonal wet weather played havoc with this year's Imparja Cup matches between 20-24 February.

After a tropical low parked itself over Central Australia, many games were forced to be cancelled or moved as organisers tried to get teams playing as many matches as possible.

The traditional opening match on the Friday evening, February 20 between the two foundation teams saw an easy win to Alice Springs over archrivals, Tennant Creek.

The Major Centres Grand Final at Traeger Park on Tuesday, 24 February resulted in a nail-biting finish that came down to the last over between defending champions the Desert Rats and the Redfern All Blacks from Sydney, who were attempting to take the crown back to the Harbour City.

After winning the toss, the Desert Rats opted to chase the runs and sent Redfern to the crease.

Two early wickets saw the bowling side on top before a solid 63 run partnership between Nathanael Taylor and John Duckett put the train back on the rails, before Taylor fell four runs short of a well-deserved 50 in the 14th over.

A late collapse by Redfern in the chase for quick runs as the overs ran out saw the momentum stop in its tracks.

The visitors lost another five wickets in quick succession as they compiled a total of 8/101 from their 20 overs after being 3/80 when Taylor left the crease.

Taylor, with 46 from 50 balls, topped the batting side's run scorers.

Dylan Fuller, with 3/7 from his four overs was the standout performance for the local bowling side.

Some lacklustre fielding from the Desert Rats grassing several outfield catches allowed Redfern to add more runs than they might have.

The Desert Rats run chase started badly when, in just the second over, Darrell Lowe was castled by a good delivery from Keith Munro with score on nine.

The other opener, Fuller with new bat, and Kendrick Brown settled the innings and took the score to 39 when Kendrick skied a delivery with the chance taken by Stewart Kapeen.

Another solid stand between Fuller and Ariki Lowe took the total to 76.

With just 25 left to chase down the total and more than four overs to bat, Desert Rats seemingly had control of the match.

The Sydneysiders had other ideas and two quick wickets in the 18th over gave Redfern more than a sniff.

With 11 runs needed to claim the win and two overs to play, the game was in the balance.

A run to Fuller off a no-ball from Duckett to start the penultimate over wasn't desirable for Redfern.

Duckett regrouped and with just two more singles from the over, the game was still either side's to win.

The number of wickets was out of the equa-



TAKEN: Ariki Lowe safely pouches the ball to send Redfern's Stewart Kapeen back to the shed, (PHIL WILLIAMS: 537779)

tion, with the Desert Rats having five still in the shed and needing seven runs to claim the title off the final over.

To win, the task for Redfern was simple. Stop runs.

A dot ball and then a single to Dylan Fuller off Keith Munro put Chris Forbes on strike.

With five runs needed, Munro's delivery was just what Forbes was looking for.

Wanting to seal the game and not require any runs from a last ball gasp, he lifted the ball into the air and watched as it sailed over the boundary to take the win with three deliveries to spare giving the Desert Rats back-to-back wins.

Fuller was the best of the Desert Rats batters, finishing unbeaten on 40 from 57 deliveries.

Munro took the honours with ball for Redfern with 3/22 from 3,3 overs.



SAWING: In the chase for runs, Aaron Gow is bowled on the penultimate delivery of the innings after taking a big swing. (537779)



GONE: Dylan Fuller breaks the stumps leaving Caillin Davison short of his ground. (537779)



REACH: Adrian McAdam reaches for the ball as he attempts to effect a stumping. (537779)



EMOTIONS: The Redfern batter shows his despair at being bowled as Adrian McAdam celebrates the wicket. (537779)



CHANCE: Ariki Lowe puts down a chance in the outfield. (537779)



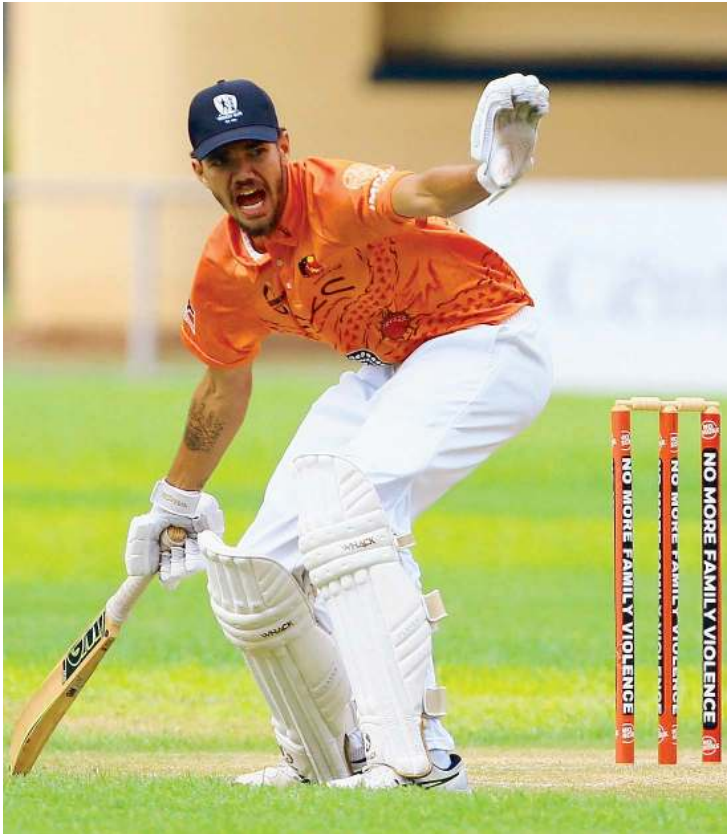
WIND UP: Stewart Karpeen winds up for a big shot. (537779)



