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Barcaldine tennis mentor and champion, Lionel Walsh has been recognised for his efforts, earning the Lifetime Volunteer Award from Queensland Tennis. Walsh has spent over half a decade supporting the Barcaldine Lawn Tennis Club.

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Lionel Walsh with his new trophy.

Banks blast

Traeger MP Robbie Katter has blasted the State and Federal governments for their unwillingness to intervene in recent banking closures in Longreach and Charleville.

Mr Katter named postcode discrimination, bank branch closures, and an ever-reducing appetite to lend to the bush are symptoms of market failure in the regional banking sector.

He said there was a growing onus on governments to intervene in the untenable situation that was stifling industry and population growth in almost every region removed from the coast.

"For many years not only have the banks been departing from their bricks and mortar but also their obligation to provide loans in rural towns," he said.

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Mine ambush

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New beginnings

This week I have been thinking about new beginnings.

I have noticed the direct correlation between the new edition of the Leader and how bloody fat the local baby kangaroos have gotten.

(Dangerously, driving past, I have pulled my hands off the steering wheels and clutched my cheeks in admiration).

I know that rain and tall grass doesn't solve everyone's problems, but I can't help but feel optimism in the newborn pink afternoon skylines after rain.

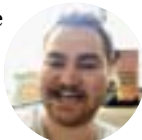
When I see a fat baby roo hobble past, I think about my own difficulties (and triumphs) over the past year.

The Leader went down – and now it is back.

With the end of something harsh, comesomethingsoftandnew.

And, I hope everyone reading finds their fat bay kangaroo round out the end of the year.

- Michael R Williams



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The Leader is back

Christmas has come early for locals who have been eagerly awaiting the new Leader.

Community member Donna Dickson picked up her Leader shortly after it hit stores.

"I'm very excited to have the Leader come back," she said. "It looks a lot thicker."

"I'm excited to have local content again; I read the whole lot of it."

Margaret Beard, who is 90 and has lived in Longreach her whole life, said she pleased to have the Leader back.

"You do miss things that are going on in the town because I don't go out a lot," she said.

"It's great to be able to read about that again."

Myers Newsagents owner Doug Winterbottom jokingly said it was about time the Leader returned.

"It's good to have it back, we'll have a few customers today looking for the Leader," he said.

"99.9 per cent of people will be glad to have it back."

"The content looks to be pretty good and there's more of - it's very pleasing."



Community members Margaret Beard and Hannah Larsen with the new Leader at Barker's Newsagency.



Community member Donna Dickson and Myer's Newsagency owner Doug Winterbottom with the new Leader.



Deliveryman George Miller with the new Leaders.

Your response to the new-look edition

Excellent to see the leader back out to be able to see what's going on in the west . Excellent to see the TV guide back in the paper. Well set out.

- Lisa Head

Loved the layout, the sections, and the news. Can't wait for the next edition.

- Leonie Reynolds

Very good first issue and look forward to the next one.

- Linda Tait

Fabulous thank you. Was good to see stories of other towns/places. Keep up the good work.

- Maria McInnes

It was good to pick up a local newspaper with

lo al content but a good spread of articles.

- Phil Kuhne

Thought it was great and so much to read. Lots of local input. Well done and so good to see the paper back!

- Joane Thomas

My wife and I recently moved from Longreach after 57 years to Yeppoon. We were long time supporters of the Leader through our business . Today I purchased the new Longreach Leader from Rockhampton. Congrats it looks great. Here is a picture for your collection. Taken today at Reid and Rose Newsagent, at the Rockhampton Plaza.

- Gavin Douglas



Gavin Douglas with staff member Tiana at Reid and Rose Newsagency, Rockhampton Plaza.

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A wonderful show

Longreach is so fortunate to have the Longreach School of Dance, and I thoroughly enjoyed this year's production of Aladdin.

The pink outfit worn by the stallholder this year was worn by my daughter Jady 17 years ago when she danced Jasmin in the school's first performance of Aladdin.

In the program for this year's performance in the History section, it stated that the 2004 performance of Aladdin was the first time a 'story' had been told.

However, in 1998 the school performed Disney's Beauty and the Beast. At that time Liesel Joubert was the dance teacher. Monique Wilkie and Carley Fickling were the prima ballerinas, and all the other dancers wanted to be just like them.

It was a great performance in 1998 for the story of Beauty and the Beast, and so was the Aladdin, both in 2004 and this year.

Congratulations Longreach School of Dance!

Yvonne Johnston

Picture of the Week



Miss Milla Marks bracing for a summer storm.

Picture: JEROME MARKS



The Barcaldine Regional Council, along with RAPAD Official Morgan Gronold have made the next step for the Barcaldine Renewable Energy Zone possible.

Picture: AARON SKINN; SATISFACTION PHOTO

Big push on renewables

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"The growth profile for this region that could be experienced as a result of this catalytic investment is significant.

"And game-changing for, let's face it, a region that is predominately reliant on agriculture for its primary and secondary source of income."

Mayor Dillon said the decision was about creating economic certainty in the region.

"People talk about the tourism dollar, but it's almost insignificant compared to what agriculture does," he said.

"So with that, we're very exposed to seasonal variations.

"With this business comes more certainty around economic drivers."

Mayor Dillon said, while not directly a part of the Council's decision, there was a recognition that there has been a transition in the world economy.

"Australia and Queensland are looking to be a part of that (transition), and if there's an opportunity to be in the vanguard of that well, why not take that opportunity?" he asked.

"You don't enter into those commitments blindly though; \$1 million doesn't sound like a lot in today's terms, but for a small regional council, it's a massive amount of money."

Mayor Dillon emphasised the diligence Council has undertaken when examining this decision.

"Initially we needed to at least look at the opportunity rather than risk losing to somewhere else, or lost the opportunity altogether," he said.

"There's been some significant work put through by the business cases put through by the State Government and Barcaldine has contributed significantly to that as well.

"So, we've had a detailed understanding being developed over a fair period of time on the likelihood of returns and success of the project.

"We've given every element of it as much consideration as appropriate, in some cases, I think we've gone even further."

Mayor Dillon said the project will be catalytic to Barcaldine's economic growth, and locals can now look forward to "tractors and shovels going mad".

"It really is at that pointy end," he said.

"Investment decisions are now coming through and Sunshot as a private equity partner have made their decisions; Council has made our decision; the State next.

"And then all of a sudden that unlocks significant capital to invest, then it's down to the proponents to start their development and we'll have a precinct ready for them."

Mayor Dillon said the decision was made as a part of a desire to maintain the Council's financial stability into the future.

"It wasn't without hesitation Council first went on this journey," he said.

"This Council, like the previous Council, has had a really solid philosophy around ensuring the future of our Council.

"That has two parts; it has protecting the future of Council so we can continue to deliver for our communities but also, what are we going to do to stop them shrinking, fading, having an

impact on their traditional industry base.

"This business model [in regards to the Renewable Energy Zone] has been likened upon as one of the very best to future proof our communities - from that point of view, over a considerable period of time, over two Councils, we've considered this a best-fit approach to expansion and community growth."

Mayor Dillon commended the hard work of former Barcaldine Regional Council Mayor Rob Chandler for initiating the project and putting

"Certainly Queensland Gidgee Brothers have played a large part in all this," he said.

"But there's an overlooked moment in this whole process, and that was my predecessor Mayor who had the vision to think outside the square and create a forum for renewable energy and utilisation in the Central West after we saw all the Solar Panels being built, and power shipped off to the coast.

"He invited Ross (Garnaut, Sunshot Energy Chairman) to talk to the Mayors of Central Western Queensland about what we can do to develop renewable energy sources and use them locally.

"So, I think realistically, the dream and the vision that's seen it get to this stage, is as much that of former Mayor Rob Chandler, as it is anybody else in the process."

"There's no doubt in my mind, the project wouldn't have gotten to this stage without Rob's vision."



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Miller backs up opal claims

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“It differs from mining leases which are the tenure used by big coal miners down to ma-

chinery miners on the same gem fields. What concerns me about this moratorium is that it was introduced sneakily by a gazetted regulation which commenced on November 25,” Mr Millar said the State Government had been unclear with the purpose of the moratorium.

“If it is to increase public submissions about the future of the mining claim tenure, then why do public submissions close on February 11, 2022 but the moratorium extends until next November?” asked Mr Millar.

“If it is to signal the Government has serious concerns about the future administration of the tenure, then job done. Now, genuinely consult our small miners. Local government must also have a seat at the consultations.”

Mr Millar said email correspondence from the Department that had been shared with him by constituents explained the moratorium by saying, it was costing the state too much to

administer the mining claim tenure given the royalties returned.

“It is the Department which has steadily increased the paperwork, the rules to be enforced, and the fees and maintenance requirements.

“To then turn around and blame this complicated regime on the small miners is beyond belief.

“Especially at a time when they can no longer receive advice and assistance from Departmental officers on the ground.”

Mr Millar said miners would have to do everything online through the Department’s “Mineral Hub” in Townsville, 600 kilometres away from both the sapphire and opal fields.

“This has to be the lowest level of service ever provided by the Government to claim holders,” he said.

Mr Millar said he had written to the Minister asking him to urgently rescind the moratorium and commence proper consultation about how the regulatory burdens and costs can be reduced.

“This could start with a public forum at Winton and another on the Gemfields,” he said.

“Mining claims may be a small business, but it is condescending to treat them as a hobby.

“It is not an optional leisure pursuit for many people.

Their mining claim is their source of income and employment, Government must understand this.

“Mining claim holders are still citizens who contribute strongly to their local community life and to their local tourism economies.”

WOW event to hit Longreach

The Women of the World Festival has announced that it will hit Longreach March next year after postponing in July due to Covid-19.

Locals will be granted the opportunity to listen to notable speakers Quentin Bryce and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner June Oscar AO - among the many leading First Nations and social change-makers.

The event will take off on 4 March and will host three days of conversations, workshops, and performances.

The event will feature music, comedy, and fashion, alongside conversations aimed at driving cultural and creative dialogue, debate, and celebration, while the ever-popular WOW Speed Mentoring will return alongside WOW Bites – short talks, readings, and soapbox moments on a range of subjects designed to inspire, engage, and introduce new ideas.

Organisers described the WOW movement as one of the largest across the globe, highlighting and finding solutions to gender discrimination and enabling women and girls to create tangible change in their own lives and for their communities.

The event is set to be the highlight of International Women’s Day (IWD) and Queensland Women’s Week celebrations in the region.

Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence Shannon Fentiman said WOW Australia’s 2022 hybrid in-person and virtual program was expected to attract thousands of participants.

“WOW Australia events have a history of celebrating the achievements of women and girls, identifying the barriers that remain for them to achieve their ambitions, and providing solutions for change,” Ms Fentiman said.

“The Queensland Government is commit-

ted to the education, development, and empowerment of Queensland women and girls, which is why we’ve supported WOW Australia events in Queensland since 2020 and will continue into 2022 as part of our Queensland Economic Recovery Plan.

“We hope to see women and girls engage from across our great State, including those from our regional communities, culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, those who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, financially disadvantaged and men and women with children.”

Global Advisor for the WOW Foundation and Executive Producer of WOW Australia Cathy Hunt said they were thrilled to return and celebrate the women and girls in regional and rural towns across Queensland, particularly following the postponement of elements of our 2021 program due to public health orders.

“It’s really important that we honour the planning done by women in Longreach, Cairns, and Logan to deliver the WOW experience and ensure their stories and ideas for the future are heard,” she said.

“It is encouraging to see the Queensland Government and our partners continue to recognise the role our conversations and celebrations play in the economic and social recovery of the state, as we continue to manage the impacts of the pandemic.

“Listening to local communities and creating a space to share their experiences alongside the work of renowned changemakers gives us all the chance to rethink the world in which we want to live, value women’s work, and find solutions to ongoing issues of gender discrimination.”

To view the full program or to purchase tickets, head to wowaustralia.com.au.



Rain left Blackall-Isisford Road unusable for over a day. Picture: ELIZA MUNRO HARVEY

Brilliant blockage to see

By Michael R Williams

Recent rain left the Blackall-Isisford Road flooded and unusable for over a day.

Blackall-Tambo Mayor Andrew Martin said it was a good sign for local graziers that this level of rain has come this early in the wet season.

“I don’t know of any negatives unless people are disappointed they’re not leading the charge [in terms of millimetres of rain],” he said.

“It has been patchy, I know the other night one property not too far from me got 140mls, and my property got 20mls.

“And I’m absolutely delighted with my 20mls; I’m not one bit disappointed.”

Mayor Martin said he could not recall a better start to a wet season, as a fourth-generation local.

“I can’t recall a better lead out of drought,” he said.

“It’s been soft and gentle, it hasn’t been gully raking stuff.

“It comes once a week; it gives good falls; it’s filling damns, some sort of moisture, grasses are growing – we’re going to need a lot more of it and I’m not whinging about what we’ve got.

“But, it’s bloody beautiful and you can quote me on that.”

The road is now open again, but Mayor Martin said the road wasn’t closed often enough.

“Because it means that the Barcoo is running,” he said.

“The Barcoo is over the bridge.

“I think it’s bloody marvelous; people just need to be patient, it [was] closed for a bloody good cause.”



