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BUBBLES: John and Elvie Wright with lots of bubbles at their stall Bubble Fun. (Gladys Barreta: 563777)

Show spirit shines through despite rain

SHOWGOERS waited patiently as the gates were thrown open for this year's Alice Springs Show.

Patrons streamed in with thousands flooding through the gates at Blatherskite Park to celebrate the biggest community event across Central Australia.

On Friday night, the weather turned and Saturday dawned soggy, with soaking rain continuing all day.

That didn't deter the hardy souls who filed through the gates on day two, determined to have a good time.

It was the first time since 2008 the show had seen significant wet weather.

While the rain affected outside traders and the rides, most took it in their stride with the general consensus being to soldier on.

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Celebrating native title recognition

TRADITIONAL owners of the Utopia region are celebrating recognition of their native title rights over more than 4000sqkm of their ancestral land, including the birthplace of renowned Aboriginal artist Emily Kame Kngwarreye.

The Federal Court has granted the native title consent determination, which acknowledges the rights of the eight native title holder groups to access, live on, conduct cultural activities and ceremonies, and protect sacred sites within the claim area.

The determination includes the country frequently depicted in Kngwarreye's internationally acclaimed artworks, inspired by her paternal grandfather's land at Alhalker and the Kame (pencil yam seed) Dreaming.

The recognition will allow families to reconnect with their country and pass on their cultural knowledge to younger generations.

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Come fly with us

By Phil Williams

A major tourism push offering free flights to the Red Centre of Australia launched this week.

Under the "Fly Free to Alice" deal, travelers can receive a credit of up to \$750 per person towards the lowest available economy airfare to Alice Springs when they book an eligible Red

Centre holiday package.

The campaign, a collaboration between Tourism Central Australia and NT Now, aims to make bucket-list experiences in the region more affordable.

Funded by the Federal Government, it encourages more Australians to discover Central Australia by removing one of the biggest barriers

to travel - the cost of flights.

The packages, available through NT Now and Australian travel agents, feature more than 20 itineraries across Alice Springs, Kings Canyon, and Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park.

Priced from \$1049 per person twin share, the experiences include sunrise hot air balloon flights, stargazing dinners, sunset camel rides,

and immersive Aboriginal cultural activities.

Tourism Central Australia CEO Danial Rochford said the campaign "allows visitors to put more of their holiday budget into what they're actually coming here for - more nights on the ground, local experiences and discovering more of Central Australia".

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NATIVE: Central Land Council meeting with native title holders in 2021. (CLC)



Alhalker and Atnangker Country.

Celebrating recognition

TRADITIONAL owners in the Utopia region are celebrating the recognition of their native title rights over more than 4000sqkm of country, including the birthplace of renowned Aboriginal artist Emily Kame Kngwarreye.

The Federal Court was due to hand down the native title consent determination on 7 July at a homeland near Boundary Bore, about 160 kilometres north of Alice Springs. Justice Burley will travel to the site for the historic decision.

The determination recognises the rights of native title holders from eight groups to access

and live on their traditional lands, conduct cultural activities and ceremonies, and protect sacred sites.

The claim area includes country frequently depicted in Kngwarreye's internationally acclaimed artworks, inspired by her paternal grandfather's land at Alhalker and the Kame (pencil yam seed) Dreaming.

Her granddaughter, Jennifer Purvis, said she would celebrate the determination by continuing those traditions.

"I draw yam seed Dreaming," she said. "I

draw line ones, sometimes dot painting. We will dance too."

Native title holder and Central Land Council delegate Graham Long said recognition would allow families to reconnect with country and pass cultural knowledge on to younger generations.

"It's important for us to go and look around, visit our country and take our kids to learn our culture and our foods," he said.

The Central Land Council lodged the claim in 2023 after traditional owners sought formal

recognition of their rights and improved access to important cultural sites.

Most of the determination area grants non-exclusive native title rights, allowing traditional owners to access the land, conduct ceremonies and protect sacred places alongside existing land uses.

A 20sqkm section adjoining the Utopia homelands will be recognised as exclusive native title, giving traditional owners the right to possess and occupy the land and control access.

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Learning about power safety and usage

ALI Curung students will soon take part in a new education program designed to teach young Territorians about power safety and smarter energy use.

Power and Water's new That's My Power! program is set to visit Ali Curung as part of a Territory-wide rollout following successful pilot sessions in Galiwin'ku, Laramba and Darwin.

The hands-on program teaches students about staying safe around electricity, where power comes from and simple ways to reduce energy use at home.

Lessons focus on five key areas: power safety, saving electricity, why conserving energy is important, what electricity is and how it is generated.

The program builds on the success of Power and Water's long-running That's My Water! initiative and combines practical activities, local input and creative storytelling to encourage safe habits and energy efficiency.

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POWER: At the Laramba trial of That's My Power! students carried out an activity building a structure that was insulated enough to stop a bar of chocolate from melting. (Supplied)

Member for Barkly Steve Edgington said the program aimed to give young Territorians the knowledge and confidence to make safe and informed choices about energy use.

"This program will help give students the tools to understand their power use,

make safer choices and reduce unnecessary consumption," he said.

Following its rollout in Ali Curung, the program will also visit other remote communities, including Barunga and Engawala, before expanding further across the Northern Territory.

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Free flights a tourism boost

By Phil Williams

A major tourism push to attract visitors has launched, offering free flights to the Red Centre.

Under the deal, travellers fly free to Alice Springs when they book an eligible Red Centre holiday package, with the campaign designed to make bucket-list experiences like sunrise ballooning, stargazing dinners and outback adventures more accessible.

Tourism Central Australia and Northern Territory travel specialists NT Now are behind the new Fly Free to Alice campaign, which gives people the chance to fly to the Red Centre free when booking new Red Centre holiday packages from Holidays of Australia.

Funded by the Federal Government as part of the Red Centre Marketing Boost Program, the campaign aims to make experiencing the Red Centre more affordable while encouraging more Australians to discover Central Australia.

Travellers will receive a credit equal to the lowest available inbound economy airfare into Alice Springs at the time of booking, up to \$750 per person, by booking before 30 November this year, with travel valid from 1 August to 31 January 2027.

The Fly Free to Alice offer is funded from a limited pool and is available on a first-come, first-served basis - once it's fully allocated, the free-flight offer will close.

Available exclusively through NT Now and Australian retail travel agents, the campaign features more than 20 itineraries across Alice Springs, Kings Canyon and Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, with packages from \$1049 per person twin share.

Travellers can choose from short escapes, arts and culture road trips, luxury getaways,



EVENT: The iconic Henley on Todd is one of Alice Springs' favourite events. (Phil Williams: 496670)

wildlife adventures, solo itineraries and event-led holidays built around some of the region's biggest events.

Experiences across the packages include sunrise hot air balloon flights over the outback, Earth Sanctuary stargazing dinners beneath some of the world's darkest skies, sunset camel rides at Uluru, Sounds of Silence dining experiences, horse trekking adventures, water-colour painting classes at Simpsons Gap and immersive Aboriginal cultural experiences.

Packages for the Fly Free to Alice initiative include West MacDonnell Ranges Wildlife, Nature Explorer - a four-night family-friendly Alice Springs escape with visits to the Alice Springs Desert Park, the Reptile Centre, a full day West MacDonnell Ranges adventure, outback horse trekking and an Alice

Springs Brewing Co voucher.

Another includes a Stargazing Dark Skies experience of a four-night Alice Springs escape with an Earth Sanctuary Stargazing Dinner, sunrise balloon flight, nocturnal Desert Park experience, Simpson Gap sunset art tour and an Alice Springs Brewing Co voucher.

Other packages include visits to the region's most iconic locations and experiences such as Ayers Rock/Uluru and the Field of Lights, Kings Canyon and tours of the West MacDonnell Ranges

Tourism Central Australia CEO Danial Rochford said the campaign focused on turning travel intention into action and helping more Australians experience the breadth of attractions available across Central Australia.

"Fly Free to Alice removes one of the big-

gest barriers to travel and allows visitors to put more of their holiday budget into what they're actually coming here for - more nights on the ground, local experiences and discovering more of Central Australia, he said.

"People come for the icons, but many leave talking about the places, stories and experiences they didn't expect.

"It's why so many visitors return to discover even more of the region"

The campaign coincides with some of the Red Centre's most iconic events, including the Henley on Todd Regatta, Red CentreNATS, Desert Mob and the Alice Springs Masters Games, with dedicated packages available around key event dates.

NT Now and Holidays of Australia Group Managing Director Ben Mead said the campaign was a unique opportunity for people considering a Red Centre holiday.

"We have developed a diverse range of itineraries that showcase the very best of Central Australia, from short breaks and event weekends through to extended touring holidays," Mr Mead said.

"The free flight offer is something genuinely different in the market and provides travellers with an added incentive to finally book the trip they've been thinking about."

Departures for the Fly Free to Alice campaign are available from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth, subject to airline schedules and availability.

Bookings close on 30 November 2026 (unless sold out prior), with travel valid from 1 August to 31 January 2027.

For more information and to see the Fly Free to Alice packages, visit ntnow.com.au/fly-free-to-alice-springs

Rain fails to dampen show spirit as thousands attend

By Phil Williams

THIS year's Alice Springs Show drew thousands of eager patrons who flooded through the gates at Blatherskite Park.

By 11am on opening day, cars were banked back through the Gap and by lunchtime on the opening day, the car park was packed.

Cars also lined Len Kittle Drive and along the Stuart Highway as the town flocked to the biggest community event across Central Australia.

That rainy weather didn't deter the hardy souls who filed through the gates on day two, determined to have a good time no matter what.

While the rain affected outside traders and the show rides, most took it in their stride with the general consensus being to soldier on.

Inside the sheds, traders were finding the opposite, with several saying they've never had so many people visit their stands.



OINK: A little piggy takes the lead in the second pig race on Friday. (Phil Williams: 563703)

With around 4000 entries across all sections, most of the art, craft and cooking competitions fielded strong numbers as Rumball Hall was turned into a sea of colour.

There were also solid numbers in junior

classes in the art, craft and hobbies sections with the younger entrants excited just to see their works on display even if they didn't come away with a prize.

Schools also featured prominently with a range of drawings, posters and other artworks as students showed off their talents.

Local competitors as well as some from further afield helped boost entries in other sections such as cattle and poultry.

The free entertainment all weekend from the Funny Farmers, pig racing and the Young Farmers Challenge along with so much more had something to keep any age busy.

Sideshow alley was a constant cacophony of light and sound as the the rides pumped out the tunes.

With lines like 'Don't be shy, give it a try', game spruikers did what they could to get people to play and win by testing their skills.

Adding to the scene were the squeals of

delight and, sometimes, terror, coming from overhead as punters tested their bravery while they were twisted and twirled on the stomach-churning rides as the smells and aromas of waffles, donuts, hot dogs and toffee apples wafted across the showgrounds.

Saturday's annual Show Bull Sale continued the trend of good prices paid at the Combined Cattle Sale at the Bohning Sale Yards two days prior, with all lots selling at an average of \$7700 paid per lot, with many of the buyers coming from SA.

A heifer, Miss Desert Princess, donated by the Phillips Cattle Co also went under the hammer raising an additional \$9000 for the Govies Muster and the Alice Springs School of the Air.

To wrap up the big weekend a cracker display of fireworks officially brought the 67th annual Alice Springs show to a close with a flash, bang and crackle...

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Govies put fun in fundraising

By Phil Williams

THE Gillen Club was the place to be on Friday night, July 3 as a 28-year Alice Springs Show weekend tradition continued.

The Govies Muster, first held in 1998 as fundraiser for the Alice Springs School of the Air (ASSOA) drew around 500 people as Govies from stations near and far gathered to let their hair down on one of the rare occasions they are able to be together in the one place.

On one their biggest nights of the year, they come together along with other bushies, and a few townies for the fundraiser and with the determination to have a good time.

It's a rare chance for the Govies and Ringers to catch up and share their stories away from life on the station.

The barbecue dinner included entertainment for children and adults including face painting, a mechanical bull ride and a mini ringers challenge.

Along with Govies Muster merchandise, there were several fundraising opportunities including the Govies Muster Raffle with a huge meat tray and big TV as top prizes.

A massive auction, which in past years has raised more than \$45,000 saw more than 20 bundles made up of items and vouchers donated by local businesses bring fierce bidding.

Going under the hammer were lots such as a huge painting, which sold for more than \$2000 and a Mt Ooraminna accommodation pack, including an Outback Ballooning adventure, which brought \$800.

Other bundles included a split-system air conditioner, chainsaw and saddlery vouchers.

At Saturday's annual Show Bull Sale, a heifer, Miss Desert Princess, donated by the Phillips Cattle Co, raised an additional \$9000 for the Govies Muster and the Alice Springs School of the Air.



NO BULL: This painting was just one of the auction items up for bidding. (Phil Williams: 563666)



WINNERS: Katerine and Leah Driver with their Mt Ooraminna and Outback Ballooning auction bundle. (563666)



YEP: The auctioneer spots a bid during the Govies Muster fundraiser auction. (563666)

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Big numbers, good prices

By Phil Williams

MORE than \$7 million was poured into Central Australia when around 4000 cattle were put through the pens during the annual Alice Springs Show cattle auction at the Bohning Sale Yards on 2 July.

With some stock coming from as far away as WA, this was a significantly higher number of animals than for the corresponding sale last year.

After a slight delay due to the late arrival of a plane carrying several interstate buyers, bidding was fierce for the quality stock from across the region.

With buyers from around Australia, both online and in person, the strong demand was a significant boost to the confidence of local producers who continue to deliver quality lines of cattle.

The prices paid reflect the continued confidence in the region's livestock and the reputation local stock commands across the country..

Growers such as Todd River Pastoral, Lucy Creek, Palmer Valley, Bushy Park, Orange Creek and The Garden Stations all supplied a range of cattle from Droughtmaster, Herefords, Brahmans and a selection of cross breed steers.

Ahead of the sale, of mainly milk and two tooth steers, auctioneer Steve Gaff gave kudos to all the vendors, saying the cattle were in excellent condition.

"The cattle have lined up very, very well, showing the signs of the conditions for this year, he said.

"The cattle are outstanding, and we're expecting a great market."

Queensland cattle agent and auctioneer from Roma, Nick Shorten added that buyers could have confidence in the quality of the cattle on offer.

"You can buy these cattle with a lot of con-



I'LL TAKE IT: Alice Springs stock agent, Alex Port spots a bid during the cattle sale at the Bohning Yards. (Phil Williams: 563667)

fidence, he said.

"They're representing the tremendous season they're having over here (in Central Australia)

"(They have) plenty of weight and the cattle are in good strong condition and ready to go."

Topping the sale with a price of 602 cents per kilogram (\$6.02) was a pen of 72 organic EU certified Angus steers from the Fogarty family of Palmer Valley Station.

Lucy Creek Station were not far behind with a pen of Angus cross breed steers bringing \$5.95.



BRAHMANS: A lot of young Brahman steers about to go under the hammer. (563667)



INTEREST: Buyers and producers showed strong interest in the sale. (563667)



SPOTTER: Lively bidding brought good prices at the cattle sale ahead of the Alice Springs Show. (563667)



START ME OFF: The auctioneer calls for an opening bid on a lot of 30 Todd River Pastoral Hereford steers. (563667)

Todd River Pastoral Co (TRPC) also commanded good money with on lot of 120 organic Poll Hereford steers selling for \$5.50.

Paddy Weir from TRPC was extremely happy with the result of the sale of their stock.

"Many Central Australian properties are certified organic which normally attracts a premium, she said, adding that all three TRPC properties are certified organic for the Australian and American market.

"The (TRPC) steers were sold in two lots, she said

"Two pens went to a feedlot in NSW, the

other to Todmorden Station in SA."

Other pens of stock were consistently reaching into the mid to high \$5 levels.

Following on from the cattle sale, Saturday's annual Show Bull Sale continued the trend of good prices with all lots selling at an average of \$7,700 paid per lot, with many of the buyers coming from SA,

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Digging for Peter Falconio

NEXT Tuesday, 14 July, marks 25 years since British backpacker Peter Falconio was murdered. The 28-year-old, and his girlfriend, Joanne Lees, were travelling around Australia when they encountered Bradley John Murdoch. Mr Falconio was shot in the head on a remote stretch of the Stuart Highway about 10km north of Barrow Creek in July 2001 by drug runner Murdoch, who was convicted of murder in 2005, but died last year without revealing the location of Mr Falconio's body.

Glenn Morrison was a journalist at the time. He shared with the Centralian Today his role in one of the many bids to find the backpacker's remains.

Melbourne based true-crime author Robin Bowles called.

I had met Robin two years earlier when reporting for News Ltd on the disappearance of British backpacker Peter Falconio, believed dead after he and girlfriend Joanne Lees were stopped in their VW Kombi as they travelled north from Alice Springs on the Stuart Highway on the night of July 14, 2001.

Ms Lees told NT Police she had been abducted by a gunman and tied up.

Furthermore, she had later escaped and flagged a ride to nearby Barrow Creek where she raised the alarm, sparking one of the biggest manhunts in Australian crime history.

Robin is a curious and fascinating woman.

I always imagined she fancied herself as something of a latter-day Helen Garner, with a bent for exposing the real story behind True Crimes.

She hung out in courts quite a bit.

As I discovered later when we tried to dig up a body together in a dry creek bed to the north of Alice Springs, Robin was also, like a Girl Guide, always prepared.

That day she had brought with her on the flight from Melbourne a copy of the Victorian regulations on how to do a forensic investigation of a crime scene, ostensibly to help "guide our digging".

But more of that later.

Some thought Robin eccentric, perhaps she was. I found her funny and, importantly, she never took herself too seriously.

Robin was working on a book about the Falconio case, she told me on the phone.

She claimed to have followed independent reports from three clairvoyants that Peter Falconio, still missing since August 2001, lay buried only a few kilometres north of Barrow Creek.

Though a murder conviction was eventually reached in the case, a body was ever found.

During the original investigation, Alice Springs had crawled with detectives and international journalists, and, soon enough, over a few beers, we were all drawing comparisons with the infamous case of Lindy Chamberlain,



Joanne Lees right, and missing British backpacker Peter Falconio. (AP/HO)

whose baby had been 'taken by a dingo' from an Ayers Rock campground in 1980.

As had been the case for the unfortunate Lindy, many thought Lees' evidence suspect, and further, that the Falconio killing had been nothing more than a drug handover gone wrong.

In her book *Rough Justice* (2007), for example, Robin reminds us that in a taped interview with my then chief of staff at the Centralian Advocate newspaper Mark Wilton, an interview with UK journalist Martin Bashir, and on the occasions of two appearances in court, Lees had described the murder suspect's dog variously as 'a blue heeler', 'brown and white', a 'red dog', a 'reddish dog with grey and black bits', and, 'brownish black and speckled'.

According to Robin, Lees had described the dog differently again when identifying it to police from a book about dogs, as 'brown and white with patches of dark colour'.

At the height of the case, many a beery pub 'jury' had pored over their accumulating shreds of 'evidence' late into the evenings at Uncles Tavern, dissecting apparent 'holes' in Lees' testimony, 'holes' Robin would later go to great lengths to substantiate with mixed success for her first book about the case, *Dead Centre: Real Story Behind The Disappearance Of Peter Falconio* (2005).

Such holes had included that despite claiming to have crawled to safety at night through the rocky desert and scrub near Barrow Creek after escaping her kidnapper, Joanne 'wasn't dirty'; this from Vince Millar, the truck driver who had picked up Joanne Lees on the Stuart Highway later on the night of the 14 July.

Vince told Robin: "I even thought she might have just gotten out of the car I had seen ... her clothing looked pretty intact, and there were only a few little blood smears on her shirt, like they might have come from her elbows".

A self-confessed drug runner, Bradley John Murdoch, was ultimately convicted of the murder of Peter Falconio in December 2005 and sentenced to 28 years in prison, one of the harshest sentences by an Australian Court in the years recently preceding.

As to the dog, Murdoch later told Robin it was, in fact, a Dalmatian. White with black spots.

Reasonable-sounding doubts like these had always troubled Robin over Murdoch's conviction, along with his persistent claims he was not guilty.

So, when she phoned me in 2003, and based on a clairvoyant's apparent reports and directions, Robin was wanting to try to find where Peter had been hidden or buried, to get to the bottom of what really happened once and for all.

To help, she enlisted her husband and financier, Clive, prominent Alice Springs filmmaker Chris Tangey, an Alice Springs aboriginal spirit woman, and several members of the woman's family.

She wanted my help as well, hence the call. As well as funding from News Ltd into the bargain.

I laughed; the last was never going to happen, even though plenty of British fellow news journos had flashed bulging wallets and expense cards at the peak of the case.

Robin recalls me phoning her, but I don't recall it that way; either way, my curiosity was

tweaked and I agreed to come along and write the story.

Robin's contacting at least one of the three clairvoyants she spoke of had been down to me.

The whole thing had started the year prior to Robin's call, when the body of a man missing for more than a year had been found in the hills around Alice Springs after his family had followed directions given them by a clairvoyant.

Kwementyaye Braun, 36, had gone missing on November 17, 2001, when he walked out of his girlfriend's house 6km west of Honeymoon Gap.

Following the clairvoyant's directions, relatives eventually found the remains of the man they believed to be Mr Braun 20km west of Alice Springs in the West MacDonnell Ranges on a Thursday.

Emergency Services retrieved the man's remains, which they had found lying on top of the range near Larapinta Drive in the town's west.

Police carried out forensic tests and later confirmed the remains as those of Mr Braun.

Mr Braun's cousin, who did not want to be named, spoke to me for the Centralian Advocate about the family's grief and their relief at finding their missing loved one.

"He was found on top of a mountain; we are so relieved," she said.

"We had asked police to search an area where he was last seen, but they did nothing."

The cousin told me that a Braun family member had taken the clairvoyant to the area where Mr Braun had last been seen.

Later, her husband and two others climbed the mountain and, following their clairvoyant's directions, found the skeletal remains in under two hours.

When I spoke with the clairvoyant, she told me she was shocked by the find but pleased for Mr Braun's family.

"I offered them my deepest condolences," she said.

Later, at a former public housing home in the west of Alice Springs where she was staying, the clairvoyant chatted about an Aboriginal 'spirit lady' who had asked her to help find Mr Braun.

The interview was nearly at an end, and I had been about to leave when she said something that stopped me in my tracks.

'I know where Peter is.'

I looked around the living room, from the torn three-seater lounge where we had sat, to the laundry draped over chairs and television, and an ironing board holding court near the hallway exit to the back screen door.

There'd been no preamble to the 'Peter thing'. "You don't mean any old Peter, do you?", I said.

See next week's Centralian Today for Digging for Peter Falconio - part 2.

