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GIDDY UP: Equestrian riders get into the excitement of the athlete's parade. (Phil Williams)



LEAD: The Baby Animals lead, Suze DeMarchi. put on a show on ASMG Opening night. (PIC: PHIL WILLIAMS)

A ROCKIN' START

By Phil Williams

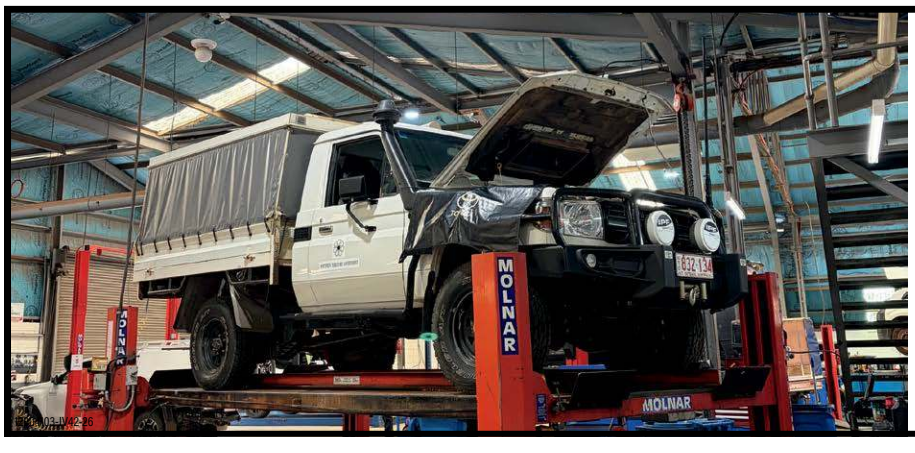
CELEBRATING 40 years, the Alice Springs Masters Games started with a bang on Saturday night, October 10.

Witnessed by a modest crowd, around 1200 athletes and volunteers paraded into ANZAC Oval for the Opening Ceremony of the oldest Masters Games in the country.

As they passed in front of the stage, the competitors were presented to VIPs including NT Administrator, His Honour, the Honourable David Connolly, NT Treasurer and, Member for Braitling, Bill Yan, Tourism Minister, Marie-Claire Boothby and ASMG Ambassador, Nathan Buckley.

His Honour said that what began in Alice Springs 40 years ago was something pretty special.

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OH WHAT A FEELING

Funds give centre stability

By Phil Williams

A an almost $7m funding commitment has given a local youth service some stability to continue its work for several years to come..

The Territory Government has committed $6.985 million over five years to The Gap Youth and Community Centre to continue delivering its after-hours service and Home Runners Program.

The funding agreement extending to 30 June 2031, provides long-term certainty for one of Alice Springs' most established youth service providers, ensuring young people continue to have access to safe spaces, positive activities and trusted adult support.

The Gap Youth and Community Centre has served the Alice Springs community for almost 50 years and is currently operating from a temporary location while their original site is redeveloped.

The Gap Youth and Community Centre CEO Leon Tripp welcomed the funding agreement, saying it would help strengthen support for young people across Central Australia.

"This five-year funding agreement from the NTG reflects the government's commitment to the young people of Alice Springs and more broadly Central Australia," Mr Tripp said.

"It underpins the organisation's ability to deliver vital services to those young people, including personal support, nutritious meals, transport assistance to sporting and recreational opportunities and building and maintaining connectedness with the broader community."

Member for Braitling and Minister for Lands, Planning and Environment Joshua Burgoyne said the funding would help ensure the centre's important work with young people in Alice Springs would continue.

He said the five-year funding commitment, would give the organisation confidence to continue delivering its valuable support and programs while planning for the future redevelopment of its facilities,

"It's great to see the centre continuing its work from its temporary home at 55 Gap Road, ensuring local young people can still access the support and activities they rely on, Mr Burgoyne said.

Minister for Youth, Seniors and Equality Jinson Charls said the funding provides certainty for the future of Central Australian youth and would help keep young people engaged, connected and supported.

"The Gap Youth and Community Centre has been supporting young people in Alice Springs for generations, and this funding provides certainty that those vital services will continue into the future, he said.

The centre will continue operating from its temporary home at 55 Gap Road, ensuring young people and families can access support, programs and safe spaces throughout the construction period.

Rockin' start to the Alice Springs Masters Games

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"Forty Years ago, Alice Springs did something pretty special, he said.

"It hosted the first Masters Games of its kind in Australia.

"What began here in Alice Springs went on to inspire masters sport right across Australia."

"Four decades later, we're still here, still competing, catching up with old mates, making new ones and proving that age is certainly no excuse to stop doing what you love to do, he said.

"I know there will be plenty of competitive spirit in the coming week, and rightly so."

"May there be plenty of personal bests, a few wins and even better stories to take home, he said before declaring the Games open.

"Let the games begin" he said to the raucous cheers of the athletes gathered in front of the stage.

Minister Boothby thanked locals for supporting the Games and welcomed visitors to Alice Springs..

"To the locals that are here, thank you for supporting the Alice Springs Masters Games and a big special shout out to all the visitors, she said.

"Whether you're down from Darwin or another part of the country, or from overseas, thank you for choosing Alice Springs to compete in the Masters Games.

"This is the heart of Australia, We are one of the most welcoming places in the world. There is nowhere else like Alice Springs and nowher else like Central Australia."

Mr Buckley who lived in Alice Springs as a teenager told the participants the games were more than just about the competition but friendship and support..

After earlier in the day running in the half-marathon, he was finding the going difficult.

"Just trying to finish off the last couple of kilometres of the half-marathon, I had a couple of athletes that were prepared to help me along my way., he said.

"I don't know if I would have got to the end if it was without you."

He said the longevity of the games was a testament to everyone who had been a part of the last 40 years.

After official duties concluded, two classic Aussie rock bands, The Choirboys and Baby Animals plus a spectacular fire works display rocked ANZAC Oval laying down the mood for a big week of sport and mateship and fun in Alice Springs.



SPORT: Athlets from more than 20 sports paraded into ANZAC Oval for the ASMG Opening Ceremony. (Phil Williams)



INVOLVED: The crowd gets involved during the Baby Animals performance.



FRONT MAN: The Choirboys lead rocks the ASMG Opening night.



ROCKERS: The Baby Animals rocked the ASMG Opening.



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Defence eyes off local land

By Phil Williams

THE Australian Department of Defence (ADoD) is looking for a large parcel of land to develop into a logistics hub, to be known as a node.

The ADoD has released a Request for Information (RFI) seeking industry input on the potential establishment of scalable logistics facilities in the Alice Springs and Central Queensland regions.

In its infancy, the exercise is 'Market Sounding' and seeks information on suitable land, existing facilities and alternative financing and delivery solutions.

It is an opportunity for Northern Territory businesses to explore partnerships and contribute to future Defence logistics capability in Central Australia.

The DoD has indicated that the capability would require access to approximately 250 hectares of developable land and associated logistics infrastructure, with separate land parcels also considered.

Defence is interested in flexible, cost-effective and operationally ready solutions that can accommodate varying levels of activity and provide capacity for future expansion.

This includes land near major transport infrastructure, such as rail, airports and major roads, or sites suitable for logistics operations.

The ADoD says the Alice Springs logistics node aligns with the Northern Territory Defence Strategy 2026's priority to strengthen Northern Theatre Logistics in supporting Australia's defence capability.



TRANSPORT: Alice Springs could become a defence transport hub under a strategy by the Department of Defence. (Phil Williams)

For Territory businesses, the RFI provides an opportunity to explore how existing assets, local knowledge and industry capability could contribute to Defence's future requirements.

The node is described as a deployable logistics facility supporting force sustainment and distribution.

The emphasis is on civil and horizontal infrastructure rather than buildings.

The land would need to have scalable hardstand and internal roads, perimeter fencing and permanent security, access for B-doubles and road trains, including a second road connection.

It would also require water, wastewater and stormwater facilities along with power and communications as well as nearby bulk and retail fuel facilities.

Temporary workforce accommodation, with ablutions, messing and power for extended periods of activity would also be a necessity.

Defence has kept the delivery model open and respondents can address a number of the pathway options including sale of land, agreement for lease, public private partnerships (PPP) or direct lease of an existing facility.

The DoD would be looking to work with a landowner to purchase a site that meets, or could meet, its requirements.

The Department would also be willing to direct lease an existing facility that an owner or operator offers a commercial facility that meets all or part of the need.

Alternatively an agreement for lease could be reached with a private party that secures the land, finances and builds the facility, then leases it to Defence.

Public Private Partnerships style delivery where a consortium designs, builds and finances the facility on Commonwealth or Defence land, and may maintain it over the contract term.is also an option

Businesses that may have relevant capabilities include owners of large industrial or developable land, developers, investors and long-term capital providers, logistics, freight, warehouse and facility operators.

Civil and building contractors. suppliers of fuel, utilities, security and workforce accommodation, planning, environmental and transport advisers could also be incorporated.

Businesses are encouraged to review the RFI, identify where their capabilities could contribute and explore potential partnerships.

For smaller businesses, this may mean connecting with landowners, developers, operators or financiers to understand how their expertise could complement a broader solution.

The Department stresses this is an early 'market-sounding' exercise to inform Defence's planning and is not a formal tender or a commitment to proceed with a particular delivery model.

For more information, contact the DefenceNT at defenceNT@nt.gov.au

Huge investment into tasers

By Gladys Barreta

ALICE Springs will be among the first three NT locations to receive the new TASER 10, with police gaining almost double the range and the ability to deploy up to 10 individual probes.

The rollout is part of a $6.5 million investment by the NT Government, which will see more than 750 next-generation devices progressively introduced across the Northern Territory Police Force.

Katherine and Wadeye will also be included in the initial rollout, before the devices are introduced across other commands, with a focus on first-response patrol officers and high-risk specialist areas.

Chief Minister and Police Minister Lia Finocchiaro said the technology would give frontline officers more options when responding to dangerous situations.

"This is first and foremost about officer and community safety. Police regularly deal with volatile, unpredictable and potentially life-threatening situations," Ms Finocchiaro said.

"TASER 10 gives trained officers another option to safely resolve those incidents and, where circumstances allow, avoid escalation to a higher level of force."

Northern Territory Police Commissioner Martin Dole said the new devices represented a significant upgrade to frontline policing.

The TASER 10 has a maximum range of 13.7 metres, compared with 7.6 metres for the existing TASER X2, according to the Government.

It can also deploy up to 10 individual probes without reloading, compared with the X2's two-probe system.

The new devices feature a pulsing light and audible warning that can be activated without deploying a probe, giving officers another opportunity to attempt de-escalation before using force.

Mr Dole said police had begun training officers and updating policies, governance arrangements and asset management systems ahead of the rollout.

Existing TASER X2 devices will remain in service during the transition and will be progressively withdrawn as trained officers move to the new technology.

Central Australian Aboriginal Congress said it had not previously explored police use of TASER devices or their potential implications and therefore did not have an official position on the rollout.

The organisation was unable to provide further comment before the publication's deadline.

Training for the TASER 10 will be provided to existing officers and incorporated into Police College recruit training.

Police target bikies

By Phil Williams

NORTHERN Territory Police have taken aim at bikies with additional officers brought in from across the Territory to support the Central Australian operation targeting illegal activity by outlawed motorcycle gangs (OMCG).

Last Friday, 9 October, Police launched Operation Whirlwind in response to the anticipated presence of members and associates of the Outlaws, a recognised OMCG in the Alice Springs region.

Superintendent Drew Slape said as part of the operation, residents can expect to see a significant and highly visible police presence across Alice Springs and surrounding areas as police conduct a range of compliance and enforcement activities focused on disrupting criminal behaviour linked to OMCG activity.

Superintendent Drew Slape said police will be maintaining a strong and visible presence throughout Central Australia for the week.

As well as targeting OMCG linked offending, the extra officers will support local police, traffic enforcement and response to antisocial behaviour.

"Operation Whirlwind is a proactive response to the presence of the Outlaws OMCG in the region, Supt Slape said.

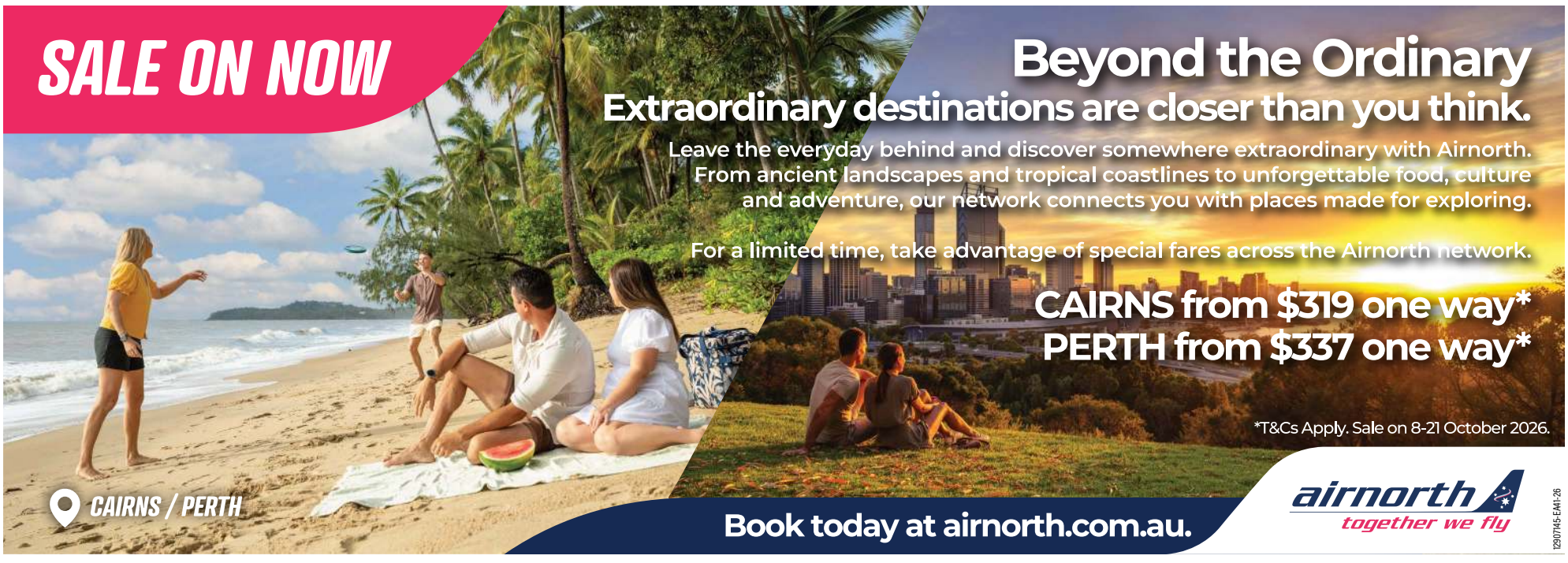
"Residents will see more police on the streets this week, and that presence will support community safety across Alice Springs more broadly..

"Our message is clear, criminal activity linked to outlaw motorcycle gangs will not be tolerated in the Territory.

"We know that their illegal activities cause a tremendous amount of harm and specifically target vulnerable members of our communities.

"The NTPF remains committed to maintaining community safety and will adopt a zero-tolerance approach to unlawful behaviour identified during this period."

Anyone who witnesses crime or antisocial behaviour is urged to contact police on 131 444. Anonymous reports can be made through Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or via https://www.crimestoppersnt.com.au. In an emergency, dial 000.



Trees uprooted, lines down

By Phil Williams

A violent storm lasting just minutes smashed the Alice Springs CBD and other parts of the town on Friday afternoon, 8 October.

Hitting almost without warning, the rough weather described as a micro burst, brought with strong winds, heavy rain and medium sized hail.

Ripping through around 4pm, uprooting trees and bringing down powerlines as well as causing damage to fences and other infrastructure in only a matter of minutes, the tempest affected several suburbs and areas including The Gap, Gillen, Araluen and Flynn.

At Alice Springs hospital, a tree was blown onto a car with NT Government branding in the short term car park in front of the Emergency Department.

A NT Fire and Rescue crew, (NTFRS) was called in to remove the tree with the Mitsubishi Pajero Sport appearing to have sustained minimal damage.

Further along Gap Road several tress were snapped off, some around two metres off the ground, and leaf and branch debris littered the ground and road.

In the park adjacent the Tom Brown roundabout, several large trees were uprooted and left flattened while another had a branch snapped like a tooth pick, cutting power to several homes.

In Gillen, Bloomfield Street was blocked when a gum tree approximately 20 metres high came down across the road.

As it toppled, the massive tree brought down powerlines across a bus stop and onto the roadway.

Traffic diversions were put in place as a State Emergency Service crew spent some time clearing the mess.



HARD YAKKA: SES volunteers shift a log from the tree in Bloomfield Street. (Phil Williams)

Several Power and Water crews with cherry picker trucks were brought in to restore the electricity service.

Also in Gillen, the Westside Community Garden sustained some damage with sunflowers and tomatoes being ruined.

"Only silver lining was the amazing rainbow that followed the storm," a garden spokesperson said on social media.

Elsewhere across town residents reported power outages and tree damage while other areas remained unscathed.

Power and Water had initial estimates of electricity being restored to some affected areas by around 9.30pm.

Along with damage in town, there were other reports of campers at Blatherkite Park, visiting for the Masters Games, having their tents and camping gear torn apart.

Alice Springs cinematographer Chris Tangey reported the storm also hit further out of town, along the Old South Road.

"Not just town," he said in a social media post.

"Long stretches of the Old South Road with wind and hail that even stripped desert oaks bare."



LUCKY: A NT Government branded car escaped with barely a scratch after a tree fell on it in the hospital car park.



COMMITMENT: Electricity crews worked for hours to restore power to the suburbs.



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History made as ground broken

By Phil Williams

ON a non-descript patch of land where cattle graze near Aileron, a moment of Northern Territory history was made last week.

The first dirt was broken on a massive project that has taken almost two decades to come to fruition.

With the creation of hundreds of jobs and an expected life of nearly 40 years, Alice Springs is in the box seat to reap the benefits of the $1.6 billion project.

The project comes with the backing of the Australian and US Governments as well as Hancock Prospecting's Gina Rinehardt who is a major investor.

The groundbreaking at the Nolans Rare Earths Project last Thursday, October 8 marked a historic moment for the NT's economic future and a major milestone in the development of the Territory's largest mining investment, according to Chief Minister Lia Finocchiaro.

The Chief Minister, Mining and Energy Minister Gerard Maley, Treasurer Bill Yan and Aboriginal Affairs Minister and Barkly MLA Steve Edgington joined Minister for Northern Australia, Madeleine King and Arafura Rare Earth's Managing Director and CEO Darryl Cuzzubbo officially turned the first sod at the Nolans Project mine site, 135km north of Alice Springs.

US Consul General Colin Crosby also attended the ceremony, demonstrating the significance of the mine on the global scale.

Backed by a $1.6 billion investment decision, Nolans is one of the most advanced rare earths projects in the world and will become the first integrated rare earths mine and processing facility of its kind in Australia.

Nolans was declared the first Significant Project under the Territory Coordinator Act, which ensures designated projects have a clear pathway through government while preserving the oversight and accountability Territorians expect.

Chief Minister Lia Finocchiaro said the project represented an opportunity to deliver quality jobs for Territorians at every level, from providing local employment and work for businesses to supporting defence and advanced manufacturing.

"Nolans is a nation-building project that will create good local jobs for decades to come, strengthen the Territory economy and cement the NT's place at the centre of Australia's critical minerals future," the Chief Minister said.

"Importantly, Nolans will help position Australia and our allies as a secure and reliable source of the rare earths needed for advanced manufacturing, defence technologies and the industries that will drive future economic growth."

When in full production, it is estimated the mine will supply around five percent of the world's rare earth needs.

Rare earth is the overarching description of minerals including neodymium and praseodymium which are critical to the production of permanent magnets and components used in electric motors and other technology.



FIRST SOD: The official party breaks the first ground at the Arafura Nolans mine site. (PIC: PHILLIAMS 583903 12)



LONG TERM: The Arafura mine site is expected to have a life of at least 38 years. (583903)



GUESTS: More than 120 guests were given a traditional welcome. (583903)



SIGNIFICANCE: : Chief Minister, Lia Finocchiaro with one of the special shovels used in the groundbreaking ceremony. (Phil Williams: 583903)

"The designation of Nolans as a significant project under the Territory Coordinator Act ensures the Territory can take a coordinated, whole-of-government approach to support delivery of this nationally significant project by reducing unnecessary delays and keeping this project moving, Ms Finocchiaro said.

"Projects like Nolans show that the Territory has everything that Australia needs - we have the resources, the strategic location and the industrial potential to meet some of the nation's biggest challenges."

The Nolans project will become only the third fully integrated rare earths ore-to-oxide operation outside mainland China and is expected to produce around four per cent of global neodymium-praseodymium oxide demand outside China.

The project is forecast to contribute $25.2 billion to the Territory economy over its 38-year operational life, creating more than 600 construction jobs and around 350 ongoing operational roles while delivering real opportunities for Central Australian and Territory businesses.

Alice Springs is positioned as the logistics, services and workforce hub for construction and for decades of operations to follow, delivering a long-term opportunity well beyond the construction spike.

Minister for Mining and Energy Gerard Maley said the project demonstrated the Territory's ability to deliver world-class resource developments.

"Nolans is a game-changer for the Northern Territory and another example of how our Government is enabling major projects to move from potential to production," Minister Maley said.

"This project will establish the Territory as a key player in the global critical minerals supply chain while strengthening Australia's sovereign capability in rare earths production."

Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Member for Barkly, Steve Edgington, said the development of Nolans was creating jobs, business opportunities and Aboriginal participation across Central Australia, anchored by Alice Springs as the project's regional logistics and workforce hub.

"It's creating hundreds of jobs, supporting local industry and generating long-term economic benefits across Central Australia, with Alice Springs set to play a pivotal role as the logistics, services and workforce hub," Minister Edgington said.

More than 70 work packages have already been advertised, and a 250-bed workforce accommodation site is targeted for completion by November 2026.

Mr Cuzzubbo said the Nolans mine would be significant on a global scale.

"Getting a project like this started is one of the hardest parts - and together, we've done it. But today is a beginning, not the finish line."

"Over the next three years, hundreds of people will build a mine and a processing plant here, in one of the most remote parts of the country, Mr Cuzzubbo said.

"It will be built in the same way we've built our partnerships with Traditional Owners, lenders, customers and other stakeholders - with integrity and respect at the core. Nolans will be here for more than half a century.

"With partners across the world's largest manufacturing hubs in Korea, Europe, the US and India, the operation will be important on a global scale.

The Northern Territory and Australia will become a trusted source of the high-value inputs that power the world's energy transition and advanced technologies."

The development also includes a strong commitment to Aboriginal participation and shared benefits through Arafura's Territory Benefit Plan, building on a Native Title Agreement that has been in place since 2020.

Territory businesses interested in supply opportunities can register through ICN NT, with further industry briefings scheduled in Alice Springs and Darwin in November.

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The Pulse

Dr Glenn Morrison



Too much wriggle room...

By Glenn Morrison

IS anything more hated across the globe right now than an AI data centre?

Public backlash against power-hungry data centres is "spreading beyond the U.S. to Europe and Asia as communities raise concerns over electricity, water and land use,"writes US news service CNBC last week.

This month The Saturday Paper notes US tech giants promising massive investment and sovereign capabilities for Australia.

"They are clearly ramping up their lobbying, with tactics that have been likened to those of big tobacco and big oil."

The Centre faces its own threats, with uncertainty surrounding whether data centres are dealt with in our recently approved Alice Springs Water Allocation Plan 2026-2036.

In January, The Pulse noted how the Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI) was trumpeting a push for data centres in the North and Centre via its journal The Strategist ("AI futures, Barkly's paradox" 8 January 2026).

ASPI is a Canberra-based 'think tank' with a taxpayer-funded office in Washington.

In one article, ASPI author Dr John Coyne urged government and industry to build a "sovereign computing zone linked to North Australia's emerging energy capacity" along with new digital corridors and national fibre upgrades.

"A sovereign computing zone in the Beetaloo and Barkly area in the middle of the Northern Territory offers a credible way to close this gap," Coyne wrote. "Gas from the Beetaloo Basin can provide the firm, continuous power required for high-performance computing."

In July, ABC's Sam Parry was reporting 12 data centre investors eyeing the North, including a proposed gigawatt-scale data centre in the NT's Barkly region estimated to use up to four gigalitres of water each year, "more than greater Darwin uses in a month, according to NT Power and Water Corporation data".

In early August, another ASPI author, Raelene Lockhorst, urged the Developing the North Conference 2026 here in Alice Springs that Australia ought to build more AI data centres in the north.

A few days later, Lockhorst reiterated her conference thoughts in The Strategist, urging once again that capability in the Northern Territory would not be created by building one processing plant, one energy project or one data centre.

"It emerges," she writes, "when infrastructure, industry, technology and people are connected through reliable energy, transport networks, digital systems, skilled workforces and resilient supply chains.

"AI provides one example. Its success depends on strategically located data centres, abundant, reliable and affordable energy, secure digital infrastructure, skilled workforce and policy settings that bring those elements together."



PROTECTION: AFP officers provide protection for a USAF C-17Globemaster as it is unloaded in Alice Springs. (PIC: PHIL WILLIAMS 583648 04)

In an earlier article, Lockhorst noted how "discussions at the Northern Territory Investment Summit, held on 17 July, highlighted how gas from the Beetaloo Basin could support future energy demand."

"The region's significant gas reserves, abundant land availability and access to underground water resources have renewed debate about its role in enabling new industrial development."

Interest in the Barkly-Beetaloo nexus relies on erroneous thinking: that power and water supply will be plentiful, we need not worry about climate change, and gas is not a fossil fuel, which may yet fit Prime Minister' Albanese's recent ruling that data centres run on renewables.

It has been said that Beetaloo and data centres are considered "a silver bullet for the NT economy", thinking that has roots in a tech push begun more than 15 years ago.