Speakers at the WOW Festival.



Staff of the Wellshot Hotel.

Meeting multiple needs: Pub crawl for charity

By Michael R Williams

Longreach and Ilfracombe locals trawled the pub scene with the intention of raising money for an important cause at the Santa Pub Crawl.

At the end of the event, \$2500 was raised for Outback Independent Living, a charity aimed at providing accommodation for people with special needs in Longreach

Organised by Outback Independent Living Member Paula Ballard and Harry's Restaurant Owner Steve Searles, the event so locals travel from Harry's Restaurant to the Wellshot Hotel to the Longreach Tavern, the Birdcage, and all other pubs around the two towns.

Ms Ballard said the event was deeply beneficial to Outback Independent Living and her son Adam Ballard.

"We need to prepare for his future, as do all parents with loved ones with special needs," she said.

"We'd like to provide accommodation for people all throughout the Central West, there are people here who require accommodation.

"We're hoping to establish it here because the biggest concern for parents, or anyone who has a loved one with special



Peter and Paula Ballard enjoying a drink at the Wellshot Hotel.

needs, is their future."

Ms Ballard said the pub crawl was the brainchild of Mr Searles.

"It was an idea to create a fundraiser to help us get closer to our goal," she said.

"It was a day with a difference.

"It's just adding to the theme of Christmas; Christmas is a wonderful time."



Santa Pub Crawlers ready to take off on an adventure.

Sheep flock on the rise

By Michael R Williams

The Sheep and Goat Meat Strategy is now entering its next step after the erection of wild dog fencing, and while graziers are growing more confident in the program, questions still loom over the handling of worker shortages.

After the implementation of fencing in the central west, the rollout of the Sheep and Goat Meat Strategy is well underway.

Dunraven Grazier and AgForce Sheep and Wool vice president Paul Doneley said the strategy could see sheep numbers increase in the west.

"There used to be tens of millions of sheep in the west, now we only have a couple of million," he said.

"This strategy wants to grow 3.5 million sheep by 2026 in Queensland and 250,000 farmed goats.

"These are very achievable goals we believe as AgForce, and we feel that we are nearly there."

The Sheep and Goat Meat Strategy would not just benefit graziers, but the workforce, it may create, would benefit townships as well.

"It would create many opportunities for people in towns, local contractors (and others)," Mr Doneley said.

"The difference between small stock and cows are chalk and cheese.

"You don't need a lot of labour all year round with cattle, while small stock, there's a bit more labour but the benefits far out way cattle in small stock."

Mr Donely said there was a demand for young people to come back into the small stock industry with this strategy.

"Where over the years where the drought has taken those people (agricultural labourers) out of the industry," he said.

"While in small stock, there are huge opportunities for people to come into and grow their knowledge of how those industries work."

Lyndon grazier Scott Counsell has been investing in holding goats on his property even though he comes from a lineage of Merino Sheep operators.

"We've grown up with small stock and we've ventured into the goats since the drought," he said.

"We've fenced both our places and we're doing a bit of internal fencing to control the goats.

"The amount of money that's coming from the fencing probably hasn't reached its full potential."

Mr Counsell said he believes if the current wet season continues on its current trajectory, and with possible good back-to-back seasons, there could be a lot of profit to be made from the strategy.

"With more sheep to shear means more shearers and more money generated and spent locally," he said.

"When you get back to full capacity, you may put a full-time employee on, but if not, you'll be using more compact staff.

"And they spend their money in town – bikes, food, fuel."

Mr Counsell said with more stock in the area, which is a part of the strategy, there will be more money spent in the area to maintain said stock.

"You'll start spending money on fences, waters – you know, money spend on repairing the building," he said.

"Not a lot of properties haven't been in drought in the last eight to ten years, so when the money starts increasing, well they'll start putting their money back into their places."

Having that said, Mr Counsell said the Pastoral College, or some equivalent, would be necessary for training new staff for the strategy.

"The Pastoral College was very important because it gave the kids a grounding," he said.

"It gave the kids an understanding of how to muster, how to fence, how to handle stock – just basic bush skills.

"Where now... where do we pick these kids up from?"

The State Government has not yet outlined clearly which universities and TAFE students will learn, or whether they will be held in a rural setting which Mr Counsell believes would be necessary.

Mr Counsell said learning bush skills in a TAFE or university would not be satisfactory.

"Learning how to drive a loader or a car in a simulator versus actually driving it along the car is totally different," he said.

Mr Doneley said he believes people can be encouraged to come work in the central west.

"Things have gotten a lot more comfortable these days, you can access your mobile phone, internet," he said.

"There's social life is still out here; the quality of life out here is fantastic.

"We've just got to look after our local events.

"There's still opportunity for employers and employees to make a lot of money in small stock.

AgForce has lobbied the State Government not to sell the Longreach Pastoral College, where training is the main roadblock in the strategy.

"It has fallen back on a lot of producers now to do a lot of training and it's hard," he said.

"There aren't a lot of schemes, other than RAPAD, to facilitate on-farm training.

"I guess it's about getting people from the metropolitan areas to come out here and give it a go."

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A very Barcy Christmas

By Sharon Broughton; Newsup Barcaldine

By all accounts, the first Rotary Xmas Party was a big success in Barcaldine on Saturday night.

The family event, held at the Racecourse, took advantage of the indoor and outdoor spaces, lit up by thousands and thousands of fairy lights strung between the posts inside and from and up the trees outside.

It was all about the magic of Xmas for the kids.

The courtesy bus collected those who needed a ride to the venue, delivering them to the entrance.

From early on there was a great sense of expectation as families walked through the arched entrance to the North Pole in the old sheep pavilion – known locally as the Crawchie Pot.

(A slight mixing of place names there ... but stay with us - you need to use your imagination and make allowances for the mix of local and traditional in the next part).

A couple of reindeer were waiting with Santa and Mary Claus' sleigh in the North Pole area.

Santa and Mary were going to arrive and spend time with the children before heading off for the (real) North Pole.

When Santa and Mary did arrive, you could be forgiven for thinking a rock band had flown in!

The kids let out squeals of delight and mobbed the two in red and white, one young fellow letting loose an ear-piercing scream – of excitement thankfully, not fear.

Santa and Mary did a lap of honour around the venue, with the kids laughing and milling around them, mostly trying to hold their hands or some part of their outfits.

The photo opportunity with the Claus' was taken up by 38 families, sitting in between Mary and Santa in the sleigh and (mostly) smiling on cue for proud parents.



Santa and Mary Claus at the Barcaldine Xmas Party.

Pictures: SUPPLIED

Meanwhile, 15 market stall holders were busily plying their wares – food, arts, crafts, clothing being amongst the offerings – while the music played on from the Bookies area outside, ham wheel tickets were sold, and hams won, the line-up for the Labour Day Committee food from the Pizza Hut Canteen didn't seem to get any shorter, coffee and hot dogs were ordered from the (converted) horse float, and tickets were being quickly sold for drinks in the bar.

A little Elf turned on the Xmas Tree lights – thank you, Elsa!

Rotary had spent a couple of months selling tickets online and offline for their Multi-draw Raffle, with over 4000 tickets sold.

The winners were drawn by people chosen from the crowd:

- First Prize – a \$4500 Family Camping Package - won by Kim Ogden
- Second Prize –\$750 half-day trip for two people to 'Turraburra' donated by YACHAT-DAC – won by Roger Hayden
- Third Prize - \$600 of shopping vouchers donated by Cath & Jeff Easton – won by Joss Chandler
- Fourth Prize - \$500 Giant Xmas Toy Stocking with toys donated from local toy drive – won by Terry Daley.

Congratulations to all the winners!

And a huge thank you to everyone who



Local Elsa enjoying the Christmas Tree.



The light displays at the Xmas Party.

bought tickets to support the Rotary Club of Barcaldine!

As families went home after the Claus' left for the North Pole, leaving their sleigh and reindeer behind for next Xmas; the balmy night, the music, the food and drink enticed many young and old to stay on and enjoy each other's company.

The last bus left with the last of the socialites about 11pm.

(It was a relief that Santa and Mary's sleigh survived the night ... it was seen with a couple of passengers on board heading at some speed down the slope from the North Pole towards the last bus of the night).



Facing the facts: Trivia a treat for Winton community

An increase in attendees has shown that Winton residents are excited to support an upcoming Community Ball event next year.

This Trivia Night was the fourth run for the year and had over 70 patrons attend.

Community Ball event organiser Andrew "Juddy" Judd said the \$1000 raised from the Trivia Night went towards volunteer insurance, public liability, and other administrative costs.

"We decided to set up the community properly, so went through ASIC under Winton Community Ball Inc," he said.

"So, there are costs associated with that, so we're primarily raising funds for the setup first.

"Any leftover funds will directly contribute to the Ball proceeds."

Mr Judd said his wife Deborah Judd and her friends had organised the Trivia Night.

"We had international foods on sale at the event," he said.

"We had things like chili con carne, devilled sausages, and butter chicken.

"So there were snack-sized portions of that to sell to the competitors; the ingredi-



Photos taken at the Winton Trivia night.

Picture: ANDREW "JUDDY" JUDD

ents were supplied by SPAR Winton, so they helped us quite a lot."

Mr Judd said the Winton Club had given

the organisers the space free of charge, which went to the profitability of the evening.

"We had a wide selection of different

competitors from all over the community," he said.

"School teachers to medical staff, to council workers, to retirees.

"So, it was a really broad selection of people."

Mr Judd said a woman who was spending her first night in town had made the effort to join in the fun.

"She got teamed up with somebody who only just met her at the table," he said.

"Hopefully, she found herself welcomed into the community from then on.

The Winton Community Ball will take place on 12 February on Valentine's Weekend.

The proceeds raised at the Ball will go towards RFDS Queensland and Jezzamine Plate, a future aged care facility in Winton.

"There's been an identified need through public meetings, Winton doesn't really have a place for people to go when they're less able to cope with ordinary home environments," Mr Judd said.

"And RFDS is, of course, a worthwhile cause, it's something the community in Winton relies on heavily."



James Cook University Medical Students Sam Morgan, Cody Stevens, and Hayley Whiting at the Longreach Hospital.

Medical students opt to get the bush treatment

By Michael R Williams

Three Medicine Students from around the state have been given a taste for what life is like in the central west.

James Cook University students Cody Stevens, Sam Morgan, and Haley Whiting have all participated in placement at the Longreach Hospital.

Mr Stevens is from Airlie Beach and has traded in the waves for a stethoscope.

"I just thought it would be interesting to come out to Longreach to see what it's like," he said.

"Airlie Beach is still pretty small, so it's not too different."

Ms Morgan is from the bush, having been born in Condamine meaning her move to Longreach wasn't particularly drastic.

Ms Morgan has worked at both inner-city hospitals and the bush.

"It's a bit different, you feel much more a part of the community out here," she said.

"If you walk down the street you know everybody and you see people that you work with every day."

Ms Whiting is from Chillagoe, a small town in the Tablelands.

She decided to take up medicine after working with Allied Health.

"It helps to have a bit of a background in working in rural areas because you understand the patients more," she said.

"Treatment is a bit different in rural areas and understanding their lifestyle helps."

If given the option, the students said they would be interested in working rurally.

Katter blast over banks

Traeger MP Robbie Katter has blasted the State and Federal governments for their unwillingness to intervene in recent banking closures in Longreach and Charleville.

Mr Katter named postcode discrimination, bank branch closures, and an ever-reducing appetite to lend to the bush are symptoms of market failure in the regional banking sector. He said there was a growing onus on governments to intervene in the untenable situation that was stifling industry and population growth in almost every region removed from the coast.

"For many years not only have the banks been departing from their bricks and mortar but also their obligation to provide loans in rural towns," he said.

"It is now well acknowledged that postcode discrimination exists from all major lenders and trying to get a loan in Charleville is dramatically more prohibitive than Townsville or Brisbane – these decisions are driven by postcode and are often no reflection on the suitability for an applicant's security for a loan.

"Towns cannot move forward if people wanting to buy houses can't get loans on reasonable terms nor can they attract people to buy businesses for the same reason.

"The main banks will keep saying that they still do business in the town but if you scratch below the surface, the reality is very different."

Mr Katter said loan applicants in rural and regional areas faced more stringent lending criteria that were callous and unworkable.

"In rural areas it is not uncommon for a loan to value ratios (LVRs) to move from 10 to 50 per cent for a house, meaning instead of a 10 per cent deposit you need 50 per cent upfront or you are out of the ball game," he said.

"Anyone paying any attention to these struggles on the ground must realise this is a problem and one that demonstrates market failure in the commercial industry.

"Where there is market failure, the government is obligated to act; and acting is not a holding an 'inquiry' or offering platitudes of care and concern that mean nothing to the people whose lives are affected by this."

Mr Katter said the answer to these issues, and to questions pertaining to rural development more broadly, was a government-owned or backed bank. "To make initiating this process simpler, you could consider a model that has some of the necessary infrastructures already in place," he said.

"For example, Australia Post was considering a model of this nature which would be the perfect vertical alignment for their operations.

"Bank lenders could operate out of Australian Post offices, similar to how it's done in New Zealand through the NZ Post and its Kiwi Bank.

