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Frocking up!

FOUR Alice Springs women - Rachael Mashford, Nicole Walsh, Michelle Sangiuliano, and Nicky Simpson - are participating in Frocktober, a month-long initiative supporting the Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation (OCRF).

Throughout October, the group will wear creative dresses, explore local op-shops, and share themed fashion updates to raise funds for innovative Australian ovarian cancer research.

Documenting their journey on their Facebook page, Queens of the Frocking Desert, the women are calling on the local community to support their campaign. Locals can participate by following their daily updates, sharing social media posts, or donating directly to help improve outcomes for ovarian cancer patients.

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FROCKTOBER: Rachel Mashford and Nicky Simpson are jumping into Frocktober fundraising. (Nicky Simpson)

Fire fight boost

THE Northern Territory Government has delivered a new specialised firefighting vehicle to Alice Springs as part of a $1.4 million investment to strengthen frontline bushfire response.

It is one of seven Toyota Landcruiser Single Cab Workmates being distributed across the NT—five to the Top End, one to Edith Farms, and one to Alice Springs—to replace aging fleet assets.

Equipped with purpose-built firefighting units, rapid attack capabilities, and advanced crew protection systems like burn-over and vehicle spray protection, these vehicles enhance safety and off-road mobility across challenging terrain.

The upgrade comes at a critical time: Bushfires NT has already responded to over 500 incidents in 2026, with volunteers contributing over 5,350 hours. With AFAC forecasting above-average fire potential across Central Australia from October through March and an extended Top End bushfire season running into November, these fit-for-purpose units provide essential support to volunteer firefighters protecting Territory communities.

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OH WHAT A FEELING

Grant arrives post haste

By Phil Williams

AN Alice Springs community program is one of three community projects across the Northern Territory that will receive a funding boost.

With $30,000 committed as part of an Australia Post Community Grants program that aims to improve mental wellbeing and local connection, The Hub of Respect (THoR) has received a grant for its youth program.

Marking the start of Mental Health Month, Australia Post has announced 81 projects around Australia that will be awarded a share of over $700,000, with more than half of this year's successful applicants based in rural and remote locations where access to mental health support is limited.

For a second year, the grant program included additional funding dedicated to initiatives in disaster impacted communities, recognising the important role local not-for-profit groups play throughout the recovery process.

In 2026, 31% of grants were allocated to projects supporting communities affected by natural disasters.

THoR which received has received a grant of $10,000 for their Making A Difference (MAD) Youth Program which will support 15 to 20 young people aged 10-17, with a focus on Aboriginal youth experiencing disconnection, stress, disengagement, or limited access to safe support networks. Delivered over eight weeks, the program will provide twice-weekly movement, mentoring, and reflection sessions designed to strengthen confidence, emotional regulation, resilience, and positive peer relationships.

The program will work with vulnerable students, using positive relationships, physical activities and practical wellbeing support to help young people build confidence, resilience and respect.

Head coach of the MAD program, Steve Gardiner said he was grateful for Australia Post's support to continue and build on previous work.

"The funding will help us deliver sessions tailored to the students' needs, combining physical activities with mentoring and conversations about managing emotions, making positive choices and looking out for one another, he said.

"Our aim is to give students a safe, supportive space where they feel included and encouraged to recognise their strengths."

The 2026 grants build on more than a decade of support provided by Australia Post's Community Grants program with more than 1,000 grants have been awarded to community groups across Australia for more than a decade.

Australia Post General Manager Community and Stakeholder Engagement, Nicky Tracey, said local groups are best placed to understand what their communities need to feel supported and connected, particularly in remote, rural and disaster-prone areas.

"Strong local networks can make a real difference to how people feel supported and connected, particularly in communities experiencing challenges.

"These grants are designed to back organisations at the heart of their community, that understand the people they serve and create practical ways to bring them together and support their wellbeing.

"We're proud to continue investing in initiatives across Australia, including in rural, remote and disaster affected communities where local support can be especially important," Ms Tracey said.



GRANT: Participants from the 2025 THoR Youth program who benefitted from the previous round of AP Community Grants. (THoR: 582177)

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A week to make carers more visible

FROM Alice Springs to Tennant Creek and the communities in between, care takes many forms.

Across Central Australia, skilled aged care, disability and health workers support locals every day, and their commitment is valued. Alongside them are others who often go unnoticed: family and friends who care without pay.

National Carers Week, from 11 to 17 October, recognises more than three million Australians providing unpaid care to someone with a disability, mental health condition, chronic or terminal illness, alcohol or other drug issue, or frailty due to age.

This year's theme, "Care for a carer: Making carers visible", asks us to notice them. Many don't see themselves as carers at all. They're simply a daughter, neighbour or partner doing what family does.



Here are practical ways to support a carer in your life:

Check in regularly. Listen without judgement, and avoid sensitive topics in front of the person they care for.

Offer a break. Run errands, help with laundry or cooking, or plan a catch-up.

Say thanks. A short, personal message or a few kind words means more than you think.

Ask what they need. Carers often feel guilty seeking help, so don't assume.

Encourage self-care. Go for a walk together. Employers can also offer flexible work arrangements.

Small gestures matter. The Carer Wellbeing Survey found carers with good access to support reported healthier wellbeing.

If you're a carer, help is available. Carer Gateway offers information, advice and online resources, and Carers NT can point you to local supports and Carers Week activities.

Paid or unpaid, every carer deserves recognition. This week, take a moment to care for a carer.

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ATTACK: Volunteer firefighters with an existing fire unit attack flames burning near homes in Alice Springs during a fire in 2024. (Phil Williams: 437272)



DEMONSTRATION: The crew protection capabilities of one of the new units being demonstrated in the Top End. (Phil Williams: 582247)



INVESTMENT: Four of the new quick response fire units which will be deployed across the NT. (NT Government: 582247)

New weapon in fire fight

By Phil Williams

A new specialised firefighting vehicle which has arrived in Alice Springs is part of a $1.4 million investment by the NT Government to boost bushfire response across the NT

It is one of seven units that are being delivered to volunteer bushfire brigades across the Northern Territory, strengthening frontline response capabilities and supporting the volunteers who help protect Territory communities.

The new vehicles replace ageing fleet assets, delivering improved reliability and operational performance for volunteers responding to grass fires across some of Australia's most challenging environments.

The new vehicles are specialised Toyota Landcruiser Single Cab Workmates equipped with purpose-built firefighting units designed for rapid initial attack and rural fireground operations.

One vehicle has been delivered to Alice Springs, another to Edith Farms Volunteer Bushfire Brigade near Katherine, and the remaining five will be stationed in the Top End.

Member for Braitling and Minister for Lands, Planning and Environment Joshua Burgoyne said the new vehicle was a welcome boost for local volunteers and a valuable investment in strengthening bushfire response capability across Central Australia.

"Our volunteer firefighters do an incredible job protecting Alice Springs and the surrounding region, he said.

"Whether it's responding to a grassfire on the outskirts of town or supporting operations in more remote areas, having reliable equipment makes a real difference on the ground.

"Strengthening frontline capability helps protect our communities and natural landscapes."

The delivery comes as the Australasian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council (AFAC) identifies above-average fire potential across parts of Central Australia, including the Barkly, Tanami and Simpson Desert regions, with activity expected to increase from October through March.



HANDOVER: Member for Braitling, with Alice Springs Bushfires NT volunteers, at the handover of their new fire unit. (Phil Williams: 582247)

AFAC also forecasts an extended Top End bushfire season, with a delayed wet season and elevated fire danger continuing into November.

So far in 2026, Bushfires NT has responded to more than 500 fire incidents across the Territory with volunteer firefighters contributing more than 5,350 hours of response time.

Acting Chief Minister Gerard Maley said the investment in the new units recognised the essential contribution made by Bushfires NT volunteers and the importance of delivering enhanced capability given the conditions.

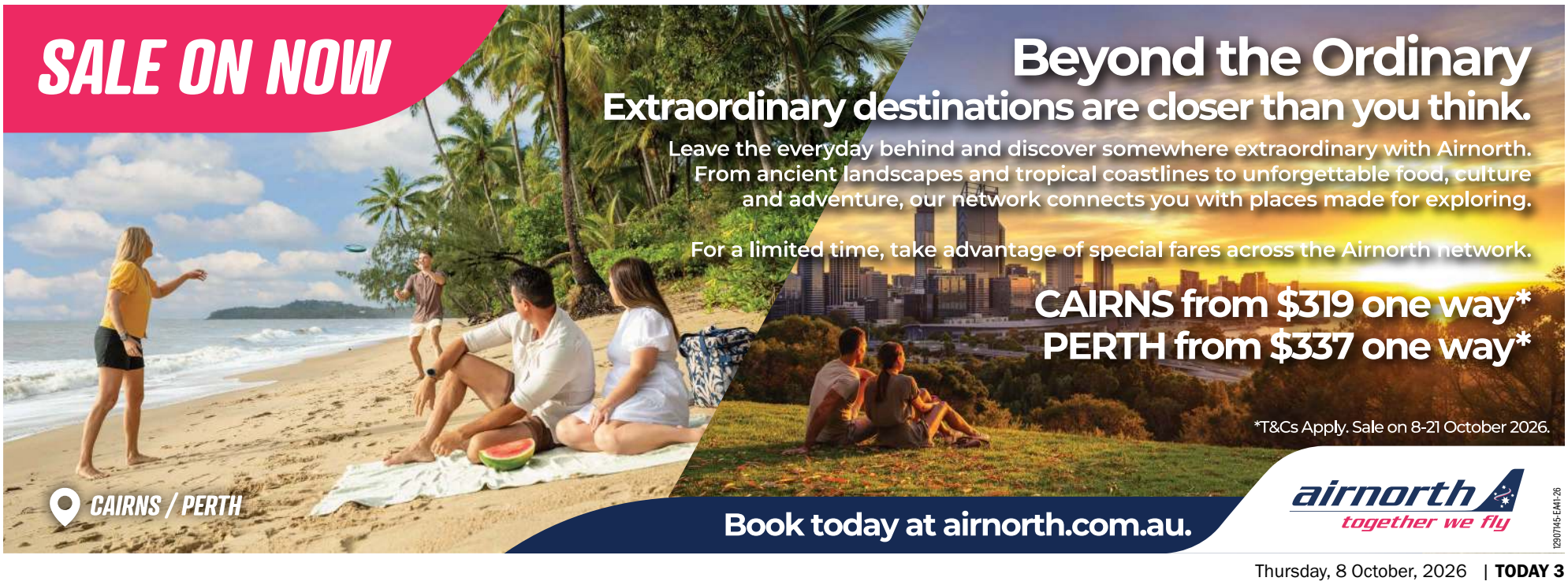
"These new vehicles are an investment in those volunteers, giving them modern, reliable equipment that improves safety and helps them respond effectively to grass fires across the Territory."

"With an extended Top End season forecast and elevated fire potential across parts of Central Australia, ensuring our volunteers have reliable, fit-for-purpose equipment is essential."

Executive Director Bushfires NT Andrew Thomas ASM said the new vehicles would significantly strengthen frontline bushfire response capability.

"These grass fire units have been specifically selected and configured to meet the demands of Territory bushfire operations, with the mobility, off-road capability and rapid attack configuration needed to access difficult terrain, respond quickly and contain fires before they escalate into larger incidents."

"The new vehicles also incorporate important crew protection features, including burnover protection systems and vehicle spray systems, which provide an additional layer of safety for volunteers operating in challenging fire conditions."





NEW STORE: Jasmine Anderson, Mel Daly and Kirra Carse at the opening of their new reatil space in Todd Mall. (Phil Williams: 581993)



GENERATIONS: Sharon Clarke and Mel Daly at the new Swank Shoes store opening. (581993)

Swanky start for Frockstar

By Phil Williams

A new ladies' fashion store has opened in Todd Mall in time for Melbourne Cup Carnival and the lead up to Christmas.

It marks a fresh start for Swank Shoes which has been trading in Alice Springs continuously for more than 50 years and is the only remaining specialty fashion store in Alice Springs.

After being in Alice Plaza for several years, owner Mel Daly said it was nice to be back in the mall where the business was first started in 1972.

Later the business was taken over by Ms Daly's mother, Sharon Clarke.

"It's where the business began all those years ago and being back in the mall is really pleasing, she said.

"It's always been a family business and it's so good to still have the support of locals after all these years."

The store in the former Tourism Central Australia building on the corner of the mall and Parsons Street has been completely refitted and features a light and airy feel and caters for sizes from 8-24/26.

Not just a shoe store, the new retail space incorporates Frockstar, a fashion outlet which began as a pop-up store in a vacant space in Alice Plaza in the lead up to Christmas last year.

Ms Daly said the store caters for all tastes and aims to support smaller Australian labels.

"Our aim is to offer a curated range of clothing to suit all shapes and sizes and supporting smaller Australian labels where we can.

"We love helping our customers find outfits they feel amazing in, whether it's for everyday or a special event," she said.

"Having both stores in the one place is more convenient for our customers as well."

Current stock features new accessories, brands and lots of outfits and ensembles for the upcoming Derby and Melbourne Cup days, including amazing hats and fascinators, with new dress and accessory lines arriving regularly in time for summer and Christmas.

The store will trade on weekdays from 10am to 5pm and on Saturday from 9am until 2pm.

Shoppers can stay updated for new arrivals, just in time for Christmas parties and unique Christmas gifts by checking Swank's social pages.

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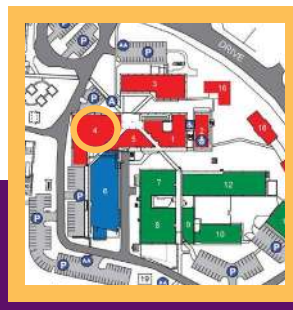
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Stopping AI abuse

By Rex Martinich, AAP

INDIGENOUS-LED programs to combat online abuse of women, including developing educational games and safety programs for remote communities, have been awarded almost $1 million in grants by the eSafety Commissioner.

The four priority First Nations projects were part of a $3.5 million round of funding on Wednesday 30 September from the federal government's grants to prevent tech-based abuse of women.

The Queensland Indigenous Family Violence Legal Service has received more than $215,000 to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women to explore how technology is being used for coercive control in relationships.

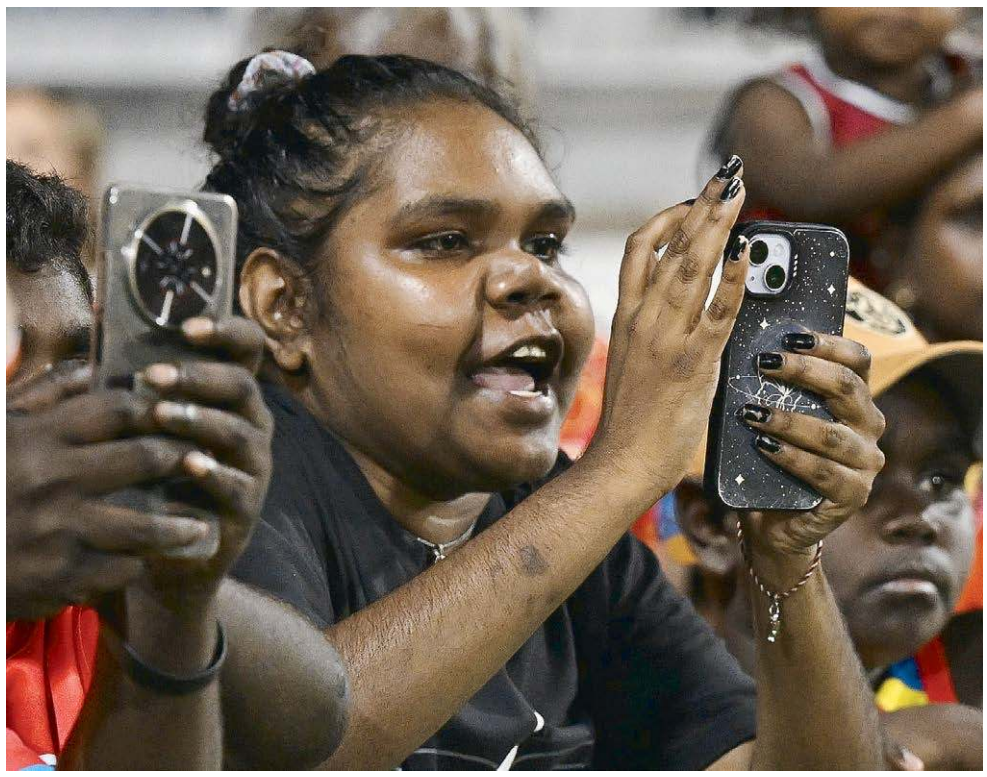
Nja-marleya Cultural Leaders and Justice Group will use more than $239,600 to promote safe and respectful online behaviours among young people in the Northern Territory's remote communities via educational games and online learning.

The funds were going to organisations that had expertise and trust from their communities, eSafety Commissioner Julie Inman Grant said.

"This round of grantees reflects both the breadth and depth of the challenge we're seeking to address, from AI-facilitated coercive control to tech-based abuse affecting First Nations peoples," Ms Grant said.

The same online apps that can make life easier can also be used for bullying, harassment and stalking, Communications Minister Anika Wells told reporters.

"Every Australian should feel safe when they are using their phone, a tablet, or a computer," Ms Wells said.



Funds are on their way to help prevent tech-based abuse of Indigenous women (Dave Hunt, AAP)

"But we know that that's not the case for everybody, and overwhelmingly, it is women and girls that are targeted online."

The grants also provided money to programs aimed at encouraging positive online behaviour by young men and making abuse prevention more accessible to people with a disability.

Strategies to prevent AI-enabled nude deepfakes and digital surveillance from causing harm to young and First Nations people will be evaluated by the Young Women's Alliance and Griffith University through grants totalling $650,000.

Harmful and misogynistic online content was causing more young people to perpetrate or become victims of sexual violence, Social Services Minister Tanya Plibersek told reporters.

"This is an opportunity to start to counter some of those harmful influences that we are seeing," Ms Plibersek said.

Four arrests for break-in

By Phil Williams

QUICK work by Northern Territory police led to the arrests of two men, a woman and a teenage boy after an East Side break-in early on Thursday, 1 October.

NT Police arrested the four alleged offenders following the aggravated burglary soon after 6am.

Around 6:20am, the Joint Emergency Services Communication Centre (JESCC) received reports that multiple people were breaking into a residence on McMinn Street.

The 18-year-old female occupant allegedly located an unknown person in her kitchen, before she locked herself in her bedroom and called police.

Members from Strike Force Viper and general duties attended the scene and discovered the front door had been forced open, with alcohol allegedly being stolen from inside.

Police established cordons in the area and reviewed available CCTV footage.

A 25-year-old woman, two men aged 22 and 21 along with a 16 year-old boy were arrested and taken into custody after being found nearby, allegedly in possession of the stolen alcohol.

Strike Force Viper has taken charge of the investigation and anyone with information is urged to contact police on 131 444.

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The leaks in water plan



LAST week, Pulse noted that local water planning had taken an optimistic turn.

On paper at least, the updated Alice Springs Water Allocation Plan 2026-2036 pens a generous portrait of our region's groundwater resources, its apparent message being 'plenty of water for all.'

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 those top figures are down from those proposed in February's draft plan, as is the Aboriginal Water Reserve at a revised 2000 megalitres per year, down from 5800.

But while such headline figures suggest a desert town with ample water, one simple question begs an answer: Really?

Last month, the World Meteorological Organisation's 2025 State of Global Water Resources reported that rivers across the globe recorded one of the driest years in more than three decades, WMO Secretary-General Celeste Saulo noting groundwater worldwide was telling a similar story.

"Nearly two-thirds of monitored wells worldwide showed conditions outside the historical norm in 2025, and the balance shifted further toward deficit compared with 2024, not toward recovery," says Saulo.

"At the same time, we are seeing more water-related disasters … the strengthening El Niño will increase the risk of drought in some areas, and flooding in others."

Groundwater levels were "below-normal to much-below-normal" across most of the globe, including "parts of southern Australia", with Saulo's summary forecasting a trend of "cumulative depletion with multi-year drying."

So how robust is the NT Government's 'optimism' for Alice Springs' groundwater?

Alice Springs relies entirely on finite groundwater reserves of water stored in an arid environment with minimal modern recharge of a fast-depleting Mereenie Aquifier, from which water is currently drawn from depths greater than 150 metres below ground.

No plans are evident to try to recharge Mereenie's storage, despite recharge methods being adopted or at least trialled in other arid environments, including Perth's Groundwater Replenishment Scheme (GWRS), where recycled water bolsters urban supply, and the multi-site urban stormwater Managed Aquifer recharge (MAR) scheme for supply of non-potable water in suburban Salisbury, Adelaide.

During a consultation phase on the draft Alice Springs WAP 2026-2036 (held 16 February to 17 March 2026) and since, many objections to both draft and final versions of the plan have been logged.

Central Land Council commissioned a review of the draft by hydrogeologist Dr Ryan Vogwill of WA-based Hydro Geo Enviro Pty Ltd, who found the plan to be weaker on legal protections than previous versions, used outdated science, contained monitoring blind spots, and demonstrated a disregard for community and cultural governance.

The consultant's report argued the draft plan relied on fragile scientific methods and had removed two vital management zones from south of the town: Inner Farm and Wanngardi, stripping the shallow aquifers of explicit plan protections. Indeed, the final WAP has also removed surface water, and now relies on three primary water management zones replacing the previously defined 12, with jettisoned areas to be regulated under general policy and the Water Act 1992.

In his report Cultural Values of Alice Water, the late historian and author Dick Kimber wrote extensively on the cultural value of water to Arrernte, combining their traditional ecological knowledge with European historic records and relying on insights from custodians, including Mervyn Rubuntja and the late Wenten Rubuntja.

Kimber details how ancestral Dreaming Tracks and songlines connect geographical features, waterholes and river systems, as well as underpin survival strategies during periodic droughts, sketching how Indigenous people survived the arid landscape and how that knowledge has been impacted by European settlement.

In Arrernte tradition, water unites all country, animals, plants and people, but also governed traditional movements, as families dispersed to traditional waters after good rain and retreated to reliable fallback sites during droughts.

Critics say the draft WAP (2026–2036) was prepared without oversight from Traditional Owners and failed to establish a Water Advisory Committee (WAC), yet alone one with Arrernte representation; indeed, the final version now states a WAC may only be reinstated "where the Minister considers it appropriate".

Which raises the issue of the plan's legal structure: Previously published as a single statutory document, the new WAP is split into three separate documents, the WAP, a Background Report, and Implementation Action (plan): Only the first part (the WAP) is legally required to be considered by any NT Water Controller under the Act.

When issuing extraction licenses, data and studies contained in volumes two and three, including on environmental drawdown limits, background risk assessments or monitoring actions, may not be legally binding as a result.

One plus of the plan is to restrict licensed groundwater extraction if water levels fall below eight metres in the Todd River corridor, thus (hopefully) protecting sacred River Red Gums against excessive drawdown.