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Filmmaker seeks support

By Gladys Barreta

A comedic short film produced, written and directed by local filmmaker Penny McDonald is part of a series of films she is creating to help grow the film industry in Alice Springs.

The Long Drop is set against the landscapes of Central Australia and explores female friendships and the messy, humiliating, absurd and strangely beautiful things people do for one another.

The community-driven film is currently seeking public support to help bring the project to life.

The production is a family affair, with Alana Pfau serving as Art Director alongside her father, Hans, who is building the movie set.

Ms McDonald's son, Dylan River, is the film's cinematographer, while her daughter, Rona, is composing the original score.

The Long Drop is being produced through local production company Chili Films and is written and directed by Ms McDonald, with Samantha Alexis Laughton producing the film.

Supported by the Northern Territory Government through a grant from Screen Territory's SPARK initiative, filming is due begin this month.

The film will premiere in Darwin in September before screening in Alice Springs, around Australia and at international film festivals, ahead of an online release.

Ms McDonald said while the support from Screen Territory had been invaluable, it was not enough to complete the film.

"We are currently raising funds in several ways," she said.

Donations through the Australian Cultural Fund are fully tax deductible and will go directly towards essential production costs, including cast and crew, insurance, transport, location permits, set construction, studio hire, lighting, props, costumes and freight for camera equipment to Central Australia.

"The Long Drop explores what begins as an inconvenient workplace mishap and quickly spirals into a filthy, darkly comic ordeal that tests the friendship, dignity and emotional endurance of two female rangers," Ms McDonald said.

"The romanticised image of outback ranger life is peeled back to reveal the unseen labour beneath it from routine maintenance, cleaning up other people's mess, survival and facing disasters, often with dry humour.

"This film is a fantastic opportunity to return to directing a scripted, female-led comedy while sharing skills with emerging generations of creatives in Central Australia," Ms McDonald said.

"This project is vital for the broader Central Australian filmmaking and creative community, providing opportunities for local cast and



SHORT-FILM: Penny McDonald and Samantha Alexis Laughton are producing a comedic short film called The Long Drop. (Gladys Barreta: 562143)

crew to upskill through training and hands-on experience, while also supporting local businesses."

Ms McDonald said the team hoped to premiere the film in Darwin in September before taking it to audiences locally, across Australia and internationally.

"Your donation will help us create a film that explores female work and friendship through humour.

"We are seeking to raise \$20,000 to supple-

ment the SPARK funding.

"Supporters will receive an on-screen credit, an invitation to a screening and behind-the-scenes updates throughout the filmmaking process.

"By donating, you will become part of a uniquely Central Australian project from development through to premiere."

The film crew recently hosted a successful sausage sizzle fundraiser at Bunnings.

Ms McDonald is also working on a documen-

tary about buffel grass and recently received funding through the Give2Give campaign for Voices From the Desert, a theatre project involving at-risk young people and Elders.

To donate, visit the Australian Cultural Fund campaign for The Long Drop or head to: artists.australianculturalfund.org.au/s/project/a2EMn00000gIYFIMAM/the-long-drop

The Getting Good Stuff Done (#GGSD) page promotes and highlights positive initiatives that support and strengthen the community.



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Prisoners lending a hand

LOW and open security prisoners have been helping communities across the Northern Territory recover from severe weather events while supporting vulnerable Territorians.

Prisoner work parties are estimated to have contributed \$2.7 million in community value. In Alice Springs, prisoners delivered 1,700 sandbags to help protect the hospital and nearby homes before assisting with clean-up efforts following flash flooding.

The Prisoner Work Parties, also known as the Community Support Work Program, form part of the NT Correctional Services Industries, Skills and Employment framework, which focuses on education, training and employment pathways to help reduce reoffending and improve community safety.

The program has contributed thousands of hours of community service across Greater Darwin, Katherine and Alice Springs, supporting disaster preparedness, recovery operations and community maintenance projects.

In the last quarter alone, prisoners completed more than 24,000 hours of community work, generating an estimated \$600,000 in economic value for the Territory.

The program has also reached a significant milestone with the introduction of the first female Community Service Work Party in Alice Springs following the opening of the dedicated women's correctional facility.

Six women are currently participating in the program, undertaking grounds maintenance projects across Alice Springs while building practical skills and work readiness.

The women have completed White Card training and are now working towards a Certificate I in Conservation and Ecosystem Management, providing them with valuable qualifications to support future employment opportunities.



HELP: Prisoner work parties helping with flood recovery in Alice Springs.

Minister for Corrections, Gerard Maley, said community work programs are one of the most effective tools for breaking the cycle of offending.

“Territorians expect prisoners to be held accountable for their actions, but they also expect them to use their time in custody productively,” Minister Maley said.

“This program delivers real benefits for taxpayers while helping prisoners develop practical skills, work habits and experience that can support employment opportunities when

they leave custody.

“The work parties made a significant contribution during the Territory’s recent severe weather events, working alongside the NT Emergency Service, Defence personnel and local councils.”



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Countdown to Masters Games

ATHLETES and Alice Springs locals have kickstarted the countdown as the 40th Anniversary of the Alice Springs Masters Games begins in less than 100 days.

With more than 25 sports, an entertainment program featuring Baby Animals, Choir-boys and Shannon Noll, and the debut of the world's fastest-growing sport, Pickleball, the Games are set to be the best yet.

Minister for Tourism and Hospitality and Minister for Major Events, Marie-Clare Boothby, said the Alice Springs Masters Games were one of the Territory's premier sporting events – putting the Red Centre on show in a boost for local tourism, hospitality venues, and businesses.

"It captures everything that we love in the Territory – good sport, great people, that classic Red Centre hospitality, and this year, a street party like no other,"

Ms Boothby said.

"Events like this bring Territorians together, they support local businesses, and they raise the profile of the Territory as the best place to live, work, visit, and invest.

"With (under) 100 days to go, now is the time to register, book your trip and be part of this milestone celebration – and competition."

Member for Namatjira Bill Yan said the Alice Springs Masters Games were another opportunity to showcase Central Australia.

"The Alice Springs Masters Games are a fantastic showcase of Territory hospitality and the unique spirit of Central Australia," Mr Yan said.

"They deliver real benefits for businesses in the region, and they give locals and visitors yet

another reason to enjoy the Territory's unique lifestyle."

Games Ambassador Nathan Buckley, and Games Patron Dawn Fraser, continue to support the event as the Royal Flying Doctor Service becomes the official charity partner for 2026.

Dion Temu-Evans is an entrant in the inaugural Pickleball contest, and has been a patient of the lifesaving work of the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

"I'm absolutely pumped to be competing in the Alice Springs Masters Games and playing in the debut of Pickleball. It's such a fun, fast and welcoming sport, anyone can give it a go, and that's what makes the Games so special,"

Mr Temu-Evans said.

"I've also been a patient of the Royal Flying Doctor Service in the past, so being able to come back healthy, active, and part of this incredible community event means a lot to me.

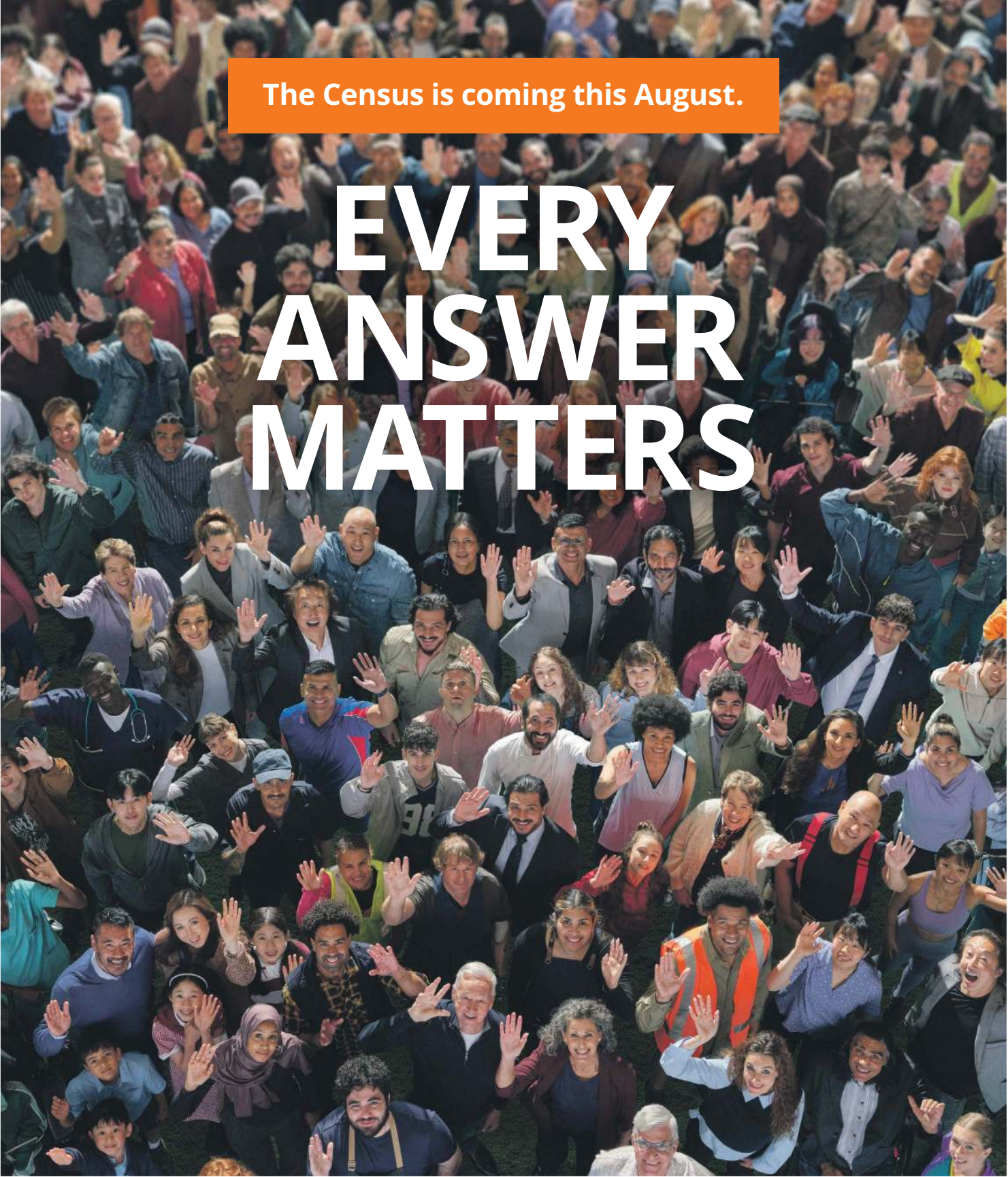
"The Friendly Games really do bring people together, and I can't wait to be part of it."

Registration numbers are already tracking well ahead of the last event, and participants are encouraged to book as soon as possible.

For more information and to register visit: alicespringsmastersgames.com.au



Dion Temu-Evans is looking forward to competing in pickleball at the Alice Springs Masters Games.



The Census is coming this August.

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POLICE

A 41-year-old man has been charged following an alleged armed incident at the Stuart Highway and Whittaker Street intersection in Alice Springs. (PHIL WILLIAMS 385059)

Road arrest

A man allegedly armed with an edged weapon damaged a vehicle and chased another driver through a busy Alice Springs intersection before being arrested by police late last week.

About 11.50am, the Joint Emergency Services Communication Centre received multiple reports of a man allegedly armed with an edged weapon near Whittaker Street on 1 July.

Police allege the 41-year-old exited his vehicle while it was stopped at traffic lights at the intersection of the Stuart Highway and Whittaker Street before using the weapon to smash the windscreen of a nearby white utility.

The utility's driver then got out of his vehicle and was allegedly chased by the man before a brief altercation occurred.

The victim was not injured, and the alleged offender fled the scene along Colson Street.

Police from Strike Force Viper, the Community Engagement Safety Team and General Duties responded and arrested the 41-year-old a short time later on Elliot Street in Bratling.

He has since been charged with going armed in public, damaging property, driving an unregistered motor vehicle, driving an uninsured motor vehicle and driving unlicensed on an interstate licence.

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Mayor heads to Canberra

By Alice Springs Mayor Asta Hill

Hi everyone! This is my first monthly letter in the Centralian Today, to share what the Alice Springs Town Council, Elected Members and I have been working on.

June was a busy month for our town, with thousands of visitors pouring in for the Finke Desert Race and the final Beanie Festival.

I've been so proud to help show off the wonderful community I am so lucky to be a part of.

It was also a busy month for the Council - we passed our Budget, Municipal Plan, and Strategic Plan.

And we launched concept designs for our new library!

The Council has received so much constructive feedback from the community about its priorities, and that has helped shape our way forward.

An enormous thank you to those who contributed.

Building public participation into council decision-making is a key priority of ours and we look forward to actioning as many of your brilliant ideas as we can.

I've also had a brief Canberra visit, where I attended the Australian Local Government Association conference and gave evidence at a Parliamentary Inquiry. This was an opportunity to explain the unique cost, workforce and other challenges of providing council services in a remote region, and advocate for greater investment in local government.

I'll sign off with some exciting updates on our mall.

Firstly, Power and Water handed the site back to our contractors last week, so work will progress much faster hereon.

Second, Council has engaged Renew Australia to lift the roller shutters on shop fronts that have been vacant for too long!



CANBERRA: Alice Springs Mayor Asta Hill with Roper Gulf Regional Council Mayor Tony Jack and Barkly Regional Council Mayor Sid Vashist, who presented evidence at the Inquiry into Local Government funding.

Renew is a social enterprise with a strong track record of bringing activity and vibrancy to malls by connecting property owners and agents with creatives, small businesses and so-

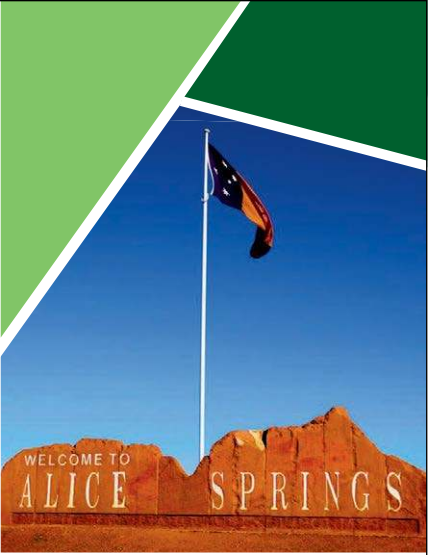
cial organisations to activate empty shops and spaces.

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More jobs in the Territory

NEW figures show employment in the Northern Territory has reached a record high, with major projects such as the Arafura rare earths mine expected to create more jobs for Central Australia.

According to the latest Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) labour force data, more than 150,000 people are now employed across the Territory - the highest number recorded.

Employment in the NT grew by 3.3 per cent over the past year, the strongest annual jobs growth of any Australian state or territory and almost three times the national average of 1.3 per cent.

Chief Minister Lia Finocchiaro said the figures reflected growing confidence in the Territory's economy.

"More people in jobs is simply great news. We are rebuilding the economy, reducing crime and restoring the Territory lifestyle," she said.

The Government said it would continue supporting business growth and investment while encouraging more people to move to the NT for employment opportunities.

The government said housing incentives, including the HomeGrown Territory and FreshStart grants, helped more people buy or build homes as the workforce expanded.

The record employment figures come as the government points to major projects, including the Beetaloo Basin, the Arafura rare earths project and the Northern Marine Complex, as key drivers of future jobs and economic growth across the Territory.

SUPPORT: Ministers Joshua Burgoyne and Gerard Maley with Chief Minister Lia Finocchiaro at the entrance to the Arafura Nolans Mine site. (Williams: 559012)



Violent brawl under investigation as several arrested

A man was taken to hospital and three people arrested following a violent disturbance involving a group allegedly armed with weapons last week.

About 1.50am on 29 June, the Joint Emergency Services Communication Centre received multiple reports of people fighting in

Cora Crescent, Gillen, with some allegedly carrying weapons.

Multiple police units responded and dispersed the group.

A 48-year-old man was taken to Alice Springs Hospital with swelling after he allegedly

being struck with a blunt weapon.

Following investigations, police arrested two men, aged 21 and 34.

A 29-year-old woman was also arrested for disorderly behaviour after the group was dispersed.

Police are urging anyone with information, including dashcam or CCTV footage, to contact them on 131 444 and quote reference P26183978.

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Fabulous fun a showstopper

By Phil Williams

SHOWGOERS were already waiting as the gates were thrown open at 9am on Friday and patrons continued to stream in all day.

Young and old alike took advantage of the mild weather as they packed Blatherskite Park on Friday, before the heavens opened up overnight, bringing soaking rain that lasted all day on Saturday.

Despite the fickle weather, thousands of smiling faces filled the showgrounds for the biggest community event of the year.

With free entertainment all weekend and a constant cacophony of light and sound in side-show alley as the rides pumped out the tunes and game spruikers did what they could to get people to play and win, nobody was going to miss out on a good time.

Adding to the scene were the squeals of delight and terror coming from overhead as punters were twisted and twirled while testing their bravery on stomach-churning rides as the smells and aromas of waffles, donuts, hot dogs and toffee apples wafted across the showgrounds.

LEAD OUT: A butterfly stilt walker leads the vehicles for the Grand Parade. (563703)

HILARIOUS: The Funny Farmers were a hit. (563703)

SNAPPY: The Go Gator ride was a popular choice for younger riders. (563703)

PARADE: Riders from the equestrian competition parade in front of the Friday show crowd. (563703)



CHANGING: Sideshow alley begins to take on a new look as the sun starts to set. (PHIL WILLIAMS: 563703)



TRIBUTE: Mick Batchelor re-enacting the Australian Light Horse leads the Grand Parade. (563703)



BREEDERS: The CBBA led the Grand Parade. (563703)



SNAPPY: The Go Gator ride was a popular choice for younger riders. (563703)



ANTHEM: VIPs stand as Lisa-Marie Burgoyne sings the National Anthem during the show's opening ceremony. (563703)



DOGGY DASH: A runner in the Dachsund Dash is cheered on by the crowd. (563703)



TESTING: The Pinkies team finish rolling their swag in the Young Farmers Challenge. (563703)



CELEBRATION: Cate Driver, Steve Peers, Glen Auricht and Paul Berry cut the cake celebrating St John's 65 years in Alice Springs. (563703)



SNAPPY: The Go Gator ride was a popular choice for younger riders. (563703)



WOOF: The Alice Springs Obedience Dog Club walk the Grand Parade. (563703)



FASHIONS: Entrants in the Dachsund Fancy Dress competition walk the runway. (563703)



ANTHEM: VIPs stand as Lisa-Marie Burgoyne sings the National Anthem during the show's opening ceremony. (563703)



PARADE: Riders from the equestrian competition parade in front of the Friday show crowd. (563703)



LIGHT HORSE: Mick Batchelor leads the Grand Parade in front of the grandstand. (563703)



BOBBY: An English Bobby entertained with his one man, one wheel display. (563703)



FORMATION: Equestrian competitors ride in formation during the Grand Parade. (563703)



FRIGHT: Against a darkening evening sky the Ghost Train takes on a sinister look. (PHIL WILLIAMS: 563703)



THRILLING: Riders get their thrills on the No Limit. (563703)



COLOURS: Sideshow Alley takes on a new perspective after dark. (563703)



HORDES: A big crowd packed into Sideshow Alley on Friday. (563703)



THRILLS: The No Limit ride brought showgoers endless thrills. (563703)



FANS: Young fans hang off the fence as lightning McQueen passes by. (563703)



BACKDROP: The West Macs make an unusual backdrop for riders on the Chair-o-Plane. (563703)



COLOUR: A stilt walker spreads her butterfly wings during the Grand Parade. (563703)



THRILLING: Riders show their excitement as they enjoy the Hurricane ride. (563703)



PRESIDENT: Show President Andrew Barrett opens the 2026 Alice Springs Show. (563703)

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ENTERTAINMENT: Andrew and Katerina Kaczmarek at their stall Nik Naks Fastasy Wolu. (563777)



DAGWOOD: Colin Courbet enjoying the famous Show dagwood dog. (563777)



TOYS: Ella Machnik from Paint and Play Amusements. (563777)



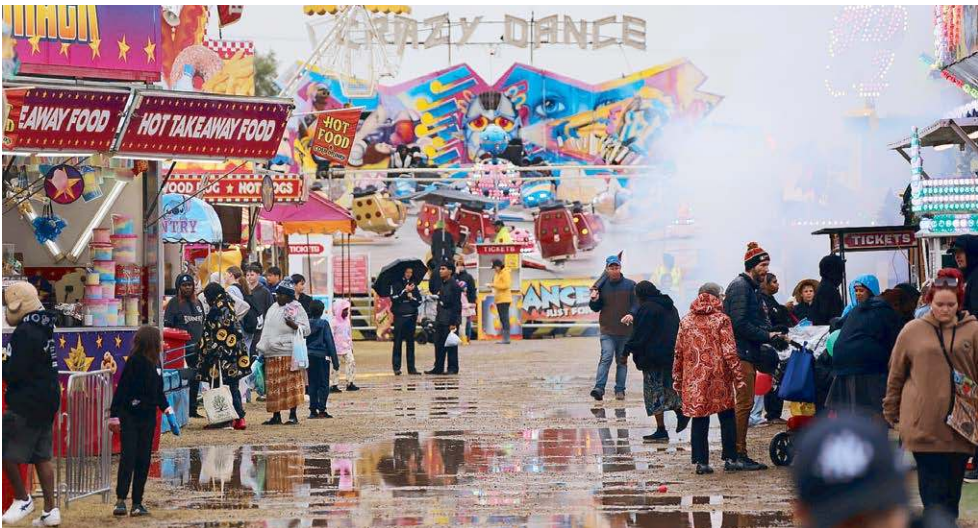
YELLOW: Paddy Weir hosting the Yellow Brick Road scavenger hunt. (563777)

Show spirit shines through

PATRONS braved the winter chill and soggy conditions on Day 2 of the Alice Springs Show. Rugged up against the weather and armed with umbrellas, some sought shelter inside the pavilions, with hardy thrill seekers still enjoying the rides.