"The beauty of this solution is that is more likely to make money for the tax-payer than burden them, ultimately this model could be highly beneficial to the government's bottom line."

This type of venture has been done before.

"The last time the government (in this case, the State) owned a bank in Queensland it was sold, ironically, to Metway for around \$1.5 billion – this is strong evidence of the opportunity here for the tax-payer," Mr Katter said.

"So, without waiting for an inquiry, why don't we express our views publicly in regards to the direction we should move towards instead of waiting for a report that may never deliver anything?"

Nearly there on vax rates

According to the Central West Health Service, our region is 76.5 per cent double vaccinated of the eligible population (aged 12 years and older), the second-highest rate in the state.

Central West Hospital and Health Service executive director of Medical Services Dr David Walker said 87.8 per cent of the eligible population aged 12 years and older had received at least one dose. "We are so close to reaching the nationally recommended 80 per cent fully vaccinated mark, and I urge people to continue turning up to our vaccination clinics," he said.

"All we need is another four per cent of the people who have already received their first dose to come and have their second dose.

"That second dose is absolutely vital as you will not be maximally protected with just one dose.

Mr Walker said the time to do it is now.

"Before the Queensland borders reopen on December 17, bringing with them the high likelihood of coronavirus cases appearing in our region," he said.

"Our travelling vaccination teams will be operating right up until the week leading into the Christmas weekend before they take a break for the holiday period, so we still have plenty of opportunities for people to be vaccinated and help us hit the 80 per cent mark.

"While our vaccination teams will be returning and offering vaccinations to all from January 10, we will be focussing more heavily on delivering the booster vaccine to those who have completed their course of two doses, so the earlier you get in, the better to finish the course."

Mr Walker also mentioned the national recommendation for everyone aged 18 years

and older of a booster dose 6 months (24-26 weeks) after your second dose, and that this booster should be Pfizer. "However, if you live in a remote area and have genuine difficulty accessing vaccination clinics, you can have the booster as early as 21 weeks after your second dose," he said.

"If that recommendation changes and we are approved to change the booster interval, we will let everyone know.

"To date, we have already delivered 838 booster vaccinations to individuals across our region who were vaccinated early on during the vaccination rollout, including aged care residents in our facilities, as well as health service staff."

Upcoming community Pfizer clinics:

- Longreach: 6-10 December at the Longreach Civic and Cultural Centre
- Isisford: 8 December at the Town Hall
- Jericho: 9 December in the morning at the Town Hall
- Alpha: 9 December in the pm and 10 December in the am at the Town Hall
- Barcaldine: 13 and 14 December at the Town Hall
- Muttaborra: 14 December at the Memorial Hall
- Tambo: 15 December at the Town Hall
- Boulia: 15 December, pop-up clinic at the Boulia Christmas Carols
- Boulia: 16 December at the Boulia Primary Health Centre with free BBQ at 4 pm
- Longreach: 16 December in the pm and 17 December at the Civic and Cultural Centre
- Winton: 20-21 December at the Winton Shire Hall.

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2022 School Leaders Emily, Georgia, Molly, Tea, Olivia, Eli, Jack and Rhett.



2021 School Leaders Hannah, Jayden, Georgia, Harrison, Seth, Aiyahna, Minnie, Maddie and Jake.



Mackenzie Neuendorf and Mrs Jessica Deane.



Mr Ben Galea from DCQ and Harrison Kent.

School year ends on a high

The Longreach State School has returned to its traditional style of end-of-year celebrations, holding the Annual Awards Evening held at the Longreach Civic Centre.

High School principal Vanessa Moller said the Civic Centre was styled and decorated and that the new audio-visual system worked a treat.

“Our students served up a scrumptious array of canapes and our community was welcomed into the centre with a beautiful video montage of the year that was,” she said.

“We were entertained throughout the evening with music from our school band, soloist Hannah Larsen, the school Choir and the Year 11 choir.

Parents, carers, and extended family enjoyed the evening watching their accomplished students receive their well-deserved awards.”

Ms Moller thanked all of the staff involved in organising and working at the amazing event.

“Thank you to all of our supportive families and amazing presenters, who consistently support our school throughout the year, as well as sponsoring awards,” she said.

“Finally, thank you to our wonderful students, who presented themselves beautifully on the night.”



Outgoing (standing) and Incoming (seated) School leaders.



Jnr (Jozette and Max) and Snr (Olivia and Chas) Sports people of the Year with sponsor Sammi Sheehan.



Aiyahna Browning and Mr Tony Rayner.



Jozette Jones.



Jozette Jones and Aiyahna Browning.



Hannah Larsen.



Harry Marshall and Molly Forsyth with Principal Ms Vanessa Moller.



Artists of the Year Olivia and Georgia with presenter Ms Heather Hale.



Hannah Larsen receiving the Michelle Gracie Music Award.

Distance ed awards best

Another year has drawn to a close for the Longreach School of Distance Education, and patrons of the school have taken a moment to celebrate the success of their students.

Deputy principal Rachelle Moore said now, with the fabulous rain falling, was a chance to rest and relax before starting a new school year. way to end the year.

"The end of the year saw students heartily competing at the Annual Interhouse Swimming Carnival with Coolibah claiming the overall prize of winning house," she said.

"The same evening, despite the weather turning on a real show with driving rain, thunder, and lightning, the school community joined together for one final time this year for the Awards and Graduation evening.

"Families who were unable to join us in person were still able to view the ceremony thanks to a live stream of the event, once again proving that Effort really does Conquer Distance!

"We wish everyone a safe and happy holidays and look forward to seeing everyone again in 2022."



2022 Sports House Captains, from left, Boree Captain Topsy Webb, Coolibah Captains Paddy Walker and Lucy Hawkins. Absent: Boree Captain Bess Thomas



2022 School Captains, from left, Secondary Captain Dom Faggotter, Primary Captains Amelia Seccombe and Gus Cooper.



Prize of Honour Awards, from left, Year 6 2021 Prize of Honour Jaimee Mills and Secondary 2021 Prize of Honour Dominic Faggotter.



Best All Round Student Awards, from left, Year 6 Lucy Faggotter, Secondary William Cameron.

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Festive Aramac lights up

By Michael R Williams

The Aramac community has come together for a special Christmas Party, with the Aramac State School Student Council funding a surprise batch of rides for local children.

It was held this year at the Aramac Showgrounds instead of the usual community club.

The annual event held stalls for local businesses, the Aramac SES showcase, an open bar, and food and drinks.

President of the Aramac Community Development Association Tim Gorle said the event had been funded through the State Government and Barcaldine Regional Council.

“It allowed us to provide free food as well as entertainment and to have free entry as well,” he said.

“It made it a much more approachable event for our community.”

Other activities had throughout the night included, ham wheels “which were awesome” and Dylan McCaw made a white bull plush toy which was raffled off during the event.

Tim Gorle thanked the volunteers that made sure the night ran smooth and the Longreach Rotary Club who donated \$1000.

“It’s always a great time to have these events,” he said.

“And everyone rallied to create a great community event for our town.

“It doesn’t happen without fantastic volunteers.

“The spirit of Christmas has shone in our town.”



Stacey Ferguson Aramac local, with her stall new business venture “write this down”.



Nathan Seng, Kirby Phillips with son Archie at his first Christmas party



The rides in Aramac.



Santa delivering presents in Aramac.

Longreach Christmas Spectacular

Longreach held its own party in the park, featuring vendors, the town band, and the School of Dance.

Longreach Regional Council Mayor Tony Rayner said Christmas was a chance to celebrate community and fellowship.

“Our towns do that very well,” he said.

“There is a whole team of community groups and organisations that work incredibly hard and invest their time and effort in the spirit of Christmas, alongside council, to make this event possible, and we’re very grateful to them.

“I don’t think Edkins Park has ever looked better than it does tonight under these lights and decorations, the conditions are perfect, and I’m glad to see so many families out here enjoying the festivities.”





Katelyn Ballin, Marilyn, Priscila Ballin, and Makalah performing Christmas carols.



Members of the Kiribati community singing at the Christmas Carols event.

Message in carols

By Michael R Williams

For a number of years, Longreach Churches Together has organised a Christmas Carols event separate from the Not So Silent Night event held on Thursday evening, lighting up Edkins Park.

The event was simple and beautiful with children playing behind the seating arrangements. One of the highlights of the night was when Longreach's Kiribati community joined together to sing and dance.

Minister for the Uniting Church Jenny Coombes said the format has been working well.

"Obviously; we tell the Christmas story; we sing all the Christmas carols," she said.

"The Kiribati community members have been worshipping at our churches for a while, and they just sing so beautifully.

"Their harmonies and everything are amazing, so we asked them to do some songs to-night."

Ms Coombes said it was a great thing to have all the churches together to organise the carols.

"We should all be one; we're worshipping the one god," she said.

"While we all have our different churches, we all come together for special events and try to support each other.

"And just be the church here in Longreach as we work together with one another, and encourage the fellowship."

Ms Coombes said Christmas in Longreach is really special.



Longreach Churches Together performing Christmas Carols for an audience at Edkins Park.

"We have these events; we have the Christmas street party coming up, so it's a really busy time," she said.

"It's a great community time; it's when the community pulls together.

"And someone in there, we encourage people

to take some time out; stop, focus on the real theme of Christmas, what's behind it, and that's Jesus and the birth – to have some good fellowship family and enjoy it by all means.

"But remember what the reason for the season is, and that's Jesus."

Hugs for Christmas

By Michael R Williams

Due to Covid restrictions, for a second year in a row, the Longreach Brolga Girl Guides were unable to visit the Longreach Community Care nursing home to sing carols.

Like last year, the Brolgas sent a video of them singing carols, but this year they added a picture of the girls with their arms wide for a hug.

The girls also made cutouts of a drawing of a person giving a hug which are in the photo.

Along with singing carols for the nursing home, the girls donate non-perishable items to an Australian soldier.

All the girls pitch in to send video games, magazines, lollies – even Longreach themed cups.

The soldier is then sent an envelope in which they can send back gifts as well.

Girl Guides District Leader Katherine Oliver said last year the Girl Guides heard from a soldier in Afghanistan.

"He gave all the girls Afghanistan coffee coasters," she said.

The girl guides will be going to the Outback Aussie Tour Markets to face paint and sell merchandise, so make sure to look out.

They will start up again next year on the second week of term, the first four weeks are free.



The Longreach Brolga Girl Guides sent a picture of a hug to the nursing home.

New venue gets the nod as Catholic fete wows locals

Recently, St Joseph's Catholic Primary School held the 2021 Sacred Heart Parish Catholic Fair.

The school had to move locations from the Council Park to St Joseph's Catholic Primary School this year., but received positive feedback from many members of the community that it was a more suitable venue for the event.

Parish member Andrew Wachtel said it was a great evening with many stall holders from across the Central West region.

"[There was] plenty for the kids to do including face painting, lucky dips, Christmas cupcake decorating, footy throwing competitions, jumping castles, and a huge slide," he said.

"The St Joey's students entertained us with their performance of "Do You Hear What I Hear?"

"A special thanks to the police for escorting Santa to the event in the local fire truck, he was a huge hit as always!"

Mr Wachtel thanked the St Joseph's P&F who organised the BBQ, hot chips, hotdogs, nachos and snow cones.

"Thank you to the volunteers who gave their time to help sell the ham wheel tickets and run the bar," he said.

"Thank you to our sponsors who donated generous gifts that were auctioned at the end of the night.

"A massive thank you to all the members of the community that rolled up their sleeves and helped to make this a successful community event!"



St Joseph Students performing for a local crowd.

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Santa giving out presents.

Energy push

The owners of this masthead have very generously extended to me the opportunity to contribute on a regular basis.

I look forward to being able to use this opportunity to write about issues that are affecting our region.

As has been reported elsewhere in this edition, our council on Tuesday formally committed funding to initiate the development of a local industrial precinct utilising renewable and green energy.

A major decision by council, one that has been taken after an extended period of consultation, reflection, and expert advice; it has been primarily undertaken with the intent to be a catalytic investment.

The enabling investment will provide the basis for a diversification of the Barcaldine Regional Council area economy, with the return on investment over time being twofold; dividends from the precinct venture and enhanced rate return and local development.

It supports a manufacturing industry, an industry that will allow for the diversification of our local economy and support the traditional base (agriculture) without being reliant on the weather or subject to seasonal constraints.

Further decisions on investment now rest with the state government and other private companies so watch this space for more developments in coming months.

State-controlled roads in the Barcaldine Regional Council Area have received considerable funding for capital upgrades in the last 18 months, with both state and federal government contributions.

Due to the accelerated timeframes attached to certain projects as a result of the funding being released as stimulus works, it has meant that funding for the first time in a long time has almost gotten in front of design and planning.



However, in partnership with the Department of Transport and Main Roads who have also had to work at a feverish pace, our road construction crews have now delivered three projects of work on or ahead of schedule.

This is a remarkable feat, testimony to the commitment and dedication of our crews who have consistently worked overtime periods and weekends to deliver what had been labeled by some as an unachievable schedule.

My thanks not only to our team but to the department for trusting in them and our processes to be able to step up and meet their targets.