Still, the plan remains light-on for water monitoring and fails to address pollution hazards, including wastewater treatment pond overflows into Ilparpa Swamp, leachate from the landfill, and a lack of monitoring for historical PFAS firefighting foam contamination at Alice Springs Airport, this latter zone being situated directly above water-bearing alluvial and sandstone formations that feed to Roe Creek.

Meanwhile, water licence holders must provide meter readings monthly or quarterly depending on licence conditions, while data on groundwater levels, recharge and surface-groundwater connectivity hopefully feed into future water assessments and the tweaking of computer models.

Lastly, key government commitments made in a 2021 review of the Water Plan, such as establishing water supply protection zones and forming an Aboriginal reference group, remain unfulfilled.

There is more, including potential threats from a widespread enthusiasm for data centres (especially in the Barkly, and to be revisited soon).

Despite its 10-year term Alice Springs' water plan is up for review within five years: Keep your eyes peeled and pencils sharpened for that, it will likely prove crucial.



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GLAMOURS: Nicole Walsh, Rachel Mashford and Nicky Simpson will be glamming up to raise funds for cancer research in Frocktober. (Phil Williams: 581964)

Frocking up for fundraising

By Phil Williams

FOUR Alice Springs ladies are taking on a challenge and asking the community to join in their fundraising quest.

Not that they need an excuse to dress up... but this October, Rachael Mashford, Nicole Walsh, Michelle Sangiuliano and Nicky Simpson are putting their wardrobes to the test and adding a bit of sparkle to Alice Springs for a very important cause.

The four ladies are taking part in Frocktober, a month-long fundraising campaign supporting the Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation (OCRF). Throughout October, they will be dusting off their finest dresses, creating themed days, exploring local op shops and embracing some increasingly creative fashion choices, all in the name of raising money for Ovarian Cancer research.

The challenge is simple - wear a frock, have some fun and encourage the community to get behind an important cause.

The ladies say there will be lots of laughs and probably some even more questionable fashion choices along the way, but the reason behind the campaign is serious.

Money raised throughout Frocktober support the OCRF and the important work they do in supporting innovative ovarian cancer research projects across Australia.

All OCRF funds are raised by the Australian community, people who share their vision and are determined to do something to make improved outcomes a reality.

For the four ladies, this means taking things a little further.

Throughout the month, the group will be sharing their adventures and behind-the-scenes antics across their Facebook page, Queens of the Frocking Desert.

'We are hoping the Alice Springs community will get behind our campaign throughout October, Nicky said.

"Whether it is following along on our daily fashion adventures, sharing our social media posts or making a donation, every bit of support will help.

To follow the group's frocking adventures, search for Queens of the Frocking Desert on Facebook.

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Snake bite rocks family

A Melbourne father never expected his dream family holiday to Uluru to end with an emergency Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) retrieval to Alice Springs after being bitten by one of Australia's most dangerous snakes.

Originally from the United States, Eddie McKinney always had Uluru at the top of his bucket list. In 2022, that lifelong ambition became a reality when he travelled to Central Australia with his wife Carmen and their two-year-old daughter Vienna.

But on the family's second day, the trip took a frightening turn.

While heading to the hotel pool with Vienna, Eddie felt something brush against him. He looked down to see a brown snake fly off his leg before quickly disappearing. After finding no sign of a bite, Eddie thought he was the luckiest man in the world.

Around 10 minutes later, that changed.

"I felt this tiny itch, looked down, and saw the fang marks. My heart sank. I just turned to Carmen and said, 'He got me.'"

Eddie collapsed on the floor of the resort restaurant and yelled for help. An ambulance took him to Yulara Health Clinic, where nurses coordinated an urgent RFDS retrieval to Alice Springs.

With a pressure bandage around his leg, Eddie was told to remain still as he waited for the Flying Doctor.

"My wife was obviously very panicked at first. She had been with Vienna, crying by the pool thinking I was going to die," Eddie said.

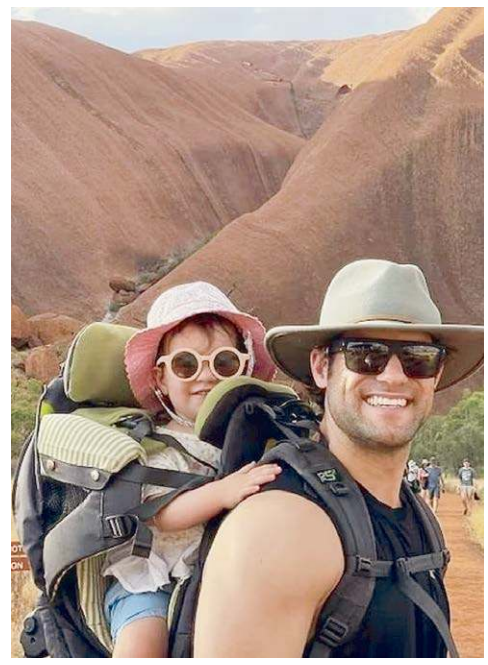
"Meanwhile, I was in the clinic just trying not to move, hoping for the best."

Eddie was airlifted aboard an RFDS aircraft under the care of a doctor and Flight Nurse.

"The RFDS were just amazing from beginning to end. They made me and my wife feel comfortable," Eddie said.



Being loaded on the RFDS plane bound for Alice Springs.


Enjoying the trip to Uluru.

At Alice Springs Hospital, doctors discovered Eddie had been bitten twice. In a remarkable stroke of luck, both were dry bites, meaning no venom was injected.

Eddie's experience is a reminder that it's not only those who live in remote Australia who may rely on the Flying Doctor. For those travelling through these regions, access to urgent medical care can become essential when the unexpected happens far from a major hospital.

Oceans to Outback gives Australians a way to support the service that helps make this care possible.

This October, participants across the country are invited to walk, run or ride as part of the RFDS's annual month-long fitness and fundraising challenge, helping to keep the Flying Doctor flying.

Now in its fifth year, Oceans to Outback invites people across the country to walk, run or ride throughout October, raising funds to help the RFDS continue delivering care across remote, rural and regional Australia.

Lauren Lynagh, Oceans to Outback fundraising manager, said Eddie's experience shows why the Flying Doctor is so important for those travelling through remote Australia.

"People travel from across Australia and around the world to experience the incredible places our remote communities have to offer," Lauren said.

"Most will never expect to need the Flying Doctor while they are there, but Eddie's experience shows just how that can change in an instant."

"Oceans to Outback gives Australians, wherever they live, a way to help ensure the RFDS can be there when that next call comes.

"You never know who you're going to be helping, maybe someone just like me, who went on a dream holiday and ended up needing heroes in the sky," Eddie said.

Oceans to Outback began on Thursday 1 October. Participants can walk, run or ride at their own pace and set their own distance or take on an RFDS-inspired goal.

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As the federal member for Lingiari, I appreciate the enormous work of the Northern Territory police and their tireless efforts every day to serve and protect the community.

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Eddie McKinney gives the thumbs up on his flight to Alice Springs Hospital.


The flight takes off from Uluru.

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Help to thrive

FOR many families supporting a person with disability, finding community activities that are genuinely meaningful can be difficult.

Not everyone enjoys conventional group activities or centre-based programs. Some people thrive when they have practical tasks, clear routines, outdoor space and the opportunity to apply themselves to something meaningful over time.

This is the central focus of Nadscare GROW, a new inclusive horticulture project now being established at Blatherskite Park in Alice Springs. Nadscare is honoured to have been awarded this opportunity proudly supported by the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA); the Market Garden will stand as a permanent pillar of our work—bringing meaningful jobs and real learning to the participants we cherish and care for.

The project will comprise two different spaces. The Show Garden, which will become a highly visible community garden incorporating native and culturally appropriate plantings, bush foods, sensory planting, accessible pathways and gathering areas. The Main Garden, which will provide the productive heart of GROW, with opportunities for vegetable growing, propagation, planting, irrigation, harvesting, sorting, packing and practical skill development.

Mentoring the project are two well-known local identities; Geoff Miers, Respected Central Australian horticulturist and ABC gardening expert; and Moe McCosker, Alice Springs commercial growing pioneer and fresh-produce wholesaler. They'll help guide the project as the gardens take shape, sharing



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their horticultural expertise and passion for growing.

During National Carers Week, Nadscare particularly acknowledges the parents, partners, siblings, relatives and friends who provide unpaid care and support across Central Australia. Families often play an enormous role in helping a person discover the environments, activities and relationships in which they can flourish. Nadscare hopes GROW will eventually provide those families with another meaningful choice.

The gardens are still being established, so Nadscare is speaking with Coordinators of Support, disability organisations, allied health professionals, families and interested members of the community about what would make GROW genuinely useful and welcoming.

To have your say or register an Expression of Interest:

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A meaningful difference

WHILE carers are often recognised for the invaluable support they provide to loved ones, there is another group working tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure older Australians are heard, respected and protected: Aged Care Advocates.

CatholicCare NT's Aged Care Advocacy Program strives to make a meaningful difference in the lives of older people, their families and carers by helping to ensure that older persons access safe and quality care, understand their rights and have their voices heard when it matters most.

Providing a free, independent and confidential service, advocates support individuals who may be facing challenges with aged care services, accommodation, care planning, decision-making, or access to information, and empower older people and their representatives to make informed choices and navigate what can often be a complex system.

CatholicCare NT Advocates regularly travel across Central Australia and Barkly regions, ensuring that support is accessible to older people regardless of where they live. Through community education sessions and one-on-one advocacy, they help bridge service gaps and improve access to information and support.

Beyond resolving concerns, advocates restore confidence and dignity. They help people understand their options, speak up about their needs and participate in decisions that affect their wellbeing and quality of life. Their work not only benefits older people but also supports carers, who often



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rely on advocacy services for guidance and reassurance.

During National Carers Week, CatholicCare NT proudly acknowledges the dedication and professionalism of its aged care advocates. Their tireless efforts, combined with the commitment of carers, help create stronger, more inclusive communities where older people are respected, empowered and valued.

CatholicCare NT is a proud Northern Territory member of OPAN, the Older Person's Advocacy Network, a government funded initiative through the National Aged Care Advocacy Program (NACAP).



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- **Children Contact Centre** for separated parents to make contacts with children.
- **Older People and NDIS:** free, Independent and confidential advocacy services to older people seeking or receiving government funded aged care services.
- **No More Domestic Violence:** primary prevention which provides community education, stakeholder engagement and referrals to end domestic violence.

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NATIONAL CARERS WEEK

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Five decades of Casa care

NATIONAL Carers Week is an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the invaluable contribution carers make every day.

Carers provide ongoing support, advocacy, encouragement, and care to family members, friends, and loved ones, often balancing these responsibilities alongside work, family life, and personal commitments. Their dedication helps people live with dignity, independence, and connection to their communities.

Casa Services understands that carers are an essential part of the support network surrounding many of the people we work with.

This year is particularly special as Casa celebrates its 50th anniversary, marking five decades of supporting people with disability across Central Australia. Throughout this journey, carers have played a vital role in helping individuals achieve their goals, build independence, and live meaningful and fulfilling lives.



Collaboration is at the heart of what we do. Casa works closely with participants, families, carers, and support networks to deliver person-centred services that reflect each individual's goals, strengths, and aspirations. Through a range of services including Supported Independent Living (SIL), respite, support coordination, plan management, community access, and day programs, we partner with carers to ensure people with disability receive the support they need to thrive.

Carers provide far more than practical assistance. They offer emotional support, advocate for the rights and needs of those they care for, celebrate achievements, and help navigate life's challenges. Their patience, compassion, resilience, and commitment make a lasting difference, not only to the people they support but also to families and the wider community.

As Casa celebrates 50 years of service, National Carers Week provides an opportunity to reflect on the countless carers who have supported participants, families, and our organisation throughout the years.

Casa extends its sincere thanks and appreciation to all carers. Your dedication does not go unnoticed. We are grateful for the invaluable role you play and your the positive impact.

Supporting carers through local, personalised care

NATIONAL Carers Week is an opportunity to recognise the dedication of carers and the important role they play in supporting people with disability. For families and carers across Central Australia, having access to reliable, locally delivered support can make a meaningful difference to everyday life.

Based in Alice Springs, Evora Care provides NDIS support to participants across Alice Springs and 15 remote and very remote communities. Locally operated by a team with extensive experience in disability services, the organisation understands the unique challenges of delivering care across the region.

Evora Care offers a range of services, including personal care, supported independent living, community access, skill development and employment assistance. Its approach centres on understanding each participant's individual needs, goals and preferences, while building relationships based on trust and consistency.

For families and carers, knowing their loved one is supported by familiar faces and a team that understands their circumstances can provide valuable reassurance. Evora Care works closely with participants, families and support coordinators to ensure supports remain relevant as needs change.

With a team that travels by road and air to reach communities across the Territory, Evora Care is committed to making disability support accessible beyond Alice Springs. Its locally based staff bring an understanding of the people, communities and conditions that shape life in Central Australia.

As National Carers Week recognises the contribution of carers, Evora Care continues to support greater independence, participation and opportunity for people with disability, while helping families and carers feel supported along the way.





ALICE SPRINGS Masters Games

FREE EVENTS



CHOIRBOYS

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OPENING CEREMONY

Sat 10 October

5pm

ANZAC Oval

Featuring Choirboys and Baby Animals

MID-WEEK STREET PARTY

Wed 14 October

5pm

Council Lawns

Featuring Shannon Noll

CLOSING CEREMONY

Sat 17 October

6pm

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Sports Schedule

Sport	Map Ref.	Location	Sat 10	Sun 11	Mon 12	Tue 13	Wed 14	Thu 15	Fri 16	Sat 17
ARCHERY	1	Dead Centre Bowhunters Club		6.30am–3.30pm	6.30am–3.30pm	6.30am–3.30pm		6.30am–3pm	6.30am–3.30pm	6.30am–3pm
MASTERS MILE	2	Todd St & Gap Rd					6–7.30pm			
ROAD & TRAIL										
HALF MARATHON	3	Simpsons Gap	6–11am							
10KM WALK	4	John Flynn's Grave		7–11am						
6KM ENTRY LEVEL TRAIL RUN	5	Alice Springs Telegraph Station			7–9 am					
6KM TECHNICAL TRAIL RUN	7	East Side Trail, Kurrajong Drive				7–9 am				
5KM WALK	6	Barrett Drive Path						7–9 am		
10KM RUN	8	Ilparpa Road path							7–10 am	
TRACK & FIELD	9	Rhonda Diano Oval		9.30am–5pm	8.30am–5pm	8am–2pm				
AUSSIE 9'S	10	Traeger Park Sports Precinct			4:30–8:15pm	4:30–8:15pm		4:30–8:15pm	4:30–8:15pm	8:30am–10:15pm
BADMINTON	11	Marian Centre (OLSH Sadadeen Campus)	10am–4pm	10am–4pm	10am–4pm					
BASKETBALL	10	Traeger Park Sports Precinct			4–9pm	4–9pm		4–9pm		
CYCLING										
CRITERIUM	2	Council Lawns Todd St		6.30–10am						
TIME TRIAL	13	Santa Teresa Road			7–9am					
ROAD RACE	4	John Flynn's Grave				6–10am				
HILL CLIMB	14	Sturt Terrace to Anzac Hill						5–8pm		
TRACK RACING	12	Velodrome							5–8pm	
DARTS	15	Gillen Club	10.30am–4pm	10am–6pm	10am–6pm	10am–6pm		10am–6pm	10am–5.30pm	
EIGHTBALL	16	Club Eastside		12–9 pm	10am–4pm 5pm–10pm	10am–4pm 5pm–10pm		10am–4pm 5pm–10pm	10am–4pm 5pm–10pm	
EQUESTRIAN	17	Blatherskite Park			8am–4pm	8am–12pm 3pm–7pm		8am–12pm 3pm–7pm	8am–2pm	
FOOTBALL (SOCCER)	18	Ross Park			5–8.30pm	5pm–8.30pm				
GOLF	19	Alice Springs Golf Club			8am Start	8am Start		8am Start	8am Start	
HOCKEY	10	Traeger Park Sports Precinct		1–7.30pm	5–9.30pm	5–9.30pm		5–9.30pm	5–9.30pm	
LAWN BOWLS	19	Alice Springs Golf Club	9am–4pm	9am–5pm	9am–5pm	9am–5pm		9am–5pm	9am–5pm	9am–4pm
MOUNTAIN BIKING	5	Alice Springs Trail Network		8–11am		5–6pm		5–6pm		8–11am
NETBALL	20	Pat Gallagher Netball Centre	9am–2pm	12–7pm						
ORIENTEERING	5	Telegraph Station, Desert Park, Golf Club	7–9.30am	6–8pm		7–9.30am				
PICKLEBALL	11	Marian Centre (OLSH Sadadeen Campus)		4–9pm	4–9pm	4–9pm		4–9pm	4–9pm	10am–4pm
SHOOTING										
CLAY TARGET	22	Alice Springs Clay Target Club	10am–3pm	10am–3pm	10am–3pm	10am–3pm				
PISTOL	23	Alice Springs Pistol Club	8am–4pm	8am–4pm						
SOFTBALL	24	Jim McConville Softball Diamonds		8.30am–5.30pm	8.30am–5.30pm	8.30am–5.30pm		8.30am–5.30pm	1–5.30pm	
SWIMMING	25	Alice Springs Aquatic Centre	1pm Start	1pm Start	1pm Start	1pm Start		9am Start		
TENNIS	10	Traeger Park Sports Precinct				8–11am 4–8pm		8–11am 4–8pm	8–11am 4–8pm	8–11am
TENPIN BOWLING	26	The Dust Bowl	11am–6pm	11am–6pm	11am–6pm	11am–6pm		10am–6pm	10am–2pm	10am–2pm
TOUCH FOOTBALL	27	Flynn Drive Oval			5–9pm	5–9pm		5–9pm		
TRIATHLON	25	Alice Springs Aquatic Centre								7am

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Handmade quilts help out

THE local Rotarians are inviting the community to support breast cancer research through special raffles featuring two beautifully handcrafted quilts.

The initiative aims to raise funds for breast cancer research and to assist those currently experiencing breast cancer, as well as survivors navigating their recovery journey.

Local quilter Nicci Edgington has created a stunning handmade quilt for the cause. The raffle has attracted significant community support with 100 tickets snapped up already.

Adding to the fundraising effort, fellow Rotarian Jenny Kitching has donated a quilt and matching cushion set after purchasing the handcrafted pieces from long-serving Rotarian Sharon Kinraid.

Jenny has gifted the set to the Rotary EClub Outback Australia to ensure even more funds can be raised for breast cancer support initiatives.

Tickets for the quilt and cushion set raffle are available for just $5 each, with sales capped at 100 tickets, giving supporters a chance to win a unique handmade treasure while contributing to an important cause.

The fundraising drive comes as the community prepares to welcome 'Millie', a mobile breast screening service, which will visit Tennant Creek in early November.

Screening mammograms help detect cancer early and Territory women between 40-74 are eligible for a free mammogram every two years.



Rotarians Nicci Edgington and Jenny Kitching are helping raise funds for breast cancer research and support services through the Rotary EClub of Outback Australia, with two beautiful handmade quilts being raffled in Tennant Creek.

THE BARKLY COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Community events and notices

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Nyinkka Nyunyu Art & Culture Centre EXHIBITION

ELEMENTS OF THE BARKLY Sept 19 - Oct 31. Featuring artists from Arlpawe Art and Culture Centre , Barkly Regional Arts and Nyinkka Nyunyu Art & Culture Centre. Including: Ned Kelly, Fabian Brown, Joseph Williams, Penny Kelly, Marcus Camphoo, Jameson Casson, Aileen Long, Dorothy Dickson, Mary James, Clifford Thompson, Simon Wilson, Martha Poulson, Ada Beasley, Napangardi Jones, Denise Bonney, Georgia Jones, Agnes Rubuntja, Jessie Simpson, Denise Edwards and Susie Peterson.

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.

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Tennant Creek Market. NEXT MARKET: 10 October, 9am-12pm and every 2nd Sat @ The Transit Centre (next to Red Centre Cafe).

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CRICKET - 2027 Rossy Williams Sheild. Feb 5-7, 2027. Enter a team. Equipment provided. To register contact: Kesh - kesh.keerthi@ntcricket.com.au.

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

Kirtan Meditation Mantra Meditation accompanied by music. No experience is needed, everyone welcome. Thursday, Oct 15 - 6.30pm to 8pm. By donation. CWA.



FREE COMMUNITY EVENT - TRUNK OR TREAT Hosted by Julalikari Council Child and Family Centre. Friday, Oct 30. Tennant Creek Civic Centre Car Park. 5pm-6:30pm. Entertainment, BBQ, Trick or Treat, decorated cars, spooky photo area, kids activities, prizes and giveaways.



Tennant Creek Uniting Church - Op Shop Thursday & Saturday 9am - 12pm. **Sunday Service** 9:30 am. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of Month Pastor Amy. 2nd Sunday of Month Elder Gai. 4th Sunday of Month Rev Nigel. Communion once a month.

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School milestone

ALEKARENGE School in Ali Curung has marked 70 years of education. Established in 1956 as Warrabri School following the community's relocation, it originally educated children from Warumungu, Warlpiri, Kaytetye, and Alyawarr backgrounds.

After a 1973 arson fire destroyed the original building, the current facility was constructed. It was later renamed Alekarenge School following the Aboriginal Land Rights Act.

To honour its seven-decade history, the Northern Territory Government announced a $3.5 million upgrade for a new administration block and early learning center improvements. Community leaders and alumni celebrated the school's enduring legacy of resilience, dedication, and remote educational progress.

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‘Child’ born in lockdown

WHAT began as a musical connection between two Tanzanian artists during Covid lockdowns has finally come to life, with Alice Springs-based musician Katanga Junior releasing his new single ‘Mtoto,’ featuring Tanzanian artist Abeneko.

‘Mtoto,’ meaning “child” in Swahili, brings together roots, reggae, afrobeat and dub influences in a partnership that connects Central Australia with Tanzania.

The track began during the COVID-19 pandemic, when international travel and live music came to a standstill.

Despite being on opposite sides of the Indian Ocean, Katanga Junior and Abeneko connected through music.

Years later, with Junior now firmly established in the Central Australian music scene, Mtoto has been completed and recorded in Alice Springs with local music producer Dave Crowe.

The result is a warm, atmospheric track built around a beat created by Abeneko, with Junior’s vocals and songwriting bringing together his Tanzanian heritage and his experiences of life in Central Australia.

The song’s title reflects its central theme - children and the responsibility to protect them, nurture them and give them hope for the future.

“Mtoto is about children and protecting children. They are our future., he said.

“We have to give them love, give them hope and make sure they have opportunities.“

The track offers a meeting point between two very different places that Junior calls home - Central Australia and Tanzania.

Junior has built a reputation as a dynamic live performer on the Australian festival circuit, performing at the Wide Open Space and WOMADelaide festivals.

He has also been a supporting act to artists including The Cat Empire.

His music blends reggae, ragga, hip-hop and afrobeat, performed in both Swahili and English.