In the NT Government's 2009-10 annual report by its Data Centre Management business, a future priority was listed to "determine options for the establishment of a second data centre site as a disaster recovery facility."

In 2011, Top End technology solutions company Area 9 hoped to build an Alice Springs data centre might serve as a backup for its Darwin-based cloud operation, as reported in tech industry journal itnews on 23 September that year.

Then NT Minister for Business and Employment Rob Knight, who served the NT Labor Party from 2005 to 2012, applauded the notion.

"We aren't embarking just on the national scene as a destination for business but on the international scene."

Pulse can find no evidence that Area 9's proposal was ever followed up, and it may well have been little more than a timely "thought bubble".

But it demonstrates how easily government strategy turns on economic opportunity.

The first Beetaloo gas from ASX-listed gas developer Tamboran Resources' Shenandoah South project flowed north to supply NT users last month.

In January 2025, Tamboran had asked the US Trump administration to invest $US5 billion ($8 billion) in "a data centre project to be used for defence and at operations such as Pine Gap."

"We think the Northern Territory is well positioned for a substantial data centre investment," the company told the Australian Financial Review at the time.

"Pine Gap is crucial and there is the Tindal Air Force Base, where there are now nine B52s on the tarmac."

Mike Cannon Brooke's Sun Cable project is similarly poised to power Barkly data projects, with water demands yet to be quantified.

Could tech interest stray southward to the Alice Springs district, near a busy town, with better transport links, closer to Pine Gap?

The recently adopted Alice Springs Water Allocation Plan 2026-2036 does not explicitly deal with data centres, though they may well be covered under general economic development and licensing provisions.

Under the Water Act 1992 declaration (Gazette No. S63, 23 July 2026), industry is an official beneficial use of water falling under 'other uses', including agriculture, aquaculture, cultural, industry, mining and petroleum activities.

The category allows 5550 ML/year in the Mereenie Zone and 1140 ML/year in the Town zone, any water license required to account for potential impacts on the public water supply.

Also, total extractions must not exceed allocated estimated sustainable yields, recently increased by the new WAP.

Wriggle room enough to run a bulldozer through. Perhaps even a C17 Globemaster.



TAXI: A C17 Globemaster transport plane is guided to the hardstand to be unloaded at Alice Springs airport. (PIC: PHIL WILLIAMS 583648 01)



CLOSE EYE: Australian Federal Police watch over A C17 Globemaster while it is unloaded in Alice Springs. (PIC: PHIL WILLIAMS 583648 02)



DEPARTURE: A US AIrforce C-17 Globemaster takes off from Alice Springs. (PIC: PHIL WILLIAMS 583648 03)

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Alice funding a world first

By Phil Williams

IN a joint effort that took considerable hard work and time, the Rotary Clubs of Alice Springs–Mbantua and Alice Springs have presented a new car to the Women's Safety Services Central Australia (WoSSCA).

The successful application almost didn't happen and was submitted just with hours to spare.

The recent handover of the Ford Everest 4x4 marked the first phase of three of the Say No – Domestic and Family Violence project, developed in partnership with WoSSCA, the two local Rotary clubs and Rotary District 9510, and funded through Rotary's Global Grants Scheme.

Rotary District 9510 Governor Tim Mee travelled to Alice Springs for the presentation and highlighted the significance of the grant which is the first Rotary Global Grant awarded for a domestic violence project in Australia.

It is also the first allocation worldwide in this area of focus.

Rotary President Paul Wilson and Virginia Loy, as project directors, played a major role in bringing the concept together.

The project began more than seven months earlier following a proposal that the two Rotary Clubs contribute $10,000 towards a joint Rotary Global Grant application.

With just six weeks to prepare, the application involved gathering information from WoSSCA and drafting supporting documents.

Ms Loy said the submission process was demanding, and the application faced strong competition from proposals in developing countries.

"I took responsibility for preparing the application, with only six weeks to submit it, she said.

"After initially knowing little about the process, I spent the first week completing Rotary learning modules.

"I sent many emails and text messages during the process, but I was determined to leave no stone unturned., she said.

"Despite the considerable time involved, I remained focused non the project's potential benefits for the Alice Springs Rotary clubs and the wider community.

The application was completed and submitted with one day to spare.

"The revised application was submitted on the Tuesday after the Bangtail Muster, " she said.

"In the final week of June, Rotary International confirmed that the Rotary Club of Alice Springs–Mbantua had been successful and US$97,611 , equivalent to approximately A$141,000 was approved.

"The Rotary Clubs of Preston and Merimbula also contributed donations totalling $6,000, Ms Loy said.

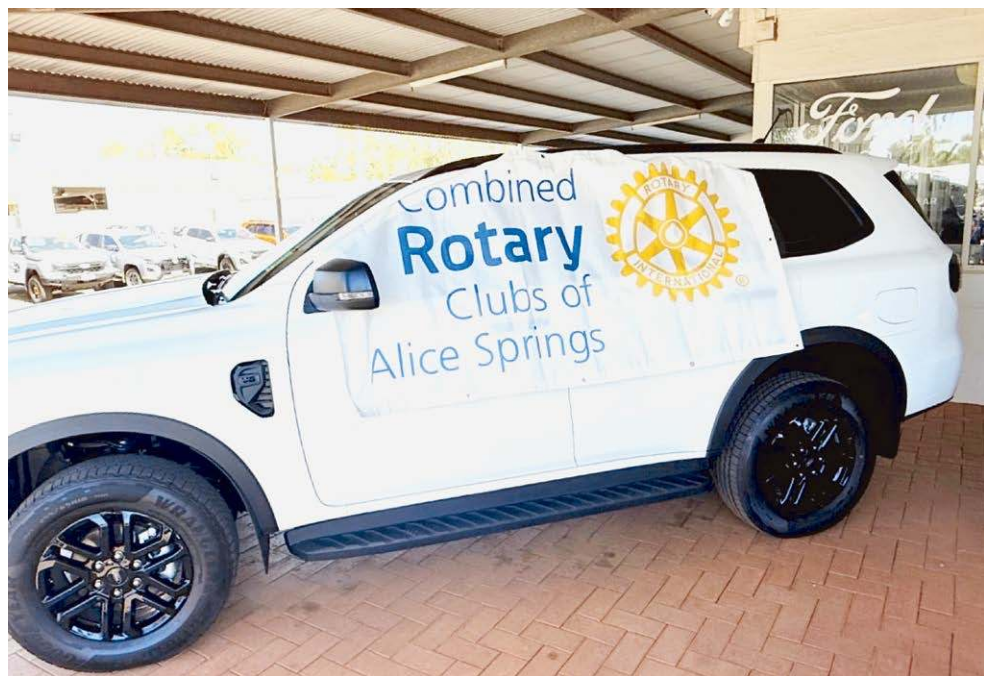
With the vehicle now delivered, work moves to Phase 2 of the project which is the development of a child-safe space, including furniture and sensory toys.at the Women's Shelter,

The final Phase consisting of four Community workshops in remote communities and four in Alice Springs are set to follow.

"This milestone is a significant achievement for Rotary and the Alice Springs community, made possible through sustained local, district and international collaboration," Ms Loy said.



GIFT: CEO, Larissa Ellis is all smiles as she accepts the car, gifted by the Rotary, on WoSSCA's behalf. (PIC: ROTARY CLUBS OF ALICE SPRINGS)



COMMUNITY GRANT: The Ford Everest presented to WoSSCA is the first part of a three phase project coordinated by the Rotary Clubs of Alice Spring. (PIC: ROTARY CLUBS OF ALICE SPRINGS)

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BIG TIME: The 2025 Alice Beat choir and Apogee on the big stage at Araluen (Alice Beat/Nico Liengme)

Beat goes on

THE Alice Beat, the premier combined schools music event, returns tonight (Thursday 15 October) with close to 200 Central Australian students singing, playing and dancing to the theme of Traveller at the Araluen Performing Arts Centre.

Facilitated by the Northern Territory Music School, The Alice Beat creates a distinctive opportunity for music students to hone their skills and showcase them to an enthusiastic audience.

The combined choir includes students from remote bush schools including Tennant Creek Primary, Yulara, Yuendumu, Haasts Bluff, Alcoota, Wallace Rockhole and Neutral Junction, combined with the excellent local choirs of Larapinta, Ross Park and Bradshaw primary schools.

Over 130 voices will soar above the sonorous sounds of Apogee, the premier NT Music School concert band, to create a powerful ensemble of student musicians as they perform seven travel-themed songs.

Throughout the year, Choral Coordinator Glenyss Rae visited bush schools to teach the shared repertoire of songs and help develop vocal technique and performance skills.

The dedicated team of choir teachers in Alice Springs and across the central region rehearse weekly with their students to perfect the choral repertoire.

Apogee conductor and Alice Springs Senior Teacher, Matthew Owen, rehearsed with the concert band students each week to hone their ensemble skills in preparation for the Beat concert.

This year's vocal soloists include experienced Beat singers Audax van der Pasch from Centralian Secondary College (CSC) and Korey Sleigh, along with students from Ross Park, Larapinta and Bradshaw Primary Schools plus Centralian Middle School.

The Alice Beat will also feature performances from a range of NT Music School ensembles including the junior concert band, Con Moto, guitar ensemble String Theory, choir Singchronicity and the CSC Band performing two original songs.

Tickets for tonight's Alice Beat performance from 7pm at the Araluen Arts Centre are available by visiting https://araluenartscentre.nt.gov.au/whats-on/traveller-2026-alice-beat-festival.

Think bold and dress wild

By Phil Williams

THE rulebook has been tossed and ladies are being given free reign to dress up and go wild at the Red Centre Rural Ladies Masquerade Ball on 24 October at the Alice Springs Turf Club from 6pm.

Think wild. Think bold. Think unexpected. Think outside the box.

Untamed and raw, it's more than just dinner.

Get dressed up, grab your mates and get ready for a night of glamour, laughs and entertainment with a little bit of spice in the Pioneer Park marquee.

As part of global International Women's Day celebrations, the Red Centre - Rural Ladies Gala Dinner will once again be held to honour the vital contributions of women on the land.

Red Centre Rural Ladies was created to provide an opportunity for rural and remote women across Central Australia to connect, celebrate each other and recognise the contribution they make to our region.

The Gala Dinner will also highlight the Rural Women's Awards, with the public nominating three women who live, work and contribute to life on the land in the Central Desert region.

Independently organised, the event relies on ticket sales, sponsorship and community support to continue.

It is about creating something that is a little different for Central Australia, and giving rural women a night to look forward to each year.

This very special evening invites everyone to come together to celebrate, connect and recognise rural women while enjoying a night of food, drinks, entertainment, dancing and more.

While celebrating the three extraordinary women who will be honoured, guests will enjoy an extensive three course meal and drinks package.

As the only black-tie gala event for International Rural Women's Day in the Central Desert Region, it provides a rare and valuable networking opportunity for business representatives, local industries, families and the wider pastoral and agricultural community.

Ball co-ordinator Danyelle Haigh said the night was about recognising rural women in a fun environment that is about them.

"This event is about celebrating the women who often work behind the scenes, keep families, businesses and communities going and contribute so much to life in rural and remote Central Australia.

"They deserve a night that is completely about them, Ms Haigh said.

"We don't get many opportunities in Central Australia to dress up, get together and celebrate our rural women."

This year's Untamed & Raw Masquerade Gala will feature inspiring guest speaker, sexologist, Janelle Coleman along with dazzling shows from Stardazed & Co and Fire Twirling.

Comedian and drag MC Sherri Lee Volua will keep the laughs flowing before local cover band Wolfpack Amadeus rock the night to its conclusion.

Whatever untamed and raw means to you - Feathers? Leather? Sparkle? Something completely outrageous? There are no rules... just OWN IT.

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History-making moment

By Phil Williams

FOLLOWING the historic moment at Aileron where ground was broken earlier in the day at the $1.6 project site, around 100 people gathered in Alice Springs to celebrate the moment.

Over the next three years, the mine will create around 600 jobs in the construction phase with another 350 ongoing operational roles for the life of the mine.

Arafura CEO, Darryl Cuzzubbo said the Nolans mine would be significant on a global scale.

"Getting a project like this started is one of the hardest parts and together, we've done it. But today is a beginning, not the finish line."



Hannah Hopkins, Hamish Kelly, Alan Butler and Richard Green at the Arafura event. (Arafura Nolans)



Cathryn Tilmouth and Bill Yan celebrated the landmark Nolans groundbreaking.



Cathy Moises and Glenda Magee at the Nolans celebration party.



Arafura Nolans Head of NT, Stewart Forrest with Senator Don Farrell at the Arafura celebration.



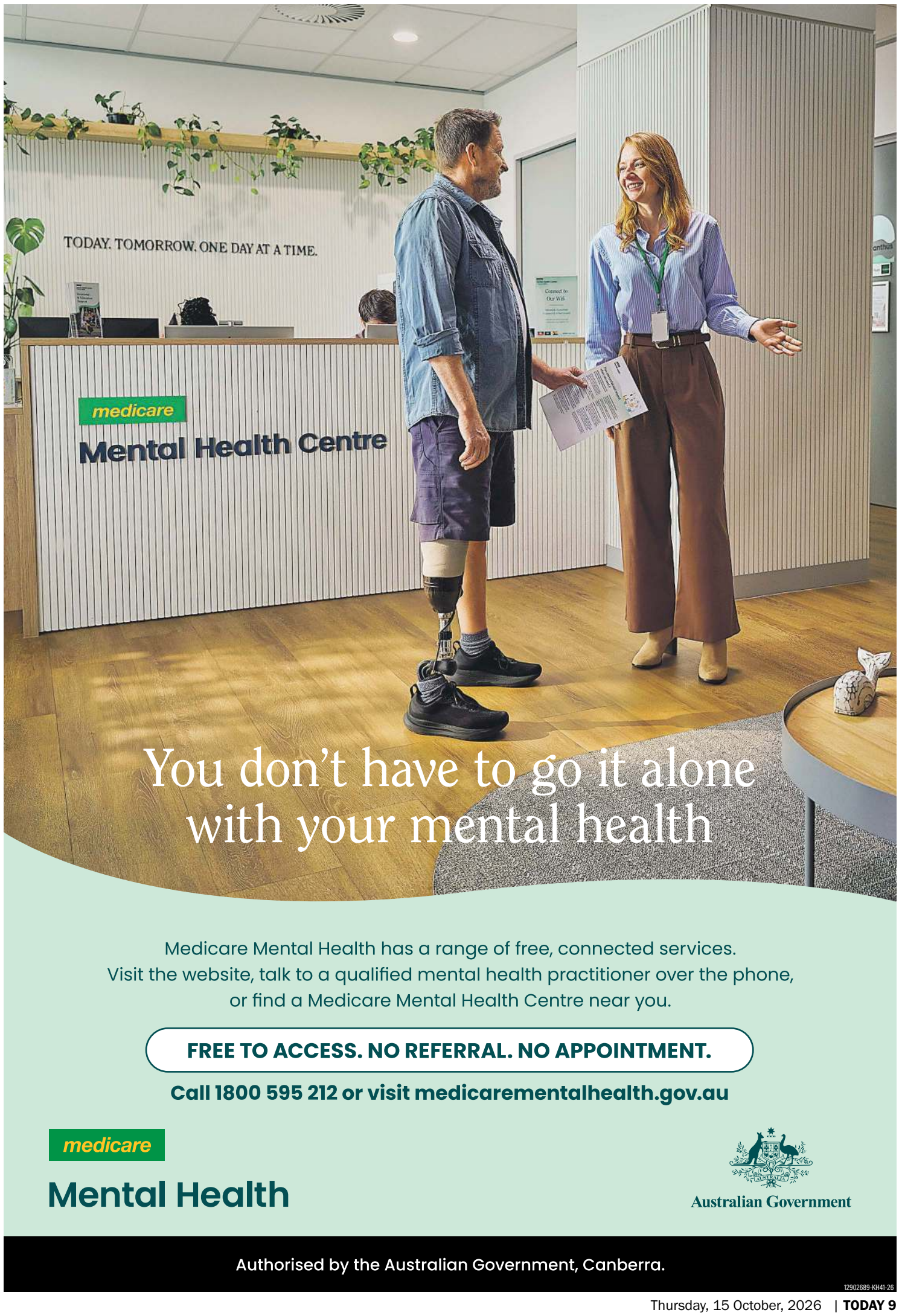
Mamna Tinning and Gaelin Cooney enjoying the moment at the Nolans celebration.



Jenny Kang and Liz Griffin celebrated at the Nolans event



Arafura CEO Darryl Cuzzubbo with Megan Miller at the Nolans celebration.



Buffel crisis

By Gladys Barreta

CALLS for federal intervention over the growing threat of buffel grass in Central Australia are intensifying, with community leaders warning the invasive weed is now a safety issue as well as an environmental one.

Buffel grass has previously been nominated as a Weed of National Significance, backed by more than 80 organisations spanning Indigenous, conservation, health, tourism, arts and community groups.

The push comes after heavy rainfall triggered widespread buffel growth across the Red Centre earlier this year, creating large fuel loads that could become increasingly dangerous as the landscape dries out.

A predicted El Niño is already established and intensifying across the Central Desert, while a positive Indian Ocean Dipole is likely to develop during spring. According to the Invasive Species Council, the last time the two climate drivers strongly coincided was in 1982, contributing to exceptionally dry conditions ahead of the devastating Ash Wednesday fire season.

Alice Springs Mayor Asta Hill has called on the Federal Government to recognise the scale of the threat and provide funding for a long-term, coordinated response.

"People in Alice Springs are living with buffel grass every day. It is spreading through our town, along our roads and across the landscapes that make Central Australia such a special place to live and visit," she said.

"Our Council is doing an enormous amount of work to manage buffel grass, but this problem is now far beyond what local ratepayers can reasonably be expected to fund alone.

"This is also a tourism issue. People come to Central Australia to experience our extraordinary landscapes, and we cannot stand by while those landscapes are transformed and increasingly exposed to destructive fires."



BULLDOZE: The Arid Lands Environment Centre has launched Australia's first national report on buffel grass, highlighting its growing impact on landscapes, communities and public safety. (Arid)

NT Opposition health spokesperson Chansey Paech said buffel grass had become a growing threat to the safety and wellbeing of Central Australian communities.

"Territorians have been raising the alarm about buffel grass and its impact on Country for years," he said.

"We need national leadership, sustained investment and a coordinated response across governments."

The Arid Lands Environment Centre (ALEC) has also launched Australia's first national buffel grass report on 3 October, Buffel Bulldozer: The invasive grass burning through Australia's landscapes and putting lives at risk.

ALEC policy and advocacy manager Alex Vaughan said the report highlighted the impacts of buffel grass on First Nations cultures, tourism, public safety and the environment across Australia.

"Buffel grass is a bulldozer, destroying landscapes from rivers to mountains," he said.

The report also highlights community-led management and regeneration efforts, while calling for buffel grass to be declared a Weed of National Significance.



NEW CUSTODIAN: Charlie Carter with the bower bird after it was moved into his backyar. (Phil Williams: 583345)

Big bird finds new bower

By Phil Williams

FOLLOWING a call out to Alice Springs locals, the bower bird sculpture that has sat watching over students on their way to school at Ross Park Primary School for nearly 20 years has found a new home close by.

The sculpture needed to be moved due to the sale its current home and a call was put out through the Centralian Today and social media to find a new owner.

Some of the suggestions made included relocating it to the Olive Pink Botanic Garden or the Eastside Community Garden.

It has since taken up residence and will construct a new bower in the backyard of the home of Charlie and Deb Carter, a few doors west of its former home..

Just days after the plea went out, in a post on the Centralian Today's Facebook page, former owner, Peter Allsop announced the news of the big bird's new location.

No sooner had the decision been made to move the much loved sculpture, a plan was put in place and the bird was moved in a coordinated operation on Saturday, 3 October.

Television garden Guru, Costa Georgiadis who was in Alice Springs relating to another project, joined several neighbours in helping to move the big bird.

"Thanks for the offers to re-nest the Bower Bird. We've had several and with the consent of the artist Jnine have decided to move it further up the lane to Deb and Charlie's garden," Mr Allsop said.

"This is the obvious choice, only 50m from where it is now and still overlooking the laneway where kids pass on their way to school.

"It's also got the advantage of being visible from Lindsay Avenue so even more people can enjoy it."

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THE Alice Springs Masters Games are in full swing, with the Red Centre buzzing as athletes, supporters and spectators come together to celebrate 40 years of sport, friendship and unforgettable moments.

Running from 10–17 October, the 2026 Games mark a special milestone for one of Australia's most iconic Masters sporting events, bringing together competitors from across the country for eight days of friendly rivalry, camaraderie and entertainment.

From seasoned Games veterans to first-time participants, athletes of all abilities are embracing the opportunity to compete, reconnect with old friends and make new memories in the heart of Australia.

With a diverse sporting programme featuring swimming, athletics, cycling, golf, tennis, softball, pickleball, triathlon and more, there's been plenty of action unfolding across Alice Springs. While medals and personal bests are certainly worth celebrating, the Games have always been about much more than competition.

It's the friendships formed, encouragement from the sidelines and shared experiences that keep participants returning year after year.

The celebrations kicked off in spectacular fashion on Saturday 10 October, with the Opening Ceremony at ANZAC Oval featuring Australian rock favourites Baby Animals and Choirboys, alongside local entertainment.



The Games will go out with a bang on Saturday 17 October, with iconic Australian dance-pop duo Sneaky Sound System headlining the Closing Ceremony celebrations on the lawns at the Lasseters Centre of Entertainment.

The traditional participant march brought the Games community together for a memorable start to this milestone anniversary.

The festivities continued on Wednesday evening with the Mid-Week Party at the Alice Springs Town Council Lawns, where Australian music favourite Shannon Noll provided the soundtrack to another fantastic Games celebration. With entertainment, markets and the popular Masters Mile, the event offered another opportunity for participants and locals to come together and soak up the atmosphere.

And there's still plenty to look forward to!

The Games will go out with a bang on Saturday 17 October, with iconic Australian dance-pop duo Sneaky Sound System headlining the Closing Ceremony celebrations on the lawns at the Lasseters Centre of Entertainment.

Known for their infectious dance anthems and high-energy performances, Sneaky Sound System will be joined by talented Territory artist Casii Williams, bringing a fantastic mix of local talent and national entertainment to the stage.



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The Closing Ceremony is free to attend, with celebrations running from 6pm to 10pm. Everyone is invited to join the festivities and help farewell the 40th anniversary Games in style.

Beyond the sporting venues, the Games are also an opportunity to showcase Alice Springs and the surrounding Red Centre, with visiting participants and supporters encouraged to explore the region's spectacular landscapes, rich cultural experiences and local businesses.

As the 40th anniversary celebrations draw to a close, one thing is certain: the Alice Springs Masters Games spirit is as strong as ever.

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Barkly the bird's back home

THERE were plenty of smiles and sighs of relief at No Worries Nursery last week when Barkly, a much-loved pheasant coucal who disappeared after being frightened by a dog, was finally reunited with his family.

Barkly has been a familiar sight around the nursery since he was a tiny chick. Free to roam, the native bird has become part of the furniture at the nursery and a cherished member of Andrea Postrak's family.

When Barkly suddenly vanished, Andrea feared the worst.

"I was very worried and thought he may have been taken by a dog," she said.

After spreading the word among friend, Andrea spent ten days hoping for news of the missing bird but as the days passed, she began to lose hope.

Then came an unexpected phone call.

A friend, Linda Alexander, was gardening when she heard an unusual bird call across the road at Nyinkka Nyunyu.

"I listen to the birds and this was a new sound," she said.

"I wasn't sure but I had a strong feeling it may have been Andrea's bird, so I called her."

The tip-off proved to be exactly what Andrea had been waiting for.

"I went to Nyinkka Nyunyu straight away and a couple of visitors said they had seen the bird running amongst the bushes," she said.

"I called out and straight away Barkly came flying out of the bushes and landed on my head.



Barkly the bird as a chick

"I was so excited to have him back. It was a huge relief."

The reunion reminded Andrea that Tennant Creek is a great place to be.

"It made me realise that, despite the ups and downs of Tennant Creek, we have a real sense of community here, and everyone chips in to help when needed," she said.

"I'm very grateful to everyone who kept an eye out, but especially to Linda for following through on her intuition."

Barkly appeared just as pleased to be reunited with his family. Andrea said soon after they arrived home, Barkly brought her a gift – a large locust.

While pheasant coucals are native Australian birds, they are more commonly found further north. Barkly first came into Andrea's care after a friend found him as a chick and brought him to the nursery.



Andrea Postrak welcomes Barkly the bird home after his adventure.

Since then, he has become a local character, regularly visiting neighbours.

At home, Barkly plays with the family's cat and dog and often rewards Andrea with insects he catches.

Because pheasant coucals are not strong fliers, Andrea was worried he would be vulnerable to predators.

Fortunately, Barkly's adventure wasn't very dramatic at all.

"It seems he simply wandered too far and couldn't find his way back," Andrea said.

"We're very glad he's safely home."

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Calling it a day

By Phil Williams

AFTER years of sniffing out dangerous drugs across the Northern Territory, police dog Callen has officially hung up his harness and retired from the frontline.

From remote communities to major centres, the four-legged officer has helped intercept significant drug hauls, including 45kg of cannabis hidden in a camper van.

Now, after a career of dedicated service, Callen is trading drug busts for pool swims, couch naps and well-earned belly rubs.

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SNIFF: NT Police Detection Dog, Callen, with his handler, Officer Mitchell goes to work during a traffic stop. (NT POLICE)

A world of film comes to Alice



BIG SCREEN: Moviegoers enjoy the Mparntwe Alice Springs International Film Festival, which returns to town on 15 October.

THE Mparntwe Alice Springs International Film Festival (MASIFF) returns on 15 October, bringing 12 days of local, Australian and international cinema to Alice Springs Cinema and Araluen Arts Centre.

Presented by Red Hot Arts in partnership with the Darwin International Film Festival, MASIFF brings together stories from around the world, with a program spanning First Nations truth-telling, international award winners, queer film, comedy, documentaries and independent Australian cinema.