UMBRELLA: Lorraine Gilbert with her rainbow umbrella at the Show. (563777)



RAINY: The second day of Alice Springs Show still welcomed plenty of patrons over the cold and rainy day. (Gladys Barreta: 563777)



HAPPY: Kaserman White and Quanita Gibson enjoying all the toys and games at the Show. (563777)



JOY: Gozzi Gonzalez, Lizzie Trew, Nina Annandy and Jack Riding having a look around at the winning Show entries. (563777)



COLD: Aria Bibby and Gaia Polidori rugged up at the Show. (563777)



WATER: Jack Riding and all the muddy tracks at the Show. (563777)



JUMP: Elahi Kaur was enjoying the wet and muddy tracks at the Alice Springs Show. (563777)



TOGETHER: Randis Curtis and Cheyene Pareroultja with kids Deon Pareroultja, Benita and Kaiella Curtis all enjoying the Show. (563777)



DUCKS: Kaserman White having a go at catching some ducks. (563777)



WARM: Frank Dixon enjoying the cold rainy weather at the Show. (563777)



HAPPY: Sheldon Janse Van Nieuwenhuizen and Kathy Ramsay Janse Van Nieuwenhuizen, with baby Justin enjoying the entertainment at the Show. (563777)



FUN: Lisa-Marie and Josh Burgoyne with Lilly-Marie and Poppy enjoying a nice day out. (563777)



MA: Silvana Placentino at her stall, MeeMa's. (563777)

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Member for Barkly Steve Edgington visited Canteen Creek to celebrate building local skills and jobs.



Steve Edgington in Canteen Creek to mark the transfer of a former government house to Owairtilla Aboriginal Corporation ownership.

House helps apprentices

CANTEEN Creek’s efforts to establish an apprenticeship program received a welcome boost from the NT Government last week, with the donation of a house to support a live-in tradie.

The qualified worker will now be able to live locally and mentor apprentices within the community.

Minister for Housing, Local Government, and Community Development and Member for Barkly Steve Edgington said the NT Government was working alongside the Canteen Creek community to build local skills and jobs.

“As part of our commitment to empower the bush, we’re backing the vision of the community by transferring a former government

house to the Canteen Creek Owairtilla Aboriginal Corporation,” he said.

“This will support a trade-qualified worker to live locally, mentor apprentices and help create jobs for four local people to do repairs and maintenance of local housing and buildings.

“We’re creating more local jobs and help-

ing communities like Canteen Creek build the skills, workforce and capacity they need to shape their own future,” Mr Edgington said.

Canteen Creek Owairtilla Aboriginal Corporation chairperson Della Mick said the NT Government’s support would strengthen the community and provide new opportunities for local employment and self-sufficiency.

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*NOTE Little Aths will not run during the Term 2 School Holidays.

Hatha Yoga. Tennant Creek Gym members. Fridays 6:30pm-7:30pm.



Park Run Lake Mary Ann Tingkarli Parkrun 7am every Saturday. Gates open at 6:30am.

Tennant Creek Community Market. NEXT MARKET: 18th July, 9am-12 midday and every 2nd Saturday @ The Transit Centre (next to the Red Centre Cafe).

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Tennant Creek Speedway
11 July - Tennant Mines Queen of the Desert.
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ROUND 8 BAFL SENIOR WOMEN A-Grade
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HEAL: Akeyulerre team leader Chris Ryder helps facilitates mentoring programs for young men. (Gladys Barreta)

Traditional healing

MORE than a place to gather, Alkuyerre Men's Healing Centre is creating positive pathways for young Aboriginal men through culture, mentoring, employment and connection.

The fellas are facilitating bush trips, big hangouts, teaching maintenance skills and hosting strong cultural healing programs to help build confidence, strong futures and give purpose.

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HEALING CENTRE**



POET: A previous Red Dirt Poetry Festival event hosted at 8CCC Community Radio.

Poetry on red dirt back this August

By Gladys Barreta

THE Red Dirt Poetry Festival is set to return to Alice Springs this August, with this year's program to be officially unveiled at a free community launch on 15 July.

The biennial festival will run from 20-23 August, celebrating poetry and spoken word with a diverse lineup of 50 poets from the Northern Territory, across Australia and overseas.

Known for transforming Alice Springs into a hub of storytelling and creativity, the festival features performances, workshops, school programs and spoken word events, with this year's festival once again set to include its signature evening events under the stars at White Gums.

The official program launch will be held at Yeperenye Shopping Centre on Wednesday, 15

July, from 4.30pm to 6.30pm.

The free event will feature a workshop by Huda the Goddess, poetry readings, refreshments and the official unveiling of the 2026 festival program. Festival passes, as well as individual day passes, will be available to purchase at the launch. No bookings are required.

Since launching in 2014, the Red Dirt Poetry Festival has helped foster a thriving poetry scene across Central Australia through regular open mic events, annual poetry slams, school workshops and regional poetry tours reaching Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine and Darwin.

Festival Director Laurie May said this year's event marked an exciting new chapter for the festival.

"This year reflects a new era for the Red Dirt Poetry Festival," she said.

"We've grown so much over the years from our incredibly humble beginnings to the program being delivered this year, which features international collaborations, NT poets and nationally acclaimed poets.

"It's a huge honour to bring everyone here on Arrernte Country and provide a space for poetry and spoken word, and an opportunity for poets to connect and be celebrated.

"This year we have decided to go even bigger with our ambitions in order to bring you a festival that continues to centre poetry and multi-arts while affirming that Central Australia is truly the home of Australian poetry."

Community members are encouraged to attend the launch event to be among the first to see the full program and secure their tickets for this year's festival.

Viral web series hits big screen

A group of students and teachers from The Delhi College of Linguistics hit the road to discover Australia and gain first-hand experience of its authentic language and culture.

When their plane is diverted to the country town of Dubbo due to storms, and their tour leader is detained by customs, the hapless bunch unearth the "real" Australia while never making it to Sydney, Melbourne...or even Alice Springs.

"One of the film's strengths is its refusal to caricature either Australians or Indians. Instead, it pokes gentle fun at the assumptions both groups make about one another." - Neeru Saluja, Indian Link.

- 90 minutes | Comedy | CTC | Directed by Tony Rogers | Starring Madeleine Dyer, Stephen Curry, Eddie Baroo, Alison Fonseca | Opening 11 July
- Visit alicespringscinema.com.au for screening times.



How to talk Australians is screening at Alice Springs Cinema from 11 July.





School Holiday Films



BBQ: Lloyd Bray-Silverton, Robert Wallace, Dwayne Campbell cooking up a BBQ at the Akeyulerre school holiday program at Newland Skate Park. (Gladys Barreta)



ART: Painting is one of the many creative activities at the Akeyulerre Healing Centre, giving young men an opportunity to express themselves while strengthening their connection to culture, identity and well-being. (Supplied)

Healing through connection

By Gladys Barreta

FROM bush trips and practical maintenance skills to music, mentoring and simply spending time together, the Akeyulerre Healing Centre is helping men help men while strengthening culture and connection across Central Australia.

The Akeyulerre Healing Centre's Angkwerre-iweme program provides traditional healing services that support the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people while ensuring Arrernte cultural knowledge is passed on to future generations.

A key focus of the program is supporting Angangkere (Arrernte Traditional Healers) to continue healing within their communities and in health settings, including hospitals, clinics and aged care services.

Elders play an important role in mentoring young men, sharing knowledge of bush medicines, traditional healing practices and cultural customs. Elders and young women also work together to collect and prepare bush medicine rubs and use kwerte-ileme smoke from native plants to help heal and cleanse people and places.

Team leader Chris Ryder said the centre is about creating positive pathways for young men through culture, mentorship and practical life skills.

"It's about teaching and learning with young people," Mr Ryder said.

"We're mentoring the next generation, running cultural and healing programs, and passing on knowledge in a way that's enjoyable for everyone."

Located at 3 Stuart Terrace, the centre delivers a range of programs, including the Men's Team, Good Families program and a 26-week Employment Cadetship that prepares young men for future careers.

"We have people from all walks of life who bring different skills and strengths to share with our young people," Mr Ryder said.

Mentor Chris Wallace, from South East Desert Metal, said the programs were about strengthening confidence and identity.

"We want these young men to feel at home, to know this is their place and that someone cares," he said.

Musician Keenan Bird, from Mulgambore Hard Rock, uses music as a tool for healing and connection.

"Our programs help keep young people engaged and focused on positive opportunities," he said.

Programs and Community Engagement Manager, Stephanie Harrison said Akeyulerre, funded by the National Indigenous Australians Agency, delivers youth activities, family mentoring and on-country camps that strengthen culture, healing and kinship across the Arrernte nation.

The centre recently hosted a "Meet Your



MUSIC: Musicians Chris Wallace and Keenan Bird are part of the Akeyulerre Healing Centre team, helping young men develop their musical talents and use music as a pathway for connection, healing and self-expression.



CREATING: Young men learn hands-on skills through creative activities, including rope art and weaving, as part of Akeyulerre Healing Centre's cultural mentoring programs that build confidence, patience and connection. (Supplied)

Mentor" school holiday program, giving young people the opportunity to connect with mentors, artists and musicians while enjoying

activities at the local Newland skate park with activities and a BBQ.

"It's all about bringing people together,

building relationships and giving young people positive role models during the school holidays," Ms Harrison said.



ON COUNTRY: Elders pass on traditional knowledge as participants learn to identify and collect native plants used in Arrernte bush medicine, ensuring important healing practices continue for future generations. (Supplied)

Tireless nurse honoured



RESPECTED: Sister Joan Armstrong was a much respected nurse throughout Central Australia (Armstrong Family/HoASTLSN: 563228)

By Phil Williams

ARMSTRONG Court in Araluen is a dedication to the first nurse at Amoonguna Settlement.

Sister Joan Armstrong was a legend in the NT through her dedication to patients and nursing staff.

Joan lived in Victoria as a child, attended Melbourne University and trained as a teacher before enlisting in the army in World War II.

She became a Lieutenant in charge of a gunnery encampment at North Heads, Sydney, and later married her first husband, who was posted to New Guinea, where he was killed in action.

After the war, Joan returned to Melbourne, trained as a Triple Certificate Nursing Sister and obtained other diplomas before moving to the WA wheatbelt region in the early 1950s where she continued nursing.

While there, she married Geoffrey Armstrong and their son, Tony, was born at Wagin.

Geoffrey stayed in WA when the couple moved to Central Australia in 1959 after Joan was appointed by the NT Welfare Department to open the hospital at the newly formed Amoonguna Settlement.

Amoonguna was designed to care for Aboriginal people who left their settlements or stations for medical or other reasons.

Later, she was appointed Chief Relief Nurse and worked on the Aboriginal settlements of

Yuendumu, Papunya, Warrabri, Docker River, Hooker Creek and outstations between.

Settlement hospitals and nurses' quarters were primitive, often with wood stoves, kerosene lanterns and dirt floors.

Joan fought the bureaucracy for improvements using her own initiative with local building talent.

Meanwhile, she patrolled bush areas around settlements, 'hired and fired' bush nurses and coped with floods and drought.

During her nursing career, she made two bush nursing documentaries for Southern Training Programs and was one of the first European people seen by many Pintubi/Pintupi people when they came in from the Western Desert region of the Gibson and Great Sandy Deserts along the Western Australia and Northern Territory border.

Gradually new quarters and generators for electricity appeared in settlements due to her representations.

She was deeply involved with the health and welfare of bush people and claimed she was the first to fly a petrol sniffing youth through Heavitree Gap at a height of about 70-100 metres!

This procedure was needed due to the low hemoglobin content of the youth's blood caused by petrol sniffing.

The youth was flown at low altitude all the way from a settlement to the Connellan Town Site Aerodrome, now the site of the Central

Australian Aviation Museum.

Eventually she moved to Alice Springs but maintained bush patrols and continued her nursing work in the communities.

In town, the tireless worker filled in as a Casualty Supervisor and Matron at the Alice Springs Hospital and helped form the Ayers Rock Clinic and the Bush Nursing Department at the Tennant Creek Hospital.

In the late 1970s Joan was afflicted with cancer but worked on and was appointed Area Matron for the Southern Region.

She was always proud of her son, who joined the NT police Force and worked on settlements with people among whom she had worked.

She attended his wedding in Darwin, but was tragically killed in a departmental vehicle accident on 10 May 1977, as she returned to Alice Springs.

She was just 57.

Sister Armstrong was buried in the Alice Springs General Cemetery, and remembered as a selfless, devoted, tireless woman who gave her life to the community in general and to bush people in particular.

Armstrong Court was gazetted on 5 October 1994

- Source: The History of Alice Springs through Landmarks & Street Names by Jose Petrick - Third edition. Updated to 1996.
- Additional information; NT Place Names Register

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More Australians are choosing life beyond the big cities

Australians are moving to regional communities in record numbers, with new data showing the shift away from capital cities continues to gather pace.

The latest Regional Movers Index found the number of people moving from capital cities to regional Australia reached its highest level since the index began. In the March 2026 quarter, people moving to the regions outnumbered those heading back to the cities by almost 30 per cent.

Regional Australia Institute chief executive Liz Ritchie said the result reflected the growing appeal of regional living.

"This is the highest level of capital to regional movement the RMI has ever recorded," she said. "Australians are continuing to choose regional life in greater numbers, even as economic conditions shift."

While Sydney and Melbourne continue to account for most people leaving capital cities, the trend is becoming more widespread, with increasing numbers of movers also coming from Brisbane, Perth and Adelaide.

The Sunshine Coast remained the most popular destination for city movers, while Greater Geelong, Fraser Coast, Moorabool and Lake Macquarie were also among the leading destinations.

The data also shows growth is spreading beyond established regional hotspots.

Toowoomba recorded the strongest year-on-year increase in people moving from capital cities of any local government area in Australia. Other locations attracting growing numbers of residents included Broome, Townsville and the Mid-Coast region of New South Wales.

Ritchie said the data helps identify emerging growth areas and gives communities an opportunity to plan for future housing, infrastructure and services.

For regional businesses, population growth can create new opportunities as communities expand and local economies grow.

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Young at heart

Alex Papps and Abi Tucker gear up
for Play School's 60th anniversary

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A legacy of learning

As *Play School* marks its 60th anniversary on air, long-time presenters Alex Papps and Abi Tucker reflect on the enduring show's impact on generations of viewers with **Siobhan Duck**

IN THE 1990s, you couldn't turn on the TV without seeing one of their faces.

As *Home and Away*'s Frank Morgan, Alex Papps was the quintessential boy-next-door – earnest, wholesome and a staple of teen magazine covers.

Meanwhile, Abi Tucker was carving out a distinct space in the cultural landscape. With her signature pigtails, smoky eyeshadow and a real-life musical career, she became an emblem of '90s alternative style as *Heartbreak High*'s Jodie Cooper.

Fast forward to today, and both actors are still commanding the undivided attention of a dedicated fanbase on *Play School*. The only major difference? Their current audience stands at about three feet tall, wears Velcro sneakers, and is highly prone to mid-afternoon tantrums.

As *Play School* marks its 60th anniversary on air, Papps is also celebrating a major personal milestone with the program, officially clocking up 20 years of singing, dancing, storytelling and crafting as a presenter.

"I can vividly remember sitting in front of the television as a kid, watching John Waters singing 'Donkey Riding' and Benita Collings singing 'I'm a Little Teapot,'" reflects Papps, who grew up in Melbourne dreaming of a career in entertainment.

"It was a total full-circle moment when I actually got to sing that very same song with Benita while rehearsing for my first *Play School* live shows back in 2007. I had to pinch myself."

However, the transition from traditional television drama to the world of preschool entertainment comes with a steep learning curve. In standard television acting, the first rule is to ignore the camera entirely to preserve the dramatic illusion. On *Play School*, that rule is inverted. Presenters must look directly down the barrel of the lens, establishing eye contact to ensure the child watching at home feels personally spoken to and included.

Likewise, all adult self-consciousness must be thrown right out the iconic (arched) window. To work on the set, presenters must be willing to wriggle on the floor like a caterpillar or squawk like a seagull without a shred of embarrassment. If a performer holds back, the children notice the lack of sincerity.

For Papps, his two decades on the set have reinforced the importance of play time.

"I had wanted to become a presenter on *Play School* for some time before finally joining the ensemble," he says.

"It is an enormous privilege to be

Party time:
Alex Papps
and Abi Tucker
celebrate *Play
School*'s 60th
anniversary.



one of its custodians – a thrill and an honour that truly has not diminished over 20 years."

Papps believes the show has stood the test of time, even as technology has evolved and modern viewing habits have shifted towards fast-paced, algorithm-driven content. Based originally on a BBC format that debuted in the UK in 1964, *Play School* was designed to function as a kindergarten on television, providing a routine for children, including those who might not otherwise have access to early childhood education. After more than 5000 episodes, the original UK version ceased production in 1988, while its Australian counterpart continues to educate and entertain new generations of viewers.

The local format has seen minor cosmetic updates over the decades; most notably the historic transition from black-and-white to colour in 1975, a rotating cast of diverse presenters and a subtly reworked

theme song. But the core concept has remained untouched.

"I think people recognise the value of its inherent simplicity and its adherence to its core values: kindness, inclusivity and respect for one another," Papps says.

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"At *Play School*, whoever you are, wherever you're from, and however you live, you are welcomed and celebrated. All you need is yourself and your imagination."

Like Papps, Tucker's connection to the long-running program began in her own childhood lounge

room. And though she relishes the professional camaraderie of working with fellow actors like Papps, Tucker admits that her biggest fangirling moment occurred when she first got to share screen time with toys such as *Jemima* and *Meeka*.

"When I was a little girl, I was given a Big Ted of my own," Tucker says. "It's strange to think about the fact that this iconic television show is turning 60 years old, and yet, to this day, I still have that exact same Big Ted sitting at home, which I really love."

For Tucker, the timelessness of *Play School* boils down to its respect for its young audience.

"It supports children's development through creativity and imagination. But it also supports the parents, carers, and educators at home, because they get practical inspiration from the activities and ideas they see on screen."

Reflecting on her diverse career, which has included roles on *Heartbreak High*, *The Secret Life of Us* and *McLeod's Daughters*, she adds: "As I've grown older, I've looked back and realised that I liked each of my roles for what they were at that specific time in my life. I can note moments in each of them that I loved."

"But with *Play School* reaching its 60th birthday... that's a massive milestone to be part of. I feel very lucky to be involved in that."

■ *Play School*, weekdays, ABC Kids, and streaming, ABC iView

Movie Guide

PICK OF THE WEEK

Human nature:
Daisy Edgar Jones
as Kya in *Where
the Crawdads Sing*.

CALL OF THE WILD

Friday
WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING
7mate, 8pm, M (2022)

Author Delia Owens' hit novel comes to life with atmospheric cinematography. *Normal People*'s Daisy Edgar Jones is "marsh girl" Kya. Abused then abandoned in swampland, Kya grows up alone and ostracised by her small North Carolina town, only to end up as a murder suspect after she emerges from her solitary existence to find some human connection. Produced by Reese Witherspoon and collaborator Lauren Neustadter, it's a very Hollywood adaptation that's perhaps too slick to do the haunting tale justice. For those who don't have sky-high expectations from reading the book, it's a gripping 1960s-set, moody mystery thriller with many plot twists. ★★★★★



JOURNEY HOME, DAVID GULPILIL
SBS, Friday, 7.35pm, M (2025)

Following the remarkable journey that honours the final wish of legendary Yolngu actor David Gulpilil, this AACTA Award-winning film narrated by Hugh Jackman and Baker Boy offers rare and intimate insight into Indigenous ceremony, family ties and connections to Country. Documenting the late icon's traditional funeral and a 4,500km pilgrimage from South Australia's Murray Bridge to Gupulul in remote East Arnhem Land, it's a moving tribute to Gulpilil's life and legacy. ★★★★★



THE NOTEBOOK
Imparja, Saturday, 7pm, PG (2004)

The fate of starry-eyed Noah and Allie, young adults falling in love in North Carolina in 1940, is unapologetically writ large in this red-blooded adaptation of Nicholas Sparks' best-seller (directed by Nick Cassavetes, son of the pioneering John). In flashback, the painful contents of a journal relate the disruption of the burgeoning affair between poetry-loving poor guy Noah (Ryan Gosling) and well-to-do society gal Allie (Rachel McAdams, pictured with Gosling). Have your hanky ready. ★★★★★



THE HOBBIT: THE DESOLATION OF SMAUG
9Go!, Saturday, 7.30pm, M (2013)

The second prequel to Peter Jackson's *Lord of the Rings* trilogy ups the ante as Bilbo Baggins (Martin Freeman, pictured), Gandalf the Grey (Ian McKellen) and their band of followers continue on their mission to reclaim Erebor from the dragon Smaug. Predictably compared with the other films in the series, this outing is more about the journey than any solid events, but the action scenes, visuals and the incredible realisation of the wicked, fearsome Smaug is reason enough to watch. ★★★★★



THE NEW BOY
NITV, Sunday, 9.40pm, M (2023)

Warwick Thornton's 1940s-set tale of an orphaned, nameless Indigenous boy (played by Aswan Reid, pictured) is one of the best films of the past decade. Taken to a remote monastery run by renegade nun Sister Eileen (Cate Blanchett), the boy is cut off from his traditional values and assimilated into Christian beliefs. It's not long before religious events of great magnitude start to occur. An impactful exploration of faith, survival and cultural imperialism, this is a captivating piece of cinema. ★★★★★



LANTANA
NITV, Monday, 10.10pm, M (2001)

Director Ray Lawrence's bold, unconventional mystery – based on the play by Andrew Bovell – brings a group of Sydneysiders together by chance and circumstance, before tearing them apart. A flawless, assured cast (Geoffrey Rush, Rachael Blake, Barbara Hershey and Vince Colosimo, led by AFI Award winners Anthony LaPaglia and Kerry Armstrong, both pictured) bring a risky, strikingly original narrative to life. This effective drama will leave you talking, thinking and moved beyond words. ★★★★★



JUSTICE LEAGUE
9Go!, Tuesday, 8pm, M (2017)

All your favourite DC heroes, including Batman (Ben Affleck), Superman (Henry Cavill), Wonder Woman (Gal Gadot, pictured) and Aquaman (Jason Momoa) appear in this loud and flashy flick. When a dangerous supervillain named Steppenwolf (voice of Ciarán Hinds) and his army of minions threaten the Earth, Batman assembles a team to fight them. One of the most expensive films ever made, *Justice League* unfortunately doesn't offer a great return on investment. ★★★

The Guide



MONTY DON'S BRITISH GARDENS
ABC TV, Friday, 7.30pm

As we bunker down for winter and postpone many of our outdoor jobs, restless green thumbs can still get their gardening fix by living vicariously through Monty Don (pictured). In Friday's episode of his new series touring the most spectacular British gardens, the down-to-earth presenter passes through the most densely populated part of England – London, its surrounding counties and the south-east corner. Don's first stop is Friar Park in Henley-on-Thames, a 30-acre Victorian neo-Gothic estate famously owned by The Beatles guitarist George Harrison from 1970 until his death in 2001. Then, he heads south, to a striking Hampshire property with a particularly special past.