TRADITIONAL: Junior Katanga’s music is based on traditional Tanzanian harmonies. (Phil Williams: 462753)

Based in Dar es Salaam, Abeneko brings his own East African musical perspective to the partnership.

He draws on afrobeat and bongo flava alongside contemporary African sounds and is supporting the release through his networks in Tanzania.

‘Mtoto’ is the first single from Katanga Junior’s latest album, Hope, due for release early next year.

It marks the beginning of a new chapter for the Red Centre musician following a period of personal loss and a renewed vigor to share his culture and story with audiences worldwide.

A journey to the very centre of what it means to be human

LIGHTING the Dark is a bold new work by Chris Dyke, a Kaurna (Adelaide)-based dancer and choreographer living with Down syndrome.

Chris, the embodiment of love itself, emanates compassion, transcending limitations and inviting us all into his radiant embrace. Yet, amidst his rich internal landscape of dreams and boundless imagination, the world often fails to see beyond the cover of the book – a book that, if we dared to open, would reveal radical inspiration, creative brilliance, hope and love.

With the mesmerising Dancenorth Ensemble by his side, Chris leads the way, transforming the stage into a portal where love and light illuminate the darkness. A masterpiece of collaboration and community, Lighting the Dark reminds us of the complexity of life’s challenges.

Inspired by the iconic figures of Banksy, David Bowie and Freddie Mercury, Chris finds kinship in their revolutionary spirit, each serving as a reflection of his own vision.

Lighting the Dark is a profound celebration of the human experience, a transcendent journey that traverses individual and universal truths in a dance to the very centre of what it means to be human.

Dancenorth Australia and Araluen Arts Centre presents Lighting the Dark, which will be shown at the Araluen Arts Centre on 17 October, 7pm.

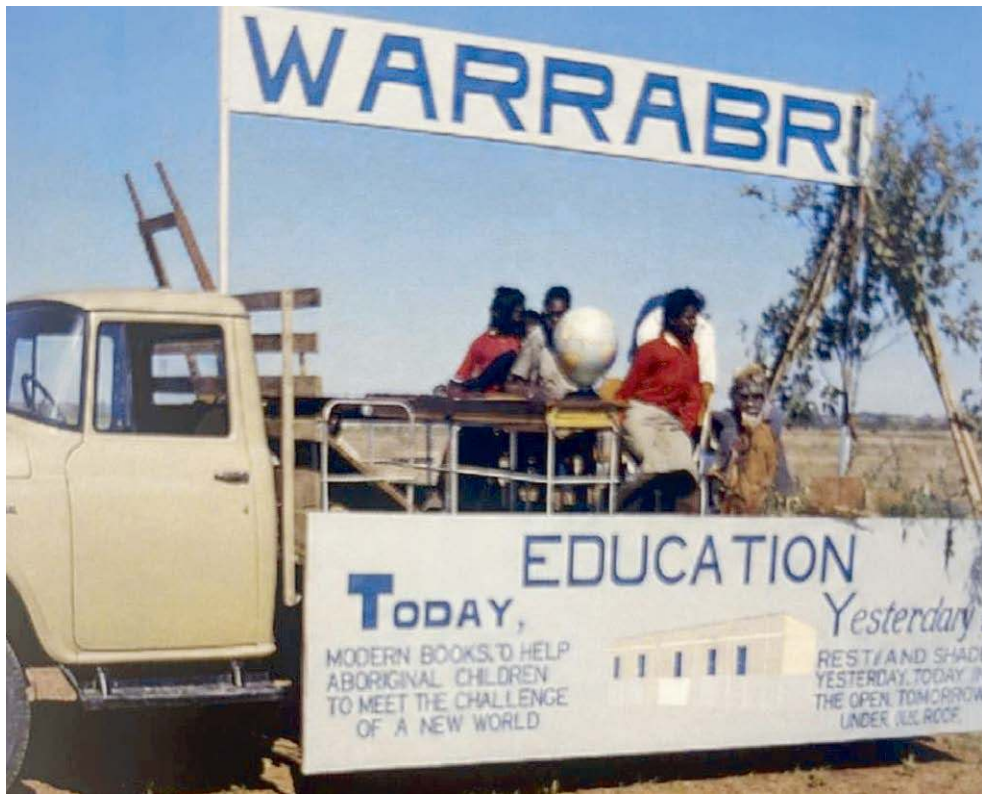


ON STAGE: Dancenorth Australia’s Lighting the Dark will explore the human experience when it comes to the Araluen Arts Centre on 17 October.





EDUCATION: A circa 1980's image of one of the Ali Curung School building.



NAME CHANGE: Ali Curung School, originally called Warrabri recently celebrated 70 years of education.

Seven decades of learning

ALEKARENGE School has celebrated 70 years of education in Ali Curung, marking a significant milestone for the remote community.

The school's history dates back to 1956 when education first began at Warrabri School.

The settlement of Warrabri was established after the Phillip Creek Native Settlement's water supply failed, prompting families to relocate to the new community about 170 kilometres southeast of Tennant Creek.

Alongside essential infrastructure, a school was established to educate local children.

The original school was destroyed by fire in 1973 which, according to a source, was a deliberate act of arson by a teacher.

It was replaced by the current school and will soon be upgraded to the tune of $3.5 million as part of the 2026/27 NT Government budget. Works include a new administration block and improvements to the early learning centre.

Following the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, Warrabri became Aboriginal land and adopted the name Ali Curung, while the school became known as Alekarenge School.

For seven decades, the school has provided education to children from Warumungu, Warlpiri, Kaytetye and Alyawarr backgrounds.

Rosemary Plummer recalls attending Warrabri School in the 1960s from preschool to grade four, before being sent to boarding school at Kormilda.

"I remember a teacher called Graham Benjamin who was a very strict teacher, but very good," she said.

"He taught us so much and set a high standard for all the students and in return we had great respect for him."

Rosemary said she had lots of happy memories at the old Warrabri School and was still friendly with some of her old classmates.

Speaking at the anniversary celebrations, Principal Chris Harvey reflected on the school's significance.

"Seventy years is an extraordinary milestone for any school, but here at Alekarenge, our history is much more than a collection of dates and buildings. It is the story of generations of children, families, teachers, staff and community members who have made this school part of the life of this community," he said.

"As Principal, I feel incredibly privileged to be part of that story. We have a responsibility to honour what has come before us while making sure our children have every opportunity to learn, to succeed and to be proud of who they are and where they come from."

Minister for Education and Training, Jo Hersey, congratulated Alekarenge School on its milestone and acknowledged the hard work the community, teachers and Principal had put into delivering a quality education for students.



CELEBRATIONS: Member for Barkly, Steve Edgington with VIPs at the Ali Curung 70th birthday celebrations. (NT Government)





Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Member for Barkly, Steve Edgington, who attended the school celebrations to mark the occasion, said the school represented 70 years of innovation, resilience, and unwavering commitment to Territory children.

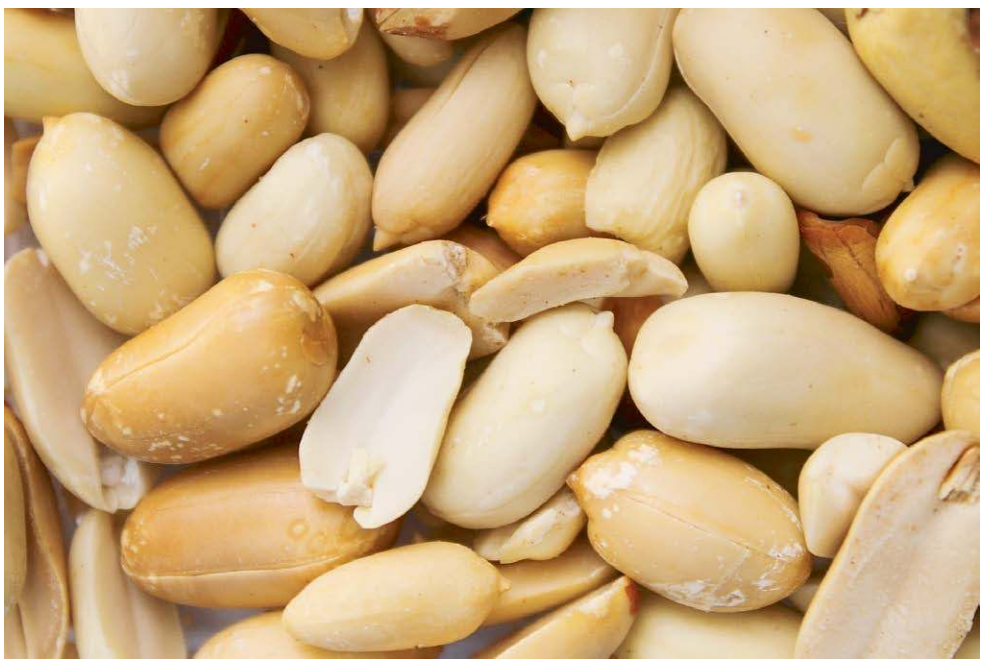
"I want to offer a heartfelt thank you to the passionate and dedicated educators who have shaped this school since its inception in 1956," he said.

"Teaching in remote locations requires creativity, patience, and a deep commitment to delivering quality education."

The Garden Guru

Geoff Miers





Tasty and nutritious, peanuts are a great way to get kids interested in gardening. (Abril Chavira on Unsplash)



Peanuts are easy to grow, and love the warmth of the Red Centre climate. (Vladislav Nikonov on Unsplash)

Planting the seed for kids

WANT to stimulate an interest in gardening among your kids?

Then introduce them to growing peanuts as they grow well in Alice Springs - I've grown them over several decades.

Peanuts need four to five months of warm weather for growing.

Plant over the next 4-6 weeks and you will be guaranteed plenty of warm weather for your plants to thrive, flower, throw pegs and for the peanuts to fully develop.

Peanuts are very nutritious, containing 50-55 per cent oil and 40-45 per cent protein.

They are easy to grow, love the warmth of our climate, aren't resentful of alkaline soils and can be planted from now through to the end of October with excellent results.

You need to purchase raw peanuts that are untreated, and then shell them, removing the seed inside the shell and plant.

Alternatively if you can purchase raw peanuts look online.

Peanuts are semi-erect small annual plants growing to 45cm high and as a member of the legume family they will put nitrogen back into your soil while they are growing.

Peanuts grow best in a well-drained, sandy soil.

They can be grown in heavy soil provided the top layer has had well-rotted compost added to make the soil friable and easy for the "pegs" to penetrate the soil.

Peanuts prefer full sun, however they will grow in a lightly shaded garden.

The first time I grew peanuts I planted them around the drip line of an apricot tree where they got both full sun and some shade and they grew well.

Peanuts do not like to come into direct contact with chemical-laden fertilisers.

Use an organic fertiliser such as blood and bone at 200 grams per square metre as a pre-planting fertiliser.

Seeds should be planted into the bottom of a furrow and should be planted 20-30mm deep at a spacing of 5-10cm.

If planting in rows the rows should be 55-75cm apart.

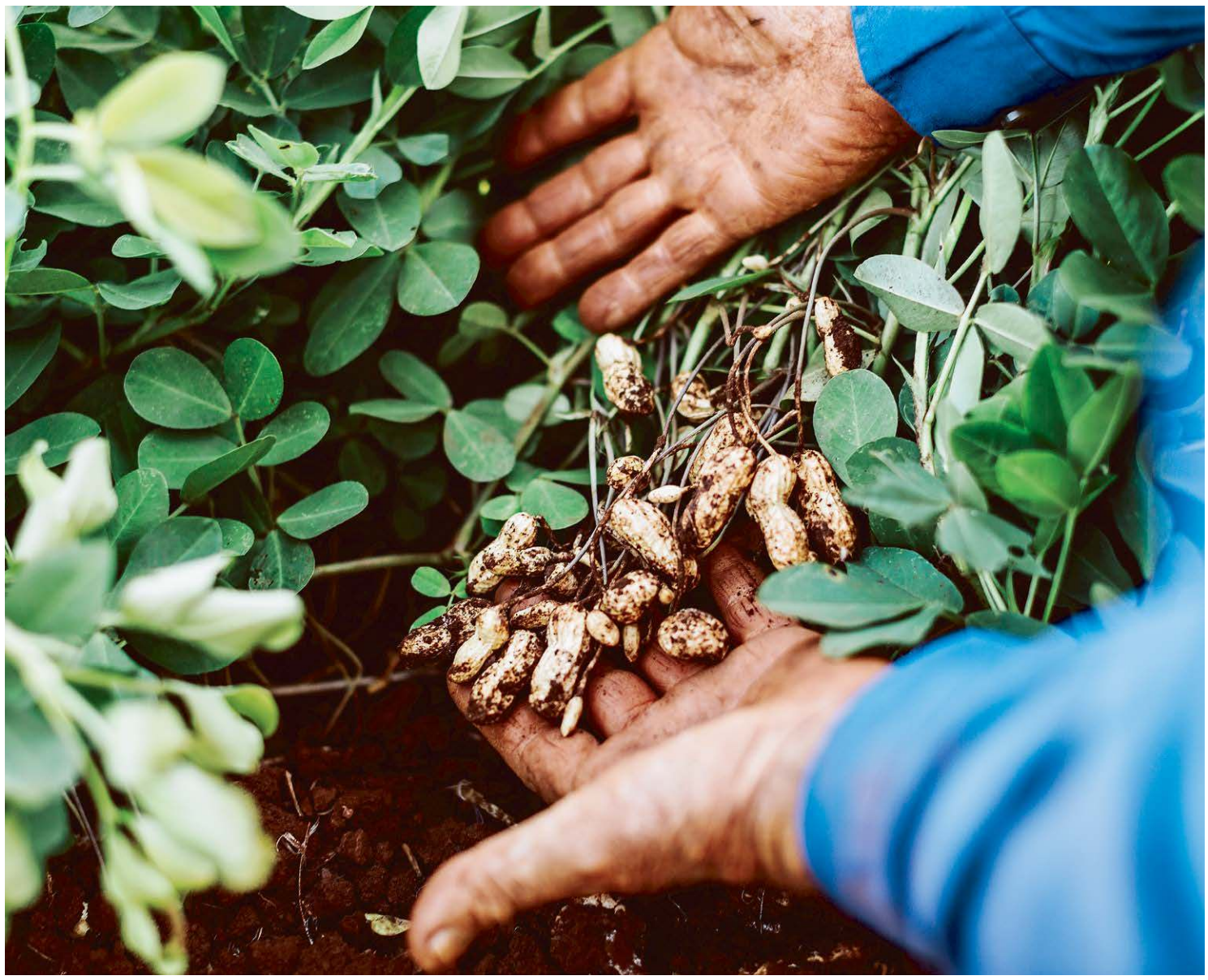
Having planted the seed, give the garden bed a big drink and mulch the bed lightly to prevent the soil surface hardening.

If the garden bed has been well watered prior to planting and given another short water after planting, possibly no further water will be required for the plants to emerge.

A spell of hot weather may require another water 4-5 days after planting.

Over-watering can result in the seed rotting.

Some gardeners prefer to dust their seed with a fungicide prior to planting to prevent them rotting.



Peanut plants are also useful for putting nitrogen back into your soil as they grow. (Contributed: 240798)

Dusting with a fungicide is recommended.

Seedlings should appear anywhere from 5 to 10 days.

Once emerged thin seedlings to one plant every 15cm for best results.

When the seedlings have emerged, they should be regularly watered, and the garden bed should be kept weed free.

If no pre-planting fertiliser was applied you may need to fertilise with a complete NPK fertiliser high in nitrogen.

If you are using organic fertilisers, after a month apply again at the recommended rate for vegetables.

Alternatively, to promote good, sustained growth consider fortnightly liquid fertilising with a complete fertiliser such as Aquasol or Thrive or one of the many organic liquid varieties available.

As the peanuts grow it can pay to mound up the soil either side of the plant to provide support and most importantly to make it easy for the "pegs" to penetrate the soil.

Once the peanuts grow to 30cm they will produce yellow flowers and once they are pollinated the flower stalks called "pegs" will lengthen and push downwards into the soil.

The pods actually develop underground, with each pod producing from one to four kernels.

As the "pegs" lengthen and head for the soil more soil can be mounded along the sides of the plant to assist the pegs penetrating the soil.

Do not disturb the plants until they yellow and commence to die down, around 16-22 weeks after planting.

It is then that the plant should be dug up.

Leave the plants in a cool location to shrivel, then shake any soil from the plants and remove the pods.

Allow them to dry further in a cool to warm shady location until the shells are hard.

The peanuts can then be extracted and eaten raw or they can be roasted on a shallow tray in the oven.

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Fright night
Stephen King's *Carrie* heads back to school

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Matter of facts

Juliet Stevenson reckons with the past in ABC thriller **Dustfall**

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Change the narrative

After first reading the script for *Dustfall*, English actress Juliet Stevenson knew she couldn't say no to the Australian thriller. The four-time BAFTA nominee tells **Lauren Mitchell** why being a part of this story was so crucial to her





Force of nature: Juliet Stevenson as Olivia in *Dustfall*; inset, Anna Torv as her daughter Tig. Images: Vince Valutti

IN THE midst of heaping praise on the cast, crew and creatives behind new Australian thriller *Dustfall*, Juliet Stevenson stops to point out that her gushing is not something she does for every production.

"My husband and I were staying on the beach at the Gold Coast – it was glorious," Stevenson says.

"Every night I'd come back and say 'I had the best day's filming'. And he said, 'I can't get used to this! Normally you come back moaning about this and that'.

"I had the best time I've ever had filming a TV series, and I've worked for 48 years. The crew, the creatives were just extraordinary. It was a really wonderful experience, and I am happy to hopefully return.

Despite the distance from her London home, the *Professor T* star was at ease in Australia, having spent years of her childhood in the seaside Victorian town of Queenscliff due to her father's military posting, and returning in 2002 for a role in *The Road from Coorain*, the film based on Jill Ker Conway's autobiography.

Dustfall takes place in a central Queensland town, where detective Antigone "Tig" Pollard (Anna Torv) has moved home to de-stress after an emotionally exhausting sexual assault case in Brisbane failed to secure a conviction.

Based on Vikki Petraitis's 2022 novel *The Unbelieved*, the series finds Tig living in the home where she was raised on-and-off by her late grandmother and embracing the quieter pace of life in North Gap. That is, until a teenage girl is found naked in a cane field and suspects start turning up dead.

Stevenson plays Tig's mother, Olivia, a real force of nature who can't help but rub her daughter up the wrong way.

"I thought the relationship between Tig and Olivia was just really subtle and layered and I'm always looking for women's roles that are complex," Stevenson says.

"Very often the roles for women my age get more simplistic. You're a witch, a bitch, you're a wonderful granny, you're a terrible granny... They really lose a lot of subtlety and it's frustrating because as you get older, you understand life more and more. But the roles often get more two-dimensional. This was a really rounded, interesting part and relationship."

Some actors take weeks to bond with their castmates and build a feeling of family, but the complicated dynamic between mother and daughter fell into place almost immediately for Stevenson and Torv.

"It's not a given that you're going to click with the actor playing your child or your close relative," Stevenson says.

"And in any situation where you're playing someone you're very close to, with years of intimacy between your family, it's a gamble. We'd hardly met when we were playing our first scene, but we just sort of clicked. I think we work in quite similar ways.

Tig seemingly holds a lot of resentment towards her mother for leaving her in North Gap.

"Olivia had to go away. She spent a lot of Tig's childhood working abroad, teaching in England.

"She comes from a generation – as do I, of course – where women really felt like they needed to have careers but also have kids and try and manage both. So Olivia has lost some of her relationship with Tig to her own mother, and that sits in the middle of them. And of course, that's painful for both of them. There's a lot of issues to unpack."

In particular, Olivia finds herself reckoning with her role in a problematic relationship from her daughter's teenage years with local musician Andy (Peter Fenton), who is 16 years Tig's senior.

"You know, she's got things very wrong," admits Stevenson.

"It's a really interesting journey, because she did not spot that Andy was grooming her child. She misread Andy. And she thought when her daughter was young and was hanging around Andy and his band, that was cool. I think, now, hopefully people would be more vigilant about that. But Olivia's generation, my generation, when we grew up, we never heard the word 'grooming'."

"I'm not really like her, but I am the same generation as her, obviously. So there are things about her I do understand, but it's always more fun to play somebody who's not like you."

"She brings a whole different vibe with her. She's a much more worldly person. She loves having a good time, she loves a good meal, a chat, flirting. It's fun to play women like that at my age because we're kind of expected to be past all that."

While most of Stevenson's on-screen moments are shared with Torv, she was given a new scene partner for the series finale: a rather sizeable spotted python.

"I'm not scared of very many things, but the one thing I'm absolutely phobic about is snakes, so that was a bit of a challenge – but the snake was there with its agent and its manager and its publicist," Stevenson jokes.

"The most difficult thing was I had to lie in that bed and wait and take my own time to look at it. So it crawled along at the bottom of the bed, and then it was going to turn and slide up the bed towards me.

"Well, my instinct was to turn quite quickly and look and then get out fast. But there would have been no scene then, so I had to wait. And the waiting with my eyes shut, that was a difficult bit, making myself not do it too soon. Then, the rest was not acting. Seeing it and shrieking and running out the room, there was no acting required, let's just say."

When first reading the script from *After the Party* screenwriter Dianne Taylor, Stevenson was drawn in by the timely topic that *Dustfall* explores, and the manner in which it does so.

"The subject matter is really close to my heart, which is the incremental rise in sexual violence to women and the hugely problematic culture around rape and disbelieving women," she explains.

"These themes in the show are there in such interesting ways. You've got the main story, which is a horrible rape. But then later on there's a coercive controlling relationship between a man and his partner. You've got the trolling of women who speak out, the whole grooming theme; and Tig has her own history.

"They're all plaited, they're all braided into the story, so it gives you a really broad tapestry of these different kinds of male violence.

"It's not a series in which we say 'Oh, all men are ghastly'. It's not a didactic piece, it's not a lecture. It's a really ripping whodunnit, and it's subtle. Those are the underlying themes and it's not irrelevant that it's largely made by women."

Stevenson is grateful that *Dustfall* "doesn't pull its punches", but avoids the more grotesque or gratuitous aspects of some crime thrillers, focusing on the effects of the acts instead of showing the scenes themselves.

"This deals with it so carefully," she notes. "You don't see the thing. You see the human beings to whom this has been done. You get to know Edie [the victim, played by Zoe Phillips] and her mother [Kate Box] and their family. You see the impact of what happens to Edie and the rest of the family. That's another thing very seldom talked about."

■ *Dustfall*, Sunday, 8.20pm, ABC TV and streaming, ABC iview.