This year's program explores hope in all its shapes and sizes through love, joy, resistance, justice, connection and finding a way forward, even in difficult circumstances.

Opening night features Facing the Numbers, a genre-pushing anthology from First Nations filmmakers Kieran Satour and Tyson Perkins exploring First Nations disadvantage in Australia's legal system, alongside the strength and resilience of First Nations people protecting Country, culture and community.

The film includes the story of Alice Springs woman Kylie Hampton, who witnessed two family members die in custody, and explores the ongoing impact of these tragic and avoidable deaths on her family.

The film has screened at the Melbourne International Film Festival (MIFF) and Darwin International Film Festival (DIFF) to critical acclaim.

Director Kieran Satour will attend an opening-night Q&A, joined by Justice Reform Initiative representative Kirsten Wilson and other guests to discuss the film and broader First Nations experiences of policing and incarceration.

"This year hope emerged as the strongest theme," Red Hot Arts general manager, Angie Stahl said.

"Not necessarily in happy endings but that hope can be found in all kinds of lived experiences. Falling in love, fighting for something, resisting oppression, surviving trauma, finding your people or simply knowing there is a way forward. Every film holds some element of hope, see if you can find it!"

From Mparntwe to Iran, India, France, Indonesia, New Zealand and beyond, MASIFF brings major international festival winners and acclaimed new films rarely available to Central Australian audiences.

Festival highlights include the French adult animated comedy Jim Queen; Oscar-winning director Orlando von Einsiedel's true-life adventure The Cycle of Love; Sundance Special Jury Award winner The Friend's House Is Here, secretly filmed in Tehran; acclaimed drama Josephine, featuring Channing Tatum; and Australian black comedy The Fox, starring Jai Courtney, Emily Browning, Miranda Otto, Sam Neill and Olivia Colman.

Central Australian and First Nations stories feature throughout the festival, with a strong shorts program including The Native Police, written and directed by Charles Perrurle Perkins and filmed on Arrernte Country; Arrernte filmmaker Talia Liddle's Protest on the Dancefloor; the Fregon/Kaltjiti community story IRITINGURU KUWARIKUTU - Old Ways, New Ways; award-winning Our Choir Has Always Been Travelling, celebrating the Ntaria Choir; Darwin-made Cornwallis, featuring Yung Milla; and Faceless, co-written, co-directed and starring Warlpiri man William Jaka.

MASIFF runs from 15-26 October at Alice Springs Cinema and Araluen Arts Centre.

Tickets cost $24 for standard admission, $18 concession and $12.50 for Blak Ticket holders. A $200 festival pass provides access to every film, bringing the cost down to about $14 per film and saving more than $130.

No booking fees apply.

Tickets and the full program are available at masiff.com.au

Sense and Sensibility



ALICE Springs Cinema's spotlight film is Sense and Sensibility.

From Focus Features and Working Title comes an irresistible new take on Jane Austen's iconic Sense and Sensibility: a charming, witty, and deeply relatable story of love and sisterhood starring Daisy Edgar-Jones and Esme Creed-Miles.

"Sense and Sensibility captivates through its beautiful pageantry and showstopping performances, while also speaking to the world we live in today." - Phil Walsh, Geek Vibes Nation

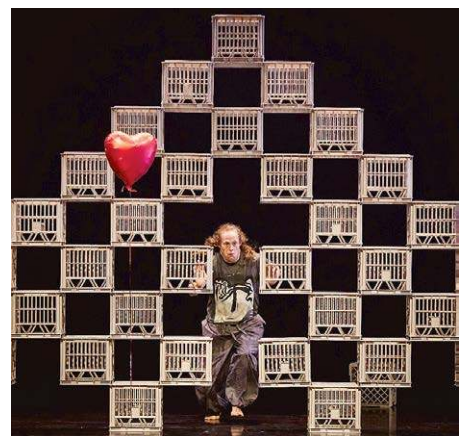
"Georgia Oakley gives Austen's classic a grounded, gorgeous makeover, with Daisy Edgar-Jones and Esme Creed-Miles delivering lovely performances in one of the most romantic films this decade thus far." - Rendy Jones, Rendy Reviews

"Daisy Edgar-Jones and Esme Creed-Miles deliver a charming, beautifully grounded Jane Austen adaptation that restores faith in classic period dramas – after what we've had to endure lately, be surprised." - Daniel Hart, Ready Steady Cut

131 minutes | Drama | CTC | Directed by Georgia Oakley | Starring George MacKay, Caitriona Balfe, Fiona Shaw, Daisy Edgar-Jones, Frank Dillane, Bodhi Rae Breathnach, Herbert Nordrum, Esme Creed-Miles | Opening 15 October

Visit alicespringscinema.com.au for session times

Dance shines a light


Lighting the Dark, a new dance work exploring identity, creativity and the human experience is being brought to Araluen Arts Centre on 17 October.

DANCENORTH Australia will bring Lighting the Dark to Araluen Arts Centre on Saturday, 17 October, offering audiences a dance work exploring identity, imagination and what it means to be human.

Created by Kaurna dancer and choreographer Chris Dyke, who lives with Down syndrome, Lighting the Dark draws on his experiences and creative vision to explore how people are seen and understood by the world around them.

Joined on stage by the Dancenorth Ensemble, Dyke leads the work through a combination of movement, light and collaboration, creating what is described as a journey through both individual and universal experiences.

The production explores the contrast between the way people may be perceived from the outside and the depth of their inner worlds, with themes of love, creativity, hope and connection at its centre.

Dyke's artistic influences include figures such as Banksy, David Bowie and Freddie Mercury, whose revolutionary approaches to art and performance have helped shape his own creative vision.

Lighting the Dark is a collaboration between Dyke and the Dancenorth Ensemble, with the production using dance and theatrical imagery to explore the challenges, complexity and joy of the human experience.

The performance will be held at Araluen Arts Centre at 7pm on Saturday, 17 October.

Lighting the Dark is presented by Dancenorth Australia and Araluen Arts Centre.





SEARCH: Officer Nick Mitchell performs a drug search of baggage with PD Callen. (PIC: PHIL WILLIAMS 381075_04)

Detection dog Callen sniffs into retirement

By Phil Williams

IT was the end of an era for Alice Springs policing last Friday, 2 October with Detection Dog Callen sniffing out his final drug bust and hanging up the harness.

Beginning his career as a trainee Detection Dog with the Australian Border Force, PD Callen has been deployed with the NTPF since 2020.

Since arriving in Alice Springs in 2023, he has performed operational duties throughout the Territory, including remote communities and all major centres extending to both the WA and Qld borders.

WIth a sense of smell thousands of times greater than a human, police dogs are able to detect less than a single gram of drugs and with continuous training, they are taught to detect other types of contraband.

Callen has been instrumental in intercepting drugs entering and moving within the Northern Territory by air, land and sea.

During his service he was responsible for locating significant commercial quantities of dangerous drugs including methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin, MDMA, cannabis and Kava.



TEAM: Police Officers Simon Gillett and Nick Mitchell with their drug dogs Yva and Callen, who retired from duty earlier this month. (PIC: PHIL WILLIAMS 381075_05)

He has detected trafficable quantities of drugs at random vehicle stops, hotels and remote communities along with community and sporting events, with one of his biggest finds being 45kg of cannabis hidden in a camper van in late 2023

Callen's handler, Officer Nick Mitchell said it was a bittersweet day and that Callen had earned his retirement.

"Saying goodbye to Callen as an active working dog is bittersweet and he will be sincerely missed from the frontline, Officer Mitchell said.

"However, he has more than earned his retirement.

"Since 2020, he has been an invaluable part of the Northern Territory Dog Operations Unit and his numerous drug seizures speak volumes to his dedication and skill on the job.

"Beyond his incredible work ethic, Callen is just a loveable, high-energy little fella with the happiest demeanour you could ever ask for in a working dog.

"He also never complains about my music choice or singing ability on our long days and trips in the work ute.

After his last day of active service on the thin blue line, Callen will spend his retirement swimming in the pool and lazing on the couch.

"He has given his all every day of his working life to help keep the Northern Territory safe and now it's time for him to enjoy all the belly rubs, playtime, and couch time he deserves," Officer Mitchell said.



SURPRISE: A stunned Wendy Corkill is overcome as her friend Lucinda Moody offers congratulations after being announced as Central Australia's top citizen for 2026. (PIC: PHIL WILLIAMS)

Locals recognise locals doing good

By Gladys Barreta

ALL things great and local are being called to the front, with nominations for the Citizen of the Year, Mayoral Awards and applications for the Youth Education Bursary now open.

The awards, facilitated by Alice Springs Town Council, recognise local people, events and achievements that make a difference to the Alice Springs community.

Mayor Asta Hill said while some people contribute in the spotlight, others quietly give their time and energy to the community.

"These awards are a chance to say thank you and share their stories," Mayor Hill said.

"Whether you have someone in mind for an award or know a young person who could benefit from the bursary, I encourage you to take a look and apply."

The 2026 Centralian Awards recipients were:

- Centralian Citizen of the Year: Wendy Corkill
- Young Citizen of the Year: Ben Russell
- Senior Citizen of the Year: Elaine Kngwarraye Peckham
- Community Event of the Year: Alice Springs Beanie Festival 2025

Nominations for the Citizen of the Year Awards are open until 5pm on 16 November, 2026, across four categories: Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year and Community Event of the Year. The awards will be presented at Council's Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony on 27 January, 2027.

The Mayoral Awards are held in line with the International Day of People with Disability (IDPwD), highlighting the contributions of people with disability and those working with and advocating for disability communities.

Nominations are open until 5pm on 2 November, 2026, for the Noteworthy Award, Champion Award and Michele Castagna Medal. Recipients will be recognised at the Mayoral Awards on 3 December, 2026.

Applications for the Youth Education Bursary are open until 5pm on November 16, 2026. Each successful applicant will receive $2,500, with recipients announced at the Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony.

For eligibility criteria and application details, visit www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au/residents/community/events/council-events.aspx

The Garden Guru

Geoff Miers



Bees for healthy gardens

BEES are absolutely essential insects necessary for a healthy garden. This weekend, there are activities planned for Sunday concerning bee-keeping (see end of article for details).

Did you know that bees pollinate one in every three foods we consume, and did you know that bees in parts of the world are in decline or are extinct?

Unfortunately, bees in our community are in serious trouble as a direct result of environmental factors, our modern gardening practices and loss of habitat. It is essential that we act in the interest of these most essential and wonderful pollinators by making our gardens bee-friendly.

Keeping bees and creating bee-friendly gardens has increasingly become popular over the past three years in Alice, and we now have an active bee society regularly meeting in Alice Springs. The bee population could, in fact, be increasing due to this increased interest despite the almost drought conditions over the past twenty-four months.

In some areas in China, there are literally no bees. Every flowering plant, fruit-bearing tree, every vegetable and herb has to be hand-pollinated daily for the plants to be productive.

By inducing bees into your garden, your plants will be pollinated and be productive. We do not want to be in the situation the Chinese are in and it can happen with poor planning and bad practices that can be harmful to bees.

Have you experienced having healthy food plants like tomatoes and zucchini in your garden and they have produced little? One reason may be the absence of pollinating insects.

Irrespective of the type of garden you wish to plan, try to incorporate plants and plant combinations that will attract bees.

There are numerous ways you can create a bee-friendly garden by developing a garden that services bees but also works towards improving productivity in your garden. Bees are the best pollinators, be it for herbs, fruits, vegetables and ornamental plants in your garden.

By introducing bee-attracting plants that are seasonal and flowering at different times of the year, you can have bees all year round.

By having permanent water in a bee-friendly container, you will have bees visiting all the time, particularly over Summer. A deep bucket or container of water will see many bees drown daily. You need a shallow container where they can land safely and wade to the water's edge for a drink. If the water container is deep place, rocks or sticks that come up out of the water so bees can land on them or swim to them and not drown.

You need to be extremely careful about how you manage garden pests in your garden, as many garden insecticides can be quite harmful to bees. With contact sprays, it's best to spray very early in the morning or in the evening as the sun goes down, as it's then when the bees return to their hives.



Lavender attracts bees.(Elen_Art/Shutterstock.com)

There are many ways to create a bee-friendly garden by using a range of quite natural ways to create a balanced environment.

Restricting the use of chemicals in your garden, using chemicals carefully when bees are gone, companion planting, encouraging pest predators, using traps and barriers and being somewhat tolerant of some insect damage in the garden. Silverbeet, spinach or rocket is quite unaffected by a few grub holes in the foliage, for example.

Creating a bee and insect hotel can be a creative and fun activity for the whole family. With a little imagination, you can build an insect hotel all with recycled materials.

Stagger plantings of annuals that attract bees to keep them longer in the garden. By creating a year-round banquet of plants that are flowering and producing lots of pollen, you will have bees visiting the garden.

Allow some plants in the garden to flower and go to seed, particularly in the annual vegetable and flowering annual garden. Collect the seed and replant next season. Heritage seeds and seeds not treated with pesticides and fungicides will not harm bees.

Plant masses of bee-attracting plants of at least one metre square, as this will guarantee to catch their attention.

Allow flowering plant attractors like dandelions to invade your verge garden. Alternatively, plant lippia as a lawn alternative to grass; most certainly the bees love it when it's in flower and it can be less thirsty than most warm-season grasses.

Lippia is, however, not good for lawns if you have young children. Children and bees that both love a flowering lawn are not a good combination.

Having herbs in the garden is one of the best ways to attract bees. By having a large herb garden with a wide range of herb plants, bees will always be visiting this part of the garden. Importantly, plant different herbs according to the season to keep bees around all year.

Hyssop, mints, borage, sages/salvias, basils, lavenders, rosemary, marjoram, comfrey, fennel, lemon balm, thyme and catmint will all attract bees. Borage is an absolute winner along with basil in the tomato patch.

Peas, beans, clovers, cucumbers, pumpkins, watermelons and strawberries will all attract bees to the vegetable garden.

Sunflowers are absolute winners in bringing bees in. Hollyhocks, nasturtiums, salvias, marigolds, dandelions, zinnias, foxgloves, poppies and cosmos are also great attractors.

Bees absolutely love citrus blossom, along with the winter/spring blooms of peaches, nectarines, plums, apricots and mulberries. Mango, avocado and almond trees are also loved by bees when they are in bloom.

Stand beside a citrus tree in bloom this week and you will be seduced by the perfume of the citrus flowers and listen for the hum of the bees feeding on the nectar of the citrus blooms.

Eremophilas and grevilleas are great bee-attracting plant species, along with many flowering gums, bottlebrush, westringia and tea trees. Amongst the exotics, honeysuckles, abelia, gazanias, russellia and murraya (commonly called Mock Orange) are popular with bees.

As with citrus, stand beside an eremophila or grevillea in bloom and note the bee activity.

Remember, bees will work for you if you work for them.

On Sunday from 10am until 2pm at Olive Pink Alice Springs will have its first Honey Festival.

At this Honey Festival, there will be people giving tips on gardening, beekeeping displays, Industry speakers and a range of stalls. This event is being put on by the Alice Springs Beekeepers Association.

Honey festival abuzz

By Gladys Barreta

A spotlight will be shone on bees and the vital role they play in the food chain and economy at Alice Springs' first ever Honey Festival.

The Alice Springs Beekeepers Association Incorporated will host the festival at Olive Pink Botanic Garden on Sunday, 18 October from 10am to 2pm.

The day will focus on education and learning, with speakers discussing topics including plants and bees, medicinal honey, the life of a bee, bush balms and choosing the right sprinklers to use around plants.

The festival will also provide an opportunity for local beekeepers to learn more about Varroa mite, a disease affecting honeybee colonies across Australia that has not yet reached the Northern Territory or Tasmania.

There will be 12 stalls featuring local businesses and organisations, including Red Centre Honey, Purple House, Alice Springs Plants, Keller's Redgendary Continental Sausages, Power and Water, the Department of Lands, Planning and Environment, Red Dot Catering, Equilibrium Essentials Health, Red Desert Soap, face and body painting and the Department of Primary Industry.

Music and other activities will also form part of the community event.

Association president and founder of the original discussion group, Grace Jerrett, said bees played a critical role in everyday life.

"Without bees, we wouldn't be here today. They are a core part of the food chain," she said. "We need bees for our livelihood and our food chain. They are pollinators for our food, and the honey we sell contributes to the income of Australia."

The Alice Springs Beekeepers Association began as a discussion group in 2016 before becoming an incorporated association in 2021.

It currently has about 35 members and is open to anyone interested in amateur beekeeping.



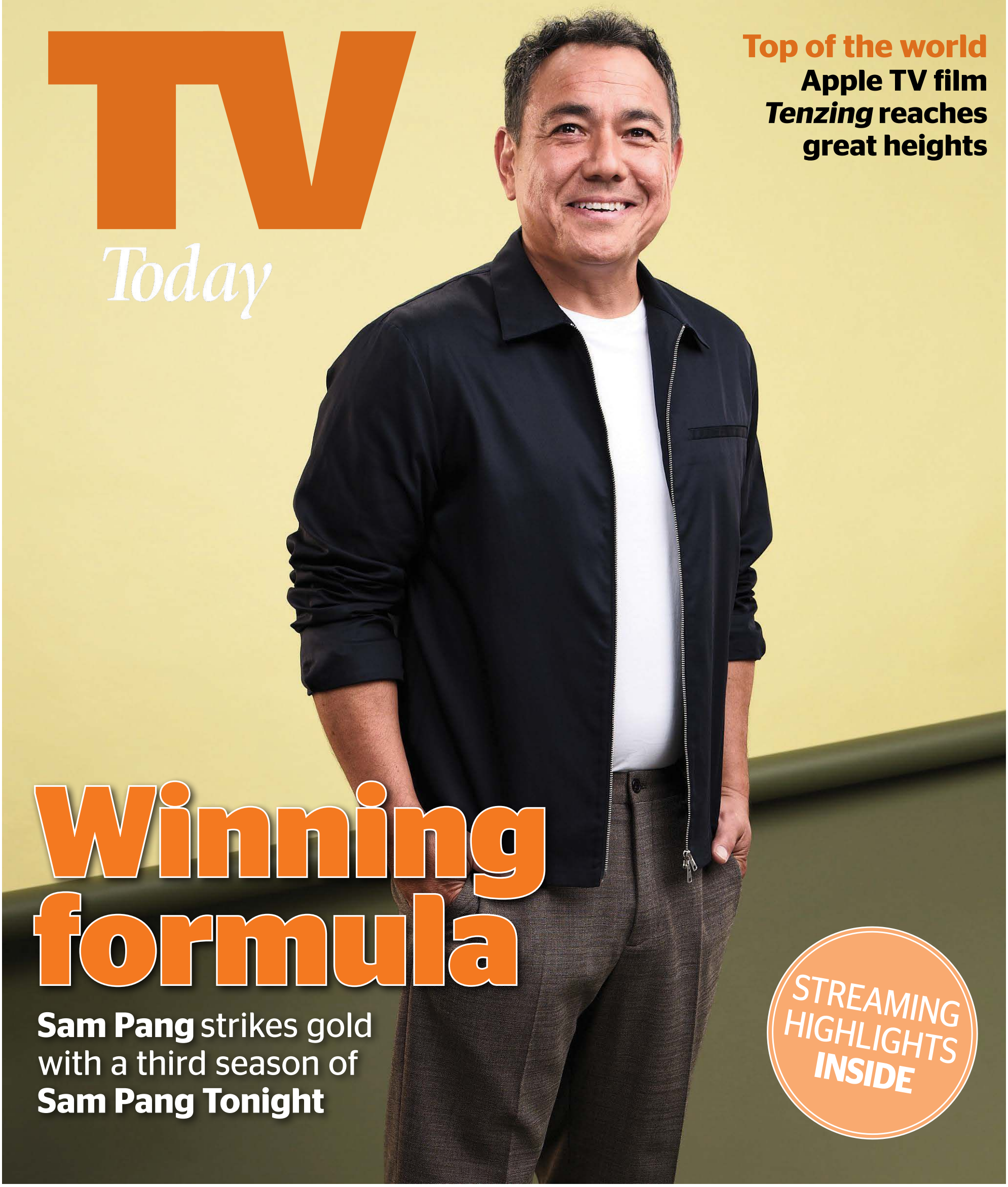
BEES: Local beekeepers share their knowledge and skills during a beekeeping workshop ahead of Alice Springs' inaugural Honey Festival.

The association aims to support beekeepers of all experience levels to improve their skills and knowledge, regardless of the type of beekeeping system they manage.

Throughout the year, the group holds beginner and advanced workshops covering new skills and hive management.

The inaugural Honey Festival will be a test run for the association, with hopes it can become an annual event.

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Winning formula

Sam Pang strikes gold with a third season of **Sam Pang Tonight**

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Solid-gold strategy

Newly minted Gold Logie winner Sam Pang is back with a third season of his signature show, *Sam Pang Tonight*. The comedian tells **Lauren Mitchell** what he loves about the program and its unpredictable nature



Live and kicking: Sam Pang is ready for anything on the new season of *Sam Pang Tonight*.

ALMOST anything can happen on *Sam Pang Tonight*, and that's just the way its Gold Logie-winning host likes it – within reason.

"I like to have some idea of what we're doing, and then if it goes off the rails, that's fine," says Sam Pang of his relaxed, freewheeling approach to the show.

Providing space for guests to let loose and have fun is a trick Pang has picked up over 14 seasons of quiz show *Have You Been Paying Attention?* and more than a decade of sports series *The Front Bar*.

"Both have that element of a loose structure, whether Tommy Gleisner's trying to get these questions out, or Andy Maher's trying to stick to the run sheet, some sort of structure is always good," says Pang.

Sam Pang Tonight is filmed 'as live', which means there is little wiggle room for mistakes and no time for editing. But far from being frazzled when a fellow comedian misses a cue or a guest misbehaves – Russell Crowe made him swap chairs in a memorable second-season moment – Pang is usually delighted when the show hits a speed bump.

"Mick Molloy always says it's fun to get into trouble and then try to get out of it," he says.

"It's fun to watch and it's definitely fun to do. I don't think anything I do people would describe as slick. It's a bit messy and it's a different rhythm. I think it's good to be different.

"When Rosie O'Donnell or Russell Crowe were sitting next to me and it's live and there's no editing, that was wonderfully surreal. Like, I can't believe that Rosie O'Donnell's there, or I'm there with Russell Crowe and he's making fun of the chair."

Pang admits there are occasionally moments he wishes he could redo, but accepts that's not in the nature of live performance.

"Because most of the things I do are live and then you [wonder], would you have done this differently? There's so many things that I would have done differently after every show, whether it's the tonight show, *Front Bar*, *Have You Been Paying Attention?*, but that's offset by the fact that it was live and you were in the moment and then that was it.

"If you're going to do it live and you have all that excitement of being live, well, it's not going to be perfect, and that's fine."

Adding to the unpredictability, each week *Sam Pang Tonight* highlights the talent of some of Australia's best and brightest comedians by inviting them on as a guest announcer.

"I like the idea that you think I'm helping them out, not the other way around," Pang chuckles at the suggestion that he is sharing his spotlight.

"They're supremely talented and funny, we think they'll fit in the show, and they'll add an element that the show is lucky to have. Whether it's Kitty Flanagan, Anne Edmonds, Guy Montgomery, Celia Pacquola, Denise Scott or Lawrence Mooney, it is a wonderful element of the show.

"There is someone different there every week because they'll just have their own flavour. And I know that you could have the same person every week and that would have its own benefits, but I don't know, I'm committed to this. It's just nice, it's a different flavour every week."

One particularly chaotic element of the broadcast is the Wheel of Segments, an absurd selection of concepts that have ranged from 'Pangmaster', where Pang helped people declutter their homes, to 'Rickshaw Karaoke', which saw Pang pedal musician Tim Rogers around Melbourne while they sang together.

"It doesn't feel that long ago where that wheel got spun, and all of a sudden there were wrestlers," Pang recalls of the 'Wrestling Weather Federation', which combined a weather forecast with professional wrestling.

"I was surrounded by wrestlers getting body-slammed out there and Tony Martin was a referee. Wheel of Segments is crazy. It's wild.

"I love that we don't know what's going to happen. Sometimes you get to the end of a show and you kind of just wrap it up. Whereas we're like, 'No, no, we're going to spin the wheel, and we're going to do something crazy in this last segment'. It's fun."

That risk-taking has clearly paid off with viewers. Having hosted the Logie Awards for three years prior to winning the Gold Logie this August, Pang describes the moment his own name was read – by comedy legend Magda Szubanski, no less – as "weird, strange, hilarious and ridiculous".

The funnyman gave an off-the-cuff speech upon receiving the publicly voted award for Most Popular Personality on Australian Television, balancing his trademark humour with a surprisingly earnest gratitude.

"Everyone is understanding of the environment and the landscape at the moment, and there's never been more choice," Pang explains of the tricky conditions facing broadcasters.

"But if you can't celebrate free-to-air television on the Logies, on *that* night, then we're never going to do it.

"I think there's amazing shows and talent on all the streaming platforms, but then I also thought it was a good opportunity to acknowledge that free-to-air Australian television has wonderful shows and talent on them as well. Not saying everything we do is great, but the best of our country's television is as good as anyone's.

"I have a genuine affection [for], and feel very lucky to be involved in, the industry."

Given his love for showbusiness, and a successful acting turn in ABC comedy *Ground Up* earlier this year, does he have any other hidden talents that viewers can expect to see?

"I think we can rule out singing and dancing," he laughs. "I can't believe I get to do the stuff I'm doing at the moment, and work with these people and work on these shows.

