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Memorial service for Light Horse

A memorial service at Alice Springs Cemetery has marked the 108th anniversary of the WWI Battle of Semakh, honouring Aboriginal Light Horsemen.

Led by former Aboriginal stockman Raymond Finn in full Light Horse uniform, a horse parade moved to the cemetery to lay a wreath and read the names of Central Australian Aboriginal soldiers, including local Arrernte men.

Finn and former Senator Nova Peris OAM emphasised that these soldiers faced the same deadly machine-gun fire and earned temporary battlefield equality alongside non-Aboriginal troops.

However, upon returning to Australia, they faced ongoing discrimination.

The ceremony highlighted that remembrance must value all human life - honouring both those who died and those who returned carrying the lasting scars of war.

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FLORAL TRIBUTE: Nova Peris OAM is flanked by Raymond Finn and Dennis Orr before placing the floral tribute. (Phil Williams: 581196)

Community unrest

FOLLOWING days of severe street fighting involving up to 50 people using traditional weapons, non-essential community services were suspended in a remote settlement 260km northeast of Alice Springs.

The violence forced Urapuntja Aboriginal Corporation staff to take shelter, disrupted planned discussions between community Elders, and left a 67-year-old man with serious injuries requiring medical evacuation.

In response, Barkly Regional Council Mayor Sid Vashist urgently requested Northern Territory Government intervention and a curfew.

While NT Police deployed additional resources, including the Southern Cultural Reform Team, and arrested four men on assault and rioting charges, they rejected the curfew request.

Police maintained that a coordinated response was sufficient to manage the unrest and restore calm while working alongside local community leaders.

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Bower Bird looking for nest

By Gladys Barreta

HAVE you ever noticed the giant Bower Bird overlooking the lane to Ross Park Primary School on Chewings Street?

For many locals, the three-by-two metre structure is a familiar landmark and a reminder of a significant chapter in Alice Springs' community history.

The Bower Bird originally stood outside the Bower Bird Tip Shop, a much-loved community-run space that was controversially closed by Alice Springs Town Council in 2007.

The closure sparked a community protest, with the giant bird becoming a symbol of the fight to keep the Tip Shop open.

When the protest ended, locals Pete and Gale Allsop brought the Bower Bird home, where it has stood in their backyard overlooking the lane and Ross Park Primary School ever since.

Now, with the couple selling their home at 26 Chewings Street and moving on from Alice Springs, they are looking for somewhere for the much-loved structure to roost next.

"We would love the new owner to keep the bird, but I don't know if this will happen, so I'm putting the word around for ideas of where it might go next," Pete said.

Over the years, the Bower Bird has become a familiar sight for schoolchildren walking to and from Ross Park Primary School, as well as for the East Siders and everyone beyond.

Pete said the structure had become something of a Northern Territory roadside icon, comparable to some of Australia's other famous "big things".

"It is the Northern Territory's big structure, perhaps comparable to the Big Lobster in South Australia or the Big Prawn in New South Wales, perhaps," he said.

It has even been captured in a painting by acclaimed local artist Rod Moss.

"The Bower Bird was not only a lightning rod for the community but also a core piece of art here for us," he said.

"It's a piece of public art having been able to share it with the public, school kids and neighbours," Gale said.

Made by local artist J9 from discarded and recycled materials, the Bower Bird is large to relocate and will need some extra loving and makeover, the Allsops said.

Pete and Gale are now hoping someone in the community will come forward with an idea for where it could go next.



BIG BIRD: Gail and Peter Allsop with their big bowerbird sculpture. (Phil Williams: 580876)

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Red Centre officially a must see in the world

By Gladys Barreta

THE Red Centre has always been at the forefront of some of the world's most beautiful wonders, with a recent feature by global travel brand, Lonely Planet featuring the desert town in its Top 25 Must-Do Experiences.

The recognition encourages Lonely Planet's 60 million readers to "immerse yourself in art in the Red Centre".

The latest accolade has been described as tangible proof of the world's growing interest in the Territory, following the New York Times also naming the Top End a must-visit destination.

Minister for Tourism and Hospitality Marie-Clare Boothby said the recognition showed the world's biggest travel influencers were painting Central Australia as a one-of-a-kind experience.

"The world is discovering authentic cultural experiences you can only find here in the Territory, whether it's the record-breaking events like Parrtjima Festival of Light and Desert Mob, installations like Wintjiri Wi?u and the Field of Light, or the trail of art centres like Nyinkka Nyunyu in Tennant Creek and Many Hands in Alice Springs.



RED CENTRE: Central Australia has been recognised in Lonely Planet's Top 25 Must-Do Experiences, highlighting the region's art, culture and landscapes. Picture, the rare sight of the Aurora Australis near Alice Springs. (Phil Williams)

Lonely Planet Destination Editor for Oceania Jessica Lockhart said: "These experiences aren't just visually impressive – they also give travellers greater insight into the landscape and its Traditional Custodians."

Acclaimed artist and owner of Art Tours of Australia, Anna Dakin, said Central Australia was a "soup of creativity" – from the trail of Aboriginal art centres to iconic installations and events like Parrtjima.

"The vast, ancient landscape is an endless source of inspiration for artists, both for visitors and the custodians of the culture that has shaped this place.

"It's exciting to see this magical, bubbling place recognised in Lonely Planet, and the increasing investment in the Red Centre for tourism and art. You can't get this anywhere else."

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Days of community unrest

By Phil Williams

ALL but essential community services were withdrawn from a community approximately 260 north east of Alice Springs after several days of unrest last week.

At the height of the trouble up to 50 people were street fighting and brandishing traditional and homemade weapons.

Planned discussions between the Elders of two communities were thwarted after the violence erupted and one of the Elders sustained serious injuries..

Barkly Regional Council Mayor Sid Vashist made a plea to the Northern Territory Government and police to intervene and impose a curfew after the situation became so dangerous, and community staff were forced to take shelter in a car.

On Monday 21 September, chief executive officer of Urapuntja Aboriginal Corporation (UAC), Jim Stacey, ordered all non-essential services in the area be temporarily stopped after a 67 year-old man was severely injured and needed to be transported to Alice Springs for treatment.

Unconfirmed reports suggest he was later medevacced to Adelaide due to the extent of his injuries.



TROUBLE: All but essential services were shutdown for 48 hours at a remote community after days of unrest. (Phil Williams: 385059)

A female UAC staff member and her two children were also forced to take shelter in their vehicle after they were caught up during an incident at the local store, with a large group of people reportedly involved and traditional weapons being used.

"Although no violence was directed at her, she was an innocent bystander caught in the wrong place at the wrong time." Mr Stacey wrote in a letter to major stakeholders of the UAC

In his letter, Mr Stacey said for the protection of staff, the UAC administration offices and other public areas would remain closed for two days.

"I take my duty of care to my staff seriously and will not have them exposed to violence that erupts with little warning,"

In a letter to the NT Chief Minister, Lia Finocchiaro and Police Commisioner, Martin Dole, Mr Vashist implored them to take action and provide extra support to the tiny outpost.

"I am deeply concerned that the situation has now reached a point where a significantly strengthened and sustained police response is required," he wrote.

"I am therefore asking, urgently, that NT Police and the Northern Territory Government consider and implement whatever additional operational measures are necessary to stabilise the situation..."

"The immediate priority must be the safety of residents, children, staff, police, and those maintaining essential services, the Barkly mayor wrote."

NT Police said it had sent additional resources from Harts Range and Alice Springs, including members of the Southern Cultural Reform Team, to assist the local officers, and to work with community members to restore calm to the community.

As a result of the violence, several arrests were made.

A 47-year-old man who charged with aggravated assault and going armed in public.

Three other men, aged 23, 35, and 42, were also arrested and charged with taking part in a riot and bailed to appear in court on 4 November..

In a statement to the Centralian Today, NT Police said there was no requirement for a curfew and urged those involved to refrain from further violence and allow community leaders and investigators to work towards a peaceful resolution.

"Police have a coordinated plan to manage the unrest and have identified the alleged offenders involved. A curfew is not required."

Colourful finish to OLSH term

STUDENTS at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Bath Street got into the spirit of football finals to celebrate the end of this year's second term.

They dressed in their favourite team's colours, with outfits representing all codes.

With support from AFL NT and several local businesses including Hot Stuff, Sports Power and Intersport, the students also took part in several workshops before finishing the term with some fun AFL activities.

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FUN: Charlie and Addison immersed in the footy fun. (Phil Williams: 579904)



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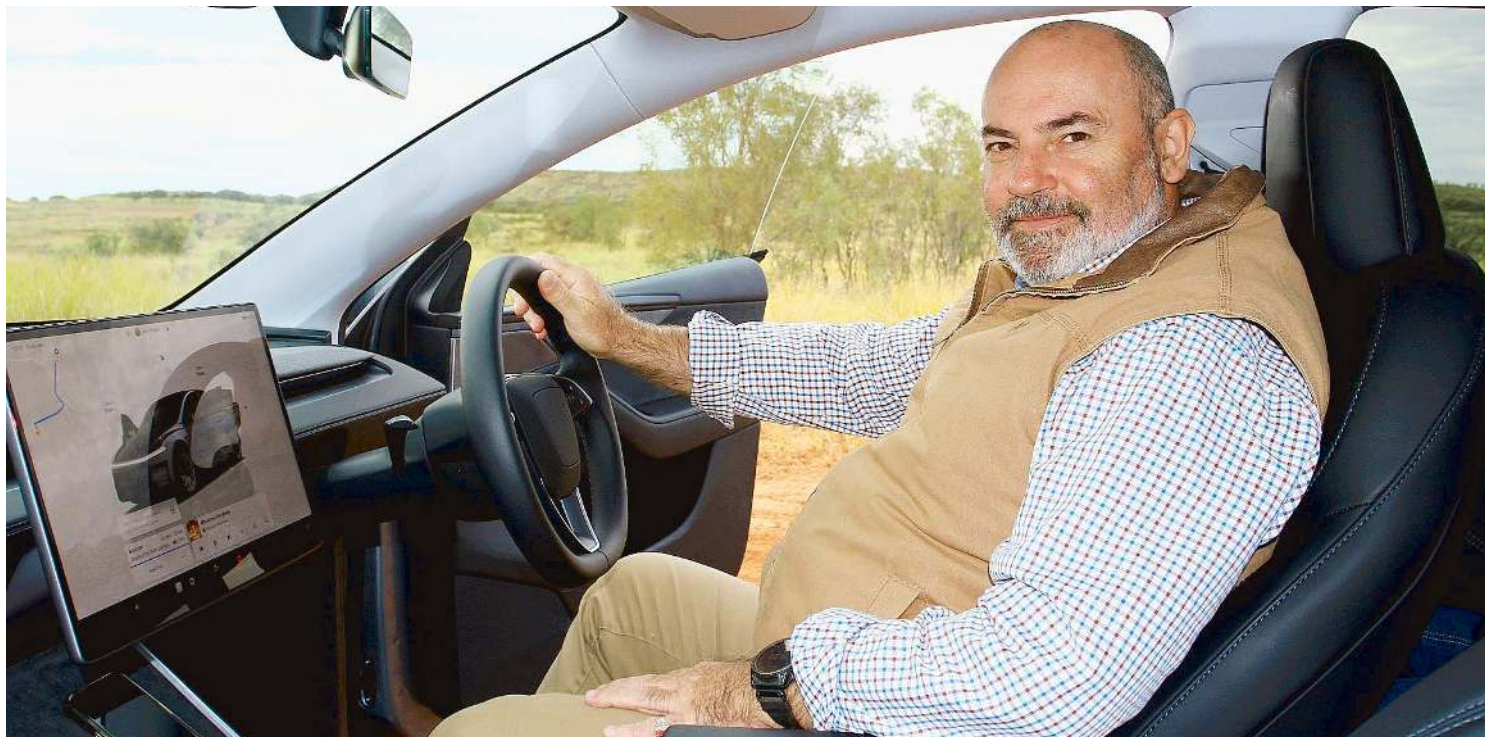
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Rough road to be sealed

By Phil Williams



OVERDUE: Member for Namatjira, Bill Yan said the sealing of another section of the Santa Teresa Road was overdue. (PHIL WILLIAMS)

ONE of Central Australia's most scorned roads is about to receive a long awaited upgrade.

Travelling to Santa Teresa community, approximately 80km from Alice Springs, will shortly become a little bit easier when a 22.5 km section of the rough gravel road is sealed.

Work will soon begin to upgrade and deliver a two-lane sealed road, starting from around the 40-kilometre mark through to approximately 62 kilometres along the road.

The road, often referred to as a 'goat track, is historically prone to flooding, often becoming impassable for several days after heavy rain.

It is frequently severely corrugated and is littered with bulldust filled potholes and large rocks leading to damaged and broken cars, leaving motorists stranded with no phone reception along much of the road.

The project is part of the $415 million Northern Territory Strategic Roads Package, funded by $83 million from the Northern Territory and $332 million from Canberra.

The upgrades will deliver an eight metre wide sealed rural arterial road, with associated civil works, site establishment and traffic management planning and implementation.

Once complete, the works will significantly improve safety for all road users, reducing travel times, and supporting a more reliable transport route southeast of Alice Springs.

The latest upgrade builds on previous works delivered as part of the package, including sealing of a seven kilometre section from the 13 kilometre to 20 kilometre marks which was completed in 2024.

The new improvements are a continuation of efforts to deliver safer, more reliable road infrastructure for remote and regional communities in the Northern Territory.

The planning, design, construction and maintenance of the upgrades will support local businesses and create around 60 jobs. Construction is expected to start later this month and take approximately 15 months, with a completion date of early 2028.

NT Minister for Logistics and Infrastructure and Member for Namatjira Bill Yan said the upgrades were long overdue.

"...sealing another 22.5 kilometres will provide a safer and more reliable road for local residents and motorists, he said.

"This is a great outcome for the Santa Teresa community, pastoralists and everyone who relies on this road, and I know these upgrades are long overdue"

Marion Scrymgour, the Federal Member for Lingiari said it was a big step forward for the Santa Teresa community.

"Having a safer and more reliable road into Alice Springs means better access to health care, education, shops and essential services for the residents of Santa Teresa, she said.

"People in remote communities deserve roads they can rely on, she said.

"This project will make a real difference to the Santa Teresa community and everyone travelling this road."

Federal Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Minister Catherine King said the work will improve the safety and reliability along the much maligned road.

"With another milestone reached on Santa Teresa Road, we are a step closer to improving year-round connections to essential services, while also supporting industry, freight and tourism operations."





Ceremony marks anniversary

By Phil Williams

A small but touching ceremony at the Alice Springs Cemetery War Memorial last Friday 25 September marked the 108th anniversary of the World War I Battle of Semakh.

Some of those at the ceremony were descendants of those Lighthorsemen who fought in the war.

The battle, a turning point in history, is the only known night charge of the entire conflict.

Dressed in full Light Horse uniform Raymond Finn and Dennis Orr lead a parade of four horses and riders from Blatherskite Park to the cemetery for the memorial service where they also laid a wreath at the grave of Kunjayi Little Baby.

For many years, Mr Finn, a former Aboriginal stockman has been remembering the Light Horse and the Anzacs whose horses walked the dusty desert tracks during World War I and has taken part in Anzac Day Dawn Services in Alice Springs.

The ride and ceremony was about remembering the Aboriginal men who fought and gave their lives during World War I.

"They were Diggers who were denied a pencil at the ballot box but allowed to brandish a bayonet, he said.

"It was also about remembering the Light Horse and the horses they rode.

"I don't want us to simply remember a battle.

"I want us to remember the people at Semakh - the young Australian light Horsmen who rode into machinegun fire. Some never came home.

"We remember more than those who died. We remember those who returned changed by what they experienced.

"The Light Horse included a remarkable number of Aboriginal soldiers.



REMEMBRANCE: Dennis Orr and Raymond Finn pause to remember the Australian Lighthorse men at Battle of Semakh. (Phil Williams: 581196)

"They wore the same uniform, they rode beside their mates, they faced the same bullets and were wounded and died alongside of them.

"For a time, military service gave many Aboriginal men an equality that did not exist in civilian Australia, Mr Finn said.

"It is a story that is only now beginning to be fully told."

The equality on the battle field didn't come home with the men, Mr Finn said.

"They returned to an Australia where Aboriginal people were still subject to discriminational (sic) laws.

Mr Finn pointed to the fact at least three Central Australian Light Horse soldiers are buried in the the Old Stuart Town Cemetery.

"They had served their country as a soldier but were still not treated as an equal.

"This is a part of the sacrifice we remember today, Mr Finn said.

"This cemetery in Alice Springs asks something more of us today.

"The graves around us remind us that the grief does not belong only to history, Mr Finn said as he paid tribute to Kumanjayi Little Baby and her family.

"Her family's grief is not history. It is present and still being carried."

"That reminds us remembrance must ultimately be about human life, he said.

"Different lives, different times, different sorrows but we're all asking us to remember the value of human life.

Mr Finn said the purpose of the memorial wasn't to glorify war but to remember people whether they died on the battlefields or returned to Country bearing the battlescars of conflict.

"We remember them all. Lest We Forget" he said.

During the service, the names of the Aboriginal men from Central Australia, many of the Arrente, who gave their lives were read out.

Former Senator, Nova Perris OAM, who travelled to Alice Springs for the ceremony, told the gathering the machine gun fire didn't distinguish and the men's courage was Australian courage.

"Aboriginal Australians rode beside their fellow Australians at a turning point in history, she said.

"In the darkness at Semakh, they rode beside their fellow Australians.

"The machine gun bullets didn't distinguish between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal soldiers.

"Their courage was Australian courage. Their sacrifice was Australian sacrifice and their service deserves the same place of honour in our national memory, she said

"That is why we speak their names with pride.

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The Pulse

Dr Glenn Morrison



‘Dinosaur’ water here to stay

NEWS of more groundwater than previously thought available to supply a future Alice Springs has seen many praise the Alice Springs Water Allocation Plan 2026-2036.

But claimed deficiencies in the report and a pro-development NT Government may yet endanger a sustainable water future for our town.

Groundwater for Alice Springs is drawn from the siltstones and fractured sandstones of the Mereenie Aquifer thanks to a pumping station at Roe Creek Borefield, some 15 km south of Alice Springs Post Office.

Key figures cited in the new water plan are impressive: Estimated Sustainable Yield across the region is up from 20,964 ML to 23,540 ML per year with the Town Basin’s allocation doubling to 2000 ML per year, though both figures are down from estimates given in February’s draft plan, so too the Aboriginal Water Reserve.

Popularly known as “dinosaur water” for its prehistoric origins, Alice Springs’ water has been pumped from Roe Creek Borefield to the town for more than 60 years, during which time the water table there has dropped by about 60 metres.

Currently, you won’t reach groundwater at Roe Creek until somewhere between 96 to 165 metres below ground level.

Thing is, the deeper drillers go to pump water from the aquifer to our taps, the more expensive it becomes; for the Mereenie System the depth to groundwater at which pumping becomes uneconomic is about 300 metres below the surface.

Previous water plans had envisaged that pumping from Roe Creek would become too costly over time, forcing operations to shift elsewhere, and had forecast a move as early as 2052.

In reserve had always been Rocky Hill, an area of mountain ranges, waterholes, and gorges roughly 15km south-east of Alice Springs.

Rocky Hill Table Grapes Pty Ltd (owned by the Hayes family) held a groundwater extraction license for the site, and from 2002 until 2021 operated a vineyard there.

In 2015, the NT Government boosted the Hayes’ extraction license for agriculture to 3125 megalitres per year; not without controversy, given it had long been suspected that Rocky Hill aquifer was somehow connected to the Mereenie system, though hydrogeologists were unclear exactly how and to what degree.

Engineering and scientific investigations over recent years have cleared this up: The two aquifers are intimately connected.

In fact, the new water plan clearly states that pumping at Roe Creek has long drawn down on groundwater from the Rocky Hill area and confirms that water levels at Rocky Hill are lower because of pumping at Roe Creek (and not because of past grape irrigation nearby).



NEW LIFE: Red Centre floods in early 2026 stimulated river red gum seeds to come to life. (Phil Williams: 581097)

Prior to extensive pumping at Roe Creek, groundwater at Rocky Hill had naturally flowed east and south-southeast across the Amadeus Basin.

But 60 years of pumping water from Roe Creek to Alice has generated a cone-shaped pattern of drawdowns on the nearby water table so deep that underground water near Rocky Hill has reversed its direction of flow: Groundwater in the Mereenie Sandstone at Rocky Hill now flows backwards toward the west-northwest.

Grape growing at Rocky Hill closed in 2021 because grapes were “no longer commercially viable” and now the land remains reserved for long-term water security.

However, the new water plan treats formerly separate Roe Creek and Rocky Hill water management zones as a single unit, called the Mereenie Aquifer System.

The good news is that recent drilling investigations, geophysical surveys and 3D computer modelling have all helped to confirm the Mereenie Aquifer System holds much more water than previously thought, and that moving pumping operations from Roe Creek to Rocky Hill is no longer required.

Engineers estimate total water stored across the 16,146km2 extent of the combined aquifer system is more than 100 million ML, with more than 10 million ML safely accessible for water supply.

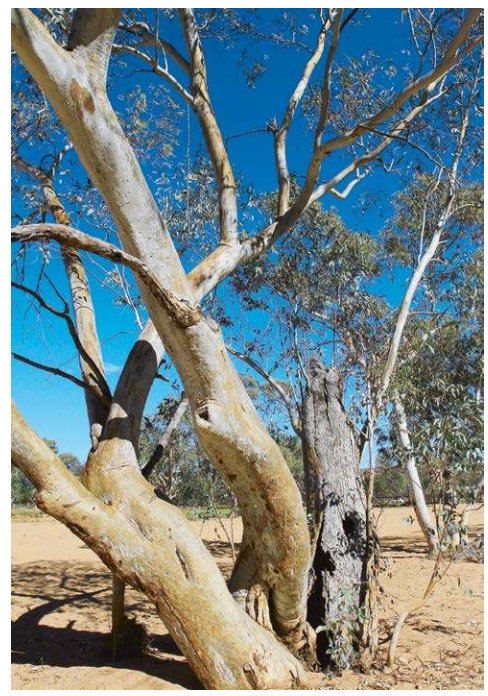
They also assert that fresh insights into the aquifer system, its various compartments, and careful analysis of highly predictable declines in groundwater levels observed and recorded over six decades, is enabling them to more confidently predict future aquifer behaviour.

Water planners say that if the full Alice Springs water allocation from Mereenie of 19,760ML per year were extracted every year for the next 100 years, the resultant drop in water stored would be only two per cent.

However, not everyone is happy.

Various groups express concern at the continued “mining” of our aquifer, question the confidence of planners, highlight risks to Aboriginal cultural sites and the environment generally (and Alice’s River Red Gums specifically), and fear unfettered water extraction for possible AI data centres.

All to come next week …



ANCIENT: An ancient red gum in the dry Todd River. (581097)





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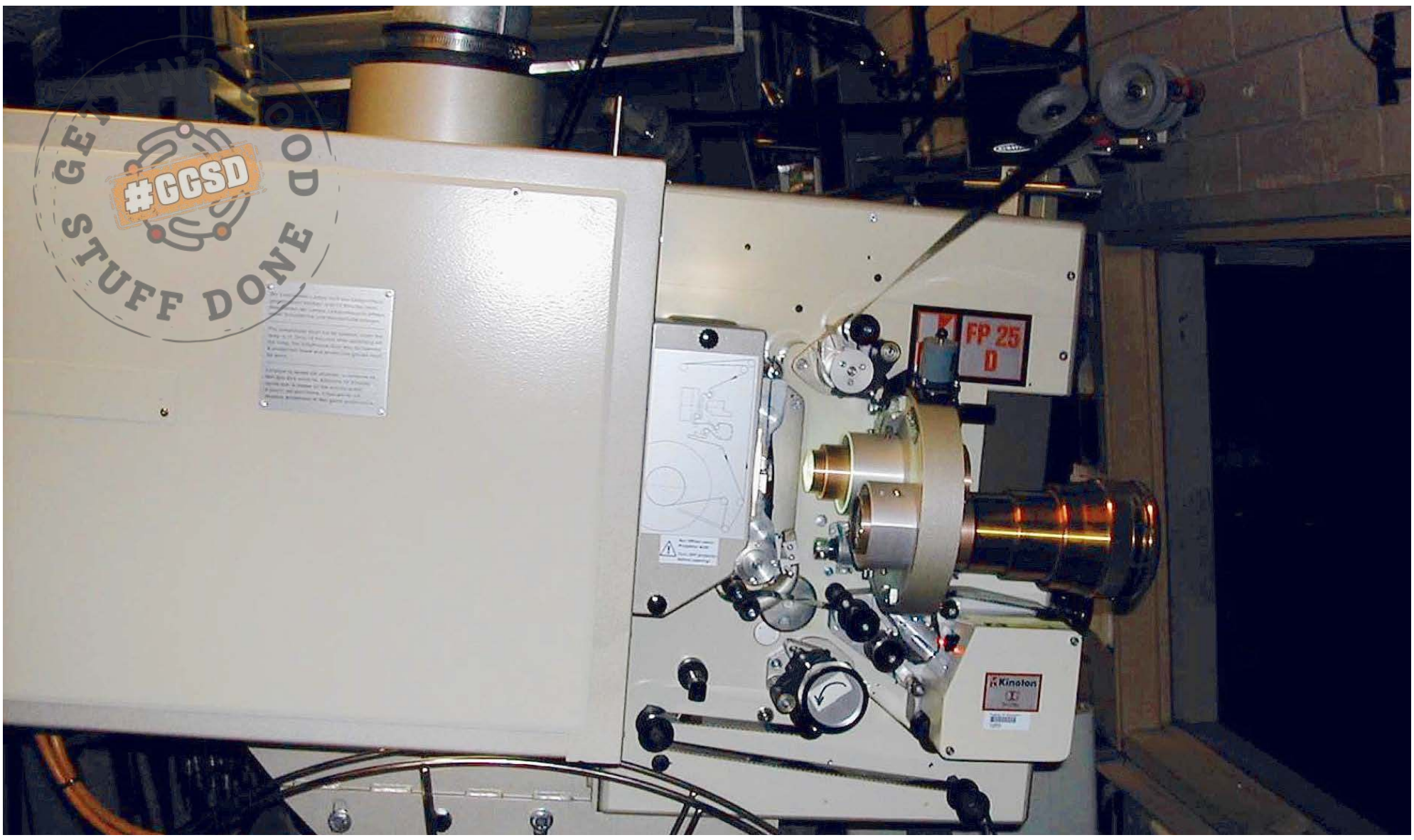
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BACK IN BUSINESS: Araluen Arts Centre's 35mm film projector is set to return to action following restoration and recommissioning work. (Supplied)

Film projector rolls again

By Gladys Barreta

LOCAL businesses have helped fund the reinstatement of the 35mm film projector at the Araluen Arts Centre, allowing films to once again be screened in their original analogue format.