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Movie Guide



PICK OF THE WEEK

Saturday

GRAN TURISMO: BASED ON A TRUE STORY

Seven, 6.30pm, M (2023)

The worlds of professional race car driving and video games collide in this high-octane underdog drama. Directed by Neill Blomkamp (*District 9*, *Chappie*), it's inspired by the rise of Jann Mardenborough, a British professional racing driver who spent his teen years learning the craft by playing *Gran Turismo* on his PlayStation at home. Archie Madekwe stars as Jann, who enrols in the GT Academy competition despite the disapproval of his father (Djimon Hounsou). Once there, he fights to impress trainer Jack (David Harbour) and Nissan executive Danny (Orlando Bloom, inset) to win the chance to represent the company on the track. Impressive stunts and tight race scenes fuel this sports biopic to a podium finish. ★★★★

Ahead of the game: Archie Madekwe plays pro driver Jann Mardenborough.



THE DRESSMAKER

Seven, Friday, 7pm, M (2015)

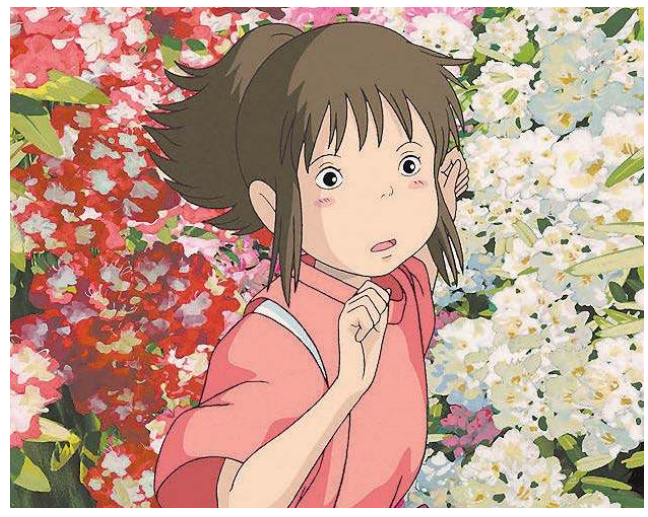
Kate Winslet (pictured with Liam Hemsworth) is in fine form as Tilly Dunnage, a complicated woman who returns to her rural home in Outback Australia after years honing her dressmaking craft in Europe. Turning up with her sewing machine and a lifetime's worth of baggage, Tilly has a subtle plan for revenge as she sets about bringing down her ugly hometown with her beautiful outfits. With fine performances and finer costumes, *The Dressmaker* is a cut above. ★★★★



THE INTERN

Imparja, Friday, 8pm, M (2015)

In this fish-out-of-water comedy from the talented hands of writer and director Nancy Meyers (*Something's Gotta Give*, *It's Complicated*), Robert DeNiro plays smartly dressed widower Ben, who turns his back on retirement and lands a job as a senior intern at an online fashion site, run by high flyer Jules (Anne Hathaway, pictured). What follows is a learning curve for both characters, with themes of the price of success and love charmingly examined in this adorably observant tale. ★★★★



SPIRITED AWAY

SBS World Movies, Saturday, 6.15pm, PG (2001)

This masterpiece by anime legend Hayao Miyazaki took more money than *Titanic* in Japan on its release and it's easy to see why. The *Alice in Wonderland*-style tale centres on Chihiro (voiced by late actress Daveigh Chase in the English-language version), a feisty girl who accidentally winds up in a spirit world while moving house with her family. The wonder turns sour when her parents are turned into pigs by spirits after they greedily eat a free meal. ★★★★★



FAST X

7mate, Sunday, 7pm, M (2023)

One movie's villain is another's hero – or at least that's how it goes in the *Fast* universe. In this 10th instalment, defeated cyber-baddie Cipher (Charlize Theron) returns to warn Dominic Toretto (Vin Diesel) about a new threat: terrorist Dante Reyes (Jason Momoa, pictured). As it turns out, he's not entirely fresh blood either... rather he's the aggrieved son of old foe Hernan Reyes, whom the gang ripped off and killed 12 years earlier in the incomparable *Fast 5*. ★★★



THE FLOOD

NITV, Monday, 9.40pm, MA15+ (2020)

A horror-revenge thriller delivered in the style of a traditional Western, this parable by Aussie writer director Victoria Wharfe McIntyre is steeped in confronting history. Set in the shadow of WWII, this layered drama follows Jarah (Alexis Lane, pictured), who is separated from her Indigenous husband Waru (Shaka Cook) and young daughter Binda (Simone Landers) by white men, setting her on a path of violent revenge. Buckle up for an unconventional, thought-provoking experience. ★★★

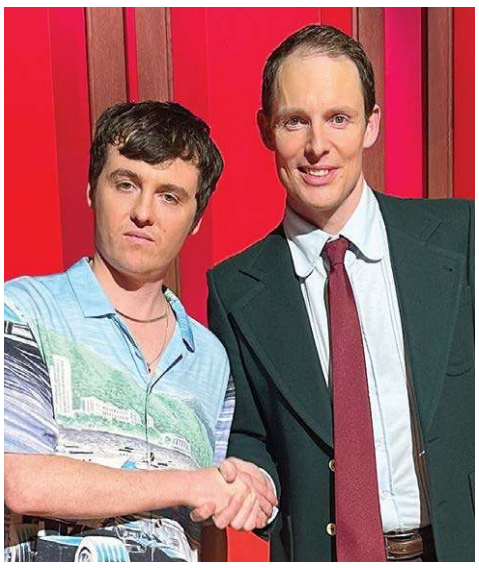


THE HATEFUL EIGHT

SBS2, Tuesday, 8.30pm, MA15+ (2015)

Set in the depths of a Wyoming winter, Quentin Tarantino's eighth film follows bounty hunter Marquis (Samuel L. Jackson, pictured). Caught in a storm, he snags a ride with fellow bounty hunter John (Kurt Russell), who is carrying fugitive Daisy (Jennifer Jason Leigh). On the way they pick up Chris (Walton Goggins), but are soon forced to take shelter in a haberdashery. Like a play, the character and dialogue-heavy action essentially takes place in this small room. ★★★★

The Guide



GUY MONTGOMERY'S GUY MONT SPELLING BEE (NZ)
ABC Entertains, Saturday, 8.30pm

Before comedian Sam Campbell brought pure chaos to his role as Guy Montgomery's assistant on the Australian version of this comedic spelling bee, he filmed this third-season episode of the NZ edition. As a contestant, Campbell (pictured left with Montgomery) swiftly dismantles the format and keeps usually composed compère Montgomery on his toes. His competition – Lesa Macleod-Whiting, Tofiga Fepulea'i and Ben Hurley – might be less familiar to local audiences, but this tribute to retro game shows is too much fun for that to matter. Plus, a fan-favourite segment causes everyone to put their thinking caps on this week: it's the reappearance of "The Hat Hat" round.

PICK OF THE WEEK

DUSTFALL
ABC TV, Sunday, 8.20pm

When acting powerhouse Anna Torv and acclaimed director Emma Freeman get together, televisual magic is guaranteed. Both Queensland-born, the creative partners (who previously teamed up on *The Newsreader* and *Secret City*) reunite for this thoughtful "tropic noir" set in the Gold Coast hinterland. Torv portrays Tig Pollard, a Brisbane detective who returns to her hometown of North Gap in the wake of a high-profile sexual assault case that failed to secure a conviction. When a local teenage girl is found naked in a cane field with no memory of the night before, Tig finds herself in the thick of another harrowing investigation where half the population are potential suspects. When those people of interest begin dying, the police are left to wonder if its a criminal tying up loose ends or someone else seeking their own form of justice. Joining Torv in the outstanding cast are Juliet Stevenson (*Professor T*), Kate Box (*Deadloch*), Bert LaBonté (*The Newsreader*), Ben Knight, Zoe Phillips and Alice Ansara.



Line of duty: Anna Torv as detective Tig Pollard in *Dustfall*.



THE STATE OF MAN
ABC TV, Tuesday, 8pm

With the rise of social media, the word "algorithm" has been getting quite a workout. While the term itself dates back to the 16th century (when it described basic mathematical calculations), it has taken on new meaning in recent years as an invisible force shaping culture and language beneath our very noses. In this timely three-part investigation, journalist Marc Fennell (pictured) sets out to discover how young men and boys are being radicalised into the troubling world of the "manosphere": an online network of communities attempting to shape modern masculinity with sexism, division and anger. Fennell, a dad of two, sets up his own "young Marc" social media profiles to witness it all for himself. You'll be shocked by how swiftly the content he is being shown evolves from fitness and finance videos to extreme and regressive ideologies.

Thursday, October 8

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

ABC TV (2)

6am Morning Programs. **11.00** Crime Night! (PG, R) **11.30** Small Prophets. (Ml, R) **12.00** News. **12.55** Doc Martin Christmas Special. (Ma, R) **2.00** Back Roads. (R) **2.30** You Can't Ask That. (Madl, R) **3.00** Frankie Drake. (PG) **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. (Final, PG)
8.30 Take 5 With Zan Rowe. (Final, PGl)
9.00 Amanda & Alan's Italian Job. (Final)
9.30 The Cage. (Final, M, R)
10.35 ABC Late News. **10.50** The Business. (R) **11.05** Death Valley. (PGa, R) **11.50** Frankie Drake. (Mav, R) **12.40** Long Lost Family. (PG, R) **1.25** Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) **2.40** Gardening Aust. (R) **3.40** Love Your Garden. (R) **4.30** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **5.30** 7.30. (R)

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **8.00** DD India News Hour. **9.10** Blind Ambition. **10.15** The Blind Sea. (PGal) **12.00** WorldWatch. **2.00** The Jury: Skeleton In The Garden. (Mal, R) **3.00** The Film I'll Never See. **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.
7.35 Tucci In Italy. (Premiere)
8.25 Inside Sydney Fish Market. (Premiere, PGal) Looks at the Sydney Fish Market.
10.25 SBS World News Late.
10.55 Cry Wolf. (Premiere, MA15+l)
11.45 Snow. (Ma, R)
2.25 Endurance: Race The Pole. (R)
3.20 The World's Most Remote Hotels. (PG, R)
5.00 NHK World English News Morning.
5.30 ANC Philippines The World Tonight.

SEVEN (7, 71)

6.00 Sunrise. **7.30** The Morning Show. (PG) **10.30** Seven's National News At Noon.
11.30 Time Is Money. (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. (PG)

6.00 Home And Away. Justin prepares to face the music.
7.00 Glenn And Mick's Celebrity Intervention. (Ms, R)
8.10 Unbelievable Moments Caught On Camera. (PGa) Footage of headline-grabbing moments.
9.10 Unfiltered. (M) Hosted by Hamish McLachlan.
9.40 Gatecrashers. Takes a look at the week in racing.
10.40 Attila The Hun. (Mav)
1.00 Home Shopping. (R)
2.30 NBC Today.
3.30 Sunrise Early News.
4.00 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)
8.10 Paramedics. (Mlv)
9.10 RPA. (PGm, R) An actor is sent for an MRI.
10.10 9News Late.
10.40 Chicago Med. (MA15+am)
11.30 Tipping Point. (PG, R)
12.30 Next Stop. (PGa, 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. **8.30** Farm To Fork. (R) **9.00** Ent. Tonight. (R) **9.30** Taskmaster Australia. (PGls, R) **10.30** Everyday Gourmet. **11.00** Millionaire Hot Seat. (PG, R) **11.30** News. **12.30** Deal Or No Deal. (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)

6.00 The Celebrity Traitors UK.
7.20 NCIS: Sydney. (Mv) The team races to stop a bomber.
8.20 10's Late News. Coverage of news, sport and weather.
9.20 Sports Tonight: The Weekly Kick-Off. A panel discusses and dissects all the soccer news in Australia.
9.50 Two And A Half Men. (PG, R) The guys warn Evelyn about her attitude.
11.00 Home Shopping. (R)
4.30 Entertainment Tonight. (R)
5.00 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG, R)
5.30 Deal Or No Deal. (R)

ABC FAMILY (22)

6am Children's Programs. **12.55pm** Talking Tom Heroes. **1.20** PJ Masks Power Heroes. **2.30** Monster Makes. **3.00** 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** Teenage Boss: Next Level. **9.55** 72 Cutest Animals. **10.25** Late Programs.

SBS2 (31)

6am Morning Programs. **10.30** Euronews The Ring. **11.00** Icons Unearthed: Marvel. **11.55** DW The Day. **12.25pm** Hudson & Rex. **2.15** Stories From The Cities. **2.45** Insight. **3.50** WorldWatch. **5.50** The Mega-Brands That Built The World. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats. **8.30** Secrets Declassified With David Duchovny. **9.20** Alone. **11.10** The Americans. **12.15am** The Patient. **2.00** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera News Hour.

7MATE (70)

6am Morning Programs. **10.00** American Pickers: Best Of. **11.00** Tougher In Alaska. **Noon** Highway Patrol. **1.00** The Force: BTL. **1.30** Talking W. **2.00** Air Crash Inv. **3.00** American Resto. **3.30** Storage Wars. **4.00** American Pickers. **5.00** Pawn Stars. **6.00** American Pickers. **7.00 MOVIE:** Captain Phillips. (2013, M) **9.45 MOVIE:** The Empty Man. (2020, MA15+) **12.35am** Sound FX: Best Of. **1.30** NFL. NFL. Replay. **4.30** Fishing Addiction. **5.30** Step Outside.

9GEM (90)

6am Morning Programs. **11.30 MOVIE:** The Railway Children. (1970) **1.45pm** Antiques Roadshow. **2.15 MOVIE:** The Ghost Of St. Michael's. (1941, PG) **4.00** Yorkshire Auction House. **5.00** Antiques Roadshow. **6.00** Shakespeare And Hathaway. **7.00** The Chelsea Detective. **9.00** Rizzoli & Isles. **10.00** Shakespeare And Hathaway. **11.00** Antiques Roadshow. **11.30** Creflo. **Midnight MOVIE:** The Railway Children. (1970) **2.15** Late Programs.

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. (Mv, R)
7.00 Law & Order: SVU. (Mav, R)
8.50 Bull. (PGav, R)
9.45 JAG. (PGlv, R)
11.45 Home Shopping.

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon** Pro Bull Riding: USA. **1.00** Ocean Warriors: Mission Ready. **1.30** Crook Hat And Kulanada. **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** Guardians Of The Wild. **7.30** Going Places. **8.30** Rabbit Fall. **9.00 MOVIE:** Talk To Me. (2022) **10.45** White Nanny, Black Child. **Midnight** The Boy, The Queen And Everything In Between. **12.30** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Morning Programs. **1pm** The Legend Of Fong Sai-Yuk. (1993, Mav, Cantonese) **3.00** Another Country. (2015, PGaw) **4.30** The Final Countdown. (1980, PGalv) **6.25** Le Samourai. (1967, PGav, French) **8.30** Buffalo Bill And The Indians. (1976, PGal, Engish) **10.45** Operation Napoleon. (2023, Mlv) **12.55am** Baby. (2024, MA15+ns, Portuguese) **2.55** Piece Of My Heart. (2022, MA15+d, Dutch) **5.00** Ama Gloria. (2023, PGa, French, Kabuverdianu)

7TWO (72)

6am Morning Programs. **12.05pm** Our Town. **12.30** A Moveable Feast. **1.00** The Aussie Property Flippers. **2.00** Harry's Practice. **2.30** Medical Emergency. **3.00** Better Homes. **4.00** Escape To The Country. **5.00** Bargain Hunt. **6.00** Father Brown. **7.00** Shetland. **9.30** Escape To The Country. **10.30** Bargain Hunt. **11.30** Father Brown. **12.30am** Harry's Practice. **1.00** Medical Emergency. **1.30** Better Homes. **2.30** Million Dollar Minute. **3.30** Late Programs.

9GO! (99)

6am Morning Programs. **11.30** Snackmasters. **1pm** Baywatch. **2.00** Big Bang. **3.00** Addams Family. **4.00** Seinfeld. **5.00** Baywatch. **6.00** Big Bang. **7.00** Seinfeld. **8.00 MOVIE:** Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey. (1991, PG) **10.00** Rugby Heaven. **11.00** Love Island UK: All Stars. **11.55** Legacies. **12.45am** Baywatch. **2.30** Barbie: Dreamhouse Adventures. **3.00** I Love VIP Pets. **3.20** Lego City: No Limits. **3.40** Bubble's Hotel. **4.00** Late Programs.

10 COMEDY (11)

6am Morning Programs. **7.30** GCBC. **8.00** Farm To Fork. **8.30** Bold. **9.00** Deal Or No Deal. **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** The Cheap Seats. **9.30** Frasier. **10.30** Ridiculousness. **11.00** Ent. Tonight. **11.30** Shopping. **1am** Bold. **2.00** 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 9

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ABC TV (2)

6am Morning Programs. **11.00** Austin. (PG, R) **12.00** News. **1.00** Portrait Artist Of The Year. (Final, PG, R) **1.50** The Cage. (Final, M, R) **2.35** Poh's Kitchen. (R) **3.00** Murdoch Mysteries. (PGv, R) **3.45** Grand Designs Aust. (PG, R) **4.45** Long Lost Family. (PG, R) **5.30** Antiques Roadshow. (R)

6.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)
7.00 ABC News.
7.30 Gardening Australia. Advice for the home gardener.
8.20 Death Valley. (Ma) A murder-mystery party turns into a real investigation when a famous actor is found stabbed to death.
9.05 Portrait Artist Of The Year. (Final, PG, R) Three artists paint Kirk Pengilly.
9.55 Class Clowns. (PGs, R) The comedians must deliver a sex ed talk.
10.25 Crime Night! (PG, R)
10.55 ABC Late News.
11.15 Murdoch Mysteries. (PGv, R)
12.00 Rage New Music. (MA15+adhlnsv)
5.00 Rage. (PG)

ABC FAMILY (22)

6am Children's Programs. **12.55pm** Talking Tom Heroes. **1.20** PJ Masks Power Heroes. **2.30** Monster Makes. **3.00** 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** Gardening Australia Junior. **7.35** TBA. **9.50** BattleBots. **10.35** Late Programs.

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **2pm** Kriol Kitchen. **2.30** The Cook Up. **3.00** Jarjums. **5.00** Ocean Warriors. **5.30** Nula. **6.00** Bamay. **6.40** Guardians Of The Wild. **7.30 MOVIE:** The Witches. (1990, PG) **9.15 MOVIE:** Friday. (1995, MA15+) **10.50** Nula. **11.20** Stompem Ground 2022: Blekbala Mujik. **12.05am** 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** The Jury: Skeleton In The Garden. (Mal, R) **3.00** Nula. **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 Hotel Portofino.
8.35 Tom Hanks: The Ordinary Hero.
9.35 Queens That Changed The World: The Last Queen Of America – Charlotte. (Return)
10.30 SBS World News Late.
11.00 Spy/Master. (MA15+v)
11.55 Darkness: Those Who Kill. (Mav, R)
1.45 Wisting. (Mal, R)
3.25 The World's Most Remote Hotels. (R)
4.35 Bamay. (R)
5.00 NHK World English News Morning.
5.30 ANC Philippines The World Tonight.

SBS2 (31)

6am Morning Programs. **2.15pm** Gymnastics. FIG Rhythmic World Cup. H'lights. **3.50** WorldWatch. **5.50** The Mega-Brands That Built The World. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.35** Celebrity Jeopardy. **8.30** The Godfather Of St Petersburg. (Premiere) **9.30** The Naked World. **10.25** Sex Club 101. **11.20** The Americans. **12.15am** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Morning Programs. **12.55pm** Oskars Kleid. (2022, Mal, German, Spanish) **2.50** Le Samourai. (1967, PGav, French) **4.55** The Lunchbox. (2013, PGa, Hindi, English) **6.55** Ride In The Whirlwind. (1965, PGv) **8.30** 3:10 To Yuma. (2007) **10.45** A Midnight Clear. (1992, MA15+v) **12.45am** Bad Eggs. (2003, Malv) **2.35** Late Programs.

SEVEN (7, 71)

6.00 Sunrise. **8.30** Motor Racing. Supercars C'ship. Bathurst 1000. Practice session. **10.30** Motor Racing. Supercars C'ship. Bathurst 1000. Practice session, supports and qualifying.
3.30 The Chase Australia.
4.30 Seven News.
5.30 Better Homes And Gardens.

7.00 MOVIE: The Dressmaker. (2015, Malsv, R) After a woman returns to her home town in the Australian outback, old rivalries are reignited. Kate Winslet, Judy Davis, Liam Hemsworth.
9.20 GetOn Extra. Lizzie Jelfs, Matt Hill, Simon Marshall and Brent Zerafa dive headlong into the weekend's best racing.
9.50 To Be Advised.
11.25 Jamestown. (MA15+av, R) The first women arrive in Jamestown.
1.00 Home Shopping. (R)
2.30 Million Dollar Minute. (R) Contestants go head to head in a test of brain power.
3.30 NBC Today.
5.30 Weekend Sunrise.

7MATE (70)

6am Morning Programs. **2pm** Air Crash Inv. **3.00** American Resto. **3.30** Storage Wars. **4.00** American Pickers: Best Of. **5.00** Pawn Stars. **5.30** Football. AFL Women's. Western Bulldogs v Essendon. **7.45 MOVIE:** Rush. (2013, MA15+) **10.25** Outback Pilots. **11.25** Late Programs.

7TWO (72)

6am Morning Programs. **11.30** Escape To The Country. **12.30pm** Weekender. **1.00** Cricket. Women's ODI Series. Aust v Bangladesh. **8.30** Escape To The Country. **9.30** Bargain Hunt. **10.30** Making Of The Americas. **11.30** Fresh TV. **Midnight** Our Town. **12.30** Harry's Practice. **1.00** Medical Emergency. **1.30** Better Homes. **3.30** Late Programs.

IMPARJA (9)

6.00 Today. **8.30** Today Extra. (PG) **11.00** 9News Morning. **11.30** The Block. (PGl, R) **12.30** Topknotz: Wild On Water. (Ma, 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. Lia and Richard's kitchen walls are falling down.
8.00 MOVIE: The Intern. (2015, Mal, R) A widower is hired as a senior intern. Robert De Niro, Anne Hathaway, Rene Russo.
10.30 See No Evil: Not A Social Person. (Mav, R) A woman is shot by a motorist.
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)

9GEM (90)

6am Morning Programs. **1.45pm** Antiques Roadshow. **2.15 MOVIE:** The Scarlet Blade. (1963, PG) **4.00** Yorkshire Auction House. **5.00** Antiques Roadshow. **6.00** Taronga: Who's Who In The Zoo. **7.00 MOVIE:** Rob Roy. (1995, M) **9.50** Forensics: Catching The Killer. **10.50** Antiques Roadshow. **11.20** Creflo. **11.50** 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 MOVIE:** Night At The Museum. (2006, PG) **8.15 MOVIE:** Clash Of The Titans. (2010, M) **10.15** Top 20 Funniest. **11.05** Babies Behind Bars. **11.55** Love Island UK: All Stars. **12.50am** Legacies. **1.40** Baywatch. **2.30** Late Programs.