This should now mean we remain eligible for the third tranche of funding packages which are due to be released later this month..



Safe driving reminder

With the festive season underway, Longreach Police would like to remind the community about the importance of road safety, in particular drink driving.

Unfortunately, our police have been kept very busy in the past week as there has been a significant spike of motorists detected drink driving.

If you are the holder of a drivers licence it is important to remember,

Learner, Provisional and Probationary Licence holders are not permitted to drive after drinking any alcohol.

They must have a zero blood/breath alcohol concentration (BAC).

Open licence holders must have a BAC lower than 0.05.

Given the potential outcomes from drink driving the penalties can be quite significant.

They might include a trip to court, hefty



finer, a period of licence disqualification, and can include up to 18 months imprisonment.

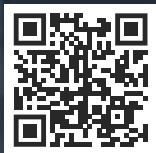
You may also be required to take part in the interlock program, which will cost you several thousand more dollars.

The message for this week is you're heading out on the town please have a plan in place to get home.

Our police will be out and about to ensure everyone has a great night and gets to their destination safely.

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Rebecca Gibney felt right
at home filming her new
drama **Under the Vines**

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Escape to the country

In the new drama series *Under the Vines* Rebecca Gibney stars as a Sydney socialite who inherits a vineyard, but all is not what it seems. The actress tells **Danielle McGrane** about the joys of filming this charming show.

Rebbecca Gibney felt really at home in her latest role. After years of working in Australia, the actress made one request for her new show *Under the Vines*: could it be made in New Zealand?

"Our lovely creator Erin [White] started this show in South Australia, and when I said I really want to be closer to home this year because of COVID and because it's my son's final year of exams, she got on a plane and did a tour of Central Otago and they found a vineyard," Gibney said.

"We've run-down the house and the art department has done things to it, but it was very much there, like a set just waiting for us to get there."

The decision to film in New Zealand really paid off – the vineyard was perfect for the show and they managed to film while the country was in a COVID-free period.

"We were at level one which is nothing. So we filmed from February to April and it was like COVID didn't exist," she said.

"There was no social distancing, we didn't have masks, we ate together, it was beautiful. It was summer. And you can see it when you watch the show you can actually go 'Wow, this is like pre-COVID times', because it was. COVID wasn't here."

It all adds to the fantasy, because this show is all about escapism.

The story centres around a vineyard in New Zealand.

Gibney's character, Sydney socialite Daisy, has inherited it from her stepfather. Little does she know, he's also bequeathed it to his nephew Louis, played by British actor Charles Edwards.

The vineyard itself has seen better days so in order to sell it, the pair have to work together to get it ship shape.

Louis is a dour British lawyer while Daisy is breezy and, by Gibney's own description, a bit "ditzy".

"They're a total odd couple, they've got nothing in common," Gibney said.

"They're polar opposites and I think that's probably why it works. Their relationship continues to evolve over the course of the series."

Edwards, who is known for his work in TV shows such as *The Crown* and *Downton Abbey*, very quickly became a great on-screen partner to Gibney.

"It's probably the first time in a long time that I've walked onto a set with another actor and we've instantly just hit it off," she said.

"We were making stuff up and by the end of it we were in sync, we knew exactly what the other



one was going to say or was thinking. It was just a joy, he's so joyous to work with."

In fact, she even brought him home to meet her family.

"He came and spent five days with the family over Easter and hung out with the dogs and helped my son Zach with his short film so it was just a joy, it was wonderful," she said.

"And Charlie adored New Zealand, the only thing was his partner couldn't come out because of COVID, but he absolutely loved it."

The actress takes pride in putting her country on the map and showcasing it in this series.

"Where we filmed, it's not what you'd imagine because there's all these rocky outcrops and it's quite harsh, but then you come to these beautiful green valleys," she said.

"The thing about New Zealand that I think a lot of people don't realise is that you can drive for about 10 minutes and the

countryside will alter completely. You'll go from these incredible mountains to amazing plains and river valleys. It's phenomenal."

While the story takes place close to home, the character couldn't be further from Gibney herself.

"She's a little bit ditzy, she's a bit flaky," she said.

"I think she thinks she's happy, it's only when it's pointed out to her that she's not happy that she realises she's actually not that happy."

"The first thing we see of her is that she's getting a face lift because she thinks that's going to fix everything. But it's not going to fix it, she actually has to come to terms with stuff and come to terms with ageing. Daisy does not want to age, she wants to be the female version of Peter Pan."

She's also a little bit delusional when it comes to what life on this vineyard is going to be like.

"I think Daisy thinks it's going to be like that movie *Under the Tuscan Sun* and it's going to be all big hats and dresses and it's going to be fabulous," she said.

"But when she finds out about what you have to do to run a vineyard... well it's just phenomenally hard – the harvest, and frost fighting."

However, Daisy does manage to look fabulous and sashays onto the vineyard in one particularly memorable white suit.

"Some of her wardrobe was actually my own clothes," Gibney said.

"That white suit I inherited from a fashion shoot. It's a Carla Zampatti and I never wear it. It sits in a wardrobe with a lot of stuff that I inherit from beautiful shoots and they never get used. So I actually said to the creator, 'I've got half the wardrobe. I've got it because I never wear it. I live on

30 acres where I'm always in gumboots or jeans."

Gibney has brought so much of herself to this role. And while she loved being back on home soil, she's still happy to travel for other shows including the recent *Back to the Rafters* and her stint in *Celebrity MasterChef*.

"I'll keep going back. I love Australia and my best friends in the world live there," she said.

But for the meantime, she wants to take the audience on a journey to her beautiful country in *Under the Vines*.

"I just think it's joyous and heartfelt," she said.

"It's a show to sit down and have a glass of wine and escape for 45 minutes into another world, because that's what it is."

■ *Under the Vines*, new episodes streaming each Monday on Acorn TV. Visit [acorn.tv](https://www.acorn.tv)

Movie Guide

PICK OF THE WEEK



STRONG ARM OF THE LAW

Sunday

FAST & FURIOUS PRESENTS: HOBBS & SHAW
Nine, 9.10pm, M (2019)

Lawman Luke Hobbs (Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson) and outsider Deckard Shaw (Jason Statham) are rivals-turned-allies that face off with the cybernetically-enhanced terrorist Brixton Lore (Idris Elba) in this buddy-action flick. There's a plan to cull the population of the earth with a deadly virus and the one dose is inexplicably injected into Shaw's sister, Hattie (The Crown's Vanessa Kirby), setting off a ticking clock that sends the pair racing around the world to save her. Helen Mirren rounds out the Shaw family as matriarch and criminal mastermind Queenie. Like any true *Fast & Furious* flick, there's plenty of cars, explosions and gun fights sure to thrill. ★★★★★

Unlikely allies: Rivals Luke Hobbs (Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, left) and Deckard Shaw (Jason Statham) team up to save the world.



ROBIN HOOD
Nine, Friday, 8.30pm, M (2010)

Set in the 12th century, this version of the oft-filmed tale, from director Ridley Scott, tells of how Russell Crowe's Sir Robin Longstride, a hero in the Crusades, returns to England and soon finds himself becoming an avenger for the persecuted and downtrodden of Nottingham. But after learning of a sinister plot put in motion by Sir Godfrey (Mark Strong), Robin and his band of merry men leap into action in Sherwood Forest to avert a war with the French. ★★★★★



GOODFELLAS
7mate, Friday, 9.30pm, MA15+ (1990)

Hip, cool and positively bursting at the seams with invention and energy few filmmakers could muster, Martin Scorsese's tour de force gangster epic chronicles the fast times of low-level gangster Henry Hill (Ray Liotta). Hill's rocky romance with New York's criminal underworld is shared by the firebrand Tommy DeVito (Joe Pesci) and the shadowy Jimmy Conway (Robert De Niro, pictured, left with Liotta). Scorsese grew up in New York's Little Italy, and he knows every beat. ★★★★★



JACKIE
SBS World Movies, Saturday, 8.30pm, MA15+ (2016)

A heart-wrenching portrait of grief and fortitude, this is an intimate look inside the worst days of Jacqueline Kennedy's life – those immediately following the assassination of her husband, US President John F. Kennedy. A superb Natalie Portman (pictured) disappears into the titular role as the traumatised First Lady – who never forgets the eyes of the world are watching – consoles her young children, plans to leave the White House and prepares for her husband's funeral. ★★★★★



FOUR HOLIDAYS
Nine, Saturday, 9pm, M (2008)

In this holiday-themed romantic comedy, a couple's annual Christmas escape is ruined when all flights out of San Francisco are cancelled. When the lovebirds are spotted on TV they are left with little choice but to visit their families. The twist is that Brad (Vince Vaughn) and Kate's (Reese Witherspoon, pictured with Vaughn) parents have all divorced; meaning they have to make four different visits. Robert Duvall, Jon Favreau, Sissy Spacek and Jon Voight are all along for the ride. ★★★



LOVING VINCENT
SBS World Movies, Monday, 7.45pm, M (2017)

A triumph in art, animation and innovation – every single one of this experimental biopic's 65,000 frames is an oil painting on canvas. Over six years, a team of 125 artists around the world created the works in the style of the film's subject, famed painter Vincent van Gogh. The story follows Armand (Douglas Booth), the son of a postman, who is asked to deliver Van Gogh's last letter to his brother Theo, a year after the artist's suicide, as he speaks to those closest to the painter. ★★★★★



ROLE MODELS
9Go!, Tuesday, 10.30pm, MA15+ (2008)

Before entering the Marvel orbit as Ant-Man, Paul Rudd (pictured) was going from strength to strength in the cult comedy business. This farce, while not in the league of his other conquests, still gets the laughs as Danny (Rudd) and Wheeler (Seann William Scott), two energy drink reps, are ordered into a big-brother program as community service. With supervisor Gayle (Jane Lynch) on their backs, the two must give it their all to avoid going to jail. It's a surprisingly funny flick. ★★★★★

The Guide

PICK OF THE WEEK

HYPOTHETICAL
SBS Viceland,
Monday, 9.20pm

You never know what you'll get with this zany British comedy panel show, and that's what makes it such fun. Comedians Josh Widdicombe and James Acaster have a knack for seeing the truly bizarre side of life, and audiences have lapped up the past two seasons. Tonight, season three kicks off, and there are a gaggle of fresh comedians eager to join the fun, along with some well-known names, including Richard Ayoade (*Travel Man*), Alan Davies (*QI*) and Roisin Conaty (*After Life*). This week, Suzi Ruffell, Tom Allen, Sophie Duker and Desiree Burch get creative with their responses to Acaster's absurd hypothetical situations in the game show that promises to be totally unscripted.



CHRISTMAS WITH DELTA GOODREM
Nine, Saturday, 7.30pm

If you sing from the same songbook as Aussie songstress Delta Goodrem (pictured), Christmas is your favourite time of year, hands-down. After her debut festive special last year, which audiences lapped up, Delta is back with new and impressive guests to ring in Christmas via song and style. Joining Delta on stage at the Sydney Opera House will be much-loved singer-songwriter Paul Kelly, Natalie Imbruglia, Cody Simpson, Harts, Jason Arrow, and international stars Craig David, Andrea Bocelli and Gary Barlow. Expect some laughs and hijinks with The Inspired Unemployed and Hamish Blake.



CSI: VEGAS
10, Sunday, 8.30pm

Nostalgia: it can't be overrated. This new *CSI*/sequel proudly brings its original main characters, Gil Grissom (William Petersen) and Sara Sidle (Jorja Fox), back to the centre of its trademark grimy-yet-flashy crime scenes. To back them up, a new, younger crew of characters have entered the *CSI* fold. Watching the series has been a bit like stepping into an alternate reality where your favourite old TV characters have been brought back from the dead. In this season-ender, lab technician David Hodges (Wallace Langham, pictured) goes missing, and the entire team is searching for any skerrick of evidence to save him.



SECRETS OF ALTHORP WITH CHARLES SPENCER
ABC TV, Tuesday, 8.30pm

Tune in for this quintessentially British doco exploring the magnificent Althorp Estate. Complete with posh narration and stunning scenic shots of the abode set on 13,000 green acres, the kicker is that the estate was Princess Diana's family home and eventual burial site: her brother, Earl Charles Spencer (pictured with archaeologist Cat Jarman), lives there now with his wife and children. The family home for more than 500 years, it's an estate that screams money and privilege. Follow as Charles Spencer orchestrates an archaeological dig there in search of a lost Anglo Saxon village.



Up in the air:
Comedians James Acaster and Josh Widdicombe preside over the hilarious madness that is *Hypothetical*.