The Friends of Araluen who have secured the funding continually aim to support the growth and development of the Arts Centre through fundraising, advocacy and community engagement initiatives.

The 35mm film projector will be restored and recommisioned, generously funded by locals Nick Rieper of Alice Tax and Drew Hendrix and Tony Rowan of Alice Springs Realty.

The projector, which is a piece of cinema heritage, will allow future generations to experience films in the format in which they were originally presented.

Friends of Araluen President Kalikamurti Suich said the project reflected the organisation's commitment to preserving and enhancing arts experiences available to the Central Australian community.

"Cinema is an important part of our cultural life, and 35mm film is a vital part of cinema history. We are thrilled to help bring this remarkable piece of equipment back into operation so that audiences can experience the unique warmth, texture and authenticity of film projection."

For decades, Araluen Arts Centre has played a central role in bringing arts and cultural experiences to the people of Central Australia, and is one of a limited number of regional venues in the country.

The return of 35mm projection will enable special screenings of classic, archival and contemporary film prints and could create new opportunities for future creative projects.

There are not many venues that still present films on 35mm, a format that remains highly valued by filmmakers, archivists and cinema enthusiasts around the world.

Ms Suich said the return of 35mm projection was about preserving an important part of cinema history.

"The reinstatement of 35mm projection is about preserving an art form. Watching a film on 35mm is a distinctive experience that connects audiences with over a century of cinematic history.

"We are deeply grateful to the Friends of Araluen for their vision and generosity in helping return this capability to Araluen."

Restoration work is expected to commence shortly, with plans for a public relaunch screening to celebrate the return of analogue cinema to Central Australia.

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Exploring future in politics

FIFTEEN women from across the Northern Territory have begun the 2026 Northern Territory Pathways to Politics program earlier this month helping explore future in politics.

Participants from diverse backgrounds and political perspectives gathered in Alice Springs earlier this month with the cohort spending two days at Charles Darwin University's Alice Springs campus gaining practical skills and insights from current and former politicians, advisers, speechwriters and others.

Country Liberal Party executive officer Maria Ioannou said the course had increased her confidence and inspired her to explore a future political career.

"I feel more confident with the skills and knowledge I have learned here. They are very applicable to my work and have inspired me to look further into my own political career," Ms Ioannou said.

Participant Bernie Cummins, who has a background in health, said the course had given her tools to support her political aspirations while connecting her with a network of women.

The cohort will now take part in national online sessions before completing the program in Darwin, where participants will deliver a stump speech and attend graduation.

Pathways to Politics is a national, non-partisan program aimed at removing barriers for women pursuing political leadership.

Since launching in 2016, the program has recorded 97 electoral successes across local, state and federal government. At the 2024 NT Election, five graduates ran for office.



PATHWAYS: Fifteen women from across the Northern Territory gathered in Alice Springs for the 2026 Pathways to Politics program.

Viper investigating twin burglaries over the weekend

By Phil Williams

TWIN burglaries are being investigated by Strike Force Viper after an 87 year-old man was injured.

Northern Territory Police are calling for information in relation to the two aggravated burglaries that occurred in Araluen at the weekend.

Around 3.20am on Saturday 26 September, the Joint Emergency Services Communication Centre received a report from a 77-year-old woman of intruders on the premises of an address on Griffiths Place.

Two youths are alleged to have smashed the glass door to force entry into the house, demanding keys from the occupants.

One of the home's occupants, an 87-year-old man, struggled with intruders and attempted to force them out.

As a result of the scuffle, he sustained minor injuries to his leg and hand.

No property is believed to have been taken.

Strike Force Viper are investigating this incident as well as another burglary that allegedly occurred on the same street the same night.

Police are urgently calling for anyone with information or footage including CCTV or those with dashcam who were driving in the area at the time to contact police on 131 444 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.



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Cause for celebration

By Alice Springs Mayor Asta Hill



NEW CITIZENS: Alice Springs Mayor Asta Hill welcomes new Australian citizens at a citizenship ceremony in Alice Springs in September. (Lisa Hatzimihail)

ONE of my favourite things about this town is that every day, just by walking down the street, I get to hear languages from all over Central Australia and across the world.

While the tens of thousands of years of Aboriginal cultural histories are undoubtedly central to our town's identity, migrants have also played an important role.

Afghan cameleers first arrived in the 1860s, along with Europeans, followed by Chinese, Italians, Germans, Greeks, Russians and Filipinos, all coming to seek a new place to live and, in turn, leaving their mark on our town.

Under the hospitality of desert Aboriginal communities, we all share in the art, music, sports, food and philosophy that emerge from our melting-pot town.

According to the 2021 Census, more than 40 per cent of our town has at least one parent born overseas, and more than a quarter were born overseas themselves.

On 17 September, I had the honour of welcoming 71 adults and 10 children as new Australian citizens.

They originally came from 27 countries around the world.

The pride and joy were palpable, and my cheeks ached from smiling by the end of the ceremony.

On the same day, the Federal Government announced plans to slash migration by 25 per cent in two years, and by half compared with post-COVID 2023 numbers.

These plans frame migrants as a problem to be solved, blaming migrants for complex issues in housing, employment and services.

But here in regional Australia, we know first-hand that migrants play a key economic role in our community.

Here, migrants work as doctors and nurses, teach young people, staff remote stores, and everything in between.

When I think of migrants in our town, I think of my dear friends, neighbours, colleagues and teammates.

I think of the nurses and midwives who supported me through pregnancies and tenderly cared for my elderly grandfather.

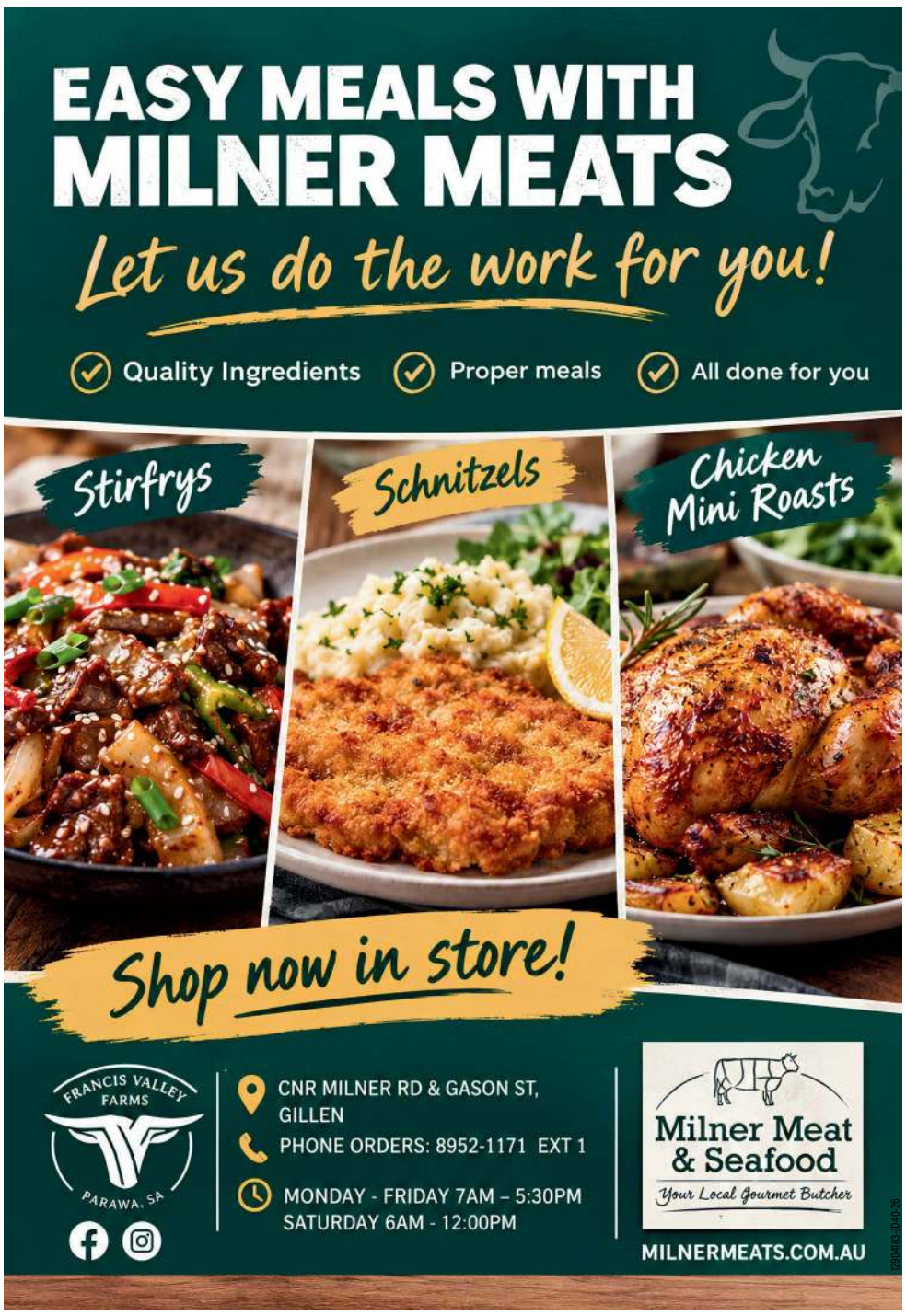
I think of community events which bring people together.

Recent independent research has shown that migrants help to "sustain and revitalise" regional Australian towns by boosting business and labour.

Flow-on benefits in high-migration towns include higher average incomes and productivity levels, increased population stability and more community resilience.

We may not be able to directly influence Federal Government decisions on migration, but we can make sure that migrants always feel welcome and valued in Mparntwe Alice Springs.

When we come from a place of connection and not fear, it is easy to celebrate the ways our community is enriched by the people who choose to call Australia, and Alice Springs, home.



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Prevention programs boost

By Gladys Barreta

TWO organisations in Central Australia will receive funding to help deliver locally led domestic, family and sexual violence prevention programs through the Primary Prevention Grants.

Akeyulerre Aboriginal Corporation's Utyerre Mape and Women's Safety Services of Central Australia's Collaborative Pathways are among eight community-led projects to receive funding through the Northern Territory Government's $4.9 million program.

The Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Primary Prevention Grants will support culturally informed, place-based initiatives across the NT.

Department of Children and Families Acting CEO Karen Broadfoot said the projects would help give people the knowledge, skills and confidence to build respectful relationships, challenge the attitudes and behaviours that contribute to violence, and create safer futures for women, children and families.



HEALING: Akeyulerre Healing Centre are among the recepients of the NT Government's Primary Prevention Grants. (PIC: Jamie Pastor)

"More than 60 per cent of the projects are Aboriginal-led or delivered in partnership with Aboriginal organisations, ensuring communities can lead prevention approaches that reflect local strengths, priorities and cultural knowledge," Ms Broadfoot said.

Among the projects are respectful relationships education in schools, survivor-led advocacy, accessible prevention programs for women with disability, community leadership initiatives, engagement with remote homelands and culturally led programs working with men and boys.

One of the successful Central Australian applicants, Akeyulerre Aboriginal Corporation, is still in the early stages of developing its program but aims to create stronger support programs focused on strengthening men and safe families.

The initiatives will be delivered across Darwin, Palmerston, Alice Springs, East Arnhem, Galiwin'ku, Gapuwiyak, Borroloola, Katherine and the Roper Gulf region until June 30, 2029.

170g of meth allegedly seized

A 45-year-old man has been charged with multiple drug offences after police seized 170 grams of methamphetamine from a vehicle in Alice Springs.

The vehicle being driven by the man was intercepted around 7.30am on 18 September. During a search of the vehicle, police allegedly located and seized 170 grams of methamphetamine.

The man was arrested and charged with possessing and supplying a commercial quantity of a Schedule 1 dangerous drug, possessing a less trafficable quantity of a Schedule 2 dangerous drug, possessing articles for use in the manufacture of a dangerous drug, and driving with a prohibited drug in his body.

He has been remanded to appear in court on 5 November, 2026.

Anyone with information about the distribution of illicit drugs can contact police on 131 444. Anonymous reports can be made to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000

Speed limit increase trial on Stuart Hwy at Wycliffe Well

By Phil Williams

MOTORISTS on the Stuart Highway at Wycliffe Well will notice a change in traffic conditions from this week.

The Department of Logistics and Infrastructure (DLI) is trialling a 6-month speed limit increase adjacent the Wycliffe Well roadhouse.

An 80km/h limit currently exists on the highway along both approaches to the abandoned roadhouse site approximately 130km south of Tennant Creek.

From Tuesday, 15 September, the new speed limit of 130 km/h will be implemented for a 6-month period.

The Department of Logistics and Infrastructure will trial review the results after 6 months to determine an appropriate permanent speed limit.





PARTNER: Alice Henchion-Grant and Dave Crowe of Renew, Brooke Hutchinson of Alice Springs Town Council.

Opening the roller doors

By Gladys Barreta

THE Alice Springs Town Council will partner with Renew Australia in an initiative that aims to bring more foot traffic and enliven the town centre.

Renew Australia helps promote urban revitalisation and creative placemaking by utilising vacant shopfronts for businesses and community activities.

With many roller doors currently shut in Todd Mall, ASTC is hoping the partnership will provide more reasons for people to stroll through the CBD.

Alice Springs Mayor Asta Hill said the goal was to see Todd Mall busy, active and full of reasons for people to come into the CBD and spend time.

"We're really excited to be working with Renew Australia and looking at new ways to bring more life and energy into our CBD," she said.

"This partnership is about trying something different – activating spaces, supporting local businesses and creating new opportunities in the Mall.

"Renew Australia has a great track record of helping re-energise town centres across the country, and we're excited to see what we can achieve together here in Alice Springs."

Project Manager Dave Crowe said the vision for the partnership was to activate as many of the vacant spaces as possible and revitalise the mall.



CBD: Alice Henchion-Grant presenting at the first in-person Creative Information Session for Renew Alice Springs at Civic Centre.

"There are currently many vacant shopfronts in the CBD, including in Todd Mall and the surrounding precinct," he said.

"We really want to support our existing local businesses in the area who work so hard and provide so much already for our community. So, we're looking for creatives, artists, small businesses and start-ups who have strong, fresh ideas and energy to complement existing businesses."

Mr Crowe said the team was reaching out to the community to apply for Expressions of Interest to join the initiative and become part of the CBD.

EOIs can be submitted via: https://www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au/residents/council/opportunities/renew-alice-springs.aspx

Police need help to identify driver of Holden Captiva

By Phil Williams

NT Police are looking for information that will lead to the identity of the driver of a white Holden Captiva seen on Larapinta Drive.

Public assistance is required to identify the driver of the car that was last seen travelling along Larapinta Drive in Alice Springs on Wednesday afternoon or early evening on 23 September.

Specifically, police are keen to hear from anyone who may have dashcam or CCTV footage of the pictured vehicle, displaying South Australian registration S 568 BMA.

The driver of the vehicle is believed to be able to assist with an ongoing investigation.

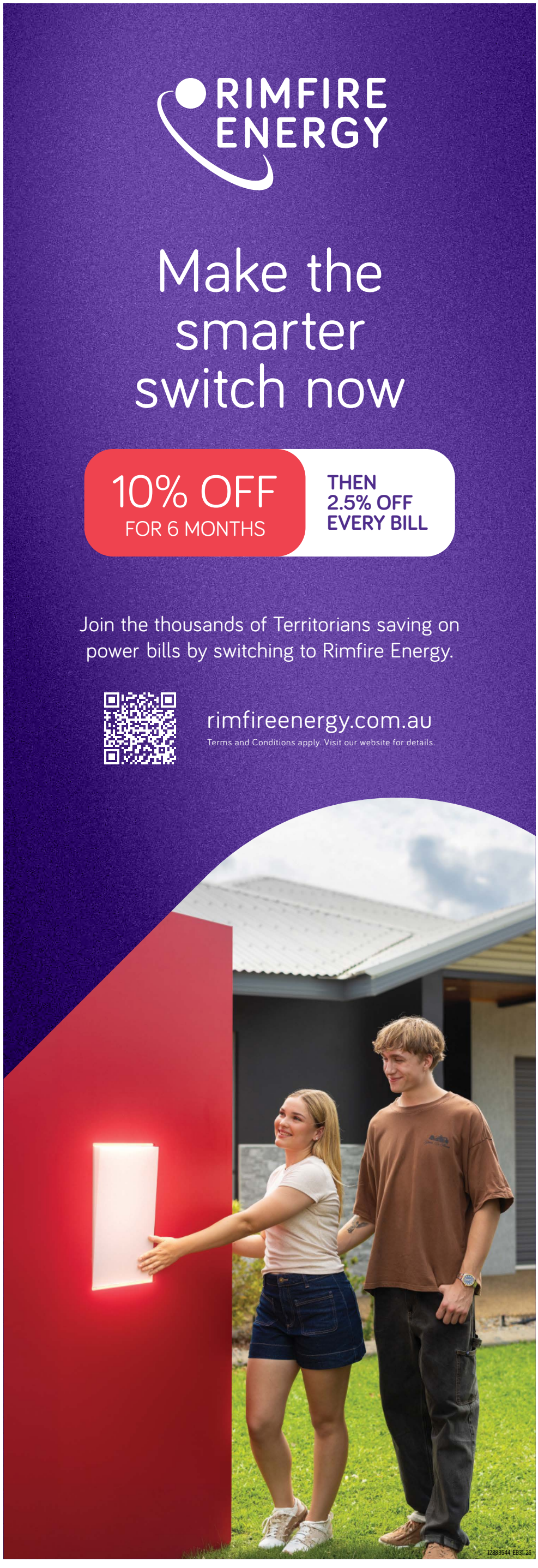
The vehicle is understood to have travelled west along Larapinta Drive, passing the Araluen Arts Centre and through the nearby roundabout between 3pm and 7pm on Wednesday 23 September.

Investigators are urging anyone who was travelling in the area during this time, or who has relevant CCTV or dashcam footage, to review their recordings and contact police if they identify the vehicle.

NT Police have not revealed the nature of the investigation or what type of information they believe the driver may hold.

Footage can be submitted via the following link: https://ntpol.au.evidence.com/axon/community-request/public/ntp2600092736.

Members of the public can also contact police on 131 444 and quote reference number NTP2600092736.





The community was invited to attend the Feast Day of Saint Teresa of Calcutta.

Faith and service

DURING the 15 years Father John Kennedy has led Christ the King Catholic Parish in Tennant Creek, he has gained a reputation for bringing the community together and making the church a welcoming place for everyone.

The Feast Day of Saint Teresa of Calcutta – who is still widely known as Mother Teresa – exemplified his ability to create togetherness, with everyone invited along.

The celebration provided an opportunity to reflect on the connection between Christ the King Parish and Mother Teresa's legacy of faith and service in Tennant Creek.

Mother Teresa's order, the Missionaries of Charity, established a convent in Tennant Creek in 1983 and their work with children, pensioners, and families became well known throughout the town.

Humble and devoted, the Sisters entrenched themselves within the community offering practical help and support to those in need.

Mother Teresa visited Tennant Creek in 1985, attending a vigil mass at the Christ the King Church with her group of Sisters.

Today the town continues to honour Mother Teresa as the 'Saint who visited Tennant Creek' and remembers the positive influence, compassion and goodwill her Sisters brought to the community.



Father John Kennedy with a poster of Saint Teresa of Calcutta.



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

Tennant Creek Youth Centre Open Wednesday to Friday 3pm-6pm and Saturdays 1pm - 6pm

Tennant Creek RSL Sub-Branch AGM Will be held at the RSL on Saturday, October 10 at 2pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. 50 Schmidt Street. Contact Cheryl 0427 157 934 or email: TennantCreek@RSLSA.org.au

Tennant Creek Speedway Fundraiser: bit.ly/4fRlwo4

Youth Volleyball Sport and Rec Centre Thursdays, 6pm Cost: Free. Presented by: TCYC & CatholicCareNT.

Community news on Big Breakfasts 8CCC 102.1 from 7:30am to 9am, live on air from Tennant Creek Wednesdays and Fridays. Or stream on the 8CCC Connect App

SOFTBALL NT School Holiday Program. Friday, Sept 25 Purkiss Reserve 1:30pm - 4pm. Sunday, Sept 27 Youth Centre 4:30pm - 6:30pm. Contact enquiries@siftballnt.com

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST Cater for Tennant Creek High School 40th Birthday Celebration on Fri, Oct 23 at 1pm. Contact: Sarev - 8962-2102 or email john.sarev@education.nt.gov.au.

LIONS CLUB of Tennant Creek & District Meet 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at The Memo Club

SOFTBALL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! Call Fiona Stokes ASSLA 0436 297 845 or fionastokes63@hotmail.com

Tennant Creek National Trust (the Old Hospital) open, Sat 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm, Mon 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm and Wed 11.00 am to 2.00 pm. Come and see our public displays.

SOFTBALL NT School Holiday Program. Safe, fun and Inclusive. Friday, Sept 25, Purkiss Reserve 1:30pm-4pm. Sunday, Sept 27, Youth Centre 4:30-6pm. To register email: enquiries@softballnt.com

Tennant Creek Market. NEXT MARKET: 26 Sept, 9am-12pm and every 2nd Sat @ The Transit Centre (next to Red Centre Cafe).

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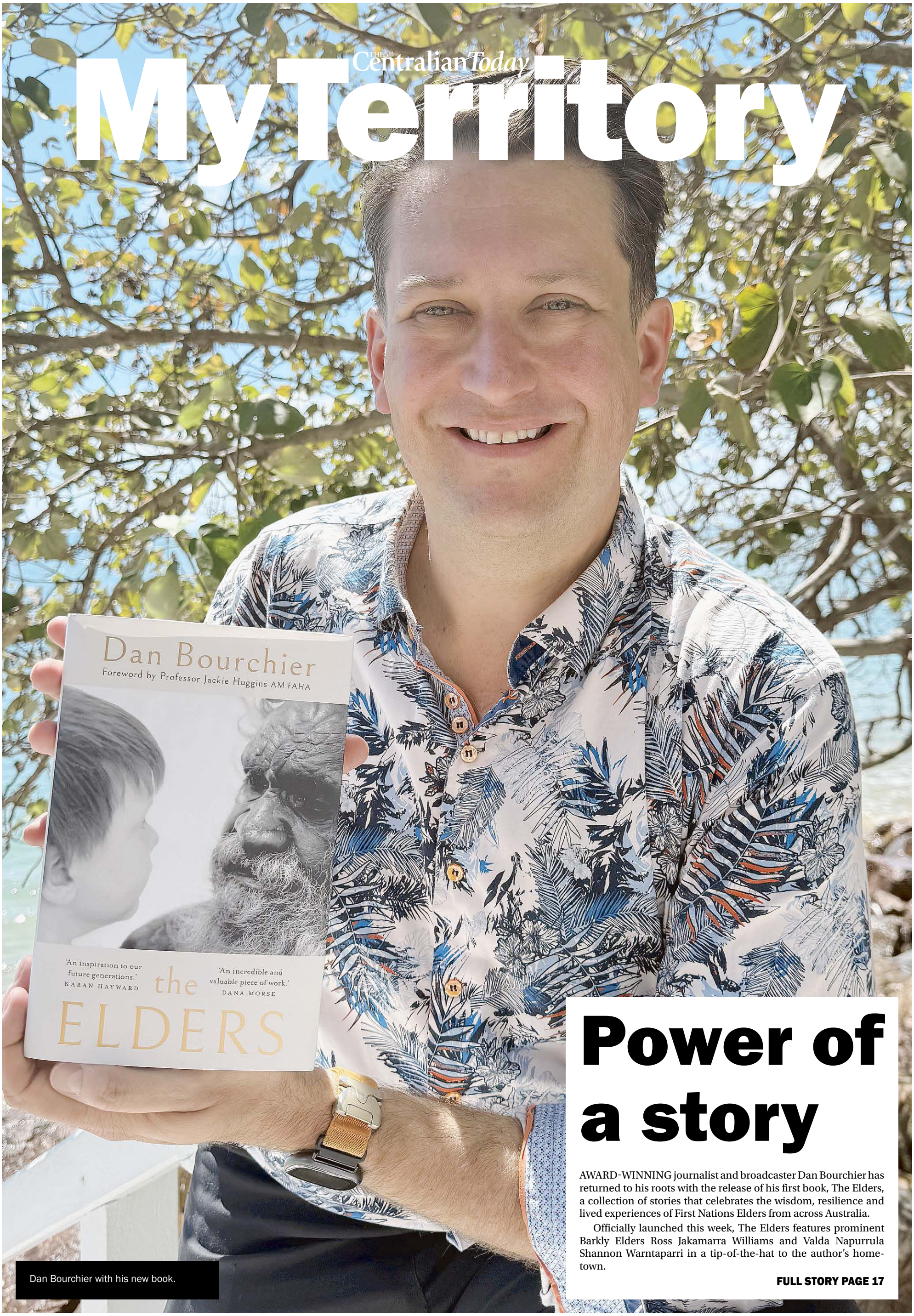
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My Territory



Dan Bourchier with his new book.

Power of a story

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Burlesque coming to desert

By Gladys Barreta

THE Australian Burlesque Festival will be travelling to Alice Springs again, bringing Australian performers, international headliners and emerging artists for an evening of burlesque, cabaret and variety entertainment.

The festival, now in its 17th year, will bring its latest production, The Big Tease Soiree, to Alice Springs, featuring classic striptease, vintage glamour, contemporary burlesque, comedy and cabaret.