TEN (10)

6am Morning Programs. **9.30** Taskmaster Australia. (PGls, R) **10.30** Everyday Gourmet. **11.00** Millionaire Hot Seat. (PG, R) **11.30** News. **12.30** Deal Or No Deal. (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 Love It Or List It Australia. (R) An intervention is necessary for a couple.
7.00 Have You Been Paying Attention? (R) Celebrity panellists compete to see who can remember the most about events of the week.
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) Alan looks forward to Judith's wedding. Charlie and Myra continue their romance.
10.30 Home Shopping. (R)
4.30 What's Up Down Under. (PG, R)
5.30 Reel Action. (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. (PGlv, R)
9.45 JAG. **11.45** Shopping.

10 COMEDY (11)

6am Morning Programs. **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. **4.00** Joseph Prince. **4.30** Shopping. **5.30** Late Programs.



Saturday, October 10

ABC TV (2)

6am Morning Programs. **12.00** News. **12.30** Beyond Paradise. (PGa, R) **1.30** Father Brown. (Final, PGv, R) **2.15** Death Valley. (Ma, R) **3.00** Bee Cause. (R) **3.15** Griff's Great Australian Rail Trip. (R) **4.05** The Tony Blair Story. (Final, PGa, R) **4.55** Aust Story. (R) **5.30** Landline. (R)

6.00 Kath & Kim. (PGals, R) Kim gives up smoking.
6.25 Hard Quiz. (PG, R) Presented by Tom Gleeson.
7.00 ABC News. A look at the top stories of the day.
7.30 Beyond Paradise. (PGa) Kelby's friend becomes the target of threatening texts.
8.30 Lynley. (Premiere, Mav) Mismatched duo DI Lynley and DS Havers investigate a suspicious death on Salcott Island.
10.00 Darby And Joan. (PGa, R) A former cop and a nurse join forces.
10.45 Farewell Doc Martin. (Ma, R)
11.30 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv)

ABC FAMILY (22)

6am Children's Programs. **2.30pm** The Makery. **2.45** Fizzy And Suds. **3.00** Play School. **3.30** Peter Rabbit. **4.15** Stan & Gran. **5.20** PJ Masks Power Heroes. **5.45** Iron Man And His Awesome Friends. **6.25** Zog. **7.05** Do Not Watch This Show. **7.30** Hard Quiz Kids. **8.00** Kids Baking C'ship. **8.40** Gladiators UK. **9.45** Merlin. **10.25** Late Programs.

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **1.40pm** Guardians Of The Wild. **2.30** Lakota Nation Vs United States. **4.30** Stompem Ground 2022: Yatangal. **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:** The Cabin In The Woods. (2012) **10.20** Karen Dalton: In My Own Time. **11.50** Late Programs.

SBS (3)

6.00 DW English News. **6.30** Al Jazeera. **7.00** BBC News At Six. **7.30** France 24 English News. **8.00** DD India News Hour. **9.05** Puppy Secrets: The First Six Months. (R) **10.05** Icons Of Auto. (PGa) **11.00** BBC News At Ten. **11.30** Cycling. UCI Gravel World C'ships. Elite Women. **4.30** WorldWatch.

6.00 Guillaume's Paris. (R)
6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 Holyroodhouse: A Royal Residence: Holyrood House. (PGa)
8.25 The Langham: Britain's First Grand Hotel.
9.20 The Jury: Skeleton In The Garden: The Vanishing. (Mal, R)
10.20 Cumbria: The Lakes & The Coast. (R)
11.15 The Silence. (MA15+a, R)
1.20 Kennedy: Jack (1917-1940) (PG, R)
4.40 Bamay. (R)
5.15 Euronews.
5.30 ANC Philippines The World Tonight.

SBS2 (31)

6am Morning Programs. **12.05pm** Pussy Riot: Rage Against Putin. **1.20** Great Australian Concerts: Grinspoon. **2.20** If You Are The One. **3.30** WorldWatch. **5.35** Mastermind Aust. **6.05** Cycling. UCI World Tour. Il Lombardia. Full race. **12.50am** Shenzong Tunnel Bridge. **1.50** Travel Man. **2.20** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Morning Programs. **12.15pm** Bad Eggs. (2003, Malv) **2.05** Mr. Holmes. (2015, PGa) **4.00** Buffalo Bill And The Indians. (1976, PGal, Engish) **6.15** Spirited Away. (2001, PGh) **8.30** The Mask Of Zorro. (1998, Mv) **11.05** Getaway Of Love. (2015, MA15+sv, Italian) **12.45am** Usogui. (2022, MA15+v, Japanese) **3.00** Late Programs.

SEVEN (7, 71)

6.00 Weekend Sunrise. **8.30** Motor Racing. Supercars C'ship. Bathurst 1000. Practice session. **11.30** Motor Racing. Supercars C'ship. Bathurst 1000. Practice session and support races. **3.00** Motor Racing. Supercars C'ship. Bathurst 1000. Top 10 shootout. **4.30** News. **5.30** Ports To Paradise. (Premiere, PG)

6.30 MOVIE: Gran Turismo: Based On A True Story. (2023, Ml) David Harbour.
9.20 MOVIE: Ford v Holden. (2023, PGal) Shane Jacobsen.
11.30 Motor Racing. Supercars Championship. Round 11. Bathurst 1000. Day 2. Top 10 shootout. From Mount Panorama Circuit, New South Wales. Replay.
1.00 Home Shopping. (R)
2.30 It's Academic. (R)
3.30 House Of Wellness. (PG, R)
4.30 NBC Today.
5.30 Motor Racing. Supercars Championship. Round 11. Bathurst 1000. Day 3. Supports and warm-up.

7MATE (70)

6am Morning Programs. **1.30pm** Motor Racing. Night Thunder. USA Boxing Day. Replay. **2.30** Frozen Gold. **3.30** Counting Cars. **4.30** Storage Wars. **5.00** Pawn Stars. **5.30** Football. AFL Women's. Richmond v Adelaide. **7.45 MOVIE:** The Last Of The Mohicans. (1992, M) **10.10 MOVIE:** Hellboy II: The Golden Army. (2008, M) **12.35am** Late Programs.

7TWO (72)

6am Morning Programs. **4pm** Escape To The Country. **5.00** Bondi Vet. **6.00** The Yorkshire Vet. **7.00** Escape To The Chateau. **8.00** Escape To The Country. **9.00** World's Most Scenic Railway Journeys. **10.00** Auction Squad. **11.00** House Calls To The Rescue. **Midnight** Our Town. **12.30** Medical Emergency. **1.00** Late Programs.

IMPARJA (9)

6.00 A Current Affair. (R) **6.30** Weekend Today. **9.30** Today Extra: Saturday. (PG) **11.30** Destination WA. (R) **12.00** Drive Review. **12.30** Let's Eat With George. **1.00** Gen Well. (Premiere, PG) **2.00** My Way: Winton Special. **2.30** Rugby Union. Bledisloe Cup. NZ v Aust. **5.30** 9News Saturday.

6.30 A Current Affair.
7.00 Getaway. (PG) Livina Nixon continues her journey through Scotland before heading south to England.
7.30 To Be Advised.
11.30 Wild Cards. (Mv, R) A bride is targeted on her wedding day.
12.30 Scar Tissue. (PGadm, R) Presented by Reuben Styles.
1.30 The Incredible Journey Presents. (PGa)
2.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
4.00 Global Shop. (R) Home shopping.
4.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
5.00 Helping Hands. (PGa, R)
5.30 Hello SA. (PG, R)

9GEM (90)

6am Morning Programs. **12.20pm** **MOVIE:** Piccadilly Incident. (1946) **2.30** Rugby Union. Bledisloe Cup. NZ v Aust. **5.30** Bledisloe Cup Post-Match. **6.00** **MOVIE:** Father Of The Bride. (1991) **8.10** **MOVIE:** When Harry Met Sally. (1989, M) **10.10** Memory Lane. **11.30 MOVIE:** Piccadilly Incident. (1946) **1.40am** Late Programs.

9GO! (99)

6am Morning Programs. **12.10pm** NBL: Overtime. **1.30 MOVIE:** A Royal Proposal: A Royal In Paradise II. (2024) **3.15** The Dog House UK. **4.15 MOVIE:** Scooby-Doo. (2002, PG) **6.00** TBA. **10.00** Top 20 Funniest. **10.55** Evil. **12.35am MOVIE:** Within The Pines. (2024, M) **2.00** Parental Guidance. **3.00** Late Programs.

TEN (10)

6am Morning Programs. **11.00** Shaun Micallef's Parents' Evening. (R) **12.00** Sydney Harbour Cops. (PGad, R) **1.00** Love It Or List It: Brilliant Builds. (PG, R) **2.00** Food Trail: South Africa. **2.30** Lingo. (R) **3.30** News. **5.00** Deal Or No Deal. (PG, R) **5.30** Australia Cup Final Pre-Game.

6.20 Soccer. Australia Cup. Final. South Melbourne v Melbourne Victory. From AAMI Park, Melbourne.
9.00 Love It Or List It: Brilliant Builds. (PG) Kirstie and Phil look back at two homes in need of smart storage solutions in Stoke and Newcastle.
10.00 The Graham Norton Show. (Ml, R)
11.00 FBI. (Mav, R)
12.00 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.

10 DRAMA (1)

6am Shopping. **7.30** Reel Action. **8.00** Building The Dream. **11.00** The Living Room. **1pm** JAG. **3.00** Reel Action. **3.30 Bondi Rescue.** (PGal, R) **4.00 JAG.** (PG, R) **6.00 NCIS.** (M, R) **7.00 FBI: Most Wanted.** (Mv, R) **8.50 JAG.** (PGv, R) **10.45 Home Shopping.** (R)

10 COMEDY (11)

6am Deal Or No Deal. **7.00** Bold. **9.30** Everyday Gourmet. **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) **9.30 Becker.** (PG, R) **10.00 Frasier.** (PGa, R) **11.00 Home Shopping.** (R)

Sunday, October 11

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ABC TV (2)

6am Morning Programs. **12.30** Landline. **1.30** Gardening Aust. (R) **2.15** Portrait Artist Of The Year. (Final, PG, R) **3.05** Grand Designs: House Of The Year. (Final, R) **4.00** Creative Types. (PG, R) **4.30** Amanda & Alan's Italian Job. (Final, R) **5.00** Take 5. (Final, PGl, R) **5.30** Back Roads. (Final, PG, R)

6.00 Antiques Roadshow. (R)
7.00 ABC News. A look at the top stories of the day.
7.30 Recipe Of The Year. (Premiere) Hosted by Adam Liaw and Pia Miranda.
8.20 Dustfall. (Premiere, Madls) A detective is called in to investigate a case.
9.15 The Forsytes. (Return) Soames dreams of fatherhood while Jolyon Jr faces the prospect of reconnecting with the Forsytes.
10.05 Lynley. (Mv, R) A mismatched duo investigate a death.
11.30 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv)
2.45 Dr Ann's Secret Lives. (R)
3.15 Darby And Joan. (PGa, R)
4.00 Antiques Roadshow. (R)
5.00 Insiders. (R)

ABC FAMILY (22)

6am Children's Programs. **3.25pm** Tiddler. **3.50** Children's Programs. **6.25** Zog. **7.05** Do Not Watch This Show. **7.30** Little Lunch. **7.45** Crookhaven. (Premiere) **8.25** Are You Afraid Of The Dark? (Premiere) **9.10** Dolphins Up Close With Bertie Gregory. **9.55** MythBusters "There's Your Problem!". **10.20** Late Programs.

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **3pm** Netball. First Nations Tournament. Gold medal match. **3.45** Stompem Ground 2022: Blekbala Mujik. **4.40** Boxing For Palm Island. **5.50** Bamay. **6.30** Guardians Of The Wild. **7.20** Our Medicine. **8.30** **MOVIE:** Gurrumul. (2017, MA15+) **10.20** **MOVIE:** Empire Of The Sun. (1987, PG) **1am** Late Programs.

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **7.30** France 24 English News. **8.00** DD India News Hour. **9.05** Puppy Secrets: The First Six Months. (R) **10.05** Ageless Gardens. (R) **10.35** Icons Of Auto. (PGav) **11.30** Cycling. UCI Gravel World C'ships. Elite Men. **4.30** Ageless Gardens. (R) **5.00** WorldWatch.

6.00 Guillaume's Paris. (R)
6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 Roman Empire By Train With Alice Roberts. (PG)
8.25 Ancient Superstructures: Sagrada Familia.
9.25 Cleopatra: Cracking The Enigma. (PG, R)
10.30 Royal Autopsy: Queen Mary I – Bloody Mary. (Man, R)
11.20 MOVIE: Whitney: Can I Be Me? (2017, Madls, R)
1.15 Kennedy: The Torch Has Passed (January 1961-December 1961) (PG, 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. **11.30** **MOVIE:** After The Sunset. (2004, M) **1.15pm** **MOVIE:** Groundhog Day. (1993, PG) **3.05** Jeopardy! **4.20** WorldWatch. **5.45** Icons Unearthed: The Lord Of The Rings. **6.40** Abandoned Engineering. **8.30** The Dropout. **10.30** Cycling. UCI ProSeries. Paris-Tours. **12.50am** The UnXplained. **1.40** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Morning Programs. **1pm** King Of My Castle. (2024, Malv, French) **3.00** Ride In The Whirlwind. (1965, PGv) **4.35** Monsieur Verdoux. (1947, PGa) **6.50** 3:10 To Yuma. (1957, PGv) **8.30** Killing Faith. (2025, MA15+v) **10.30** The Sweeney. (2012, MA15+lv) **12.35am** Getaway Of Love. (2015, MA15+sv, Italian) **2.15** Late Programs.

SEVEN (7, 71)

6.00 Motor Racing. Supercars C'ship. Bathurst 1000. Supports and warm-up. **8.30** Motor Racing. Supercars C'ship. Bathurst 1000. Build up and race. From Mount Panorama Circuit, NSW.
4.30 Seven News.
5.30 Glenn And Mick's Celebrity Intervention. (Return, PGls)

6.30 70 Years Of 7.
8.30 The Girl Who Caught A Killer. (MA15+av, R) Looks at the tale of Rachel Watts, who at seven-years-old, miraculously survived being abducted, assaulted and left for dead.
9.45 24 Hours In Police Custody: Frequent Flyers. (MA15+adl, R) Authorities search for a criminal couple.
10.45 Pure Genius. (Ma, R) A young woman resists getting a transplant.
11.45 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. **11.30** Football. AFL Women's. Hawthorn v Brisbane. **1.30pm** Football. AFL Women's. Sydney v Carlton. **3.30** Counting Cars. **4.30** Border Security: Int. **5.30** Border Security. **7.00** **MOVIE:** Fast X. (2023, M) **10.00** Border Security. **11.30** Border Security: Int. **Midnight** Blokesworld. **12.30** Frozen Gold. **1.30** Late Programs.

7TWO (72)

6am Morning Programs. **11.30** Escape To The Country. **12.30pm** South Aussie With Cosi. **1.00** Cricket. Women's ODI Series. Aust v Bangladesh. **8.30** **MOVIE:** Mrs. Harris Goes To Paris. (2022, PG) **10.55** Genius: Picasso. **Midnight** A Moveable Feast. **12.30** Auction Squad. **1.30** House Calls To The Rescue. **2.30** Late Programs.

IMPARJA (9)

6am Morning Programs. **10.30** Cross Court. **11.00** One Tank Holiday. (R) **11.30** GolfBarons. (R) **12.00** Drive TV. **12.30** Tasman Trails. (R) **1.30** Conquering Breast Cancer. (PGal) **3.30** Journey To The Southern Great Barrier Reef. (PG) **4.30** News. **5.00** RBT. (PGdl, R) **5.30** 9News Sunday.

6.30 The Block. (PGl)
8.10 60 Minutes. Current affairs program, investigating, analysing and uncovering the issues affecting all Australians.
9.10 Scrublands: Silver. (Return, MA15+v) Martin's childhood friend is killed.
10.10 9News Late.
10.40 The First 48: Old Habits. (Malv)
11.30 Australia's Top Ten Of Everything. (PGads, R)
12.30 One Tank Holiday. (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. **12.10pm** **MOVIE:** Derby Day. (1952) **1.55** **MOVIE:** The Getting Of Wisdom. (1977, PG) **4.00** Midsomer Murders. **6.00** Clarkson's Farm. **7.10** Fawlty Towers. **8.30** Blackadder Goes Forth. **9.50** Cold Case. **10.45** The Baron. **11.40** Creflo. **12.10am** Midsomer Murders. **2.10** **MOVIE:** Derby Day. (1952) **3.55** Late Programs.

9GO! (99)

6am Morning Programs. **11.45** Seinfeld. **12.15pm** **MOVIE:** The Black Stallion Returns. (1983) **2.15** **MOVIE:** Mr Mom. (1983, PG) **4.05** **MOVIE:** Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed. (2004, PG) **6.00** **MOVIE:** The Matrix. (1999, M) **8.45** TBA. **11.00** Bel-Air. **11.50** **MOVIE:** Your Love Is Mine. (2022, MA15+) **1.20am** World's Greatest Islands. **2.15** Late Programs.

TEN (10)

6am Morning Programs. **10.00** Building The Dream. (R) **11.00** Deal Or No Deal. (PG, R) **11.30** Millionaire Hot Seat. (PG, R) **12.00** Exploring Off The Grid. (PGa) **12.30** Gogglebox Aust. (ls, 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. Graham Norton chats with Sylvester Stallone.
7.30 Shaun Micallef's Parents' Evening. (R) Comedy quiz show in which three well-known Australians team up with their lesser-known parent or child.
8.30 FBI: International. (Mv, R) The FBI fly team works to clean up the pieces left behind after an explosion rocks headquarters.
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** Buy To Build. **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. (PG, R)
9.00 Becker. (PG, R)
9.30 Frasier. (PGa, R)
10.30 Home Shopping. (R)

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Monday, October 12

ABC TV (2)

6.00 News Breakfast. **9.00** News. **10.00** Lynley. (Mav, R) **11.30** Stuff The British Stole. (PG, R) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Landline. (R) **2.00** Parliament Question Time. **3.00** Murdoch Mysteries. (PGa, R) **3.45** Grand Designs Australia. (R) **4.40** Long Lost Family. (PG, R) **5.25** Antiques Roadshow. (R)

6.25 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)
7.00 ABC News.
7.30 7.30.
8.00 Australian Story.
8.30 Four Corners.
9.20 Media Watch. (PG)
9.35 Planet America.
10.05 Foreign Correspondent. (Final, R)
10.35 ABC Late News.
10.50 The Business. (R)
11.10 Murdoch Mysteries. (Ma, R)
11.55 Long Lost Family. (PG, R)
12.40 Parliament Question Time.
1.40 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. **9.30** Hard Quiz Kids. **10.00** Late Programs.

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **12.10pm** **MOVIE:** Gurrumul. (2017, PG) **2.00** Kriol Kitchen. **2.30** The Cook Up. **3.00** Jarjums. **5.00** Ocean Warriors. **5.30** The 77 Percent. **6.00** Bamay. **6.40** Ocean Parks. **7.30** Who Do You Think You Are? **8.30** Living Black. **9.00** The Grey Line. **9.40** **MOVIE:** The Flood. (2020, MA15+) **11.40** Late Programs.

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **11.40** Language Of Light. (Madn, R) **12.10** WorldWatch. **2.00** Secret Lives Of The Roman Emperors. (PGals, R) **3.10** Language Of Light. (PGan, R) **3.40** The Cook Up. (R) **4.10** The Welsh Valley That Won The Lottery. (PG, 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: Secrets And Lies. (Mal)
8.35 24 Hours In Emergency: Unbroken Ties. (Ma) A 10-month-old is rushed to A&E.
9.30 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. (Mls, R)
10.25 SBS World News Late.
10.55 Black Sands. (MA15+av)
12.45 Something Undone. (Mal, R)
3.05 Wales: Land Of The Wild: The Heat Is On. (PGa, R)
5.00 NHK World English News Morning.
5.30 ANC Philippines The World Tonight.

SBS2 (31)

6am Morning Programs. **12.30pm** Hudson & Rex. **2.10** The Grudge. **2.40** Going Places. **3.10** Over The Black Dot. **3.40** WorldWatch. **5.40** Living Next Door To Putin. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats. **8.30** Scrabble. **9.20** Icons Unearthed: Quentin Tarantino. (Premiere) **10.15** The Americans. **12.20am** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Morning Programs. **1pm** Samia. (2024, Mlv) **3.00** The Movie Show. **3.30** Spirited Away. (2001, PGh) **5.45** Metropolis. (1927, PGav, German) **8.30** El Topo. (1971, Spanish) **10.50** Master Gardener. (2022, Malsv) **12.55am** Romper Stomper. (1992, MA15+lsvw) **2.35** My Father Is A Hero. (1995, MA15+v) **4.35** Late Programs.

SEVEN (7, 71)

6.00 Sunrise. **7.30** 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. (PG)

6.00 My Kitchen Rules. (PGl)
7.40 The Rookie. (Mav) Nolan is put to the test when he's forced to protect a man he doesn't trust.
8.40 The Agenda Setters. (R) A team of trusted and respected footy voices tackles the biggest topics in the AFL world.
9.40 The Agenda Setters: Rugby League. A team of trusted and respected footy voices tackles the biggest topics in the rugby league world.
10.40 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. **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. **12.30am** Late Programs.

IMPARJA (9)

6.00 Today. **8.30** Today Extra. (PG) **11.00** 9News Morning. **11.30** The Block. (PGl, R) **1.00** Inside KOOZA By Cirque Du Soleil. (PG, 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 Australian Crime Stories: The Investigators: Unmasking A Monster. (Masv, R)
9.25 9News Late.
9.55 Outback Opal Hunters. (PGl)
10.55 Footy Furnace Trade Show. (Ml)
11.50 Tipping Point. (PG, R)
12.40 Hello SA. (PG)
1.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
2.00 Global Shop. (R)
2.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
3.30 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. (R)
4.00 A Current Affair. (R)
4.30 Today Early News. **5.00** Today.

9GEM (90)

6am Morning Programs. **12.50pm** Blackadder Goes Forth. **2.10** **MOVIE:** The Constant Husband. (1955) **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. **12.05pm** **MOVIE:** Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed. (2004, PG) **2.00** Baywatch. **3.00** Addams Family. **4.00** Seinfeld. **5.00** NBL: Overtime. **6.00** Big Bang. **7.00** Seinfeld. **8.00** TBA. **10.00** NBL: Overtime. **11.00** Love Island UK: All Stars. **Midnight** Legacies. **12.50** World's Greatest Islands. **1.45** Late Programs.