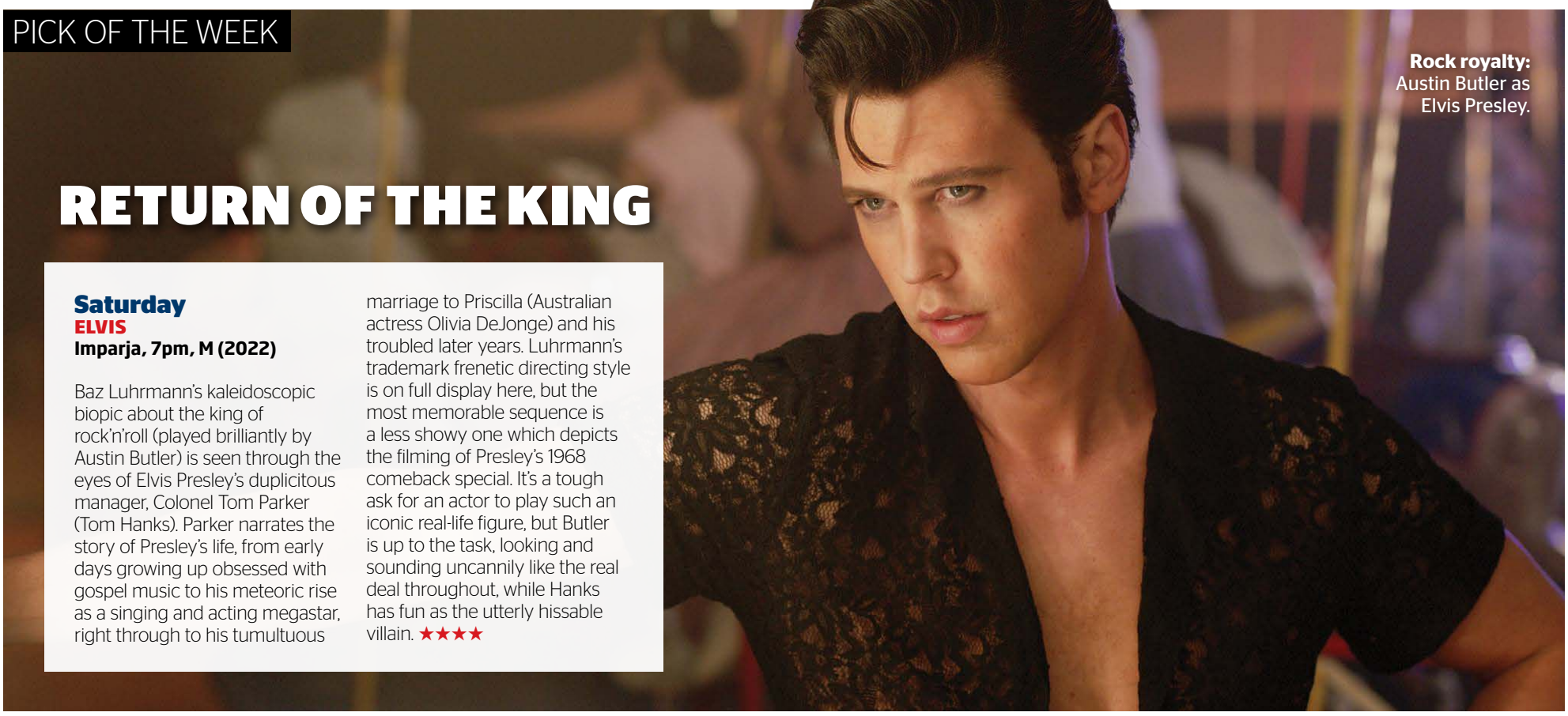
"*Ground Up* was a good thing to do, something different, but between *Have You Been Paying Attention?*, *Front Bar* and now this tonight show, I like to just concentrate on what I'm doing at the moment, 'cause I love it.

"They're not on at the same time though, I want people to know. Some people are on television every day. I would never do that to Australia."

■ *Sam Pang Tonight*, Monday, 7.10pm, 10

Movie Guide

PICK OF THE WEEK



Rock royalty: Austin Butler as Elvis Presley.

RETURN OF THE KING

Saturday
ELVIS
Imparja, 7pm, M (2022)

Baz Luhrmann's kaleidoscopic biopic about the king of rock'n'roll (played brilliantly by Austin Butler) is seen through the eyes of Elvis Presley's duplicitous manager, Colonel Tom Parker (Tom Hanks). Parker narrates the story of Presley's life, from early days growing up obsessed with gospel music to his meteoric rise as a singing and acting megastar, right through to his tumultuous marriage to Priscilla (Australian actress Olivia DeJonge) and his troubled later years. Luhrmann's trademark frenetic directing style is on full display here, but the most memorable sequence is a less showy one which depicts the filming of Presley's 1968 comeback special. It's a tough ask for an actor to play such an iconic real-life figure, but Butler is up to the task, looking and sounding uncannily like the real deal throughout, while Hanks has fun as the utterly hissable villain. ★★★★



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

This fast-paced thriller stars Gerard Butler as Mike Banning, a disgraced former security guard to US President Benjamin Asher (Aaron Eckhart, pictured right with Butler). Banning comes under immense pressure to save the day when heavily armed and highly trained terrorists launch a bold daytime attack on the White House, with the President and his staff taken hostage. With the fun retro feel of a '90s *Die Hard*-ripoff, this action-packed spectacle is a blast to watch. ★★★★



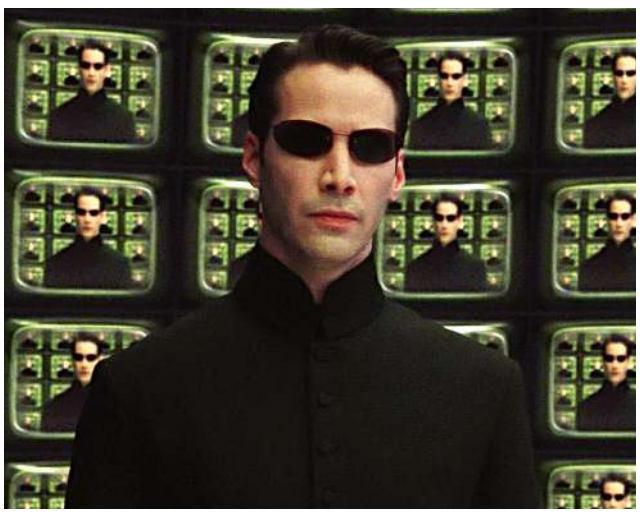
DOWNSIZING
ABC Entertains, Friday, 9.05pm, M (2017)

With a finite number of resources left on the planet for a burgeoning population, this quirky satire suggests the way to solve Earth's problems is a procedure called "downsizing". No, that's not kicking the kids out, selling up and building a tiny home in the country but rather shrinking humans to just 12cm tall to reduce their footprint and increase their wealth. Matt Damon and Kristen Wiig (both pictured) play Paul and Audrey, a financially troubled couple who undergo the process. ★★★



BODY OF LIES
SBS World Movies, Saturday, 8.30pm, MA15+ (2008)

Based on the novel by journalist David Ignatius, Ridley Scott's hard-hitting geopolitical thriller offers an incisive and highly relevant view of the war on terror as waged by Americans on foreign soil, and back home in the US. Leonardo DiCaprio plays a young spy who infiltrates a terrorist cell under the remote instruction of an indifferent CIA veteran (Russell Crowe, pictured). The mismatched pair team up to bring down an emerging terrorist leader. ★★★★



THE MATRIX RELOADED
9Go!, Sunday, 6pm, M (2003)

Set six months after the original, *Reloaded* finds freedom fighters Neo (Keanu Reeves, pictured), Trinity (Carrie-Anne Moss) and Morpheus (Laurence Fishburne) plugging in again to save Zion and its human inhabitants from being wiped out by the machines. Despite a plot that is impossible to decode, this follow-up is no slouch in the action stakes. The SFX knob is turned up to 11 in a showcase of technical ingenuity, adding Hugo Weaving's Agent Smith by the dozen. ★★★



A GOOD PERSON
SBS World Movies, Monday, 9.30pm, MA15+ (2023)

Consistently delivering devastatingly convincing turns that are the beating heart of the films she stars in, it's surely only a matter of time before Florence Pugh wins the Best Actress Oscar. This startling drama is no exception to Pugh's breathtaking oeuvre – she wrote and sang two songs on the soundtrack and even cut off her own hair to portray car crash survivor Allison, who struggles with depression, guilt and addiction a year on from the deadly smash. ★★★★



DEATH PROOF
SBS2, Tuesday, 8.30pm, MA15+ (2007)

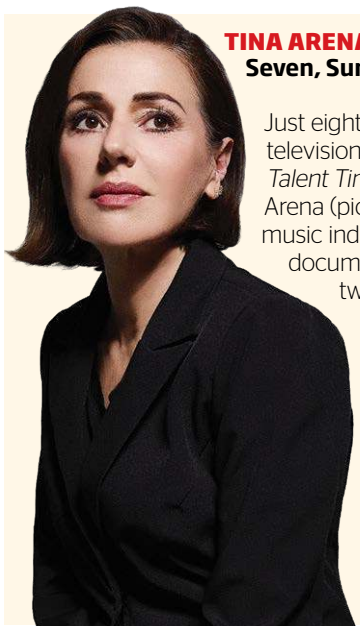
Kurt Russell (pictured with Rose McGowan) is "Stuntman Mike", a psychopathic revhead on a mission to murder in Quentin Tarantino's homage to the excesses of trashy cinema. But Mike's joyride is turned on its head when his latest targets turn out to be Hell's Angels on wheels. This tongue-in-cheek tribute to drive-in movies of the '60s and '70s is unmistakably Tarantino: the gore, the girls and – of course – the dialogue, which is awash with pop culture references. ★★★★

The Guide

LYNLEY
ABC TV, Saturday, 8.30pm



An aristocratic inspector (Leo Suter) partners with a working-class sergeant (Sofia Barclay, pictured with Suter) to tackle complex murder cases in this intelligent police procedural. Based on the crime novels by Elizabeth George, it's a fresh spin on the characters who first appeared on-screen in the popular BBC drama *The Inspector Lynley Mysteries*. After solving their first case together in last week's premiere, detectives Lynley and Havers are assigned to investigate the disappearance of a young real estate agent connected to an old classmate of Lynley's, Helen Clyde (Niamh Walsh). Fans of the inspector will know who she becomes in the future – tune in to see how it all unfolds.



TINA ARENA: UNRAVEL ME
Seven, Sunday, 5.30pm

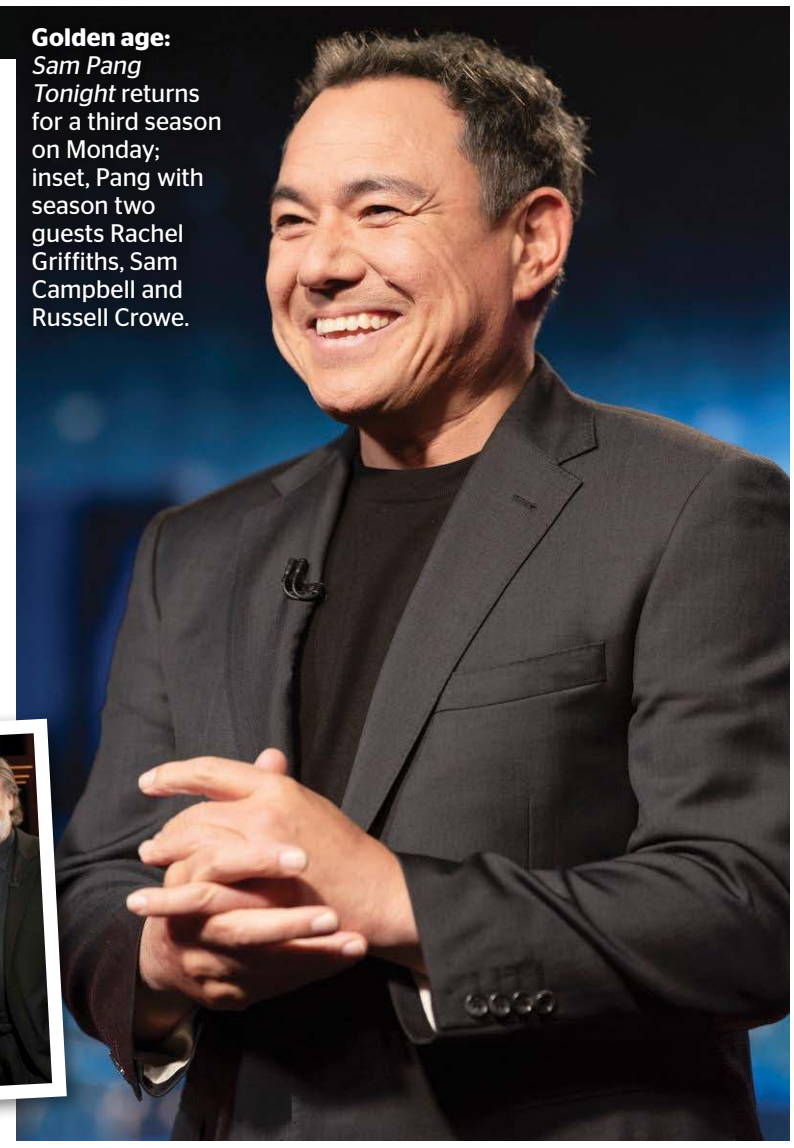
Just eight years old when she made her television debut as a contestant on *Young Talent Time* in 1976, incomparable vocalist Tina Arena (pictured) is celebrating 50 years in the music industry with this intimate and honest documentary. Arena reflects on her life in two separate, interwoven interviews – one as Tina, the star, and one as her private self: the woman her family still calls Pina. From a traditional Italian upbringing in suburban Melbourne to achieving '90s pop perfection and finding success performing in Europe, Arena and those closest to her – sisters Nancy and Silvana, her late mentor Johnny Young and admirers including Céline Dion and Jessica Mauboy – recount an incredible career.

PICK OF THE WEEK

SAM PANG TONIGHT
10, Monday, 7.10pm

When *Sam Pang Tonight* landed on the box in March 2025, the tonight-show format had been absent from Aussie screens for over a decade, and despite host Sam Pang's undeniable charm, it seemed like a risky bet for Network 10. It's a gamble that has well and truly paid off: just over 18 months later, the show is a ratings hit and Pang is a Gold Logie winner. Now, the most popular personality on Australian television returns for a third season of this star-studded success story. Pang is sticking to the winning formula for this eight-episode excursion, with a witty weekly monologue, candid celebrity interviews, and the ever-chaotic Wheel of Segments back in the mix.





Golden age: *Sam Pang Tonight* returns for a third season on Monday; inset, Pang with season two guests Rachel Griffiths, Sam Campbell and Russell Crowe.

Thursday, October 15

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

ABC TV (2)

6.00 News Breakfast. **9.00** News. **10.00** Hard Quiz. (PGa, R) **10.30** Class Clowns. (PGs, R) **11.00** Crime Night! (Ml, R) **11.30** Small Prophets. (Ml, R) **12.00** News. **1.00** The Forsytes. (R) **2.00** Parliament. **3.00** Frankie Drake. (PG, R) **3.45** Grand Designs Australia. (PG, R) **4.40** Long Lost Family. (PG, R) **5.30** Antiques Roadshow. (R)

6.25 Hard Quiz. (PG, R) **7.00** ABC News. **7.30** 7.30. **8.00 Grand Designs New Zealand.** (Return) **8.45 Joanna Lumley's Danube.** (R) **9.35 Dustfall.** (Madls, R) **10.35** ABC Late News. **10.50** The Business. (R) **11.05** Death Valley. (Ma, R) **11.55** Frankie Drake Mysteries. (PGv, R) **12.40** Long Lost Family. (PG, R) **1.25** Parliament. **2.25** Classic Countdown Extras. (PG, R) **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. **10.10** China On Stage. (R) **11.10** Canal Boat Diaries. **12.00** WorldWatch. **2.00** JFK: The Making Of A President. (Mav, R) **2.55** Language Of Light. (PGan, R) **3.25** The Cook Up. (R) **3.55** Secrets Of Britain's Historic Houses & Gardens. (PGas, 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.** **8.25 Inside Sydney Fish Market.** **9.25 Blue Lights.** (Return) Grace's determination puts her in danger. **10.30 SBS World News Late.** **11.00 Cry Wolf.** (MA15+v) **11.55 Babylon Berlin.** (MA15+ansv, R) **2.40 Prince's Master Crafters Next Generation.** (PG, R) **4.20 Bamay.** (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 Rugby League World Cup Pre-Game.**

6.00 Rugby League. World Cup. Group Stage. Pool A. Australia v New Zealand. From Allianz Stadium, Sydney. **8.30 Rugby League World Cup Post-Game.** A look back at the opening world cup match. **9.00 Unfiltered.** (PGa, R) Hosted by Hamish McLachlan. **9.30 Gatecrashers.** **10.30 Vampire Academy.** (Premiere, MA15+hv) **11.30 Harry's Practice.** (R) **12.30 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) **12.45** Find My Beach House Australia. (R) **1.15** My Way. (R) **1.30** Pointless. (PG, R) **2.30 Tipping Point.** (PG, R) **3.30 9News Afternoon.** **4.30 Tipping Point Australia.** (PG, R) **5.30 9News.**

6.30 A Current Affair. **7.00 RBT.** (PGd) **8.00 Paramedics.** (Mm) **9.00 RPA.** (PGam, R) A woman undergoes marathon surgery. **10.00 9News Late.** **10.30 Chicago Med.** (MA15+am) **11.20 Tipping Point.** (PG, R) **12.10 Pointless.** (PG, R) **1.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping.** (R) **2.00 Global Shop.** (R) **2.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping.** (R) **3.30 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo.** (R) **4.00 A Current Affair.** (R) **4.30 Today Early News.** **5.00 Today.**

TEN (10)

6am Morning Programs. **7.30** The Finish Line. (R) **8.30** Ent. Tonight. (R) **9.00** The Celebrity Traitors UK. (PG, R) **10.30** Everyday Gourmet. **11.00** Millionaire Hot Seat. (PG, R) **11.30** News. **12.30** Deal Or No Deal. (PG, R) **1.00** The Finish Line. (R) **2.00** Lingo. (R) **3.00** Bold. (PG) **3.30** News. **5.00** Deal Or No Deal. (R) **5.30** Millionaire Hot Seat. (PG)

6.00 The Celebrity Traitors UK. (PGa) **7.25 NCIS: Sydney.** (Mv) A drowned US Naval officer is found. **8.20 10's Late News.** Coverage of news, sport and weather. **9.20 Sports Tonight: The Weekly Kick-Off.** A panel discusses Australian soccer news. **9.50 Two And A Half Men.** (PGas, R) Charlie becomes popular with kids. **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)

ABC FAMILY (22)

6am Children's Programs. **12.55pm** Talking Tom Heroes. **1.20** PJ Masks Power Heroes. **1.50** Kangaroo Beach. **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. **8.45** Secrets Of The Zoo. **9.30** 72 Cutest Animals. **9.55** Merlin. **10.40** 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. **2.05** The Grudge. **2.35** Insight. **3.40** WorldWatch. **5.35** Jeopardy! **6.00** Soccer. Aust C'ship. Preston Lions FC v Wollongong Wolves FC. **8.00** The Mega-Brands That Built The World. **8.50** Jeopardy! **9.30** Alone. **11.20 MOVIE:** Body Of Lies. (2008, MA15+) **1.45am** NHK World English News. **5.00** Al Jazeera News Hour.

7MATE (70)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon** Caught On Dashcam. **1.00** The Force: BTL. **1.30** Talking W. **2.00** Mighty Planes. **3.00** American Resto. **3.30** Storage Wars. **4.00** American Pickers. **5.00** Pawn Stars. **6.00** American Pickers. **7.00 MOVIE:** You, Me And Dupree. (2006, M) **9.15 MOVIE:** Blade Runner 2049. (2017, MA15+) **12.30am** Pawn Stars. **1.00** Sound FX: Best Of. **1.30** NFL. NFL. Replay. **4.30** Fishing Addiction. **5.30** Late Programs.

9GEM (90)

6am Morning Programs. **11.30** Midsomer Murders. **1.35pm** Antiques Roadshow. **2.05 MOVIE:** Mandy. (1952, 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:** Mandy. (1952, PG) **2.00** My Favorite Martian. **2.30** Seaway. **3.30** 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.** (M, R) **7.00 Law & Order: SVU.** (Mav, R) **8.50 Bull.** (PGal, R) **9.45 JAG.** (PGv, R) **11.45** Home Shopping.

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon** Pro Bull Riding Australia. **1.00** Ocean Warriors: Mission Ready. **1.30** Stompem Ground 2022: Yatangal. **2.00** Kriol Kitchen. **2.30** The Cook Up. **3.00** Jarjums. **5.00** Amplify. **5.30** Te Ao With Moana. **6.00** Bamay. **6.40** Ocean Parks. **7.30** Going Places. **8.30** Rabbit Fall. **9.00 MOVIE:** Midsommar. (2019, MA15+) **11.35** Stompem Ground: King Of Hearts. **12.05am** Going Places. **1.00** Murder In Big Horn. **2.00** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Morning Programs. **12.35pm** The Tunnel (Part 1) (2001, Malv) **2.15** Angel And The Badman. (1947, PGv) **4.15** Forever Enthralled. (2008, PG, Mandarin) **6.55** The Shooting. (1966, PGalv) **8.30** The Dead Don't Hurt. (2023, Danish, English, French, Spanish) **10.55** Rendition. (2007, MA15+av) **1.10am** The Tunnel (Part 1) (2001, Malv) **2.55** When Will It Be Again Like It Never Was. (2023, MA15+l, Italian, English, German) **5.00** Forever Enthralled. (2008, PG, Mandarin)

7TWO (72)

6am Morning Programs. **11.30** Escape To The Country. **12.30pm** South Aussie With Cosi. **1.00** The Aussie Property Flippers. **2.00** Harry's Practice. **2.30** Better Homes. **3.30** Escape To The Country. **4.30** Bargain Hunt. **5.30** Home And Away. **7.00** Shetland. **9.30** Father Brown. **10.30** Escape To The Country. **11.30** Bargain Hunt. **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** TBA. **10.00** Rugby Heaven. **11.00** Love Island UK: All Stars. **11.55** Baywatch. **12.45am** Parental Guidance. **2.00** Big Rigs Of Oz. **2.30** Barbie: Dreamhouse Adventures. **3.00** I Love VIP Pets. **3.20** LEGO DreamZzz. **3.40** Bubble's Hotel. **4.00** Beyblade Burst QuadStrike. **4.30** 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 16

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ABC TV (2)

6am Morning Programs. **10.00** Believe In Magic: The Mother Of All Cons. (Ml, R) **11.00** Austin. (PG, R) **12.00** News. **1.00** Recipe Of The Year. (R) **2.40** You Can't Ask That. (PGl, R) **3.00** Murdoch Mysteries. (PGv, R) **3.45** Grand Designs Aust. (R) **4.40** Long Lost Family. (PG, R) **5.30** Antiques Roadshow. (R)

6.25 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)
7.00 ABC News. A look at the top stories of the day.
7.30 Gardening Australia.
8.20 Death Valley. (Final, PGa) John and Janie unravel a mystery involving a murder at a school reunion, a cold case and a discovery from Janie's past.
9.05 Recipe Of The Year. (R) Home cooks from across Australia compete with recipes that tell their stories.
9.55 Class Clowns. (PGs, R)
10.30 Crime Night! (M, R)
11.00 ABC Late News.
11.15 Murdoch Mysteries. (Mav, R)
12.05 Rage New Music. (MA15+dhlnsv)
5.00 Rage. (PG)

ABC FAMILY (22)

6am Children's Programs. **1.20pm** PJ Masks Power Heroes. **1.50** Kangaroo Beach. **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. **Noon** Sing About This Country. **2.00** Kriol Kitchen. **2.30** The Cook Up. **3.00** Jarjums. **5.00** Amplify. **5.30** Nula. **6.00** Bamay. **6.40** Ocean Parks. **7.30 MOVIE:** Where The Wild Things Are. (2009, PG) **9.25 MOVIE:** Masterminds. (2016, M) **11.05** Nula. **11.35** Bamay. **Midnight** Going Places. **1.00** Late Programs.

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **10.10** China On Stage. (R) **11.10** Canal Boat Diaries. **12.00** WorldWatch. **2.00** The Giza Pyramid: Reaching For The Stars. (PG, R) **3.00** Nula. **3.30** The Cook Up. (R) **4.00** Secrets Of Britain's Historic Houses & Gardens. (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. (Mav)
8.35 Millionaire Superyacht: Why Ships Sink.
9.45 Queens That Changed The World: Imperial Queen – The Maria Theresa.
10.40 SBS World News Late.
11.10 Helsinki Syndrome. (Premiere, Malsv)
12.10 Darkness: Those Who Kill. (Malv, R)
1.55 Wisting. (Malv, R)
3.40 Prince's Master Crafters Next Generation. (R)
4.35 Bamay. (R)
5.00 NHK World English News Morning.
5.30 WorldWatch.

SBS2 (31)

6am Morning Programs. **2.15pm** Gymnastics. Artistic World Challenge 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. **9.35** The Naked World. **10.30** Into. **11.15** Bound: Japanese Bondage. **12.25am** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Morning Programs. **11.55** Butcher's Crossing. (2022, Malsv) **1.55pm** Capricorn One. (1977, PGalv) **4.10** Made In England: The Films Of Powell And Pressburger. (2024, PGa) **6.35** Meek's Cutoff. (2010, PGav) **8.30** Unforgiven. (1992, Malsv) **10.55** The Assassination Of Jesse James. (2007, MA15+v) **1.50am** Late Programs.

SEVEN (7, 71)

6.00 Sunrise. **7.30** The Morning Show. (PG) **10.30** News At Noon. **11.30 MOVIE:** Carrot Cake Murder: A Hannah Swensen Mystery. (2023, Mav, R) **1.30** The Chase. (R) **2.30** News. **3.30** The Chase Australia. **4.30** Seven News. **5.30** Rugby League. World Cup. Group Stage. Pool B & C. Samoa v France.