Festival directors Dolores Daiquiri and Cherry Velour said it was special to bring live performance to places outside the festival's usual major-city circuit.

"Alice Springs has such a unique energy and character of its own," Ms Daiquiri said.

"For us, the Festival has always been about celebrating artistry, individuality, glamour and variety, and connecting audiences with performers they may not otherwise get the opportunity to see. Coming to Central Australia is a wonderful extension of that.

"We're also always looking forward to experiencing Alice Springs ourselves. We're coming not only to perform, but to meet the local community, discover the area and share a little of our world of vintage glamour, tease and variety with Central Australia."

Ms Velour said the show would showcase outstanding new talent, with audiences able to expect feathers, glamour and plenty of laughs.

"We look forward to our trip to Alice Springs every year, getting to visit old friends and wonderful places. The Alice Springs Desert Park and the beautiful Olive Pink Botanic Garden are always favourites, each offering stunning surroundings to rest and recharge before we move on to thrill more audiences around Australia."



ON STAGE: Burlesque performer RedBone will bring glamour, tease and cabaret to Alice Springs as part of the Australian Burlesque Festival. (Supplied)

Finding Desert Diamonds

By Gladys Barreta

COMMITTED to building local dance and theatre performances featuring local performers, Desert Diamonds NT will bring an immersive cabaret experience to the Araluen Arts Centre at the end of the month.

Desert Diamonds NT will present its cabaret experience, Desert Rouge – The Red Desert Cabaret Spectacular, on 31 October at 7pm, featuring a 100 per cent Territory-based cast in a celebration of dance, music, circus and cabaret.

Desert Diamonds NT is a teaching company committed to building local dance and theatre performances featuring local performers.

The Araluen Arts Centre has made the production possible through generous support as part of a three-year residency supporting the rehearsal, development and performance of new NT-made work.

Desert Rouge will showcase the diversity of Central Australia through theatre, music and circus, with audiences taken on a two-act performance featuring high-energy performances from NT artists.

The night will begin with pre-show and roving entertainment, while themed cocktails and cheese platters will also be available for pre-purchase.

Following the final curtain, the entertainment will continue with a post-show DJ and dance floor.

Desert Diamonds NT said the event would bring its signature immersive cabaret experience to the Araluen stage for a night of "desert-inspired decadence".

With Halloween falling on the same day, audiences are encouraged to dress to the theme of "The Spectacular Red Desert".



LOCAL: The Desert Diamond NT production marks the ninth year of dance theatre works produced in Alice Springs by and will draw on new work as well as work developed over the nince years of creative development that the collective has undertaken. (3 Fates Media)

A compelling mystery

DIRECTLY following the break-out critical and box office success of 2025's The Stolen Painting, acclaimed writer/director Pascal Bonitzer brings his unique perspective and directorial panache to Georges Simenon's beloved Parisian detective Inspector Maigret – a French counterpart to Agatha Christie's Poirot – as he attempts to solve the murder of a former diplomat with a long-held secret.

Inspector Maigret (four-time Cesar nominee Denis Podalydes, in a tremendous performance) is urgently summoned to the Quai d'Orsay: a former ambassador has been found shot dead by his long-serving housekeeper (Anne Alvaro, The Taste of Others).

But rather than contact the police, she has followed diplomatic protocols by first informing the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

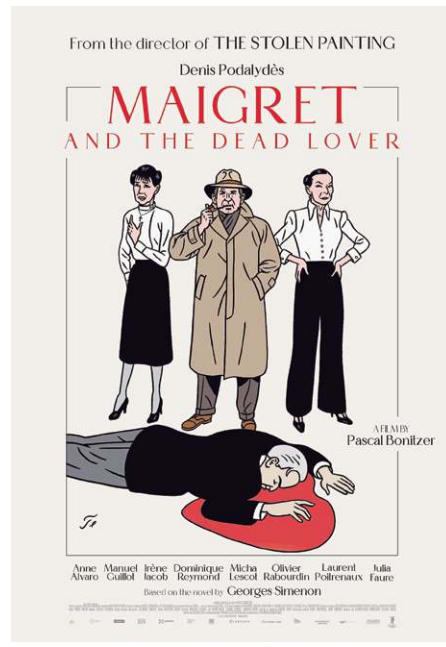
Forewarned that he will find a series of salacious letters – and cautioned to be discreet - Maigret heads to the victim's opulent apartment.

He finds no forensic evidence at the crime scene, but certainly, the letters prove startling – secret, decades-spanning correspondence between the ambassador

and the Princess of Vuynes, whose own husband, by strange coincidence, has also just died…

Bonitzer, renowned for an intuitive and empathetic focus, finds a perfect match with a protagonist who relies on quiet observation.

He delivers an absorbing, wholly compelling mystery that also serves as a thoughtful examination of modern life's key concerns: hierarchy, aging, and the very different worlds that money creates.



Maigret and the Dead Lover will screen at Alice Springs Cinema from 3 October.

Best of all, the twist ending is… a killer.

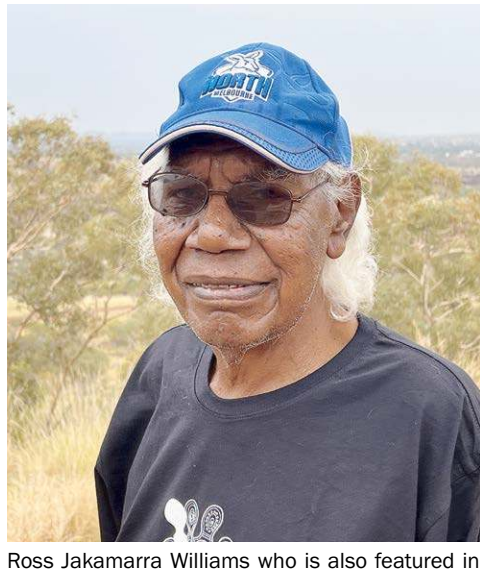
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Valda Napurrula Shannon Wantaparri with Dan Bourchier.


Ross Jakamarra Williams who is also featured in The Elders.


Dan as a younger reporter.

Wisdom and resilience

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Born and raised in Tennant Creek, Dan says growing up in the heart of the Barkly region gave him a strong sense of community and an appreciation for cultural diversity.

"Tennant Creek is set on Warumungu land, but Aboriginal clans from across the Barkly have strong traditional ties to the town area as well," he said.

"It's also home to generations of migrants from across the globe and people from all over Australia.

"With so many different cultures, characters and life experiences, becoming a journalist was an obvious choice and it has been an incredible experience."

Dan started working for the Tennant & District Times while he was still at high school, learning the fundamentals of reporting before moving on to the NT News, then NITV, Sky News and the ABC.

He is currently General Manager and Editor-in-Chief of National Indigenous Television (NITV) where he continues to amplify Indigenous voices and stories from a national media platform.

From his first days reporting for the Tennant & District Times to his current leadership role at NITV, Dan has consistently championed the importance of authentic storytelling.

He believes the most powerful stories are those told by the people who live them - a lesson he says he learnt during his upbringing in Tennant Creek.

It is the reason that, despite a career that has taken him around the country and into the nation's most significant newsrooms, Dan remains connected to his hometown.

"I have many mentors, role models and friends who were so generous with their time, knowledge and guidance as I was growing up," he said.

"I carry the lessons I learned from them with me every day and they remain some of the most important people in my life."

Dan also remains close to his school friends, many of whom he has known since preschool.

"We have been friends for a long time now," he said.

"We've shared houses and travelled the world together, and it's always great to catch up with them.

"Even if we don't see each other for a while, it's very easy to pick up where we left off as soon as we meet.

"I know we will always be connected because of everything we shared growing up in Tennant Creek."

Dan's connection to Barkly is evident throughout The Elders.

He said he felt it was important to begin the book with the people and the place that first taught him the power of a story.


Tennant Creek friends celebrate Dan's wedding to Karl Lindjers.

"When I embarked on this book, I wanted to include the stories of Elders from the Barkly because my experiences of growing up here were instrumental in shaping me to become a journalist and storyteller," he said.

"That's why I selected Valda and Ross for inclusion in the book. Between them they have an incredible amount of cultural knowledge and a deep understanding of the people who live in the Barkly.

"They know the history of the region and have lived through times of significant political and social change. And they both have amazing memories and acute observation skills.

"I was blown away when they both agreed to share their journey with me.

"Placing their stories at the beginning of the book is my way of honouring not only their individual stories but the pivotal role that Valda, Ross and other key people from Tennant Creek have played in my life."

At a time when many Elders worry about the preservation of cultural knowledge and oral histories, Dan believes his book carries an important message about listening, learning and ensuring stories are preserved.

"I'm really proud of this book, and the space it makes to hear really important life journeys," he said.

"I hope it builds greater understanding of our shared history and serves as a reminder to preserve and protect experiences, stories, and the worldview of all our Elders who are valuable treasures."

The Elders is published by Pan Macmillan and is available through major booksellers, including Booktopia.


Dan doing a live cross.



ALL CODES: Footy, soccer and rugby were well represented at the OLSH Footy Colours Day. (579904)



FOOTY: Eva and Claire having fun with a Sherrin during the end of term Footy Colours Day at OLSH Bath St. (579904)



GO WALLABIES: Rugby Union fans enjoying the OLSH Bath Street Footy Colours Day. (579904)



Asher Baiju couldn't wait to get his hands on a footy. (579904)

Colourful finish to OLSH term

By Phil Williams

OUR Lady of the Sacred Heart Bath Street celebrated the recent end of term with Footy Colours Day.

Students wore their favourite team's colours, with all codes represented.

Some sported their big-league hero's combinations, while others came wearing their local team gear.

There were Wallabies, Roos, Feds, West Coast, Hawks Crows, Marrons, even a few Blues, and Man U fans.

With support from AFL NT and several local businesses including Hot Stuff, Sports Power and Intersport, the students took part in several workshops before finishing the week with some fun AFL activities, where they learnt new skills while having a fun day at school.

The day was rounded out with a raffle for sporting equipment and three big prizes won by Nimrat, Abel, and Liam.



CHEERS: Abel, Nimrat and Liam get a cheer from their classmates while showing off their raffle prizes. (Phil William: 579904)



SKILLS: A Bath Street student shows off their kicking skills during the school's Footy Colours Day. (579904)



AUSKICKERS: Footy Colours Day brought out the smiles on the last day of term at OLSH. (579904)



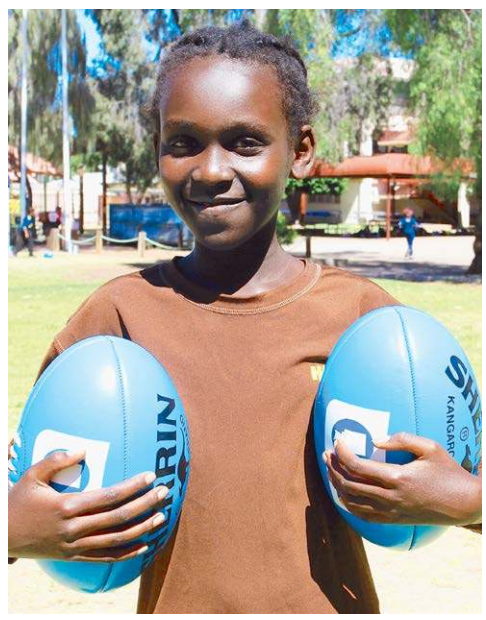
COLOURS: Mates at OLSH Bath Street showing off their footy colours on the last day of term. (579904)



FUN AND GAMES: OLSH students enjoyed the fun and games of Footy Colours Day to finish the term. (579904)



TRIO: These three girls were having loads of fun during the OLSH Bath Street Footy Colours Day. (579904)



GRIN: Mary Jok gives a beaming smile as she gets into the Footy Colours Day fun at OLSH.



KICKING GOALS: AFL NT provided footies for a range of activities during the OLSH Footy Colourts Day. (579904)

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Country classics

Adam Liaw and **Pia Miranda** present **Recipe of the Year**

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No taste like home

Recipe of the Year is a new, feel-good cooking competition that puts the country's favourite meals front and centre. Hosts Adam Liaw and Pia Miranda tell **Lauren Mitchell** what makes the show special



Proof in the pudding: Main, *Recipe of the Year* hosts Adam Liaw and Pia Miranda; inset, CWA judge Ellice Schrader.

OFTEN when making a TV show, the cameras have to pause when a plane flies overhead. But on the set of new cooking competition *Recipe of the Year*, there was a different kind of disruption for hosts Adam Liaw and Pia Miranda to contend with.

"We had to stop when there was a flock of galahs going overhead, because there was so much noise," recalls Liaw.

"The kangaroos made Adam all misty-eyed," points out Miranda.

"While people are cooking and there's kangaroos jumping by, it just felt very Australian," he says.

"You don't get more Australian than people baking scones with the CWA there and kangaroos hopping by outside. That was just a moment for me."

Filmed on a farm in Cobbitty, an idyllic rural town an hour's drive from Sydney, the seven-part series brings together 20 of Australia's best home cooks, each armed with a recipe that has shaped their lives. After a group gathering and a democratic vote, the top 10 cooks enter the series' barn kitchen, where the competition really begins.

"It's a real barn on a real farm with a real dog that wanders through the kitchen from time to time," says Liaw of the rustic filming location, which is decorated with native flowers and charming vintage tea towels.

"I think the thing that was so sweet about it is it's such Australiana, and the barn was just beautiful and the farm was beautiful," shares Miranda.

"It was also a real celebration of the multiculturalism that we are so proud of in Australia. I think people making different versions of Australian classics was something that was really nice to watch."

While audiences will be used to seeing 2010 *MasterChef* winner Liaw in the kitchen on *Destination Flavour* or *The Cook Up, Recipe of the Year* is acclaimed actor Miranda's first foray into hosting a food series.

"I think for me, this is something I've always wanted to do," she says.

"It's really weird because a couple of years ago, my manager and I sat down and wrote a wish list and I said 'In my wildest dreams, what I'd love to do is host a really feel-good cooking show'. And then this came up!"

"I think people don't realise how good a cook Pia is," says Liaw, who just filmed an episode of SBS series *The Cook Up* with his co-star.

"She and I have cooked together quite a lot before – as recently as yesterday! She's a great cook and she has a great sense for food.

"When you grow up with food, like we have, you don't have to be a professional chef – I'm not a professional chef, neither's Pia – but I think people know what they like and they know what makes good food and what connects good food to people."

The Country Women's Association (CWA) is at the heart of *Recipe of the Year*'s wholesome format, which invites members from chapters across the nation to bring their generations of tradition and cooking expertise to the table as judges.

"Cooking competitions do exist outside of television, but the most daunting and the most competitive ones tend to be the CWA ones, in Australia anyway," muses Liaw.

"The thing that makes this show really different is the CWA element, so all of the contestants do have to come in and do a CWA challenge once a week, and that is stressful for them and hilarious for us," Miranda laughs.

"And it makes me want to join the [baking competitions] at the Melbourne Show, and put my sponge cake in and see if I can just trick one of them and be like, 'It was me all along!'"

"Better you than me, I'd be terrified," jokes Liaw.

Each week, the contestants are set challenges that require them to write their own recipe for an everyday Aussie staple – think soups, sandwiches and appetisers.

Once that has them warmed up, the Gold Standard challenge awaits, where they are tasked with cooking a classic CWA recipe, to be assessed by the organisation's exacting standards.

CWA NSW convenor Ellice Schrader brings more than 12 years of experience to her role as a judge, and lends the reality cooking format a real authenticity thanks to her no-nonsense advice.

"She's a formidable force in the CWA, and she does carry her badges in her bag, so she's not to be messed with, and she's a lot of fun," says Miranda.

Each episode, Schrader is joined by a guest CWA judge who helps put the home cooks' skills and intuition in the kitchen to the test.

"You have to sit in an exam in the CWA and like, 98% of people who sit the exam fail it, and takes usually on average three years to pass the exam," explains Liaw of the high bar set for CWA cookery judges.

"So we bring in real qualified judges to judge your scones and your biscuits and that can be a bit terrifying, because they're very particular when it comes to show baking."

"It's really fun to watch the dynamic between the two judges, because sometimes they agree, sometimes they don't agree," adds Miranda.

"There are very strict rules when it comes to judging. I once called a biscuit a cookie, and I'll never make that mistake again!"

■ *Recipe of the Year*, Sunday October 11, 7.30pm, ABC TV and streaming, ABC iview

Movie Guide

PICK OF THE WEEK







Above the law: From left; Nicolette Minster, Toby Truslove, Ray O'Leary and Anthony 'Lehmo' Lehmann star in *Cop This*.

Monday

COP THIS
10, 8.10pm, M (2026)

With a cast list that reads like the lineup for a comedy festival, this telemovie – written, produced and co-directed by *Have You Been Paying Attention?* stalwart Ed Kavalee – is sure to tickle your funny bone. Set on grand final day in a suburban police station that's about to be automated by an AI-powered robot, the action follows Sergeant Jo Hardy (Nicolette Minster) and Junior Officer Matt Pepper (Ray O'Leary). With 24 hours left before they are replaced by 'Terminal' (voiced by Luke McGregor), Hardy and Pepper are hoping for an easy last day. Instead, they're shadowed by an actor researching a role (Toby Truslove), tasked with babysitting a drug dealer (Gary Sweet), and dragged into the centre of a corruption scandal involving their rogue colleague Ben (Anthony 'Lehmo' Lehmann). Just when more chaotic elements of the plot threaten to run away with the film, they are firmly anchored by Minster and O'Leary's deadpan delivery as the duo attempts to maintain law and order in a seriously silly setting. Packed with top-tier talent, *Cop This* is a hilarious home-grown caper. ★★★★



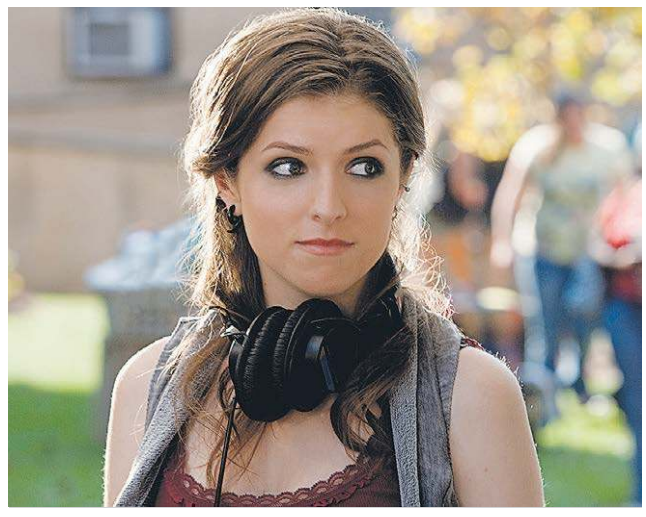
OPPENHEIMER
Seven, Friday, 8pm, MA15+ (2023)

Throughout history, humankind has discovered that we can create almost anything we can imagine. The question is whether we should. This intellectual and emotional epic from Christopher Nolan debates exactly that as it recreates the creation of the atomic bomb. At its centre is an Oscar-winning performance by Cillian Murphy (pictured) as physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer, whose work on the top-secret Manhattan project would change the world. ★★★★★



BEACHES
9Gem, Friday, 8pm, M (1988)

Bette Midler (pictured) shines in this over-the-top weepie examining the lengthy friendship between two women from very different upbringings. Midler plays pop star CC Bloom, who as a child formed an inseparable bond with the well-to-do Hillary Whitney (Barbara Hershey). Director Garry Marshall tells the story in flashback, detailing how the pair fell in love with the same man (John Heard) and how their ideas of "friends forever" is rocked by a heartbreaking diagnosis. ★★★



PITCH PERFECT
Seven, Saturday, 7pm, M (2012)

University a cappella groups go up against each other in a riotous film that shamelessly makes fun of the whole business. Anna Kendrick (pictured) makes her mark as Beca, a freshman cajoled into joining all-girl singing group The Bellas. When a tough competition lands them in contest against their male rivals the Treblemakers (led by Adam DeVine in his breakout role), Beca's daring energy and unorthodox ideas cause friction with group leader Aubrey (Anna Camp). ★★★★



THE INVENTION OF LYING
Seven, Saturday, 9.20pm, M (2009)

After changing the face of TV comedy with *The Office*, Ricky Gervais (pictured) tried his luck on the big-screen. Gervais stars as Mark, a struggling writer living in an alternate universe where everyone has an inability to lie. When Mark stumbles upon the ability to tell porkies, a whole new world opens up to include the concept of Heaven, God, and Mark's inflated bank balance – ideas that were previously unknown to the world. It's an original, if under-executed, comedy think-piece. ★★★



ISLE OF DOGS
SBS World Movies, Sunday, 8.30pm, PG (2018)

Say this stop-motion comedy's title quickly enough and you'll hear the hidden meaning behind Wes Anderson's canine caper: "I love dogs". The surprisingly political affair follows 12-year-old Atari (voice of Koyu Rankin) and his dog Spots (Liev Schreiber), who have been separated after a public health order saw all dogs deported to an island of landfill. The bizarre setting quickly gives way to a heartfelt tale as Atari teams up with five exiled pups to find his best friend. ★★★★



THE DROVER'S WIFE
SBS World Movies, Tuesday, 8.30pm, MA15+ (2021)

High Country star Leah Purcell (pictured) pulled off a remarkable coup with this superb local Western – as writer, director, producer and star of a film adaptation of her own play, itself adapted from an 1892 Henry Lawson short story. Set in a revised late 19th century, Purcell plays the no-nonsense Molly Johnson, who lives on a sprawling property with her four children – and another one on the way. Purcell's accomplished tale says a lot about our country both then and now. ★★★★

The Guide

HOTEL PORTOFINO
SBS, Friday, 7.30pm

Set in 1920s Italy, this lavish period drama follows the fortunes of Bella Ainsworth (Natascha McElhone), the daughter of a wealthy industrialist who has set up a British hotel on the Italian Riviera. Bella's high-society English clientele brings no shortage of romantic intrigue, societal scandal and rich subplots filled with mystery – imagine *The White Lotus* meets *Downton Abbey*, with a dash of political turmoil thrown in for good measure. In Friday's premiere, marriage-minded mother Julia Drummond-Ward (Lucy Akhurst) arrives in Portofino for the summer, hoping to arrange a match between her daughter Rose (Aussie actress Claude Scott-Mitchell, pictured) and Bella's son Lucian (Oliver Dench).



PICK OF THE WEEK



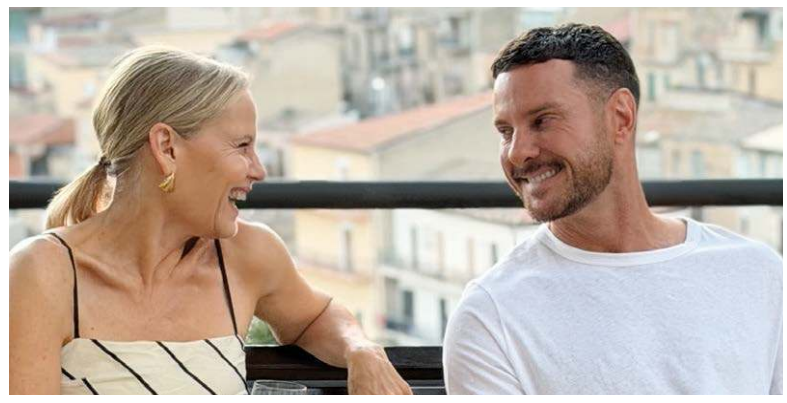
Finding the facts: Twelve ordinary Australians must come to a decision in *The Jury: Skeleton in the Garden*.

THE JURY: SKELETON IN THE GARDEN
SBS, Monday, 7.30pm

Re-enacting a real manslaughter trial word-for-word, this ground-breaking social experiment casts everyday unscripted Australians as its jurors. This second season is another dive into the chasm that can exist between justice and truth. The case this time? The death of a woman whose remains were unearthed in a suburban backyard a decade after she vanished. The crown alleges she was killed by the property owner, a man who had been a friend of the victim and her husband. A maze of alcoholism, coercive control and circumstantial evidence lies ahead as the jurors attempt to put aside their own personal prejudices and decide what really happened – based strictly on the facts at hand.

1 EURO HOUSE
Imparja, Tuesday, 8.15pm

The Block judges Shaynna Blaze and Darren Palmer (both pictured) put their money where their mouths are in this new renovation challenge that sees the interior designers give their own spin to a dilapidated property bought for just one Euro. Located in the historic Italian village of Castronovo, the abandoned property Blaze and Palmer bought sight unseen is on the verge of falling apart when they arrive in Tuesday's premiere. With the help of a local builder, the pair begin transforming a dated bedroom into a chic retreat – getting hands-on with demo, plastering and painting along the way. While undertaking the epic project, they find a little time to soak up the Sicilian culture before their first "room reveal". From bargain hunting at local antique markets to sourcing fabrics in Palermo, it's a charming slice of la dolce vita.



Thursday, October 1

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ABC TV (2)
6am Morning Programs. **10.55** Crime Night! (PG, R) **11.30** Small Prophets. (PGl, R) **12.00** News. **1.00** Meet The Penguins. (R) **2.00** Back Roads. (PG, R) **2.30** Home Delivery. (PG, R) **3.00** Frankie Drake. (PG, R) **3.45** Grand Designs Transformations. (R) **4.45** Long Lost Family. (PG, R) **5.30** Antiques Roadshow. (R)

6.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)
7.00 ABC News.
7.30 7.30.
8.00 Back Roads.
8.30 Take 5 With Zan Rowe. (Ml)
9.00 Amanda & Alan's Italian Job.
9.30 The Cage. (Ml, R)
10.15 ABC Late News.
10.30 The Business. (R)
10.50 Death Valley. (PGa, R)
11.35 Frankie Drake Mysteries. (Mv, R)
12.20 Long Lost Family. (PG, R)
1.10 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) **2.40** Gardening Australia. (R) **3.40** Love Your Garden. (PG, R) **4.30** Antiques Roadshow. **5.30** 7.30. (R)

SBS (3)
6am Morning Programs. **10.10** Prince's Master Crafters Next Generation. (R) **11.05** Canal Boat Diaries. **12.00** WorldWatch. **2.00** 1968: A Year Of War, Turmoil And Beyond. (Mav, R) **3.10** The Cook Up. (R) **3.40** 1967: Summer Of Love. (PGads, R) **4.35** Plating Locally. (R) **5.05** Jeopardy! **5.30** Letters And Numbers. (R)

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R)
6.30 SBS World News.
7.35 Hollywood Crime Story. (Mdsv)
8.30 9/11: One Day In America: It's All Gone, Kid. (Final, Ma, R)
9.25 Indiana Jones: In Pursuit Of An Icon. (Mav, R)
10.25 SBS World News Late.
10.55 Reyka. (MA15+av)
11.55 Snow. (PGas, R)
2.40 A Cold War Of Spies. (PG, R)
4.30 Bamay. (R)
5.00 NHK World English News Morning.
5.30 ANC Philippines The World Tonight.