TEN (10)

6am Morning Programs. **9.00** Ent. Tonight. (R) **9.30** Gogglebox Aust. (ls, 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. (PGdls)
7.10 Have You Been Paying Attention? (Final)
8.10 10's Late News. Coverage of news, sport and weather.
9.10 Australian True Crime With Meshel Laurie: Sarah Lavis – Should Victims Be The Focus In Court? (Return, Ma) Sarah Lavis reflects on surviving an attack.
10.10 Two And A Half Men. (PGs, 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. **7.55** NCIS: Los Angeles. **8.50** Bull. **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 13

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

ABC TV (2)

6am Morning Programs. **10.00** Aust Story. (R) **10.30** Planet America. (R) **11.00** The Tony Blair Story. (Final, PGa, R) **12.00** News. **1.00** Beyond Paradise. (PGa, R) **2.00** Parliament. **3.00** Murdoch Mysteries. (PGv, R) **3.45** Grand Designs Aust. (R) **4.40** Long Lost Family. (PG, R) **5.25** Antiques Roadshow. (R)

6.25 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)
7.00 ABC News.
7.30 7.30.
8.00 The State Of Man. (Premiere, Mal)
8.50 Believe In Magic: The Mother Of All Cons. (Premiere, Ml)
9.50 Take 5 With Zan Rowe. (Final, PGl, R)
10.20 You Can't Ask That. (Mls, R)
10.40 ABC Late News.
10.55 The Business. (R)
11.10 Four Corners. (R)
11.55 Media Watch. (PG, R) **12.15** Murdoch Mysteries. (Mav, R) **1.00** Long Lost Family. (PG, R) **1.45** Parliament Question Time. **2.45** Gardening Australia. (R) **3.45** 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. **9.30** Kids Baking C'ship. **10.10** Late Programs.

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **2pm** Kriol Kitchen. **2.30** The Cook Up. **3.00** Jarjums. **5.00** Ocean Warriors. **5.20** Indian Country Today News. **5.50** Bamay. **6.35** Ocean Parks. **7.30** Cold Justice. **8.50 MOVIE:** The Pelican Brief. (1993, M) **11.20** Everyone, Everywhere, Everywhen. **Midnight** Late Programs.

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **11.10** Canal Boat Diaries. **12.00** WorldWatch. **1.55** The Jury: Skeleton In The Garden. (Mal, R) **3.00** Language Of Light. (PGaln, R) **3.35** The Cook Up. (R) **4.10** The Scottish Island That Won The Lottery. (PG, 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: The Verdict. (Final, Mal)
8.35 Titanic: The Digital Resurrection. (PGa)
9.55 SBS World News Late.
10.25 The Point. (R)
11.25 Mussolini: Son Of The Century. (MA15+sv)
12.25 The Vanishing Triangle. (Malsv, R)
3.00 Prince's Master Crafters Next Generation. (R)
3.50 The World's Most Remote Hotels. (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. **2.15** The Grudge. **2.45** Going Places. **3.50** WorldWatch. **5.50** The Mega-Brands That Built The World. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats. **8.30 MOVIE:** The Hateful Eight. (2015, MA15+) **11.35** The Americans. **12.30am** Brassic. **2.20** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Morning Programs. **12.40pm** A Private Function. (1984, Ms) **2.20** Monsieur Verdoux. (1947, PGa) **4.40** Summerland. (2020, PGa) **6.30** Angel And The Badman. (1947, PGv) **8.30** The Tracker. (2002, Mav) **10.20** The Fox. (2022, MA15+a, German, French) **12.35am** 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.**

6.00 My Kitchen Rules. (PG) Sheridan and Ted take on an ambitious menu.
7.40 Off The Grid With Colin And Manu. (Ml) Colin Fassnidge and Manu Feildel join forces with Richard from Emerson's.
8.40 The Amazing Race. (PG) Hosted by Phil Keoghan.
10.10 Happy's Place. (PG) After Gabby's mother shows up unannounced, it's up to Bobbie to help Gabby navigate their delicate relationship.
10.40 The Path. (MA15+adlv) Eddie faces exile after his crisis of faith.
12.30 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. **12.30pm** 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. **7.00** Inspector Morse. **9.20** Escape To The Country. **10.20** Bargain Hunt. **11.20** Call The Midwife. **12.30am** 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. (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)
8.10 1 Euro House. (PG)
9.10 Topknotz: Wild On Water. (PGa) The crew tackles Kawarau River rafting.
10.10 9News Late.
10.40 The Assassination Of Gianni Versace: American Crime Story. (MA15+alvv)
11.40 Tipping Point. (PG, R)
12.35 Cross Court. (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. **1.30pm** Antiques Roadshow. **2.00 MOVIE:** Saraband For Dead Lovers. (1948) **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** 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** Seinfeld. **8.00** TBA. **10.30** Jane The Virgin. **11.20** Love Island UK: All Stars. **12.15am** Legacies. **1.05** World's Greatest Man Made Wonders. **2.00** Big Rigs Of Oz. **2.30** Late Programs.

TEN (10)

6am Morning Programs. **9.30** Shaun Micallef's Parents' Evening. (PGdls, R) **10.30** Everyday Gourmet. **11.00** Millionaire Hot Seat. (PG, R) **11.30** News. **12.30** Deal Or No Deal. (PGa, 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, R)

6.00 Sydney Harbour Cops. A fleet of warships visits Sydney Harbour.
7.00 The Cheap Seats. (Mal) Presenters Melanie Bracewell and Tim McDonald take a look at the week that was.
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 begins acting strangely after spending an evening with his mother.
10.30 Home Shopping. (R)
4.30 Entertainment Tonight. (R) Hollywood's hottest stories.
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.



Wednesday, October 14

ABC TV (2)

6am Morning Programs. **11.15** Back Roads. (Final, PG, R) **12.00** News. **12.30** Press Club. **1.35** Media Watch. (PG, R) **2.00** Parliament. **3.00** Murdoch Mysteries. (PGv, R) **3.45** Grand Designs Aust. (PG, R) **4.40** Long Lost Family. (PG, R) **5.30** Antiques Roadshow. (PG, R)

6.25 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! (Ml)
9.35 Small Prophets. (Ml, R)
10.05 Planet America. (R)
10.40 ABC Late News.
10.55 The Business. (R)
11.10 Dustfall. (Madls, R)
12.05 Murdoch Mysteries. (Mav, R)
12.50 Long Lost Family. (PG, R)
1.40 Parliament Question Time.
2.40 Gardening Australia. (R)
3.40 Love Your Garden. (R)
4.30 Antiques Roadshow. (PG, 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. **9.30** The Piano. **10.20** Late Programs.

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **1pm** Exile And The Kingdom. **2.00** Kriol Kitchen. **2.30** The Cook Up. **3.00** Jarjums. **5.00** Amplify. **5.30** News. **6.00** Bamay. **6.40** Ocean Parks. **7.30** Friday Night Thunder. **8.30** Pro Bull Riding Australia. **9.30** Ocean Warriors: Mission Ready. **10.00 MOVIE:** Ka Po. (2022, M) **11.30** Late Programs.

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **11.05** Canal Boat Diaries. **12.00** WorldWatch. **1.55** The Jury: Skeleton In The Garden. (Mal, R) **3.00** Language Of Light. (PGn, R) **3.30** The Cook Up. (R) **4.00** Secrets Of Britain's Historic Houses & Gardens. (R) **5.05** Jeopardy! **5.30** Letters And Numbers. (R)

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (PG, R)
6.30 SBS World News.
7.35 Bill Bailey's Korea. (Premiere)
8.30 70 Up. (Final, PGa) The participants are brought together.
9.55 Apollo Has Fallen. (MA15+av)
10.45 SBS World News Late.
11.15 The Old Man. (Mlv)
12.05 Classified. (MA15+v, R)
2.35 Prince's Master Crafters Next Generation. (PG, R)
4.20 The World's Most Remote Hotels: The Torridon. (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. **2.15** The Grudge. **2.45** Going Places. **3.50** WorldWatch. **5.50** The Mega-Brands That Built The World. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats. **9.30** Mel Giedroyc: Unforgivable. **10.25** Ramy. **11.00** The Americans. (Final) **12.15am** Brassic. **2.05** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Morning Programs. **11.35** Master Gardener. (2022, Malsv) **1.40pm** Metropolis. (1927, PGav, German) **4.30** Porco Rosso. (1992, PGav) **6.15** Capricorn One. (1977, PGalv) **8.30** Butcher's Crossing. (2022, Malsv) **10.30** The Holy Mountain. (1973) **12.40am** The Tracker. (2002, Mav) **2.30** 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.** (PG)

6.00 The 1% Club UK. (PG, R) Hosted by Lee Mack.
7.00 A Taste For Murder. (Mav) A murder mystery weekend turns deadly.
8.00 House Of Wellness. (PG) Insights and experiences that highlight living well.
9.00 The Agenda Setters. (R) An expert panel tackles the biggest AFL topics.
10.30 Riviera. (MA15+adlsv, R) Georgina tries to track down the art collector.
1.00 Home Shopping. (R)
2.30 NBC Today.
3.30 Sunrise Early News.
4.00 Sunrise.

7MATE (70)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon** Outback Truckers. **1.00** Cricket. Women's ODI Series. Aust v Bangladesh. **5.00** Pawn Stars. **5.30** 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** American Pickers. **12.30am** Pawn Stars. **1.30** Late Programs.

7TWO (72)

6am Morning Programs. **12.30pm** A Moveable Feast. **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** Our Town. **12.30am** Late Programs.

IMPARJA (9)

6.00 Today. **8.30** Today Extra. (PG) **11.00** 9News Morning. **11.30** The Block. (PGl, R) **12.30** Topknotz: Wild On Water. (PGa, R) **1.30 Pointless.** (PG, R) **2.30 Tipping Point.** (PG, R) **3.30 9News Afternoon.** **4.30 Tipping Point Australia.** (PG) **5.30 9News.**

6.30 A Current Affair.
7.00 The Block. (PGl)
8.15 Chefs Ahoy. Mark LaBrooy faces fan-favourite Khanh Ong.
9.15 9News Late.
9.45 Airport Security: USA. (Ma, R)
10.45 Sight Unseen. (Mav)
11.35 Footy Furnace Trade Show. (Ml)
12.30 Drive Review. (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. **12.30pm** Grantchester. **1.40** Antiques Roadshow. **2.10 MOVIE:** Don't Bother To Knock. (1961, PG) **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** As Time Goes By. **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** Seinfeld. **8.00** TBA. **10.30** Jane The Virgin. **11.20** Love Island UK: All Stars. **12.15am** Legacies. (Final) **1.05** Baywatch. **2.00** Big Rigs Of Oz. **2.30** Barbie: Dreamhouse Adventures. **3.00** 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. (PGa, 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)

6.00 The Celebrity Traitors UK.
7.25 Boston Blue. (Ma) When a captured serial killer hints at the whereabouts of a missing child, Danny races to save the victim.
8.25 10's Late News. Comprehensive coverage of local, national and international news, as well as the latest sport and weather.
9.25 The Cheap Seats. (Mal, R) Presenters Melanie Bracewell and Tim McDonald take a look at the week that was.
10.30 Home Shopping. (R)
4.30 Entertainment Tonight. (R)
5.00 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG, R)
5.30 Deal Or No Deal. (R)

10 DRAMA (1)

6am Shopping. **6.30** Days Of Our Lives. **7.15** The Young And The Restless. **8.00** 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.

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On Demand



Fright night: Summer H. Howell as horror icon Carrie White.

MIND OVER MATTER

CARRIE
Streaming, Prime Video

The twisted mind of modern horror maestro Mike Flanagan (*The Haunting of Hill House*) and the books of prolific author Stephen King are a match made in heaven (though perhaps "hell" would be more apt). After Flanagan proved his mettle with a hypnotic version of the "unadaptable" *Gerald's Game* for Netflix in 2017, the pair's creative partnership has produced *Doctor Sleep* (2019), *The Life of Chuck* (2024) and now, this unflinching rendition of the author's 1974 debut novel.

The first series adaptation of *Carrie* reimagines the story for the present day, deepening the characters and tensions of the classic thriller while closely following the circumstances and choices that build into that one fateful night (you know the one).

Canadian actress Summer H. Howell plays the titular sheltered teen, who is thrust into the unforgiving world of public high school after the sudden death of her father. Frequent Flanagan collaborator Samantha Sloyan is chilling as Carrie's fiercely protective mother, Margaret.

The real-world horrors of bullying and social media soon become part of Carrie's world as the young woman grapples with the pressure to fit in, the casual cruelty of her classmates and her growing telekinetic powers.

A timely take on the nightmarish novel and the dangers of growing up in the modern world, this collaboration between two horror heavyweights is "bloody" brilliance.

– Lauren Mitchell



MATCHBOX THE MOVIE
Streaming from Friday, Apple TV

Inspired by the blockbuster success of *Barbie*, toy manufacturer Mattel is cashing in on nostalgia with this action-packed comedy based on its collectible car brand. John Cena (pictured) leads as undercover CIA agent Sean. Framed for the theft of a nuclear warhead, Sean reunites with his childhood friends (Jessica Biel, Sam Richardson, Arturo Castro and Teyonah Parris) to retrieve the weapon and save the day.



GEORGIE & MANDY'S FIRST MARRIAGE
Streaming from Friday, HBO Max

As this sweet *Young Sheldon* spin-off returns for its third season, there's a storm brewing in the Cooper-McAllister household. Georgie (Montana Jordan) continues to feud with his mother, Mary (Zoe Perry), over her relationship with his business rival Fred Fagenbacher (Matt Letscher). When Mandy (Emily Osment, pictured with Jordan) and her family take Mary's side in the conflict, all bets are off.



ELSBETH
Streaming from Friday, Paramount+

New York's most colourfully dressed lawyer continues to sniff out killers in this fourth season. Elsbeth Tascioni (Carrie Preston, pictured) crosses paths with a renowned marriage counsellor (Nicole Scherzinger) in the premiere episode. Upcoming guest stars include Nicholas Braun (*Succession*), Jemima Kirke (*Girls*) and Lea Michele (*Glee*).



GNOMES
Streaming, Stan

Sex Education star Asa Butterfield (pictured) joins a hilarious local cast in this offbeat Aussie horror-comedy series. In a country town famous for its garden gnome festival, policeman Arnold (Butterfield) must team up with his ex, Ellie (Megan Smart), when an ancient, evil force is awakened and turns the terracotta ornaments into bloodthirsty killers.



ANIMALS
Streaming from Friday, Netflix

Politician Mark Kimball (Ben Affleck) appears to have it all – a loving family, a successful career, a lavish home – but that façade doesn't last long in this high-stakes thriller. When their son is kidnapped, Mark and his wife Abigail (Kerry Washington, pictured with Affleck) are forced to come clean about the secrets behind their happy marriage.


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

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Celebrate ‘real’ news

By Damian Morgan,
President Country Press Australia


Country Press Australia president Damian Morgan.

THIS week we celebrate World News Day – a day to celebrate journalism, and the fact-based, verified information it produces.

It’s also a good day to remind ourselves why that matters.

Because whether it’s a real-world conversation around the water cooler at work, or an answer being generated by AI, we need to be feeding the system – both human and robot - accurate, verified information. Get that wrong and the consequences can be catastrophic.

Truth matters – especially when the truth is less sexy than a more compelling story, told entertainingly by an advocate or influencer that gets more clicks on social media.

And that’s the problem.

We are producing more information and “news” than ever before, while having fewer journalists doing the work of checking it, challenging it and finding out whether it’s actually true.

So where have all the journalists gone?

In regional Australia, if you’re looking for some of the best-paid journalists in town – often the former editors or longest-serving scribes at the local paper – you’ll increasingly find them writing marketing and “news” for the local council.

Yes, the same government they once held to account now has some of the best journalistic talent producing its PR.

We can’t blame the journalists. They get paid more to do less.

But it is worth asking - why has local government decided it needs to get into the news business? Most people don’t want their council to be a news organisation. They want it to do its job. Roads, rates and rubbish. Planning. Parks. Libraries. Local services. The things councils are actually there to do.

We didn’t ask our council to establish a newsroom. And yet that’s increasingly what is happening.

Councils are building their own channels to “inform” residents – websites, newsletters, videos, social media and publications that look increasingly like news services.

But here’s the problem. A government communications operation exists to tell people what the government is doing. A newsroom exists to ask whether what the government is doing is any good.

They’re not the same thing. One communicates. The other scrutinises.

And when councils start filling the local information space with their own version of “news”, they’re not just communicating with their communities. They’re competing with the independent newsrooms that are supposed to hold them to account.

We shouldn’t kid ourselves that this is just a harmless shift in the way councils communicate. When government starts producing the news, it changes the information ecosystem.

“News” is already a much-abused term.

Government and corporate PR departments produce “news”. Online advocates and influencers produce “news”. Marketing is dressed up as information. Opinion is dressed up as fact.

Social media platforms are just as happy to host dangerous lies as they are the truth. They profit the same either way.

There’s an old maxim in journalism that news is what somebody doesn’t want printed – the rest is PR. A great local news service does much more than that, of course. It builds connection, tells the stories of communities, celebrates local achievement and helps people understand the place they live. But it must also do that first thing. It must be prepared to ask the questions somebody doesn’t want asked. Because democracy depends on scrutiny. The spotlight test that shines a light on what people in positions of power are doing and let the public decide what they think.

And right now, we’re at risk of an entire level of government in this country – local government – going increasingly unscrutinised while it builds its own channels to tell residents its side of the story.

That’s why this matters beyond our own newsrooms.

This year, more than 1000 news organisations across more than 100 countries are marking World News Day together – a global campaign asking the public to know the facts, understand what matters and choose trusted journalism, because it’s their right to know.

It’s also a chance for all of us to think about the information diet we’re consuming.

Stop scrolling. Question the things that simply confirm what you already believe. Be suspicious of certainty without evidence. And remember that not everything that looks like news is journalism.

This World News Day, let’s celebrate local news services and the journalists who work across regional Australia. They are essential infrastructure for our democratic way of life. They are the people who help make sure the information we consume – in our communities, in our conversations and increasingly in our AI machines – is based on something more solid than whoever shouted the loudest or got the most clicks.

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If everyone’s feeling the squeeze, where’s all this inflation coming from?

Many of us are feeling under cost-of-living pressure, so what’s causing the inflation the RBA acknowledges is making Australians “furious”?

Households have been dealing with years of higher prices. Consumer confidence is weak, house prices have fallen and the economy is slowing. Yet inflation remains stubbornly above the Reserve Bank of Australia’s 2% to 3% target range.

RBA Deputy Governor Andrew Hauser acknowledged the frustration in a recent interview with the ABC’s 7.30 program.

“People want inflation down. People are furious about inflation. I understand why. It’s unfair. It hits people on low incomes. It damages price signals. It makes the job of companies difficult. What they want us to do is our job and bring inflation down,” Hauser said.

The latest ABS inflation figures show annual inflation rose to 4.0% in August from 3.5% in July. Trimmed mean inflation, which strips out some of the more volatile price movements to give a better sense of the underlying trend, remained at 3.6% for the third consecutive month.

The first thing to understand is that inflation doesn’t measure how much we’re buying. It measures how much prices are changing. It also doesn’t tell you how high prices have already become.

Imagine something that cost $100 rises to $110 one year and then $113 the next. The rate of inflation has slowed considerably, but you’re still paying $13 more than you were before.

So where is the inflation actually coming from? The short answer is: from several places at once.

Some of it is coming from prices Australians can’t easily avoid. Housing was the biggest contributor to inflation in August, rising 5.7% over the year.

Some of the pressure is also coming from overseas. Higher oil, diesel, fertiliser and other costs linked to the Middle East conflict don’t always reach consumers immediately.

Businesses can absorb those costs for a while before eventually putting up their own prices and passing them through to customers.

Then there’s a more structural problem: how much the Australian economy can produce.

The RBA’s August Statement on Monetary Policy says the economy is still operating with capacity constraints. In other words, demand for some workers, goods and services remains stronger than the economy can comfortably supply without pushing up prices.

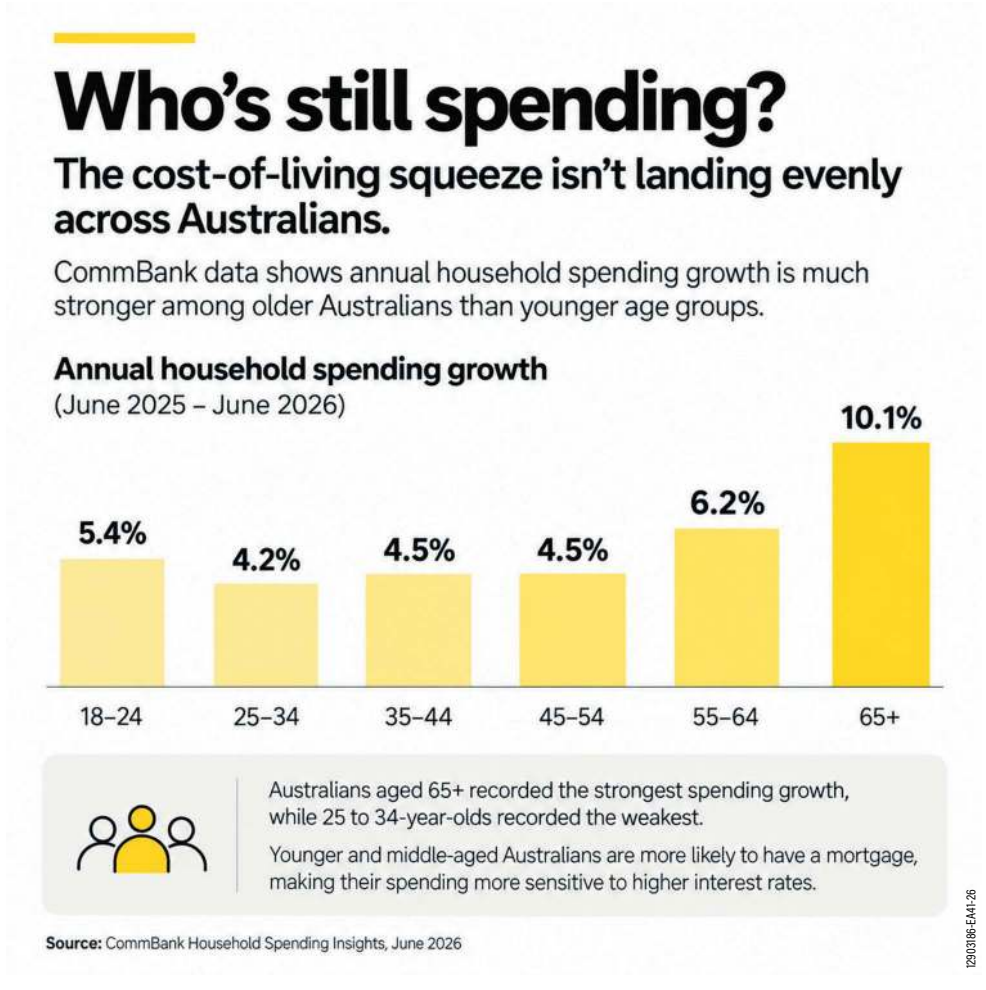
So inflation can keep running even while parts of the economy are clearly slowing.

CommBank Household Spending Insights data showed spending among Australians aged 65 and over was 10.1% higher in June than a year earlier. Spending growth among 25 to 34-year-olds was just 4.2%, while 35 to 44 and 45 to 54-year-olds recorded growth of 4.5%.

“Household consumption patterns diverge by age. Shifts in interest rates, inflation and wealth affect age cohorts differently, which can lead to varying rates of spending growth,” CommBank Head of Australian Economics Belinda Allen said.