PICK OF THE WEEK

TRAVEL GUIDES Imparja, Monday, 7pm

From the Seven Wonders of the World to the wackiest travel experiences on offer, this unfiltered reality series has seen and done it all, complete with buying the cheesy souvenirs to take home. But let's be honest, some of the best destinations on Earth are in our own backyard. To prove it, the Guides are heading on a scenic road trip along the New South Wales south coast – bringing *Love Island Australia* besties Callum Hole and Mitch Hibberd (both pictured) along for the ride. It's good clean fun as they depart Sydney in electric vehicles and set their GPS for the laidback towns of Jamberoo, Kiama, Nowra, Bateman's Bay and Narooma. Featuring blowholes and waterparks, it's a wet and wild journey.



THE LADY GRACE MYSTERIES ABC Family, Sunday, 7.45pm

An energetic teenage drama set in the court of Queen Elizabeth I (Rebecca Scott), this feisty caper based on Patricia Finney's novels puts a fun spin on Tudor history for younger viewers. The heroine of the adventure is Lady Grace Cavendish (Evie Coles, pictured), a thoroughly

modern young lady unimpressed by the pomp and ceremony of her role as a maid of honour. Luckily, she also happens to be the Queen's goddaughter, and top-secret spy. With deadly traitors hiding in plain sight and political plots galore, Grace teams up with fearless maid Ellie (Carys John) and entertainer Masou (Rafael Alessandro) on daring escapades and undercover missions.

STUFF THE BRITISH STOLE ABC TV, Tuesday, 8pm

It's said history is written by the victors – or at least it was until Marc Fennell (pictured) came along. For the past six years, the Australian journalist has been starting conversations about contested artefacts and hidden chapters of colonial rule on this popular globe-trotting show and his podcast of the same name. The final episode of the third season could be a series of its own – connecting the dots between a callous murder on the high seas and the abolition of slavery in Britain. In search of what really happened aboard the slave ship *Zong* in 1781 and why it still matters today, a solemn Fennell follows the clues from an abandoned pirate city in the Caribbean to modern-day Liverpool and London.



Thursday, July 9

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** Gruen. (PG, R) **10.35** Spicks And Specks. (PG, R) **11.05** Anatomy Of A String Quartet. (R) **12.00** News. **1.00** The Capture. (Mv, R) **2.00** That Blackfella Show. (PG, R) **3.05** Restoration Australia. (PG, R) **4.00** Frankie Drake Mysteries. (PG) **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. (Return) **8.30** Grand Designs: Southwater. **9.15** Ground Up. (M, R) **9.50** Twenty Twenty Six. (M, R) **10.20** ABC Late News. **10.35** The Business. (R) **10.50** Frankie Drake Mysteries. (PGav, R) **11.35** Long Lost Family. (PG, R) **12.25** Rage. (MA15+adhlsv) **3.00** Gardening Australia. (R) **4.00** Poh's Kitchen. (R) **4.30** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **5.30** 7.30. (R)

ABC FAMILY (22)

6am Children's Programs. **11.45** Andy's Safari Adventures. **1.30pm** PJ Masks. **1.50** Kangaroo Beach. **2.30** The Makery. **3.00** Play School. **3.25** Wiggle. **4.05** Andy's Dino Island. **4.20** Santiago Of The Seas. **5.30** Talking Tom Heroes. **5.55** PJ Masks. **6.45** HexVets And Magic Pets. **7.05** Batwheels. **7.40** Ninjago: Dragons Rising. **8.00** Young Sheldon. **8.30** Young Sheldon. **8.50** Ultimate Vets. **9.10** Animal Park. **9.55** Secrets Of The Zoo. **10.40** Late Programs.

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **12.10pm** Pro Bull Riding Australia. **1.05** Over The Black Dot. **1.35** Inside The Huddle. **2.00** Kriol Kitchen. **2.30** The Cook Up. **3.00** Jarjums. **4.35** Dreaming Big. **5.00** Harlem Globetrotters. **5.30** Te Ao With Moana. **6.00** Bamay. **6.40** Guardians Of The Wild. **7.30** Going Places. **8.30** Frame By Frame. (Premiere) **9.30** **MOVIE:** The Drover's Wife. (2021, MA15+) **11.35** Spinal Destination. **1am** Burn Gently. **2.00** Late Programs.

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **8.00** Cycling. Tour de France. H'lights. **9.00** DD India News Hour. **10.10** Europe's Waterways. (PGa, R) **11.00** Cycling. Tour de France. H'lights. **12.00** Cycling. Tour de France. H'lights. **1.00** WorldWatch. **2.55** Living Black. (R) **3.30** The Cook Up. (R) **4.00** Land Wars. (R) **5.00** Cycling. Tour de France. H'lights.

6.00 Mastermind Australia. **6.30** SBS World News. **7.35** Spain With Michael Portillo. (Premiere, PGa) **8.30** Eva Longoria: Searching For France. **9.20** Cycling. Tour de France. Stage 6. **1.30** Going Places With Ernie Dingo. (PG, R) **2.00** Kate And Larapinta. (Ma, R) **2.30** It Takes A Village. (Ma, R) **3.30** Giving Back: Students Who Returned. (PGal, R) **5.00** Soccer. FIFA World Cup. Quarter-final. From Boston Stadium, Massachusetts, US.

SBS VICELAND (31)

6am Morning Programs. **11.30** Euronews The Ring. **Noon** DW The Day. **12.30** Dark Side Of The '90s. **1.25** Framed. **2.00** Cycling. Tour de France. H'lights. **3.00** Cycling. Tour de France. H'lights. **4.05** WorldWatch. **6.10** Alone Netherlands. **7.05** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats. **8.30** The Truth About Temu. **9.00** Mysteries Unearthed. **9.50** Reckless. **11.00** Soccer. FIFA World Cup. Round of 16. Replay. **2am** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Storm Boy. (1976, PGa) **6.40** Summerland. (2020, PGa) **8.30** Vai. (2019, PG) **10.15** The Furnace. (2020, Madlv) **12.25pm** Walkabout. (1971, Main) **2.25** Go! (2020, PGalv) **4.15** Footy Legends. (2006, PGals) **5.55** The Lady Vanishes. (1938, PGv) **7.50** Bedevil. (1993, PGa) **9.30** The Tracker. (2002, Mav) **11.20** Blindspotting. (2018, MA15+lv) **1.10am** Un Amor. (2023, MA15+as, Spanish) **3.30** The Moogai. (2020, Mahl) **5.00** Bedevil. (1993, PGa)

SEVEN (7, 71)

6.00 Sunrise. **8.30** The Morning Show. (PG) **11.30** Seven's National News At Noon. **12.30** Beat The Chasers UK. (R) **1.30** Bridge Of Lies. (R) **2.30** The Chase. (R) **3.30** Seven News At 4. **4.30** The Chase Australia. **5.30** Seven News.

6.30 AFL Pre-Game Show. Pre-game coverage of the match. **7.00** Football. AFL. Round 18. Fremantle v Sydney. From Optus Stadium, Perth. **10.30** AFL Post-Game Show. Post-game discussion and interviews. **11.00** Kick Ons. **11.30** Brave New World. (MA15+asv) **12.30** ICU. (PGa, R) **1.00** Harry's Practice. (R) **1.30** Home Shopping. (R) **3.30** NBC Today. **4.30** Sunrise Early News. **5.00** Sunrise.

7MATE (70)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon** Pawn Stars. **1.00** Highway Patrol. **2.00** The Force: BTL. **3.00** Mountain Men. **4.00** American Resto. **4.30** Storage Wars. **5.00** American Pickers: Best Of. **6.00** Pawn Stars. **6.30** AFL Pre-Game. **7.00** American Pickers. **8.00** Air Crash Inv. **9.00** Homicide: With Ron Iddles. **10.00** **MOVIE:** Major League. (1989, M) **12.15am** American Resto. **1.00** American Pickers. **2.00** Mountain Men. **3.00** The Front Bar. **4.30** Late Programs.

7TWO (72)

6am Morning Programs. **11.30** Better Homes. **12.30pm** Escape To The Country. **1.30** South Aussie With Cosi. **2.00** Air Crash Inv: Accident Files. **3.00** Harry's Practice. **3.30** Animal Rescue. **4.00** Better Homes. **5.00** Escape To The Country. **6.00** Bargain Hunt. **7.00** Home And Away. **8.00** Grace. (Return) **10.00** Murdoch Mysteries. **11.00** Bargain Hunt. **Midnight** The Great Australian Doorstep. **12.30** The Real Seachange. **1.00** Late Programs.

IMPARJA (9)

6.00 Today. **8.30** Today Extra. (PG) **11.00** 9News Morning. **11.30** **MOVIE:** Eat, Love, London. (2024, PGa) Georgia May Foote. **1.30** Pointless. (PG, R) **2.30** Tipping Point. (PG, R) **3.30** 9News Afternoon. **4.30** Tipping Point Australia. (PG) **5.30** 9News.

6.30 A Current Affair. **7.00** Rugby League. NRL Women's Premiership. Round 2. Cronulla Sharks v Brisbane Broncos. **9.30** Wimbledon 2026 Pre-Show. **10.00** Tennis. Wimbledon. Day 11. Semi-finals. From the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, London, England. **11.30** Tennis. Wimbledon. Day 11 Late. Semi-finals. **2.30** Tipping Point. (PG, R) **3.30** Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. (R) **4.00** A Current Affair. (R) **4.30** Today Early News. **5.00** Today.

9GEM (90)

6am Morning Programs. **11.30** Poirot. **12.30pm** Midsomer Murders. **2.30** Antiques Roadshow. **3.00** **MOVIE:** Up The Front. (1972, PG) **5.00** Yorkshire Auction House. **6.00** Antiques Roadshow. **7.00** RBT. **8.00** Emergency. **9.00** A+E After Dark. **10.00** The Brokenwood Mysteries. **Midnight** Antiques Roadshow. **12.30** Creflo. **1.00** **MOVIE:** Up The Front. (1972, PG) **3.00** My Favorite Martian. **3.30** Seaway. **4.30** Late Programs.

9GO! (99)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon** Big Rigs Of Oz. **12.30** The Summit. **2.00** Nanny. **3.00** Seinfeld. **4.00** Addams Family. **5.00** Basketball. Women's International Series. AUS v China. **7.00** Seinfeld. **8.00** **MOVIE:** Horrible Bosses. (2011, MA15+) **10.05** Seinfeld. **11.05** Rugby Heaven. **12.05am** Love Island Games. **1.15** Below Deck. **2.05** Jeopardy! UK. **3.00** Big Rigs Of Oz. **3.30** Barbie It Takes Two. **4.00** Barney's World. **4.20** Late Programs.

TEN (10)

6am Morning Programs. **7.30** Lingo. (R) **8.30** The Finish Line. (R) **9.30** Ent. Tonight. (R) **9.50** MasterChef Aust. (PG, R) **11.00** Farm To Fork. (R) **11.30** Everyday Gourmet. **12.00** Family Feud. (PG, R) **12.30** News. **1.30** Millionaire Hot Seat. (PG, R) **2.00** The Finish Line. (R) **3.00** Lingo. (R) **4.00** Bold. (PG) **4.30** News. **5.30** 10 News+.

6.00 Deal Or No Deal. (R) Hosted by Grant Denyer. **6.30** Millionaire Hot Seat. (PG) **7.00** Taskmaster Australia. (Final, Mls) **8.10** NCIS. (Ma) A navy lieutenant resurfaces a year after vanishing. **9.10** 10's Late News. Comprehensive coverage of local, national and international news, as well as the latest sport and weather. **10.10** The Big Bang Theory. (PG, R) The gang goes on a scavenger hunt. **11.00** 10 News+. (R) **11.30** Home Shopping. (R) **5.30** Entertainment Tonight. (R)

10 DRAMA (1)

6am Shopping. **7.30** Days Of Our Lives. **8.15** The Young And The Restless. **9.00** Living Room. **10.00** Building The Dream. **11.00** Bold. **11.30** Days Of Our Lives. **12.15pm** The Young And The Restless. **1.00** JAG. **3.00** Bull. **4.00** JAG. **6.00** Bull. (PGa, R) **7.00** NCIS. (M, R) **8.00** Law & Order: SVU. (Msv) **8.55** Boston Blue. (Mad, R) **9.50** Blue Bloods. (Mv, R) **10.45** JAG. **12.45am** Shopping.

10 COMEDY (11)

6am Shopping. **6.30** Everyday Gourmet. **7.00** Farm To Fork. **7.30** Ent. Tonight. **8.00** Bold. **8.30** Family Feud. **9.30** Millionaire Hot Seat. **10.00** Becker. **10.30** Frasier. **11.30** Lingo. **12.30pm** Friends. **2.30** Frasier. **3.30** Everyday Gourmet. **4.00** Becker. **4.30** Big Bang. **5.30** Friends. **7.30** The Big Bang Theory. **9.30** The Cheap Seats. (Mal, R) **10.30** Frasier. **11.00** Ent. Tonight. **11.30** Shopping. **2am** Bold. **3.00** Shopping.

Friday, July 10

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ABC TV (2) 6am Morning Programs. 11.00 Race Around The World. (Ml, R) 12.00 News. 1.00 Portrait Artist Of The Year. (PG, R) 1.45 Ground Up. (Ml, R) 2.20 The Assembly. (PG, R) 3.00 Restoration Aust. (PG, R) 4.00 Murdoch Mysteries. (PGv, R) 4.45 Long Lost Family. (PG, R) 5.30 Antiques Roadshow. (PG, R)	SBS (3) 6am Morning Programs. 8.30 Soccer. FIFA World Cup. Round of 16. USA v BEL. 11.30 Soccer. FIFA World Cup. Round of 16. 2.30 WorldWatch. 3.00 Nula. 3.30 The Cook Up. (R) 4.00 FIFA World Cup 2026: Highlights Show. 4.30 The Cook Up. (R) 5.00 Cycling. Tour de France. H'lights.	SEVEN (7, 71) 6.00 Sunrise. 8.30 The Morning Show. (PG) 11.30 Seven's National News At Noon. 12.30 Your Money & Your Life. (PG) 1.00 Border Security: International. (PGd, R) 1.30 Bridge Of Lies. (R) 2.30 The Chase. (R) 3.30 Seven News At 4. 4.30 The Chase Australia. 5.30 Seven News.	IMPARJA (9) 6.00 Today. 8.30 Today Extra. (PG) 11.00 9News Morning. 11.30 MOVIE: Love Is A Dog's Best Friend. (2025, G) 1.30 Pointless. (PG, R) 2.30 Tipping Point. (PG, R) 3.30 9News Afternoon. 4.30 Tipping Point Australia. (PG, R) 5.30 9News.	TEN (10) 6am Morning Programs. 9.30 Ent. Tonight. (R) 9.50 Taskmaster Australia. (Final, PGIs, R) 11.00 Farm To Fork. (R) 11.30 Everyday Gourmet. 12.00 Family Feud. (PG, R) 12.30 News. 1.30 Millionaire Hot Seat. (PG, R) 2.00 The Finish Line. (R) 3.00 Lingo. (R) 4.00 Bold. (PG) 4.30 News. 5.30 10 News+.
6.25 Hard Quiz. (PG, R) 7.00 ABC News. A look at the top stories of the day. 7.30 Monty Don's British Gardens. Monty Don explores London's most beautiful gardens. 8.30 Saint-Pierre. (Mv) Fitz and Arch try to determine an assassin's target. 9.15 Gruen. (PG, R) Wil Anderson and a panel of experts analyse the advertising industry and consumerism. 9.55 Would I Lie To You? 10.25 ABC Late News. 10.40 Spicks And Specks. (PG, R) 11.15 Murdoch Mysteries. (PGv, R) 12.00 Rage New Music. (MA15+adhlnsv) 5.00 Rage. (PG)	6.00 Mastermind Australia. The weekly winners return. 6.30 SBS World News. 7.35 MOVIE: Journey Home, David Gulpilil. (2025, Ml, R) The late David Gulpilil is laid to rest. Danzal Baker, Hugh Jackman. 9.20 Cycling. Tour de France. Stage 7. Hagetmau to Bordeaux. 175.1km flat stage. From France. 1.25 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. (PG, R) 1.55 Great British Railway Journeys: Tewkesbury To Filton. (R) 2.30 Mirusia: Live In Concert. (R) 4.00 Soccer. FIFA World Cup. Quarter-final. From Los Angeles Stadium, California, US.	6.30 AFL: Friday Night Countdown. A lead-up to the Friday night AFL match. 7.00 Football. AFL. Round 18. Collingwood v North Melbourne. From Marvel Stadium, Melbourne. 10.00 AFL Post-Game Show. Post-game discussion and interviews taking a look back at all the action from the match. 10.45 GetOn Extra. A look at the weekend's best racing. 11.15 To Be Advised. 12.55 ICU. (PGa, R) A man is admitted with serious burns. 1.30 Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 Million Dollar Minute. (R) Hosted by Grant Denyer. 4.30 NBC Today. News and current affairs.	6.30 A Current Affair. 7.00 Rugby League. NRL. Round 19. Wests Tigers v New Zealand Warriors. 9.25 NRL Friday Night Footy Post-Match. 10.15 Tennis. Wimbledon. Day 12. Semi-finals. From the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, London, England. 11.30 Tennis. Wimbledon. Day 12 Late. Semi-finals. From the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, London, England. 3.30 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. (R) 4.00 Global Shop. (R) 4.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 5.00 Postcards. (PG, R) 5.30 Getaway. (PG, R)	6.00 Deal Or No Deal. (R) 6.30 Millionaire Hot Seat. (PG, R) 7.00 Selling Houses Australia. (PGa, R) Mary and Tom finally purchased a dream home. 8.10 Have You Been Paying Attention? (Mains, R) Celebrity panellists compete to see who can remember the most about events of the week. 9.10 10's Late News. Comprehensive coverage of local, national and international news, as well as the latest sport and weather. 10.10 The Big Bang Theory. (PGs, R) Sheldon feels slighted by his idol. 11.00 10 News+. (R) 11.30 Home Shopping. (R) 5.30 Tough Tested. (PG, R)
ABC FAMILY (22) 6am Children's Programs. 2.30pm The Makery. 3.00 Play School. 3.25 Wiggle. 4.05 Andy's Dino Island. 4.20 Santiago Of The Seas. 5.30 Talking Tom Heroes. 5.55 PJ Masks. 6.45 HexVets And Magic Pets. 7.05 Gardening Australia Junior. 7.30 MOVIE: Lemony Snicket's A Series Of Unfortunate Events. (2004, PG) 9.20 Caper Crew. 10.05 Late Programs.	SBS VICELAND (31) 6am Morning Programs. 2pm Cycling. Tour de France. H'lights. 3.00 Cycling. Tour de France. H'lights. 4.05 WorldWatch. 6.05 Inside The Huddle. 6.35 Over The Black Dot. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats. 8.30 Cup Fever! 9.00 Mysteries Unearthed. 9.50 Wogball: Australia's Beautiful Game. 10.50 Late Programs.	7MATE (70) 6am Morning Programs. 2pm Kick Ons. 2.30 Timbersports. STIHL Series. 3.00 Tougher In Alaska. 4.00 American Resto. 4.30 Storage Wars. 5.00 American Pickers: Best Of. 6.00 Pawn Stars. 7.00 Surveillance Oz: Dashcam. 8.00 MOVIE: Where The Crawdads Sing. (2022, M) 10.40 MOVIE: Life. (2017, MA15+) 12.55am Late Programs.	9GEM (90) 6am Morning Programs. 2.30pm MOVIE: It Always Rains On Sunday. (1947, PG) 4.30 Yorkshire Auction House. 5.30 Antiques Roadshow. 6.30 Escape To The Chateau. 7.30 MOVIE: Monster-In-Law. (2005, M) 9.30 Wimbledon 2026 Pre-Show. 10.00 Tennis. Wimbledon. Semi-finals. 10.15 Late Programs.	10 DRAMA (1) 6am Shopping. 7.30 Days Of Our Lives. 8.15 The Young And The Restless. 9.00 Living Room. 10.00 Building The Dream. 11.00 Bold. 11.30 Days Of Our Lives. 12.15pm The Young And The Restless. 1.00 JAG. 3.00 Bull. 4.00 JAG. 6.00 Bull. 7.00 NCIS. 9.50 Bull. (PGav, R) 10.45 JAG. 12.45am Shopping.
NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. Noon MOVIE: In The Zone. (2018, PG) 2.00 Kriol Kitchen. 2.30 The Cook Up. 3.00 Jarjums. 4.35 Dreaming Big. 5.00 Harlem Globetrotters. 5.30 Nula. 6.00 Bamay. 6.40 Guardians Of The Wild. 7.30 MOVIE: Yoingu Boy. (2001, M) 9.10 MOVIE: Mad Bastards. (2010, MA15+) 11.05 Nula. 11.35 Late Programs.	SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Morning Programs. 12.20pm The Tracker. (2002, Mav) 2.10 Master Cheng: A Spice For Life. (2019, PGaln) 4.15 Storm Boy. (1976, PGa) 5.55 Whale Rider. (2002, PGal) 7.50 We Are Still Here. (2022, Malv) 9.30 Charlie's Country. (2013, Madlv) 11.30 An Unfinished Life. (2005, Mal) 1.30am Late Programs.	7TWO (72) 6am Morning Programs. 2pm Weekender. 2.30 Imagine Holidays Iconic Rail Journeys. 3.00 Harry's Practice. 3.30 Animal Rescue. 4.00 Better Homes. 5.00 Escape To The Country. 6.00 Bargain Hunt. 7.00 World's Most Scenic Railway Journeys. 8.00 Escape To The Country. 11.00 Bargain Hunt. Midnight Late Programs.	9GO! (99) 6am Morning Programs. Noon Motor Racing. IndyCar Series. Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio. H'lights. 1.05 Snackmasters. 2.30 Nanny. 3.00 Seinfeld. 4.00 Addams Family. 5.00 Bewitched. 6.00 Nanny. 7.00 MOVIE: Harry Potter And The Prisoner Of Azkaban. (2004, PG) 9.50 TBA. 12.10am Arrow. 3.30 Late Programs.	10 COMEDY (11) 6am Morning Programs. 9.30 Millionaire Hot Seat. 10.00 Becker. 10.30 Frasier. 11.30 Lingo. 12.30pm Friends. 2.30 Frasier. 3.30 Everyday Gourmet. 4.00 Becker. 4.30 Big Bang. 5.30 Friends. 7.30 Big Bang. 9.30 Becker. 10.00 Frasier. 11.00 Ent. Tonight. 11.30 Shopping. 2am Bold. 3.00 Shopping. 5.00 Joseph Prince. 5.30 GCBC.