6.15 Rugby League. Women's World Cup. Group Stage. Pool A. Australia v Samoa. From CommBank Stadium, Sydney.
8.30 Rugby League World Cup Post-Game. A look back at the women's world cup match between Australia and Samoa.
8.50 To Be Advised.
10.30 GetOn Extra. A look at the weekend's best racing.
11.00 Jamestown. (MA15+av, R) Farlow and Redwick's disdain for their new female neighbours intensifies.
12.00 Harry's Practice. (R)
12.30 Home Shopping. (R)
2.30 House Of Wellness. (PG, R)
3.30 NBC Today.
5.30 Weekend Sunrise.

7MATE (70)

6am Morning Programs. **3.30pm** Rugby League World Cup Pre-Game. **4.00** Rugby League. World Cup. Group Stage. Pool B & C. Samoa v France. **5.30** Football. AFL Women's. Melbourne v Richmond. **7.45 MOVIE:** As Good As It Gets. (1997, M) **10.40** Pawn Stars. **11.30** Late Programs.

7TWO (72)

6am Morning Programs. **12.30pm** Escape To The Country. **1.30** A Moveable Feast. **2.00** Harry's Practice. **2.30** Better Homes. **3.30** Escape To The Country. **4.30** Bargain Hunt. **5.30** Better Homes. **6.30** Escape To The Country. **8.30** The Yorkshire Vet. **9.30** Escape To The Country. **10.30** 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** Chefs Ahoy. (R) **12.30** 1 Euro House. (PG, 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. Peter and Linda restore their riverside steps.
8.00 MOVIE: Olympus Has Fallen. (2013, MA15+lv, R) A former agent must save the White House. Gerard Butler, Morgan Freeman, Aaron Eckhart.
10.20 See No Evil: She's Fake. (Ma, R)
11.20 Tipping Point. (PG, R)
12.10 Pointless. (PG, R)
1.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
3.30 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. (R)
4.00 Global Shop. (R)
4.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
5.00 Postcards. (PG, R)
5.30 Getaway. (PG, R)

9GEM (90)

6am Morning Programs. **2.05pm** **MOVIE:** We Joined The Navy. (1962) **4.00** Yorkshire Auction House. **5.00** Antiques Roadshow. **6.00** Taronga: Who's Who In The Zoo. **7.00 MOVIE:** You've Got Mail. (1998, PG) **9.25** Forensics: Catching The Killer. **10.25** Antiques Downunder. **10.55** Antiques Roadshow. **11.25** Late Programs.

9GO! (99)

6am Morning Programs. **1.10pm** Baywatch. **2.10** Big Bang. **3.10** Addams Family. **4.10** Seinfeld. **5.10** Baywatch. **6.00 MOVIE:** Night At The Museum: Battle Of The Smithsonian. (2009, PG) **8.10 MOVIE:** Wrath Of The Titans. (2012, M) **10.10** Top 20 Funniest. **11.10** Love Island UK: All Stars. **12.05am** Late Programs.

TEN (10)

6am Morning Programs. **9.00** The Celebrity Traitors UK. (PGa, 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. (PGls, R) **5.30** Millionaire Hot Seat. (PG, R)

6.00 A-League Pre-Game. Pre-game coverage of the A-League match.
6.40 Soccer. A-League Men. Round 1. Sydney FC v Western Sydney Wanderers. From Allianz Stadium, Sydney.
9.00 10's Late News. Comprehensive coverage of local, national and international news, as well as the latest sport and weather.
10.00 Have You Been Paying Attention? (Final, Malns, R) Hosted by Tom Gleisner.
11.00 Two And A Half Men. (PGls, R)
12.00 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.** (PGa, 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 17

ABC TV (2)

6am Morning Programs. **12.00** News. **12.30** Beyond Paradise. (PGa, R) **1.30** Death Valley. (Final, PGa, R) **2.15** You Can't Ask That. (Ml, R) **2.35** Grand Designs: House Of The Year. (PG) **3.25** Boyer Lecture 2026: Sam Roggeveen. **4.05** Islands Of The Atlantic. (R) **4.55** Aust Story. (R) **5.25** Landline. (R)

6.00 Kath & Kim. (PGals, R) Kim plays it cool with Brett.
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) A chocolatier is suspected of poisoning customers.
8.30 Lynley. (Mav) Lynley and Havers are assigned to a missing person's case of a young estate agent.
10.00 Darby And Joan. (PG, R) Jack helps recover some stolen guns.
10.45 The Forsytes. (R)
11.35 Rage. (MA15+dhlnsv)

ABC FAMILY (22)

6am Children's Programs. **10.05** Tiddler. **10.25** Children's Programs. **4.10pm** Little J And Big Cuz. **4.25** Football Fantastics. (Premiere) **5.20** PJ Masks. **5.45** Iron Man And His Awesome Friends. **6.25** Zog. **7.05** Do Not Watch This Show. **7.30** Hard Quiz Kids. **7.55** Kids Baking C'ship. **8.40** Gladiators UK. **9.40** Merlin. **10.20** Late Programs.

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **1pm** Nula. **1.30** My Survival As An Aboriginal. **2.30** Ocean Parks. **3.20 MOVIE:** Jedda. (1955, PG) **4.55** Waiting For Harry. **6.00** Bamay. **6.40** The Other Side. **7.30** Pro Bull Riding USA: World Team Series. **8.30 MOVIE:** Late Night With The Devil. (2023, MA15+) **10.15** Mowanjum 2024. **12.05am** Late Programs.

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **12.00** WorldWatch. **1.30** Soccer. Aust C'ship. Sutherland Sharks FC v South Melbourne FC. **3.30** Cycling. UCI World Tour. Il Lombardia. H'lights. **4.30** WorldWatch. **5.05** Going Places. (R) **5.35** WWII Women On The Frontline. (PGa, R)

6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 Royals And Their Gardens. (Premiere, PGa)
8.30 The Langham: Britain's First Grand Hotel. (PG)
9.25 The Jury: Skeleton In The Garden: Buried Secrets. (Mal, R)
10.25 Cumbria: The Lakes & The Coast. (R)
11.15 The Silence. (Malv, R)
1.20 MOVIE: Rewards For The Tribe. (2023, Ml, R)
3.00 Prince's Master Crafters Next Generation. (R)
3.55 Stasi: A State Against Its People. (PGal, R)
4.55 Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) **5.15** WorldWatch.

SBS2 (31)

6am Morning Programs. **12.10pm** **MOVIE:** Chiliheads. (2021, M) **1.35** Great Australian Concerts: Hoodoo Gurus. **2.40** If You Are The One. **3.50** WorldWatch. **5.50** Mastermind Aust. **6.50** History's Greatest Machines. **8.30** **MOVIE:** Angel Has Fallen. (2019) **10.40** Interview With The Vampire. **12.55am** Brassic. **2.45** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Morning Programs. **12.20pm** The Dead Don't Hurt. (2023, Danish, English, French, Spanish) **2.45** The Shooting. (1966, PGalv) **4.20** A Canterbury Tale. (1944) **6.35** Charro! (1969, PGv) **8.30** Body Of Lies. (2008, MA15+av) **10.55** Nymphomaniac: Vol 1. (2013, MA15+alns) **1.05am** Late Programs.

SEVEN (7, 71)

6.00 Weekend Sunrise.
8.30 The Morning Show: Weekend. (PG)
10.30 Horse Racing. Caulfield Cup and Everest Day.
4.30 Seven News.
5.30 Border Security: Australia's Front Line. (PG, R)

6.00 Rugby League. World Cup. Group Stage. Pool B & C. England v Tonga. From HBF Park, Perth.
8.30 Telethon 2026. (PG) Coverage of Telethon 2026 from RAC Arena, Perth.
5.30 Weekend Sunrise. The team takes a look at the latest in entertainment, current affairs, news, sport and weather.

7MATE (70)

6am Morning Programs. **3.45pm** Rugby League. Women's World Cup. Group Stage. Pool A. England v Wales. **6.00 MOVIE:** Happy Gilmore. (1996, PG) **8.00** Storage Wars. **8.30** Rugby League World Cup Post-Game. **9.00 MOVIE:** Nobody. (2021, MA15+) **11.00** Regular Old Bogan. **11.30** Late Programs.

7TWO (72)

6am Morning Programs. **1.30pm** The Yorkshire Vet. **2.30** Escape To The Country. **3.30** Bondi Vet. **4.30** The Yorkshire Vet. **5.30** Football. AFL Women's. West Coast v Geelong. **7.45** Escape To The Chateau. **8.45** Escape To The Country. **9.45** Railroad Australia. **10.45** Auction Squad. **11.45** Our Town. **12.30am** Late Programs.

IMPARJA (9)

6.00 ACA. (R) **6.30** Morning Programs. **12.30** Rugby Sevens. Men's International Sevens. Aust v Fiji. **12.55** Rugby Sevens. Women's International Sevens. Aust v NZ. **1.30** Rugby Union. Bledisloe Cup. Aust v NZ. **4.30** News. **5.00** Getaway. (PG) **5.30** 9News Saturday.

6.30 A Current Affair.
7.00 MOVIE: Elvis. (2022, Mal, R) The life of Elvis Presley. Austin Butler, Tom Hanks.
10.05 MOVIE: Misery. (1990, Mlv, R) A novelist is involved in a car crash. Kathy Bates, James Caan, Richard Farnsworth.
12.05 Wild Cards. (Mv, R)
1.00 Next Stop. (R)
1.30 The Incredible Journey Presents. (PGa)
2.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
4.00 Global Shop. (R)
4.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
5.00 Helping Hands. (PGa, R)
5.30 Hello SA. (PG, R)

9GEM (90)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon** Gen Well. **12.30** Next Stop. **1.00 MOVIE:** Wherever She Goes. (1951) **2.30** **MOVIE:** Doctor Zhivago. (1965, PG) **6.00 MOVIE:** Father Of The Bride Part II. (1995) **8.05 MOVIE:** Mermaids. (1990, PG) **10.20** Memory Lane. **11.40 MOVIE:** Death Is A Woman. (1966, M) **1.20am** Late Programs.

9GO! (99)

6am Morning Programs. **1.10pm** NBL: Overtime. **2.30** Cards And Collectables Australia. **3.00** The Dog House UK. **4.00** Basketball. NBL. South East Melbourne Phoenix v Cairns Taipans. **6.00** Basketball. NBL. Sydney Kings v Wildcats. **8.00** TBA. **10.00** Top 20 Funniest. **10.55** Evil. **12.35am** Late Programs.

TEN (10)

6am Morning Programs. **7.30** Everyday Gourmet. (R) **8.00** The Finish Line. (R) **9.00** Shaun Micallef's Parents' Evening. (PGdls, R) **10.00** Surf Life Saving. Coolangatta Gold. **1.30** Deal Or No Deal. (PG, R) **2.00** Food Trail: South Africa. **2.30** Lingo. (R) **3.30** News. **5.00** Gogglebox Aust. (R)

6.00 Selling Houses Australia. (PG) The team helps sell a rundown bus renovation.
8.00 Love It Or List It: Brilliant Builds. (PG) Kirstie and Phil look back on two renovations that didn't compromise on character.
9.00 The Graham Norton Show. (Mlv, R) Graham Norton chats with Sylvester Stallone.
10.00 FBI: International. (Mv, R) An explosion rocks headquarters.
11.00 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.** (PGa, R) **6.00 NCIS.** (Mav, R) **7.00 FBI: Most Wanted.** (Masv, R) **8.50 JAG.** (PGav, 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.** (PGs, R) **9.30 Becker.** (PG, R) **10.00 Frasier.** (PGa, R) **11.00 Home Shopping.** (R)

Sunday, October 18

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ABC TV (2)

6am Morning Programs. **10.30** World This Week. (R) **11.00** Compass. (R) **11.30** Praise. (R) **12.00** News. **12.30** Landline. **1.30** Gardening Aust. (R) **2.15** Recipe Of The Year. (R) **3.25** Long Lost Family: The Unknown Soldiers. (PG, R) **4.30** Joanna Lumley's Danube. (R) **5.15** Grand Designs NZ. (R)

6.00 Antiques Roadshow. (R)
7.00 ABC News.
7.30 Recipe Of The Year. The cooks make recipes passed down in their families.
8.20 Dustfall. (Mal) Tig and Remi must deal with a potential murder as well as a sexual assault.
9.15 The Forsytes. (PG) As dynastic pressures mount, Soames longs for an heir while Irene has ideas of her own.
10.00 Lynley. (Mav, R) Lynley and Havers look into a missing person's case.
11.30 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv)
2.45 Dr Ann's Secret Lives. (R)
3.15 Darby And Joan. (PG, R)
4.00 Antiques Roadshow. (R)
5.00 Insiders. (R)

ABC FAMILY (22)

6am Children's Programs. **4.45pm** Gardening Australia Junior. **5.15** Peppa Pig. **5.50** Iron Man And His Awesome Friends. **6.25** Zog. **7.05** Do Not Watch This Show. **7.30** Little Lunch. **7.45** Crookhaven. **8.30** Are You Afraid Of The Dark? **9.10** Sharks Up Close With Bertie Gregory. **9.55** MythBusters "There's Your Problem!". **10.20** Late Programs.

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **2pm** Football. West Kimberley Football League. Men's. Grand Final. Replay. **3.40** Bamay. **3.55** Mowanjum 2024. **5.50** Bamay. **6.30** The Big Dry. **7.20** Our Medicine. **8.30** Ablaze. **10.00 MOVIE:** Malcolm X. (1992, MA15+) **1.35am** Late Programs.

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **10.05** It's A Beautiful World. (Premiere, PG) **10.35** Ageless Gardens. (R) **11.05** Icons Of Auto. **12.00** WorldWatch. **1.00** Speedweek. **3.00** Gymnastics. Artistic World Challenge Cup. H'lights. **5.00** Going Places. (R) **5.35** WWII Women On The Frontline. (PGa, R)

6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 Roman Empire By Train With Alice Roberts.
8.25 Ancient Superstructures: Aachen Cathedral. (PG) Looks at Germany's Aachen Cathedral.
9.25 Cleopatra: Cracking The Enigma. (PGa, R)
10.30 Royal Autopsy: Henry IV – The Usurper. (Ma, R)
11.25 Royal Crisis: Countdown To Abdication: The Secret Scandal. (PGa, R)
2.25 The Burnt Half. (Mal, R)
3.50 Legacy List With Matt Paxton. (R)
5.00 NHK World English News Morning.
5.15 Euronews.
5.30 PBS News Horizons.

SBS2 (31)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon** Motorcycle Racing. FIM Superbike World C'ship. Estoril Round. **1.05** Inside The Cult Of The Jesus Army. **2.15** Jeopardy! **4.20** WorldWatch. **5.45** Icons Unearthed: The Lord Of The Rings. **6.40** Abandoned Engineering. **8.30** Fleishman Is In Trouble. (Premiere) **10.25** The UnXplained. **12.10am** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon** Unforgiven. (1992, Malsv) **2.25** A River Runs Through It. (1992, PGaln) **4.40** Through Rocks And Clouds. (2024, PGa) **6.15** Lucky You. (2007, PGav) **8.30** The Convert. (2023, MA15+v) **10.40** Hamburger Hill. (1987, MA15+lv) **12.40am** I Am Zlatan. (2021, Mlv) **2.35** Late Programs.

SEVEN (7, 71)

6am Morning Programs. **11.30** Rugby League World Cup Pre-Game. **12.00** Rugby League. Women's World Cup. Group Stage. Pool B. NZ v Fiji. **2.00** Rugby League. World Cup. Group Stage. Pool A. Fiji v Cook Islands. **4.30** News. **5.30** Tina Arena: Unravel Me. (PGal)

7.30 7NEWS Spotlight. Focuses on long-form investigations.
8.30 The Girl Who Caught A Killer. (MA15+av, R) Now 42, Rachael Watts shares her extraordinary journey of survival and healing.
9.45 24 Hours In Police Custody: The Kane Line. (MA15+ad, R) Follows a police surveillance operation of a group who are believed to be planning the importation of drugs.
10.45 Pure Genius. (Ma, R) A police officer suffers a brain injury.
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. **1pm** Al McGlashan's Fish'n With Mates. **1.30** Football. AFLW. Essendon v North Melbourne. **3.30** Counting Cars. **4.30** Border Security: Int. **5.30** Cricket. Women's T20. Aust v NZ. **9.00 MOVIE:** Contraband. (2012, MA15+) **11.15** Blokesworld. **11.45** Mighty Planes. **1am** Counting Cars. **1.30** Late Programs.

7TWO (72)

6am Morning Programs. **12.30pm** South Aussie With Cosi. **1.00** Better Homes. **2.00** Railroad Australia. **3.00** The Yorkshire Vet. **4.00** My Greek Odyssey. **5.00** Escape To The Country. **6.00** Vicar Of Dibley. **7.00** Vera. **9.00** Genius: Picasso. **10.00** Vicar Of Dibley. **11.00** Harry's Practice. **11.30** Better Homes. **12.30am** Late Programs.

9GEM (90)

6am Morning Programs. **11.35 MOVIE:** Nicholas Nickleby. (1947) **1.50pm MOVIE:** The Story Of Gilbert And Sullivan. (1953) **4.00** Midsomer Murders. **6.00** Clarkson's Farm. **7.10** Fawlty Towers. **8.30** Blackadder Goes Forth. **9.50** Cold Case. **10.50** Avengers. **11.50** Creflo. **12.20am** Midsomer Murders. **2.20** Late Programs.

9GO! (99)

6am Morning Programs. **11.30** Basketball. WNBL. Sydney v Adelaide. **1.30pm** The Reserve. **2.40** Seinfeld. **3.10** TBA. **6.00 MOVIE:** The Matrix Reloaded. (2003, M) **8.45** TBA. **11.05** Bel-Air. **Midnight** Adelaide Equestrian Festival. **1.00** Soccer. English Premier League. Liverpool v Manchester City. Replay. **3.00** Late Programs.

IMPARJA (9)

6am Morning Programs. **11.30** A Golf Club Somewhere. (PGl) **12.00** Drive TV. **12.30** Tasman Trails. (R) **1.30** Planet Earth III. (PGa, R) **2.30** 1 Euro House. (PG, R) **3.30** Ready Vet Go: The Vet Ambulance Service. (Premiere, PGm) **4.00** Explore TV. (R) **4.30** News. **5.00** RBT. (PGdl, R) **5.30** 9News Sunday.

6.30 The Block. (PGl) Wine cellars cause tension amongst the teams.
8.10 60 Minutes. Current affairs program.
9.10 9News Late.
9.40 Scrublands: Silver. (Mlnssv) Martin investigates Jasper's murder.
10.40 The First 48: Bad Driver. (MA15+av)
11.30 Australia's Top Ten Of Everything. (PG, R)
12.30 A Golf Club Somewhere. (PGl, 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.

10 DRAMA (1)

6am Leading The Way. **6.30** All 4 Adventure. **7.30** Navigating The World. **8.30** Australia By Design: Architecture. **9.00** Building The Dream. **11.00** What's Up Down Under. **Noon** Camper Deals. **12.30** Living Room. **1.30** JAG. **3.30** I Fish. **4.00** JAG. **6.00** NCIS. **8.50 Fire Country.** (PGav, R) **9.45** JAG. **11.45** Shopping.

10 COMEDY (11)

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

TEN (10)

6am Morning Programs. **9.30** Intrepid Adventures. (R) **10.00** Deal Or No Deal. (R) **10.30** Millionaire Hot Seat. (PG, R) **11.00** Building The Dream. (R) **12.00** Exploring Off The Grid. **12.30** Gogglebox Aust. (R) **1.30** The Finish Line. (R) **2.30** Lingo. (R) **3.30** News. **5.00** 10 News+. **5.30** Gogglebox Aust.

6.30 The Graham Norton Show. Graham Norton chats with Olivia Colman, Alexander Skarsgard and John Malkovich.
7.30 Shaun Micallef's Parents' Evening. (PGdls, R) Comedy quiz show.
8.30 FBI: International. (Mv, R) A sweet 16 celebration is cut short after the mother of the birthday girl is found dead near their European estate.
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. (PGls, R)

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Monday, October 19

ABC TV (2)

6am Morning Programs. **10.00** Lynley. (Mav, R) **11.30** Stuff The British Stole. (PG, R) **12.00** News. **1.00** Landline. (R) **2.00** Back Roads. (PG, R) **2.25** You Can't Ask That. (Mal, R) **3.00** Murdoch Mysteries. (PG, R) **3.45** Grand Designs Aust. (PG, R) **4.40** Long Lost Family. (PG, R) **5.30** Antiques Roadshow. (R)

6.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)
7.00 ABC News.
7.30 7.30.
8.00 Australian Story.
8.30 Four Corners.
9.20 Media Watch. (PG)
9.35 Planet America.
10.10 The State Of Man. (Mal, R)
10.55 ABC Late News.
11.10 The Business. (R)
11.30 Murdoch Mysteries. (Mav, R)
12.15 Long Lost Family. (PG, R)
1.00 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv)
3.30 Dr Karl's How Things Work. (R)
4.00 Creative Types With Virginia Trioli. (Ml, R) **4.30** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **5.30** 7.30. (R)

ABC FAMILY (22)

6am Children's Programs. **4.30pm** SuperKitties. **5.25** Octonauts. **5.50** Super Monsters. **6.05** Spidey And His Amazing Friends. **6.45** HexVets And Magic Pets. **7.05** Batwheels. **7.35** Ninjago. **8.00** Young Sheldon. **8.25** Young Sheldon. **8.45** Animal Park. **9.30** Hard Quiz Kids. **9.55** Merlin. **10.45** Late Programs.

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **1.40pm** Glen Thomas: Beyond The Walls. **2.00** Kriol Kitchen. **2.30** The Cook Up. **3.00** Jarjums. **5.00** Amplify. **5.30** The 77 Percent. **6.00** Bamay. **6.40** The Big Dry. **7.30** Who Do You Think You Are? **8.30** Living Black. **9.30** Blown Away. **10.40 MOVIE:** Lady In The Water. (2006, PG) **12.35am** Late Programs.

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **11.40** Language Of Light. (Ma, R) **12.10** WorldWatch. **2.00** Close Encounters With Levison Wood. (Mal, R) **2.55** Weekend Escapes. (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. (R)
6.30 SBS World News.
7.35 Big Fat Quiz Best Bits: Ultimate Chaos.
8.30 24 Hours In Emergency: Playing Detective. (Ma)
9.30 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. (Mals, R) Hosted by Jimmy Carr.
10.20 SBS World News Late.
10.50 Icebreaker. (Premiere, Mal)
12.40 Something Undone. (Mal, R)
3.00 Inside Oxford Street. (Ml, R)
4.40 Bamay. (R)
5.00 NHK World English News Morning.
5.30 ANC Philippines The World Tonight.

SBS2 (31)

6am Morning Programs. **11.55** France 24 English News. **12.25pm** Hudson & Rex. **2.15** National Indigenous Fashion Awards. **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. **10.15 MOVIE:** Full Metal Jacket. (1987, MA15+) **12.20am** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Morning Programs. **12.25pm** Baghdad Messi. (2023, Mlv, Arabic) **2.00** Where Angels Fear To Tread. (1991, PGa) **4.05** Charro! (1969, PGv) **6.00** Walkabout To Hollywood. (1980, PGaw) **7.00** The Taste Of Things. (2023, PGan, French) **9.30** A Good Person. (2023, MA15+ad) **11.50** Servant Or Slave. (2016, Ma) **1am** 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. (PGa)

6.00 My Kitchen Rules. (PGl)
7.40 The Rookie. (Mav) Grey and Garza continue to work with Monica.
8.40 The Agenda Setters: Rugby League. An expert panel tackles the biggest rugby league topics.
9.40 Family Guy. (Return, Mds) Lois and Stewie finally understand each other.
10.10 American Dad! (Return, Ms)
10.40 It's Always Sunny In Philadelphia. (Return, Mls)
11.10 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** Motor Racing. Supercars Support Races. Carrera Cup. Bathurst 1000. H'lights. **3.00** American Resto. **3.30** Storage Wars. **4.00** American Pickers. **5.00** Pawn Stars. **6.00** Aussie Gold Hunters. **8.00** Gem Hunters Down Under. **9.00** Outback Opal Hunters. **10.00** 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.

9GEM (90)

6am Morning Programs. **12.50pm** Blackadder Goes Forth. **2.10 MOVIE:** Tommy The Toreador. (1959) **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. **11.30** My Way. **11.45 MOVIE:** You've Got Mail. (1998, PG) **2.10pm** 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** Joe Vs. Carole. (Premiere) **11.55** The Summit. **1.40am** World's Greatest Man Made Wonders. **2.30** Late Programs.

IMPARJA (9)

6.00 Today. **8.30** Today Extra. (PG) **11.00** 9News Morning.
11.30 The Block. (PGl, R)
1.00 Getaway. (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)
8.10 Australian Crime Stories: The Investigators: Uncovering Evil. (Madsv, R)
9.10 9News Late.
9.40 Outback Opal Hunters. (PGl)
10.40 Pretty Hard Cases. (Mav, R)
11.30 Tipping Point. (PG, R)
12.30 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.

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** Gold Wars Downunder. **1.00** JAG. **2.00** Bull. **3.00** JAG. **5.00** Bull. **6.00** NCIS. **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.