One obvious reason is housing debt. “These groups are more likely to have a mortgage, making them more sensitive to higher interest rates,” Allen said of the younger and middle-aged groups.

Higher rates can’t build more houses, lift productivity overnight or bring down the global oil price. What they can do is cool demand.



Australians cutting back and inflation remaining too high aren’t contradictory. The squeeze is landing very differently across households, and many of the prices still rising are for things people can’t easily avoid.

What matters most now is whether those pressures fade as the economy slows, or whether inflation remains persistent enough for the RBA to decide that more rate rises are needed.

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A man of many hats

By Phil Williams

"JUDGE" Nichols as he was known was born in Brunswick, Victoria on 4 April 1890 and was the son of a Baptist Minister and served in the Light Horse Brigade during World War I.

Joseph Nichols went to Darwin in 1924, joining the Commonwealth Public Service in 1925, and was later joined by his wife, Ruby.

His titles included Clerk of Courts, Judge's Associate, Special Magistrate and Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths.

Altogether, he held 28 Government positions connected with legal or authoritative demands, which often necessitated that he wrote letters to himself in one capacity or another.

He would then frame suitable replies reflecting the official view of another of his appointed positions.

The situation could have been chaotic at times, had it not been for what is described as his extraordinarily tidy mind.

During during World War II, women and children, including his wife Ruby.

Nichols remained in Darwin, he took it upon himself to protect the valuable collection of books housed in the Supreme Court library when the first Japanese bombs rained down on the city.

He removed the books and court records to the Pine Creek Police station, wher they remained until the end of the war.

After he moved to Alice Springs, Judge Nichols opened the Eastside Post Office on Undoolya Road in 1955 with help of his wife.

He was in demand with people wanting his advice and had a high reputation for being just and fair.

Judge, associated with the RSL, as a World War I veteran, was member of the Masonic and Buffalo Lodges, and was keenly interested in football, serving as President of the NT Football League.

He was made a Member of the British Empire (MBE) for his services to the community in the Queens Birthday Honours on 13 June, 1964 and the site of the Darwin Magistrates Court now bears his name

Judge died in 1968, he was survived by his wife and three sons.

Nichols Street, Gillen was gazetted on 3 February 1971.

- Source: The History of Alice Springs Through Landmarks and Street Names by Jose Petrick OAM, Updated to November 2010
- Additional information: NT Place Names Register and Journal of Northern Territory History



JUDGE: An undated photo of Joseph Nichols with Maude Close at a rail siding near Darwin (Old Darwin: 582366)

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- 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.

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



DANCE: The crowd dances to the sounds of Taxiride at a previous Masters Games. (Phil Williams: 437285)

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



Swanky Frockstars launch

By Phil Williams

THERE was lots of excitement in Todd Mall last week with the opening of a new ladies retail outlet.

Around 60 people helped to celebrate the relocation of the long time retailer, Swank Shoes which has been trading in Alice Springs continuously for more than 50 years.

The new retail outlet in the former Tourism Central Australia building on the corner of the mall and Parsons Street last Tuesday, 29 September is not just a shoe store.

The shop incorporates Frockstar, a fashion outlet which began as a pop-up store in a vacant space in Alice Plaza during the lead up to Christmas last year and is the only specialty fashion store remaining in Alice Springs.


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1: PRIZES: Rachel Mashford and Niky Simpson show off their lucky door prizes at the Swank's opening. (581993)

2: FASHIONISTAS: June Tidey, Donna Digby and Yvette Valentine showing off some fashion items at the new Swank Shoes opening. (PHIL WILLIAMS: 581993)

3: RETAIL THERAPY: Nicole and Jenny Walsh at the opening of the new Swank Shoes store. (581993)

4: TEMPTING: Jennifer Howard and Karina Akarana tempted by some of the fashions at the Swank Shoes opening. (581993)

5: CHOICES: Prue Skipsey eyeing off some of the accessories at the Swank Shoes opening. (581993)

6: CHEERS: Ivy Inglis, Kirsten Clarke and Geoffrey Cornish spreading cheer at the Swank Shoes opening. (581993)

7: WINNER: Jodie Solzaniuk who won the major door prize with Hilary Snaize and Cheryl Baker at the opening of Swank's new store. (581993)

8: CELEBRATION: John Di Maria, Shaun Daly and John Clarke celebrating the opening od Swank Shoes ne store. (581993)

9: SELECTIONS: Fiona Johannsen and Nicole Di Maria making some selections at the Swank Shoes opening. (581993)

10: EXTRAS: Maddie Dewi and Karla Goodman accessorising at the Swank Shoes opening. (581993)


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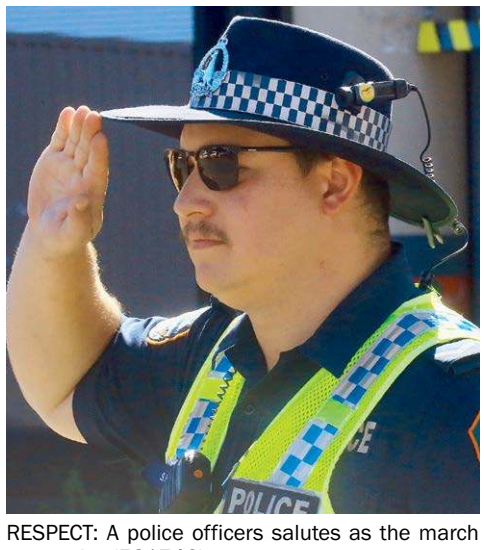

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HONOUR: In a sign of respect, an Alice Springs police officer salutes the marchers as they pass his post. (581746)



RESPECT: A police officers salutes as the march passes by. (581746)


COLOUR PARTY: A march and memorial service were held in Alice Springs to mark National Police Remembrance Day on September 29. (581746)

Fallen will walk forever

By Phil Williams



TRIBUTE: Alice Springs Police begin their Police Remembrance Day march. (PHIL WILLIAMS 581746)

POLICE officers across the Northern Territory united with police throughout Australia in remembrance, reflecting on the courage, dedication and sacrifice of their colleagues last Tuesday, 29 September.

Over the past 12 months, the Northern Territory Police Force has farewelled 11 former members, as well as serving officer Sergeant Clinton Stewart, whose passing was deeply felt across the policing family.

In Alice Springs, serving and retired NT Police officers were joined by Australian Federal Police in a short march from the Alice Springs Police Station to the Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church for a memorial service followed by a gathering on the church lawns.

Dignitaries including local members, Joshua Burgoyne, Bill Yan and Robyn Lambley along mith Mayor, Asta Hill all paid their respects at the service.

Tennant Creek police marked the day with a service at the graveside of Constable Maxwell Gilbert in the Tennant Creek Regional Cemetery.

Other Services were held across the Territory in Darwin, Katherine and Nhunbuy, while in Canberra, Northern Territory Police Commissioner Martin Dole joined police commissioners from around the country for the national commemorations.

National Police Remembrance Day is recognised by the wearing of the traditional blue and white chequerboard ribbon, a symbol of remembrance and respect for police officers across the nation.

NT Deputy Police Commissioner Clint Sims said the day was about both remembrance and commitment.

"Today is a time to mourn, but also to recommit.

"Let us honour those we have lost by living the principles they stood for. Let us support each other, in service and spirit, he said.

"Let us ensure their memory endures, not just in ceremony, but through our actions."

Acting Chief Minister Gerard Maley, son of a long serving Territory police officer reflected on the importance of National Police Remembrance Day and honouring those who have served their community.

"Police Remembrance Day is an important opportunity to honour the men and women who have served and protected Territorians, and to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty," Minister Maley said.

"Having grown up in a police family, I know the weight of the job does not end when a shift is over. Families share the worry, the uncertainty and the sacrifices that come with a life of service."

"I thank our police officers for their dedication to the Northern Territory, and I thank their families, whose unwavering support makes that service possible.

On Tuesday night, Parliament House in Darwin was illuminated in blue as a mark of respect and solidarity, and as a tribute to police officers across the nation.

The day also honoured five police officers from around Australia who tragically lost their lives in the line of duty over the past year, the most recent being New South Wales Police Constable Mia Lay, who died in a crash while on duty on Friday 26 September.

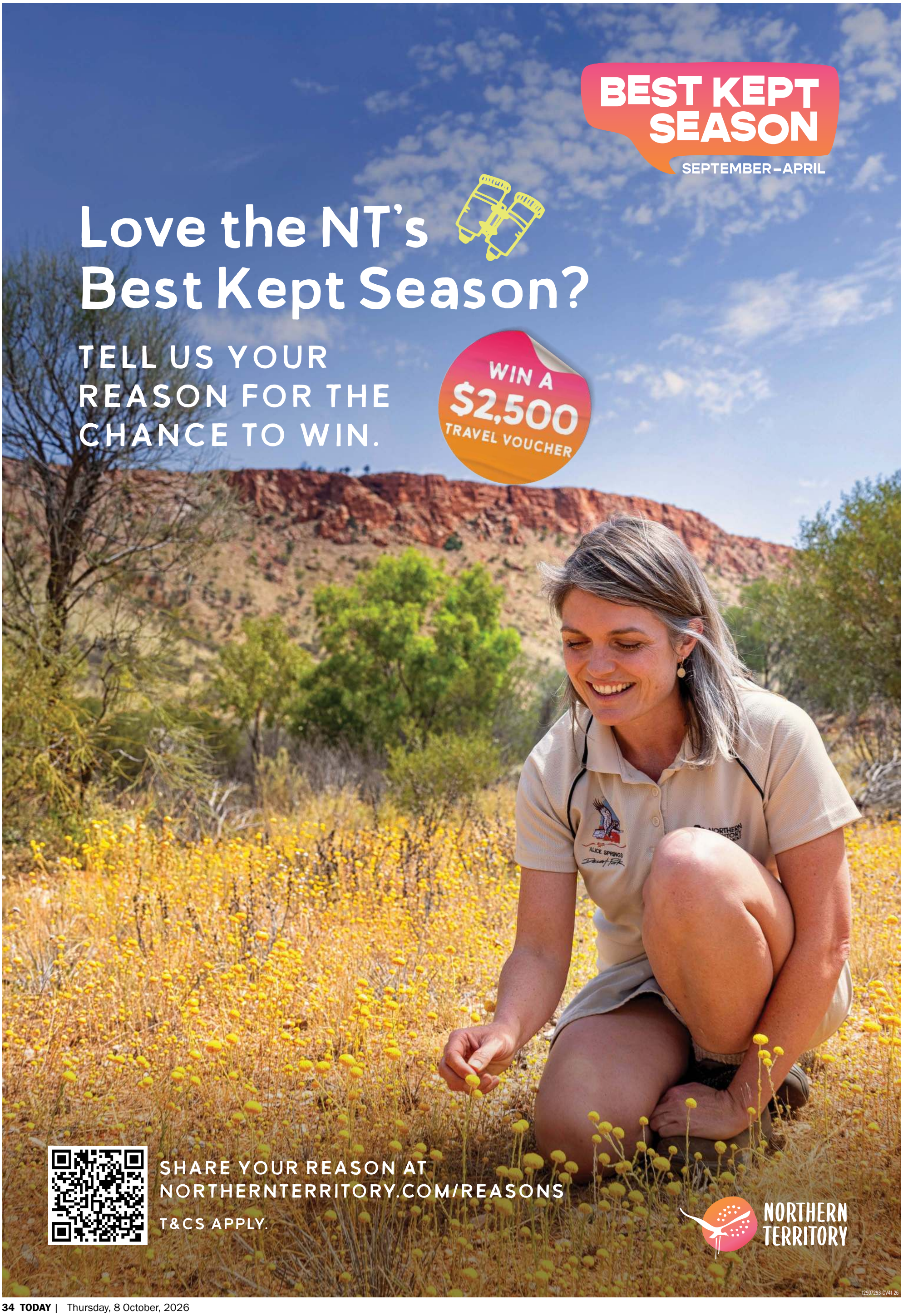
Their names will be added to the National Police Memorial Wall in Canberra.

"They may be gone, but they will forever walk with us"


FORMAL: The colour Party waits to enter the the Police Remembrance Day service. (581746)


MARCH: The Colour Party leads the march to the Catholic Church for a service on Police Remembrance Day. (581746)


SERVICE: The Colour Party makes its way inside the Catholic Church at the start of the Alice Springs Police Remembrance Day Service. (581746)


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HOROSCOPE by Lilith

Your week ahead

With Pluto moving forward again in Aquarius, world affairs may settle a little, although Uranus, reversing in changeable Gemini, may have other ideas…

ARIES
(Mar 21 - Apr 19)

Mars in Leo, a fire planet in a fire sign, is dramatic, enthusiastic, passionate and combustible. It brings energy plus to Aries' astro-zone of fun, romance and entertainment, so enjoy it, but maybe think twice about being fearlessly frank when the midweek moon is in yet another fire sign.

Best day:
Thursday 15 October

TAURUS
(Apr 20 - May 20)

Uranus, beginning its retrograde through your sector of security, brings a stimulating mix of disruption and game-changing ideas. Finances may fluctuate; exciting freelance opportunities might arrive. Use this five-month backspin for refining your cash strategies to meet the needs of the current economic situation.

Best day:
Saturday 17 October

GEMINI
(May 21 - Jun 20)

With Uranus retrograde in Gemini everything is up for reinvention: especially how you communicate, learn and connect with the world. Maintain your playful spirit and as much goodwill as possible to build up a protective insurance policy against the inevitable surprises of Uranus retro in your sign.

Best day:
Sunday 11 October

CANCER
(Jun 21 - Jul 22)

Uranus, reversing in your zodiac zone of closure and healing, offers support over the next five months to shed baggage and tie up loose ends. And Venus, backsliding in your pleasure zone, says no more wasting energy on things that are draining you. Let go so you can grow.

Best day:
Tuesday 13 October

LEO
(Jul 23 - Aug 22)

While your warm personality and contagious enthusiasm shine at this week's gatherings, conditions, as always, apply – which are: that Mars in your fixed and stubborn sign can spark drama queen behaviour and fiery clashes. Venus advises that channelling your most charming self is definitely in your majesty's best interests.

Best day:
Thursday 15 October

ARROW WORDS



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VIRGO
(Aug 23 - Sep 22)

This week's stars advise combining your strengths and superpowers into a balanced blend. Most enjoyable pursuits are likely to be in tandem: collaborating and cooperating in partnerships and community groups. Someone you meet through a networking event could turn into a valuable team member.

Best day:
Saturday 17 October

LIBRA
(Sep 23 - Oct 22)

In your busy birthday season, if you're feeling a bit scattered, Uranus retro, in a fellow air sign, could expose where your communication system might need a tweak. In which case keep makeovers simple, because, with the current star scenario, overthinking could take you down a rabbit hole.

Best day:
Sunday 11 October

SCORPIO
(Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Retrogrades involve re- words, so if work-life balance seems uneven, you could use this week's retro Venus in your sign to rectify this with a view towards more enjoyment. Retrogrades also revive the past, so someone you haven't seen for a while might present in a new light.

Best day:
Monday 12 October

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov 22 - Dec 21)

It's the annual astro-season for a beauty boost, Archers, so where could your home, office, garden, wardrobe and/or person do with a style upgrade? Start with a declutter here, a makeover there and by the end of the week, if you like what you see, then repeat.

Best day:
Wednesday 14 October

CAPRICORN
(Dec 22 - Jan 19)

There's more to life than work, work, work, Capricorn. So instead of just relentlessly powering on through the endless to-do list, Mars says park a few tasks and take time out to enjoy some rewarding downtime – especially when the upcoming weekend's moon in your sign favours quality over quantity.

Best day:
Friday 16 October

AQUARIUS
(Jan 20 - Feb 18)

Pluto turning direct in your progressive sign is an auspicious time to start putting your new ideas and plans into motion. But no rush: Pluto's two-decade journey through Aquarius is just beginning its sweeping shifts in technology, social interaction and collective connection, with you at the leading edge.

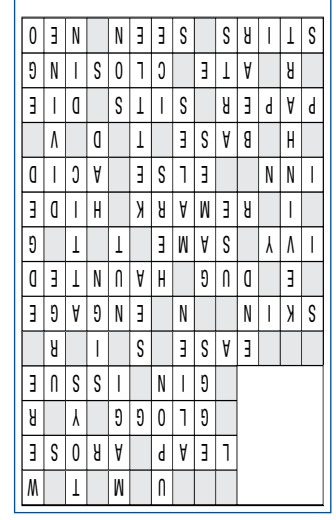
Best day:
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PISCES
(Feb 19 - Mar 20)

Changemaker Uranus, beginning its five-month hibernation in Pisces' domestic sector, is your cue to review your home spaces, both physical and emotional, and consider making adjustments to better suit changing needs. Is it time for a move, a reno, a declutter, an upgrade, or just better boundaries?

Best day:
Tuesday 13 October

SOLUTION



Kids books

By Zecheriah George

TWO new children's picture books designed to support education and awareness of online child safety in NT First Nations communities have been created, including one told in Western Aranda language.

The Australian Federal Police (AFP)-led Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation (ACCCE) has drawn on Indigenous creativity, culture and consultation to create the two books.

The Wise Emu is told in Western Aranda language and English.

It has been released in free, full-colour print and digital formats, alongside The Wise Brolga, which is told in Old Tiwi and English.

The Wise Emu was illustrated by Alice Springs Arrernte woman Becky Myers.

The book was translated by Western Aranda linguists David and Lily Roennfeldt and Western Arrernte women Maxine Malbunka and Cassandra Stuart. The books were written by AFP NT Senior Prevention Officer Saisha Gore-Khanna and share a similar plotline.

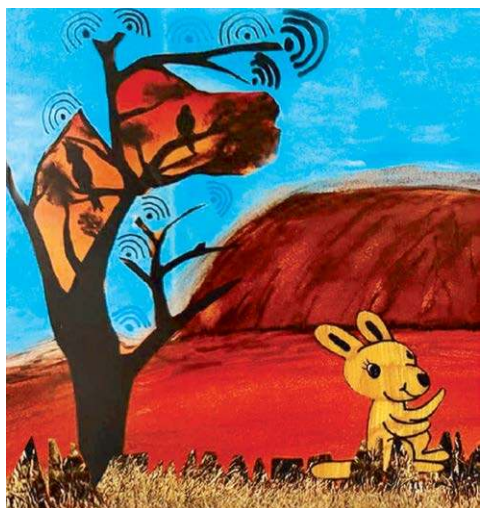
Both centre on a young character called Jarra, who is asked for personal photographs by the Digital Dingo.

However, each book was shaped by its local environment.

"I have learnt what the land, animals and nature mean for our First Nations people, and I wanted to tell the story – as it is a sensitive topic – through animals," Officer Gore-Khanna said.

The books were funded under the National Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Child Abuse and developed in partnership with several organisations.

AFP Commander Human Exploitation Jo Cameron said picture books were an essential resource to help people start prevention and awareness conversations with young people.



BOOK: Alice Springs Arrernte artist Becky Myers worked on The Wise Emu, which is told in Western Aranda and English and aims to help start conversations about online child safety.

"That's why connecting with both First Nations language and English language is so important, because it allows us to transcend any barriers that might exist," Commander Cameron said.

ACCCE Online Child Safety Team leader Kristy Thomson said the project took its lead from the community, including cultural input, translations, illustrations and references.

"We recognised from the outset that in order for these online child safety resources to be used in the community, they needed to be developed by the community," Ms Thomson said.

The books, alongside complementary resources, are available to download online at accce.gov.au/resources

Arrest after DV incident

A man has been arrested after attempting to run down a woman during a domestic violence incident in a Gillen Street.

The Northern Territory Police arrested the 35-year-old man following the incident that occurred early on Monday morning, 28 September.

Around 9:15am, the Joint Emergency Services Communication Centre (JESCC) received reports of a woman being assaulted by a man on Pedler Avenue.

Police allege the offender physically assaulted the victim before entering a vehicle and driving towards her.

She was forced to take evasive action to avoid being struck.

Police attended and commenced investigations.

At 10:15am, the offender, who was identified as the victim's partner was located and arrested.

Investigations are ongoing and anyone with information is urged to contact police on 131 444, quoting reference P26276119.

Information can also be provided anonymously through Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

If you or someone you know are experiencing difficulties due to family or domestic violence, support services are available, including, but not limited to, 1800RESPECT (1800 737 732) or Lifeline 131 114.

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Determination to succeed

By Phil Williams

A finalist for the 2026 Northern Territory Training Awards dropped out early in his first attempt at vocational education, but he soon found his voice, and the spark, that ignited his educational journey.

Oliver King, was diagnosed with Dyslexia at a young age and struggled through school, and later when he attempted a fabrication qualification.

He then worked as a labourer and other odd jobs, until he decided to pack up his car and leave Tasmania, coming to Alice Springs, where he stopped to catch up with some mates.

He loved living in Central Australia, and his friends convinced him to apply for an apprenticeship at Power and Water, where he became a qualified electrician.

Based on his previous experiences with learning, Mr King knew the journey to completing his apprenticeship would not be easy, but he was determined to succeed.

"I think coming in as a mature-aged apprentice I felt more prepared than when I was right out of high school," he said.

"I was ready to work hard and keen to learn."

Mr King said it took him some time to find his footing and he had to work closely with his lecturers at Charles Darwin University (CDU) TAFE, saying they ensured he had the support he needed.

"It wasn't always easy. I quickly learned that if I wanted to succeed, I would have to start advocating for myself and my style of learning.

"I had to learn how to tell my lecturer if I didn't understand and figure out a way to make sure I could understand my course work," he said.

"Learning to advocate for myself, both in the classroom and in the workplace, has helped me grow my confidence and find my own voice."



TRANSFORMERS: Oliver King makes a check on a transformer in the Alice Springs depot. (Phil Williams: 484324)

Mr King recently won the James Bell Apprentice of the Year at the 2026 Master Builders Excellence in Building and Construction awards and was a finalist for the 2026 Austin Asche Apprentice of the Year Northern Territory Training Awards, which were held in Darwin on 19 September.

Mr King was also one of seven PWC apprentices who were finalists in the 2025 GTNT awards, finishing as the runner up in the Outstanding Apprentice of the Year Stage 2 category.

At the time, Mr King said that as a mature-age apprentice, being recognised had a lot more significance than it would have when he was younger.

"It means more to me now because when I was younger I wouldn't have cared so much," he said.

"Putting in so much effort and moving from Tasmania for the apprenticeship, I didn't move up here just to mess around, so getting a bit of recognition is pretty special," he said.

Mr King is now using his voice to share his story to encourage other Territorians to have a go at an apprenticeship or trade.