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Saturday, July 11

ABC TV (2) 6am Morning Programs. 10.30 Rage Vault Guest Programmer. (PG) 12.00 News. 12.30 Cooper & Fry. (M, R) 2.05 Saint-Pierre. (Mv, R) 2.55 Bill Bailey's Wild West Australia. (PG, R) 3.40 Griff's Canadian Adventure. (R) 4.30 Stuff The British Stole. (PG, R) 5.00 Aust Story. (R) 5.35 Landline. (R)	SBS (3) 6.00 Soccer. FIFA World Cup. Quarter-final. Cont. 7.00 BBC News At Six. 7.30 Soccer. FIFA World Cup. Round of 16. 10.30 Soccer. FIFA World Cup. Quarter-final. 1.30 WorldWatch. 4.00 FIFA World Cup 2026: Highlights Show. 4.30 Grand Tours Of Scotland's Rivers. (R) 5.30 Cycling. Tour de France. H'lights.	SEVEN (7, 71) 6.00 NBC Today. 6.30 Weekend Sunrise. 9.30 Morning Show. (PG) 11.30 Motor Racing. Supercars C'ship. Townsville 500. Qualifying. 1.30 Motor Racing. Supercars C'ship. Townsville 500. Pre-race and race. 4.30 News. 5.00 Border Security: Australia's Front Line. (PG, R) 5.30 Seven News.	IMPARJA (9) 6am Morning Programs. 11.30 Great Australian Detour Snow. (R) 12.00 Rugby League. NRL Women's Premiership. North Qld Cowboys v Tigers. 2.00 NRLW Wrap. (PG) 2.45 Rugby League. NRL Women's Premiership. Canterbury Bulldogs v Titans. 4.30 News. 5.00 Getaway. (PG) 5.30 9News Saturday.	TEN (10) 6am Morning Programs. 9.30 4x4 Adventures. (R) 10.30 Intrepid Adventures. (R) 11.00 Farm To Fork. (R) 11.30 MasterChef Aust. (PG, R) 12.30 Good Food Everyday. (PGa) 1.00 Taskmaster Australia. (Final, PGIs, R) 2.00 Deal Or No Deal. (PG, R) 2.30 The Finish Line. (R) 3.30 Lingo. (R) 4.30 News.
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 Cooper & Fry. (M) Cooper wrestles with his past as he and Fry investigate the death of a teenage girl. 9.05 Doc Martin. (PGa, R) The surgery is chaotic with both Martin and Louisa now practising from it. 9.50 The Capture. (MA15+v, R) The scale of the conspiracy reveals itself. 10.55 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) Continuous music programming.	6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Jewels Of The Mediterranean: Hvar. (PGa) 8.25 National Parks From Above: Ireland. (R) 9.20 Cycling. Tour de France. Stage 8. Pèrigueux to Bergerac. 180.4km flat stage. From France. 1.30 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. (PG, R) 2.00 Snowpiercer. (MA15+v, R) 3.45 Bamay. (R) 4.20 Tradfest: The Dublin Castle Sessions. (R) 5.00 NHK World English News Morning. 5.15 WorldWatch.	6.30 Better Homes And Gardens. 7.30 The Great Outdoors. (PG) 8.00 MOVIE: The Lost World: Jurassic Park. (1997, PGv, R) Jeff Goldblum, Julianne Moore. 10.35 To Be Advised. 12.15 Motor Racing. Supercars Championship. Round 7. Townsville 500. Day 1. Qualifying. Highlights. From the Reid Park Street Circuit, Townsville, Queensland. 1.30 Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 It's Academic. (R) 4.30 Million Dollar Minute. (R) 5.30 Better Homes And Gardens. (R)	6.30 A Current Affair. 7.00 MOVIE: The Notebook. (2004, PGals, R) Rachel McAdams. 9.30 MOVIE: The Blind Side. (2009, PGdlv, R) Sandra Bullock, Tim McGraw. 12.00 Wimbledon 2026 Pre-Show. 12.30 Tennis. Wimbledon. Day 13 Late. Women's final. From the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, London, England. 3.30 Great Australian Detour Snow. (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 The Dog House Australia. (PGa, R) Narrated by Dr Chris Brown. 7.00 Selling Houses Australia. (PGa) Jacquie and John have owned a main street pub for 14 years but are looking for someone to take over. 9.10 Ambulance UK. (Mal, R) Multiple resources are dispatched to a patient who has fallen from a tree and has an open wrist fracture. 11.30 FBI. (Mv, R) The team works to find a killer. 12.30 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 Hour Of Power. 5.30 Mass For You At Home.
ABC FAMILY (22) 6am Children's Programs. 11.45 Andy And The Band. 1.30pm PJ Masks. 1.50 Kangaroo Beach. 2.30 The Makery. 3.00 Play School. 3.25 Octonauts. 4.10 Dino Dex. 5.10 Isadora Moon. 6.05 PJ Masks. 6.25 Emerald. 7.05 Let's Go Bananas! 7.30 Kids Baking C'ship. 8.10 Kids BBQ Championship. 8.55 Chopped Jnr. 10.00 Late Programs.	SBS VICELAND (31) 6am Morning Programs. 2pm Cycling. Tour de France. H'lights. 3.00 Cycling. Tour de France. H'lights. 4.05 WorldWatch. 6.10 Mastermind Aust. 6.40 The Mega-Brands That Built The World. 7.35 Abandoned Americana. 8.30 Cup Fever! 9.00 The Expanse. (Premiere) 11.00 Late Programs.	7MATE (70) 6am Morning Programs. 1.30pm Motor Racing. NDRC Nitro Funny Cars. Spring Nationals. H'lights. 2.30 Motor Racing. Night Thunder. High Limits World Tour. Replay. 3.30 American Resto. 4.30 Counting Cars. 5.30 Pawn Stars. 6.30 Storage Wars. 7.00 MOVIE: Apollo 13. (1995, PG) 9.55 MOVIE: Black Sea. (2014, M) 12.30am Late Programs.	9GEM (90) 6am Morning Programs. 12.15pm MOVIE: My Brother Jonathan. (1948) 2.30 MOVIE: Pacific Destiny. (1956) 4.30 Rugby League. NRL Women's Premiership. Roosters v Knights. 6.30 Customs. 7.00 MOVIE: Under Siege. (1992, M) 9.10 MOVIE: The Deer Hunter. (1978, MA15+) 12.55am Late Programs.	10 DRAMA (1) 6am Shopping. 8.30 Reel Action. 9.00 4x4 Adventures. 10.00 Navigating The World. 11.00 Pooches At Play. 11.30 So Help Me Todd. 12.30pm The Living Room. 2.30 JAG. 4.30 Escape Fishing With ET. 5.00 JAG. 7.00 NCIS. (PGav, R) 9.50 Numb3rs. (Mdv, R) 11.45 JAG. 1.45am Home Shopping.
NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 1.40pm Guardians Of The Wild. 2.30 Over The Black Dot. 3.00 Homesteads. 3.35 The Frontier. 4.30 Faboriginal. 5.00 Larapinta. 6.00 Home, Land & Sea. 6.40 The Other Side. 7.30 Alone Australia. 8.30 MOVIE: Emu Runner. (2018, PG) 10.15 Australian Music Vault: Vika And Linda Bull. 11.35 Late Programs.	SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Morning Programs. 12.40pm The Lady Vanishes. (1938, PGv) 2.35 Bedevil. (1993, PGa) 4.15 Philadelphia. (1993, PGals) 6.35 The NeverEnding Story. (1984) 8.30 Bridge Of Spies. (2015) 11.10 My Summer Of Love. (2004, Madlnsv) 12.45am Sin City. (2005, MA15+v) 3.00 We Are Still Here. (2022, Malv) 4.40 Late Programs.	7TWO (72) 6am Morning Programs. 11.30 Horse Racing. Royal Randwick, Caulfield and Doomben Racedays. 4.30pm Dog Patrol. 5.00 World's Most Scenic Railway Journeys. 6.00 Bondi Vet. 7.00 The Yorkshire Vet. 8.00 Lewis. 10.00 Escape To The Country. 11.00 Australia's Best Backyards. Midnight Auction Squad. 1.00 Late Programs.	9GO! (99) 6am Morning Programs. 2pm Rugby Union. Shute Shield. Warringah v Easts. 4.00 Rugby Union. Nations C'ship. AUS v FRA. 7.00 Nations Championship: Australia v France Post-Match. 7.30 MOVIE: The Hobbit: The Desolation Of Smaug. (2013, M) 11.10 The Lord Of The Rings: The Rings Of Power. 12.25am Late Programs.	10 COMEDY (11) 6am GCBC. 6.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. 9.00 Millionaire Hot Seat. 10.30 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. 11.00 Ridiculousness. 12.30 Friends. (PG, R) 5.30 The Big Bang Theory. (PGs, R) 10.00 Ridiculousness. (PGdlns, R) 11.30 Home Shopping. (R) 5.30am Good Chef Bad Chef.

Sunday, July 12

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ABC TV (2) 6.00 Rage. (PG) 7.00 Morning Programs. 11.30 Praise. 12.00 News. 12.30 Landline. 1.30 Monty Don's British Gardens. (R) 2.30 Race Around The World. (PG, R) 3.30 The Assembly. (PG, R) 4.10 Grand Designs. (R) 5.00 Back Roads. (R) 5.30 Antiques Roadshow. 6.30 Compass: Reviving The Mullet Run. 7.00 ABC News. A look at the top stories of the day. 7.30 Race Around The World. The racers fly off to destinations separately. 8.30 Ground Up. (Final, M) Hugh's dog is kidnapped and the football department's database is hacked. 9.05 The Capture. (Final, MA15+v) An impossible situation awaits Carey as she is drawn deeper into Simon's insidious plan. 10.20 Cooper & Fry. (Ma, R) 11.55 Rage. (MA15+adhlsv) 2.45 Poh's Kitchen. (R) 3.15 Doc Martin. (PGa, R) 4.05 Antiques Roadshow. (PG, R) 5.00 Insiders. (R)	SBS (3) 6.00 Soccer. FIFA World Cup. Quarter-final. 9.00 Al Jazeera. 9.30 PBS News Horizons. 10.00 Soccer. FIFA World Cup. Quarter-final. 1.00 WorldWatch. 1.30 Motorcycle Racing. ProMX C'ship. 4.30 Building The Snowy. (PG, R) 5.30 Cycling. Tour de France. Pé 180.4km flat stage. H'lights. From France. 6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Eiffel Tower: Life Behind The Scenes: Pt 2. (PG) 8.30 Mont-Saint-Michel: Rising Again. (R) Looks at Mont-Saint-Michel. 9.30 Cycling. Tour de France. Stage 9. Malemort to Ussel. 185.5km hilly stage. From France. 2.00 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. (PGa, R) 2.30 Putin's Crisis. (Mav, R) 3.30 Britain's Most Expensive Houses. (PGI, R) 4.25 Bamay. (R) 5.00 NHK World English News Morning. 5.15 Euronews. 5.30 PBS News Horizons.	SEVEN (7, 71) 6.00 Better Homes And Gardens. (R) 6.30 Weekend Sunrise. 9.30 The Morning Show: Weekend. (PG) 11.30 Sunday Footy Feast. 2.00 AFL Pre-Game Show. 2.30 Football. AFL. Round 18. Melbourne v Richmond. 5.30 Seven News. 6.30 Farmer Wants A Wife. (PGal) 8.00 7NEWS Spotlight. Focuses on long-form investigations. 9.00 7NEWS: Disappearance Of William Tyrrell. (R) Looks at the disappearance of William Tyrrell. 10.20 Autopsy USA: Grace Kelly. (Ma, R) 11.20 Motor Racing. Supercars Championship. Round 7. Townsville 500. Day 2. Qualifying. Highlights. From the Reid Park Street Circuit, Townsville, Queensland. 12.20 Angelyne. (M) 1.30 Home Shopping. (R) 3.00 Million Dollar Minute. (R) 3.30 NBC Today. 4.30 Sunrise Early News. 5.00 Sunrise.	IMPARJA (9) 6am Morning Programs. 10.30 NRL Sunday Footy Show. (PG) 11.30 Rugby League. NRL Women's Premiership. Canberra Raiders v NZ Warriors. 1.00 Rugby League. NRL Women's Premiership. Dragons v Eels. 3.00 Rugby League. NRL. Manly Sea Eagles v North Qld Cowboys. 5.30 9News Sunday. 6.30 LEGO Masters Bricktacular. (PG) The teams build moving DC Universe action scenes. 8.00 60 Minutes. Current affairs program. 9.00 9News Late. 9.30 The First 48: Thick As Thieves. (Malv) In Mobile, Detective Jermaine Rogers hunts for multiple perpetrators of a home invasion that left two dead. 10.30 Love Cheats. (Mal) 11.30 Getaway. (PG, R) 12.00 Wimbledon 2026 Pre-Show. 12.30 Tennis. Wimbledon. Day 14 Late. Men's final. From the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, London, England. 4.30 Today Early News. 5.00 Today.	TEN (10) 6am Morning Programs. 7.30 10 Minute Kitchen. (R) 8.00 Everyday Gourmet. (R) 8.30 Mixed Martial Arts. UFC 329. Prelims. 10.40 MasterChef Aust. (PG, R) 1.00 GCBC. (R) 1.30 Deal Or No Deal. (PG, R) 2.00 Millionaire Hot Seat. (PG, R) 2.30 The Finish Line. (R) 3.30 Lingo. (R) 4.30 News. 6.00 10 News+. Comprehensive coverage of the day's top stories, investigative reports and stories that haven't been heard. 6.30 MasterChef Australia. (PG) Guest judge is Marion Grasby. 7.45 Watson. (PGadsv) Watson visits another hospital. 8.45 FBI. (Mals) Maggie partners with Eva to hunt a killer after a shocking daytime stabbing in a New York City park, discovering the assassin has a hit list when another person dies. 11.30 10 News+. (R) Comprehensive coverage of the day's top stories, investigative reports and stories that haven't been heard. 12.00 Home Shopping. (R) 5.30 Entertainment Tonight. (R)
ABC FAMILY (22) 6am Children's Programs. 4.50pm Gardening Australia Junior. 5.15 Tabby McTat. 5.40 Super Monsters. 6.05 PJ Masks. 6.25 Emerald. 7.05 Let's Go Bananas! 7.30 The Investigators. 7.45 The Lady Grace Mysteries. (Premiere) 8.10 Epic Adventures With Bertie Gregory. (Premiere) 8.50 Animal Park. 10.20 Late Programs. NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 2.20pm MOVIE: Araatika: Rise Up! (2021, PG) 3.50 Generations Of Men. 4.05 Dream Whisperer. 5.10 Australian Music Vault: Vika And Linda Bull. 6.40 Guardians Of The Wild. 7.30 Blue Water Empire. 8.30 Emily: I Am Kam. 9.40 MOVIE: The New Boy. (2023, M) 11.40 Late Programs.	SBS VICELAND (31) 6am Morning Programs. Noon France 24. 12.30 Motorcycle Racing. ProMX C'ship. 3.30 Cycling. Tour de France. H'lights. 4.30 Bamay. 4.50 WorldWatch. 5.45 The Food That Built The World. 6.35 Abandoned Engineering. 8.30 Cup Fever! 9.00 The Expanse. 11.00 Soccer. FIFA World Cup. Round of 16. Replay. 2am Late Programs. SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Morning Programs. 12.55pm My Summer Of Love. (2004, Madlsv) 2.30 Whale Rider. (2002, PGal) 4.25 The Orator. (2011, PGa, Samoan) 6.30 To Catch A Thief. (1955, PGv) 8.30 Butcher's Crossing. 6.00 Escape To The Unfaithful. (2002, MA15+sv) 12.45am Rambo: First Blood Part II. (1985, MA15+v) 2.35 Late Programs.	7MATE (70) 6am Morning Programs. 11.30 Motor Racing. Supercars C'ship. Townsville 500. Qualifying. 1.30pm Motor Racing. Supercars C'ship. Townsville 500. Pre-race and race. 4.30 Counting Cars. 5.30 Border Security: Int. 6.30 Border Security. 8.00 MOVIE: White House Down. (2013, M) 10.45 MOVIE: 71. (2014, MA15+) 12.55am Late Programs. 7TWO (72) 6am Morning Programs. Noon Your Money & Your Life. 12.30 The Master. 1.30 South Aussie With Cosi. 2.00 Better Homes. 3.00 The Yorkshire Vet. 4.00 My Greek Odyssey. 5.00 Australia's Best Backyards. 6.00 Escape To The Country. 7.00 The Coroner. 8.00 Vera. 10.00 Landscapers. (Premiere) 11.00 The Coroner. Midnight Late Programs.	9GEM (90) 6am Morning Programs. 11.30 Getaway. Noon MOVIE: Ghost Ship. (1952, PG) 1.30 MOVIE: Silent Dust. (1949, PG) 3.15 MOVIE: Whisky Galore! (1949) 5.00 Midsomer Murders. 7.00 David Attenborough's Asia. 8.10 Paramedics. 9.10 Emergency. 10.10 Major Crimes. 11.10 Midsomer Murders. 1.10am Creflo. 1.40 Late Programs. 9GO! (99) 6am Morning Programs. 12.40pm Motor Racing. FIA World Endurance C'ship. 24 Hours of Le Mans. H'lights. 1.50 Surfing Aust. 2.20 The Summit. 5.00 MOVIE: Dennis The Menace. (1993, PG) 7.00 MOVIE: Inception. (2010, M) 10.00 MOVIE: Rambo: Last Blood. (2019, MA15+) 11.55 Arrow. 3.15am The Summit. 4.40 Hop. 5.00 Late Programs.	10 DRAMA (1) 6am Morning Programs. 7.30 Pooches At Play. 8.30 On The Fly. 9.00 Reel Action. 9.30 Navigating The World. 10.30 Escape Fishing. 11.00 All 4 Adventure. Noon So Help Me Todd. 1.00 Living Room. 3.00 JAG. 7.00 MOVIE: Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle Of Life. (2003, M) 9.15 Boston Blue. 10.10 JAG. Midnight Shopping. 10 COMEDY (11) 6.00 Good Chef Bad Chef. (R) 6.30 Deal Or No Deal. (R) 9.00 Family Feud. (PG, R) 12.30

A horizontal banner with a solid red background. On the left, the text 'Arid Lands Environment Centre' is written in white, stacked vertically. In the center, the text 'HELP PROTECT THE ARID LANDS' is written in large, bold, white capital letters, with 'DONATE TODAY' in slightly smaller bold white capital letters below it. To the right of the text is a black and white QR code. On the far right, there is a stylized illustration of a lizard, possibly a spiny-tailed lizard, in white and yellow/gold, facing right. The background of the banner also features faint, wavy, light-colored lines.