6.00 Shaun Micallef's Parents' Evening. (PGls)
7.10 Sam Pang Tonight. (Return, Mals) Presented by Sam Pang.
8.10 10's Late News. Coverage of news, sport and weather.
9.10 Australian True Crime With Meshel Laurie: Peter Breen – Never To Be Released? (Ma) Peter Breen discusses the harsh no-parole laws introduced after the Cobby and Balding murders.
10.10 Two And A Half Men. (Ms, R)
11.30 Home Shopping. (R)
4.30 Entertainment Tonight. (R)
5.00 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG, R)
5.30 Deal Or No Deal. (PG, R)

Tuesday, October 20

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ABC TV (2)

6am Morning Programs. **11.00** The State Of Man. (Mal, R) **12.00** News. **1.00** Beyond Paradise. (PGa, R) **2.00** Back Roads. (R) **2.25** You Can't Ask That. (Mals, R) **3.00** Murdoch Mysteries. (PGv, R) **3.45** Grand Designs Aust. (R) **4.40** Long Lost Family. (PG, R) **5.30** Antiques Roadshow. (R)

6.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)
7.00 ABC News.
7.30 7.30.
8.00 The State Of Man. (Mals)
8.50 Believe In Magic: The Mother Of All Cons. (Ml)
9.50 Grand Designs New Zealand. (R)
10.45 ABC Late News.
11.00 The Business. (R)
11.15 Four Corners. (R)
12.05 Media Watch. (PG, R)
12.20 Murdoch Mysteries. (Mav, R)
1.05 Long Lost Family. (PG, R)
1.55 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv)
3.30 Dr Karl's How Things Work. (R)
4.00 Creative Types With Virginia Trioli. (PG, R) **4.30** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **5.30** 7.30. (R)

ABC FAMILY (22)

6am Children's Programs. **4.30pm** SuperKitties. **5.25** Octonauts. **5.50** Super Monsters. **6.05** Spidey And His Amazing Friends. **6.45** HexVets And Magic Pets. **7.05** Batwheels. **7.35** Ninjago. **8.00** Young Sheldon. **8.25** Young Sheldon. **8.45** Animal Park. **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** Amplify. **5.25** Indian Country Today News. **5.55** Bamay. **6.35** The Big Dry. **7.30** Cold Justice. **8.05** Finding Family. **8.35 MOVIE:** Lantana. (2001, M) **10.45** Karla Grant Presents. **11.15** Prison Songs. **12.10am** Late Programs.

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **11.05** Canal Boat Diaries. **12.00** WorldWatch. **2.00** Close Encounters With Levison Wood. (Mal, R) **2.55** Weekend Escapes. (R) **3.30** The Cook Up. (R) **4.00** Secrets Of Britain's Historic Houses & Gardens. (PGad, R) **5.05** Jeopardy! **5.30** Letters And Numbers. (R)

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R)
6.30 SBS World News.
7.30 Who Do You Think You Are? Ross Kemp.
8.40 Norwegian Odyssey. (Premiere) Lorraine Kelly explores Norway.
9.35 Sandi Toksvig's Woodland Restoration. (Ml, R)
10.30 SBS World News Late.
11.00 Mussolini: Son Of The Century. (MA15+v)
12.10 A Body That Works. (Ma, R)
2.20 Inside Oxford Street. (PGa, R)
4.00 Seeds: Planting Hope Through Education. (PG, 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** A League Of Their Own Road Trip: SE Asia. **2.20** The Grudge. **3.35** WorldWatch. **5.35** Secret World Of Autistic Women And Girls. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats. **8.30 MOVIE:** Death Proof. (2007, MA15+) **10.35 MOVIE:** The Lincoln Lawyer. (2011) **12.45am** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Morning Programs. **2.15pm** Through Rocks And Clouds. (2024, PGa) **3.50** Shin Ultraman. (2022, PGv, Japanese, English, Russian) **5.55** And God Created Woman. (1956, PGalnsv, French) **7.35** Down With Love. (2003, Mas) **9.30** The Royal Hotel. (2023, MA15+l) **11.10** Aftersun. (2022, Mals) **1.05am** 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.** (PGa)

6.00 My Kitchen Rules. (PG) The competition heads to Sydney as hipster mates Harrison and Oliver hope to impress.
7.35 Off The Grid With Colin And Manu. (PG) Colin Fassnidge and Manu Feildel head to Akaroa, where they swim with dolphins.
8.35 The Amazing Race. (PG) Hosted by Phil Keoghan.
10.05 Happy's Place. (PGl) Bobbie and Isabella make a plan.
10.35 The Path. (MA15+adlv) Meyerism faces dire financial straits.
1.00 Home Shopping. (R)
2.30 NBC Today.
3.30 Sunrise Early News.
4.00 Sunrise. News, sport and weather.

7MATE (70)

6am Morning Programs. **Noon** Gem Hunters Down Under. **1.00** Aussie Gold Hunters. **2.00** Mighty Planes. **3.00** American Resto. **3.30** Storage Wars. **4.00** American Pickers. **5.00** Pawn Stars. **5.30** Cricket. Women's T20. Aust v NZ. **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. **9.00** Escape To The Country. **10.00** Call The Midwife. **11.00** Bargain Hunt. **Midnight** Late Programs.

IMPARJA (9)

6.00 Today. **8.30** Today Extra. (PG) **11.00** 9News Morning. **11.30 The Block.** (PGl, R) **12.30 Space Invaders.** (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)
8.10 1 Euro House. (PG)
9.10 Topknotz: Wild On Water. (Ml) The team goes canyoning in New Zealand.
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. **2.05 MOVIE:** The Divided Heart. (1954, PG) **4.00** Yorkshire Auction House. **5.00** Antiques Roadshow. **6.00** New Tricks. **7.10** Grantchester. **8.20** Wong & Winchester. **9.20** Rizzoli & Isles. **10.20** New Tricks. **11.30** Creflo. **Midnight** Late Programs.

9GO! (99)

6am Morning Programs. **1.05pm** NBL: Overtime. **2.10** Big Bang. **3.10** Addams Family. **4.10** Seinfeld. **5.10** Baywatch. **6.00** Big Bang. **7.00** Seinfeld. **8.00** TBA. **10.00** Big Bang. **10.25** Jane The Virgin. **11.15** The Girl From Plainville. **12.10am** Gordon Ramsay's Food Stars. **1.40** World's Greatest Man Made Wonders. **2.30** Late Programs.

TEN (10)

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

6.00 Sydney Harbour Cops. Police patrol dangerous waters.
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) A CSI team is called to Charlie's house to investigate a mysterious death which occurred during his mother's wedding.
10.30 Home Shopping. (R)
4.30 Entertainment Tonight. (R)
5.00 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG, R)
5.30 Deal Or No Deal. (PG, R)

10 DRAMA (1)

6am Shopping. **6.30** Days Of Our Lives. **7.15** The Young And The Restless. **8.00** Living Room. **9.00** Building The Dream. **10.00** Bold. **10.30** Days Of Our Lives. **11.15** The Young And The Restless. **Noon** Gold Wars Downunder. **1.00** JAG. **2.00** Bull. **3.00** JAG. **5.00** Bull. **6.00** NCIS. **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.

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ABC TV (2)

6am Morning Programs. **10.45** Dr Karl's How Things Work. (R) **12.00** News. **12.30** Press Club. **1.35** Media Watch. (PG, R) **1.55** Back Roads. (R) **2.25** You Can't Ask That. (Mal, R) **3.00** Murdoch Mysteries. (PGv, R) **3.45** Grand Designs Aust. (PG, R) **4.40** Long Lost Family. (PG, R) **5.30** Antiques Roadshow. (R)

6.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)
7.00 ABC News.
7.30 7.30.
8.00 Hard Quiz. (PGa)
8.30 Class Clowns. (PGs)
9.00 Crime Night! (PG)
9.30 Small Prophets. (Ml, R)
10.05 Planet America. (R)
10.35 ABC Late News.
10.50 The Business. (R)
11.10 Dustfall. (Mal, R)
12.00 Murdoch Mysteries. (Mav, R)
12.45 Long Lost Family. (PG, R)
1.35 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv)
3.30 Dr Karl's How Things Work. (R) **4.00** Creative Types With Virginia Trioli. (Ms, R) **4.30** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **5.30** 7.30. (R)

ABC FAMILY (22)

6am Children's Programs. **3pm** Play School. **3.30** Wiggle And Learn. **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** Animal Park. **9.30** The Piano. **10.25** Late Programs.

NITV (34)

6am Morning Programs. **2pm** Kriol Kitchen. **2.30** The Cook Up. **3.00** Jarjums. **5.00** Amplify. **5.30** News. **6.00** Bamay. **6.40** Wild, Smart And Deadly. **7.30** Friday Night Thunder. **8.30** Pro Bull Riding: USA. **9.30** Ocean Warriors: Mission Ready. **10.00 MOVIE:** James And Isey. (2021, M) **11.35** Late Programs.

SBS (3)

6am Morning Programs. **11.05** Canal Boat Diaries. **12.00** WorldWatch. **2.00** Close Encounters With Levison Wood. (Mal, R) **2.55** Weekend Escapes. (R) **3.30** The Cook Up. (R) **4.00** Secrets Of Britain's Historic Houses & Gardens. (PG, R) **5.05** Jeopardy! **5.30** Letters And Numbers. (R)

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R)
6.30 SBS World News.
7.35 Bill Bailey's Korea. (PG)
8.30 Killing Sherlock With Lucy Worsley: Doctor And Detective. (PGad, R) Lucy Worsley explores the character of Sherlock Holmes.
9.30 Apollo Has Fallen. (MA15+av)
10.20 SBS World News Late.
10.50 The Old Man. (Mlv)
11.40 Classified. (Msv, R)
2.10 Inside Oxford Street. (PGa, R)
3.50 Legacy List With Matt Paxton. (R)
5.00 NHK World English News Morning.
5.30 ANC Philippines The World Tonight.

SBS2 (31)

6am Morning Programs. **12.25pm** A League Of Their Own Road Trip: SE Asia. **2.15** The Grudge. **3.15** Lion Dancers: The Crane And The Lion. **3.40** WorldWatch. **5.40** MH370: The Lost Flight. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats. **9.20** Mel Giedroyc: Unforgivable. **10.15** Ramy. **11.15 MOVIE:** Goodfellas. (1990, MA15+) **1.55am** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32)

6am Morning Programs. **11.50** Servant Or Slave. (2016, Ma) **1pm** Post Coitum, Animal Triste. (1997, Malsv, French) **2.50** Tony Takitani. (2004, PGa, Japanese) **4.20** Love And Friendship. (2016, PGa) **6.00** The Unknown Country. (2022, PGa) **7.35** Stay. (2005, Malv) **9.30** Harry Brown. (2009, MA15+dlsv) **11.30** 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.** (PGa)

6.00 The 1% Club UK. (PG, R)
7.00 A Taste For Murder. (Malv)
8.00 House Of Wellness. (PG) Insights and experiences that highlight living well.
9.00 Chicago Fire. (Return, Mav) A new face at Firehouse 51 causes tension. Rising chaos in the city brings new challenges to the team.
10.00 Happy's Place. (PGa) Bobbie struggles to find a buyer for Happy's house.
10.30 Riviera. (MA15+adlsv, R)
12.30 Home Shopping. (R)
2.30 NBC Today.
3.30 Sunrise Early News.
4.00 Sunrise.

7MATE (70)

6am Morning Programs. **1pm** Outback Truckers. **2.00** Mighty Planes. **3.00** American Resto. **3.30** Storage Wars. **4.00** American Pickers. **5.00** Pawn Stars. **6.00** Highway Patrol. **7.00** The Force: BTL. **8.00** Caught On Dashcam. **9.00** World's Wildest Police Videos. **11.00** Storage Wars. **11.30** Late Programs.

7TWO (72)

6am Morning Programs. **12.30pm** 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** 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. (Ml, 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.
9.15 9News Late.
9.45 Airport Security: USA. (Mad, R) A mail centre intercepts drugs in the warehouse.
10.45 Sight Unseen. (Mav)
11.35 Tipping Point. (PG, R)
12.30 Drive TV. (R)
1.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
2.00 Global Shop. (R)
2.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
3.30 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo. (R)
4.00 A Current Affair. (R)
4.30 Today Early News.
5.00 Today.

9GEM (90)

6am Morning Programs. **12.30pm** Grantchester. **1.30** Antiques Roadshow. **2.00** Explore. **2.15 MOVIE:** Carry On Constable. (1960) **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. **Noon** Parental Guidance. **1.10** 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** Escaping Polygamy. (Return) **12.15am** Parental Guidance. **1.20** Talking Honey. **1.35** World's Greatest Journeys. **2.30** Late Programs.

TEN (10)

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

6.00 The Celebrity Traitors UK. Hosted by Claudia Winkleman.
7.25 Boston Blue. (Mv) A college basketball star is threatened.
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** Gold Wars Downunder. **1.00** JAG. **2.00** Bull. **3.00** JAG. **5.00** Bull. **6.00** NCIS. **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.

On Demand



Peak performance: Tom Hiddleston and Genden Phuntsok star in *Tenzing*.

TOP OF THE WORLD

TENZING
Streaming from Friday, Apple TV

Even now, when asked who was the first to summit Mount Everest, New Zealander Sir Edmund Hillary is the answer many people give. But the Auckland-born explorer was not the only man to reach the mountain's peak – he did so alongside Tenzing Norgay, a gifted Himalayan climber often portrayed as the Sherpa who helped the expedition, rather than an integral part of the mission.

Filmed on location in Nepal and New Zealand without the use of special effects, this breathtaking biopic from award-winning Australian documentary filmmaker Jennifer Peedom (*Sherpa*) chronicles the little-known story behind Norgay's pivotal role in the 1953 climb.

Having grown up in the shadow of Chomolungma (the Tibetan name for Everest, which translates as "goddess mother of the world"), Tenzing (Genden Phuntsok) is a gentle man who reveres the mountain as a living presence, rather than something to be conquered. With the help of his wife Dawa (Thinley Lhamo) and British expedition secretary Jill Henderson (Caitríona Balfe), Tenzing breaks through class barriers and prejudices to join the climbing team being assembled by Colonel John Hunt (Willem Dafoe) as an official member.

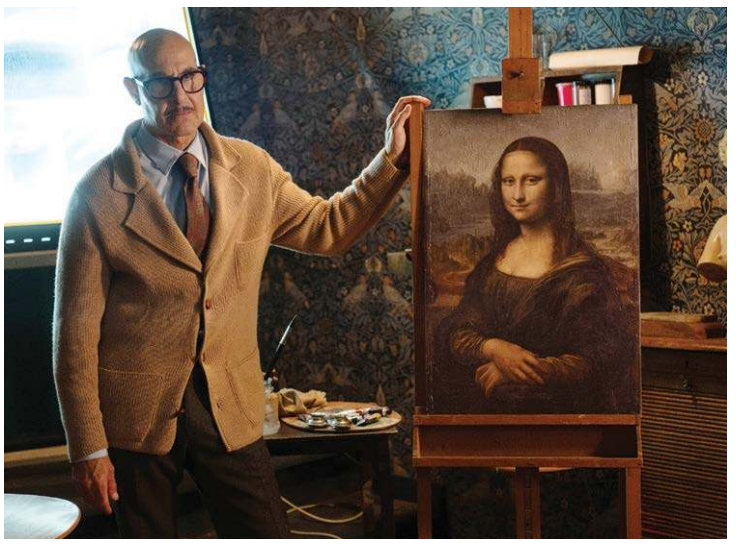
Once on the mountain, Norgay and Kiwi climber Hillary (Tom Hiddleston) both find themselves outsiders among their British peers and bridge their cultural divide, forming a powerful bond over the course of their two-and-a-half-month trek and forging a trust that makes the historic expedition possible.

A heartfelt tale and a timely rebalancing of the history books, *Tenzing* reaches great heights. **– Lauren Mitchell**



THE DIPLOMAT
Streaming, Netflix

Two marriages are on the line in the fourth season of this outstanding political drama: one is the relationship between the US and UK governments, and the other is the union between ambassador Kate Wyler (Keri Russell, pictured) and her husband, vice president Hal (Rufus Sewell). As the Penn administration grows more reckless, Kate turns to a surprising ally: British spy Callum Ellis (Aidan Turner).



MASTERPLAN
Streaming from Friday, Prime Video

Hollywood actor Stanley Tucci (pictured) continues his Italian love affair with this heist movie, which filmed in Rome and Lake Como. *The Devil Wears Prada* star plays Roger, a legendary thief who recruits two young criminals to help him steal the Mona Lisa from the Louvre. But little do hacker Chiara (Simona Tabasco) and explosives specialist Jay (Victor Belmondo) know: they are long-lost siblings, and Roger is their father.



VISIONQUEST
Streaming, Disney+

Completing the televisual trilogy that began with *WandaVision*, this hi-tech miniseries reboots Vision (Paul Bettany, pictured) and reunites him with his memories. In hiding, the android seeks to understand his past, conferring with the AI personas embedded in his programming (including James Spader as Ultron and Emily Hampshire as E.D.I.T.H.).



CRYSTAL LAKE
Streaming from Friday, Stan

The lore behind Jason Voorhees, one of cinema's most iconic horror figures, comes to life in this suspenseful 1970s-set thriller series. It follows grief-stricken mum Pam (Linda Cardellini, pictured), who is clinging to hope that her son Jason – thought to have drowned in the local lake a year earlier – might somehow still be alive.



TULSA KING
Streaming from Friday, Paramount+

Sylvester Stallone (pictured) may have turned 80 earlier this year, but the star has no intention of slowing down, saying "every year it gets harder and harder, but that's why you gotta push harder and harder." He shares that determination with Dwight "the General" Manfredi, who fights to protect his empire from corrupt politicians in this fourth season.



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

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Volunteer John suffered

By Phil Williams

GAZETTED on 16 March 1988, Owen Road at Ilparpa is a tribute to John Bucknill Owen OAM, accountant, assessor, JP and projectionist.

The short cul-de-sac running off Greatorex Road is nestled in the shadows of the Ilparpa Range in a peaceful rural setting.

JB, as he was known, was born in Manchester, England in 1902 and later migrated with his parents to Western Australia before moving to South Australia.

In 1937, he became an accountant with the Central Gold Milling Company at Tennant Creek.

Two years later, he moved to Alice Springs and became a private accountant and the Commercial Union Insurance Company offered him their Palatine Insurance Agency as well as a role as their loss assessor.

The Federal Income Tax Department also asked JB to register as their taxation agent and he worked as a projectionist for the Pioneer Theatre. now converted to a backpackers hostel.

During Army service in World War II, Owen volunteered for mustard gas experiments and suffered ill effects for the rest of his life.

In his 1945 diary, now in the NT Archives (NTRS 2440 Item 4), he writes of the effects the tests had on his arms and his skin.

In one entry he outlines his treatment by an army major who accused him of self-inflicting his wounds.

After the war, he returned to his accountancy business in Alice Springs and was hampered by the effects of the testing.



CUL-DE-SAC: Owen Road is a tranquil cul-de-sac in Ilparpa. (PIC: PHIL WILLIAMS 452075_01)

In NTRS 2243, correspondence dated 19/5/1948 to Harringtons Pty Ltd, Owen writes: "Many thanks for your letter of 5th March. I must apologise for long delay in answering but plead illness as an excuse.

"I had another bad outbreak of the mustard gas burn trouble which practically put me out of action for a couple of months."

Owen had wide commercial experience and helped early clubs draw up their constitutions and was associated with Anglican and Alice Springs Community Club projects.

He was appointed Justice of the Peace for the NT in 1932 and was Visiting Magistrate for Territory Prisons from 1954 through to 1978 and was awarded an OAM for Community Service in January 1979.

He died in Alice Springs in May 1987, aged 84 after a quiet life of service and was survived by his wife, Sheila.

The couple married in 1964 when he was 59 and she was 57. They had been together for some time, but Sheila had a long wait for a divorce from her first husband on the grounds of desertion.

A number of letters from the Owen Collection now in the NT Archives written by Sheila to JB form a social history of how difficult it was to legally end a marriage in the 1960s, even if you had not seen your spouse for decades.

The Owen collection also includes examples of cinema advertising slides from the 1950s-1960s that were shown at the Pioneer Theatre.

These slides are made from glass and show examples of fashions, the types of cars, restaurants and entertainment in Alice Springs during this period.

The NT Archives Service Newsletter of January 2006/30 states Owen was a meticulous man in terms of his personal record-keeping and his collection reflects this.

Source; The History of Alice Springs through Landmarks and Street Names by Jose Petrick OAM. Updated to 1996.

Additional information: NT Place Names Register and NT Archives Service Newsletter, January 2006, No 30.



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Slow down and connect

By Gladys Barreta

FOR this year's Mental Health Week, Alice Springs will celebrate the importance of wellbeing and community connection through a Stress Less Hub, offering people an opportunity to slow down, connect with others and take steps to support their mental health.

The Mental Health Association of Central Australia (MHACA) is encouraging the Alice Springs community to take small steps towards better wellbeing, with a series of free activities planned for Mental Health Week from 12-16 October.

This year's Northern Territory theme, Small Steps, highlights how everyday actions can help support social and emotional wellbeing, while creating opportunities for people to connect with others.

MHACA senior marketing officer, Josefina Olmedo said Mental Health Week was an opportunity to recognise the importance of community connection and making time for wellbeing.

"Mental Health Week reminds us of the importance of community connection and making time to look after our wellbeing," she said.

"It's also an opportunity to recognise the resilience within ourselves and our communities that helps us through life's challenges."

Throughout the week, MHACA will host a Stress Less Hub at Alice Plaza, offering free, hands-on workshops designed to give people a chance to slow down and try something creative during their lunch break.

Running from noon to 1pm, the workshops include painted purses on Monday, leathercraft on Tuesday and basket weaving on Thursday.

Participants can create their own purse, keyring, magnet or small woven basket while taking time out from their usual routine.



COMMUNITY CONNECTION: MHACA's Josefina Olmedo and Holly Russell are encouraging Central Australians to take small steps towards better mental health and wellbeing during Mental Health Week. (Phil Williams: 571961)

The week will culminate in Stress Less in the Plaza on Friday, October 16, a free community event bringing together local services, music and activities in a relaxed environment.

The event will feature live music from Jamilee Ashenden and Dom Brinkley, a broadcast by 8CCC Community Radio, guest speakers, information stalls, a dance fitness session, face-painting, a virtual reality experience and free massages from Plaza Wellbeing Centre.

A dedicated chill space will also provide an opportunity for people to take a break from the activities.

Ms Olmedo said small, manageable actions could play an important role in supporting mental health.

"The Small Steps theme reminds us that looking after our mental health doesn't always require big changes," she said.

"Simple things like connecting with others, being active, doing something we enjoy or taking time to slow down can support our wellbeing."

She said community events could provide an opportunity for people to step outside their routine, meet others and try something new.

"Events like these give people an opportunity to take a break, connect with others and try simple activities that support wellbeing," she said.

"We encourage everyone to take some time during Mental Health Week to check in with themselves and with the people around them."

Workshop places are limited, with registrations available at https://collections.humanitix.com/mental-health-week-2026.

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EVENTS

Basketry Club

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

Desert Mob 2026

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

Sewing Club

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

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.

Fun in da Sun

- Gap View Hotel | 17 October, 12:30pm
- Free Pool Party to welcome the change of season! With a focus on dub, 140, UKG, DnB, & Jungle. DJ's All Things P.Chi, Lotus, Wicked Bandit, Flozz, Big Fish Little Fish and Dogcunt. Dress theme: Gold & Sunny. Bring good vibes, swimmers, relax, spend time with good people, dance. Event by All. Things.P.chi. Supported by the Bass Portal Collective.



RACERS: Runners at the start of a precious Alice Springs Masters Games, Masters Mile. (Supplied)

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









Colourful start to Games

IT was a colourful start to the 40 anniversary Alice Springs Masters Games on Saturday.

Around 1200 athletes from more than 20 sports paraded into ANZAC Oval before rocking the night away to two iconic Aussie rock acts, The Choirboys and Baby Animals.

The colourful array of athletes, some dressed in costumes, others dressed in team kit were welcomed by the NT Administrator, His Honour, the honourable, David Connolly and several other VIPs.

His Honour told the athletes what began in Alice Springs 40 years ago was something pretty special.

"Forty Years ago, Alice Springs did something pretty special, he said.

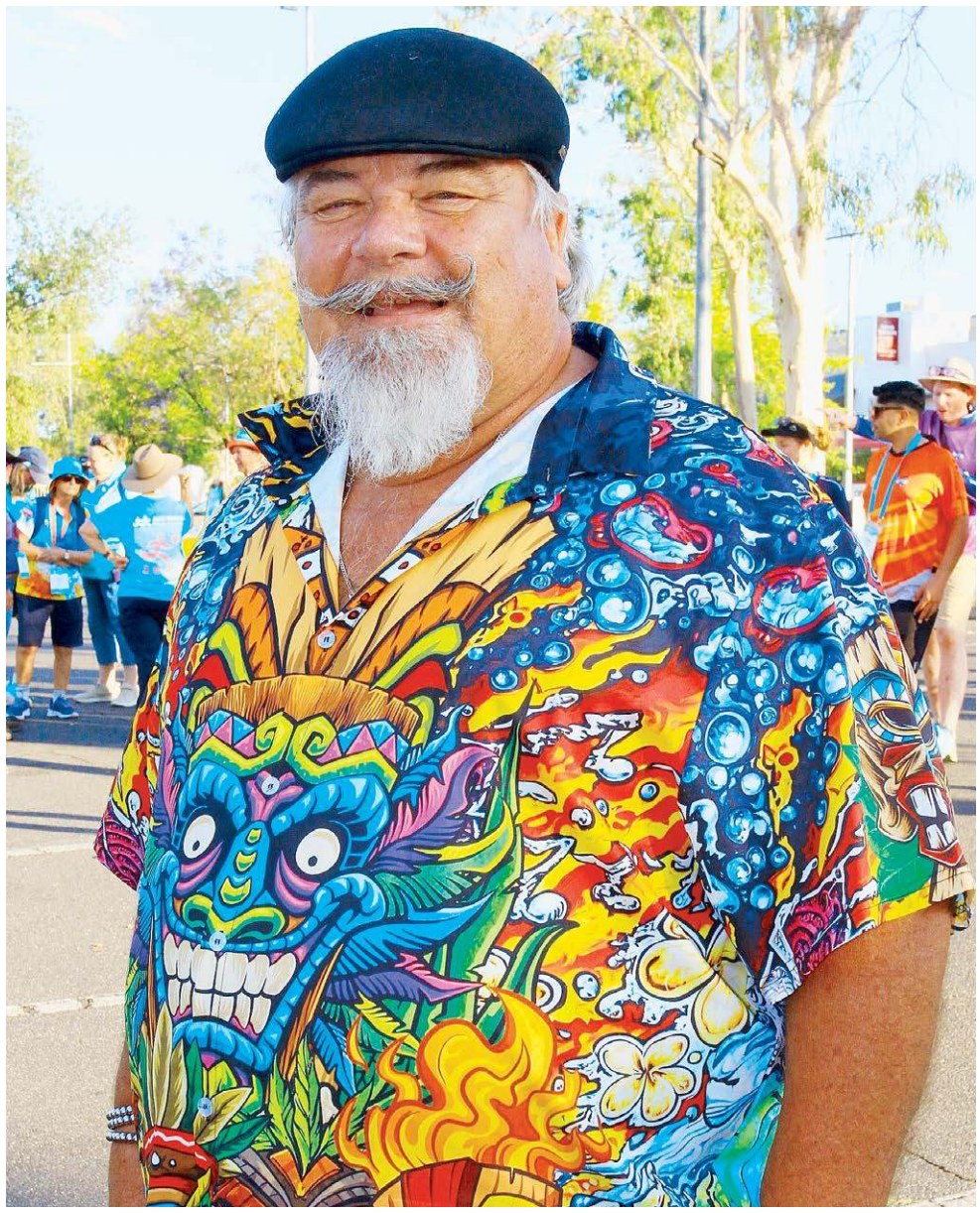
"What began here in Alice Springs went on to inspire masters sport right across Australia."