SEVEN (7, 71)
6.00 Sunrise.
8.30 The Morning Show. (PG)
11.30 Seven's National News At Noon.
12.30 Time Is Money. (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 Home And Away. (PG)
8.00 Glenn And Mick's Celebrity Intervention. (Mls, R) Hosted by Glenn Robbins and Mick Molloy.
9.10 Unbelievable Moments Caught On Camera. (Return, PGa) Footage of headline-grabbing moments.
10.10 Unfiltered. (M)
10.40 Gatecrashers. (Return)
11.35 Attila The Hun. (Premiere, Mav)
2.00 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 The Block. (PGl, R)
12.30 Chefs Ahoy. (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 The Block. (PGl) The teams are rattled by a conspiracy theory.
8.15 Fatty: A Life Unscripted. (Mal) Looks at the life of Paul Vautin.
10.25 9News Late.
10.55 Next Stop. (R)
11.25 Tipping Point. (PG, R)
12.15 Pointless. (PG, R)
1.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
2.00 Global Shop. (R)
2.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
3.30 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. (R)
4.00 A Current Affair. (R)
4.30 Today Early News.
5.00 Today.

TEN (10)
6am Morning Programs. **7.30** Lingo. (R) **8.30** The Finish Line. (R) **9.30** Farm To Fork. (R) **10.00** Ent. Tonight. (R) **10.30** Building The Dream. (R) **11.30** Everyday Gourmet. **12.00** Millionaire Hot Seat. (PG, R) **12.30** News. **1.30** Deal Or No Deal. (PG, R) **2.00** The Finish Line. (R) **3.00** Lingo. (R) **4.00** Bold. (PG) **4.30** News.

6.00 Deal Or No Deal. (R) Hosted by Grant Denyer.
6.30 Millionaire Hot Seat. (PG) Hosted by Rebecca Gibney.
7.00 The Dog House Australia. (PGa, R) Damian seeks a buddy.
8.00 NCIS: Sydney. (Mav) The team investigates an explosion.
9.00 10's Late News. Comprehensive coverage of local, national and international news, as well as the latest sport and weather.
10.00 Two And A Half Men. (Ms, R) Charlie deals with a noisy neighbour.
11.30 Home Shopping. (R)
5.30 Entertainment Tonight. (R)

ABC FAMILY (22)
6am Children's Programs. **7.30** Children's Programs. **2.30pm** Monster Makes. **2.45** Gardening Australia Junior. **3.00** Play School. **4.05** Andy's Global Adventures. **4.30** SuperKitties. **5.25** Octonauts. **5.50** Super Monsters. **6.05** Spidey And His Amazing Friends. **7.05** Batwheels. **7.35** Ninjago. **8.00** Young Sheldon. **8.25** Young Sheldon. **8.40** Secrets Of The Zoo. **9.25** Teenage Boss: Next Level. **9.55** 72 Cutest Animals. **10.20** Late Programs.

SBS2 (31)
6am Morning Programs. **10.00** France 24 English News. **10.30** Euronews The Ring. **11.00** Icons Unearthed: Harry Potter. **11.55** DW The Day. **12.25pm** Hudson & Rex. **2.10** Bamay. **2.30** Insight. **3.40** WorldWatch. **5.40** The War On Disco. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats. **8.30** Secrets Declassified With David Duchovny. **9.20** Alone. **11.10** The Americans. **12.10am** The Patient. **2.05** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera News Hour.

7MATE (70)
6am Morning Programs. **Noon** Tougher In Alaska. **1.00** Highway Patrol. **2.00** The Force: BTL. **2.30** Talking W. **3.00** Air Crash Inv. **4.00** American Resto. **4.30** Storage Wars. **5.00** American Pickers: Best Of. **6.00** Pawn Stars. **6.30** Football. AFL Women's. Carlton v Hawthorn. **8.45 MOVIE:** Baby Driver. (2017, MA15+) **11.05** American Pickers: Best Of. **12.05am** Storage Wars. **12.35** Tougher In Alaska. **1.30** Pawn Stars. **2.00** Sound FX: Best Of. **2.30** Late Programs.

9GEM (90)
6am Morning Programs. **11.30** As Time Goes By. **12.30pm** Midsomer Murders. **2.30** Antiques Roadshow. **3.00 MOVIE:** Mr Denning Drives North. (1951, PG) **5.00** The Travelling Auctioneers. **6.00** Antiques Roadshow. **7.00** Shakespeare And Hathaway. **8.00** The Chelsea Detective. **10.00** Rizzoli & Isles. **11.00** Australia's Top Ten Of Everything. **Midnight** Antiques Roadshow. **12.30** Creflo. **1.00 MOVIE:** Mr Denning Drives North. (1951, PG) **3.00** 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.** (PGlmv, R) **7.00 NCIS.** (Mv, R) **8.00 Law & Order: SVU.** (MA15+v, R) **9.50 Bull.** (PGlmv, R) **10.45 JAG.** (PGv, R) **12.45am** Home Shopping.

NITV (34)
6am Morning Programs. **11.00** Friday Night Thunder. **Noon** Pro Bull Riding Australia. **1.00** Over The Black Dot. **1.30** Inside The Huddle. **2.00** Kriol Kitchen. **2.30** The Cook Up. **3.00** Jarjums. **5.00** Ocean Warriors. **5.30** Te Ao With Moana. **6.00** Bamay. **6.40** Great Parks Of Africa. **7.30** Going Places. **8.30** Rabbit Fall. **9.00 MOVIE:** The Moogai. (2020, M) **10.30** Ablaze. **Midnight** Going Places. **1.00** Amplify. **2.00** Barunga Festival. **5.00** Bamay. **5.30** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)
6am Morning Programs. **11.50** Black Box. (2021, Malnsv, French, English) **2.05pm** Paris Can Wait. (2016, PG) **3.45** Nausicaä Of The Valley Of The Wind. (1984, PGh) **5.55** A Hazard Of Hearts. (1987, PGav) **7.35** The Queen. (2006, Ml) **9.30** Girl You Know It's True. (2023) **11.50** I Love You Too. (2010, Mls) **1.50am** The Conformist. (1970, MA15+a, Italian, French) **3.50** The Hudsucker Proxy. (1994, Ma) **5.55** Late Programs.

7TWO (72)
6am Morning Programs. **11.30** Better Homes. **12.30pm** Escape To The Country. **1.30** The Outdoor Room. **2.00** The Aussie Property Flippers. **3.00** Harry's Practice. **3.30** Medical Emergency. **4.00** Better Homes. **5.00** Escape To The Country. **6.00** Bargain Hunt. **7.00** Father Brown. **8.00** Shetland. **10.30** Genius: Einstein. (Final) **11.30** Bargain Hunt. **12.30am** Father Brown. **1.30** Harry's Practice. **2.00** Medical Emergency. **2.30** Late Programs.

9GO! (99)
6am Morning Programs. **Noon** Cards And Collectables Australia. **12.30** Snackmasters. **2.00** Baywatch. **3.00** Seinfeld. **4.00** Addams Family. **5.00** Bewitched. **6.00** Baywatch. **7.00** Seinfeld. **8.10 MOVIE:** Snitch. (2013, M) **10.30** Seinfeld. **11.40** Jane The Virgin. **12.35am** Love Island UK: All Stars. **1.35** Legacies. **2.25** Baywatch. **3.30** Barbie: Dreamhouse Adventures. **4.00** I Love VIP Pets. **4.20** Lego City: No Limits. **4.40** Bubble's Hotel. **5.00** Late Programs.

10 COMEDY (11)
6am Morning Programs. **8.30** GCBC. **9.00** Farm To Fork. **9.30** Bold. **10.00** Deal Or No Deal. **10.30** Millionaire Hot Seat. **11.00** The Inspired Unemployed: The List. **Noon** Becker. **12.30** Friends. **2.30** Frasier. **3.30** Everyday Gourmet. **4.00** Becker. **4.30** Frasier. **5.30** Friends. **7.30** Two And A Half Men. **9.00** Becker. **9.30** The Cheap Seats. **10.30** Frasier. **11.30** Ridiculousness. **Midnight** Ent. Tonight. **12.30** Shopping. **2.00** Bold. **3.00** Shopping.

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

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Friday, October 2

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ABC TV (2)

6am Morning Programs. **10.30** Take 5. (Ml, R) **11.00** Austin. (PG, R) **12.00** News. **1.00** Portrait Artist Of The Year. (R) **1.45** The Cage. (Ml, R) **2.35** Poh's Kitchen. (R) **3.00** Murdoch Mysteries. (PG, R) **3.45** Grand Designs Transformations. (PG, R) **4.45** Long Lost Family. (PG, R) **5.30** Antiques Roadshow. (PG, R)

6.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)
7.00 ABC News.
7.30 Gardening Australia. Looks at the gardens of the Australian National Gallery.
8.20 Death Valley. (PGa) John and Janie investigate an actor's murder.
9.05 Portrait Artist Of The Year. (R) Six artists paint portraits of Marcia Hines.
9.50 Class Clowns. (PGs, R) Australian comedians compete for the Class Clowns Cup.
10.25 ABC Late News.
10.40 Crime Night! (PG, R)
11.15 Murdoch Mysteries. (Mv, R)
12.00 Rage New Music. (MA15+adhlnsv)
5.00 Rage. (PG)

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **11.05** Canal Boat Diaries. (PG) **12.00** WorldWatch. **1.55** The Truth About Anxiety With Celia Pacquola. (Mad, R) **3.00** Nula. **3.35** The Cook Up. (PG, R) **4.05** Structures Of Marvel: Medieval Paris. (R) **5.05** Jeopardy! **5.30** Letters And Numbers. (R)

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) Presented by Marc Fennell.
6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 Hotel Portofino. (Premiere) Follows an ex-pat hotel proprietor on the Italian Riviera.
8.35 WWII With Tom Hanks. (Maw) The US makes plans to end the conflict with Japan.
10.15 SBS World News Late.
10.45 Spy/Master. (Mav)
11.40 Darkness: Those Who Kill. (MA15+a, R)
1.30 Wisting. (Malv, R)
3.10 Sing To Remember: Defying Dementia. (PG, 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 MOVIE: Farmer Seeking Love. (2022, PGa, R)
2.30 The Chase. (R)
3.30 Seven News At 4.
4.30 The Chase Australia.
5.30 Seven News.

6.30 Better Homes And Gardens. Johanna Griggs and the team demonstrate some terrific ideas for the house, garden and the kitchen.
8.00 MOVIE: Oppenheimer. (2023, MA15+s) The life of physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer, whose landmark work on the Manhattan Project created the first atomic bomb. Cillian Murphy, Emily Blunt, Robert Downey Jr.
12.00 GetOn Extra. A look at the weekend's best racing.
12.30 The Midwich Cuckoos. (MA15+av) The children go behind Susannah's back.
1.30 Home Shopping. (R)
3.30 Million Dollar Minute. (R)
4.30 NBC Today.

IMPARJA (9)

6.00 Today. **8.30** Today Extra. (PG) **11.00** 9News Morning. **11.30** The Block. (PGl, R) **12.45** Destination WA. (Final, R) **1.15** My Way. (R) **1.30** Pointless. (PG, R) **2.30** Tipping Point. (PG, R) **3.30** 9News Afternoon. **4.30** Tipping Point Australia. (PG, R)
5.30 9News.

6.30 A Current Affair.
7.00 Chateau DIY: Australia. (Premiere) Janet and Philip tackle a towering stairwell.
8.00 MOVIE: The Accountant. (2016, MA15+alv, R) A maths genius works as an accountant for criminals. Ben Affleck, Anna Kendrick, J.K. Simmons.
10.30 See No Evil: The Wrong Woman. (MA15+av, R)
11.20 Tipping Point. (PG, R)
12.10 Pointless. (PG, R)
1.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
3.30 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. (R)
4.00 Global Shop. (R)
4.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
5.00 Postcards. (PG, R)
5.30 Getaway. (PG, R)

TEN (10)

6am Morning Programs. **8.30** The Finish Line. (R) **9.30** Farm To Fork. (R) **10.00** Ent. Tonight. (R) **10.30** Building The Dream. (R) **11.30** Everyday Gourmet. **12.00** Millionaire Hot Seat. (PG, R) **12.30** News. **1.30** Deal Or No Deal. (R) **2.00** The Finish Line. (R) **3.00** Lingo. (R) **4.00** Bold. (PG) **4.30** News.

6.00 Deal Or No Deal. (R)
6.30 Millionaire Hot Seat. (PG, R) Hosted by Rebecca Gibney.
7.00 Love It Or List It Australia. (R) An inner-city beach bungalow is in need of more space.
8.00 Have You Been Paying Attention? (Malns, R) Celebrity panellists compete to see who can remember the most about events of the week.
9.00 10's Late News. Comprehensive coverage of local, national and international news, as well as the latest sport and weather.
10.00 Two And A Half Men. (Ms, R) Judith is getting remarried.
11.30 Home Shopping. (R)
5.30 What's Up Down Under. (PG, R)

ABC FAMILY (22)

6am Children's Programs. **1.50pm** Kangaroo Beach. **2.30** Monster Makes. **2.45** Gardening Australia Junior. **3.00** Play School. **4.05** Andy's Global Adventures. **4.30** SuperKitties. **5.25** Octonauts. **5.50** Super Monsters. **6.05** Spidey And His Amazing Friends. **7.05** Gardening Australia Junior. **7.35** TBA. **9.35** BattleBots. **10.20** Late Programs.

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **1.30pm** Stompem Ground 2022: Yatangal. **2.00** Kriol Kitchen. **2.30** The Cook Up. **3.00** Jarjums. **5.00** Ocean Warriors. **5.30** Nula. **6.00** Bamay. **6.40** Great Parks Of Africa. **7.30 MOVIE:** Watership Down. (1978, PG) **9.20 MOVIE:** Mars Attacks! (1996, M) **11.15** Nula. **11.45** Late Programs.

SBS2 (31)

6am Morning Programs. **12.30pm** Hudson & Rex. **2.20** Forged In Fire. **3.05** Stories From The Cities. **3.40** WorldWatch. **5.40** Inside The Huddle. **6.10** Over The Black Dot. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.35** Celebrity Jeopardy. **8.30** Original Gangsters. (Final) **9.25** The Naked World. **10.20** Sex Actually. **11.15** The Americans. **12.15am** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Morning Programs. **12.50pm** The Hudsucker Proxy. (1994, Ma) **2.55** Wings Of Desire. (1987, PGaln, German) **5.15** Agatha Christie's Crooked House. (2017, PGals) **7.25** Starring Dick Van Dyke. **9.30** The Teachers' Lounge. (2023, Malv, German, Polish, Turkish, English) **11.20** My Own Private Idaho. (1991, Madlns) **1.15am** Late Programs.

7MATE (70)

6am Morning Programs. **1pm** Pawn Stars. **1.30** American Pickers: Best Of. **2.30** Timbersports. **3.00** Air Crash Inv. **4.00** American Resto. **4.30** Storage Wars. **5.00** American Pickers. **6.00** Pawn Stars. **6.30** Football. AFL Women's. Richmond v Geelong. **8.45 MOVIE:** 2 Guns. (2013, MA15+) **11.00** Outback Pilots. **Midnight** Late Programs.

7TWO (72)

6am Morning Programs. **1.30pm** The Great Australian Doorstep. **2.00** Weekender. **2.30** The Outdoor Room. **3.00** Harry's Practice. **3.30** Medical Emergency. **4.00** Better Homes. **5.00** Escape To The Country. **6.00** Bargain Hunt. **7.00** The Americas. **8.00** Escape To The Country. **11.00** Bargain Hunt. **Midnight** Late Programs.

9GEM (90)

6am Morning Programs. **12.35pm MOVIE:** Summer Holiday. (1963) **2.50 MOVIE:** It's All Happening. (1963) **5.00** Yorkshire Auction House. **6.00** Antiques Roadshow. **7.00** TBA. **8.00 MOVIE:** Beaches. (1988, M) **10.30** Forensics: Catching The Killer. **11.30** Antiques Downunder. **Midnight** Antiques Roadshow. **12.30** Late Programs.

9GO! (99)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon MOVIE:** Journey 2: The Mysterious Island. (2012, PG) **2.00** Baywatch. **3.00** Seinfeld. **4.10** Addams Family. **5.10 MOVIE:** Uptown Girls. (2003, PG) **7.00 MOVIE:** Freaky Friday. (2003, PG) **9.00 MOVIE:** A Cinderella Story. (2004, PG) **11.00** Top 20 Funniest. **11.55** Babies Behind Bars. **12.45am** 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.** (PGv, R) **10.45** JAG. **12.45am** Shopping.

10 COMEDY (11)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon** Becker. **12.30** Friends. **2.30** Frasier. **3.30** Everyday Gourmet. **4.00** Becker. **4.30** Frasier. **5.30** Friends. **7.30** Two And A Half Men. **9.00** Becker. **9.30** Frasier. **10.30** Ridiculousness. **11.00** Ent. Tonight. **11.30** Shopping. **2am** Bold. **3.00** Shopping. **5.00** Late Programs.



Saturday, October 3

ABC TV (2)

6am Morning Programs. **12.00** News. **12.30** Beyond Paradise Christmas Special. (PGd, R) **1.25** Father Brown. (PGv, R) **2.10** Death Valley. (PGa, R) **2.55** Griff's Great Australian Rail Trip. (PG, R) **3.45** Take 5. (PG, R) **4.10** The Tony Blair Story. (PG, R) **5.05** Aust Story. (R) **5.35** Landline. (R)

6.05 Kath & Kim. (PGals, R)
6.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)
7.00 ABC News. A look at the top stories of the day.
7.30 Beyond Paradise. (Return, PGa) A body is found in the river on the county border.
8.30 Father Brown. (Final, PGv) As Mrs Devine and Sullivan's wedding approaches, Father Brown attempts to stop a would-be killer from ruining their big day.
9.15 Midsomer Murders. (Mv, R) A stable owner is murdered.
10.45 Doc Martin Christmas Special. (M, R)
11.55 Rage. (MA15+dhlnsv)

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **11.05** Icons Of Auto. (Premiere, PG) **12.00** WorldWatch. **2.00** Sailing. Sail Grand Prix. H'lights. **3.00** Gymnastics. Artistic World Challenge Cup. H'lights. **4.30** Churchill's Forgotten War. (PGa, R) **5.25** Empire Builders: The Rust Belt. (Premiere, PGav)

6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 Jewels Of The Mediterranean: Crete. (PGaw)
8.20 The Langham: Britain's First Grand Hotel. (Premiere)
9.20 Sagrada Familia: Gaudi's Challenge. (R)
10.20 Cumbria: The Lakes & The Coast. (Ml, R)
11.15 Signed, Theo Schoon. (PG, R)
1.05 And Then Came The Water. (R)
2.00 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. (PG, R)
5.00 NHK World English News Morning.
5.15 WorldWatch.

SEVEN (7, 71)

6.00 NBC Today. **6.30** Weekend Sunrise. **9.30** The Morning Show: Weekend. (PG)
11.30 Horse Racing. Epsom Day and Turnbull Stakes Day.
4.30 Seven News At 5.
5.00 Border Security: Australia's Front Line. (PG, R)
5.30 Seven News.

6.30 Border Security: Australia's Front Line. (PG, R)
7.00 MOVIE: Pitch Perfect. (2012, Mls, R) Anna Kendrick, Brittany Snow.
9.20 MOVIE: The Invention Of Lying. (2009, Mls, R) A screenwriter learns how to lie. Ricky Gervais, Jennifer Garner, Jonah Hill.
11.30 The Midwich Cuckoos. (MA15+av)
1.00 Harry's Practice. (R)
1.30 Home Shopping. (R)
2.30 It's Academic. (R)
3.30 House Of Wellness. (PG, R)
4.30 NBC Today.
5.30 Weekend Sunrise.

IMPARJA (9)

6am Morning Programs. **9.30** Today Extra: Saturday. (PG) **11.30** Morning Programs. **1.30** Rugby League. Men's Exhibition Match. Papua New Guinea Kumuls v Prime Minister's XIII. **3.30** Drive Review. (PG) **4.00** Garden Gurus. **4.30** News. **5.00** Getaway. (PG) **5.30** 9News Saturday.

6.30 A Current Affair.
7.00 MOVIE: Bohemian Rhapsody. (2018, Ml, R) Charts the life of Freddie Mercury. Rami Malek, Lucy Boynton, Gwilym Lee.
9.45 Freddie Mercury: A Secret Daughter. (Mans, R) A look at a secret child of Freddie Mercury.
11.15 Wild Cards. (Mav, R)
12.05 Find My Country House Australia. (R) Hosted by Catriona Rowntree.
12.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
4.00 Global Shop. (R)
4.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
5.00 Helping Hands. (PGa, R)
5.30 Weekend Today.

TEN (10)

6am Morning Programs. **11.00** Deal Or No Deal. (PG, R) **11.30** Millionaire Hot Seat. (PG, R) **12.00** Shaun Micallef's Parents' Evening. (PGl, R) **1.00** Sydney Harbour Cops. (PGa, R) **2.00** Love It Or List It: Brilliant Builds. (PG, R) **3.00** Food Trail: South Africa. (Return) **3.30** Lingo. (R) **4.30** News.

6.00 Gogglebox Australia. (R)
7.00 Selling Houses Australia. (PG)
8.10 Love It Or List It Australia. (PGl, R)
9.10 Love It Or List It: Brilliant Builds. (PG) Kirstie and Phil look back on loft conversions.
10.10 Ambulance Australia. (Maln, R)
11.10 FBI. (Madv, R)
12.10 Boston Blue. (Mav, R)
1.00 Watson. (Ma, R)
2.00 Home Shopping. (R)
3.30 Hour Of Power.
4.30 Mass For You At Home.
5.00 Key Of David. (PGa)
5.30 Joseph Prince: New Creation Church.

ABC FAMILY (22)

7am SuperKitties. **6.40pm** Bluey's Big Play. **7.30** Teenage Boss: Next Level. (Final) **8.00 MOVIE:** Spy Kids 3: Game Over. (2003, PG) **9.20** Merlin. **10.00** Fresh Off The Boat. **10.45** Young Sheldon. **11.00** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. **11.45** Pokémon: Ruby And Sapphire. **12.05am** Operation Ouch! **12.35** Late Programs.

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **1.40pm** Great Parks Of Africa. **2.30** Over The Black Dot. **3.00** S.O.G. The Book Of Ward. **5.00** Murder In Big Horn. **6.00** Bamay. **6.40** The Other Side. **7.30** Pro Bull Riding USA: World Team Series. **8.30 MOVIE:** Let Me In. (2010, MA15+) **10.35** Lee Fields, Faithful Man. **12.05am** Late Programs.

SBS2 (31)

6am Morning Programs. **11.05** The Mission. **12.05pm** Clockwork Orange: The Prophecy. **1.10** Great Australian Concerts: Diesel. **2.20** If You Are The One. **3.30** WorldWatch. **5.30** Mastermind Aust. **6.00** 7 Up. **6.35** 14 Up. **7.35** 21 Up. **9.30** 28 Up. **12.10am** Brassic. **3.00** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Morning Programs. **12.45pm** The Queen. (2006, Ml) **2.40** A King In New York. (1957, PGa) **4.35** A United Kingdom. (2016, PGa) **6.40** Storm Boy. (2019, PG) **8.30** The Gentlemen. (2019, MA15+lv) **10.35** Private Desert. (2021, MA15+s, Portuguese) **12.50am** La Maison. (2022, MA15+adnsv, German, English, French) **3.30** Late Programs.

7MATE (70)

6am Morning Programs. **2.30pm** Motor Racing. Night Thunder. WA Late Model Title. Replay. **3.30** Frozen Gold. **4.30** Football. AFL Women's. Brisbane v Gold Coast Suns. **6.30** Football. AFL Women's. Pt Adel v Adelaide. **8.45 MOVIE:** Ghost Rider. (2007, M) **11.00 MOVIE:** Hellboy. (2004, M) **1.30am** Late Programs.

7TWO (72)

6am Morning Programs. **3.30pm** Escape To The Country. **4.30** Horse Racing. Epsom Day and Turnbull Stakes Day. **5.30** Dog Patrol. **6.00** Bondi Vet. **7.00** The Yorkshire Vet. **8.00** Escape To The Chateau. **9.00** Escape To The Country. **10.00** World's Most Scenic Railway Journeys. **11.00** Auction Squad. **Midnight** Late Programs.

9GEM (90)

6am Morning Programs. **12.15pm MOVIE:** Contraband Spain. (1955, PG) **2.00 MOVIE:** Orders To Kill. (1958, PG) **4.15 MOVIE:** Dunkirk. (1958, PG) **7.00** Rugby League. NRL. 2025 Grand Final. Melbourne Storm v Broncos. **9.05 MOVIE:** Bad Boys. (1983, MA15+) **11.05 MOVIE:** Cry, The Beloved Country. (1951, M) **1.10am** Late Programs.

9GO! (99)

6am Morning Programs. **2.40pm** Motor Racing. FIA World Endurance C'ship. 6 Hours of Fuji. H'lights. **3.50** Tennis. Laver Cup. H'lights. **5.00** Basketball. NBL. Brisbane Bullets v JackJumpers. **7.00** Basketball. NBL. Melbourne United v Cairns Taipans. **9.00 MOVIE:** The Mask. (1994, PG) **11.00** Top 20 Funniest. **11.50** Late Programs.