Friday, December 10

ABC TV (2) 6.00 News Breakfast. 9.00 ABC News Mornings. 10.00 Searching For Superhuman. (PG, R) 11.00 The Pool. (PG, R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 1.00 Barrie Cassidy's One Plus One. (R) 1.30 The Sound. (R) 2.00 Press. (Mal, R) 3.00 ABC News Afternoons. 4.15 Think Tank. (PG, R) 5.10 Grand Designs. (PG, R)	SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 9.30 Greek News. 10.30 German News. 11.00 Spanish News. 11.30 Turkish News. 12.00 Arabic News F24. 12.30 ABC America: World News Tonight. 1.00 PBS NewsHour. 2.00 Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (PG, R) 2.10 Royals At War. (PGa, R) 3.15 Journey Through Armenia. (PG, R) 3.45 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. (PG) 4.15 The Wonderful World Of Chocolate. (PG, R) 5.05 Jeopardy! (PG) 5.30 Letters And Numbers. (R)	SEVEN (7) 6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 The Ashes: Pre-Game Show. 10.00 Cricket. The Ashes. First Test. Australia v England. Day 3. Morning session. 12.00 The Ashes: The Lunch Break. 12.40 Cricket. The Ashes. First Test. Australia v England. Day 3. Afternoon session. 2.40 The Ashes: Tea Break. 3.00 Cricket. The Ashes. First Test. Australia v England. Day 3. Late afternoon session. From the Gabba, Brisbane. 5.30 The Chase Australia. (R)	NINE (8, 9) 6.00 Today. 9.00 Today Extra. (PG) 11.30 Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: A Christmas In Tennessee. (2018, PGa, R) 1.45 Garden Gurus Moments. (R) 2.00 Pointless. (PG) 3.00 Tipping Point. (PG) 4.00 Afternoon News. 4.30 Millionaire Hot Seat. (R) 5.30 WIN News.	TEN (5, 1) 6.00 The Talk. (PGa) 7.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 7.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG, R) 8.00 Studio 10. (PG) 12.00 Dr Phil. (PGa) 1.00 Jamie & The Nonnas. (R) 2.00 Entertainment Tonight. 2.30 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. (R) 3.00 Judge Judy. (PG) 3.30 Freshly Picked With Simon Toohey. 4.00 Farm To Fork. (PG) 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG) 5.00 10 News First.
6.00 The Drum. Analysis of the day's news. 7.00 ABC News. Takes a look at today's top stories. 7.30 Gardening Australia. Millie Ross visits a cut-flower wonderland. 8.30 Endeavour. (Mav) Part 3 of 3. Thursday discovers that Endeavour's problems are greater than anybody could have suspected. 10.05 Talking Heads. A woman runs an antiques shop. 10.35 ABC Late News. Detailed coverage of the day's events. 11.00 The Vaccine. (R) 11.15 Gruen. (R) 11.55 Preppers. (Mls, R) 12.25 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv)	6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Inside Balmoral: 1992-2017. (PG) Part 3 of 3. 8.30 Empire With Michael Portillo. (PGa, R) Part 3 of 4. Michael Portillo explores how the lure of riches led Britain into barbaric wars. 9.25 Dig World War II. (PG, R) Part 3 of 4. 10.20 SBS World News Late. 10.50 Cornwall With Simon Reeve. (PGa, R) 12.00 Miniseries: Hungry Ghosts. (Mahl, R) 3.55 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. (Mals, R) 4.50 Poh & Co. Bitesize. (R) 5.00 France 24 Feature. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.	6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 7. Melbourne Stars v Sydney Thunder. From the MCG. 10.00 MOVIE: Bad Times At The El Royale. (2018, MA15+v, R) Seven strangers, each with a secret to bury, gather at a rundown hotel with a dark past. Jeff Bridges, Cynthia Erivo, Dakota Johnson. 12.50 The Duke And I. (PG, R) A look at Prince Philip's influence. 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Million Dollar Minute. (R) Hosted by Grant Denyer. 5.00 NBC Today. News and current affairs.	6.00 Nine News. 7.00 A Current Affair. 7.30 Taronga: Who's Who In The Zoo: Lion Move. (PG) Taronga Zoo welcomes some royalty. 8.30 MOVIE: Robin Hood. (2010, Msv, R) An archer returns home to England, only to find the country suffering under the yoke of devious noblemen. Russell Crowe, Cate Blanchett, Matthew Macfadyen. 11.10 MOVIE: In The Heart Of The Sea. (2015, Mav, R) A ship is attacked by a mammoth whale. Chris Hemsworth. 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Global Shop. (R) 4.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 5.30 A Current Affair. (R)	6.30 The Project. 7.30 The Living Room. (PG, R) The fab four renovate a bathroom. 8.30 The Graham Norton Show. (R) Celebrity guests include Tom Holland, Zendaya, Henry Cavill, Gugu Mbatha-Raw and Little Mix. 9.30 Rhys Darby: Big In Japan. (PGa) Part 1 of 4. Kiwi comedian Rhys Darby embarks on an adventure through Japan. 10.30 Just For Laughs. (Mdls, R) 11.00 The Project. (R) 12.00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) 1.00 Home Shopping. (R) 2.30 Infomercials. (PG, R) 3.00 Home Shopping. (R) 5.30 Infomercials. (PG, R)
ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 5.35pm The Wonder Gang. 5.50 Peppa Pig. 5.55 Thomas. 6.05 Ben And Holly. 6.20 Bluey. 6.25 Shaun The Sheep. 6.40 Andy's Prehistoric Adv. 7.00 Dino Dana. 7.15 Odd Squad. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.00 Hard Quiz. 8.30 MOVIE: Stand By Me. (1986, M) 9.55 Doctor Who. 10.45 Art Works. 11.10 Anh's Brush With Fame. (Final) 11.40 Live At The Apollo. 12.25am Would I Lie To You? 1.00 Sick Of It. 1.20 Community. 1.45 Parks And Recreation. 2.05 ABC News Update. 2.10 Close. 5.05 Five Minutes More. 5.10 Sarah & Duck. 5.20 The Hive. 5.30 Digby Dragon. 5.40 Late Programs.	SBS VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. 10.30 SBS Courtside. 11.00 Basketball. NBA. Memphis Grizzlies v Los Angeles Lakers. 1.30pm WorldWatch. 2.00 Vice Essentials Canada. 3.00 Gymnastics. 2020 FIG Trampoline World Cup Series. H'lights. 4.00 WorldWatch. 5.25 Takeshi's Castle. 5.55 Shortland Street. 6.25 RockWiz. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. 8.30 Hoarders. 9.20 Embarrassing Sex Stories. 10.35 Prostitution: What's The Harm? 11.40 Project Blue Book. 12.30am News. 1.25 Click Me Pregnant: Sperm Bank On Wheels. 2.20 Undressed. 2.45 NHK World English News. 3.00 Late Programs.	7TWO (72) 6am Home Shopping. 6.30 Travel Oz. 8.00 Harry's Practice. 8.30 Million Dollar Minute. 9.30 NBC Today. Noon House Of Wellness. 1.00 Million Dollar Minute. 2.00 Better Homes And Gardens Summer. 3.30 RSPCA Animal Rescue. 4.00 M*A*S*H. 5.00 Escape To The Country. 6.00 Bargain Hunt. 7.00 Better Homes And Gardens. 8.30 The Amazing Homemakers. 9.30 Australia's Big Backyards. 10.30 The Mentalist. 12.30am The Fine Art Auction. 3.30 Travel And Eat With Dan & Steph. 4.00 Better Homes And Gardens Summer. 5.30 Home Shopping.	9GEM (81, 92) 6am TV Shop: Home Shopping. 7.00 Creflo Dollar Ministries. 7.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. 10.30 Pointless. 11.30 My Favorite Martian. Noon Death In Paradise. 1.10 Days Of Our Lives. 2.05 The Young And The Restless. 3.00 Antiques Roadshow. 3.30 MOVIE: Separate Tables. (1958, PG) 5.30 Murder, She Wrote. 6.30 Antiques Roadshow. 7.30 Saved & Remade. 8.30 MOVIE: Star Trek III: The Search For Spock. (1984, PG) 10.35 Memory Lane. 11.55 The Equalizer. 12.55am Talking Honey: Relationship Specials. 1.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping.	10 PEACH (52, 11) 6am The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. 7.00 NBL Slam. 7.30 Seinfeld. 8.00 Becker. 9.00 The Middle. 10.00 Frasier. 11.00 The Big Bang Theory. Noon In The Dark. (Final) 1.00 2 Broke Girls. 2.00 Seinfeld. 2.30 Mom. 3.00 The King Of Queens. 4.00 Becker. 5.00 Frasier. 6.00 Friends. 8.00 The Big Bang Theory. 9.30 Friends. 11.30 2 Broke Girls. Midnight Home Shopping. 12.30 Infomercials. 1.00 Home Shopping. 1.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. 2.30 The Late Late Show With James Corden. 3.30 In The Dark. (Final) 4.30 Home Shopping. 5.30 Infomercials.
NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 8.40 Bushwhacked! 9.30 The Magic Canoe. 10.00 Going Places. 11.00 From The Heart Of Our Nation: The Sunset Concert. 1pm Relentless: The Sylvia Scharper Story. 1.35 Boy Nomad. 2.00 NITV On The Road: Barunga Festival. 3.00 Wapos Bay. 3.25 The Magic Canoe. 3.50 Aussie Bush Tales. 4.00 Project Planet. 4.30 Grace Beside Me. 5.00 Shortland Street. 5.30 Chefs' Line. 6.00 Pete & Pio's Kai Safari. 6.30 Kriol Kitchen. 7.00 Our Stories. 7.25 NITV News Update. 7.30 MOVIE: Legend Of The Guardians. (2010, PG) 9.10 Bedtime Stories. 9.20 Pecan Summer: The Opera. 10.50 Late Programs.	SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Jappeloup. Continued. (2013, PG, French) 7.20 My Brilliant Career. (1979) 9.15 Traffic. (1971, French) 11.05 Cyrano, My Love. (2018, M, French) 1.10pm 1982. (2019, PG, Arabic) 3.05 The Red Shoes. (1948, PG) 5.35 A Month Of Sundays. (2015, PG) 7.35 Charlie And Boots. (2009, M) 9.30 Hunt For The Wilderpeople. (2016, PG) 11.25 My Big Gay Italian Wedding. (2018, M, Italian) 1.05am Goodbye Mother. (2019, M, Vietnamese) 3.10 It's Only The End Of The World. (2016, M, French) 5.00 A Month Of Sundays. (2015, PG)	7MATE (73) 6am ITM Fishing Show: Best Of The Best. 6.30 Creek To Coast. 7.00 Mark Berg's Fishing Addiction. 8.00 American Pickers. 9.00 Barter Kings. 10.00 America's Game: The Super Bowl Champions. 11.00 A Football Life. Noon Storage Wars Canada. 1.00 Ink Master. 2.00 Ink Master: Redemption. 2.30 Pawn Stars. 3.00 Off The Grid With The Badger. 4.00 Timbersports. 4.30 Barter Kings. 5.30 Storage Wars: Texas. 6.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 7. Melbourne Stars v Sydney Thunder. 7.00 Pawn Stars. 7.30 MOVIE: Snake Eyes. (1998, M) 9.30 MOVIE: Goodfellas. (1990, MA15+) 12.30am Late Programs.	9GO! (82, 93) 6am Children's Programs. Noon Hollywood Medium. 1.00 Revenge Body. 2.00 America's Top Dog. 3.00 Malcolm. 3.30 The Nanny. 4.00 3rd Rock From The Sun. 4.30 That '70s Show. 5.00 Malcolm. 6.00 The Nanny: Oy To The World. 6.30 MOVIE: Sing. (2016) 8.40 MOVIE: The Hobbit: The Battle Of The Five Armies. (2014, M) 11.30 Young, Dumb And Banged Up In The Sun. 12.25am Desperate Housewives. 2.10 Revenge Body. 3.00 Teen Titans Go! 3.30 Ninjago: Masters Of Spinjitzu. 4.00 Pokémon. 4.30 Transformers: Cyberverse. 4.50 Bakugan: Armored Alliance. 5.10 Yu-Gi-Oh! 5.30 Yu-Gi-Oh!	10 BOLD (53, 12) 6am Home Shopping. 7.00 Infomercials. 8.00 Motor Racing. Formula 1. Race 21. Saudi Arabian Grand Prix. Highlights. 9.00 Diagnosis Murder. 10.00 JAG. Noon MacGyver. 1.00 Star Trek: Discovery. 2.00 Evil. 3.00 Diagnosis Murder. 5.00 JAG. 7.00 Bondi Rescue. 7.30 NCIS. 8.30 Law & Order: SVU. 11.30 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. 12.30am Home Shopping. 1.00 Infomercials. 1.30 Home Shopping. 2.00 SEAL Team. 3.00 NCIS: New Orleans. 5.00 Diagnosis Murder.

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.