Monday, July 13

ABC TV (2) 6am Morning Programs. 10.00 Cooper & Fry. (Ma, R) 11.30 Poh's Kitchen. (R) 12.00 News. 1.00 Landline. (R) 2.00 Spicks And Specks. (PG, R) 2.30 Brush With Fame. (PG, R) 3.00 Restoration Aust. (R) 4.00 Murdoch Mysteries. (Mav, R) 4.45 Long Lost Family. (PG, R) 5.30 Antiques Roadshow. (R) 6.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R) 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 7.30. 8.00 Australian Story. 8.30 Four Corners. 9.20 Media Watch. (PG) 9.35 If You're Listening. (R) 10.00 Stuff The British Stole. (PG, R) 10.35 ABC Late News. 10.50 The Business. (R) 11.05 Lucy Worsley's Victorian Murder Club. (PGa, R) 12.05 Murdoch Mysteries. (Mav, R) 12.50 Long Lost Family. (PG, R) 1.40 Rage. (MA15+adhlsv) 3.00 Gardening Australia. (R) 4.00 Poh's Kitchen. (R) 4.30 Antiques Roadshow. (R) 5.30 7.30. (R)	SBS (3) 6am Morning Programs. 11.00 Cycling. Tour de France. H'lights. 12.00 Cycling. Tour de France. H'lights. 1.00 WorldWatch. 2.55 Pharaohs Of The Two Lands. (R) 4.00 FIFA World Cup 2026: Highlights Show. (R) 4.30 The Cook Up. (R) 5.00 Cycling. Tour de France. H'lights. 6.00 Mastermind Australia. 6.30 SBS World News. 7.35 Michael Palin: Into Iraq. (Ms, R) 8.30 24 Hours In Emergency: Brave New World. (Mal) 9.25 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. (Mals, R) 10.25 SBS World News Late. 10.55 Gomorrah. (MA15+av, R) 2.35 Britain's Most Expensive Houses. (R) 4.20 Bamay: Ngarindjeri Country. (R) 5.00 NHK World English News Morning. 5.30 ANC Philippines The World Tonight.	SEVEN (7, 71) 6.00 Sunrise. 8.30 The Morning Show. (PG) 11.30 Seven's National News At Noon. 12.30 Clarkson's Who Wants To Be A Millionaire UK. (R) 1.30 Bridge Of Lies. (R) 2.30 The Chase. 3.30 Seven News At 4. 4.30 The Chase Australia. 5.30 Seven News. 6.30 Home And Away. (PG) 7.00 Farmer Wants A Wife. (PGa) Hosted by Natalie Gruzewski. 8.50 The Rookie. (Mav) Juarez thinks Penn's recent string of bad luck is the result of a curse. 9.50 The Agenda Setters. (R) An expert panel tackles the biggest AFL topics. 10.50 The Agenda Setters: Rugby League. 11.50 New Amsterdam. (MA15+av, R) 12.50 Harry's Practice. (R) 1.30 Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 NBC Today. 4.30 Sunrise Early News. 5.00 Sunrise.	IMPARJA (9) 6.00 Today. 8.30 Today Extra. (PG) 11.00 9News Morning. 11.30 LEGO Masters Bricktacular. (PG, R) 1.00 Find My Beach House Australia. (R) 1.30 Pointless. (PG, R) 2.30 Tipping Point. (PG, R) 3.30 9News Afternoon. 4.30 Tipping Point Australia. (PG) 5.30 9News. 6.30 A Current Affair. 7.00 Travel Guides. (PGI) 8.10 100% Footy. (Mal) 9.10 9News Late. 9.40 Outback Opal Hunters. (PGal) Slim Pickings battles drought on their last dig. 10.40 Footy Classified. (MI) 11.40 Tipping Point. (PG, R) 12.35 Hello SA. (PG) 1.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 2.00 Global Shop. (R) 2.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. (R) 4.00 A Current Affair. (R) 4.30 Today Early News. 5.00 Today.	TEN (10) 6am Morning Programs. 9.30 Ent. Tonight. (R) 9.50 MasterChef Aust. (PG, R) 11.00 Farm To Fork. (R) 11.30 Everyday Gourmet. 12.00 Family Feud. (PG, R) 12.30 News. 1.30 Millionaire Hot Seat. (PG, R) 2.00 The Finish Line. (R) 3.00 Lingo (R) 4.00 Bold. (PG) 4.30 News. 5.30 10 News+. 6.00 Deal Or No Deal. (PG) 6.30 Millionaire Hot Seat. (PG) 7.00 MasterChef Australia. (PG) 8.10 Have You Been Paying Attention? (Mals) Hosted by Tom Gleisner. 9.10 10's Late News. Comprehensive coverage of local, national and international news, as well as the latest sport and weather. 10.10 The Big Bang Theory. (PG, R) Sheldon goes home to Texas. 11.00 10 News+. (R) Hosted by Denham Hitchcock and Amelia Brace. 11.30 Home Shopping. (R) 5.30 Entertainment Tonight. (R)
ABC FAMILY (22) 6am Children's Programs. 4.05pm Andy's Dinosaur Adventures. 4.20 Santiago Of The Seas. 5.30 Talking Tom Heroes. 5.55 PJ Masks. 6.45 HexVets And Magic Pets. 7.05 Batwheels. 7.40 Ninjago: Dragons Rising. 8.00 Young Sheldon. 8.25 Young Sheldon. 8.45 Expedition With Steve Backshall. 9.35 Chopped Jnr. 10.20 Late Programs. NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 2pm Kriol Kitchen. 2.30 The Cook Up. 3.00 Jarjums. 4.35 Dreaming Big. 5.00 Harlem Globetrotters. 5.25 The 77 Percent. 5.55 Bamay. 6.38 Ocean Parks. 7.30 Who Do You Think You Are? 8.30 Living Black. 9.00 Impact: Dick Gregory. 10.10 MOVIE: Lantana. (2001, M) 12.15am Late Programs.	SBS VICELAND (31) 6am Morning Programs. 2pm Cycling. Tour de France. H'lights. 3.00 Cycling. Tour de France. H'lights. 4.10 WorldWatch. 6.10 Alone Netherlands. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats. 8.30 Elon Musk's Twitter Storm. 9.05 The Expanse. 11.00 Soccer. FIFA World Cup. Quarter-final. Replay. 2am Late Programs. SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Morning Programs. 12.50pm Aftersun. (2022, Mals) 2.45 The Movie Show. 3.15 The Monk And The Gun. (2023, PGa, Dzongkha, English) 5.20 Roman Holiday. (1953, PGalv) 7.30 Sense And Sensibility. (1995) 10.00 My Neighbour Totoro. (1988, PG) 11.40 The Perks Of Being A Wallflower. (2012, Madlsv) 1.35am Late Programs.	7MATE (70) 6am Morning Programs. 2pm Motor Racing. Supercars C'ship. Townsville 500. Qualifying. H'lights. 4.00 American Resto. 4.30 Storage Wars. 5.00 American Pickers: Best Of. 6.00 Pawn Stars. 7.00 The Agenda Setters. 8.00 Aussie Gold Hunters. 9.00 Gem Hunters Down Under. 10.00 Late Programs. 7TWO (72) 6am Morning Programs. 12.30pm My Greek Odyssey. 1.30 Weekender. 2.00 Auction Squad. 3.00 Harry's Practice. 3.30 Animal Rescue. 4.00 Better Homes. 5.00 Escape To The Country. 6.00 Bargain Hunt. 7.00 Doc Martin. 8.00 A Touch Of Frost. 10.20 Air Crash Inv. 11.20 Doc Martin. 12.20am Late Programs.	9GEM (90) 6am Morning Programs. 12.40pm Midsummer Murders. 2.40 Antiques Roadshow. 3.10 MOVIE: It's In The Air. (1938) 5.00 Yorkshire Auction House. 6.00 Antiques Roadshow. 7.00 Death In Paradise. 8.10 The Madame Blanc Mysteries. 9.10 Good Karma Hospital. 10.10 Agatha Raisin. 11.10 The First 48. 12.10am Late Programs. 9GO! (99) 6am Morning Programs. 11.15 Parental Guidance. 2pm Nanny. 3.00 Seinfeld. 4.00 Addams Family. 5.00 Bewitched. 6.00 Nanny. 7.00 Seinfeld. 8.00 MOVIE: The Expendables 3. (2014, M) 10.30 Seinfeld. 11.30 The 100. 12.20am Love Island Games. 2.05 Below Deck. 3.00 Big Rigs Of Oz. 3.30 Barbie It Takes Two. 4.00 Late Programs.	10 DRAMA (1) 6am Shopping. 7.30 Days Of Our Lives. 8.15 The Young And The Restless. 9.00 Living Room. 10.00 Building The Dream. 11.00 Bold. 11.30 Days Of Our Lives. 12.15pm The Young And The Restless. 1.00 JAG. 3.00 Bull. 4.00 JAG. 6.00 Bull. 7.00 NCIS. 9.50 Bull. (PGav, R) 10.45 JAG. 12.45am Shopping. 10 COMEDY (11) 6am Morning Programs. 8.00 Bold. 8.30 Family Feud. 9.30 Millionaire Hot Seat. 10.00 Becker. 10.30 Frasier. 11.30 Lingo. 12.30pm Friends. 2.30 Frasier. 3.30 Everyday Gourmet. 4.00 Becker. 4.30 Big Bang. 5.30 Friends. 7.30 Big Bang. 9.30 Becker. 10.00 Frasier. 11.00 Ent. Tonight. 11.30 Shopping. 2am Bold. 3.00 Shopping.

ABC TV (2) 6am Morning Programs. 11.00 Murder In The Skies: Who Downed MH17? (Final, PGa, R) 12.00 News. 1.00 Better. (Madl, R) 2.00 Back Roads. (PG, R) 2.30 Brush With Fame. (PG, R) 3.00 Restoration Aust. (R) 3.55 Murdoch Mysteries. (PG, R) 4.45 Long Lost Family. (PG, R) 5.30 Antiques Roadshow. (PG, R)	SBS (3) 6am Morning Programs. 11.00 Cycling. Tour de France. H'lights. 12.00 WorldWatch. 2.05 The Last Violin. (PGI, R) 3.30 The Cook Up. (R) 4.00 Michael Mosley Secrets Of The Superagers. (PG, R) 5.00 Letters And Numbers. (R) 5.30 North American Fan Feasts. (R)	SEVEN (7, 71) 6.00 Sunrise. 8.30 The Morning Show. (PG) 11.30 Seven's National News At Noon. 12.30 Clarkson's Who Wants To Be A Millionaire UK. (R) 1.30 Bridge Of Lies. (R) 2.30 The Chase. 3.30 Seven News At 4. 4.30 The Chase Australia. 5.30 Seven News.	IMPARJA (9) 6.00 Today. 8.30 Today Extra. (PG) 11.00 9News Morning. 11.30 MOVIE: Just For The Summer. (2020, PGa, R) 1.30 Pointless. (PG, R) 2.30 Tipping Point. (PG, R) 3.30 9News Afternoon. 4.30 Tipping Point Australia. (PG) 5.30 9News.	TEN (10) 6am Morning Programs. 9.30 Ent. Tonight. (R) 9.50 MasterChef Aust. (PG, R) 11.00 Farm To Fork. (R) 11.30 Everyday Gourmet. 12.00 Family Feud. (PG, R) 12.30 News. 1.30 Millionaire Hot Seat. (PG, R) 2.00 The Finish Line. (R) 3.00 Lingo. (R) 4.00 Bold. (PG) 4.30 News. 5.30 10 News+.
6.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R) 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 7.30. 8.00 Stuff The British Stole. (Final, PG) 8.30 When The River Rose. 9.25 I Was Actually There. (PGI, R) 10.00 Compass. (R) 10.30 ABC Late News. 10.45 The Business. (R) 11.00 Four Corners. (R) 11.50 Media Watch. (PG, R) 12.05 Murdoch Mysteries. (Mav, R) 12.50 Long Lost Family. (PG, R) 1.40 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) 3.00 Gardening Australia. (R) 4.00 Poh's Kitchen. (R) 4.30 Antiques Roadshow. (PGa, R) 5.30 7.30. (R)	6.00 Mastermind Australia. 6.30 SBS World News. 7.35 Portugal With Michael Portillo. (R) Michael Portillo's journey in Portugal continues. 8.30 Insight. Kumi Taguchi looks into DNA testing. 9.30 Cycling. Tour de France. Stage 10. Aurillac to Le Lioran. 166.6km mountain stage. From France. 1.30 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. (R) 2.00 Britain's Most Expensive Houses. (Mas, R) 2.55 TradFest: The Fingal Sessions. (R) 3.30 Soccer. FIFA World Cup. Semi-final. From Dallas Stadium, Texas, US.	6.30 Home And Away. (PGa) 7.00 First Dates Australia. (Ma) 8.10 Doc. (Ma) Joan arrives at the hospital as a patient. 9.10 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. (MA15+I) Gordon Ramsay visits a traditional southern cuisine restaurant. 10.10 The Agenda Setters. (R) An expert panel tackles the biggest AFL topics. 11.10 Happy's Place. (PGal) 11.40 New Amsterdam. (MA15+av, R) 12.40 The Outdoor Room With Jamie Durie. (R) 1.30 Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 NBC Today. 4.30 Sunrise Early News. 5.00 Sunrise.	6.30 A Current Affair. 7.00 The Hundred With Andy Lee. (PGIs) Comedy panel show. 8.00 Outback Terror: The Falconio Murder: Mind Of The Murderer/The Borrow Pit. (Premiere, Masv) Experts profile Peter Falconio's killer. 10.00 9News Late. 10.30 The Grand Tour. (MI, R) 11.45 Footy Classified. (MI) 12.45 My Way. (R) 1.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 2.00 Building Ideas. (PG, R) 2.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. (R) 4.00 A Current Affair. (R) 4.30 Today Early News. 5.00 Today.	6.00 Deal Or No Deal. (PG) Hosted by Grant Denyer. 6.30 Millionaire Hot Seat. (PG) Hosted by Rebecca Gibney. 7.00 MasterChef Australia. (PG) Amateur cooks take to the kitchen. 8.10 The Cheap Seats. (Mal) Presented by Melanie Bracewell and Tim McDonald. 9.10 10's Late News. Coverage of news, sport and weather. 9.40 Sports Tonight: The Weekly Kick Off. Takes a look at the world of soccer. 10.10 The Big Bang Theory. (PGs, R) 11.00 10 News+. (R) 11.30 Home Shopping. (R) 5.30 Entertainment Tonight. (R)
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On Demand



Fun in the sun: From left, D'Arcy Carden, Regina Hall, Chloë Sevigny, Jennifer Garner and Gemma Chan lead *The Five Star Weekend*.

SWEET ESCAPE

THE FIVE STAR WEEKEND
Streaming, **Binge**



Opening on Jennifer Garner baking Christmas cookies in a Nancy Meyers-esque kitchen, this exquisite drama could easily be mistaken for an instalment of the actress' wholesome social media series, "Pretend Cooking Show". Instead, Garner is portraying famed cookbook author and influencer Hollis Shaw in Bekah Brunstetter's stellar eight-part adaptation of the beloved bestseller by the "queen of beach reads", Elin Hilderbrand.

Alas, there's no sugarcoating what is about to happen: as red and blue lights flash across the cabinets behind Hollis, we realise Matthew (Josh Hamilton), her husband of 24 years, has died suddenly – and the cook's picture-perfect life is about to fall apart. Six months on, with the already-postponed release of her second cookbook looming, a grieving Hollis has no choice but to try and move forward with her life. She decides to host four friends from different phases of her life for a weekend – and remarkably, all of them are free at very short notice. Soon, childhood friend Tatum (Chloë Sevigny), college bestie Dru-Ann (Regina Hall), fellow mum Brooke (D'Arcy Carden) and

new confidante Gigi (Gemma Chan) are all sitting around the immaculately styled table at Hollis' luxurious Nantucket beach house, along with her daughter Caroline (Harlow Jane). It's immediately clear that their weekend of healing and lighthearted fun is going to be considerably more complicated. Each woman is caught at a crossroads in her own life and has a carefully crafted facade she presents to the outside world. Cracks begin to appear as early as Friday night, and by Saturday afternoon, those walls come crumbling down. Whether they will help each other rebuild or take a sledgehammer to their sisterhood remains to be seen. Either way, it's a recipe for five-star viewing. – **Lauren Mitchell**



TRYING
Streaming, Apple TV

New challenges lie ahead for adoptive parents Nikki and Jason (Esther Smith and Rafe Spall, both pictured) in this feel-good fifth chapter. The kids' biological mum, Kat (Charlotte Riley), has turned up on their doorstep and is sticking around for a bit to bond with Princess and Tyler (Scarlett Rayner and Cooper Turner) – at the cost of the family's hard-won stability.



GRACE
Streaming, BritBox

Brighton-based detective Roy Grace (John Simm, pictured) and his team are in the middle of an anti-corruption inquiry when the sixth season of this crime series returns. Grace hides bombshell intel from fiancée Cleo (Zoë Tapper) as he throws himself into four investigations: a missing persons case, a sinister stalker, a tragic council estate death and a fatal car crash.



FRAME BY FRAME
Streaming, **SBS On Demand**



Bran Nue Dae director Rachel Perkins (pictured) celebrates the creative vision and trailblazing careers of First Nations filmmakers, writers and actors in this powerful five-part series. Leah Purcell, Hunter Page-Lochard, Sally Riley, Tanith Glynn-Maloney and Erica Glynn each sit down with Perkins for an intimate interview about navigating the industry as Indigenous Australians and the key moments that defined their artistry.



LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE
Streaming, **Netflix**



Fans of this beloved Western and Laura Ingalls Wilder's books can rest assured they're in safe hands for this new adaptation: creator Rebecca Sonnenshine (*The Vampire Diaries*, *The Boys*) confesses she has read the series "100 times" since she was five years old. Following the Ingalls family on a wagon ride from Wisconsin to Kansas, this survival story stars Aussie Luke Bracey alongside Alice Halsey and Crosby Fitzgerald.



SECRET SERVICE
Streaming, **Stan**

Kate Henderson (Gemma Arterton, pictured) is a seemingly ordinary civil servant, happily married to Stuart (Rafe Spall) and mum to two teenagers. However, she's actually a senior MI6 agent who is head of the Russia desk. When Kate discovers that a UK politician is a foreign asset, she races to identify the culprit while protecting her family in this fast-paced thriller.



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Traditionally citrus are best fertilised late July to mid-August.



Proper preparation of garden beds now allows bacteria, good fungi, worms and soil-born organisms to work on the elements, creating essential nutrients for spring and summer plants. (Phil Williams: 506656)

Gear up now for spring bounty

By Geoff Miers

WITH the cooler weather upon us, it's the perfect time to set the garden up for rewarding harvests and blooms in spring and summer.

The key to a healthy, colorful, and productive outdoor oasis is getting industrious now

July is a prime time for a flurry of essential garden activities - from pruning and spraying, to fertilising and preparing planting sites.

Roses, deciduous fruit trees, grape vines, citrus, and winter annuals all require varying degrees of attention this month to ensure optimal growth and bountiful harvests.

It's also an opportune time to prepare sites for planting fruit trees, and also readying garden beds for spring/summer planting of vegetables, herbs and flowering annuals.

Roses should be pruned by mid-month. Remove dead and diseased wood and prune back to out-ward facing buds to stimulate new growth.

Don't be timid with your pruning - roses love a good cut-back and also benefit from following up with a fungal and oil spray to kill disease and pests.

After pruning and spraying it's time to fertilise your roses with a complete NPK fertiliser.

Elsewhere in the garden, deciduous fruit trees - including apricots, peaches, figs, mulberries, nectarines and plums - all need pruning as most trees have defoliated.

Grape vines need both pruning and a wettable sulphur spray to control mites and fungal diseases - remember grapes need to be either spur pruned or cane pruned, according to their variety.

Harvest citrus fruit as they ripen, to reduce stress on the tree, limit potential fruit fly problems.

As well as keeping up with harvesting, citrus should be fertilised in the third week of July through to early August to stimulate healthy spring growth and assist with boosting the next crop.

Winter/spring flowering annuals should be liquid fertilised with an NPK fertiliser that's high in potassium to promote good flowering.

Leafy vegetables should be fed with a high nitrogen fertiliser to promote vigorous leaf growth, while longer maturing vegetables need to be drip fed with regular applications of a good organic fertiliser to maintain sustained growth.

July is essentially a month for pruning,



Deciduous fruit trees - including peaches - need pruning as most trees have defoliated. (157851)

cleaning up pest and disease problems and for feeding plants to guarantee healthy spring growth, flower production and good food yields later in the year or for next year.

Beyond vital maintenance tasks, which are made far more pleasant by cooler weather, July is a critical time for preparing beds and planting sites for the seasons ahead.

Blending compost, manure, and other organic matter into the soil, and irrigating once

or twice weekly for the next six to 12 weeks will provide the optimal conditions for a thriving spring and summer garden.

The earlier you prepare these beds the better the results.

Proper preparation allows bacteria, good fungi, worms and other soil-born organisms to work on the elements, breaking down rare materials and creating essential nutrients that are readily available for plants when you un-

dertake spring plantings.

It's prime time to sow seeds now to raise your own vegetable and flowering annuals ready to plant towards the end of the month and in early August.

With a little elbow grease now, green-fingered enthusiasts can look forward to reaping a bountiful harvest in the warmer months to come.

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	MAIN STAGE JIM McCONVILLE OVAL	SKATE PARK NEWLAND PARK SKATE & PLAY PRECINCT			BASKETBALL COURT @ NEWLAND PARK	ROAD SAFETY CENTRE
12:00	WELCOME TO COUNTRY & SMOKING CEREMONY	12:20 - 12:30pm YOUTH MURAL UNVEILING				12:00 - 5:00pm ROAD SAFETY CENTRE OPEN
12:30	12:20 - 1:00pm FEJO & THE CRUISERS	12:30 - 1:30pm WORKSHOP: SPINIFEX SKATEBOARDS	12:30 - 1:30pm WORKSHOP: BIKES MWERRE BMX	12:30 - 1:30pm CRANK IT! BIKE MECHANIC WORKSHOP: with CHASE & GRACE PROJECTS	12:30 - 2:00pm 3X3 BASKETBALL with HOOPERS HOPES	
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1:30	1:20 - 2:00pm ALICE KINGS	1:30pm SKATE DEMO	1:30pm BMX DEMO			
2:00				4:00 - 7:00pm CRANK IT! BIKE MECHANIC WORKSHOP: with CHASE & GRACE PROJECTS		
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3:00					2:45 - 3:45pm DANCE WORKSHOP with ALL 4 COMMUNITY	
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6:30	6:20 - 7:00pm MPARNTWE HIP HOP COLLECTIVE					
7:00						
7:30	7:10pm HAVANA BROWN					
8:00						

Introducing the very first Newlandia Music & Skate Festival! This NAIDOC Week, we are coming together for an unforgettable celebration of music, skate culture, community and creativity right here in Mparntwe Alice Springs. Co-hosted by Alice Springs Town Council and Tangentyere Council, Newlandia will bring people together at our fantastic new facility, Newland Park, for an exciting day of live entertainment, skating, culture and fun for all ages.

Newland Skate & Play Precinct | Friday 10 July 2026



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5-12 JULY 2026

EVENTS

Diamonds and Rust
Totem Theatre | 10 July 7:30-9:30pm

Acclaimed performer Suzette Herft will host an evening celebrating the music, spirit and legacy of American singer-songwriter Joan Baez at this tribute concert. Tickets through Araluen Arts Centre website.

NAIDOC Week
Alice Springs Desert Park | Until 12 July

Join for a week of hands-on cultural experiences, from bush medicine workshops and jewellery making to desert art sessions. Program filled with stories, workshops and park exploration bringing knowledge and experiences that celebrate culture and Country. Book an experience online - limited spaces available. alicespringsdesertpark.com.au/whats-on/naidoc-week

Desert Festival
Tropic of Capricorn | 11-18 July

These fullas know how to move a crowd. Music transcending all languages in an epic lineup of powerful local musicians. Book now!

Hip Hop Block Party, Sat 11 July, 5-10pm | Out-back Boogie By Red Dirt Blues, Thursday 16 July from 7pm | Balaclava Peace Collective, Fri 17 July from 9pm | PJ Reggae and Laramba Band, Sat 18 July, 8pm. Full program and tickets at des-fest.com

Alice Springs Running Festival
Simpsons Gap | 19 July

Experience the thrill of running in the Red Centre. With three key events: the 10km run and walk, the Half-Marathon, and the Marathon, there's a distance for everyone. Marathon starts 7am, Half-Marathon 7.30am and 10km run/walk at 8.30am. Competitors must arrive at least 20 minutes prior to chosen event. alicespringsrunningfestival.com.au

The Red Centre Wringer Backyard Ultra
Alice Springs Telegraph Station | 1-3 August, 12am-12am



LAST: The Red Centre Wringer Backyard Ultra is a last-one-standing event organised by Alice Springs Running & Walking Club, starting on 1 August.

The Red Centre Wringer Backyard Ultra is a last-one-standing event organised by Alice Springs Running & Walking Club.

The Backyard Ultra is a form on ultramarathon race where competitors must consecutively run a 6.7km course in less than one hour. When each

lap is completed, the remaining time within the hour is used to recover and replenish for the next hour's race. The race finishes when one person completes one more lap than anyone else. asrwc.com.au

Save the date: Writing Workshop

Red Hot Arts, 67 Bath Street Alice Springs | Saturday 1 August, 1-5pm

Writing the weird: how to inject more strangeness into your writing with award-winning author Johanna Bell. Cost: \$85
Bookings: redhotarts.com.au

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Fabulous fun a showstopper

By Phil Williams

SHOWGOERS were already waiting as the gates were thrown open at 9am on Friday and patrons continued to stream in all day.

Young and old alike took advantage of the mild weather as they packed Blatherskite Park on Friday, before the heavens opened up overnight, bringing soaking rain that lasted all day on Saturday.

Despite the fickle weather, thousands of smiling faces filled the showgrounds for the biggest community event of the year.

With free entertainment all weekend and a constant cacophony of light and sound in side-show alley as the rides pumped out the tunes and game spruikers did what they could to get people to play and win, nobody was going to miss out on a good time.

Adding to the scene were the squeals of delight and terror coming from overhead as punters were twisted and twirled while testing their bravery on stomach-churning rides as the smells and aromas of waffles, donuts, hot dogs and toffee apples wafted across the showgrounds.