BEATEN: John Duckett is comprehensively bowled by Dylan Fuller. (537779)



CLOSE: Adrian McAdam reacts as the ball passes extremely close after a swing and a miss by Nathanael Taylor. (537779)



NO: Redfern's Stewart Kapeen sends his batting partner back. (537779)



FLAT OUT: Nathanael Taylor looks on as Adrian McAdam lays flat out after losing his balance trying to take hot chance. (537779)

WEATHER

FORECAST

Alice Springs:
Cloudy. Medium chance of showers. Winds southeasterly 20 to 30 km/h.
Friday. Cloudy. Medium chance of showers. Winds southeasterly 20 to 30 km/h.
Saturday. Partly cloudy. Medium chance of showers. Winds southeasterly 20 to 30 km/h.
Sunday. Partly cloudy. Medium chance of showers. The chance of a thunderstorm. Winds southeasterly 15 to 25 km/h tending easterly during the day.

Tennant Creek:
Partly cloudy. High chance of showers. The chance of a thunderstorm in the afternoon and evening. Winds southeasterly 25 to 40 km/h. 23/32
Friday. Shower or two. 24/33

Hermannsburg:
Possible shower. 19/31
Friday. Possible shower. 21/32

Santa Teresa:
Shower or two. 20/29
Friday. Shower or two. 22/31

Ross River:
Shower or two. 21/30
Friday. Shower or two. 22/31

Uluru:
Mostly sunny. 22/35
Friday. Partly cloudy. 23/36

Darwin:
Partly cloudy. Very high chance of showers. The chance of a thunderstorm in the afternoon and evening. Winds westerly 15 to 25 km/h.
Friday. Cloudy. Very high chance of showers. The chance of a thunderstorm. Winds westerly 15 to 25 km/h.

Northern Territory:
Cloudy in the southern Simpson District. A high chance of showers and storms elsewhere, decreasing to a slight to medium chance in the Lasseter, southern Tanami and southern Simpson Districts. Possible heavy rainfall between Katherine and Elliott. Light to moderate southwest to northwesterly winds over the Top End, moderate to fresh and gusty east to southeasterly winds elsewhere.

ALICE SPRINGS FORECAST

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Shower or two. 29	Shower or two. 30	Shower or two. 32	Possible shower. 32

Sunny

Mostly sunny

Partly cloudy

Cloudy

Chance shower

Shower or two

Showers

Light rain (drizzle)

Rain

Storm

Showers storm

Windy

Dust

Fog

CAPITAL CITIES			
City	Condition	Max	
Adelaide	Sunny.	28	
Brisbane	Shower or two.	29	
Canberra	Partly cloudy.	30	
Darwin	Showers, afternoon storm.	31	
Hobart	Mostly sunny.	26	
Melbourne	Partly cloudy.	26	
Perth	Sunny.	35	
Sydney	Partly cloudy.	29	

SUN & MOON				
	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	6:31am	7:01pm	7:27pm	6:56am
Thursday	6:32am	7:00pm	7:59pm	7:51am
Friday	6:32am	6:59pm	8:31pm	8:45am
Saturday	6:32am	6:59pm	9:04pm	9:39am
Sunday	6:33am	6:58pm	9:40pm	10:34am
Monday	6:33am	6:57pm	10:20pm	11:29am
Tuesday	6:34am	6:56pm	11:04pm	12:24pm

THURSDAY 10AM

Forecast Rain 24 hrs to 9am

1024 hectoPascal (hPa)

trough

cold front

warm front

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Darwin 31

Timber Creek 34

Borroloola 31

Tennant Creek 32

Alpurrurulam 33

Rabbit Flat 35

Alice Springs 29

Uluru 35

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Rats back up

By Phil Williams

SYDNEY'S Redfern All Blacks almost stole the Major Centres Imparja Cup in a thrilling grand final at Traeger Park on 24 February.

The Grand Final resulted in a nail-biting finish that came down to the last over between defend-

ing champions, the Desert Rats and Redfern.

Chris Forbes broke the hearts of the Sydney-siders when he smacked a six with three balls remaining in the final over to seal the game for the Desert Rats, giving them back-to-back wins in the Major Centres competition.

NOT OUT: Desert Rats keeper Adrian McAdam has the bails off as he attempts to stump a Redfern batter late in the innings. (Phil Williams: 537779)

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