QLD

Saturday, December 11

<p>ABC TV (2) 6.00 Rage. (PG) 7.00 Weekend Breakfast. 10.00 Rage. (PG) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 12.30 Endeavour. (Mav, R) 2.00 Restoration Australia. (R) 3.00 Dream Gardens. (R) 3.30 Landline. (Final) 4.00 Basketball. WNBL. Round 2. Adelaide Lightning v Townsville Fire.</p>	<p>SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 7.00 BBC News. 7.30 Italian News. 8.10 Filipino News. 8.40 French News. 9.30 Greek News. 10.30 German News. 11.00 Spanish News. 11.30 Turkish News. 12.00 Arabic News F24. 12.30 ABC America: World News Tonight. 1.00 PBS NewsHour. 2.00 Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) 2.10 Arabian Sands. (R) 5.40 Nazi Megastructures. (PGav, R)</p>	<p>SEVEN (7) 6am Morning Programs. 12.00 The Ashes: The Lunch Break. 12.40 Cricket. The Ashes. First Test. Australia v England. Day 4. Afternoon session. 2.40 The Ashes: Tea Break. 3.00 Cricket. The Ashes. First Test. Australia v England. Day 4. Late afternoon session. 5.30 Creek To Coast.</p>	<p>NINE (8, 9) 6.00 Animal Tales. (PG, R) 7.00 Weekend Today. 10.00 Today Extra: Saturday. (PG) 12.00 Cybershack. (PG) 12.30 Destination WA. (PG, R) 1.00 Bondi Lifeguard World Adventures. (PG) 1.30 MOVIE: Waiting For The Light. (1990, PGal, R) 3.30 Christmas With Emma Dean: Presented By Eat Well Magazine. 4.30 The Garden Gurus. 5.00 News: First At Five. 5.30 To Be Advised. (PG)</p>	<p>TEN (5, 1) 6am Morning Programs. 7.30 Escape Fishing. (R) 8.00 All 4 Adventure. (PG, R) 9.00 Jamie's Easy Meals For Every Day. (R) 9.30 St10. (PG) 12.00 Jamie's Easy Meals At Christmas. (R) 1.00 Christmas With Australian Women's Weekly. (R) 2.00 4x4 Adventures. (R) 3.00 All 4 Adventure. (PG, R) 4.00 Waltzing Jimeoin. (PGal, R) 4.30 Roads Less Travelled. (R) 5.00 News.</p>
<p>6.00 Australia's Lost Impres-sionist. (PG, R) The story of impressionist painter John Russell. 7.00 ABC News. Takes a look at today's top stories. 7.30 The Larkins. (PG) Worried that Pop is working too hard, Ma books a weekend in Margate. 8.20 Miniseries: Us. (Ml) Part 1 of 4. A man who is looking forward to a grand tour of Europe with his family finds his plans hitting a snag. 9.20 Total Control. (Mal, R) Alex and a small group of independents meet in Canberra to decide the future of the nation. 10.10 Call The Midwife. (PG, R) The team rallies to celebrate a birthday. 11.10 Father Brown. (Mav, R) A writer is found dead. 12.00 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv)</p>	<p>6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Celebrity Letters And Numbers. (M) Hosted by Michael Hing. 8.30 The World's Greatest Hotels: Claridge's London. (PG) Takes a look at Claridge's, London, a quintessentially English hotel in the heart of Mayfair. 9.25 Russia To Iran: Across The Wild Frontier. (PGal, R) Part 5 of 5. 10.20 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. (Mals, R) 11.15 MOVIE: The Girl Who Played With Fire. (2009, MA15+sv, R, Swedish) Noomi Rapace. 1.30 MOVIE: The Girl Who Kicked The Hornet's Nest. (2009, MA15+v, R, Swedish) Michael Nyqvist, Noomi Rapace, Lena Endre. 4.10 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. (Mlns, R) 5.00 France 24 Feature. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.</p>	<p>6.00 Seven News. 7.00 Mayor's Christmas Carols. (Premiere, PG) Celebrates the spirit of Christmas from the Gold Coast's Home of the Arts with a festive concert. 8.00 MOVIE: Home Alone. (1990, PGLv, R) A boy defends himself from burglars after being left at home by his family during Christmas. Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci, Daniel Stern. 10.10 MOVIE: Home Alone 2: Lost In New York. (1992, PGv, R) A boy, stranded in New York after becoming separated from his family, battles two familiar thieves. Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci. 12.40 MOVIE: Kissin' Cousins. (1964, G, R) An air force officer encounters his look-alike cousin. Elvis Presley. 2.30 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Get Clever. (R) 5.00 My Greek Odyssey: Kos. (PG, R)</p>	<p>6.00 Nine News Saturday. 7.00 A Current Affair. 7.30 Christmas With Delta Goodrem. (PG) A Christmas concert with Delta Goodrem. 9.00 MOVIE: Four Holidays. (2008, Ms, R) A couple is forced to endure a noisy festive season alongside their relatives. Reese Witherspoon, Vince Vaughn, Mary Steenburgen. 10.45 MOVIE: Just Like Heaven. (2005, PGals, R) An architect moves into a haunted apartment. Reese Witherspoon. 12.30 Australia's Top Ten Of Everything. (PG, R) 1.30 Bondi Lifeguard World Adventures. (PG, R) 2.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 Global Shop. (R) 5.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 5.30 Wesley Impact With Stu Cameron. (PG)</p>	<p>6.00 Soccer. A-League Men. Round 4. Adelaide United v Melbourne Victory. From Coopers Stadium, Adelaide. 9.00 Ambulance. (Mdm, R) It is Halloween in London and a fire in a block of flats puts paramedics under pressure. They also respond to a crash involving a car and two buses that has left a driver dead and many other people injured. 11.00 FBI: Most Wanted. (Mv, R) Kristin Gaines joins the Fugitive Task Force as they head to Washington to find a dangerous fugitive from a right-wing militia group who is killing people in support of the January 6 Capitol rioters. 12.00 Home Shopping. (R) 1.30 Infomercials. (PG, R) 2.30 Home Shopping. (R) 5.00 Hour Of Power. Religious program.</p>
<p>ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 7.05pm The Deep. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.20 Live At The Apollo. 9.05 Whose Line Is It Anyway? 9.50 Mock The Week. 10.20 Would I Lie To You? 10.50 Schitt's Creek. 11.40 Catastrophe. 12.05am GameFace. 12.30 Unprotected Sets. (Final) 12.55 Red Dwarf. 1.25 Escape From The City. 2.20 ABC News Update. 2.25 Close. 5.05 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. Noon Basketball. NBA. Memphis Grizzlies v Los Angeles Lakers. Replay. 2.00 Do I Have To Take Care Of Everything? 2.10 North To South: The Full Journey. 4.30 WorldWatch. 5.55 When Demolitions Go Wrong. 6.45 The Story Of The Songs. 7.40 Brooklyn Nine-Nine. 8.30 Creamerie. 9.30 The X-Files. 1.40am Undressed. 2.35 France 24. 3.00 Late Programs.</p>	<p>7TWO (72) 6am Home Shopping. 8.30 Travel Oz. 10.00 Bargain Hunt. 11.00 Horse Racing. Villiers Stakes Day. The Gateway Raceday and Legends Race Day. 5pm Creek To Coast. 5.30 Ed And Karen's Recipes For Success. 6.30 The Hotel Inspector. 7.30 The Yorkshire Vet. 8.30 Escape To The Country. 10.30 The Mentalist. 12.30am The Fine Art Auction. 3.30 Travel And Eat With Dan & Steph. 4.00 Weekender. 4.30 Late Programs.</p>	<p>9GEM (81, 92) 6am Newstyle Direct. 6.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. 10.00 Seaway. 11.00 Edgar Wallace Mysteries. 12.20pm Saved & Remade. 1.20 The Avengers. 2.20 MOVIE: Sitting Bull. (1954, PG) 4.30 MOVIE: The Way West. (1967, PG) 7.00 MOVIE: Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home. (1986, PG) 9.30 MOVIE: Close Encounters Of The Third Kind. (1977, PG) 12.15am My Favorite Martian. 12.40 Rainbow Country. 1.00 TV Shop.</p>	<p>10 PEACH (52, 11) 6am The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. 7.00 The King Of Queens. 8.00 Becker. 9.00 The Middle. 10.00 Frasier. 11.00 MOVIE: Chasing Comets. (2018, PG) 1pm TikTok For You Fest. 2.30 Friends. 6.00 The Big Bang Theory. 9.45 2 Broke Girls. 12.10am Home Shopping. 1.10 Infomercials. 1.40 Nancy Drew. 3.30 Undercover Girlfriends. 4.30 Home Shopping.</p>
<p>NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 11.35 Pecan Summer: The Opera. 1pm Boxing Night To Remember V. 2.00 Hockey. SA Men's Super League. 4.00 Rugby League. NRL NT. 5.00 Indian Country Today. 5.30 APTN National News. 6.00 Karla Grant Presents. 6.30 Going Places. 7.30 NITV News Update. 7.40 MOVIE: Chuck Berry. (2018, M) 9.25 MOVIE: Miles Ahead. (2015, M) 11.10 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Morning Programs. 7.00 Hunt For The Wilderpeople. (2016, PG) 8.55 Jappeloup. (2013, PG, French) 11.15 Moomins On The Riviera. (2014, PG) 12.40pm Goodbye Mother. (2019, M, Vietnamese) 2.45 Traffic. (1971, French) 4.35 My Brilliant Career. (1979) 6.30 Viceroy's House. (2017, PG) 8.30 Jackie. (2016, MA15+) 10.25 My Best Friend. (2018, M, Spanish) 12.05am Late Programs.</p>	<p>7MATE (73) 6am Morning Programs. Noon The Mike & Cole Show. 12.30 Timbersports. 1.00 Blokesworld. 1.30 Australia ReDiscovered. 2.00 Storage Wars Canada. 3.00 Rides Down Under: Workshop Wars. 4.00 Off The Grid With The Badger. 5.00 Barter Kings. 6.00 American Pickers. 7.00 Pawn Stars. 7.30 MOVIE: Enter The Dragon. (1973, M) 9.45 MOVIE: Cradle 2 The Grave. (2003, MA15+) Midnight Late Programs.</p>	<p>9GO! (82, 93) 6am Children's Programs. 1.30pm Malcolm. 2.00 MOVIE: The Cutting Edge. (1992, PG) 4.00 MOVIE: Courage Mountain. (1990, PG) 6.00 MOVIE: Trolls. (2016) 7.40 MOVIE: Meet The Fockers. (2004, M) 10.00 MOVIE: Little Fockers. (2010, M) Midnight Desperate Housewives. 2.50 Mike Tyson Mysteries. 3.00 Power Rangers Super Beast Morphers. 3.30 Thunderbirds. 4.30 Late Programs.</p>	<p>10 BOLD (53, 12) 6am Home Shopping. 6.30 Infomercials. 8.00 Home Shopping. 9.00 The Doctors. 10.00 MacGyver. 11.00 Diagnosis Murder. 1pm Pat Callinan's 4x4 Adventures. 2.00 All 4 Adventure. 3.00 JAG. 4.00 Bondi Rescue. 4.30 iFish Summer Series. 5.00 Waltzing Jimeoin. 5.30 MacGyver. 6.30 Scorpion. 7.30 NCIS. 8.30 NCIS: New Orleans. 10.20 MacGyver. 11.20 CSI. 1.10am 48 Hours. 2.10 Late Programs.</p>