CHANGING: Sideshow alley begins to take on a new look as the sun starts to set. (PHIL WILLIAMS: 563703)



THRILLING: Riders get their thrills on the No Limit. (563703)



UNPREDICTABLE: The Dachsund Dash came with a certain amount of unpredictability. (563703)



LIGHT HORSE: Mick Batchelor leads the Grand Parade in front of the grandstand. (563703)



DOGGY DASH: A runner in the Dachsund Dash is cheered on by the crowd. (563703)



BOBBY: An English Bobby entertained with his one man, one wheel display. (563703)



COLOUR: A stilt walker spreads her butterfly wings during the Grand Parade. (563703)



BREEDERS: The CBBA led the Grand Parade. (563703)



BALES: Team Donut members work hard in the Young Farmer Challenge. (563703)



ANTHEM: VIPs stand as Lisa-Marie Burgoyne sings the National Anthem during the show's opening ceremony. (563703)



THRILLING: Riders show their excitement as they enjoy the Hurricane ride. (563703)



LEAD OUT: A butterfly stilt walker leads the vehicles for the Grand Parade. (563703)



FASHIONS: Entrants in the Dachsund Fancy Dress competition walk the runway. (563703)



TO MARKET: The pig racing drew a big crowd of families. (563703)



COLOURS: Sideshow Alley takes on a new perspective after dark. (563703)



UNPREDICTABLE: The Dachsund Dash came with a certain amount of unpredictability. (563703)



TESTING: The Pinkies team finish rolling their swag in the Young Farmers Challenge. (563703)



HILARIOUS: The Funny Farmers were a hit. (563703)



FORMATION: Equestrian competitors ride in formation during the Grand Parade. (563703)



TRIBUTE: Mick Batchelor re-enacting the Australian Light Horse leads the Grand Parade. (563703)



LEAD OUT: A butterfly stilt walker leads the vehicles for the Grand Parade. (563703)



HORDES: A big crowd packed into Sideshow Alley on Friday. (563703)



THRILLS: The No Limit ride brought showgoers endless thrills. (563703)



SNAPPY: The Go Gator ride was a popular choice for younger riders. (563703)



FANS: Young fans hang off the fence as lightning McQueen passes by. (563703)



THRILLING: Riders show their excitement as they enjoy the Hurricane ride. (563703)



PRESIDENT: Show President Andrew Barrett opens the 2026 Alice Springs Show. (563703)



WOOF: The Alice Springs Obedience Dog Club walk the Grand Parade. (563703)



CELEBRATION: Cate Driver, Steve Peers, Glen Auricht and Paul Berry cut the cake celebrating St John's 65 years in Alice Springs. (563703)

Crowds flock to fireworks



UNFURLED: After dropping from a helicopter, against a stunning desert sky, a parachutist unfurled a massive Territory flag as he floated down to the ground at ANZAC Oval. (Phil Williams: 563259)



FLAGS: Miles Wharton Thomas with miniature Territory flags. (Phil Williams: 563259)



SPIRIT: Karen Rogers getting into the Territory Day spirit. (Phil Williams: 563259)



TREATS: Damian Ryan with Joey Schooner, who found time to sample the food on offer. (563259)



SOUTH AUSSIES: Visitors Marianne and Chris Lamb from Mt Gambier experiencing Territory Day on their travels (Phil Williams: 563259)



CELEBRATE: Yabes Badung and Maria Christianty. (Phil Williams: 563259)



TRADITION: Arrernte dancers reminded crowds about the Territory's history. (Phil Williams: 563259)



SPECTATORS: Part of crowd watching opening ceremony. (Phil Williams: 563259)



ROCKETS: Red rockets erupt in a blaze of colour over ANZAC Oval during the community fireworks display on Territory Day. (Phil Williams: 563259)

Territory Day goes off with a bang

By Phil Williams

CROWDS gathered at ANZAC Oval for the Territory Day Celebrations last Wednesday, 1 July, with all eyes on the heavens as the sun set, creating a canvas for bursts of colour.

After the gates opened at 4pm, a constant stream of revellers passed through to the family friendly precinct on a perfectly balmy Central Australian evening.

The festivities kicked off with a Welcome to Country, with a traditional performance by the Arrernte Dancers.

Shortly before 6pm, a parachutist dropped from a helicopter above ANZAC Hill and unveiled a massive Northern Territory flag as he floated to the ground.

As the anticipation grew for the official fireworks display, the crowd was treated to sets of live music from artists Xavia with Dave Crowe, the Katanga Junior Trio and Bumpy.

After the countdown to get the spectacular 10-minute light and sound symphony started, there were ooohs and ahhs as the rockets exploded in reds, greens, pinks and blues, creating unique shapes in the sky and stunning displays at ground level.

On top of ANZAC Hill a large crowd of spectators looking for a different vantage point gathered to watch the official display of fireworks. while warming up with some launching their own rockets before and after the show.



The fireworks over Anzac Oval exploded in reds, greens, pinks and blues. (Phil Williams: 563259)

as part of Territory Day



GROUND: Professional parachuter Coops, who parachuted with the NT flag and ground crew Doug Briggs.



JOY: Batrina Cole, Maliyah Clenn, Kealiah Tilmouth, Patrick Cool and Veronica Tilmouth about to hop on the Tea Cup rides. (Gladys Barreta)



FOOD: Vanny and Patrick Jorgensen take time out for a feed.



PAINT: Caitlin Shoulders, Charli Bland and Wendy Kittle with beautiful painted faces at Territory Day celebrations.



SOUND: Jake Akmens, Onni Akmens-Koh and Tahlia Koh enjoying the music.



FEAST: Wilson and Susie Marsh enjoying the variety of foods at the celebrations.



PICNIC: Joyce and Faustina Khemisa enjoying a picnic evening for Territory Day.



MUSIC: Katanga Junior and Dave Crowe kept visitors entertained.



ENJOY: John and Keryn Drummond from New Zealand enjoying Territory Day.



SMILE: Steph and Grace Robertson enjoying their evening at Anzac Oval for Territory Day.



RIDES: Brandon Lawton, Maleah Presley and Brooklyn Presley waiting for the rides at Territory Day celebrations.



NIGHT: Lisa Stafford and Mark Toulson enjoying the evening at Anzac Oval.



FAMILY: Demetria, Kathy and Renee Ryan on a family outing.



Tennant Creek celebrates

TENNANT skies lit up in a dazzling display of colourful fireworks last Wednesday night as part of the town's Territory Day celebrations.

The glow of a near-full moon provided a stunning backdrop to the sparkling spectacle, creating a picture-perfect setting for the occasion.

A huge crowd turned out to the event, hosted by Barkly Regional Arts at Karguru, where there were food vans, family-friendly activities, and even a pop-up stall offering Diphtheria and Tetanus vaccinations.

The evening's entertainment was headlined by the Desert Water Band from Amata in South Australia, supported by the Work Camp Band and local singer Joey.

This year, Territory Day marks 48 years of self-government. The 1978 legislation gave the NT the power to govern independently of the Commonwealth Government.

It's more commonly called 'Cracker Night' because for that one day of the year, a legal exemption means Territorians to buy and set off fireworks – the only jurisdiction where this is allowed.



Jennifer from I Love Sweets served up treats at the family fireworks event.



Shauna Graham.



Liam Ellison with Nee-Shaun Wickham and Clancy Walker.



Jack and Calebo.





Max, Jayden, Jake, Jenson and Kobe.



Hazel and Jacob, Lena and Sekani, Tiana and Shemayla.



Sabina and Damian with their nephew Finlayton.



PUZZLES

SUDOKU

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

easy

				7				5
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medium

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	3			8	9			

hard

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easy

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medium

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hard

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

QUICK CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
- 1

Melodies (5)
- 4

Valuation (9)
- 9

Reddish purple (7)
- 10

Of that (7)
- 11

Dare (9)
- 12

Fancies (5)
- 13

Common viral infection (3)
- 14

Possibly (11)
- 16

Experts (11)
- 19

Born (3)
- 20

Unfit (5)
- 22

Not seasonal (4-5)
- 25

City in southern France (7)
- 26

Late (7)
- 27

Secretions (9)
- 28

Eyelid inflammations (5)

DOWN

1

Impersonate (5)

2

Characteristic (5)

3

Waterway (5)

4

Versus (7)

5

Model (7)

6

Facilities of a building (9)

7

Colander (5)

8

Way of living (9)

13

Bewitch (9)

14

Artworks (9)

15

Unhurriedly (9)

17

Launch a tirade at (3,4)

18

Times of the year (7)

21

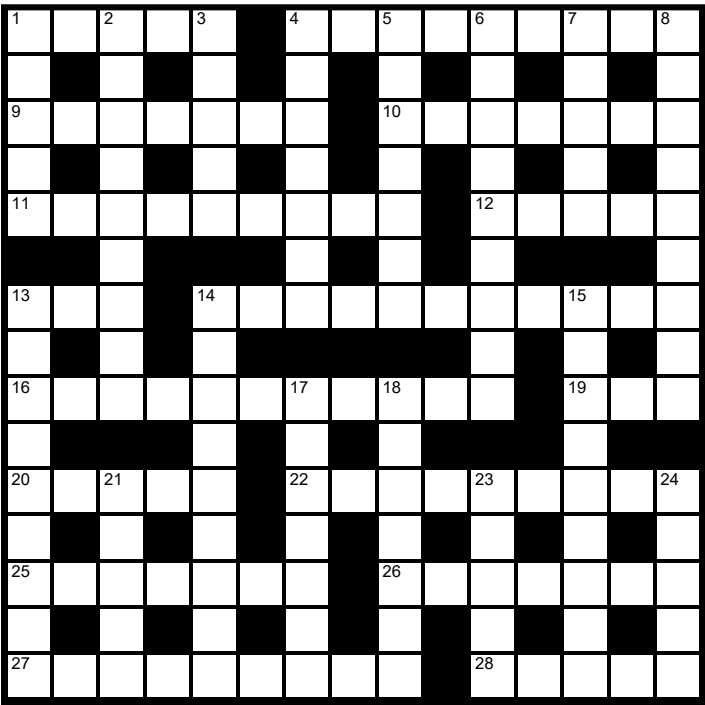
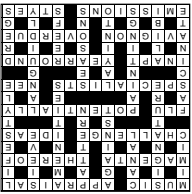
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Lees (5)



DECODER

No. 329

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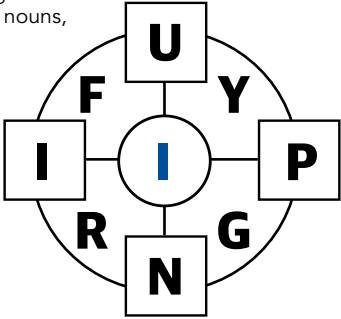
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9-LETTER WORD

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

Today's Aim:
7 words: Good
11 words: Very good
15 words: Excellent



firing, frying, fungi, grin, grip, ping, pliny, pig, pryling, purify, PURIFYING, ring, ruin, ruling, unify

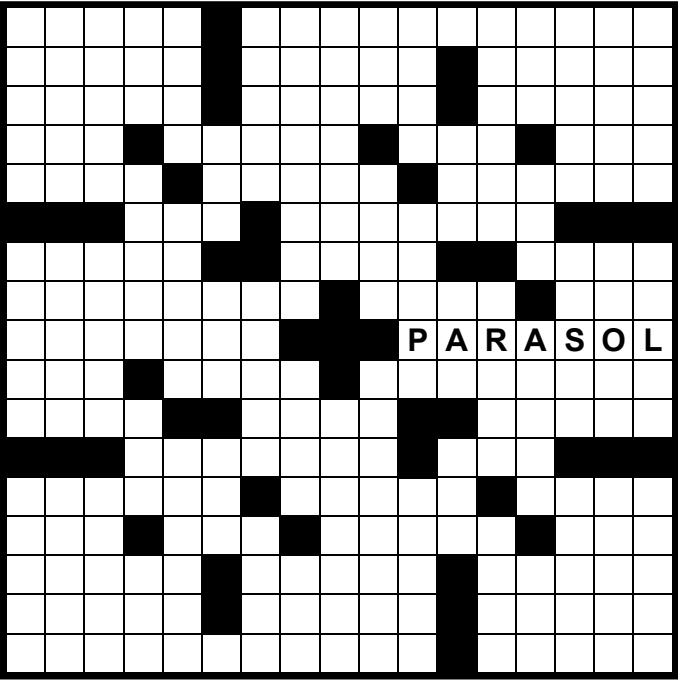
WORDFIT

3 LETTERS

- ADO
- AIL
- ALE
- ARE
- ARM
- ASK
- ATE
- EAR
- EGO
- EKE
- ELK
- ERA
- ERR
- GAL
- HAD
- HAM
- IRK
- OUR
- PAL
- RAN
- SKI
- THE
- TVS
- WED

4 LETTERS

- DATA
- EAST
- ITEM
- KEEP
- LEER
- MASS
- ORES
- SEED
- SEEP
- SNOB
- SOAK
- STEP
- TACO
- TSAR



5 LETTERS

- ADAGE
- AGILE
- AISLE
- ALIKE
- ALPHA
- ALTER
- APPAL
- AREAS
- ARISE
- AROSE
- AVERT
- AXIOM
- BLESS
- CREPE
- DEEDS
- EGGED
- ERASE
- ERODE
- FLOAT
- GENRE
- LAGER
- LARGE
- LOBES

- MIRE
- NAIVE
- NERVE
- NINES
- OILED
- PARSE
- PRONG
- REINS
- RESIN
- SALES
- SAVES
- SLEDS
- SNARE
- SOFAS
- SPREE
- TACIT
- TAMES
- TASTE
- THERE
- THETA
- TRAWL
- TULIP
- YOLKS

6 LETTERS

- GLANCE
- SCALDS
- STALER
- VESTED

8 LETTERS

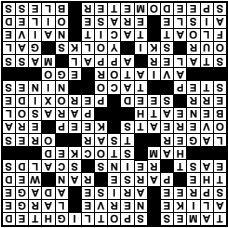
- OVEREATS
- PEROXIDE
- PERSISTS
- PORPOISE

7 LETTERS

- AVIATOR
- BENEATH
- COPYCAT
- ORIENTS
- PARASOL
- STOCKED

11 LETTERS

- SPEEDOMETER
- SPOTLIGHTED

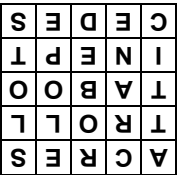


5x5

A		R		S
	R		L	
T		B		O
	N		P	
C		D		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



No. 404

QUICK QUIZ



- 1

Canadian actor Catherine O'Hara (pictured) played Moira Rose in which comedy series?
- 2

Winter athletes Jakara Anthony and Matt Graham both compete in what sport?
- 3

What is the world's fastest bird?
- 4

Australia's largest prison, the Clarence Correctional Centre, is located in which state?
- 5

True or false: the Dalai Lama has a Grammy Award?
- 6

Which Grand Slam men's singles trophy was modelled after the Ancient Roman artefact known as the Warwick Vase?

- 7

Who was the first Australian to play in and win a Super Bowl?
- 8

In the English language, what is the only country to end in the letter G?
- 9

The Torres Strait serves as a link between which two seas?
- 10

In 2025, model and television presenter Tyra Banks opened up a Sydney store selling what unusual dessert?

ANSWERS: 1. Schitt's Creek 2. Mogul skiing 3. Peregrine falcon 4. New South Wales 5. True 6. The Norman Brooks Challenge Cup (Australian Open) 7. Jordan Malata 8. Luxembourg 9. The Arafura Sea and the Coral Sea 10. Hot ice cream



Your week ahead

Retro Mercury's misunderstandings can be genuinely upsetting. That said, they also offer a golden opportunity to try again, with feeling, for clearer, kinder communicating...



ARIES

(Mar 21 - Apr 19)

Neptune retrograde transits, especially when they're in your sign, have a way of dissolving whatever's just not solid enough to hold in current conditions. Which can be challenging, but on the upside does tend to clear the path necessary for something far more deserving of your considerable energy.

Best day:
Thursday 16 July



TAURUS

(Apr 20 - May 20)

Mercury's backspin in your communication zone may see some edgy reactions from your inner circle this week. In which case Chiron in your sign advises that owning your part in miscommunications could broker some genuine breakthroughs to deeper understanding and a more effective way of connecting in the future.

Best day:
Saturday 18 July



GEMINI

(May 21 - Jun 20)

With the explosive combo of changemaker Uranus and motivating Mars in your sign there are bound to be brainstorm, but not every exciting idea is worth pursuing, especially if it stirs up division or drama. Better to park them for now in the pending file till Mercury moves forward again next week.

Best day:
Sunday 12 July



CANCER

(Jun 21 - Jul 22)

This week's new moon in your sign shines on Cancer's prime season for sprucing up your base of operations. Home is the Crab's power place, and as seasonal peristalsis draws energy inwards to address domestic concerns. If you've been thinking about a décor upgrade, now's the time to do something about it.

Best day:
Monday 13 July



LEO

(Jul 23 - Aug 22)

As this year's astral season of at-home cozing draws to a close, Jupiter in Leo boosts your confidence and charisma to tackle this week's challenges with artistic flair, signature savior faire and trademark showmanship. And also, to encourage others by inviting them into your luminous personal sphere.

Best day:
Wednesday 15 July

ARROW WORDS



Plant stem	Land measure	Peruse Nobody (2-3)	Rugs	Info	Fighter planes
			Not sleeping		
Seaside				Tidy	In addition
Pole			Breaks suddenly		
Sad	American actress (pictured)	Group Spotted	Tree type	Can	Speed of music
			Social standing Unwanted plant		Rocky
			Beer	Grilled bread	
Ewer		Rubbish		Palest Heavens	
		Be defeated		Area	Secret agent
Conflict		Less strong		Twirled	Invisible
		3D shape	Team Employs		
Planet	Adorable			Shock and wonder	Arid
				Uttered	Sign of the Zodiac
Leg joints	Pollinating insect		Anxious		
			Refute	Finish	



VIRGO

(Aug 23 - Sep 22)

Yes Virgo, there's plenty to grumble and grouch about this week: climate change, immanent Armageddon, bills through the roof. But try being thankful as you're paying for things many people in the world don't have, because practising gratitude signals to the universe to keep the incoming current flowing.

Best day:
Friday 17 July



LIBRA

(Sep 23 - Oct 22)

Online shopping during Mercury retro can be a recipe for post-purchase dissonance, so check return policies, along with backing up data, reconfirming arrangements and being patient with delays and technical difficulties. Good news? It's a peak week to rest, revisit projects on hold and reconnect with friends.

Best day:
Thursday 16 July



SCORPIO

(Oct 23 - Nov 21)

This week's Mercury retrograde runs true to form in being the time to have a backup Plan B up your sleeve, and also to practise the re-verbs, as in renegotiating relationship agreements, redefining boundaries, reaching towards clearer understandings, revisiting forgotten dreams and restoring order in the home zone.

Best day:
Tuesday 14 July



SAGITTARIUS

(Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Wanting to initiate an air-clearing convo before you explode like a human volcano? Okay, but you'll need to be sensitive to nuance, and willing to attune to the mood of your audience. Or, alternatively, wait till Mercury's more amenable next week to finding the right words to express your feelings.

Best day:
Wednesday 15 July



CAPRICORN

(Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Capricorns tend to prefer managing difficult situations solo, but astral emphasis in your partnership department advises that problem-solving would benefit from pairing up. This is an astrologically auspicious week to reach out and ask for support, when connections tested by Mercury retrograde could become even stronger.

Best day:
Saturday 18 July



AQUARIUS

(Jan 20 - Feb 18)

This week's solar emphasis in your administrative sector is prime time for Aquarians to overhaul anything that's bogging you down. To schedule overdue appointments, clear clutter and honestly assess whether the helpers in your life are just creating more work. Above all, to give Aquarius some quality self-care.

Best day:
Sunday 12 July



PISCES

(Feb 19 - Mar 20)

Your planet ruler Neptune's retrograde suggests that channelling current astro-energies into conscious choices, rather than reflex reactions, will help you feel increasingly less and less affected by echoes of the past. Tune into this week's emphasis in your creative zone to make this process more fun and enjoyable.

Best day:
Tuesday 14 July

SOLUTION

D	N	E	Y	N	D	S	E	N	K
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Bush spirit focus of contest

By Phil Williams

ENTRIES have opened for a photography competition that shows off bush life and rural resilience.

The Spirit of the Bush Photography Competition celebrates the heart, grit and beauty of rural Australia with organisers inviting people from across the country to capture the stories, landscapes and spirit of rural and regional Australia.

Hosted by Rural Aid, the competition showcasing the Spirit of the Bush closes at 5pm on Friday 31 July (AEST).

Rural Aid is Australia's leading charity supporting farmers, their families and rural communities.

The organisation delivers practical assistance during drought, fire, flood and other disasters, helping farming families stay on the land and protect their livelihoods.

Through disaster relief, mental health support and community development programs, Rural Aid works with partners, supporters and volunteers to strengthen communities and ensure farmers have the support they need to recover, rebuild and remain connected.

In its seventh year, Spirit of the Bush has become a celebrated annual initiative showcasing breathtaking and often unseen moments from farming communities and rural landscapes right across Australia.

Since launching in 2020, the competition has built a powerful visual archive of rural life, capturing the resilience, humour, hardship, pride and beauty that define the bush.

This year, photographers are encouraged to share images that reflect the challenges, determination, people and natural beauty of rural and regional Australia, helping to bring the country to the city through the power of photography.



OFFICE VIEWS: The sun sets over a grain crop and header at harvest time. (Rural Aid/Sharon Woods)

Rural Aid Chief Executive Officer John Warlters said the competition continued to reveal the extraordinary stories found in everyday rural life.

"Every year we are reminded just how powerful a single image can be," he said.

"These photographs do not just show us the bush, they tell us its stories, its resilience, and its heart.

"Spirit of the Bush continues to bring rural Australia closer to the cities.

"It opens a window into the everyday realities, the challenges, and the incredible strength of farming communities."

Mr Warlters said the competition was open to all Australians, regardless of photography experience.

"Some of our most moving and memorable images come from people simply capturing life as they see it, honest, raw and real," he said.

Photographers are encouraged to showcase rural and regional Australia in all its forms,

from sweeping landscapes and working farms to candid everyday moments that reflect life in the bush.

From the entries, 12 winning photographs will be selected by a panel of judges, with each winner receiving a \$250 prepaid Visa card.

Entry terms and conditions can be found at ruralaid.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/SOTB-2026-TCs-FINAL.pdf and entries can be submitted at ruralaid.org.au/spirit-of-the-bush



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Charge over red light incident

AN Alice Springs man has been charged after allegedly driving at 146km/h through a red light on one of the town's busiest intersections last month.

Police allege the 27-year-old was travelling south on the Stuart Highway when he entered the Larapinta Drive intersection against a red traffic light while travelling at 146km/h in a 60km/h zone.

They also alleged the vehicle narrowly avoided colliding with another motorist.