10 DRAMA (1)

6am Shopping. **8.30** Reel Action. **9.00** Building The Dream. **Noon** The Living Room. **2.00** JAG.
4.00 Reel Action.
4.30 Bondi Rescue. (PGaln, R)
5.00 JAG. (PGl, R)
7.00 NCIS. (Mv, R)
9.50 JAG. (PGa, R)
11.45 Home Shopping.

10 COMEDY (11)

6am Shopping. **7.00** Deal Or No Deal. **8.00** Bold. **10.30** Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. **11.00** Becker. **11.30** Frasier. **12.30pm** Becker. **1.00** Frasier. **2.00** Friends.
7.00 Two And A Half Men. (PGas, R)
10.30 Becker. (PG, R)
11.00 Frasier. (PGa, R)
Midnight Home Shopping.

Sunday, October 4

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

ABC TV (2)

6am Morning Programs. **12.00** News. **12.30** Landline. **1.30** Gardening Aust. (R) **2.20** Portrait Artist Of The Year. (R) **3.05** Grand Designs: House Of The Year. (R) **4.00** Creative Types. (PGl, R) **4.30** Amanda & Alan's Italian Job. (R) **5.00** Take 5. (PGl, R) **5.30** Back Roads. (R)

6.00 Antiques Roadshow. (R)
7.00 ABC News.
7.30 Portrait Artist Of The Year. (Final, PG) Three artists paint Kirk Pengilly.
8.20 Grand Designs: House Of The Year: Incredible Transformations. (Final) Kevin McCloud explores dramatic reinventions.
9.10 The Cage. (Final, M) The net closes in on Matty and Leanne.
9.55 Father Brown. (Final, PGv, R) Mrs Devine and Sullivan's wedding approaches.
10.45 MOVIE: Cosi. (1996, Mal, R) Ben Mendelsohn.
12.20 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv)
2.30 Midsomer Murders. (Mv, R)
4.00 Antiques Roadshow. (PG, R)
5.00 Insiders. (R)

ABC FAMILY (22)

7am SuperKitties. **10.15** Bluey's Big Play. **7.30pm MOVIE:** Paddington In Peru. (2024, PG) **9.10** Animal Park. **9.55** Secrets Of The Zoo. **10.40** Merlin. **11.25** Young Sheldon. **11.50** Pokémon: Ruby And Sapphire. **12.10am** Operation Ouch! **1.10** Miraculous. **2.35** Horrible Histories. **3.00** Late Programs. **5.40** Thomas And Friends.

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **1.30pm** Rugby League. Koori Knockout. **4.30** Sammy Butcher: Out Of The Shadows. **5.00** All Stars: More Than A Game. **5.35** Going Places. **6.00** Bamay. **6.40** Great Parks Of Africa. **7.30** Extraordinary Animals. **8.30 MOVIE:** Backtrack Boys. (2018, MA15+) **10.25 MOVIE:** Stand By Me. (1986, M) **Midnight** Late Programs.

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **8.00** DD India News Hour. **9.05** For The Love Of Dogs. (PGa, R) **9.35** Beyond The Scorecard. (PG) **11.05** Icons Of Auto. (PGa) **12.00** WorldWatch. **1.00** Speedweek. **3.00** Going Places. (R) **4.00** The Last Violin. (PGl, R) **5.25** Empire Builders: The Rust Belt. (PGv)

6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 Roman Empire By Train With Alice Roberts. (PGa)
8.25 Ancient Superstructures: Neuschwanstein Castle. Takes a look at the castle Neuschwanstein.
9.25 Cleopatra: Cracking The Enigma. (PGa, R)
10.25 Royal Autopsy: King George IV – The Party King. (MA15+s, R)
11.20 Australia's Health Revolution. (Ma, R)
2.40 Wales: Land Of The Wild: The Return Of The Sun. (R)
4.30 Bamay. (R)
5.00 NHK World English News Morning.
5.15 Euronews.
5.30 PBS News Horizons.

SBS2 (31)

6am Morning Programs. **11.00** Letterkenny. **11.30** Motorcycle Racing. World Superbike C'ship. Italian Round. **12.30pm MOVIE:** The Lost Boys. (1987, M) **2.20 MOVIE:** The Goonies. (1985, PG) **4.35** WorldWatch. **6.00** 35 Up. **8.10** 42 Up. **10.45** 49 Up. **1.25am** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera News Hour.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Morning Programs. **12.35pm** My Own Private Idaho. (1991, MadIns) **2.30** Viceroy's House. (2017, PGa) **4.30** Starring Dick Van Dyke. **6.35** The Wedding Planner. (2001, PGals) **8.30** Isle Of Dogs. (2018) **10.25** Michael Collins. (1996, MA15+v) **12.50am** Hamburger Hill. (1987, MA15+lv) **2.55** Late Programs.

SEVEN (7, 71)

6am Morning Programs. **10.30** Bathurst Preview Show. **11.30** Football. AFL Women's. North Melbourne v Sydney. **1.30** Football. AFL Women's. Collingwood v Melbourne. **3.30** News. **4.00** Border Security: Int. (PG, R) **4.30** News. **5.30** The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. (PG)

7.40 MOVIE: The Bee Gees: How Can You Mend A Broken Heart. (2020, MI, R) An exploration of the history of the Bee Gees, featuring interviews with oldest brother Barry Gibb. Barry Gibb, Maurice Gibb, Robin Gibb.
10.10 24 Hours In Police Custody: Too Close For Comfort. (Malv, R) Authorities deal with a case of stalking.
11.10 Pure Genius. (Ma, R) A tech titan enlists a controversial surgeon.
12.05 Harry's Practice. (R)
12.30 Home Shopping. (R)
2.00 Million Dollar Minute. (R)
2.30 NBC Today.
3.30 Sunrise Early News.
4.00 Sunrise.

7MATE (70)

6am Morning Programs. **12.30pm** Red's Fishing Adventures. **1.00** Al McGlashan's Fish'n With Mates. **1.30** Air Crash Inv. **2.30** Frozen Gold. **3.30** Counting Cars. **4.30** Border Security: Int. **5.30** Border Security. **7.00 MOVIE:** Jurassic World Dominion. (2022, M) **9.55 MOVIE:** The Forever Purge. (2021, MA15+) **12.05am** Late Programs.

7TWO (72)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon** Medical Emergency. **12.30** A Moveable Feast. **1.10** The Yorkshire Vet. **2.10** My Greek Odyssey. **3.10** World's Most Scenic Railway Journeys. **4.10** Escape To The Country. **5.10** Vicar Of Dibley. **7.00** Vera. **9.00** Genius: Picasso. **10.00** Vicar Of Dibley. **10.50** Harry's Practice. **11.30** Better Homes. **12.30am** Late Programs.

IMPARJA (9)

6am Morning Programs. **9.30** NRL Sunday Footy Show. (Final, PG) **11.30** Grand Final Day. **11.50** Rugby League. State Cup C'ship. Grand Final. **1.40** Grand Final Day. **2.30** Rugby League. NRL Women's Premiership. Grand Final. **4.00** Grand Final Day. **4.30** 9News Sunday. **5.00** Grand Final Night.

6.00 Rugby League. NRL. Grand Final. From Accor Stadium, Sydney.
8.00 NRL Grand Final Post-Match. From Accor Stadium, Sydney.
9.15 To Be Advised.
10.15 The First 48: Unforgotten – Darrin. (Ma) A teenager is found murdered.
11.15 Australia's Top Ten Of Everything. (Mls, R) A countdown of funny moments.
12.15 Next Stop. (R)
12.45 Explore: Nova Scotia. (R)
1.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
3.30 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. (R)
4.00 Destination WA. (R)
4.30 Today Early News.
5.00 Today.

9GEM (90)

6am Morning Programs. **11.30 MOVIE:** The Blue Lamp. (1950, PG) **1.15pm MOVIE:** Red River. (1948) **4.00** Midsomer Murders. **6.00** Clarkson's Farm. **7.05** Fawlty Towers. **8.25** Blackadder Goes Forth. **9.45** Cold Case. **10.45** Australia's Top Ten Of Everything. **11.40** Creflo. **12.10am** Midsomer Murders. **2.10** Late Programs.

9GO! (99)

6am Morning Programs. **12.15pm MOVIE:** The Cure. (1995, PG) **2.15 MOVIE:** A Cinderella Story. (2004, PG) **4.15 MOVIE:** Doctor Dolittle 2. (2001, PG) **6.00** TBA. **10.30** Bel-Air. **11.25** Conquering Skin Cancer. **1.20am** Animal Tales. **2.20** Surfing Aust. **2.50** Big Rigs Of Oz. **3.20** Wild Manes. **3.40** Late Programs.

TEN (10)

6am Morning Programs. **8.30** Mixed Martial Arts. UFC 332 Prelims. **10.30** Farm To Fork. (R) **11.00** Deal Or No Deal. (PG, R) **11.30** Morning Programs. **12.00** Exploring Off The Grid. (Return) **12.30** Gogglebox Aust. (R) **1.30** The Finish Line. (R) **2.30** Lingo. (R) **3.30** News. **5.00** 10 News+. **5.30** Gogglebox Aust.

6.30 The Graham Norton Show. (Return) Graham Norton chats with Tom Cruise.
7.30 Shaun Micallef's Parents' Evening. (PGl, R) Comedy quiz show in which three well-known Australians team up with their lesser-known parent or child.
8.30 FBI. (Mav, R) The team is thrown into an investigation that leads back to the resurgence of online conspiracy.
10.30 10 News+. (R) Hosted by Denham Hitchcock and Amelia Brace.
11.00 Home Shopping. (R)
4.30 Entertainment Tonight. (R)
5.00 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG, R)
5.30 Deal Or No Deal. (R)

10 DRAMA (1)

6am Leading The Way. **6.30** All 4 Adventure. **7.30** Roads Less Travelled. **8.00** Navigating The World. **9.00** Building The Dream. **11.00** What's Up Down Under. **Noon** Roads Less Travelled. **12.30** Living Room. **1.30** JAG. **3.30** I Fish. **4.00** JAG. **6.00** NCIS. **8.50 Fire Country.** (Mv, R) **9.45** JAG. **11.45** Shopping.

10 COMEDY (11)

6am Deal Or No Deal. **7.30** Millionaire Hot Seat. **10.00** Becker. **10.30** Frasier. **11.30** Becker. **12.00 Frasier.** (PGa, R) **1.00 Friends.** (PG, R) **6.00 Two And A Half Men.** (Ms, R) **9.00 Becker.** (PG, R) **9.30 Frasier.** (PGa, R) **10.30 Home Shopping.** (R)

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Monday, October 5

ABC TV (2)

6am Morning Programs. **11.30** Stuff The British Stole. (PG, R) **12.00** News. **1.00** Landline. (R) **2.00** Back Roads. (R) **2.30** Home Delivery. (PG, R) **3.00** Murdoch Mysteries. (PGad, R) **3.40** Grand Designs Transformations. (PG, R) **4.40** Long Lost Family. (PG, R) **5.30** Antiques Roadshow. (R)

6.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)
7.00 ABC News.
7.30 7.30.
8.00 Australian Story: Wild Pt 2 Chrissy Amphlett.
8.30 Four Corners.
9.20 Media Watch. (PG)
9.35 Planet America.
10.10 Foreign Correspondent. (R)
10.40 ABC Late News.
10.55 The Business. (R)
11.10 Murdoch Mysteries. (Mad, R)
12.00 Long Lost Family. (PG, R)
12.45 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv)
2.40 Gardening Australia. (R)
3.40 Love Your Garden. (R)
4.30 Antiques Roadshow. (R)
5.30 7.30. (R)

ABC FAMILY (22)

6am Children's Programs. **3pm** Play School. **4.05** Gardening Australia Junior. **4.30** SuperKitties. **5.25** Octonauts. **5.50** Super Monsters. **6.05** Spidey And His Amazing Friends. **7.05** Batwheels. **7.35** Ninjago. **8.00** Young Sheldon. **8.25** Young Sheldon. **8.40** Secrets Of The Zoo. **9.25** Hard Quiz Kids. **9.55** Merlin. **10.40** Late Programs.

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **1.30pm** Rugby League. Koori Knockout. **4.30** Bamay. **5.00** Ocean Warriors. **5.30** The 77 Percent. **6.00** Bamay. **6.40** Great Parks Of Africa. **7.30** Who Do You Think You Are? **8.35** Living Black. **9.05** The Haka Party Incident. **10.40 MOVIE:** Powder. (1995, M) **12.40am** Bamay. **1.00** Late Programs.

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **8.00** DD India News Hour. **9.15** For The Love Of Dogs. (PGa, R) **10.15** The Definition Of Happiness. (Mal) **12.05** WorldWatch. **2.00** Peace Wilderness Man. **2.45** The Cook Up. (R) **3.20** Oleg: The Oleg Vidov Story. (PGansv, R) **5.05** Jeopardy! **5.30** Letters And Numbers. (R)

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (PG, R)
6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 The Jury: Skeleton In The Garden: The Vanishing. (Return, Mal)
8.30 24 Hours In Emergency: Shelter From The Storm. (M)
9.25 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. (Mals, R)
10.15 SBS World News Late.
10.45 Black Sands. (MA15+av)
11.35 MOVIE: Chuparrosa. (2024, G, R, Spanish)
11.50 Soccer. FIFA ASEAN Cup. Third place playoff.
3.00 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. (R)
5.00 WorldWatch.

SBS2 (31)

6am Morning Programs. **11.00** Icons Unearthed: Harry Potter. **11.55** France 24 English News. **12.25pm** Hudson & Rex. **2.10** Going Places. **3.10** WorldWatch. **5.05** Jeopardy! **6.00** 56 Up. **8.50** 63 Up. **11.35** The Americans. **12.30am** Brassic. **2.15** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera News Hour.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Morning Programs. **12.10pm** The Tunnel (Part 2) (2001, Malsv) **2.00** A United Kingdom. (2016, PGa) **4.05** Time Bandits. (1981, PGahv) **6.15** Trinity Is Still My Name. (1971, PGv) **8.30** Sukiyaki Western Django. (2007) **10.50** Dog Day Afternoon. (1975, Malv) **1.05am** Dirty Dancing. (1987, Mas) **2.55** Isle Of Dogs. (2018) **4.50** Late Programs.

SEVEN (7, 71)

6.00 Sunrise. **8.30** The Morning Show. (PG) **10.30** Seven's National News At Noon. **11.30** Beat The Chasers UK. (R) **12.30** Bridge Of Lies. (R) **1.30** The Chase. **2.30 Seven News At 4.** **3.30 The Chase Australia.** **4.30 Seven News.** **5.30 Home And Away.**

6.00 My Kitchen Rules. Alisha and Deanne cook for the judges.
7.35 The Rookie. (Mhv) The team uncovers a conspiracy.
8.35 The Agenda Setters. (R) A team of trusted and respected footy voices tackles the biggest topics in the AFL world.
9.35 The Agenda Setters: Rugby League. A team of trusted and respected footy voices tackles the biggest topics in the rugby league world.
10.35 Transplant. (MA15+a, R)
12.30 Home Shopping. (R)
2.30 NBC Today.
3.30 Sunrise Early News.
4.00 Sunrise.

7MATE (70)

6am Morning Programs. **2pm** Counting Cars. **3.00** American Resto. **3.30** Storage Wars. **4.00** American Pickers: Best Of. **5.00** Pawn Stars. **6.00** The Agenda Setters. **7.00** Aussie Gold Hunters. **8.00** Gem Hunters Down Under. **9.00** Outback Opal Hunters. **10.00** Appalachian Outlaws. **11.00** Storage Wars. **11.30** Late Programs.

7TWO (72)

6am Morning Programs. **12.30pm** Weekender. **1.00** Auction Squad. **2.00** Harry's Practice. **2.30** Medical Emergency. **3.00** Better Homes. **4.00** Escape To The Country. **5.00** Bargain Hunt. **6.00** Doc Martin. **7.00** A Touch Of Frost. **9.15** Escape To The Country. **10.15** Bargain Hunt. **11.15** Doc Martin. **12.15am** Late Programs.

IMPARJA (9)

6.00 Today. **8.30** Today Extra. (PG) **11.00** 9News Morning. **11.30 MOVIE: Hashtag Proposal.** (2023, PGa) **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 The Block. (PGl)
8.40 Australian Crime Stories: The Investigators: The Lost Girls. (Mav, R)
9.40 9News Late.
10.10 Outback Opal Hunters. (PGl)
11.10 Footy Furnace Trade Show. (Premiere, Ml)
12.00 Tipping Point. (PG, R)
1.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
2.00 Global Shop. (R)
2.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
3.30 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. (R)
4.00 A Current Affair. (R)
4.30 Today Early News.
5.00 Today.

9GEM (90)

6am Morning Programs. **12.50pm** Blackadder Goes Forth. **2.10 MOVIE:** Barnacle Bill. (1957) **4.00** Yorkshire Auction House. **5.00** Antiques Roadshow. **6.00** Death In Paradise. **7.10** The Brokenwood Mysteries. **9.10** Rizzoli & Isles. **10.10** Death In Paradise. **11.10** Antiques Roadshow. **11.40** Creflo. **12.10am** Late Programs.

9GO! (99)

6am Morning Programs. **12.10pm** Cybershack. **12.40 MOVIE:** Dumb And Dumber. (1994, PG) **3.00** Addams Family. **4.00** Seinfeld. **5.00** NBL: Overtime. **6.00** Big Bang. **7.00** TBA. **9.00** NBL: Overtime. **10.10** Big Bang. **11.10** Love Island UK: All Stars. **12.10am** Legacies. **1.00** Surfing Aust. **1.30** Late Programs.

TEN (10)

6am Morning Programs. **9.00** Ent. Tonight. (R) **9.30** Gogglebox Aust. (R) **10.30** Everyday Gourmet. **11.00** Millionaire Hot Seat. (PG, R) **11.30** News. **12.30** Deal Or No Deal. (PG, R) **1.00** The Finish Line. (R) **2.00** Lingo. (R) **3.00** Bold. (PG) **3.30** News. **5.00** Deal Or No Deal. (PG) **5.30** Millionaire Hot Seat. (PG)

6.00 Shaun Micallef's Parents' Evening.
7.10 Have You Been Paying Attention? Hosted by Tom Gleisner.
8.10 MOVIE: Cop This. (2026, Mls) A police station is about to be replaced by an AI terminal. Nicolette Minster, Ray O'Leary, Firdi Billimoria.
9.50 10's Late News. Coverage of news, sport and weather.
10.50 Two And A Half Men. (Ms, R)
11.30 Home Shopping. (R)
4.30 Entertainment Tonight. (R)
5.00 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG, R)
5.30 Deal Or No Deal. (PG, R)

10 DRAMA (1)

6am Shopping. **6.30** Days Of Our Lives. **7.15** The Young And The Restless. **8.00** Living Room. **9.00** Building The Dream. **10.00** Bold. **10.30** Days Of Our Lives. **11.15** The Young And The Restless. **Noon** JAG. **2.00** Bull. **3.00** JAG. **5.00** Bull. **6.00** NCIS. **8.50 Bull.** (PGa, R) **9.45** JAG. **11.45** Shopping.

10 COMEDY (11)

6am Morning Programs. **9.30** Millionaire Hot Seat. **10.00** Ridiculousness. **11.00** Becker. **11.30** Friends. **1.30pm** Frasier. **2.30** Everyday Gourmet. **3.00** Becker. **3.30** Frasier. **4.30** Friends. **6.30** Two And A Half Men. **8.00** Becker. **8.30** Frasier. **9.30** Ridiculousness. **10.00** Ent. Tonight. **10.30** Shopping. **1am** Bold. **2.00** Shopping.

Tuesday, October 6

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

ABC TV (2)

6am Morning Programs. **11.00** The Tony Blair Story. (PG, R) **12.00** News. **1.00** Beyond Paradise. (PGa, R) **2.00** Back Roads. (R) **2.30** Home Delivery. (PG, R) **3.00** Murdoch Mysteries. (PGv, R) **3.45** Grand Designs Transformations. (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 Foreign Correspondent. (Final)
8.30 The Tony Blair Story. (Final, PGa)
9.25 I Was Actually There. (Final, Ml, R)
9.55 Take 5 With Zan Rowe. (Ml, R)
10.35 ABC Late News.
10.50 The Business. (R)
11.05 Four Corners. (R)
11.55 Media Watch. (PG, R)
12.10 Murdoch Mysteries. (Mv, R)
12.55 Long Lost Family. (PG, R)
1.45 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) **2.40** Gardening Australia. (R) **3.40** Love Your Garden. (R) **4.30** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **5.30** 7.30. (R)

ABC FAMILY (22)

6am Children's Programs. **3pm** Play School. **4.05** Gardening Australia Junior. **4.30** SuperKitties. **5.25** Octonauts. **5.50** Super Monsters. **6.05** Spidey And His Amazing Friends. **7.05** Batwheels. **7.35** Ninjago. **8.00** Young Sheldon. **8.25** Young Sheldon. **8.45** Secrets Of The Zoo. **9.25** Kids Baking C'ship. **10.10** Late Programs.

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **1.05pm** Backs To The Blast. **2.00** Kriol Kitchen. **2.30** The Cook Up. **3.00** Jarjums. **5.00** Ocean Warriors. **5.30** Indian Country Today News. **6.00** Bamay. **6.40** Great Parks Of Africa. **7.30** Cold Justice. **8.50 MOVIE:** The Judge. (2014, M) **11.20** Elder In Residence Oration 2025. **Midnight** Late Programs.

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **11.05** Canal Boat Diaries. **12.00** WorldWatch. **2.00** The Jury: Skeleton In The Garden. (Mal, R) **3.00** Going Places. (R) **3.40** The Cook Up. (R) **4.10** Julia Bradbury's Irish Journey. (PGa, R) **5.05** Jeopardy! **5.30** Letters And Numbers. (R)

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (PG, R)
6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 The Jury: Skeleton In The Garden: Buried Secrets. (Mal)
8.30 Insight.
9.30 Dateline: Cuba: Inside The Blockade.
10.00 SBS World News Late.
10.30 The Point. (R)
11.25 Mussolini: Son Of The Century. (MA15+v)
12.25 The Vanishing Triangle. (Mal, R)
3.00 Endurance: Race The Pole. (PGn, R)
3.55 The World's Most Remote Hotels. (PGa, R)
4.30 Bamay. (R)
5.00 WorldWatch.

SBS2 (31)

6am Morning Programs. **11.55** DW The Day. **12.25pm** Hudson & Rex. **2.15** Going Places. **3.15** Inside The Huddle. **3.50** WorldWatch. **5.50** The Mega-Brands That Built The World. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats. **8.30** Oliver Stone: The Outsider. **9.30 MOVIE:** Wall Street. (1987, M) **11.50** The Americans. **12.45am** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Morning Programs. **3pm** Mr Blake At Your Service! (2023, PGal, French) **5.05** Where The Wild Things Are. (2009, PGahv) **7.00** Another Country. (2015, PGaw) **8.30** The Drover's Wife. (2021, MA15+av) **10.30** Once Upon A Time In China. (1991, MA15+v, Cantonese) **12.55am** Late Programs.

SEVEN (7, 71)

6.00 Sunrise. **7.30** The Morning Show. (PG) **10.30** Seven's National News At Noon. **11.30** Bridge Of Lies: Celebrity Specials. (R) **12.30** Bridge Of Lies. (R) **1.30** The Chase. **2.30 Seven News At 4.** **3.30 The Chase Australia.** **4.30 Seven News.** **5.30 Home And Away.** (PG)

6.00 My Kitchen Rules. Tiffany and Giancarlo show off Italian family recipes.
7.35 Off The Grid With Colin And Manu. (PGal) Colin Fassnidge and Manu Feildel fly into Fiordland to cook onboard *Pure Salt*.
8.35 The Amazing Race. (Return, PG) Thirteen teams of two compete in a race around the world to win US$1,000,000, starting in Vancouver, Canada.
10.05 Happy's Place. (PG) Bobbie has a case of camera madness.
10.35 The Path. (MA15+adlv) Nicole's labour becomes troubled.
1.00 Home Shopping. (R)
2.30 NBC Today.
3.30 Sunrise Early News.
4.00 Sunrise.

7MATE (70)

6am Morning Programs. **2pm** Air Crash Inv. **3.00** American Resto. **3.30** Storage Wars. **4.00** American Pickers. **5.00** Pawn Stars. **6.00** Outback Truckers. **7.00** Marlin Kings: Chasing Giants. **8.00** Outback Truckers. **9.00** Heavy Tow Truckers Down Under. **10.00** Big Rig Bounty Hunters. **11.00** Storage Wars. **11.30** Late Programs.

7TWO (72)

6am Morning Programs. **12.05pm** Surf Patrol. **12.30** Creek To Coast. **1.00** House Of Wellness. **2.00** Harry's Practice. **2.30** Medical Emergency. **3.00** Better Homes. **4.00** Escape To The Country. **5.00** Bargain Hunt. **6.00** Call The Midwife. **7.15** Inspector Morse. **9.35** Escape To The Country. **10.35** Bargain Hunt. **11.30** Late Programs.

IMPARJA (9)

6.00 Today. **8.30** Today Extra. (PG) **11.00** 9News Morning. **11.30** The Block. (PGl, R) **1.00** Find My Country 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 The Block. (PGl)
8.15 1 Euro House. (Premiere, PG)
9.15 Topknotz: Wild On Water. (Return, Ml)
10.15 9News Late.
10.45 The Assassination Of Gianni Versace: American Crime Story. (MA15+alvv)
11.35 Tipping Point. (PG, R)
12.30 Hello SA. (PG, R)
1.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
2.00 The Garden Gurus. (R)
2.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
3.30 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. (R)
4.00 A Current Affair. (R)
4.30 Today Early News.
5.00 Today.

9GEM (90)

6am Morning Programs. **1.45pm** Antiques Roadshow. **2.15 MOVIE:** Home At Seven. (1952, PG) **4.00** Yorkshire Auction House. **5.00** Antiques Roadshow. **6.00** New Tricks. **7.10** Grantchester. **8.20** Wong & Winchester. **9.20** Rizzoli & Isles. **10.20** New Tricks. **11.30** Creflo. **Midnight MOVIE:** The Bargee. (1964, PG) **2.00** Late Programs.