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Sunday, December 12

<p>ABC TV (2) 6.00 Rage. (PG) 7.00 Weekend Breakfast. 11.00 Compass. (PG, R) 11.30 Songs Of Praise. (R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 12.30 Landline Summer. 1.00 Heywire. (R) 1.30 Gardening Australia. (R) 2.30 Pilgrimage: Road To Rome. (PG, R) 3.30 Magical Land Of Oz. (R) 4.30 Everyone's A Critic. (PG, R) 5.00 Art Works. (PG, R) 5.30 The Sound. (Final)</p>	<p>SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 11.00 Spanish News. 11.30 Turkish News. 12.00 Motor Racing. Shannons Motorsport Australia Championships. Round 4. 2.00 Arabic News F24. 2.30 France 24 English News Second Edition. 3.00 FIFA World Cup 2022 Magazine. 3.30 Figure Skating. ISU Grand Prix. Round 6. Rostelecom Cup. Highlights. 5.00 Lancefield Dreaming. (PG) 5.35 Nazi Megastructures. (PGav, R)</p>	<p>SEVEN (7) 6am Morning Programs. 12.00 The Ashes: The Lunch Break. 12.40 Cricket. The Ashes. First Test. Australia v England. Day 5. Afternoon session. 2.40 The Ashes: Tea Break. 3.00 Cricket. The Ashes. First Test. Australia v England. Day 5. Late afternoon session. 5.30 Weekender. (R)</p>	<p>NINE (8, 9) 6.00 Animal Tales. (PG, R) 7.00 Weekend Today. 10.00 Cows For Cambodia. (PGal) 11.00 The Xtreme CollXtion. (PG, R) 11.30 Fishing Australia. 12.00 Ironman. Coolangatta Gold. H'lights. 2.00 Ultimate Rush. (PGI, R) 2.30 Snackmasters. (PGI, R) 4.00 Bondi Vet. (PGm) 5.00 News: First At Five. 5.30 To Be Advised. (PG)</p>	<p>TEN (5, 1) 6am Morning Programs. 8.00 GCBC. (R) 8.30 Freshly Picked. (R) 9.00 Australia By Design: Interiors. (R) 9.30 St10. (PG) 12.00 Luca's Key Ingredient. (R) 12.30 Everyday Gourmet. (R) 1.00 Farm To Fork. (PG, R) 1.30 My Market Kitchen. (R) 2.00 Jamie's Easy Meals For Every Day. (R) 2.30 Roads Less Travelled. (R) 3.00 4x4 Adventures. 4.00 All 4 Adventure. (PGI) 5.00 News.</p>
<p>6.00 Antiques Roadshow. Hosted by Fiona Bruce. 7.00 ABC News Sunday. 7.40 Death In Paradise. (Mv, R) A festival queen is murdered. 8.40 Total Control. (Final, Malv) Alex is on the cusp of rewriting history when the forces of violence and reaction make one last attempt to stop her. 9.40 Noughts + Crosses. (Final, Mav) Callum works with the Liberation Militia. 10.40 Harrow. (Masv, R) 11.30 Talking Heads. (R) 12.00 Silent Witness. (MA15+a, R) 1.00 Press. (Final, PG, R) 2.00 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) 4.00 Death In Paradise. (Mv, R) 5.00 Gardening Australia. (R)</p>	<p>6.30 SBS World News. 7.35 Big Ben: Restoring The World-Famous Clock. (PG) Delves into the restoration of Big Ben. 8.30 Muhammad Ali. (M) Part 3 of 4. The look at the life of Muhammad Ali continues with the Fight of the Century against Joe Frazier. 10.30 Michael Palin: Travels Of A Lifetime. (PGa, R) Michael Palin revisits his third travel series. 11.20 24 Hours In Emergency: Call Of Duty. (Ma, R) 12.15 Chasing The Moon. (PG, R) 2.15 George W. Bush. (Mav, R) 4.20 VICE Guide To Film. (Madls, R) 4.45 Poh & Co. Bitesize. (R) 5.00 France 24 Feature. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.</p>	<p>6.00 Seven News. 7.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 10. Sydney Thunder v Melbourne Stars. From the MCG. 10.00 MOVIE: Se7en. (1995, MA15+av, R) Two homicide cops investigate a puzzling series of murders based on the seven deadly sins. Morgan Freeman, Brad Pitt, Gwyneth Paltrow. 12.35 The Babes In The Wood Murder. (Mav, R) A look at child killer Russell Bishop. 1.35 Harry's Practice. (R) Information about pet care. 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 Million Dollar Minute. (R) Hosted by Simon Reeve. 4.00 NBC Today. News and current affairs. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.</p>	<p>6.00 Nine News. 7.00 60 Minutes. Current affairs program. 8.00 David Attenborough's A Perfect Planet: The Sun. (PG, R) Explores how animals survive the uneven amounts of sunlight that fall on Earth. 9.10 MOVIE: Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw. (2019, Mlv, R) A US lawman and a former spy reluctantly team up to take down a genetically enhanced anarchist. Dwayne Johnson, Jason Statham, Idris Elba. 11.40 Nine News Late. 12.10 Chicago Med. (Mam, R) 1.00 The Garden Gurus. (R) 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Take Two. (R) 5.00 News Early Edition. 5.30 Today.</p>	<p>6.30 The Sunday Project. A look at the day's news. 7.30 The Graham Norton Show. Celebrity guests include Keanu Reeves. 8.30 CSI: Vegas. (Final) When lab technician David Hodges goes missing, the entire CSI team searches for any piece of evidence that can help locate him, clear his name and save the reputation of the entire crime lab. 9.30 FBI. (Mv, R) OA comes into conflict with his girlfriend after the team presses her reluctant client. 11.30 The Sunday Project. (R) 12.30 Home Shopping. (R) 1.30 Infomercials. (PG, R) 3.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 CBS Mornings.</p>
<p>ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 7.30pm Spicks And Specks. 8.00 Compass. 8.30 Louis Theroux: Life On The Edge. 9.25 Pilgrimage: Road To Istanbul. 10.25 The Misadventures Of Romesh Ranganathan. 11.25 Brian Johnson's A Life On The Road. 12.10am George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. 1.00 There Goes Our Neighbourhood. 2.00 Unprotected Sets. (Final) 2.20 In The Long Run. 2.45 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. Noon MOVIE: Kim Dotcom: Caught In The Web. (2017, M) 1.30 Ancient Aliens. 2.55 North To South: The Full Journey. 5.10 WorldWatch. 5.40 Secrets Of Our Cities. 6.35 Country Music. 7.35 Our Guy In Russia. 8.30 Patriot Brains. 9.25 Dark Side Of The Ring. 10.10 The Mega Brothel. 11.05 Das Boot. 12.10am MOVIE: Under The Silver Lake. (2018, MA15+) 2.40 France 24. 3.00 Late Programs.</p>	<p>7TWO (72) 6am Morning Programs. 11.30 Your 4x4. Noon 1 Man And A Bike. 12.30 Escape To The Country. 1.30 A Foodies Guide To Kyushu Japan. 2.00 The Thrill Of The Chase. 3.00 Mighty Ships. 4.00 Border Security: Int. 4.30 Carols By Candlelight. (Premiere) 6.00 Escape To The Country. 7.00 Border Security. 8.30 Chris Tarrant's Extreme Railways. 9.30 Mighty Trains. 10.30 Heathrow. 11.00 Late Programs.</p>	<p>9GEM (81, 92) 6am Morning Programs. 7.30 In Touch. 8.00 Beyond Today. 8.30 The Incredible Journey. 9.00 TV Shop. 10.00 Seaway. 11.05 Edgar Wallace Mysteries. 12.20pm MOVIE: Summer Holiday. (1963) 2.35 MOVIE: Father Goose. (1964) 5.00 MOVIE: The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance. (1962, PG) 7.30 Christmas At Warwick Castle. 8.30 MOVIE: White Christmas. (1954) 10.55 Late Programs.</p>	<p>10 PEACH (52, 11) 6am This Is Us. 8.00 Brides Of Beverly Hills. 9.00 The Middle. 10.00 Neighbours. Noon Basketball. NBL. Round 2. Melbourne United v South East Melbourne Phoenix. 2.00 Basketball. NBL. Round 2. Adelaide 36ers v New Zealand Breakers. 4.00 The Dog House Australia. 5.00 Friends. 6.00 The Big Bang Theory. 8.30 Friends. 9.30 2 Broke Girls. 11.00 Late Programs.</p>
<p>NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 12.45pm Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Highlights. 1.15 Soccer. Serie A Femminile. 3.00 Rugby Union. Monsoon Rugby Union. 4.30 Softball. SA Premier League. 6.00 Colonial Combat. 6.30 News. 6.40 Undiscovered Vistas. 7.30 NITV Looking Forward, Looking Back. 8.00 MOVIE: Gurrumul. (2017, PG) 9.45 MOVIE: Samson And Delilah. (2009, M) 11.30 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Morning Programs. 10.10 A Month Of Sundays. (2015, PG) 12.10pm My Life As A Zucchini. (2016, PG) 1.25 Monsieur Hulot's Holiday. (1953, French) 3.00 Hunt For The Wilderpeople. (2016, PG) 4.55 Moomins On The Riviera. (2014, PG) 6.20 Agatha Christie's Crooked House. (2017, PG) 8.30 Frankie. (2019, M) 10.25 The Chambermaid Lynn. (2014, MA15+, German) 12.05am Late Programs.</p>	<p>7MATE (73) 6am Morning Programs. 11.30 Step Outside. Noon The Fishing Show By AFN. 1.00 Hook, Line And Sinker. 2.00 On The Fly. 2.30 Merv Hughes Fishing. 3.00 Fishing Addiction. 4.00 Ultimate Fishing. 5.00 Barter Kings. 6.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 10. Sydney Thunder v Melbourne Stars. 7.00 MOVIE: The Time Machine. (2002, PG) 9.00 MOVIE: The Long Kiss Goodnight. (1996, MA15+) 11.30 Late Programs.</p>	<p>9GO! (82, 93) 6am Children's Programs. 1.30pm MOVIE: Pokémon: Zoroark - Master Of Illusions. (2010) 3.20 MOVIE: Napoleon. (1995) 5.00 MOVIE: The Addams Family. (1991, PG) 7.00 MOVIE: The Mummy Returns. (2001, PG) 9.30 MOVIE: The Scorpion King. (2002, M) 11.15 Young, Dumb And Banged Up In The Sun. 12.15am Desperate Housewives. 2.00 The Break Boys. 3.00 Late Programs.</p>	<p>10 BOLD (53, 12) 6am Morning Programs. 8.30 Pooches At Play. 9.00 Healthy Homes Aust. 9.30 Escape Fishing. 10.00 iFish Summer. 10.30 The Doctors. 11.30 Scorpion. 12.30pm MacGyver. 1.30 The Offroad Adventure Show. 2.30 Soccer. A-League Women. Round 2. Melbourne City v Melbourne Victory. 5.00 All 4 Adventure. 6.00 JAG. 7.00 Bondi Rescue. 7.30 NCIS. 9.25 Star Trek: Discovery. 1.15am Late Programs.</p>