"Four decades later, we're still here, still competing, catching up with old mates, making new ones and proving that age is certainly no excuse to stop doing what you love to do."

He was met with a huge cheer when he called "Let the games begin".

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(Phil Williams: 583825)













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Welcome to the Masters...

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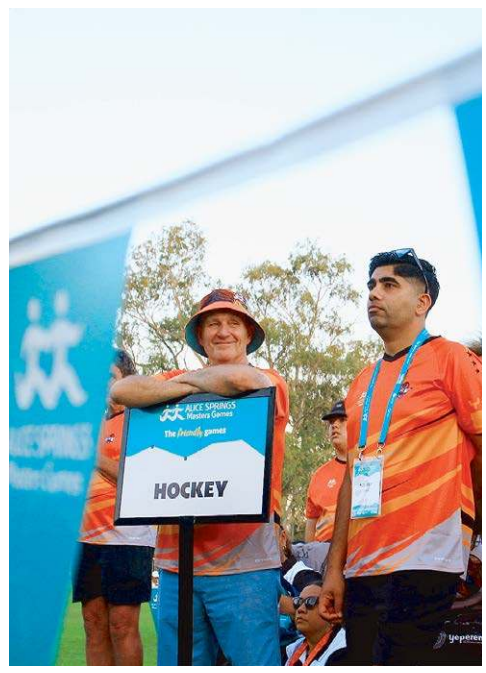












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CLOSE: The ASMG bowls triples brought some close games. (Phil Williams: 583879)



RELEASE: Dave Wright sends his bowl towards the jack. (583879)

Trying for greens mastery

By Phil Williams

ALICE Springs Lawn Bowls has faced a huge week, with more than 60 competitors travelling from across the country to take to the greens for the Masters Games.

More than 200 games are packed into the six day program and the opening weekend of competition saw more than 50 players adapting to the Red Centre.

In warm conditions visitors from across the NT and interstate joined locals for the Mixed Triples competition.

Interstate visitors came from as far away as Yanchep, near Perth, Sale in Victoria and Hahndorf and Hamley Bridge in SA as the tournament got underway.

There were several close results as the 18 teams vied for a spot in the semi finals with the medal round to played this weekend.

A good number of locals including Tim Jennings, Bernice Bairstow, Jen Ashenden and Bruce Fyfe making it through to the semis along with interstate visitors, Camille Rowan and Brett Rush.

Sunday also saw another big day with the start of the Mixed Pairs, with four sections of five teams.

The marquee events, began on Monday with the Men's and Ladies' Pairs getting underway across two days,

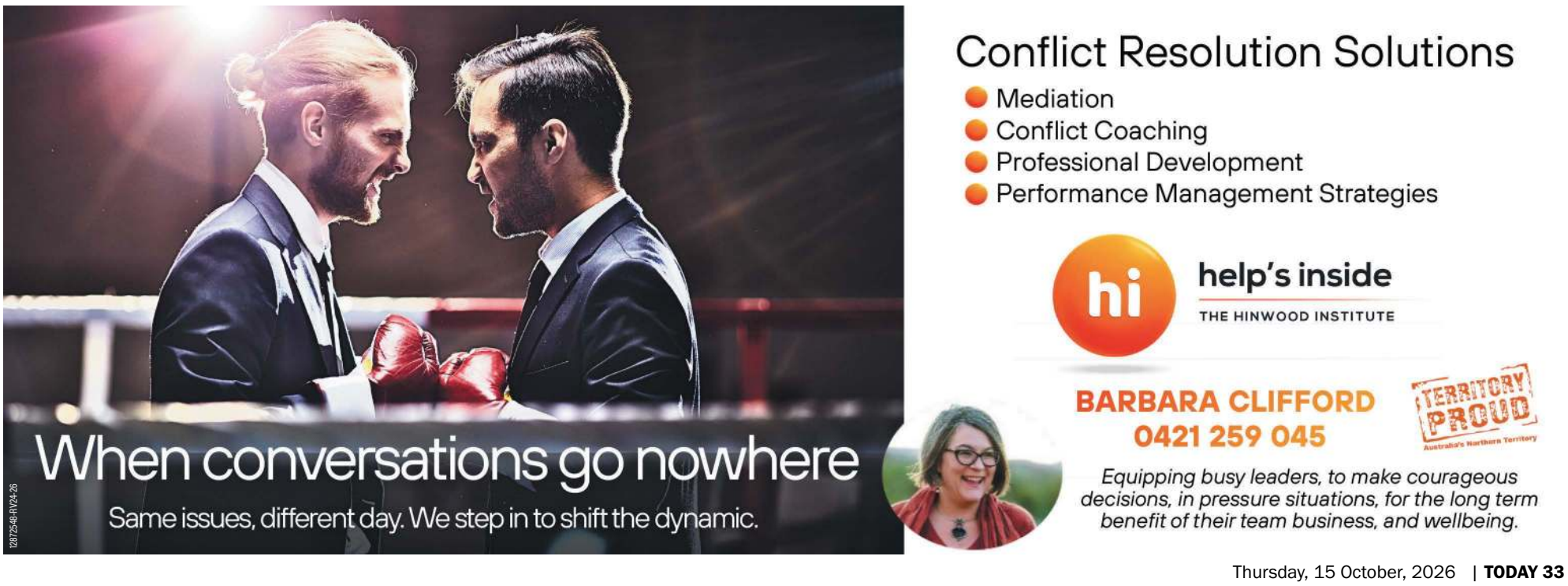
After yesterday's rest day, the Men's and Ladies' Singles will follow today, Thursday 15 October, and tomorrow, before Saturday's medal deciders.



STYLE: Ligi Holford shows good style as she lets her shot go. (583879)



SCORE: Camill Rowan relays the score to her tammates. (583879)



PUZZLES

SUDOKU

No. 311

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

easy

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

medium

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

hard

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7					5	2	4	
5				2		8		
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QUICK CROSSWORD

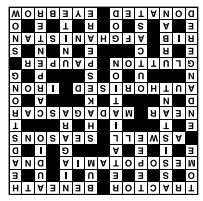
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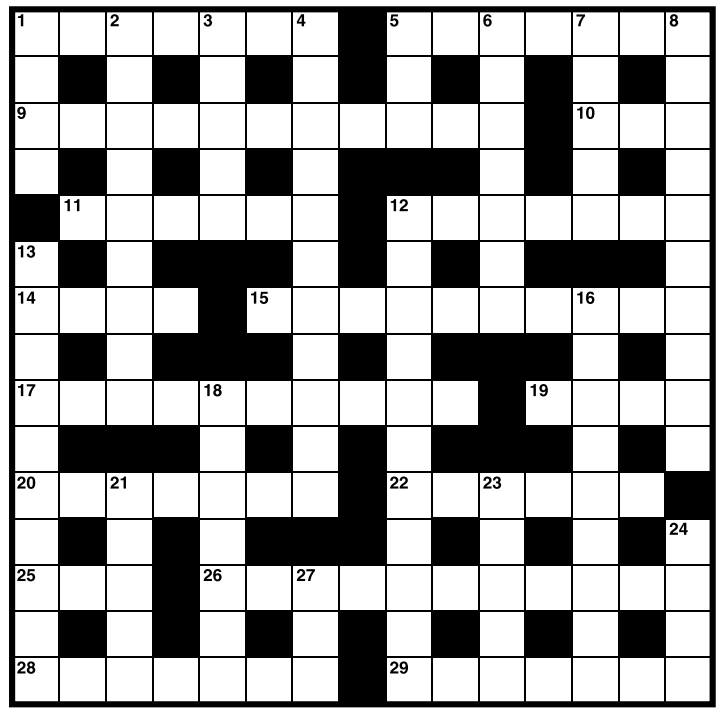
ACROSS

1 Agricultural aid (7)
5 Under (7)
9 Ancient Middle East (11)
10 Biological blueprint (1,1,1)
11 Too (2,4)
12 Times of the year (7)
14 Close (4)
15 Island nation east of Mozambique (10)
17 Permitted (10)
19 Stern (4)
20 Chowhound (7)
22 Very poor person (6)
25 Chest bone (3)
26 Mountainous Islamic country (11)
28 Gave away (7)
29 Hair above the eye (7)

DOWN

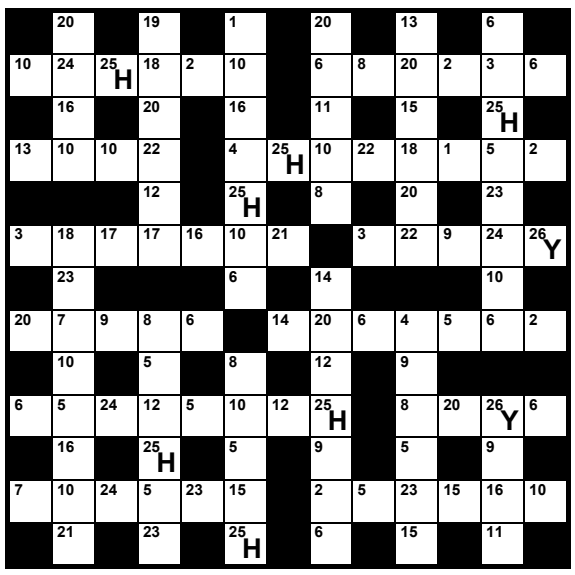
1 Volume (4)
2 Helper (9)
3 Conical tent (5)
4 Revenge (11)
5 Backside (3)
6 Falls on the US-Canadian border (7)
7 Sound (5)
8 Obstinate (10)
12 Great playwright (11)
13 In peril (10)
16 Tradesperson (9)
18 Pariah (7)
21 Citified (5)
23 Combine (5)
24 Frozen flakes (4)
27 Deity (3)



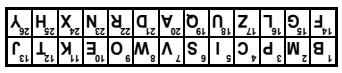


DECODER

No. 343



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25 H	26 Y



9-LETTER WORD

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

Today's Aim:
12 words: Good
18 words: Very good
24 words: Excellent

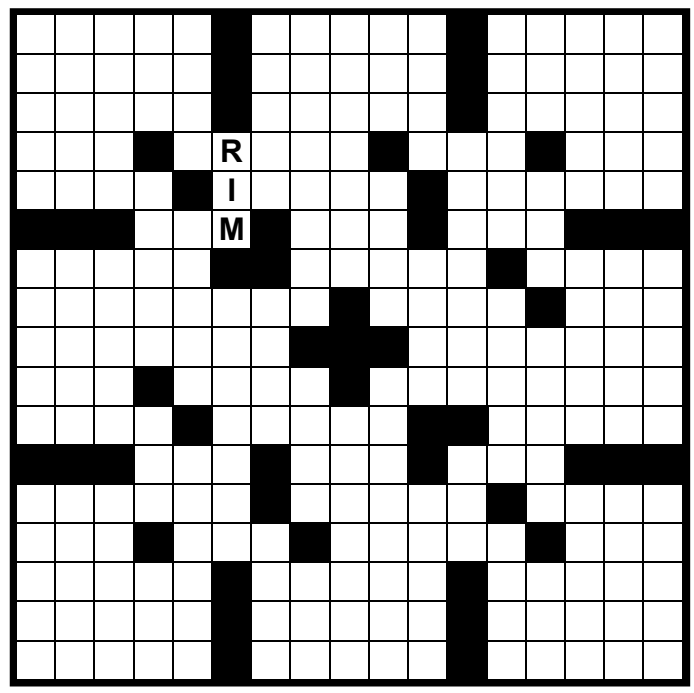
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WORDFIT

No. 311

3 LETTERS
ACE
ALE
ARM
ASH
ATE
EEL
ERA
EYE
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RYE
SEA
TEA
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TEN
TIN
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ARCS
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RELY
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SACS
SARI
SEEP
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SLIM
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5 LETTERS
ABATE
ALONE
ALTAR
ALTER
APRIL
AROMA
ATONE
AWARE
BACON
BASTE
BROOM
CHEEP
CLING
CLOCK
COLIC
COVET
CURES
EATER
EERIE
ERASE
GENII
ICIER
IDEAL
INCUR
LARVA
LOOSE
MELTS
OATHS
PANDA
PETAL
PLEAS
PORTS
PRICE
REALS
RENTS
RHINO
RURAL
SEARS
SEEDS
SLITS
SNOWY
SPARS
SPATS
SPECK
TAINT
TELLS
TEMPO
TILDE
TOKEN
WRENS

6 LETTERS
CRAFTY
OTTERS
PIGEON
ROASTS

7 LETTERS
BLATANT
FERTILE
FORELEG
PANCAKE
STIMULI
TOTALLY

8 LETTERS
ALLOCATE
HONOURED
HYGIENIC
LOADABLE

16-10-26

5x5

P		S		S
	W		I	
R		L		Y
	R		L	
S		N		E

No. 418

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

NOTE: more than one solution may be possible

E	S	N	E	S
L	L	O	R	T
Y	L	A	L	R
T	I	A	W	A
S	T	S	A	P

QUICK QUIZ



1 What colour is amethyst?
2 How many cards are in a standard deck of cards, excluding jokers?
3 True or false: in Greek mythology, Cupid is the god of love?
4 Which arm on the Statue of Liberty is raised to hold up a torch?
5 What kind of animal is Stuart Little?
6 How many wings does a ladybug have?
7 Which Marvel superhero does Tom Holland (pictured) play?
8 Name the author of *To Kill a Mockingbird*.
9 In the solar system, which is the fifth planet from the sun?
10 Which country is the movie *Slumdog Millionaire* set in?

ANSWERS: **1.** Purple **2.** 52 **3.** False, Eros is **4.** Right **5.** Mouse **6.** Four **7.** Spider-Man **8.** Harper Lee **9.** Jupiter **10.** India

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HOROSCOPE by Lilith

Your week ahead

This week's triple whammy of personal planets in Scorpio intensify even further with Mercury and Venus retrograde. Talking steam heat…

ARIES
(Mar 21 - Apr 19)

This week's sextet of planetary retrogrades, two of them in your sign, predict some delays and frustrations. So have a backup plan B for important arrangements. Stay calm, keep cool, maintain your sense of humour. Any effort at self-generated wellbeing that doesn't depend on external circumstances is recommended.
Best day:
Saturday 24 October

TAURUS
(Apr 20 - May 20)

With Uranus retrograde already delivering a shake-up to stagnant daily habits, the best way of navigating this week could be by anchoring in sustainable, soul-nourishing routines that include savouring life's sensual pleasures – by tuning into your physical body and the greater body of earth, our planetary home.
Best day:
Tuesday 20 October

GEMINI
(May 21 - Jun 20)

As if changemaker Uranus reversed in your sign wasn't enough, your ruler, Mercury, heading retrograde, could challenge even your effervescent spirit with surprise disruptions, confusing communications and exasperating system glitches. Best approach? Tread slowly, carefully and double check everything before pressing Send.
Best day:
Monday 19 October

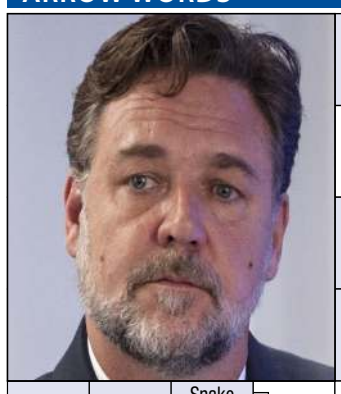
CANCER
(Jun 21 - Jul 22)

There are creative ways of dealing with heavy retrogrades, so you lunar beings might consider making or doing something beautiful as an antidote to this week's irritations – as in taking your cranky heart and making it into art: dressing in something elegant, buying flowers, writing a poem, giving someone a gift.
Best day:
Thursday 22 October

LEO
(Jul 23 - Aug 22)

This week's astrological weather forecast predicts the kind of climate where nothing can morph into something epic in the blink of an eye. Considering your majesty's naturally dramatic capacities, it would be wise to pick your battles very carefully. Better still, refrain from battling at all and just spread kindness instead.
Best day:
Friday 23 October

ARROW WORDS



		Don't succeed	Throb	Stain — Angry		Long time		Cab	Zeal	
						Eat grass				
		Russell _, actor (pictured)						Slightly open	_ Gallagher, Oasis guitarist	
		Bonnet				Holy person				
Wading bird	Arm jewellery	Snake — Assist in a crime			Fast plane		Allow		Stopwatch	River mouth
			Beer	Chinese mammal		Ecstatic — Post				
Large cove		Pulp			Infertile — Sealant					
		Ornate material				Bad mood		Animal foot	Study for an exam	
Precious stone		Occupier					Jaunty			
		Auction	The _, Big Lebowski character — Dash				Region			
Iron, e.g.		Make airtight			Period of time		Rubbish		Joint	Came across
			Retained					That man		
U.S. skiing resort		Place		Come to know						
			Small arrow					Favourite		

VIRGO
(Aug 23 - Sep 22)

What are Mercury retrogrades good for? The re- words. Remembering what's important and retiring what's not. Retraining the mind to think reinvigorating thoughts. Repurposing where that can be achieved. And also about having the foresight to check before offering feedback, whether it's asked for, welcome or even necessary.
Best day:
Sunday 18 October

LIBRA
(Sep 23 - Oct 22)

When your planet ruler, Venus, is retrograde, partnership themes often intensify as relationships bring us face to face with parts of ourselves that can only be understood through honest reflection. Which makes this week an ideal time for therapeutic, solution-oriented conversations and, yes, it's good to have them.
Best day:
Tuesday 20 October

SCORPIO
(Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Happy birthday and welcome to your magnetic month in the Sun, Scorpion clan. With incisive Mercury and sultry Venus both backtracking in Scorpio, your words pack extra power (ditto the sting), so dial back sarcasm and channel that natural intensity into healthy, helpful, creative outlets and celebrations.
Best day:
Friday 23 October

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov 22 - Dec 21)

With the machinery of misinformation in full flood, best not leap to conclusions or believe everything you hear. This week's retrogrades recommend reining in impulses to charge ahead, because an offhand comment could set off a chain reaction you didn't intend. Fortunately, there's plenty of healing potential available.
Best day:
Saturday 24 October

CAPRICORN
(Dec 22 - Jan 19)

In a changing world it's necessary to regularly check in to ask the hard questions about whether old plans and behaviours are still workable. Retrogrades, when planets gear down and go slow, are the perfect time for humans to take stock, revisit, reassess, revise, reposition and restore what's important.
Best day:
Sunday 18 October

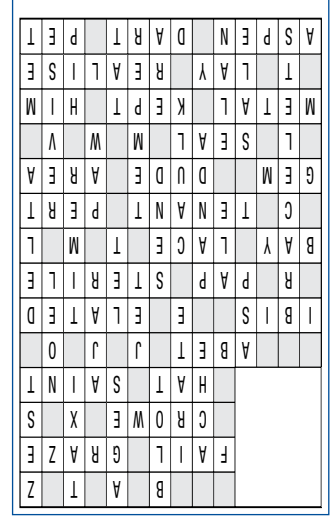
AQUARIUS
(Jan 20 - Feb 18)

Your planet guide, Uranus, retrograde and turning up the volume on its new agenda, can be quite a lot to process. So pay attention to whatever is resurfacing from the past for your attention – whether it's a feeling, thought or discomfort – because this is an auspicious time to seek experienced counsel.
Best day:
Monday 19 October

PISCES
(Feb 19 - Mar 20)

Communications can get lost in translation this week, and relationship dynamics experienced early in life could show up in current partner issues – though it's usually not the relationship that's the problem, it's our personal narratives. This week offers a unique opportunity to rewrite an old life script.
Best day:
Wednesday 21 October

SOLUTION



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NEWS

Twin literary awards

By Phil Williams

A local artist has been recognised at the recent NT Writing Awards in Darwin.

Alice Springs poet, Emma Trenorden, received Best Non-Fiction in the NT Book Awards, for her book of poems, High Fire Danger.

in its 42nd year, the awards celebrate the talent of writers from across the Territory and provide opportunities for emerging and established writers to develop their craft and share their work.

Topping off the night, Ms Trenorden was also presented with the competitive NT Writers' Centre Poetry Award with her heartfelt poem, Guria in Me.

Guria means earthquake in Kuanua, a language spoken by the Tolai people of Rabaul, Papua New Guinea.

Ms Trenorden's poem was written as a tribute to her maternal grandfather, a prominent Tolai man who lived on the volcanic island of Rabaul.

The song is a granddaughter's recollection of her grandfather and tells the story of a young child leaving their birthplace to make a new home on foreign soil.

Guria was recorded locally at the Sing Hum studio, with Ms Trenorden on vocals and ukulele and Dave Crowe on piano.

Well known Alice Springs musician, Gleny Rae also played the piano accordion as a musical 'tip of the hat' to Ms Trenorden's grandfather who also played the instrument.

A line-up of local musicians will help celebrate the release of the new single at the Change the Narrative fundraiser event at White Gums on Saturday 24 October.



AWARD: Emma Trenorden speaks after receiving her NT Writers award. (PIC: OLIVER ECLIPSE)

For event details and tickets go to https://events.humanitix.com/change-the-narrative.

Suppression laws shake-up

By Phil Williams

NT Suppression and gag laws will be overhauled by the NT Government later this year, the Chief Minister, Lia Finocchiaro has said.

Statutory suppression which prohibits the identity of people who have committed sexual offences when they are before the court are under review with amendments to be put before parliament by the end of this year.

The government will also ask the Department of Public Prosecutions to look at the possibility of appealing the sentence of a man convicted of digitally raping a little girl in a town camp near Darwin..

"As the Chief Minister, as a Member of Parliament, as a Territorian, as a mother, I am absolutely horrified," she said. "This is the most abhorrent unacceptable behaviour you will ever see in the community.

"Whilst that individual has been sentenced, I think most people are sitting around thinking it's manifestly inadequate.

"We, as a government, will be asking the DPP to look into the sentence and whether or not there is opportunity for them to appeal, but also the suppression (of the perpetrator's name) has caused widespread concern," Ms Finocchiaro said.

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Travel funding available

By Phil Williams

YOUNG sporting champions of the future looking for some help to travel to interstate events don't need to be left sitting on the sidelines.

The latest round of Desert Sports Foundation (DSF) grant applications for young sports stars close on Sunday October 18.

The grants are designed to help pay for travel costs and other expenses for up-and-coming young players to attend competitions and events outside of Central Australia.

The DSF began in 2010 to help young local athletes reach their sporting potential.

The Foundation's primary aim is to provide financial assistance to junior athletes, 17 years and under, by contributing toward the cost associated with competing in Territory, National and interstate events away from Alice Springs.

Since its inception, more than $500,000 has been given to local families.

To be eligible, the applicants sporting club or association is required to be a current financial member of the DSF and applicants must be a resident of Alice Springs and be 17 years or under at the time of travel.

All applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application via email with only one round of funding provided, per person, per calendar year.

Sports stars who have already travelled may not have missed their opportunity.

Retrospective applications can be made for travel within four months prior to receipt of application.

Any funding provided will be at the sole discretion of the Desert Sports Foundation Committee. Successful recipients of the latest series of grants will be announced on Sunday 25 October at the Gillen Club.

To find out more, about terms and conditions, or to view the web page, visit www.desertsportsfoundation.com.au/ or email desertsportsfoundation.info@gmail.com.



BENEFICIARY: Jamie Lightfoot who placed third in his class at the National Dirt Kart Titles in South Australia earlier this month is one of many juniors to benefit from DSF travel grants. (Phil Williams: 514498)

CAFL to benefit from extended support for Territory footy

By Tayla Harris, AFL NT

A new multi year agreement by existing sponsor TIO will take the company's involvement with Australian Rules football in the Northern Territory to almost 40 years.

Last week, AFL Northern Territory and TIO announced an expanded partnership that will see TIO remain as the naming rights partner of the Northern Territory Football League (NTFL) senior and junior competitions, reinforcing a long-standing commitment to football across the Territory.

The agreement covers the the next three seasons through to the end of 2028/29 and strengthens TIO's position as a Premier Partner of AFL Northern Territory.

As part of the expanded partnership, TIO will hold naming rights to the TIO CAFL Premier Competition in Central Australia, TIO NTFL Senior Competition and the TIO NTFL Junior Competitions, supporting football pathways from junior participation through to senior community football across the Territory.

The announcement builds on TIO's 35-year association with the NTFL and reflects a shared commitment to growing participation, supporting local clubs and delivering strong football competitions for Territorians.

Head of AFL Northern Territory Sam Gibson said the partnership was a significant investment in the future of Territory football.

"TIO has been an incredible supporter of football in the Northern Territory for more than three decades, and this expanded partnership demonstrates their ongoing commitment to our clubs, players, volunteers and communities," Gibson said.

"Importantly, this partnership extends support right across the football journey, from our participants in the TIO NTFL junior competitions all the way through to senior football in both the NTFL and CAFL competitions.