9GO! (99)

6am Morning Programs. **12.55pm** NBL: Overtime. **2.00** Big Bang. **3.00** Addams Family. **4.00** Seinfeld. **5.00** Baywatch. **6.00** Big Bang. **7.00** TBA. **9.30** Big Bang. **10.30** Jane The Virgin. **11.20** Love Island UK: All Stars. **12.15am** Legacies. **1.05** Surfing Aust. **1.35** World's Greatest Islands. **2.30** Barbie: Dreamhouse Adventures. **3.00** Late Programs.

TEN (10)

6am Morning Programs. **9.30** Shaun Micallef's Parents' Evening. (R) **10.30** Everyday Gourmet. **11.00** Millionaire Hot Seat. (PG, R) **11.30** News. **12.30** Deal Or No Deal. (PG, R) **1.00** The Finish Line. (R) **2.00** Lingo. (R) **3.00** Bold. (PG) **3.30** News. **5.00** Deal Or No Deal. (PG, R) **5.30** Millionaire Hot Seat. (PG)

6.00 Sydney Harbour Cops. MAC tackles rescues and unexpected discoveries across NSW waters.
7.00 The Cheap Seats. (Mal) Presented by Melanie Bracewell and Tim McDonald.
8.00 10's Late News. Comprehensive coverage of local, national and international news, as well as the latest sport and weather.
9.00 Two And A Half Men. (Ms, R) Charlie's friends and family undermine his plans for a romantic Christmas Eve date.
10.30 Home Shopping. (R)
4.30 Entertainment Tonight. (R)
5.00 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG, R)
5.30 Deal Or No Deal. (PG, R)

10 DRAMA (1)

6am Shopping. **6.30** Days Of Our Lives. **7.15** The Young And The Restless. **8.00** Living Room. **9.00** Building The Dream. **10.00** Bold. **10.30** Days Of Our Lives. **11.15** The Young And The Restless. **Noon** JAG. **2.00** Bull. **3.00** JAG. **5.00** Bull. **6.00** NCIS. **8.50 Bull.** (PGdv, R) **9.45** JAG. **11.45** Shopping.

10 COMEDY (11)

6am Morning Programs. **9.30** Millionaire Hot Seat. **10.00** Ridiculousness. **11.00** Becker. **11.30** Friends. **1.30pm** Frasier. **2.30** Everyday Gourmet. **3.00** Becker. **3.30** Frasier. **4.30** Friends. **6.30** Two And A Half Men. **8.00** Becker. **8.30** Frasier. **9.30** Ridiculousness. **10.00** Ent. Tonight. **10.30** Shopping. **1am** Bold. **2.00** Shopping.



Wednesday, October 7

ABC TV (2)

6am Morning Programs. **12.00** News. **12.30** Press Club. **1.35** Media Watch. (PG, R) **2.00** Back Roads. (R) **2.25** You Can't Ask That. (Mal, R) **3.00** Murdoch Mysteries. (PGa, R) **3.45** Grand Designs Transformations. (R) **4.45** Long Lost Family. (PG, R) **5.30** Antiques Roadshow. (R)

6.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)
7.00 ABC News.
7.30 7.30.
8.00 Hard Quiz. (PGa)
8.30 Class Clowns. (PGs)
9.00 Crime Night! (PG)
9.35 Small Prophets. (Ml, R)
10.05 Planet America. (R)
10.40 ABC Late News.
10.55 The Business. (R)
11.10 The Cage. (Final, M, R)
11.55 Murdoch Mysteries. (Ma, R)
12.40 Long Lost Family. (PG, R)
1.30 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv)
2.40 Gardening Australia. (R)
3.40 Love Your Garden. (R)
4.30 Antiques Roadshow. (R)
5.30 7.30. (R)

ABC FAMILY (22)

6am Children's Programs. **3pm** Play School. **4.05** Gardening Australia Junior. **4.30** SuperKitties. **5.25** Octonauts. **5.50** Super Monsters. **6.05** Spidey And His Amazing Friends. **7.05** Batwheels. **7.35** Ninjago. **8.00** Young Sheldon. **8.25** Young Sheldon. **8.40** Secrets Of The Zoo. **9.25** The Piano. **10.15** Late Programs.

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **2pm** Kriol Kitchen. **2.30** The Cook Up. **3.00** Jarjums. **5.00** Ocean Warriors. **5.30** News. **6.00** Bamay. **6.40** Guardians Of The Wild. **7.30** Friday Night Thunder. **8.30** Pro Bull Riding: USA. **9.30** Ocean Warriors: Mission Ready. **10.00 MOVIE:** Hey, Viktor! (2023, M) **11.50** Late Programs.

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **10.10** Prince's Master Crafters Next Generation. (R) **11.05** Canal Boat Diaries. **12.00** WorldWatch. **2.00** Dateline. (R) **2.30** Insight. (R) **3.35** The Cook Up. (R) **4.10** Julia Bradbury's Irish Journey. (PGa, R) **5.05** Jeopardy! **5.30** Letters And Numbers. (R)

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R)
6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 The Jury: Skeleton In The Garden: Death Threats. (Mal)
8.30 70 Up. (Premiere, PGa)
9.55 Apollo Has Fallen. (M)
10.45 SBS World News Late.
11.15 The Old Man. (MA15+v)
12.00 Liaison. (Mlv, R)
3.00 Endurance: Race The Pole. (R)
3.55 The World's Most Remote Hotels. (PGa, R)
4.30 Bamay. (R)
5.00 NHK World English News Morning.
5.30 ANC Philippines The World Tonight.

SBS2 (31)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon** DW The Day. **12.30** Hudson & Rex. **2.10** Going Places. **3.10** 12 Dishes In 12 Hours. **3.50** WorldWatch. **5.50** The Mega-Brands That Built The World. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats. **8.30** Guy Martin: Train That Changed The World. **9.50** Mel Giedroyc: Unforgivable. **10.45** Ramy. **11.50** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Morning Programs. **12.30pm** Dog Day Afternoon. (1975, Malv) **2.45** Trinity Is Still My Name. (1971, PGv) **5.00** Ama Gloria. (2023, PGa, French, Kabuverdianu) **6.35** Brief Encounter. (1974, PGa) **8.30** All The Pretty Horses. (2000, Mv) **10.40** Thirst. (2009, MA15+ahlsv, Korean, English) **1.10am** Late Programs.

SEVEN (7, 71)

6.00 Sunrise. **7.30** The Morning Show. (PG) **10.30** Seven's National News At Noon. **11.30** Bridge Of Lies: Celebrity Specials. (R) **12.30** Bridge Of Lies. (R) **1.30** The Chase. (R) **2.30** Seven News At 4. **3.30 The Chase Australia.** **4.30 Seven News.** **5.30 Home And Away.**

6.00 My Kitchen Rules.
7.35 A Taste For Murder. (Malv) Joe's family member in Italy is arrested for murder.
8.35 House Of Wellness. (PG) A team of industry experts, media personalities and wellness advocates shares insights and experiences to highlight living well.
9.35 The Agenda Setters. (R) A team of trusted and respected footy voices tackles the biggest topics in the AFL world.
10.35 Riviera. (MA15+adlsv, R)
1.00 Home Shopping. (R)
2.30 NBC Today.
3.30 Sunrise Early News.
4.00 Sunrise.

7MATE (70)

6am Morning Programs. **1pm** Heavy Tow Truckers Down Under. **2.00** Air Crash Inv. **3.00** American Resto. **3.30** Storage Wars. **4.00** American Pickers: Best Of. **5.00** Pawn Stars. **6.00** The Agenda Setters. **7.00** The Force: BTL. **8.00** Caught On Dashcam. **9.00** World's Wildest Police Videos. **11.00** Storage Wars. **11.30** Late Programs.

7TWO (72)

6am Morning Programs. **12.05pm** Our Town. **12.30** Weekender. **1.00** House Calls To The Rescue. **2.00** Harry's Practice. **2.30** Medical Emergency. **3.00** Better Homes. **4.00** Escape To The Country. **5.00** Bargain Hunt. **6.00** Heartbeat. **7.15** Foyle's War. **9.25** Escape To The Country. **10.25** Bargain Hunt. **11.30** Late Programs.

IMPARJA (9)

6.00 Today. **8.30** Today Extra. (PG) **11.00** 9News Morning. **11.30** The Block. (PGl, R) **12.45** Getaway. (PG, R) **1.15** My Way. **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 The Block. (PGl)
8.10 Chefs Ahoy. Chefs compete on the *Diamond Princess*.
9.10 To Be Advised.
10.10 9News Late.
10.40 Sight Unseen. (Mav)
11.30 Footy Furnace Trade Show. (Ml)
12.30 Drive Review. (PG, R)
1.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
2.00 Global Shop. (R)
2.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
3.30 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. (R)
4.00 A Current Affair. (R)
4.30 Today Early News.
5.00 Today.

9GEM (90)

6am Morning Programs. **1.45pm** Antiques Roadshow. **2.15 MOVIE:** Sailors Three. (1940) **4.00** Yorkshire Auction House. **5.00** Antiques Roadshow. **6.00** As Time Goes By. **7.10** Midsomer Murders. **9.10** Rizzoli & Isles. **10.10** Australia's Top Ten Of Everything. **11.10** Antiques Roadshow. **11.40** Late Programs.

9GO! (99)

6am Morning Programs. **1pm** Baywatch. **2.00** Big Bang. **3.00** Addams Family. **4.00** Seinfeld. **5.00** Baywatch. **6.00** Big Bang. **7.00** TBA. **9.15** Big Bang. **10.15** Jane The Virgin. **11.05** Love Island UK: All Stars. **Midnight** Legacies. **12.50** Baywatch. **1.50** Parental Guidance. **3.00** I Love VIP Pets. **3.20** Lego City: No Limits. **3.40** Late Programs.

TEN (10)

6am Morning Programs. **9.00** Ent. Tonight. (R) **9.30** Sydney Harbour Cops. (R) **10.30** Everyday Gourmet. **11.00** Millionaire Hot Seat. (PG, R) **11.30** News. **12.30** Deal Or No Deal. (PG, R) **1.00** The Finish Line. (R) **2.00** Lingo. (R) **3.00** Bold. (PG) **3.30** News. **5.00** Deal Or No Deal. (R) **5.30** Millionaire Hot Seat. (PG, R)

6.00 The Celebrity Traitors UK. (Return)
7.40 Boston Blue. (Mm) Danny and Lena work to calm a volatile situation.
8.40 10's Late News. Comprehensive coverage of local, national and international news, as well as the latest sport and weather.
9.40 The Cheap Seats. (Mal, R) Presented by Melanie Bracewell and Tim McDonald.
10.40 Two And A Half Men. (Ms, R)
11.00 Home Shopping. (R)
4.30 Entertainment Tonight. (R)
5.00 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG, R)
5.30 Deal Or No Deal. (R)

10 DRAMA (1)

6am Shopping. **6.30** Days Of Our Lives. **7.15** The Young And The Restless. **8.00** Living Room. **9.00** Building The Dream. **10.00** Bold. **10.30** Days Of Our Lives. **11.15** The Young And The Restless. **Noon** JAG. **2.00** Bull. **3.00** JAG. **5.00** Bull. **6.00** NCIS. **8.50 Bull.** (PGv, R) **9.45** JAG. **11.45** Shopping.

10 COMEDY (11)

6am Morning Programs. **9.30** Millionaire Hot Seat. **10.00** Ridiculousness. **11.00** Becker. **11.30** Friends. **1.30pm** Frasier. **2.30** Everyday Gourmet. **3.00** Becker. **3.30** Frasier. **4.30** Friends. **6.30** Two And A Half Men. **8.00** Becker. **8.30** Frasier. **9.30** Ridiculousness. **10.00** Ent. Tonight. **10.30** Shopping. **1am** Bold. **2.00** Shopping.

On Demand



Bad to the bone: Florence Pugh as antihero Cathy Ames in *East of Eden*.

TALE AS OLD AS TIME

EAST OF EDEN
Streaming, Netflix

NETFLIX

So momentous is the source material for this seven-episode multigenerational epic that Nobel Prize-winning author John Steinbeck considered everything else he had written before it to be "practice" – including such great novels as 1937's *Of Mice and Men* and 1940 Pulitzer Prize winner *The Grapes of Wrath*.

First released in 1952, *East of Eden* examines the consequences of desire and morality in two intertwined families, from the time of the American Civil War to World War I. This fresh adaptation, shot in New Zealand, is written and executive produced by Zoe Kazan (*The Big Sick*) and focuses its attention on antihero Cathy Ames.

Kazan is actually the granddaughter of Academy Award-winning filmmaker Elia Kazan, who directed James Dean in a 1955 film version that centred on the last third of the book. She was intent on widening the scope to include more of Steinbeck's original work when making her own interpretation, taking time to explore and "fall in love with" all the characters.

Florence Pugh leads the cast as Cathy, a seriously complicated woman who changes the lives of brothers Adam (Christopher Abbott, inset) and Charles Trask (Mike Faist). Ciarán Hinds portrays Samuel Hamilton, a representation of Steinbeck's own grandfather. In later years, Aussie actor Joseph Zada and Joe Anders (the son of Kate Winslet and Sam Mendes) play Cathy's twin sons, Cal and Aron.

A powerful period piece of biblical proportions, this big-budget production presents a literary classic unlike you've ever seen it before.

– Lauren Mitchell



WAR
Streaming from Friday, HBO Max

HBO max

Sienna Miller and Dominic West (both pictured) go head-to-head in this glamorous, greed-driven series about divorce and the lawyers who make it happen. Tech entrepreneur Morgan (West) and film star Carla (Miller) are caught in a headline-grabbing legal battle, where both parties (and their counsel) will stop at nothing to "win".



KILL JACKIE
Streaming from Friday, Stan

Stan.

This lethal revenge thriller stars Catherine Zeta-Jones (pictured) as Jackie, an art dealer with dark past – whose history is about to catch up with her. When seven ruthless assassins come calling, Jackie turns the tables and begins hunting them down, one-by-one. Rising Aussie star Hattie Hook plays Charlie, Jackie's personal assistant and best friend.



THE CELEBRITY TRAITORS UK
Streaming from Saturday, 10

Christmas has come early for *Traitors* fans this year. *New Blood*, the US civilian version of the backstabbing franchise is well underway and now, host Claudia Winkleman (pictured) is welcoming 21 famous faces back to the Scottish Highlands for a game of murder and mayhem. Among the supposed faithful are actors Richard E. Grant, Bella Ramsey and Michael Sheen, comedian James Acaster and model Jerry Hall.



SCRUBS
Streaming, Disney+

Disney+

Now that J.D. (Zach Braff, pictured left with Donald Faison) is chief of medicine at Sacred Heart, will the pap erwork and daily stressors of running a hospital keep the goofy doc too busy for shenanigans? Not likely. But expect to see a new side to the character in this second season as he cares for his mentor Dr. Cox (John C. McGinley), who has been diagnosed with a rare and incurable autoimmune condition.



THE LAST FIRST: WINTER K2
Streaming from Friday, Apple TV

tv

It was the last great prize in mountaineering: be the first to summit K2 in winter. But as you'll see in this eye-opening documentary, there's good reason no one had ever done it before – or since it was achieved in 2021. Following an attempt by an Icelandic climber and a Pakistani father-son team, this film is as unpredictable as the conditions themselves.



Jessie May @ 8CCC One Frequency Festival. Photo by Martina Capurso.

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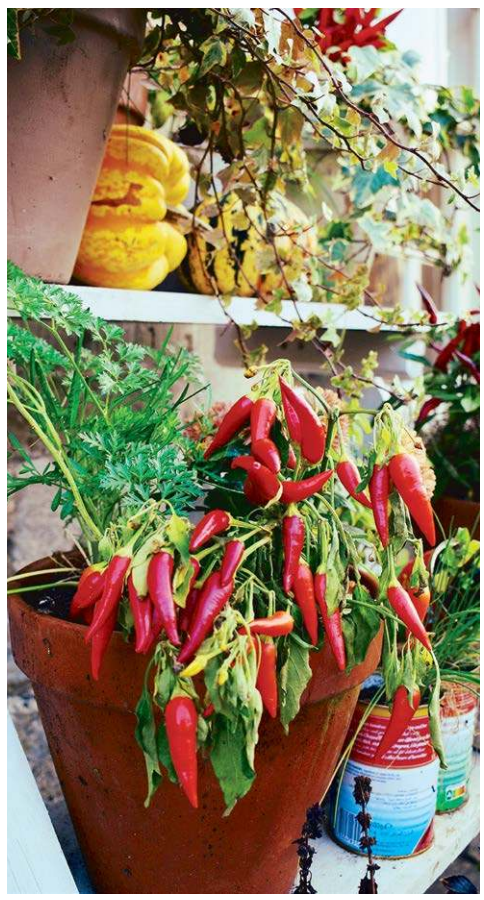
The Garden Guru

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Sunflowers are great for attracting ring neck parrots. (Cathy Norris: 531817)



It's an optimum time to plant capsicums, chilli, cucumbers, eggplants, marrow, rock and water melons. (Bauble And Bin on Unsplash)

Water plan key to success

OCTOBER is one of the best months of the year to garden as the climatic conditions and growing conditions are ideal and growing conditions suit literally all plant varieties, regardless of the garden type.

Remember however, that by late October some years summer has literally arrived with vengeance so don't delay and take advantage of the ideal conditions while things are good.

Vegetables, flowering annuals, herbs, fruit trees, native and exotic species and container gardens can all be planted now with great success as they love the warmer soils as they slowly heat up.

Planting now will quickly see plants establishing new root systems and generating new foliage growth as they prepare themselves for the summer months ahead.

Critical to successful planting however are several key factors.

Your best bet is to only purchase quality, healthy sun-hardened stock that is actively growing - plants preferably grown here in Alice Springs.

Prior to planting it may be necessary to make some improvement to the soil.

At the very least, when planting perennials put a fertilizser tablet several centimeters under the plant.

If soil conditions are poor add gypsum; if the soil has a high clay content, add organic content (eg potting mix) to stimulate microbionic activity in the soil if the soil is lacking organic matter, and add a wetting agent to improve the soil's water-holding capacity.

The type of plant or planting being undertaken will dictate how much work is required prior to planting.

Major plantings in the vegetable, herb and flowering annual garden should be undertaken over the next three weeks.

It's now an optimum time to plant capsicums, chilli, cucumbers, eggplants, marrow, rock and water melons, peanuts, pumpkins, squash, sweetcorn and zucchini.

Many of the plants listed are best planted by direct seeding.

It's cheaper and they don't suffer from transplant shock.

Seed grown plants when they emerge from the soil seem to quickly adapt to the climatic conditions with no shock factor setting the plants backwards.



Portulaca can be used as ground cover and is heat tolerant. (Contributed)

Crops of beetroot, carrots, celery, cress, dwarf and climbing beans, okra, parsley, parsnips, potatoes, radish, shallots, silver beet, spinach, spring onions, strawberries, sweet potatoes and tomatoes will still thrive if planted now.

Also don't forget to reseed a crop like sweetcorn for example.

By planting out several batches up to six weeks apart you will be rewarded by having the sweetcorn ripening over an extended period, not ripening all at once.

In the flower garden, a large range of flowers can be planted this month.

Marigolds are always great in the vegetable garden, petunias will give a quick sustained blaze of colour, gazanias flower on the hottest days, seaside daisies flower for months on end and suit most gardens, portulaca suit the dry rockery, sunflowers bring the ring neck parrots and zinnias bloom in full summer.

If planting out vegetables or flowering annuals fertilise the soil prior to planting using blood and bone or any of the other organic fertilisers.

It is always better to prepare the ground a few weeks in advance if using fresh animal manures, however little harm will occur if using commercial organic fertiliser as recommended.

Generally, with processed organic fertilisers you can incorporate them into the soil and immediately plant without burning your plants.

Fresh manures be they chicken, cow, camel, etc are another matter, you will need to water the soil and allow the manures to break down prior to planting over several weeks.

Citrus and fruit trees, and strawberries planted now will thrive, provided the plants are nurtured over the next month.

All require some extra attention to provide ideal growing conditions.

Central to this is the need to be particular about the plants' watering needs.

Adequately watered they will all quickly settle and grow.

Remember with any planting out now mulching becomes increasingly important particularly as temperatures increase.

Organic mulches will moderate soil temperature variations, limit water loss due to evaporation, limit weed growth, promote necessary micro-organic activity and in the longer term provide much-needed organic material needed for conditioning your soils.

Critical to all planting now is establishing a regular watering regime to meet the plants' needs.

Watering may be required daily for the first 2-3 weeks or until new roots venture out into the surrounding soil and the plant is better able to withstand any hiccups.









Program keeps on giving

FROM donating and investing in local community groups and ideas to seeking funding to make an idea happen, the Give2Give campaign is helping bring local projects to life.

The Mparntwe Alice Springs Community Foundation (MASCF) launched Give2Give 2026 at an event held on September 23 at the Central Australian Aviation Museum, marking the third year of the annual local giving campaign.

The launch followed a pre-launch campaign that built early momentum, with local group The Outback 4WD Club Inc and community member Michelle Sangiuliano among the first to back this year's program, with a scavenger hunt and The Community Swagout already locked in for the weeks ahead.

More local fundraisers have since been committed, including a Tupperware "lid-swap" party and an in-home choir fundraiser, with more expected to be announced as the campaign continues.

"Give2Give is all about local people backing local people getting good stuff done," Community Lead – Give2Give Nicole Walsh said.

"Last year showed us just how generous and enthusiastic this community can be," Ms Walsh said.

"Our inaugural campaign raised around $70,000 and distributed funding across 16 local projects - from a community choir and a BMX track restoration to a First Nations youth storytelling festival.

"This year we want to go even further."

Outback 4WD Club's Aaron Frederic said supporting the campaign was an easy decision.

"Give2Give backed us last year, so this year we're getting behind our own fundraising - with our scavenger hunt," Mr Frederic said.

"We can't wait to get people out, have some fun and raise money for local ideas."

Mparntwe Alice Springs Community Foundation executive director John Huigen said the launch marked the start of the campaign's busiest and most important phase.

"The Foundation's role is simple - to help the community help itself," My Huigen said.

"(The launch) is about getting the whole town behind Give2Give, so that whether you're a business, a community group or an individual, there's a way to get involved and help create the town we want," Mr Huigen said.

Three ways to get involved

- GIVE - Donations of $2 or more are 100 per cent tax-deductible, with the Foundation a registered charity and endorsed Deductible Gift Recipient. Givers can support a general fund or direct their gift to one of three streams: strengthening existing community activities, supporting new community-led initiatives, or backing events that build community connection. All funds raised go directly into the community.

Donations can be made at mascf.org.

- SEEK - Local groups and individuals with an idea can apply for funding of between $1000 and $5000. Applicants don't need to be an incorporated organisation or hold Deductible Gift Recipient status - the Foundation can provide 'auspicing', and informal and emerging groups are welcome to apply alongside established organisations. Expressions of Interest close Friday 11 December.
- FUNDRAISE - Businesses, workplaces, community groups and individuals can run their own fundraiser to help grow the pool of funds available for local projects.



The Outback 4WD Club Inc was among the first local groups to back the 2026 Give2Give program. (Nicola Pitt)







Whether it's a trivia night, a morning tea or something bigger, every fundraiser adds to what Give2Give can give back to the community. Get in touch at

info@mascf.org to register a fundraiser and access support and promotion from the Foundation. Applications are assessed by the Give-2Give Community Working Group - made up of respected local leaders - to ensure fairness, integrity and transparency, with successful projects announced and celebrated early next year. Full details and the application form are at mascf.org.

"If you've got an idea for a fundraiser or a project, we'd love to hear from you," Ms Walsh said.

"Give2Give is strongest when the whole community gets behind it."


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Camp trials footy talent

By Phil Willaims

AFL Northern Territory's talent team cast its eye over some of the region's next generation of emerging players last week.

Around 80 young footballers from communities across Central Australia were put through their paces at a two day camp from Thursday 24 September.

Players aged 15 to 18 from Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Santa Teresa, Yuendumu, Hermannsburg, Harts Range and surrounding communities took part in the camp designed to identify and support some of the region's most promising footballers.

They were given match play opportunities, with selectors assessing the talent in a game environment.

It also provided participants with the opportunity to showcase their abilities while gaining exposure to the standards and expectations of the Territory's talent pathway system, with performances helping inform future Cazalys NT Academy selection opportunities.

Cazalys NT Talent Manager Shannon Millar said "Central Australia continues to produce outstanding football talent and camps like this help us connect with young players who may not always have the same opportunities to be seen,".

"We want young people to leave the camp with a better understanding of what is possible, while building relationships with other talented footballers from across the region."

The camp builds on the success of previous Alice Springs talent camps, with AFLNT continuing to expand development opportunities for emerging footballers and strengthen pathways from community football to elite programs.



SHEPHER: A player provides a shepherd for her team mate who is able to clear. (Phil Williams: 581225)



WRAPPED UP: A player from the White team is wrapped up in a strong tackle by her opponent. (581225)



LONG KICK: A player from the White team kicks the ball long during the women's matchplay (581225)



HANDBALL: A player from the White team gets away a handball under pressure from her opponent. (Phil Williams: 581225 04)



LOOSE BALL: A player from the White team goes to ground in persuit of the loose ball. (Phil Williams: 581225 05)

Karters head to South Australia

By Phil Williams

FIVE young Alice Springs dirt karters will be in South Australia's Riverland this weekend hoping to bring home a coveted national title to the Red Centre.

The quintet, Kasey and Natasha Tebeck, Thomas and Jackson Little and Jamie Lightfoot have made the 3200km round trip to take on the the country's best racers at the Australian Dirt Kart Titles in Loxton starting on Friday 2 October.

With close to 400 entries, all classes have mammoth fields with most split into two grids.

Kasey Tebeck, who finished second at the recent NT titles on his home track and Lightfoot, the current WA title holder will be taking on 27 other drivers in the Junior Heavy class.

Thomas Little will be doing double duties in 125 Lights in a field of 33 entries and backing up in KT Lights against a field of 38 racers.