"An apprenticeship doesn't just offer a career but skills that you can take with you, and you can earn while you learn, there is such a demand for skilled trades people in Central Australia," Mr King said.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT NOTIFICATION

ALICE SPRINGS Masters Games
10 - 17 October 2026

Start time	Finish time	Traffic Management	Event	Event location	Comments
SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER 2026					
6:00	11:00	Expect Delays - Competitors on road	Athl Road & Trail Half Marathon	Simpsons Gap	Simpsons Gap Bike path, partial closure of Darken Drive
17:00	22:30	Wills Terrace between Todd St & Hartley St	Opening Ceremony March	Anzac Oval	Closure of Wills Terrace between Todd St & Hartley St from 5pm to 10.30pm.
SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER 2026					
6:15	10:00	Expect Delays - Competitors on road	Cycling Criterium	Around the Council Chambers	Cycling race around Council Chambers, half road closure on Leichardt terrace between Stott Tce and Gregory Tce, closure of Todd St from Gregory Terrace to Stott Tce, closure of Gregory terrace from Todd St to Leichardt Tce half road closure of Stott Tce between Todd St and Leichardt Tce.
MONDAY 12 OCTOBER 2026					
7:00	9:00	Expect Delays - Competitors on road	Cycling Time Trial	Santa Teresa Road	Cycling time trial on Santa Teresa Rd. Race starts opposite Emergency Services training Ground and runs for 10km, toward Santa Teresa and return.
TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2026					
6:00	10:00	Expect Delays - Competitors on road	Cycling Road Race 10k out & 10k back	Flynns Grave Larapinta Drive	Cycling road race. Competitors on road for 10km from Flynn's Grave, west on Larapinta Drive and return.
WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER 2026					
12:00	21:30	Road Closures	Athl Road & Trail Masters Mile	Todd St & Gap rd	Todd St carparks isolated from 6am. Todd Street closed between Gregory Terrace & Stott Terrace from 12:00pm to 5.15pm with allowance for KFC customers to exit & enter from Todd St Stott Tce corner. Running races road closure of Todd St from Gregory Tce to Stuart Tce, part of the one way Stuart Terrace closed from 5.15pm to 7pm. Todd St closed from Gregory Tce to Stott Tce and Greggory Tce closed from Leichardt Tce to Todd St until approx. 9.30pm.
THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER 2026					
17:00	20:00	Road Closure	Cycling & Mountain Biking	Anzac Hill Climb	Cycling & Mountain Bike races up ANZAC Hill. Partial closures in place on western verge between McMinn St and Mills St. Road closures in place on Sturt terrace, Schwarz Cres and ANZAC Hill Rd.
SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER 2026					
7:00	10:00	"Road Closure Competitors on road"	Triathlon	Swimming Pool, Gap road, Tom Brown Roundabout	Multi-sport race. Cycling race will have partial closures along Speed St, Gap Rd, Stuart Terrace, Stuart Hwy, Tom Brown Roundabout, Gap Rd turn. Running race will have partial closures in place along Speed St, Stuart Hwy, Kreager St and Gap service Rd.

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AED: St John NT Alice Springs Duty Manager William Sears with Dr Ellen Fraser-Barbour's mother, Susan beside the memorial plaque and new AED.



REMEMBERED: Dr Ellen Fraser-Barbour was holidaying in Central Australia when she died in a tragic accident at Ellery Creek. (Courtesy Sam Paiour)

Vital defibrillator secured

By Gladys Barreta

ST John NT paramedics have secured a defibrillator for Ellery Creek Big Hole in the hope it will help save the life of someone experiencing cardiac arrest.

The move follows the recent tragic death of a visitor at the popular tourist site. South Australian researcher Dr Ellen Fraser-Barbour, 35, went into cardiac arrest while swimming at Ellery Creek Big Hole earlier this year on 12 April and could not be resuscitated.

The lifesaving automated external defibrillator (AED) has been installed at the site, recognising its vital role alongside cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

Following the incident, St John NT Alice Springs Duty Manager William Sears began advocating for an AED at Ellery. He was part of the response team that attended Dr Fraser-Barbour, alongside Intensive Care Paramedic Dave O'Toole, Paramedic Jarrod Weinart and Intern Paramedic Ben Cox.

"We spoke with the bystanders who had performed CPR for more than an hour before we arrived, and while they did an incredible job, it was clear to all of us that an AED was needed at the site," Mr Sears said.

"With Ellery Creek Big Hole being located more than an hour outside Alice Springs, having an AED already at the site means lifesaving equipment is on hand when it is needed, rather than having to wait for it to arrive with an ambulance."

St John NT CEO Abigail Trewin AM praised the paramedics for turning a difficult experience into meaningful action for the community.

"Our paramedics care deeply about the communities they serve. William and the team saw an opportunity to make this remote site safer and took it upon themselves to make it happen," Ms Trewin said.

"Every minute matters in a cardiac emergency, and this AED will give visitors the ability to help save a life while our paramedics are on their way."

The AED was unveiled alongside a memorial plaque for Dr Fraser-Barbour at a ceremony at Ellery Creek Big Hole on 17 September .

The ceremony brought together Dr Fraser-Barbour's friends and family, the St John NT paramedics who responded to the incident, and NT Parks and Wildlife rangers to remember her and mark the installation of the AED.

"I'm happy to provide the family with some positivity and opportunity for some closure, as well as increase the capability of emergency health services in Central Australia," Mr Sears said.

Dr Fraser-Barbour was remembered as a highly respected researcher, educator and disability advocate who created meaningful and lasting change for people with disability. She helped establish the guiding principles of the National Disability Research Partnership and championed research led by people with disability. The impact of her life's work and the change she inspired will be felt for generations to come.

The St John X3 Semi-Automatic AED, valued at $1,750 has been funded through a grant from the Airport Development Group and will be accessible to the public at all times.

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Potential to be a winner

By Chris Riley, Marque Motoring



No car is perfect but the M8 has got the potential to be a real winner for GAC. (Supplied)

HOW about that grille heh?

It's the GAC M8 (mate, get it?) and it shouts look at me!

The vertically-ribbed grille brings sparks memories of the so-called 'cow catchers' they used to fit to trains.

The idea was to lift and push obstacles out of the way rather than slice and dice them in the case of an unfortunate cow.

Perhaps that's GAC's plan for the M8, billed as Australia's only plug-in hybrid people mover – to push the competition out of the way?

Those competitors include but are not limited to the Denza D9, Kia Carnival, Lexus LM and Zeekr 09.

The Carnival has been around longer than any of them and pretty much owns this segment of the market.

All of them come as hybrids, but not as a plug-in hybrid and that makes GAC believe the M8 has the potential to become a genuine automotive 'disruptor' – for business users and families alike.

For those not familiar with the brand, the Chinese state-owned Guangzhou Automobile Group is the fifth largest auto maker in China, with 1.74 million sales last year.

STYLING

M8 seats seven in a 2+2+3 configuration that includes two separate captain's style armchairs for the second row.

It comes in two grades: Premium priced from $76,590, and Luxury from $83,590 – both figures before onroad costs.

Okay, so the styling is a bit over the top. Well, quite a lot really, but it will appeal to some punters and there's a growing demand for these flashy super wagons.

Make no mistake, the M8 is a luxury vehicle, trimmed to a high standard in half-aniline leather, with 10-point air pump massage chairs, leg rests with four-way adjustment, heating and ventilation, personal USB charge ports and a 58-degree rear recline angle.

Getting the picture? Those phones you see on the arms of the captain's chairs aren't really phones, but small individual control panels for making fine seat adjustments with a tap of a finger.

The two armchairs are the highlight of the experience, deep and genuinely comfy, and had us contemplating pinching one for the loungeroom at home.

The second and third rows feature the latest i-Size standard in child seat restraint compatibility whatever that is?

There's also 'draft free' air-conditioning, ensuring the cabin temperature is kept where you want it, without blowing air directly on any passengers.

Further enhancing the ambience are 10 different sorts of noise-reduction to keep things library-quiet. They include 108 sound-insulation panels, acoustic soundproof glass and 20 cavity partitions that block wind noise transmission and noise cancelling technology that actively reduces interior noise by 4dB.

They reckon 30 rounds of optimisation were conducted to finalise the design of the A-pillars and side mirrors, a prime source cabin noise.

Storage, important when you're catering to needs of seven people, sees 15 hooks, 15 storage boxes and 14 cup holders scattered throughout the cabin, with privacy screens and drop-down tray tables for second row passengers.

The lower console tray is expansive.

The short but deep boot offers 280 litres of capacity with all seats in use, expanding to 1500 litres with the third row tumbled (they don't pack flat).

It sounds more like the level of engineering that goes into building a Bentley rather than a modest $80K Chinese people mover.

M8 is covered by a seven-year unlimited kilometre warranty, with another eight-year/200,000km coverage for the high voltage battery.

Customers will also benefit from five-year complimentary roadside assistance.

INFOTAINMENT

We were expecting a large-to-very-large, free-standing touchscreen, but instead it's a modest, 10.1-inch screen that is inset in the dash like they all used to be once upon a time.

It looks larger than it actually is because it blends with its piano black surrounds, with touch sensitive controls either side for volume and fan speed.

The graphics are bright and clear with rich colours. There's AM and FM radio and support for Bluetooth audio streaming, as well as wireless CarPlay and Android Auto.

But surprisingly there's no digital radio and no satellite navigation, although these days we tend to head straight for Android Auto (maybe it's changing cars all the time).

Sound comes from a premium eight-speaker Yamaha audio system which does a credible job. The sound is very clean but there does not appear to be any way to add bass or treble.

A quick audit revealed a single wireless phone charger in front and a mix of eight USB A + C ports, along with 12-volt and 240-volt outlets.

SAFETY

M8 has not been tested for safety by ANCAP but boasts an extensive list of active and passive safety systems, with seven airbags including an industry leading 3.2m side curtain airbag plus unique rear window airbag to protect occupants in a rear-ender.

There's a 360-degree camera, lane departure warning and lane-keep assist,

autonomous emergency braking and forward-collision warning, adaptive cruise control with stop-go, blind spot detection, rear cross-traffic alert and braking, rear car approach warning, door open warning and emergency lane-keeping.

Head-up display, however, is missing and that is out of step with the rest of the car.

ENGINES/TRANSMISSIONS

Power comes from a 2.0-litre turbocharged petrol engine, together with a pair of electric motors and 26 kWh lithium-ion battery pack.

Combined output is 274kW of power and 630Nm of torque, with drive to the front wheels through a dedicated, two-speed hybrid transmission.

DRIVING

M8 is a large vehicle and it needs to be, to accommodate seven people, at more than 5.2 metres in length, with a 3070mm wheelbase.

The boxy design with the wheels pushed out to the four corners is more practical than it looks because it maximises the amount of interior space available.

Sitting lower to the ground a people mover is much easier to get in and out of and more comfortable to travel in than an SUV.

Dressed in black our test vehicle looks ready for its next shift as a hire car or corporate shuttle, but the opulence appears to have its limitations.

That black by the way is a $1200 option (white is free).

A detailed examination revealed an unexpected amount of generic plastic, but not where you can see it and this certainly increases the closer you get to the back.

By the time you reach the boot, it looks and feels just like any car.

The sliding, electric side doors could be a bit slow for some people and access to the all-important third row is a squeeze between the two middle seats.

But it's worth the visit because they're actually large enough to accommodate real adults and quite comfortable into the bargain, not so much for three but two occupants is fine.

Of note, although one of the sliders remained open, the car allowed us to move off without any warning.

The engine both powers the battery and drives the front wheels as required.

With no charge however performance will take a big dent.

The dash from 0-100km/h takes 8.8 seconds while claimed fuel consumption is 6.1L/100km in hybrid mode.

Combined range is 1032km, while all-electric range is 106km.

The battery can be charged at a rate of up to 6.6kW AC or 35kW using a fast DC charger, the latter providing a zero to 80 per cent charge in 30 minutes.

For a people mover, performance is surprisingly strong. Fun, even.

It accelerates sharply and smoothly, with an emphasis on smoothly – thanks to the lift from the electric motors. Lexus watch out.

But, frustratingly, there is some initial hesitation and rather than put the boot in, some experimentation revealed a quicker response with a lighter foot.

Pushing hard through corners, not that you'd do that with the fam aboard, it remains reasonably flat and controlled thanks to a low centre of gravity.

Only accelerating hard out of a second gear left-hander did the rear wheels begin to show some movement – remember it is front-wheel drive after all. There's a lot to like about this car.

The glittering gearshift with its round faceted piece of plastic adornment threw us a couple of curve balls too.

Said jewel rotates and on more than one occasion swiping at the shift resulted in our hand sliding across its surface and off again.

You also need to watch out when switching quickly between forward and reverse during three-point turns, because sometimes it did not produce the desired result – instead the car continued to move backwards instead of forward. Whoops!

Mind you it has 12 – yes, count them 12 – parking sensors as well as automatic parking and rear auto braking, so the chances of actually hitting something are slim.

Riding on 18-inch aluminium wheels with 225/60 profile Michelin e-Primacy tyres, electromagnetic dampers smooth out the bumps.





While adaptive dynamic control adjusts throttle sensitivity to limit both lateral and vertical movement during turns and varying speeds, keeping the vehicle balanced and composed.

A word of warning because the front apron is very low and you should keep this in mind at all times when approaching dips and driveways and so forth.

We were getting 6.3L/100km and 3.4 kWh/100km after close to 400km of mixed driving.

SUMMING UP

Wow. No car is perfect but the M8 has got the potential to be a real winner for GAC.

Not only does it look and feel a million bucks, but performs way better than you might expect.

It's comfy, nice to drive with strong performance and the ride quality is good even on secondary roads – and it doesn't use much fuel.

For long distance jumps it could be just the ticket.

RATINGS

- Looks: 7.5
- Performance: 7.5
- Safety: 6
- Thirst: 7.5
- Practicality: 8
- Comfort: 8
- Tech: 7
- Value: 8
- Overall: 7.4

Social

Families flock to pool

FAMILIES flocked to the swimming pool on Thursday afternoon as it officially opened for the new season.

Temperatures are climbing steadily and will be well into the 40s before too long - and that will make the pool the coolest place in town.

While the pool is lots of fun, it also provides an opportunity to stay active and be social.

Following a trial of the Council's popular Trash for Splash, the initiative will now become a permanent feature.

Children can gain entry to the pool by bringing along a refundable container.

Barkly Regional Council CEO Peter Harder said the Trash for Splash idea helps to make the pool accessible to children in exchange for helping to keep the town clean.

"It's also a good lesson for young people to realise refundable containers are tradeable assets that support a circular economy," he said.

"Maybe there won't be so much litter on our streets when people realise the rubbish they walk over every day is actually worth money."

The pool will be open every day, with extended times on weekends and school holidays.


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1: Oden, Louis and Kyrie.

2: Louis takes a jump.

3: Louis, Troy and Chandler.

4: Elly and Victor.

5: A deadly dive from Oden.

6: There was a big turnout at the pool opening.

7: Stephanie with her twins, Sam and Sylvania.

8: Ariana with her mother, Christina.

9: Richard and Noel..

10: Lifeguard Bella made sure swimmers were safe.


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A Run to Paradise as the

By Phil Williams

CELEBRATEING 40 years since the first games in the desert, the Alice Springs Masters Games are back this Saturday 10 October, with organisers excited for the return of the iconic Centralian event with hundreds of visitors descending on the region.

The games, which run from 10-17 October, are returning following the successful reboot in 2024, after being missing from the Alice Springs calendar for six years from 2018.

The main goal of the Games is to encourage participation in sport throughout life with competition and camaraderie equally celebrated along with showcasing the competition of a range of sports and sporting facilities and a much-loved social program.

Entrants and locals are encouraged to gather and celebrate the return of Australia's longest running Masters Games at Traeger Park from 5pm on Saturday for the free opening ceremony headlined by two classic Aussie rock bands, the Baby Animals and Choirboys.

The Opening Ceremony will also include an athlete's march, Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony, and concert.

The free family-friendly community event will include various food trucks from local food and a fireworks finale.

Building on the back of the last games, which fielded 20 sports, this year there will be 27 sports for entrants to take part in including Aussie 9's Football, Track and Field Athletics, Basketball and Equestrian.

After being left off the 2024 program, swimming makes a welcome return to the Alice Springs Aquatic Centre.

Wednesday 14 October is a rest day with just one event late in the day.

Competitors and other visitors to the the Red Centre are encouraged to explore what the Alice has to offer, before picking a spot to cheer on competitors as they run the famous Masters Mile, the premier event of the Alice Springs Masters Games, beginning at 6pm.

The Masters Mile is run in conjunction with the Midweek Street Party on the Council Lawns beginning at 5pm with entertainment going through until 9pm.

Once all the time clocks are beaten, goals scored and medals won, it will be time to put on the dancing shoes for the closing ceremony.

This year, the games will be wrapped up with a party on the lawns of Lasseters featuring an electrifying performance by iconic Australian dance-pop duo Sneaky Sound System as they bring their high-energy live show to the Red Centre.

For anyone thinking they've missed their opportunity to take part in the competition, some sports may last minute vacancies.

For more information, head to the 2026 Alice Springs Masters Games website, https://alicespringsmastersgames.com.au/



STICKS: Alice Springs hockey players get into the Masters mood at the start of the 2024 games. (Phil Williams: 437273)



LOCAL: A large group of local softballers lead the group in the participants parade at the start of the 2024 games. (437273)



Leo and Myles Organ-Lynch at the participants parade in 2024. (437273)



KIC: A Kunga Roos forward gets a kick away in the Gold medal match of the 2024 Women's Aussie 9s. (439976)



OPTION: A Kunga Roo looks for an option under pressure from a pair of Wests opponents during a match at the 2024 ASMG. (439976)

Games begin



ENTRANTS: The participants parade makes it's way into Traeger Park. (Phil Williams: 437273)



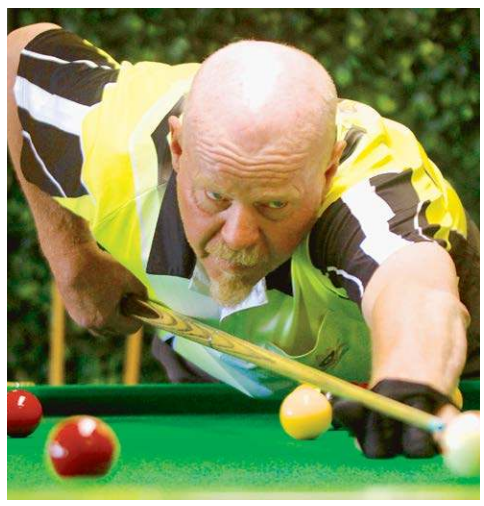
DEVILISH: Saints and Sinners netballers at the entrants parade in 2024. (437273)



BOWLS: Lawn bowlers wait for the participants parade to get under way in 2024 (437273)



GOLDEN GIRLS: Some of the 2024 gold medal winning Spicy Masteristas with team mascots (438696)



AIM: Jamie Smith sets for a shot during the 2024 ASMG 8 Ball competition. (440054)



SUPER HEROES: Mountain bikers brought a super hero theme to the 2024 opening parade. (437273)

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who is the current coach of the Wallabies?
2. Including this year, how many times have the Dockers reached the AFL grand final?



3. Collingwood player Nick Daicos was awarded the 2026 Brownlow Medal with a record number of how many votes?
4. What are the surnames of the Australian and English Ians involved in a bitter, decades-long cricket feud?
5. How old is Arsenal's Max Dowman, the youngest goalscorer in Premier League history?
6. Aussie musician G Flip played which three instruments during their pre-game performance at the AFL Grand Final?
7. Which two soccer players were joint recipients of the one-off FIFA Player of the Century award in 2000?
8. What name is Fremantle's viral post-goal celebration known by?
9. Sydney's AFL and NRL teams are both named after what?
10. And until 2020 when the AFL team logo was changed, both teams' branding contained imagery of what structure?
11. Mark Nawaqanitawase is leaving the Sydney Roosters to join which club?
12. And aside from a lucrative contract, why else is he leaving the NRL?
13. Which Wallabies player scored two tries in two minutes against South Africa in September?
14. What two teams compete in tennis' Laver Cup?
15. And which team won the Laver Cup this year?
16. Since 2020, how many NRL grand finals have the Penrith Panthers played in?
17. And up until 2019, how many grand finals had Penrith played since the NRL was formed?
18. Who recently became the second batter, after Sachin Tendulkar, to reach 15,000 ODI runs?
19. The Wallabies managed to defeat South Africa despite only having as little as how many players?
20. Which Penrith Panthers player suffered a serious leg injury in a 2026 preliminary inal?



21. How many points did the Brisbane Lions win the 2026 AFL grand final by?
22. And who won the 2026 Norm Smith Medal in that match?
23. What ladder position did NRL grand finalist Newcastle Knights finish at the conclusion of the 2026 Premiership season?
24. Which NRL captain switched his international rugby league allegiance from Australia to New Zealand this year?
25. Mike Baird recently quit as the chair of which Australian sporting body?
26. Talia Gibson is the current top ranked Australian woman in what sport?
27. A Minnesota college football coach recently rubbed what substance on his face during a game?
28. Ireland's players refused to shake the hands of players from which country during a 2026 UEFA Nations League match?
29. Which English Premier League club was recently charged with financial breaches?
30. NBA star Jalen Brunson recently hosted an episode of which long-running sketch comedy show?

1. Les Kiss **2.** Two **3.** 47 **4.** Chappell and Botham **5.** 16 **6.** Drums, guitar and saxophone **7.** Diego Maradona and Pelé **8.** Wharfie Time **9.** Birds (Swans, Roosters) **10.** Sydney Opera House **11.** Saitama Wild Knights (Japan) **12.** For Rugby World Cup 2027 selection eligibility **13.** Len Ikitau **14.** Team Europe vs Team World **15.** Team Europe **16.** Five **17.** One **18.** Virat Kohli **19.** 11 **20.** Nathan Cleary **21.** Seven **22.** Shai Bolton **23.** Seventh **24.** Kalyn Ponga **25.** Cricket Australia **26.** Tennis **27.** Blood **28.** Israel **29.** Manchester City **30.** *Saturday Night Live*



STARS: Former Aussie Rules star, Nathan Buckley with Olympic gold medalist, Dawn Fraser return in their roles as 2026 Ambassador and Patron. (Phil Williams :437380)

Legends back for Games

By Phil Williams

TWO legendary Australian sports people, Olympic Swimmer, Dawn Fraser and AFL footballer Nathan Buckley have reprised their roles as Patron and Ambassador of this years Alice Springs Masters Games.

Ms Fraser is the dedicated Patron of the ASMG and was a foundation member of the original organizing committee that launched the event in 1986.

As official Patron, she has held the role since the event's inception, supporting and promoting the biennial "Friendly Games" for four decades.

As a Founding Committee member, she helped bring the concept to reality by establishing the competition.

Ms Fraser was also a competitor in the inaugural 1986 Games, setting a record in the 50m freestyle (32.49 seconds) that stood for 20 years before being broken in 2006.

She returned to competitive racing taking part in the 2008 Games.

From his early on Darwin's footy fields Nathan Buckley played for Port Adelaide in the SANFL before moving to the Brisbane Bears in 1993 which later merged to become the Brisbane Lions in 1996.

He then captained and coached Collingwood for several years.

Bucks embodies the heart of competition and the power of sport to connect communities.

His passion made him a fan favourite in 2024 and he returns to inspire a new wave of Masters participants in 2026.

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