"Football plays an important role in connecting communities across the Territory, and we're grateful to have a partner that continues to invest in the growth and sustainability of our game."

Head of Claims and Operations at TIO Margaret Pratten said TIO was proud to deepen its long-standing support for Territory football and the communities at its heart.

"For 35 years, TIO has been part of Territory football, supporting the players, volunteers, families and clubs that make the game such an important part of community life," Ms Pratten said.

"This expanded partnership will help more Territorians connect with the game, from junior participation through to senior community football. We're also pleased to use TIO Round to recognise the first responders who supported communities following Cyclone Fina and continue to be there when Territorians need them most."

The expanded partnership was celebrated recently during TIO Round in Round 1 of the 2026/27 TIO NTFL season, recognising TIO's 35-year commitment to football in the Top End.

The round also featured a range of community and family-focused activations, including junior participation activities and fan experiences, celebrating the connection between football and the communities it serves.

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Ellis's 50 just not enough

By Phil Williams

FEDERAL drew first blood in their season opener A Grade cricket match against Rovers at Albrecht Oval on Saturday 3 October.

A 50 from Ben Ellis for Rovers wasn't enough to hold back Federal from taking the win.

Batting first after winning the toss, Rovers were dismissed with more than four overs to spare.

Their innings didn't start well when skipper Nicholas White fell for just a single to a Doug Mclure catch in the outfield. after facing seven deliveries.

Ellis and new batter, Yuen Gepp forged a solid partnership until Gepp was caught for 25, again by Mclure.

Gepps wicket sparked a mini collapse as incoming batter Nate Kelleher lasted just two deliveries.

Ellis had a life before he reached 50 when the zing stumps lit up as the ball grazed the stumps, on its way through to the gloves of keeper, Oscar Jacques-Ball.

Jaqcues-Ball-was dumfounded at the sight of the bails remaining in place Ellis went on to make 62 and eventually fell to a sharp chance taken by the keeper standing up to the stumps.

Further quick wickets, including two in two deliveries to Michael Klein-Boonshcate slammed the brakes on the Rovers innings and they were eventually dismissed for 145 in the 41st over.

Klein-Boonschate topped Feds bowling sheets with 3/8 from nine overs.

Feds laid a solid foundation losing their first wicket of Jacques_Ball in the 19th over after he compiled 28.

Feds other opener, Sam Rumpff fell not long after with 21 next to his name,.

They continued to cruise before a slump in the middle order threatened to derail the chase.

McLure and Klein-Boonsahte settled the innings, guiding Feds past the target with six balls to spare.

Graham Schmidt was best of the Rovers bowlers with 3/19 from nine overs.

The second A Grade game at Jim McConville Oval saw Tigers take a comfortable win over West.

Tigers batted first after being sent to the crease, making 9/161 from their 45 overs.

West made a slow start then lost quick wickets before being all out for 119 with nine overs to spare.

The two B Grade games were poles apart.

At Head St, West were all out for 194 from 38.4 overs, too good for the Tigers 10/154 off 31.

It was a short and sharp game at Flynn Oval between Rovers and Feds.

Playing a man short, Rovers struggled to 9/43 in 16.5 overs.

Federal mopped up, chasing down the meagre total in 10 overs, finishing with 4/44.



SNAFFLED: Oscar Jaques-Ball gloves an edge from Ben Ellis bringing the batter's 50 plus innings to an end. (Phil Williams: 50583348)



SLICK: Some slick work by Oscar Jaques-Ball keeps the Rovers batter on his toes. (583348)



Oscar Collin watches the flight of his delivery as the Rovers batter looks to play. (583348)



SAFE: Oscar Jacques Ball working hard behind the stumps whips the bails off in a flash. (583348)



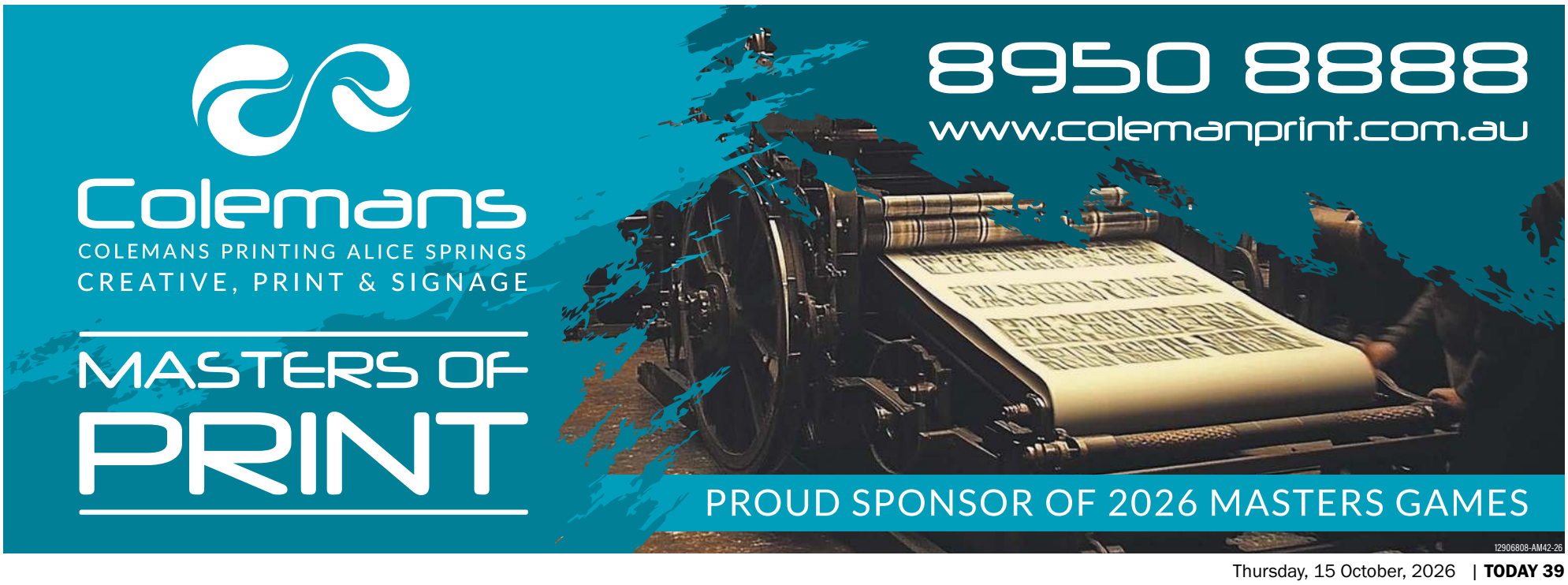
50 UP: Ben Ellis acknowledges his team mates applause after reaching 50. (583348)



CELEBRATION: Joseph Romagnolo and Oscar Jacques-Ball celebrate the important wicket of Ben Ellis. (583348)



FIRST BALL: Michael Klein-Boonschate celebrates after he rattling Aaron Hydes stumps for a golden duck. (583348)





NOT OUT: The Rovers keeper has the bails off but not before the Wests batter safely grounds his bat. (583886)



CAUGHT: Lucas Nitschke takes the catch to send Pami Jayawardhana back to the shed. (583886)



SPIN: Harry Weeks sends down a delivery from the northern end of Jim McConcille Oval. (583886)



SET: Bibek Khadka sets himself for a catch to dismiss Shivram Singh. (583886)

Comfortable win for West

By Phil Williams

WEST have had a comfortable win over Rovers in their A Grade cricket match at Jim McConville Oval on Saturday, 10 October.

Rovers won the toss, sending West in to bat.

After Siriwardana Lekamwasam was run out with score on 13, Shakeel Faizer and Sami Madushan forged a 74 run partnership which was undone by a rush of blood from Madushan who was caught in the deep after bringing up his 50.

When Pami Jayawardhana was caught by Lucas Nitschke with the score on 117 West were still on track for a big total as they went to the drinks break.

After the interval, Rovers began to stage a fightback.

The turning point for Rovers was a mix up that had the two batters next to each other at the same end.

Words were exchanged between the batters as the needless run out saw Gareth Mortelman heading back to the shed with the score at 4/129

Wickets began to fall at regular intervals and West lost 6/37 before reaching a total of 166 with more than four overs to face.

Madushan was the top scorer with 51 while Nick White with 4/26 from 8.3 overs came away with Rovers best figures.

Rovers innings began in the worst possible way losing their first wicket in the third over then crawled to 15 when Luke O'Brien was bowled by Jacob Goodlet in the eighth over.

Oly Lee-Young who top scored with 49 and White added some respectability to the tally.

When White fell with the score at 5/106, the Rovers were in deep trouble.

The tail offered little resistance and Rovers were all out for 141 with 9.1 overs remaining.

Best of the West bowlers was Goodlet with a haul of 3/11 from six overs.

Madushan provided good support taking 3/30 from 7.5 overs.

At Albrecht Oval, Feral and Tigers played out a thriller with scores locked away.

Feds won the toss sending the Tigers to the crease.

Tigers made a solid start then lost quick wickets and were dismissed for 134 leaving an over to bowl.

Federal were in trouble early at 3/25 and their innings never really recovered despite 49 from Finley Wilson.

When Wilson fell with the score on 126, it was anybody's game.

Feds needed just nine runs for the victory, Tigers needed one wicket with 2.2 overs to bowl.

With one over to play, the equation was seven runs for Feds and a wicket for Tigers.

A bye on the penultimate ball levelled the scores.

Feds just needed a single to win off the final ball.

Joseph Romagnolo on strike missed the delivery and was stumped by keeper Sukhmanpreet Dhillon. locking the scores at 134 apiece.

Jitender Singhe with 4/24 from nine was the best of the Tigers bowlers.

The two B Grade matches on Sunday saw Fed 169 account for Tigers 106.

Rovers and West played out another thriller at Jim McConville Oval.

Rovers batted first making 10/172 as West Chased down the target in the 39th over finishing with 8/173.



CASTLED: Ilanka Udara has his stumps smashed by a delivery from Nick White. (Phil Williams: 583886)



YES, NO, WAIT, SORRY: Gareth Mortleman trudges back to the pavilion after a batting mix-up saw both batters at the same end of the pich. (583886)



RELEASE: Harry Weeks about to release his delivery as he slides past umpire, Paul Rumpff. (583886)



DEATH RATTLE: The wests batter hears the death rattle as his stumps are rattled. (583886)



DAMAGE: A Wests batter checks the damage to his stumps as he walks off after being bowled. (583886)



MIDDLED: The ball rockets off the middle of Shivram Singhs bat only to be caught in the deep. (583886)

Fyfe wins final pennant round

By Phil Williams

TWO dozen players took to the Alice Springs bowling for the final round of the John Healy Pennant on October 3.

It was also the last chance for a competitive hit-out before the loaded Masters Games (ASMG) tournament.

Bruce Fyfe, fresh from some time away, claimed the individual win with 3 wins and +22 shots.

Jo Knapstein, a regular visitor for the ASMG almost caught Fyfe, finishing with three wins and +21 shots, just one shot behind.

Jason Hemmings was also back in the prize money, taking a deserved 3rd place with 3 wins and +16 shots.

Other notable performances came from Pat Coburn with three wins, +7 shots, including some very close final ends.

Bill Pendlebury with two wins, +15 shots also had great day out.

The final result in the Pennant which organiser Dave Wright says is tight, will be announced at the club's presentation night on 14 November.

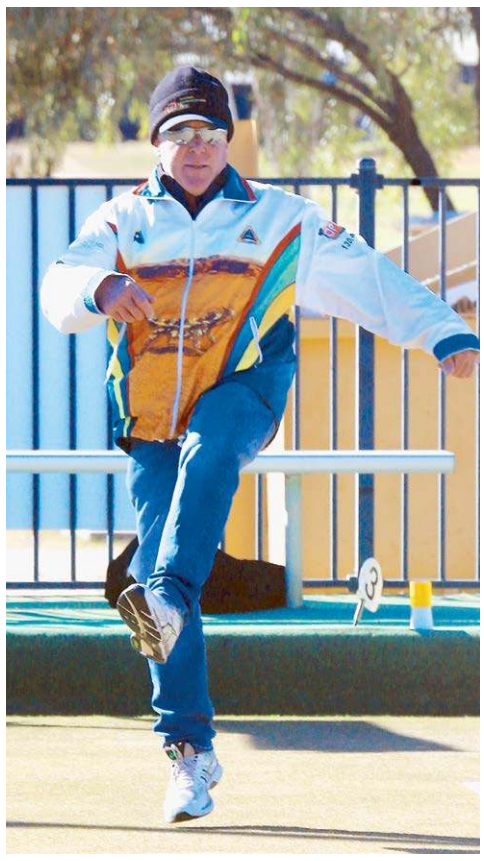
"I have been asked to withhold the final results from our pennant competition, he said.

:It is very close., I don't want to accidentally reveal anything before the presentation."

Mr Wright said the second annual John Healy Pennant competition successfully built on 2025.

"Given that our weekly attendance is usually around 14–18 members, I want to thank the club and all our members for making themselves available each week throughout this competition, he said adding that 20 or more players took part each week.

"That level of participation is something the club should be proud of."



JIG: Bruce Fyfe does a happy dance after seeing the placement of his shot during a match earlier in the year. (567885)

The club is now headlong into the masters games with various competitions scheduled for most days of the carnival.

Following the Games, attention will switch to the two day Open Club Fours from Friday 27 November followed by the Bowls Christmas Party on Sunday, 29 November.



PLAY: Bill Pendlebury lets his shot go during a game earlier this year. (Phil Williams: 548659)



Anderson rallies to sprint win

By Jamie Lawson, Phil Williams

THE inaugural CARS Club Red Desert Rally Sprint on Saturday 3 October has delivered over and above all expectations.

Breaking from its usual location at the club's Motorplex, the event utilised the roads at the Alice Springs Off Road Club (ASSORC) facility at Mt Ooraminna.

Directed by Jamie Lawson who brought a high level of experience and professionalism to the event, a small field of nine competitors faced the starter to contest the four daylight and two night stages.

The low numbers didn't detract from the quality and depth of talent in the field with at least six teams capable of challenging for podium places.

The thrilling action and drama that unfolded throughout the day also brought a high attrition rate as just three crews completed all 76kms of stages.

Lincoln and Tracy Meekings' 2WD Lancer was an early retirement due to broken gearbox mounts and set the tone for the gruelling event through the red desert sand and sheoaks..

Joe Harris and Sarah Kerr escaped unscathed after a steering failure in their classic Datsun 1600 ended with an excursion through the scrub and rollover on the last of the daylight stages.

Mitchell Lawson and Michael Robertson in their Mitsubishi Magna as well as Jordan and Michelle Lawson running a Commodore ute showed great pace early, setting top three stage times before both eventually joining the growing DNF list.

Flying the ladies flag was Taylah McDowell with ASSORC president Tim Button navigating in a classic Datsun Stanza.

The pair put in in the performance of the day until a trailing arm snapped on the final stage with the finish line in sight, ending their inspirational run.

At the end of the night stages, Scott Anderson and Cameron Kerr who held a lead from the opening stage, won the event outright in a Mitsubishi Evo VI.

Second was taken by the experienced crew of Chris McCormack and Jamie Smith's Toyota Celica

Coming home in third outright after driving brilliantly all day was Tom Anderson and Hayden Pitman, both junior competitors in a very tidy 2WD Mitsubishi Lancer.

Mr Lawson said he was extremely happy with the end result and how the event unfolded.

"While this was only a small rally in the scheme of things, we set the bar extremely high as we have a long-term outlook and plans going forward.

"The primary objective for this rally was to introduce both competitors and officials to the sport and gain experience.

"Given that twelve of the eighteen competitors have never done a rally before, let alone seen a road book with detailed route instructions, they all did extremely well, he said.

"I was very proud to watch the enthusiasm and excitement in the lead up and see them embrace the sport and discipline of rallying.

"We have certainly generated a lot of interest and I have little doubt that our club and local events will grow quite rapidly as a result.

"We now have a team of officials and competitors that will go from strength to strength, Mr Lawson added.

Another big move for the club was the decision to run the event under Australian Auto Sport Alliance (AASA) regulations as opposed to those of Motorsport Australia (MA).

"Our club has been exploring this option for a long time and decided that this would be the perfect opportunity to tangibly see and feel how it may work for us. Lawson said.

"It was a very successful outcome for all stakeholders and was the perfect partnership.

"It was like a breath of fresh air for grass roots, club level rallying"

"It was a huge effort to get this inaugural event up off the ground but one that has, and will pay great dividends.

"The club is extremely grateful for the support of some generous sponsors and the entire Alice Springs community who rallied around and got right behind the entire event, Mr Lawson said.

"All contributed greatly and underpinned the high level of organisation and delivery of this very successful event which has certainly paved the way for great things to come in Central Australian, and Northern Territory motorsport."



TOP DRIVE: Scott Anderson on his way to 1st Outright. (Phil Williams)



DUST: Scott Anderson leaves a trail of dust as he pushes hard.


ROOSTER TAIL: Chris McCormack sends up a rooster tail of desert sand as he powers his Celica out of a corner.



CONSISTENT: Thomas Anderson ran consistent times to finish 3rd Outright.


DAMAGE: Jo Harris and Sarah Kerr finished the event early after breaking a steering component and rolling.


BROKEN: Mitch Lawson pushed his Magna too hard and joined the DNF list.


SHOW: Jordon Lawson puts on a show in his Commodore ute.

Shooters aim for nationals

By Phil Williams

A TEAM of four Alice Springs shooters are aiming for glory at this week's national championships in Adelaide.

The single action shooters will represent the Northern Territory at the 32nd SSAA Single Action National Championships to be held at the Frontier Shooting Club from 19–25 October 2026.

Representing Alice Springs and the NT will be Doug Waters, Lucinda Wright, Shane Warren and Dave Hurst.

It is the first time Alice Springs has had four shooters competing at the titles, making it a strong representation for the local club and the NT.

For Shane Warren, it will be his first appearance at the Nationals.

The week-long championship includes a variety of events, with long-range rifle, Cowboy Clays and Sideshow Alley among the early competitions.

Mexican Standoff (Wild Bunch) will provide a warm-up before the main Single Action Championship stages are contested from Thursday through Saturday, followed by the Master Gunfighter competition on Sunday.

Doug Waters said it the four shooters are looking forward to representing Alice Springs and the Northern Territory against competitors from around Australia.

"We are all up against some strong competition, he said.

"It's the nationals, so there's some strong shooters we'll be up against but the whole team has been shooting well recently so we are hopeful of back some top results to the Red Centre."



FIRST: The team of Alice Springs shooters who are taking part in the National Single Action Championships in Adelaide fior the first time. (Alice Springs Single Action Shooters)

WEATHER

FORECAST

Alice Springs:
Partly cloudy. Slight chance of a shower, most likely in the afternoon and evening. The chance of a thunderstorm. Light winds becoming E 15 to 20 km/h during the morning then becoming light during the day.
Friday. Partly cloudy. Medium chance of showers, most likely later in the day. The chance of a thunderstorm. Winds N to NE 15 to 20 km/h increasing to 25 km/h before turning NW 15 to 20 km/h during the day.
Saturday. Partly cloudy. Slight chance of a shower. The chance of a thunderstorm later in the day. Light winds becoming SE 15 to 20 km/h during the day.
Sunday. Mostly sunny. Slight chance of a shower. The chance of a thunderstorm. Light winds becoming E 15 to 20 km/h during the morning.

Tennant Creek:
Slight chance of a shower in the morning. The chance of a thunderstorm in the morning. Mostly sunny afternoon. Winds SE 15 to 20 km/h tending E 15 to 25 km/h during the morning then becoming light during the day. 21/31
Friday. Mostly sunny. 23/34

Hermannsburg:
Possible shower or storm. 11/30
Friday. Shower or two. 15/32

Santa Teresa:
Mostly sunny. 11/27
Friday. Shower or two. 14/31

Ross River:
Possible early storm. 10/30
Friday. Shower or two. 14/33

Uluru:
Partly cloudy. 14/29
Friday. Partly cloudy. 17/33

Darwin:
Partly cloudy. Medium chance of showers. The chance of a thunderstorm in the morning and afternoon. Light winds becoming N to NW 15 to 25 km/h during the day then becoming light during the evening.

ALICE SPRINGS FORECAST

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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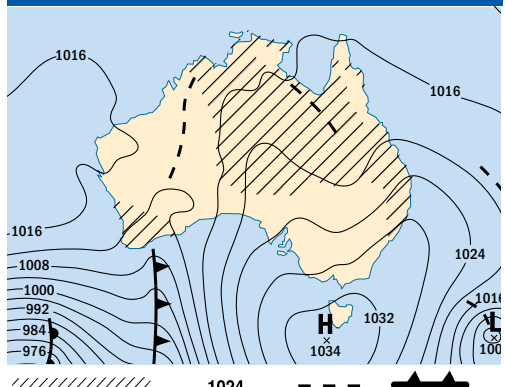
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City	Condition	Max
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Canberra	Partly cloudy.	17
Darwin	Shower or two.	33
Hobart	Cloudy.	16
Melbourne	Mostly sunny.	21
Perth	Showers easing.	23
Sydney	Shower or two.	20

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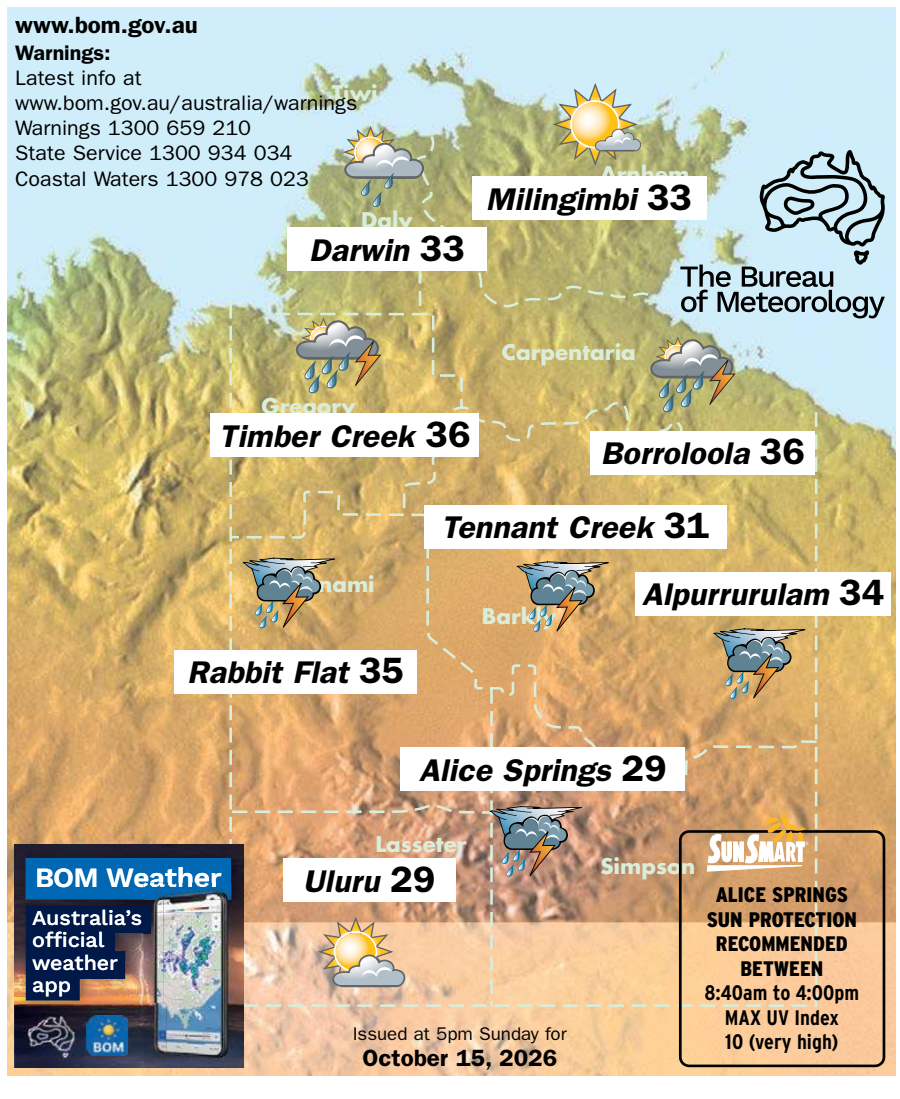
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Saturday	6:00am	6:40pm	10:27am	Nil
Sunday	5:59am	6:40pm	11:21am	12:37am
Monday	5:58am	6:41pm	12:16pm	1:21am
Tuesday	5:57am	6:41pm	1:11pm	2:00am

THURSDAY 10AM



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Masters!

IT was a colourful start to the 40 anniversary Alice Springs Masters Games on Saturday.

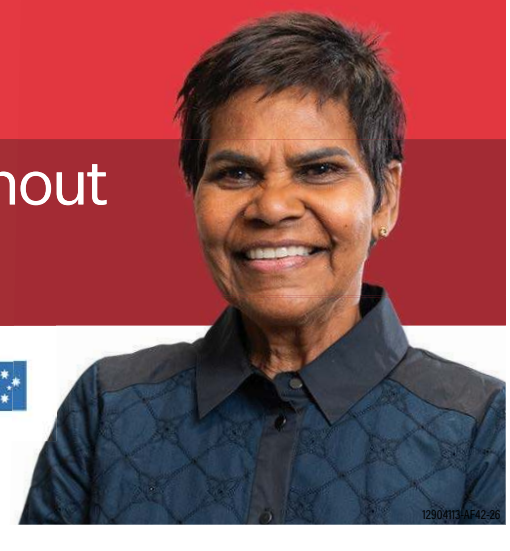
Around 1200 athletes from more than 20 sports paraded into ANZAC Oval before rocking the night away to two iconic Aussie rock acts, The Choirboys and Baby Animals.

The colourful array of athletes, some dressed in costumes, others dressed in team kit were welcomed by the NT Administrator, His Honour, the honourable, David Connolly and several other VIP's.

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