Natasha Tebeck in KT Medium will be battling a mammoth 42 starters while Jackson Little in Junior Lights has 39 entries in his class.

Using a recent meeting at the Arunga Park track to do some final testing before the titles, Lightfoot said his aim is 'anything but a third'

"There's no point if you don't want to win. You're always looking to do that, he said.

"I'd be happy with a plate. I've already got a W1 plate from last year and to add a National plate would be amazing.

"To do it though will be hard against so many good racers.

"Realistically, I have to drive well, stay out of trouble and not have any problems.

"To do really well, I need to have a lot go right. I just want to do as well as I can."



YOUNG RACERS: Jackson Little, Natasha and Kasey Tebeck, Thomas Little and Jamie Lightfoot are taking on the best dirt karters in Australia at the National Titles in Loxton. (Phil Williams: 581169)

Jackson Little said he was excited at the prospect of racing against such a big field .

"I'm pretty excited, he said, adding a podium spot is what he is hoping for.

"My goal is a top three spot. I'd like to bring home a plate but it will be tough.

"We've got four heats and a final so I'll just have to see how it goes."

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Melbourne United guard Cole Anthony was drafted by which team at the 2020 NBA draft?
2. Kalyn Ponga captains which NRL team?


Cole Anthony

3. The Dick Howser Trophy is awarded to the national US player of the year in which college sport?
4. Which Australian was voted to the All-Tournament Second Team at the 2026 Women's Basketball World Cup?
5. John Doyle and Greig Pickhaver are better known as what comedy duo?
6. Who won the 2025 Heisman Trophy, playing college football for the Indiana Hoosiers?
7. What sport features in the 2000 film *Air Bud: World Pup* (also known as *Air Bud 3*)?
8. The 'Bo Knows' advertising campaign for Nike cross-training shoes featured which dual-sport athlete?
9. Which Brisbane Bronco has signed an ambassadorial deal with the NFL's Seattle Seahawks?
10. Who won the 2026 Wooden Award, playing college basketball for the Duke Blue Devils?
11. In what sport can you find the épée, foil and sabre?
12. Which country won the 2026 FIFA World Cup?
13. What sport is featured in the TV show *Heated Rivalry*?
14. What is the most common horse breed found in horse racing?
15. The 2026 Men's Rugby League World Cup will feature how many teams?
16. Gary Ablett Jr. and Patrick Dangerfield jointly hold the record for the most career Brownlow Medal votes with how many: 159, 207 or 262?
17. Perth Wildcats guard Brandon Knight was drafted by which team at the 2011 NBA draft?
18. How many goals did the Brisbane Lions kick in the final 30 seconds of their preliminary final against Hawthorn?


HYROX race

19. And which two Hawthorn players were fined for abusing an umpire in the same match?
20. What is the name of the Hobart-based NBL team?
21. How many workout stations feature in a HYROX race?
22. What is the premier international team event in men's tennis?
23. And what is the women's equivalent?
24. Which 2004 sports film directed by Clint Eastwood won the Academy Award for Best Picture?
25. And what sport did this movie feature?
26. How many bases are there on a baseball field?
27. AFL player Ben King has announced his intention to play for what team in 2027?
28. How many teams has Latrell Mitchell played for during his NRL career?
29. An Australian Indigenous team playing which sport toured England in 1868?
30. Which retired NRL great recently announced a return to boxing with a November bout against Nelson Asofa-Solomona?

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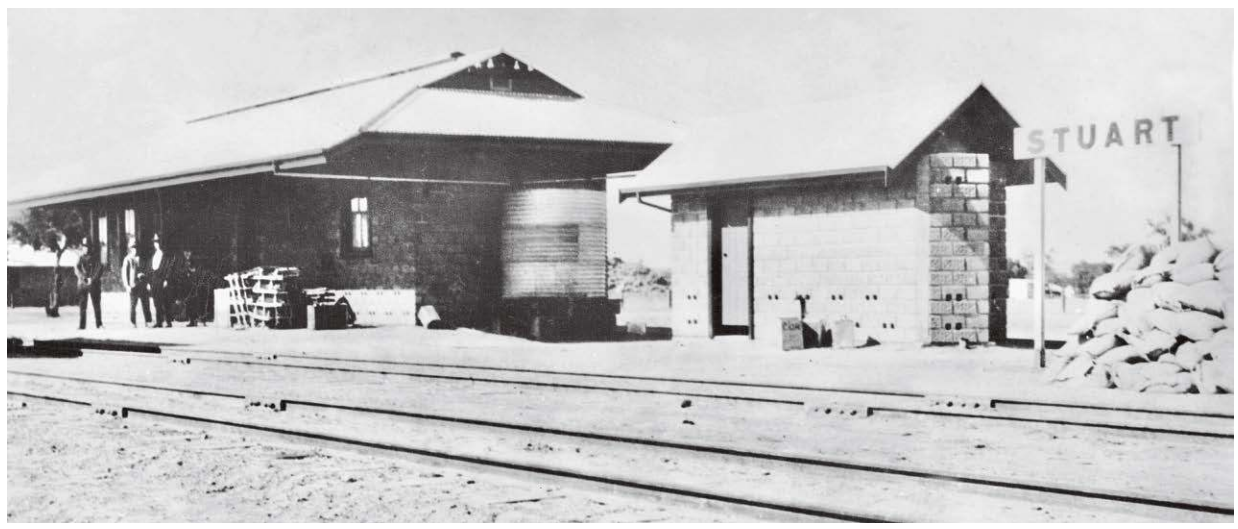
1. Orlando Magic **2.** Newcastle Knights **3.** Baseball **4.** Stephanie Talbot **5.** Roy and HG **6.** Fernando Mendoza **7.** Soccer **8.** Bo Jackson **9.** Reece Walsh **10.** Cameron Boozer **11.** Fencing **12.** Spain **13.** Ice hockey **14.** Thoroughbred **15.** 10 **16.** 262 **17.** Detroit Pistons **18.** Two **19.** James Sicily and Tom Barrass **20.** Tasmania JackJumpers **21.** Eight **22.** The Davis Cup **23.** The Billie Jean King Cup **24.** *Million Dollar Baby* **25.** Boxing **26.** Four **27.** Hawthorn Hawks **28.** Two (Sydney Roosters and South Sydney Rabbitohs) **29.** Cricket **30.** Paul Gallen

Down Every Street

Proudly bringing Jose Petrick's writings back to print



FIRST TRAIN: Arrival of the first passenger train at Stuart (Alice Springs) on 6 August 1929 (Wiki Commons)



STUART TOWN: Stuart railway station before naming as Alice Springs circa 1931

Len - the first station master

By Phil Williams

MCDONALD Street in the industrial area near the railway yards pays homage to Len McDonald who was the first station master when the railway opened.

The first passenger train arrived on 6 August 1929, when the town was still called Stuart.

It would be another four years before the name was changed to Alice Springs.

The train ran on narrow gauge track between Alice Springs and Terowie in South Australia, and was operated by the Central Australian Railway.

At Terowie, the line changed gauges, from narrow to Alice Springs and broad to Adelaide.

Passengers and freight were required to switch trains to complete their journey.

McDonald was an accomplished musician and he and his wife held a musical evening 'open house' every Sunday night.

He would also play the piano for social gatherings.

Friends would load the piano onto a truck, driving it to someone's house for a dance.

Other noted musicians would join in, playing a variety of instruments to complete the talent.

After leaving the railway, McDonald was appointed as Traffic Inspector until his retirement when they moved the family to the farm area of Alice Springs.

Tragedy struck when his daughter died in 1931 after eating oleander leaves.

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

Additional information: NT Place Names Register

She was buried in the Stuart Town Cemetery on George Crescent.

Len McDonald died at the age of 62 in 1951.

McDonald Street in the railway reserve are was first gazetted on 9 October 1968. The street name was revoked on 31 March 1999 and immediately re-gazetted as part of standard administrative cleanup and formal localization procedures by the Territory Government.

This was to ensure older, railway-reserve era names were better integrated into modern land titles and administrative mapping procedures.

The administrative cleanup which formalised McDonald Street ensured that even though the rail tracks were moved when the area was redeveloped, the names of the people who ran the original line were legally preserved into the future.



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EVENTS

Basketry Club

- Central Craft, 61 Larapinta Drive | 6-8pm on the last Thursday of every month, 24 Sept, 29 Oct
- A low-pressure evening of soft socialising and creating. BYO materials and basketry or fibre projects and snacks to share.

Desert Mob 2026

- 61 Larapinta Drive | Until 25 October
- One of the nation's oldest Aboriginal art festivals, Desert Mob features an exhibition, art market, artist talks and satellite events throughout Mparntwe (Alice Springs). From the opening night celebration to evening curator talks, art workshops and music performances, Desert Mob is an unmissable celebration of the art, stories, and culture of hundreds of artists across central desert Country. In 2026, the Desert Mob exhibition will feature works by emerging and established artists from 35 Aboriginal art centres across the Northern Territory, South Australia and Western Australia. For full program and event details, head to desertmob.com

Sewing Club

- Central Craft, 61 Larapinta Drive | 6-8pm on the last Wednesday of every month. Next gathering is 28 October
- A relaxed evening of making, chatting and sharing ideas. A friendly social group for creative people. Feel free to bring a snack to share.

Renee Wootton Tomlin: Leading from the edge in a changing world

- 93 Barrett Drive, Convention Centre | 2 October, noon-3pm
- Renee Wootton Tomlin went from aerospace engineer and pilot to founder and CEO of New Era Energy, a leading-edge venture shaping the future of sustainable flight and clean energy systems. Book your tickets by 30 September, and you'll go into the draw to win a trip to Cairns thanks to Airnorth. Book at obm.nt.gov.au/speakers/renee-wootton-tomlin

Australian Burlesque Festival - The Big Tease Soiree

- Araluen Arts Centre | 2 October
- Celebrating 17 years of burlesque excellence, the Australian Burlesque Festival continues to set the benchmark for world-class burlesque, cabaret and variety entertainment. Audiences will experience an extraordinary evening featuring acclaimed Australian performers, international headliners and exceptional emerging artists in a dazzling celebration of glamour, creativity and live performance.

Territory Quilts 2026

- Witchetty's Gallery, Araluen Ats Centre | 3-11 October, 10am-4pm
- The Alice Springs Quilting Club celebrates 45 years as they host Territory Quilts 2026. TQ26 is an exhibition of quilts showcasing the work of quilters from across the Northern Territory. Free entry, come along, admire, be inspired and enjoy! Enquiries email: exhibitions.asqc@gmail.com

Alice Springs Master's Games

- Multiple venues | 10-17 October
- The ASMG is Australia's first and longest-running Masters Games and are open to anyone with a love of sports who meets the age criteria, which for most sports is generally 25 years and above.

Alice Springs Rugby 7s Tournament

- ANZAC Oval | 23-25 October
- An exciting weekend of Rugby 7s comes to Alice Springs with central desert including remote communities, Top End and teams from all over Australia and Fiji. This is an inaugural event promised to be filled with showcasing speed and talent. A fun-filled family event with stalls and activities. Enquiries: Tia Roko 0403 260 679



ROCKERS: Aussie band, Taxiride performing at a previous Masters Games opening. (Phil Williams 437285)





PUZZLES

SUDOKU

No. 309

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.

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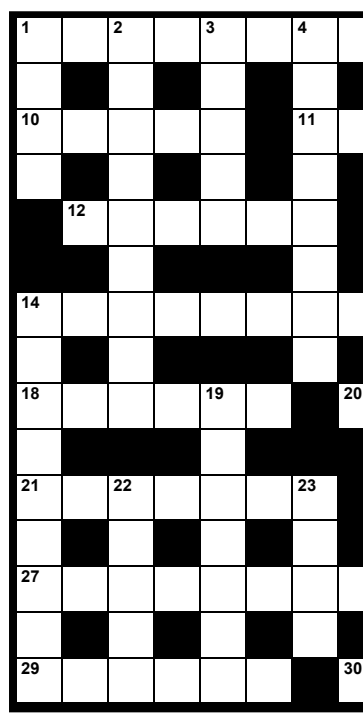
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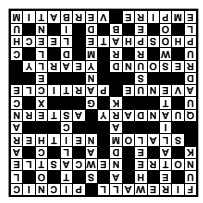
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14 Dilemma (8)
15 Towards the back of the boat (6)
18 Approach (6)
20 Extremely small piece (8)
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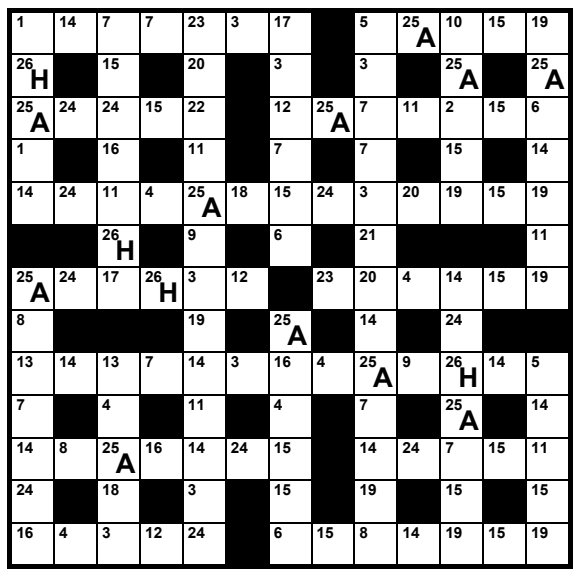
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14 Multiply by four (9)
16 Capital (9)
17 Largest Jovian moon (8)
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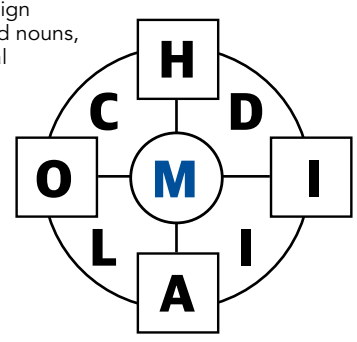
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9-LETTER WORD

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'.

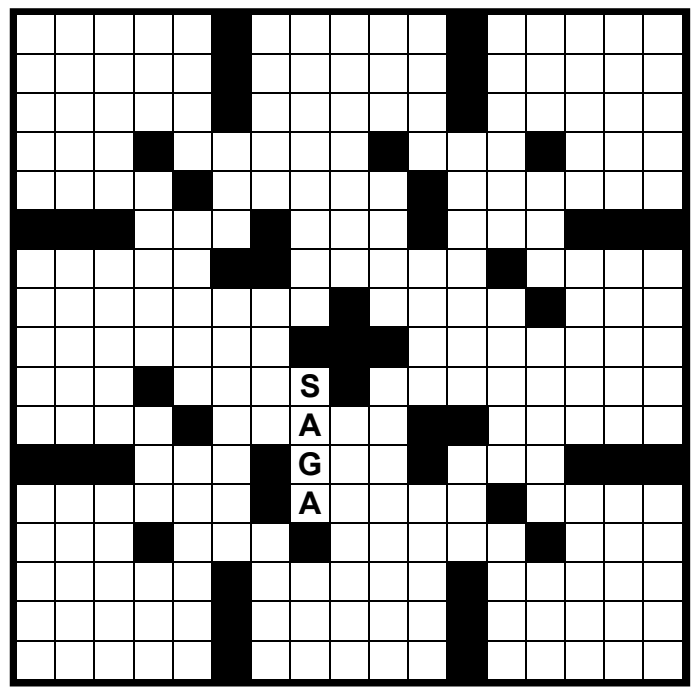
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10 words: Good
15 words: Very good
21 words: Excellent



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WORDFIT

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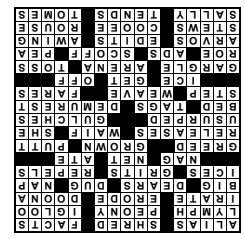
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5x5

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

NOTE: more than one solution may be possible

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A	S	P	S	R
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A	L	A	O	K

QUICK QUIZ



1 Mozart's famous *Eine kleine Nachtmusik* translates to what in English?
2 In which US state is Yosemite National Park located?
3 For which film did the late Diane Keaton (pictured) win the Academy Award for best actress?
4 Which F. Scott Fitzgerald novel was first published in 1925?
5 How many edges does a cube have?
6 Which transparent material is made from melted sand, soda ash and limestone?
7 Which famous Australian bush poet appears on the country's $10 note?
8 Which Swedish car manufacturer filed for bankruptcy in 2011?
9 Famous music producer Brian Eno was a member of which 1970s glam art rock band?
10 *The Importance of Being Earnest* and *An Ideal Husband* are works by which Irish playwright?

ANSWERS: **1.** *A Little Night Music* **2.** California **3.** *Annie Hall* **4.** *The Great Gatsby* **5.** 12 **6.** Glass **7.** Banjo Paterson **8.** Saab **9.** Roxy Music **10.** Oscar Wilde

HOROSCOPE by Lilith

Your week ahead

As Venus joins Chiron, Pluto, Uranus, Neptune and Saturn to make six planets in retrograde, this week's world is holding its breath for what comes next…

ARIES
(Mar 21 - Apr 19)

An alignment of steady Saturn with your speedy planet leader, Mars, harmonises this week's stop-go pace in your favour. This planetary pairing supports refreshing and renewing current relationships, while being open to exploring interesting new connections which you can't quite categorise yet, but could have legs…

Best day:
Tuesday 6 October

TAURUS
(Apr 20 - May 20)

If Venus and Mars, in two other stubborn signs like yours, are demanding either/or answers you're not able to give, allow the space and patience of Venus retrograde to buy you time. Strengthen personal security filters and don't let unsettling revelations drag you back into patterns you've outgrown.

Best day:
Thursday 8 October

GEMINI
(May 21 - Jun 20)

Best thing about this week? Social cross-pollinating, especially when the coming weekend's new moon beckons you to your favourite pastimes of networking and upmarket partying. Just keep in mind that important relationship decisions are best made without first consulting your social network for their opinions.

Best day:
Saturday 10 October

CANCER
(Jun 21 - Jul 22)

This week's stars remind you that compromise is part of any healthy connection and recommend being willing to concede the smaller points. Best time for this? When the upcoming weekend's new moon of togetherness energises and rebalances partnerships of all kinds: romantic, professional, creative and social.

Best day:
Sunday 4 October

LEO
(Jul 23 - Aug 22)

If a partner or colleague has issues, this week's planetary energies suggest listen without getting defensive. Because the goal of discussion isn't winning an argument, it's finding a better balance between mine and ours, autonomy and collaboration, where you and your relationships can both breathe more freely.

Best day:
Monday 5 October

ARROW WORDS



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LIBRA
(Sep 23 - Oct 22)

As love planet Venus reverses course, emotional rollercoasters swerve every which way. This week's sweet spot? The coming weekend's sun/new moon connection in Libra, your annual date for reaffirming the worldly work you Venusians were born to: nurturing relationships and beautifying life around you.

Best day:
Friday 9 October

VIRGO
(Aug 23 - Sep 22)

There's a limit to what even you industrious workers can achieve solo, Virgos. So rather than doing everything yourself, why not check out where joining forces might boost your productivity, where teaming up could make life easier and even add the pleasure of working with others to share the load.

Best day:
Wednesday 7 October

SCORPIO
(Oct 23 - Nov 21)

With Venus reverse commuting through Scorpio for most of October, issues around trust and loyalty could arise which help you recognise your own role in repetitive relationship patterns. While Mercury in your sign isn't at its most talkative, it is astute, discerning and open to discussion, if you are.

Best day:
Thursday 8 October

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov 22 - Dec 21)

The current abundance of retrograde planets, combined with Mercury in the sign of observing rather than commenting, suggests it would be in Sagittarians' best interests to choose your words with care this week. To listen, learn and give others space to respond before unleashing your next thought.

Best day:
Tuesday 6 October

CAPRICORN
(Dec 22 - Jan 19)

As six stationary planets intensify the zodiac's season of togetherness, partnerships come into focus. Whether that's business or financial collaboration, sibling or neighbour dynamics, or closer domestic alliances, don't shy away from honest exchanges that might clear the air. Lean into the power of human connection.

Best day:
Wednesday 7 October

AQUARIUS
(Jan 20 - Feb 18)

With partnerships on the celestial menu, if you've been avoiding discussing uncomfortable issues, this week offers an opportunity to rebalance the relationship scales. Wondering how to begin? Aquarians are masters of the unusual approach so get creative and perhaps consider something like: How about we explore…?

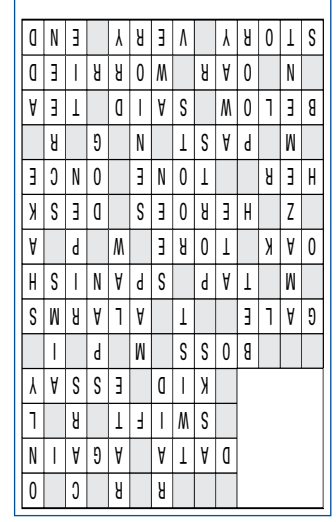
Best day:
Saturday 10 October

PISCES
(Feb 19 - Mar 20)

All healthy partnerships go through changes, as everything must, and this week's astral energetics are reshaping your relationship with yourself and to other close connections in your life. If you're sharing what's on your mind and in your heart, be patient and listen as much as you're talking.

Best day:
Sunday 4 October

SOLUTION



Stakes high for Brown



Ethan Brown wins the CF Orr Stakes on Jimmystar last November. He repeated the dose in the Manikato Stakes at Caulfield on Sunday.

ALICE Springs product Ethan Brown has claimed another Group 1 victory on board his favourite horse, Jimmystar, and is now set to scale The Everest.

The Ciaron Maher-trained galloper returned to his brilliant best in Sunday's Group 1 Manikato Stakes (1200m) at Caulfield, registering a barnstorming last-to-first victory in the hands of Brown, who grew up in the Alice.

It was Jimmystar's fourth Group 1 triumph, his first win since the G1 CF Orr Stakes last November, and 12th success from 30 starts.

"He was going the same with or without them (blinkers). I think it was just the run he likes to have. Browny was very confident that he wanted to ride him like the Oakleigh Plate. Just let the speed (go)," Maher told Racing.com after the race.

"He jumped terribly and he rode him confidently and went at the right time.

"When he lets rip, there's no better horse. I'm just thrilled. He's such a little ripper of a horse. To have him out of form or not quite at his best is a hard pill to swallow but that was pretty special."

Maher said Jimmysstar would likely head to the G1 The Everest (1200m) at Randwick on 17 October.

"The Everest, probably, certainly heading that way on the big track at Randwick. I can't thank my team enough," Maher explained.

"God, he was electric then."

Jimmysstar's victory capped a brilliant day for Maher, who logged five winners, including four in stakes class.

"It's an amazing day. Alice and my two daughters, they'd be watching on and I wish they were here," said Maher.

"Fantastic. He is such a cool horse, Jimmy. There is nothing better today have a day like this where you've got a horse like Jenni who goes along from the front and a horse like Jimmy who is electric, it is a very special day."

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1 st	Wilson Diesel Services	145	666
2 nd	Milner Meats & Seafood	144	621
3 rd	Territory Water Solutions	143	716
4 th	Nutrien Harcourt Real Estate	143	738
5 th	Chilled NT A/C and Refrigeration	141	681
6 th	Lasseters	140	645
7 th	Living Waters Lutheran School	140	727
8 th	KFC	127	635
9 th	PFD Foodservices	134	687
10 th	Mike Nash Electrical	134	755
11 th	Evora Care	134	766
12 th	TMAE	132	756
13 th	Smimac Foodservice	130	631
14 th	Hot Stuff for the Sporting Buff	130	689
15 th	Centre Trailer Sales	128	852
16 th	Joshua Burgoyne MLA	124	651
17 th	CDM Pools & Spas	116	683
18 th	iCare Support Services	103	783
19 th	Central Fruit & Vegtables	82	702

FINALS COMPETITION LEADERBOARD

POSITION	NAME	POINTS	MARGIN
1 st	TMAE	23	88
2 nd	PFD Foodservices	23	134
3 rd	Smimac Foodservice	22	76
4 th	CDM Pools & Spas	19	64
5 th	Territory Water Solutions	19	90
6 th	Living Waters Lutheran School	18	109
7 th	Evora Care	16	67
7 th	Central Fuit & Vegtables	16	67
8 th	KFC	16	69
9 th	iCare Support Services	16	75
10 th	Mike Nash Electrical	16	104
11 th	Wilson Diesel Services	16	118
12 th	Centre Trailer Sales	15	99
13 th	Hot Stuff for the Sporting Buff	15	104
14 th	Milner Meats & Seafood	14	83
15 th	Lasseters	14	158
16 th	Joshua Burgoyne MLA	11	69
17 th	Chilled NT A/C and Refrigeration	9	105
18 th	Nutrien Harcourt Real Estate	8	132

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Suns hope to shine in Perth

By Phil Williams

FOR the first time in many years, a team of 10 junior boys and six support members are taking part in the under 14 national club basketball championships in Perth.

The tournament, which began on Saturday 26 September, has 24 teams from across the country playing in a series of pool games before three days of finals.

The team, the Alice Springs Suns, has been selected from the three teams in the local competition, Rockets, Wallabies and Hoopers.

Team manager, Clarissa Follayttar said due to their commitment to the championships they have been playing in a higher grade in order to develop their team play and match fitness.

"So that they could get playing time as a cohesive group they're actually playing in the under 16 competition, she said.

"They'll play their regular games on a Monday with their U14 team, sometimes playing against each other, then they'll play another game together against an U16 team."

"In Alice Springs, there's not a whole lot of U16 teams, so they also have to play against two U18 teams, and those kids are really big"

"It's been a really great experience for them because when they go to Perth they'll be up against these big city kids who are likely to be much more experienced.

"It's been a really great experience for them. They play harder for it, she said.

"We're all happy to see them playing together and getting this opportunity before they go to the tournament.

One of the boys, Luke Follaytar, said the most exciting thing about the trip is the opportunity to play at such a high level.

"It's an opportunity we haven't had before. It's at the highest level we can play and the best way to get better, he said.



KIT: The U14 Suns show off their striking team colours they'll be wearing in Perth. (Phil Williams)

"Finals are a hope, but I just want us to win a few games and take it from there."