Following investigations by Territory Road Policing, the man was served with a Notice to Appear in court.

He has been charged with driving at a speed dangerous, driving in a manner dangerous and proceeding beyond a red traffic light.

The man is due to appear in the Alice Springs Local Court on 5 August.

Senior Sergeant Devrim Kanyilmaz said

the alleged incident demonstrated a blatant disregard for the safety of other road users.

"Travelling at more than twice the posted speed limit and allegedly entering a busy intersection against a red light could have had devastating consequences for innocent motorists," he said.

"Road rules exist to protect lives, and we make no apology for taking strong enforcement action against those who choose to ignore them.

"Dangerous driving remains a significant contributor to road trauma across the Territory.

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He urged motorists to drive responsibly, obey speed limits and traffic signals, warning "a moment of reckless behaviour can have lifelong consequences".



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Jackson Renzi flies high. (562986)



CARDED: Shane Lovegrove is shown the yellow card and sin binned by umpire Phil Nippres (562986)



AIR TIME: Tyler Kelly attempts a hanger over West's Samuel Ward. (562986)

West steal win in nail-biter

By Phil Williams

THE headline result of round 10 of the CAFL season came as the top two men's sides did battle in dour match at Albrecht Oval on 27 June.

The top of the table clash, had all the makings of a Grand Final preview, and it delivered in spades.

A thrilling come-from-behind one-point victory by Pioneer brought to an end Wests unbeaten start to the season.

Wests intentions were clear from the opening ruck tap, making a brighter start, kicking 4.1 to 2.4 in the opening quarter to establish a nine-point lead.

Despite creating opportunities in front of goal, the second term became a tight, low-scoring contest as both sides failed to capitalise on their entries inside 50.

West managed 2.5 to Pioneer's 3.6 with inaccuracy in front of goal costing them dearly as the reward for effort didn't match.

Wests clawed back the margin and took a slender two-point advantage into the main break with the game still in the balance.

Wests cause was helped somewhat after Pioneer were forced to play one man short near-ing half time.

Shane Lovegrove was shown the yellow card by umpire, Phil Nippres when tempers began to flare after a heavy late hit felled an opponent.

At half time, scores were Pioneer 5.10: 40 to Wests 6.6: 42.

After getting back to full numbers, the Eagles took control in the third quarter and looked to have broken the game open, booting six goals to two to stretch the margin to a game-high 22 points.

The ladder leaders appeared in command heading into the final term but West were not finished and produced a stunning comeback.

After being stung in the third quarter, an early goal was the catalyst they needed to mount a resurgence.

Shutting down the Eagles forward entry, West piled on five final-quarter goals from 10 scoring shots while keeping Pioneer to just two to snatch a famous one-point victory and throw the race for the minor premiership wide open with five rounds remaining.

Fletcha Murphy starred for West, while Jack Sandry and Samuel Ward were influential throughout, particularly during the final-quarter surge.

Jackson Renzi also proved the difference inside forward 50, finishing with four goals.

For Pioneer, Tyler Kelly was outstanding, while Dylan Alice booted three goals and Ignatius Dooley came close to helping the Eagles preserve their unbeaten record.



DESPERATION: Pioneer's Requan Taylor gets a handball away despite the best efforts of West's Lang Hayes. (Phil Williams: 562986)



CAUGHT: Thomas Swan is wrapped up by West skipper, Joel Williams as Joel Dooley comes in to lend support. (562986)



GOOD JOB: Nick Flowers and Joel Williams celebrate a goal late in the second quarter. (562986)



SCRAP: Jack McGregor and Shane Lovegrove go to ground as they fight for for possession close to goal. (562986)



FLIER: Shane Lovegrove flies for a mark against Jack McGregor. (562986)



TAP: Cheyne Miles and Robert Shaw go head to head at the opening ruck tap. (562986)





JUGGLE: Isiah Stuart loses the ball after a marking attempt. (562981)



SIX POINTS: Malcolm Multa and Jadewyn Nelson celebrate another Feds goal. (562981)

Soul-destroyer for Souths

By Phil Williams

THE Kangaroos had a day to forget against Federal in their Round 10 Reserves match at Traeger Park on Saturday, 27 June.

Struggling for numbers, in a never-say-die attempt to field a side, they had two players register on the day, pulling on the boots to play their first game.

Despite the heroics, Souths were simply out-matched, out-classed and out scored in all positions across the ground as Federal took control from the opening bounce.

Feds were clinical and once they took possession of the ball never gave it up.

Their modus operandi was to simply win the ruck tap, kick it forward inside 50 to any number of waiting players and score, then rinse and repeat.

With no answers to a ruthless Feds outfit, the Kangaroos were never in the game and at quarter time were 50 points in arrears and already facing the reality of a cricket score being kicked against them.

Souths only bright spot was a solitary goal midway through the second quarter while Feds did as they pleased with Sherrin on their way to taking away a 192 point win.

At three quarter time, Feds held a 129 point lead before a 10 goal final term, scoring 63 points, to bring up the double ton, while keeping Souths scoreless for the quarter.

Final scores: South 1.2: 8, Federal 31.14: 200



CELEBRATION: Dwayne Bloomfield celebrates a goal from his own boot. (Phil Williams: 562981)



BUMP: Daniel Turner takes a solid bump from Feds' Scott Westover. (562981)



ATTEMPT: Tarynt Stubbs attempts to put a smother on a Jonty Fernando kick. (562981)



FEND OFF: Malcolm Multa breaks free of a Jock Heinrich tackle before clearing the ball. (562981)



HIGH: Scott Westover is taken high by Tarrynt Stubbs late in the second quarter. (562981)



DETERMINED: Zedeiak Edwards puts in a stellar effort to bring down his Feds opponent. (562981)



PLAY: Jock Heinrich attempts to pull in a grab in front of his Souths opponent. (562981)



SHOT: Caitlin Jenvey takes a shot at goal as goalkeeper Kristen Chisholm stop the attempt. (563640)



CONTROL: Tessa Oates controls the ball as she makes a run down field. (563640)



JAB TACKLE: Brodhi Cortissos attempts to control the ball, as Jolie Butler-Wheeler tries a jab tackle to win possession. (563640)

Redbacks bite in miracle

IT was a Saturday afternoon sports clash for the ages as the top-of-the-ladder Redbacks overcame a seemingly insurmountable three-goal deficit to defeat a high-flying Centrals side 4-3 at the final siren.

Taking the pitch to open the round, straight out of the blocks, Centrals came to play and were on a mission.

Their dynamic, fast-passing game left the ladder leaders reeling in the first half of the 20 June match as Daniel Carpenter set the tone early by putting two quick goals on the board.

The onslaught continued when Jolie Butler-Wheelers broke the defences and found the back of the net within the opening 25 minutes.

With Centrals dominating and sitting comfortably three goals ahead, Redbacks had no answers to their opponent's running game.

Panic began to set in on the shellshocked Redbacks' sideline as the match approached half time.

Just when it seemed like the Redbacks were falling apart, the team regrouped at the long break and came out with renewed mindset.

Key playmaker Caitlin Jenvey rallied the

squad, finally penetrating the Centrals' defence to log her first goal of the day early in the quarter.

That moment injected a massive lift in team spirit and reignited the Redbacks' fighting mentality.

As the second half drew to a thrilling close, the Redbacks' relentless pressure began to pay off as the momentum began to shift in the Redbacks favour.

Brook Webb capitalized on a prime scoring opportunity, bringing the team within striking distance.

With momentum fully shifted, Jenvey broke past the Centrals' keeper and slotted two more spectacular goals to complete her hat-trick and seal a spectacular 4-3 victory for the Redbacks.

Rounding out the Women's draw, Eagles fell to a 3-6 loss against the Desert Sharks while on the Open side of the fixture Central went down 0-2 to Redbacks in an entertaining clash.

In the second game, Federals were far to strong for the Sharks to claim a 5-0 victory to close the round.



CHANGE: Kalaea Schwalger changes as Brook Webb moves in to challenge. (Phil Williams: 563640)



CRAMPED: Caitlin Jenvey moves along the base line as Rakapa Schwalger is given little space to progress into the circle. (563640)



ATTACK: Manekha Byerley about to pass into the circle before defender Caitlin Jenvey can challenge. (563640)



INTERCEPTION: Rakapa Schwalger challenges Harleen Kaur with the one-handed tackle. (563640)



BATTLE: Manekha Byerley and Caitlin Jenvey at arm's length batte to control the ball. (563640)



PUSH: Caitlin Jenvey fires the ball to the top of the circle for Redbacks as Centrals defenders Kalaea Schwalger, Tessa Oates, Manekha Byerley and Kristen Chisholm move in. (563640)



GAME TIME: Mick Hewitt releases his shot during the Pairs matchplay. (Phil Williams: 563172)



TWO DOWN: Ray Dienelt signals the result to his partner. (563172)

Pairs finale for bowls fest

By Phil Williams

THE Mbantua Gallery Open Pairs on Saturday and Sunday 27 and 28 June was the final event of the nine-day Festival of Bowls held at the Alice Springs Golf Club.

The finale followed on from the flying start with the Open Singles the previous Saturday and Sunday, followed by the Mystery Pairs then the Open Fours leading into the final weekend.

The strong field of 18 pairs was evenly divided between locals and travelers and after eight rounds of preliminary matches followed by semifinals, the grand final came down to a north-south battle.

Local pair, Josh Van Haaren and Pat Coburn were up against former Alice resident, and bowls stalwart, Ray Dienelt with team mate, Les Carter for the McLaren Vale club in South Australia.

It was the second final for all four players during the tournament after facing off against each other in the Fours competition.

The final was a quality contest, with Van Haaren and Coburn seeking redemption after being defeated in a last gasp effort in the Fours.

All four bowlers had produced some exceptional match play throughout the festival, earning their place in the championship match and with local knowledge, experience, and the ability for all four to send down quality shots the match up didn't disappoint with both teams producing some outstanding bowls, neither side giving an inch until late in the match.

After a close tussle, Dienelt and Carter scored a decisive four shot lead on the tenth end to break the game open.

After edging ahead, the duo were able to maintain their advantage to claim the title, go-



FINALIST: Josh Van Haaren was a finalist in the Pairs competition. (563172)



LOW: Margie Wallace gets low as she lets her shot go early in the Pairs competition. (563172)



TRAVELER: Max Scanlan from Holbrook in NSW made the trip to the FoB. (563172)



WELCOME: Travellers such as Graham Fromm of Jervois in SA were a welcome addition to the FoB. (563172)

ing on to win the 12-end match, 11-6.

The inaugural nine day Festival of Bowls brought 27 travellers, some from as far away as Tasmania, to Alice Springs, providing local

bowlers with much needed variety of play and creating a platform for new acquaintances to be made.

The competition, which is a new initiative

by the club, has now become the official kick-off to the regional "Desert to Darwin Bowls Tour" with organisers already planning next year's Festival.

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200 up for Ebony amid win

By Phil Williams

ONE of the Central Australian Football League W's (CAFLW) most enduring players, Ebony Abbott-McCormack brought up the double ton when she pulled on the boots for South against Federal at Traeger Park.

Marking an incredible milestone, Abbott-McCormack ran out for her 200th senior game last month.

Giving her more reason to celebrate the milestone, she slotted six goals to steer her side to a solid win.

She has played football at the top level across both the NT and SA and has been a leader in women's football in Alice Springs since the beginning of the local competition.

After growing up in Alice Springs, Abbott-McCormack had her first taste of competitive football at the NT Buffaloes after moving to Darwin to play in the women's competition.

In her first season, she was named NTFL best and fairest and awarded Best on Ground in the Grand Final.

She was one of the founders of Pioneer Football Club's women's team, winning six premierships with the Eagles before moving to South.

Her on field success has seen her claim a host of accolades including twice winning the CAFLW's best-and-fairest award, the Margaret Liddle Medal, two AFLNT premierships, the NTFL League Leading Goalkicker award along with several club best-and-fairest honours as well as having been named in the Territory's top 10 female players.

In 2023 she was named as the 2023 AFLW Indigenous Round Honouree, the fourth person to receive the accolade.

She has also played CAFL for Rovers, three games for North Adelaide in the SANFL Women's competition, Southern Districts in the



RESPECT: Team mates applaud as Emily Abbott-McCormack is chaired from the ground after booting six goals in her 200th match. (PIC: PHIL WILLIAMSON 562975_02)

NTFL and the NT Thunder. Her passion, commitment and love for the game have seen her lead by example on and off the field for many years and she continues to lace up the boots, leading from the front, remaining one of the CAFLW's best players.

Elliott Hawks men firm as premiership favourites amid win

By Ryan Saxelby, AFL NT

HIGHLIGHTED by several standout individual performances, the 2026 Barkly Australian Football League delivered another entertaining weekend at Purkiss Reserve in Tennant Creek on 27 June.

In the women's, the Elliott Hawks made it back-to-back victories with a 28-point win over Ampilatwatja.

The Hawks made an ideal start, kicking the opening two goals before Ampilatwatja responded to trail by just six points at the first break. Elliott maintained its composure from there, gradually gaining control across the remaining three quarters.

Although Ampilatwatja closed the margin during the second half, the Hawks always had the answers to secure another impressive victory.

Jasmine Batherne continued her outstanding start to the season, while Ryashanti Jackson and Renae Wilson were also influential. Alicia Turner and Glenys Peterson battled hard for Ampilatwatja.

Ampilatwatja's men returned to the winners list in emphatic fashion, producing a dominant second-half performance to defeat Willowra by 54 points.

After establishing an early lead with a three-goal opening term, Ampilatwatja saw its advantage reduced to just three points at half-time as Willowra responded with three goals in the second quarter.

With the contest finely poised, Ampilatwatja took complete control after the main break, piling on five unanswered goals in the third quarter before adding another four majors to one in the final term to seal an impressive victory.

Shaquille Holmes was instrumental after half-time, with Tayte Payne and Dillon Morton also among the best.

Willowra will be looking to bounce back in their next encounter with YDU.



FAVOURITES: Elliot have firmed as a chance for the flag after a big win over Imangara.

The headline clash of the round saw Soapy Bore withstand a determined Ali Curung comeback to claim a hard-fought 15-point victory.

The opening quarter was an even contest, with both sides kicking a goal as Soapy Bore held a slender one-point lead.

The Crows broke the game open in the second term, kicking three unanswered goals to establish a 22-point advantage at half-time.

Ali Curung refused to go away, reducing the margin in the third quarter before launching another challenge with three final-term goals. However, Soapy Bore held its nerve, adding two late majors to secure the win.

Emery Morton, Eric Waistcoat and Travis Jones led the way for the Crows, while Damien Brown and Leroy Barnes were standout performers for the Kangaroos.

The Elliott Hawks further strengthened their premiership credentials with a dominant victory over Imangara.

The Hawks were relentless across four quarters, finishing with 14 goals while their

offense held Imangara to just two majors in a comprehensive performance.

Captain Anthony Raymond and Kurt Raymond starred, with Kody O'Riley also making a strong contribution while Brian Kelly and Kieron Foster fought hard for Imangara.

YDU overcame a spirited late challenge from Jalajirra to record its third win of the season.

YDU led by eight points at quarter-time before extending the margin to 18 at the main break and 25 at the final change.

Jalajirra surged back into the contest with three goals in the final quarter to briefly threaten an upset, but YDU responded with two crucial goals to secure a 22-point victory.

Clayton Hayes was outstanding for YDU, while Steven Raggett and Rico Billy-Joe also impressed. Chad Turner and Caleb Moore worked tirelessly for Jalajirra.

The final match of the round, billed as a potential finals preview between BWC and the Spitfires, proved to be a one-sided affair as Sporties produced a clinical 42-point win.

The Spitfires controlled proceedings from the opening bounce, extending their lead from nine points at quarter-time to 22 by half-time before taking a 30-point advantage into the final break.

BWC's early inaccuracy proved costly, managing just 0.3 in the opening term and 1.4 in the second as the Spitfires capitalised on their opportunities.

Ben Braun was the standout with four goals, while Damian Bahr Kelly and Stanley Waistcoat each finished with two majors. Galvin Williams battled hard for BWC, with Ricky Collins and Lloyd Miller also among their better contributors.

Clubs unite to take a stand

By Ryan Saxelby, AFL NT

THE 2026 TIO Central Australian Football League turned its attention to an important cause over the weekend of 20 June, with clubs uniting for NO MORE Round to take a stand against family violence.

In the Women's side of the draw, South climbed into second place on the ladder after a convincing win over Federal in what was Ebony Abbott McCormack 200th senior game at Traeger Park.

South controlled the contest from the outset, winning the stoppages and using the ball efficiently to repeatedly lock it inside their forward 50, creating constant pressure on the Federal defence.

Kiarra Tilmouth was outstanding for South, while Demi-Lee Braun and Telayla Turner continued their impressive form.

Ebony Abbott-McCormack was the focal point up forward, finishing with six goals giving her more reason to celebrate her personal milestone.

Despite the loss, Emma Forsyth and Alice Faulks worked hard and were among Federal's best.

At Albrecht Oval, Wests continued its dominance of the women's with another emphatic win over the Eagles.

The ladder leaders showcased their depth, with 11 individual goalkickers in a clinical display.

Iesha Ronberg led the way with four goals, while Georgia Rudd, Chloe Oughtred and Hope Skehan each added three majors.

Meg McKsahan and Bianca Strugnell were instrumental in setting up Wests' attacking play throughout the afternoon.

For Pioneer, Kayla Costello and Issy Treloar never stopped competing.

The headline result of the weekend came at



PRESSURE: Betty Maeke attempts to clear the ball under pressure from Ashlynn Jeffries. (PHIL WILLIAMS 562984_02)

Albrecht Oval in the men's, where West ended Pioneer's unbeaten start to the season with a thrilling one-point victory.

With first-placed West taking on second-placed Pioneer, the contest had all the makings of a Grand Final preview, and it certainly delivered.

West made the brighter start, kicking 4.1 to 2.4 in the opening quarter to establish a nine-point lead despite Pioneer creating several scoring opportunities.

The second term became a tight, low-scoring contest. West managed 2.5 to Pioneer's 3.6, taking a slender two-point advantage into the main break.

The Eagles took control in the third quarter, booting six goals to two to stretch the margin to a game-high 22 points and appear in command heading into the final term.

But West produced a stunning comeback, piling on five final-quarter goals to two to snatch a famous one-point victory and throw

the race for the minor premiership wide open with five rounds remaining.

Fletcha Murphy starred for West, while Jack Sandry and Samuel Ward were influential throughout, particularly during the final-quarter surge.

Jackson Renzi also proved the difference inside forward 50, finishing with four goals.

For Pioneer, Tyler Kelly was outstanding, while Dylan Alice booted three goals and Ignatius Dooley came close to helping the Eagles preserve their unbeaten record.

At Traeger Park, Federal avoided what would have been a major upset, holding off a spirited Souths outfit to round out an entertaining weekend of football.

Souths came out with intent and held a seven-point lead at quarter-time, aiming to claim their first win of the season.

Federal responded emphatically in the second quarter, kicking six goals to two to take control and establish a 16-point halftime lead.

Both sides set the stage in an entertaining third term, kicking four goals apiece as the margin edged out to 18 points entering the final quarter.

Souths refused to give up, booting five final-quarter goals to mount one last challenge. However, Federal matched the charge with four goals of its own to secure a hard-earned 13-point victory.

Caleb Schwartz was outstanding for Federal, while Elijah Walker finished with three goals. Geordie Lelliott and Jack Nugent also made important contributions.

For Souths, Dylan Barry impressed, with Akiel Webb also among the visitors' best.

Still searching for their first win of 2026, Souths showed encouraging signs as their finals hopes continue to hang in the balance.

WEATHER FORECAST

Alice Springs:
Cloudy. Medium chance of showers, most likely in the morning and afternoon. Light winds.
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Friday. Partly cloudy. 4/19

Ross River:
Shower or two. 7/19
Friday. Partly cloudy. 4/21

Uluru:
Mostly sunny. 5/18
Friday. Partly cloudy. 6/19

Darwin:
Mostly sunny. Light winds becoming southeasterly 15 to 20 km/h during the morning then becoming light during the afternoon.
Friday. Mostly sunny. Light winds becoming east to southeasterly 15 to 20 km/h during the morning.

Northern Territory:
A slight to medium chance of showers across the northern and eastern Top End and in the Carpentaria, Barkly, Simpson, eastern Lasseter and southeast Tanami Districts. The chance of storms in the far eastern Simpson District. The chance of morning fog over the Lasseter and western Simpson Districts. Mostly sunny elsewhere. Light to moderate south to southeasterly winds.

ALICE SPRINGS FORECAST

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Possible shower. 18	Partly cloudy. 20	Sunny. 22	Mostly sunny. 20

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	Partly cloudy.	17
Brisbane	Possible shower.	21
Canberra	Morning frost. Cloudy.	13
Darwin	Mostly sunny.	32
Hobart	Partly cloudy.	12
Melbourne	Partly cloudy.	14
Perth	Shower or two.	20
Sydney	Showers.	18

SUN & MOON			
	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise Moonset
Wednesday	7:17am	6:02pm	12:31am 12:16pm
Thursday	7:17am	6:02pm	1:30am 12:55pm
Friday	7:17am	6:02pm	2:34am 1:39pm
Saturday	7:17am	6:03pm	3:41am 2:31pm
Sunday	7:17am	6:03pm	4:51am 3:32pm
Monday	7:17am	6:04pm	6:00am 4:40pm
Tuesday	7:17am	6:04pm	7:02am 5:51pm

THURSDAY 10AM

Forecast Rain 24 hrs to 9am

— 1024 — hectoPascal (hPa)

trough cold front warm front

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ALICE SPRINGS
SUN PROTECTION
RECOMMENDED
BETWEEN
10:20am to 3:00pm
MAX UV Index
5 (moderate)



CHAired: Head and shoulders above the rest, Ebony Abbott-McCormack acknowledges her team mates as she is carried from the ground after her 200th game. (Phil Williams: 562975)

Magic moment

By Phil Williams

ONE of the Central Australian Football League W's (CAFLW) most enduring players, Ebony Abbott-McCormack brought up the double ton when she pulled on the boots for South against Federal at Traeger Park.

Marking an incredible milestone, Abbott-McCormack ran out for her 200th senior game last month.

She has played football at the top level across the NT and SA and has been a leader in women's football in Alice Springs since the beginning of the local competition.

She was one of the founders of Pioneer Football Club's women's team, winning six premierships with the Eagles before moving to South.

Her on field success has seen her claim a host of accolades, among them twice winning the CAFLW's best-and-fairest award, the Margaret Liddle Medal, two AFLNT premierships and the NTFL League Leading Goalkicker award.

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