"I'm just looking forward to the experience of playing with friends and also improving my own game so I can play better ball."

Also attending the tournament is Lanee Acres who will be a referee coach for the duration of the event.

Helping them get to the tournament, the team has been strongly supported by many local businesses with donations for raffles and fundraising drives along with airline, Airnorth who have assisted with flights.

"This is the first team that Airnorth has sponsored and being school holidays they've really gone out of their way to help out the team in getting us to Perth, Ms Follaytar said

"We're also incredibly lucky to have so much local support from businesses and Rotary she said.

"The whole town has been real supportive and we're really lucky.

"It makes you appreciate even more all the good things about Alice Springs.

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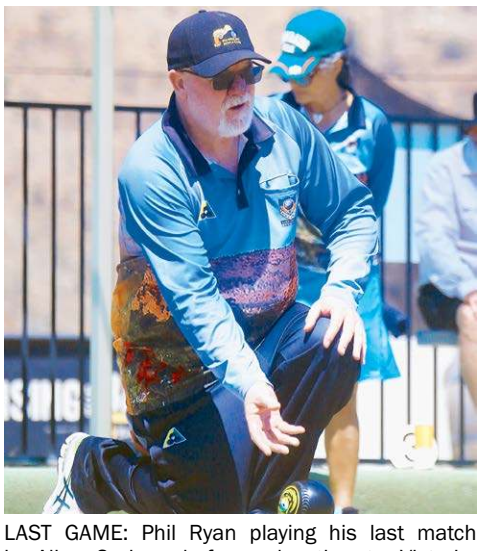
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LAST GAME: Phil Ryan playing his last match in Alice Springs before relocating to Victoria. (581188 _05)



PERFECT: Strong numbers of bowlers turned out on a perfect day for the penultimate round of the 2026 John Healy Pennant. (581188_01)



CONCENTRATION: Jonty Fernando focuses on placing his shot. (581188_06)

Coburn hangs on to lead

By Phil Williams

IT was a record breaking day at the Alice Springs Golf Club, with 25 bowlers packing the green for week four of the John Healy Pennant.

In perfect conditions, ladder leader Pat Coburn was again dominant winning the day with three wins, +37 shots.

Claiming second was Josh Van Haaren (Two, +26) with Jenny Ashenden (Three, +17) completing the top three.

Other notable performances came from Dave Knight, Ronnie Poortier, and Phil Ryan who was playing his final match in Alice Springs before relocating to Victoria's Shipwreck Coast.

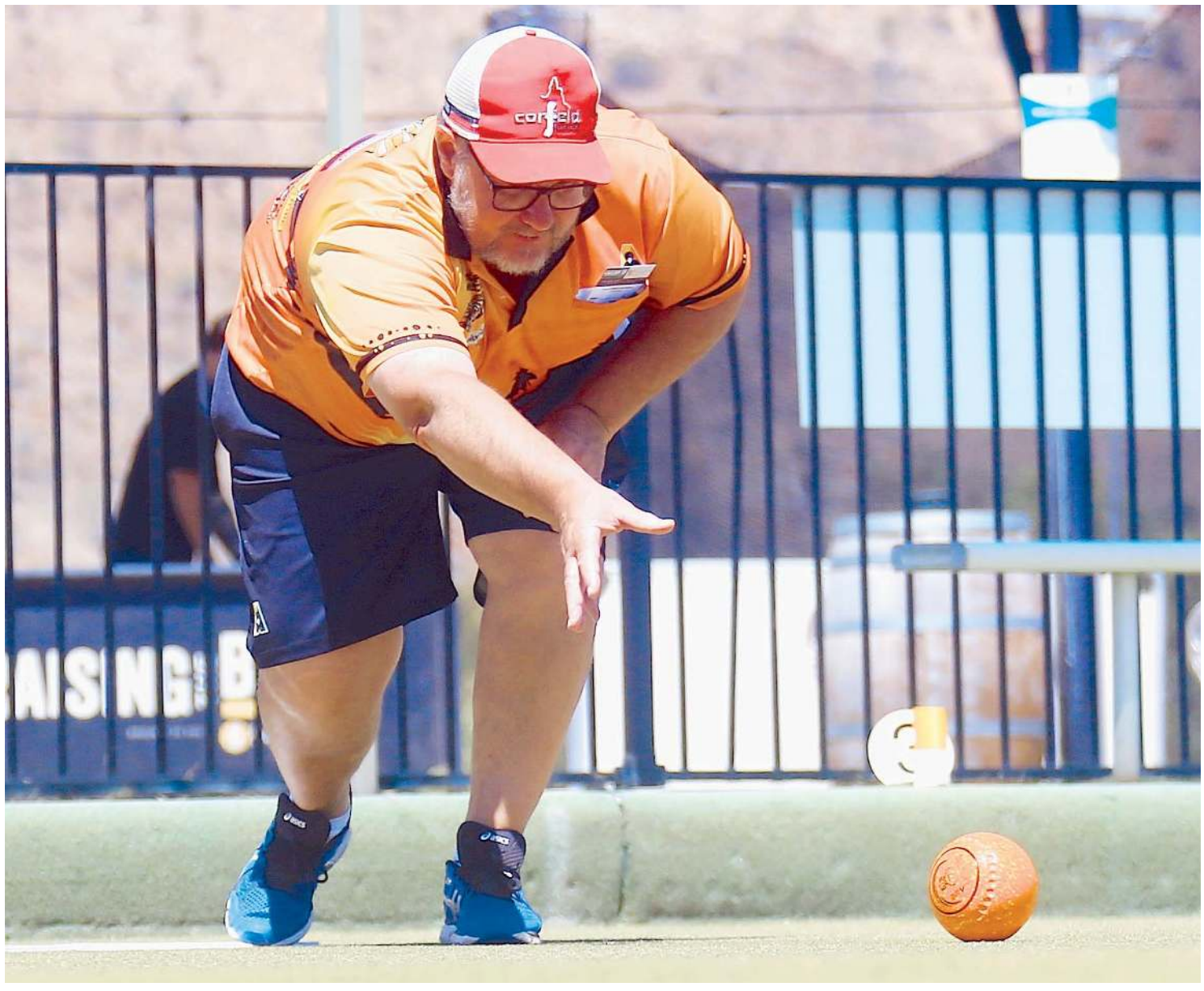
Van Haaren and Ashenden's good performances catapulted their team, the Eagles, to the top of the four team table.

With a total of 102 points, the Eagles are six points clear of the Roos with the Lizards (92) and Dingoes (89) rounding out the ladder.

Coburn has kept a lead of one win over Paul Harding, with Ligi Holford and Yvonne Driscoll in a position to cause a final round upset in the Ironman Plate Individual Medley.

Now in its second year, the pennant competition honours long time member John Healy, and was created by the committee of the bowls club aiming to be creative with the formats and competitions due to the lack of local inter-club competition.

With a week to go, the pennant series is proving an ideal warm up for locals preparing to take on the strong field of 50 bowlers, many from interstate, who will be arriving for the Masters Games beginning on 10 October.



RELEASE: Paul Gardner sends his shot down the green. (PHIL WILLIAMS 581188_02)



NICE SHOT: Phil Ryan applauds his partner's placement. (581188_07)



SHOT: Charlie Gammon releases his shot. (581188_03)

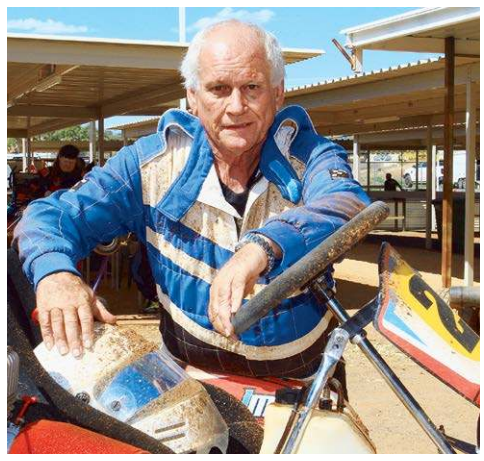


TWO UP: Bernice Bairstow signals good news of two shots up to her partner. (581188_10)



WILL; jen Ashenden wills her bowl closer to the kitty. (581188_08)


FORM UP: Mike Thompson, Mark Brownless and Mark O'Cass roll their way round to the green flag for a KT Heavy race.


RELAXED: ASKC founding member Mike Thompson at a recent club race day.


NEW GENERATION: A crop of five junior ASKC racers will be representing Alice Springs at the National Titles in Loxton this weekend.

Doing laps for 40 years

By Phil Williams

FOR 40 years, the Alice Spring Karting Club (ASKC) has provided an outlet for racers wanting to take part in a relatively cheap form of motorsport.

In September, the ASKC quietly celebrated four decades of bringing families together and creating National, Territory and State champions.

More National champions will potentially be crowned this weekend as a group of five young racers represent Central Australia, pitting themselves against the best in the country at this years national titles in South Australia.

The club's first official practice day was on September 14, 1986, ahead of the first race meeting two weeks later.

Since then, the club has held numerous local and Territory Titles, the last being in July this year and hundreds of thousands of laps of the 500 metre track have been completed.

It also held its sole national title round in 2013 and seen club, Territory and National champions crowned along with countless memorable moments.

Initially the race meetings were run on the infield of the speedway track at Arunga Park before the track was created on the current site.

Founding member, Mike Thompson said it was several years before the club was able to have its own track which enabled it to progress and develop.

"Once we established ourselves, we moved over here and put all of this together, over a period of time, he said referring to the club's current facilities.

Since then, the track has changed very little in its layout and is recognised around Australia as being one of the more technical tracks in the country.

Mr Thompson aged in his 70's still takes to the track on club racedays and is the only driver from the first meeting still racing in Alice Springs although a small number still race in other parts of the country.

"Tony Connor who got the whole thing started still races interstate, and is still very involved in karting, Mr Thompson said.

"It's always been a popular spot for people to come and race. We once had over 300 competitors for a Territory Titles meeting, he said.

Mr Thomson said when a new track was being proposed for Mildura in Victoria, two of the county's top kart manufacturers nominated Alice Springs as one of the top two track designs in Australia.

"That's from the guys who build karts and have won titles, he said.

Like many involved in the ASKC, it has been a way of getting the family involved.

"It's been a family thing for many, many years, he said.

"Both my sons, Garth and Warren, and my daughter Amity all raced, Mr Thomson said.

He also has two grandsons, Jet Thompson racing in the senior classes and Michael Douglas who is only six-years old taking to the track in juniors, along with his daugher-in-law, Katie Thompson.

Many others including the Wegert, Howell, Little and Beaton families have multiple members involved in the club, both racing and in supporting roles as volunteers.


INVERTED: Zac Muir's monumental crash at this year's NT Titles is one of many memorable moments in the ASKC's 40 years.


FOUNDER: Tony Connor in full flight at the ASKC track in 2014.


KT: Mike Thompson pushes hard in his KT Heavy earlier this year.


STATESMAN: Mike Thompson kicks up a rooster tail as he runs wide, but still claimed the honours in the Statesman class. (509819)


TWEAK: Mike Thompson makes an adjustment to his fuel mixture mid race. (491096)

"I just love doing it because I do it at the level I want to do it at, and I've been able to continue, he said.

"I'm just tossing around now whether to give it away at he end of the season - I'm only 72"

"The important part is that not only is it 40 years since the club formed, but it has had families involved.

"There's people racing in parts of the country who are second generation, and in my case third generation, Mr Thompson said.

"It's a good sport, good family fun.

He described racing karts as a fairly simple concept.

"All you've got to do is sit on your bum, move your feet and hands and keep it upright. It's fairly simple" he said.



HUGE: The Satellite City BMX club put in a good showing for Palmerston.



ENTHUSIASTIC: The Big Rivers Club were a small but enthusiastic team.


EFFORT: Four riders made a big effort to represent Nhulunbuy.

Colours blur with pedal power

By Phil Williams

RIDERS from across the Territory rolled into Alice Springs for the 2026 NT BMX titles last weekend.

Held across both Friday and Saturday evening it was the first real test of the new surface on the Blatherskite Park track.

Under perfect conditions, riders from all age groups were well represented with some close racing throughout the weekend.

Local racers performed particularly well bringing home seven 1st and 2nd places and three 3rd positions along with several other top 10 finishes.

The meeting began with an official opening ceremony followed by the colourful team's parade.

Competitors from all clubs across the Territory took to the track with a huge contingent from Palmerston's Satellite City BMX Club leading the way for the visiting teams.



JINGLES The Jingili team welcomed the Alice Springs hospitality. (Phil Williams)



HOME TEAM: The Red Centre BMXers led the parade.



























Kettlebellers set the record

By Phil Williams

SEVEN Alice Springs athletes have returned from the recent Girevoy Sport National Championships in Kingscliff, NSW, with national titles, an Australian record and several qualifications for the 2027 World Championships in Portugal.

Representing Red Centre Kettlebell Sports (RCKS), the team competed across Junior, Open and Professional categories, putting Central Australia firmly on the national kettlebell sport stage at the championships held over the weekend of 19 and 20 September.

Girevoy Sport, or kettlebell sport, often considered a niche sport, is increasing in popularity across the world.

Rather than lifting the heaviest weight possible like other related sports, athletes repeatedly lift a kettlebell for a set period of time, aiming to complete as many technically correct repetitions as possible.

It combines strength, endurance, technique and mental resilience across the two types of disciplines..

Traditional events run for 10 minutes, with only one hand change allowed in one-arm events.

Endurance events run for 30 minutes and allow multiple hand changes, but the kettlebell cannot be put down to rest.

Events include jerk, snatch, half snatch and long cycle, or clean and jerk, using different kettlebell weights depending on the athlete and category.

Professional athlete, Janne Mackey won the 20kg One Arm Long Cycle and placed second in the 30-minute One Arm Long Cycle.

Both performances qualified her for the 2027 World Championships in Portugal in the Professional category.

Junior Nixie Robertson won both the 12kg One Arm Jerk and Half Snatch, setting a new Australian record in the One Arm Jerk.



ACHIEVEMENTS: Janne Mackey with Finn and Nick Kleiner who were all part of the successful GSKC team at the National titles. (Phil Williams: 581063)

Ms Robertson has also earned the opportunity to represent Australia internationally following her performances throughout the 2026 season.

Another junior, Ronja Kleiner took first place in the 12kg One Arm Long Cycle and 30-minute 12kg Snatch.

Both performances qualifying her to represent Australia at the World Championships.

Fellow junior Finn Kleiner won the 16kg One Arm Long Cycle and the 30-minute 12kg One Arm Long Cycle.

While he achieved World Championship qualifying standards he is currently too young to compete at that level on the world stage, making him one to watch in future qualifying seasons.

In the Open Amateur category, Nick Kleiner won the One Arm Jerk and Military Snatch.

Tamara Morgan claimed first place in the 10kg Half Snatch and 30-minute 12kg One Arm Jerk, while Michelle Fuller won the 16kg Military Snatch in her weight class..

Ms Mackey, who also coaches the junior athletes said their achievements mean far more than medals.

"These kids make us all so incredibly proud, she said.

"To see young athletes from Alice Springs standing on national podiums and earning the opportunity to represent Australia on the world stage is pretty special."

"Coaching them and watching them become stronger, more resilient and more confident in themselves is such a privilege.

"They inspire me to lift better every single day."

One of the strengths of Girevoy Sport, which stems from roots in Russia, is its accessibility.

Different disciplines, kettlebell weights and competition formats mean athletes can find an event suited to their age, experience and strengths.

There is no single body type or athletic background required.

For juniors, the sport provides an opportunity to develop strength, coordination, endurance, focus and confidence, with pathways from local competition through to representing Australia internationally.

"For the Alice Springs team, the weekend showed just how far a small club from the Red Centre can go," Ms Mackey said

Red Centre Kettlebell Sports welcomes juniors and adults of all experience levels.

To find out more, get in touch with RCKS via their Facebook page or Instagram to attend a 'come and try' session.

WEATHER

FORECAST

Alice Springs:
Mostly sunny morning. Slight chance of a shower in the afternoon and evening. Winds northerly 25 to 35 km/h tending northwesterly 20 to 30 km/h during the day then becoming light during the afternoon.
Friday. Mostly sunny. Slight chance of a shower. Light winds becoming east to southeasterly 15 to 25 km/h during the morning.
Saturday. Partly cloudy. Light winds becoming easterly 15 to 25 km/h during the morning.
Sunday. Partly cloudy. Light winds becoming easterly 15 to 20 km/h during the morning.
Tennant Creek:
Mostly sunny. Winds north to northeasterly 20 to 30 km/h becoming light during the afternoon. 21/36
Friday. Sunny. 21/36
Hermannsburg:
Partly cloudy. 17/36
Friday. Partly cloudy. 14/32
Santa Teresa:
Partly cloudy. 19/37
Friday. Sunny. 15/32
Ross River:
Partly cloudy. 17/37
Friday. Mostly sunny. 14/33
Uluru:
Shower or two. Storm. 18/31
Friday. Shower or two. 15/27
Darwin:
Partly cloudy. High chance of showers, most likely in the morning. Light winds becoming easterly 15 to 20 km/h during the morning then tending northeasterly 20 to 30 km/h during the day.
Friday. Slight chance of a shower during the morning. Sunny day. Winds northeast to southeasterly 15 to 20 km/h becoming northeasterly 20 to 30 km/h during the day.
Northern Territory:
A slight to medium chance of showers north of Daly Waters, increasing to a medium to high chance over the northern Top End. A slight to medium chance of showers and gusty storms in the Lasseter, southwest Simpson and southern Tanami Districts, increasing to a high chance in the southwest Lasseter District. The chance of fog in the eastern Arnhem and northeast Carpentaria Districts. Light to moderate east to northeasterly winds north of Tennant Creek. Light to moderate southeast to southwest winds in the Lasseter District, tending northeast to northwesterly elsewhere south of Tennant Creek. Winds fresh and gusty in the Simpson District.

ALICE SPRINGS FORECAST

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly cloudy.	Mostly sunny.	Partly cloudy.	Partly cloudy.
36	31	33	34

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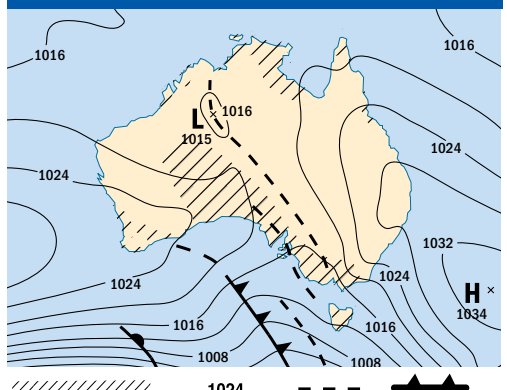
CAPITAL CITIES

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Adelaide	Showers.	21
Brisbane	Partly cloudy.	26
Canberra	Mostly sunny.	25
Darwin	Shower or two.	34
Hobart	Shower or two.	22
Melbourne	Showers.	24
Perth	Partly cloudy.	20
Sydney	Sunny.	29

SUN & MOON

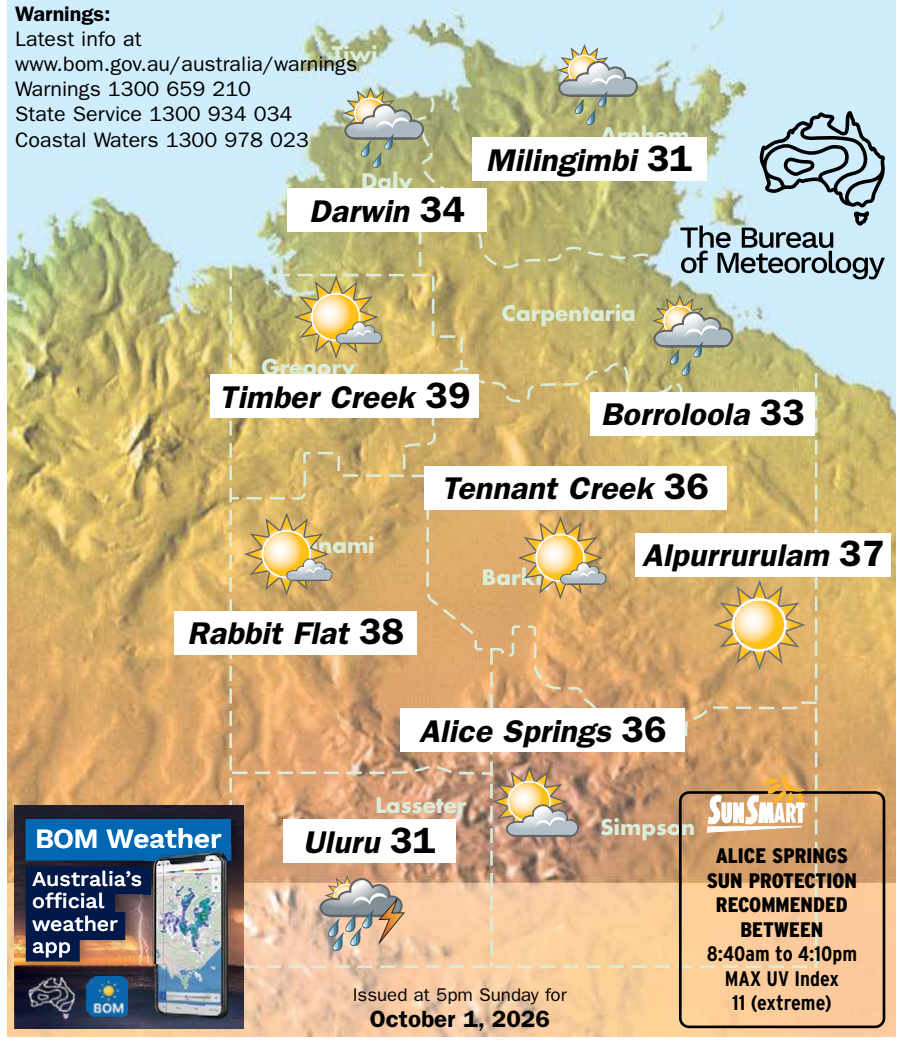
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Saturday	6:13am	6:34pm	12:31am	11:09am
Sunday	6:12am	6:35pm	1:30am	12:15pm
Monday	6:11am	6:35pm	2:22am	1:21pm
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THURSDAY 10AM



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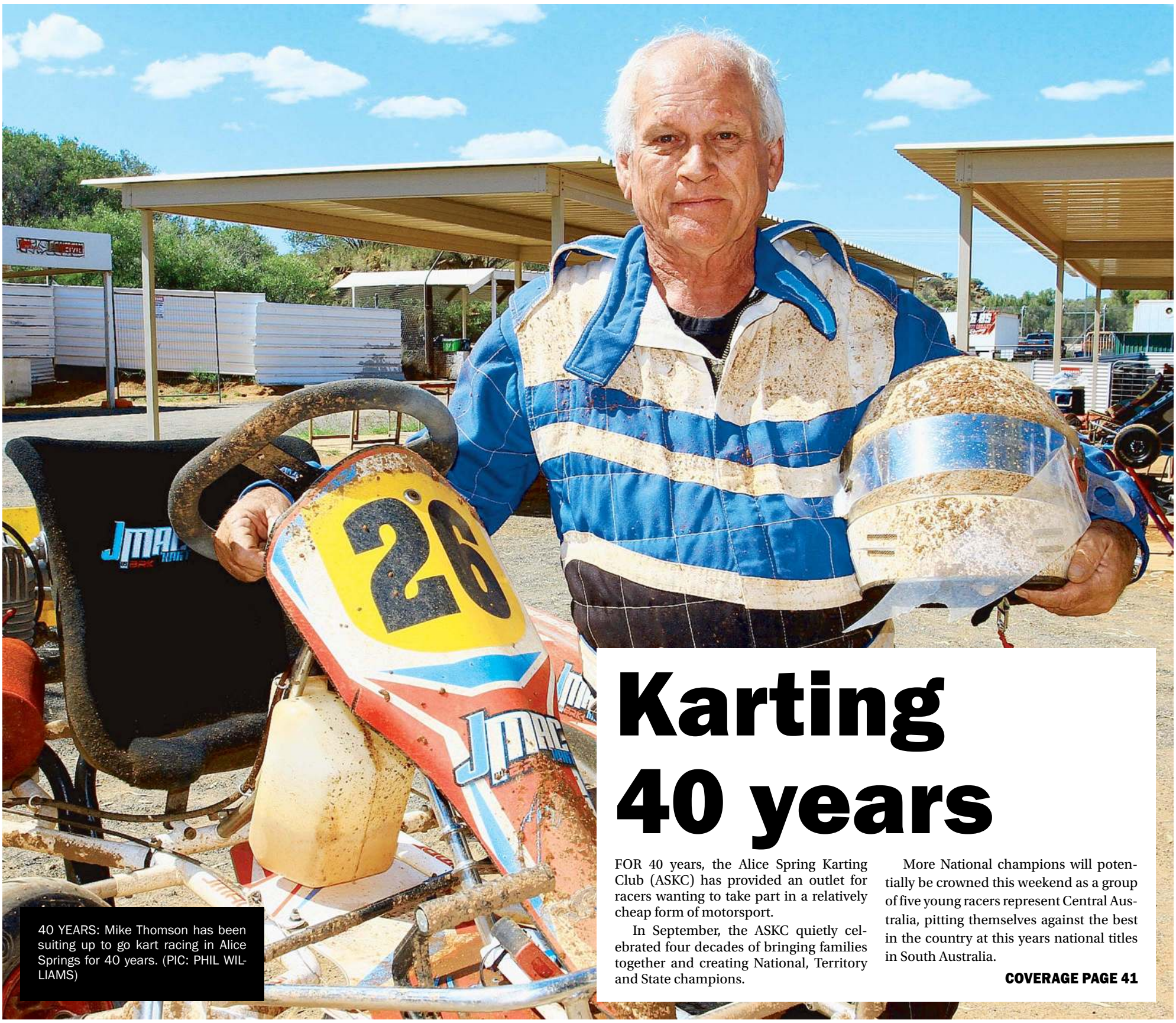
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BMX riders converge
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40 YEARS: Mike Thomson has been suiting up to go kart racing in Alice Springs for 40 years. (PIC: PHIL WILLIAMS)

Karting 40 years

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