Friday, 10 December, 2021 TODAY 17

ABC TV (22) 6.00 News Breakfast. 9.00 ABC News Mornings. 10.00 The Great Acceleration. (PG, R) 11.00 The Heights. (PG, R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 1.00 The Larkins. (PG, R) 2.00 Press. (Final, PG, R) 3.00 ABC News Afternoons. 4.10 Think Tank. (R) 5.10 Grand Designs. (PG, R)	SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 9.30 Greek News. 10.30 German News. 11.00 Spanish News. 11.30 Turkish News. 12.00 Arabic News F24. 12.30 ABC America: World News Tonight. 1.00 Al Jazeera News. 2.00 The Italians. (Premiere) 2.15 Rosemary's Way. (PGav, R) 3.45 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. (PG, R) 4.15 The Wonderful World Of Chocolate. (PG, R) 5.05 Jeopardy! (PG) 5.30 Letters And Numbers. (R)	SEVEN (7) 6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 The Morning Show. (PG) 11.30 Seven Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: Mr Christmas. (2017, PGa) 2.00 World's Deadliest Weather: Caught On Camera. (PGa, R) 3.00 The Chase. (R) 4.00 Seven News At 4. 5.00 The Chase Australia. (R)	NINE (8, 9) 6.00 Today. 9.00 Today Extra Summer. (PG) 11.30 Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: Once Upon A Main Street. (2020, PGa) Vanessa Lachey, Ryan McPartlin, Polly Draper. 1.45 Garden Gurus Moments. (R) 2.00 Pointless. (PG, R) 3.00 Tipping Point. (PG) 4.00 Afternoon News. 4.30 Millionaire Hot Seat. (R) 5.30 WIN News.	TEN (5, 1) 6.00 The Talk. (PGa) 7.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 7.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG, R) 8.00 Studio 10. (PG) 12.00 Dr Phil. (PGal, R) 1.00 The Living Room. (PG, R) 2.00 Entertainment Tonight. 2.30 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. (R) 3.00 Judge Judy. (Final, PG) 3.30 Freshly Picked With Simon Toohy. 4.00 Farm To Fork. (PG) 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. 5.00 10 News First.
6.00 The Drum. 7.00 ABC News. Takes a look at today's top stories. 7.30 7.30. Presented by Leigh Sales. 8.00 Australian Story Summer Series: About A Boy. (R) Takes a look at the story of Quaden. 8.35 Universe With Brian Cox: Before the Dawn - The Big Bang. Part 5 of 5. Professor Brian Cox delves into the creation of the universe. 9.35 Catching A Predator. (Ma) Takes a look at the rapist Reynhard Sinaga. 10.35 ABC Late News. 11.05 Books That Made Us. (Malnv, R) 12.00 Noughts + Crosses. (Final, Mav, R) 1.00 EXPOSED: The Case Of Keli Lane. (Mal, R) 2.00 Rage. (MA15+adhlvns) 4.30 The Drum. (R) 5.25 7.30. (R)	6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.35 Britain's Most Historic Towns: Industrial Revolution Manchester. (PG, R) Professor Alice Roberts visits Manchester. 8.30 Tony Robinson's World By Rail: Thailand And Malaysia. (PGdn, R) Sir Tony Robinson continues his journey around the globe by exploring Thailand and Malaysia. 9.25 The Best Of 24 Hours In Emergency: Ready For Anything. (M) Stories from Kings College and St George's. 10.20 SBS World News Late. 10.55 The Crimson Rivers. (MA15+av) 11.50 Tell Me Who I Am. (PGs) 3.15 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. (Mls, R) 5.00 France 24 Feature. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.	6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 11. Brisbane Heat v Melbourne Renegades. 10.00 Fantasy Island. (Ma) A group of old friends come to Fantasy Island to celebrate their 50th birthdays. 11.00 Motorway Patrol. (PG) Follows the work of a police unit dedicated to patrolling the motorways of Auckland, New Zealand. 11.30 Highway Cops. (PGI) Follows people who help keep motorists safe. 12.00 MOVIE: Viva Las Vegas. (1964, G, R) A racing car driver enters a talent contest. Elvis Presley, Ann-Margret. 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. News and current affairs. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.	6.00 Nine News. 7.00 A Current Affair. 7.30 RBT. (PGdl, R) Follows the activities of police units. 8.30 Emergency. (Ma, R) Mark tries to help a car crash patient under police guard, but the man appears to be hiding something. 9.30 A Fire Inside. (Ma) Takes a look at Australia's 2019-2020 bushfires and at the inspirational ways people responded to the crisis. 11.30 Nine News Late. 12.00 Chicago Med. (MA15+amv, R) 12.45 Tipping Point. (PG, R) 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 2.30 Global Shop. (R) 3.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Take Two. (R) 5.00 News Early Edition. 5.30 Today.	6.30 The Project. A look at the day's news and events. 7.30 Bondi Rescue. (PGa) Lifeguards try to enforce social distancing. 8.00 Territory Cops. (PGalv) Takes a behind-the-scenes look at the Northern Territory Police. 8.30 FBI: Most Wanted. (Mav) When a judge is murdered, the team looks into his lengthy list of cases in the hunt for his killer. 10.30 The FBI Declassified: The Spies Next Door. (PGa) A look at the hunt for Russian operatives. 11.30 The Project. (R) 12.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) 1.30 Home Shopping. (R) 2.30 Infomercials. (PG, R) 3.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 CBS Mornings.
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6.00 The Drum. 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 7.30. 8.00 Anh's Brush With Fame: Jack Thompson. (PG, R) Anh Do paints Jack Thompson. 8.30 Secrets Of Althorp With Charles Spencer. (PG) A look at an archaeological dig in Althorp. 9.20 Australia Remastered: Nature's Great Divide: Where Worlds Collide. Part 2 of 3. 10.15 You Can't Ask That. (Ma, R) 10.45 ABC Late News. 11.15 Designing A Legacy. (Ml, R) 12.15 Midsomer Murders. (PG, R) 1.45 Rage. (MA15+adhlsv) 4.25 The Drum. (R) 5.25 7.30. (R)	6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) Presented by Marc Fennell. 6.30 SBS World News. 7.35 Secrets Of Royal Travel: Train. (PGL, R) Part 1 of 2. 8.30 My Childhood, My Country: 20 Years In Afghanistan. (M) Documents the life of Afghan Mir Hussain over a tumultuous period of two decades in his homeland. 10.10 Great British Railway Journeys: Newcastle To County Durham. (R) Presented by Michael Portillo. 10.45 SBS World News Late. 11.15 Man In Room 301. (Premiere, Mals) 12.10 Miss S. (Mv) 4.50 Poh & Co. Bitesize. (R) 5.00 France 24 Feature. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.	6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 12. Hobart Hurricanes v Perth Scorchers. 10.00 Born To Kill? The Washington Sniper. (Mav, R) Takes a look at the case of the D.C. sniper attacks, which killed 10 people and wounded three others. 11.00 Beat The Chasers UK. Presented by Bradley Walsh. 12.00 The Goldbergs. (PGI) Beverly enlists the help of Barry and Erica. 12.30 Dr Harry's Animal Encounters. (PG, R) 1.30 Gold Coast Medical. (Ma, R) 2.30 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.	6.00 Nine News. 7.00 A Current Affair. 7.30 Travel Guides. (PGls, R) Ordinary Australians become travel critics. 8.30 The Weakest Link. (PGI) Quiz show featuring contestants who answer general knowledge questions. 9.30 Kath & Kim. (PGI, R) Kath reminisces about the ordeal she went through giving birth to Kim with help from Gary. 10.40 Nine News Late. A look at the latest news and events. 11.10 Damian Lewis: Spy Wars: Exodus. (Mv) 12.05 Tipping Point. (PG, R) 1.00 A Current Affair. (R) 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Take Two. (R) 5.00 News Early Edition. 5.30 Today.	6.30 The Project. A look at the day's news and events. 7.30 The Dog House Australia. (PGa) Narrated by Dr Chris Brown. 8.30 NCIS. (Mv) In the wake of the boating accident which was meant to have claimed Gibbs' life, the team continues their investigation, and discovers that another person has been tracking the same serial killer he was hunting. 10.30 NCIS: Los Angeles. (Mv, R) Sam's daughter is kidnapped. 11.30 The Project. (R) 12.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) 1.30 Home Shopping. (R) 3.00 Infomercials. (PG, R) 3.30 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 CBS Mornings.
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NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 1.20pm Road Open. 1.30 Tayamangajirri. 2.00 Shortland Street. 2.30 Chefs' Line. 3.00 Wapos Bay. 3.25 The Magic Canoe. 3.50 Wolf Joe. 4.00 Aussie Bush Tales. 4.10 Project Planet. 4.35 Grace Beside Me. 5.00 Our Stories. 5.30 Indian Country Today. 6.00 Bamay. 6.40 News. 6.50 Undiscovered Vistas. 7.40 Who Killed Malcolm X. 8.30 I, Sniper. 9.30 Miniseries: The Hunting. 11.30 Late Programs.	SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Goal! 2: Living The Dream. Continued. (2007, PG) 6.15 My Life As A Zucchini. (2016, PG) 7.30 A Monster Calls. (2016, PG) 9.30 Monsieur Hulot's Holiday. (1953, French) 11.05 Kokowaah. (2011, M, German) 1.25pm Agatha Christie's Crooked House. (2017, PG) 3.35 The Thief Of Bagdad. (1940, PG) 5.35 Loving. (2016, PG) 7.50 The Face Of Love. (2013, M) 9.30 Like Crazy. (2016, MA15+, Italian) 11.40 Late Programs.	7MATE (73) 6am Morning Programs. 11.00 A Football Life. Noon Heavy Rescue: 401. 1.00 Dirty Rotten Survival. 3.00 American Pickers. 4.00 Fish'n With Mates. 4.30 Barter Kings. 5.30 Storage Wars: TX. 6.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 12. Hobart Hurricanes v Perth Scorchers. 7.00 Pawn Stars. 7.30 Highway Patrol. 8.30 Secrets Of The Supercars. 9.30 Supercar Customiser: Yanni. 10.30 Vegas Rat Rods. 11.30 Late Programs.	9GO! (82, 93) 6am Children's Programs. Noon Hollywood Medium. 2.00 America's Top Dog. 3.00 The Nanny. 3.30 3rd Rock From The Sun. 4.00 That '70s Show. 4.30 Malcolm. 5.30 The Nanny. 6.00 3rd Rock From The Sun. 6.30 That '70s Show. 7.00 Young Sheldon. 7.30 Raymond. 8.30 MOVIE: American Wedding . (2003, MA15+) 10.30 MOVIE: Role Models . (2008, MA15+) 12.30am Late Programs.	10 BOLD (53, 12) 6am Home Shopping. 7.00 Infomercials. 8.00 Bondi Rescue. 8.30 Roads Less Travelled. 9.00 A-League Highlights Show. 10.00 JAG. Noon MacGyver. 1.00 Star Trek. 3.00 Diagnosis Murder. 5.00 JAG. 7.00 Bondi Rescue. 7.30 NCIS. 8.30 Blue Bloods. 10.25 NCIS: New Orleans. 11.20 Evil. 12.15am Home Shopping. 12.45 Infomercials. 1.15 Home Shopping. 2.15 MOVIE: The Brave One . (2007, MA15+) 4.45 iFish. 5.00 JAG.

Wednesday, December 15

<p>ABC TV (2) 6.00 News Breakfast. 9.00 ABC News Mornings. 10.00 The Great Australian Bee Challenge. (R) 11.05 The Heights. (PG, R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 1.00 Nolan. (PG, R) 2.00 Glitch. (Mlv, R) 3.00 ABC News Afternoons. 4.10 Think Tank. (R) 5.10 Grand Designs. (PG, R)</p> <p>6.00 The Drum. 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 7.30. Presented by Leigh Sales. 8.00 Hard Quiz. (PG) Hosted by Tom Gleeson. 8.30 Gruen. (Final) Wil Anderson and a team of experts analyse the advertising industry and consumerism. 9.10 Preppers. (Final, Mals) Fig returns to Eden 2 with a treaty to share the preppers' land with his new community, Shangri-La. 9.40 QI. (Ml, R) Hosted by Sandi Toksvig. 10.10 Adam Hills: The Last Leg. (R) UK-based panel show. 10.55 ABC Late News. 11.25 Universe With Brian Cox. (Final, R) 12.25 Father Brown. (Mav, R) 1.10 Silent Witness. (MA15+,a, R) 2.10 Adam Hills: The Last Leg. (R) 2.50 Rage. (MA15+adhlsv) 4.25 The Drum. (R) 5.25 7.30. (R)</p> <p>ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 7.15pm Odd Squad. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.00 Would I Lie To You At Christmas? 8.30 Art Works. (Final) 9.00 Brian Johnson's A Life On The Road. 9.45 The Sound. (Final) 10.15 Doctor Who. 11.05 Horror Movie: A Low-Budget Nightmare. 12.05am Love On The Spectrum. 12.55 Pilgrimage: Road To Istanbul. 1.55 Louis Theroux: Life On The Edge. 2.50 Community. 3.10 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 9.30 Greek News. 10.30 German News. 11.00 Spanish News. 11.30 Turkish News. 12.00 Arabic News F24. 12.30 ABC America: World News Tonight. 1.00 PBS NewsHour. 2.00 The Italians. 2.15 The Chefs' Line. (R) 2.45 Child Genius. (R) 3.45 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. (PG, R) 4.15 The Wonderful World Of Chocolate. (R) 5.05 Jeopardy! (PG) 5.30 Letters And Numbers. (R)</p> <p>6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.35 Inside Aldi At Christmas. (R) A look at the success of Aldi supermarkets. 8.30 Michael Mosley On Cosmetic Treatments. (PGa, R) Part 2 of 2. Michael Mosley and Mehreen Baig test the claims of a variety of cosmetic treatments. 9.30 Departure. (Return, Ma) Kendra investigates a train derailment. 10.15 SBS World News Late. 10.50 In Therapy. (Ma) 11.40 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. (Mals, R) 12.30 Soccer. FIFA Arab Cup. First semi-final. 3.00 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. (Mals, R) 3.55 Rivals. (PG, R) 4.25 Destination Flavour Down Under Bitesize. (R) 4.30 Soccer. FIFA Arab Cup. Second semi-final. From Al Thumama Stadium, Doha, Qatar.</p> <p>SBS VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. Noon Transmilitary. 1.45 The Girl Who Swallowed Bees. 1.55 Most Expensivest. 2.25 Figure Skating. 2019-2020 ISU World C'ships. Men's Competition. H'lights. 3.55 WorldWatch. 5.20 Joy Of Painting. 5.55 Shortland Street. 6.25 Rockwiz. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. 8.30 MOVIE: The Wave. (2019, MA15+) 10.10 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SEVEN (7) 6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 The Morning Show. (PG) 11.30 Seven Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: A Merry Holiday. (2019, PG) 2.00 World's Deadliest Weather: Caught On Camera. (PGa, R) 3.00 The Chase. (R) 4.00 Seven News At 4. 5.00 The Chase Australia. (R)</p> <p>6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Border Security: Australia's Front Line. (PG, R) Biosecurity officers uncover an infestation. 7.30 Ambulance: Code Red. (M) Medics fight to save the life of a cyclist. 8.30 MOVIE: Spider-Man: Far From Home. (2019, Mv, R) After Peter Parker, in his identity as Spider-Man, finds himself facing four destructive elemental monsters while on holiday in Europe, he receives help from a mysterious new hero called Mysterio. Tom Holland, Jake Gyllenhaal, Zendaya. 11.00 MOVIE: Blood Father. (2016, MA15+lv, R) An ex-con protects his daughter. Mel Gibson. 12.50 American Crime. (Mdlsv, R) 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.</p> <p>7TWO (72) 6am Home Shopping. 6.30 Travel Oz. 8.00 Harry's Practice. 8.30 Million Dollar Minute. 9.30 NBC Today. Noon House Of Wellness. 1.00 Million Dollar Minute. 2.00 Railway Restorations With Peter Snow. 3.00 Travel And Eat With Dan & Steph. 3.30 RSPCA Animal Rescue. 4.30 M*A*S*H. 5.30 Escape To The Country. 6.30 Bargain Hunt. 7.30 The Vicar Of Dibley. 8.30 Mrs Brown's Boys. 10.30 Miranda. 11.10 Late Programs.</p>	<p>NINE (8, 9) 6.00 Today. 9.00 Today Extra Summer. (PG) 11.30 Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: A Winter Princess. (2019, G) Natalie Hall, Chris McNally, Lara Gilchrist. 1.45 Talking Honey: Princess Diana. (PG, R) 2.00 Pointless. (PG, R) 3.00 Tipping Point. (PG) 4.00 Afternoon News. 4.30 Millionaire Hot Seat. (R) 5.30 WIN News.</p> <p>6.00 Nine News. 7.00 A Current Affair. 7.30 Mega Zoo. (PG) Two otters may be expecting pups. 8.30 Queen: Days Of Our Lives. (Mln, R) Part 1 of 2. Explores the story of legendary British rock group Queen. Begins with a look at how Freddie Mercury, Brian May, Roger Taylor and John Deacon met and formed the band, their early financially unsuccessful albums and stints on <i>Top of the Pops</i>. 11.00 Nine News Late. A look at the latest news and events. 11.30 The Fix. (Mav, R) 12.20 Tipping Point. (PG, R) 1.10 A Current Affair. (R) 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 2.30 Global Shop. (R) 3.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 5.00 News Early Edition. 5.30 Today.</p> <p>9GEM (81, 92) 6am TV Shop. 7.00 Creflo Dollar Ministries. 7.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. 10.30 Pointless. 11.30 My Favorite Martian. Noon Seaway. 1.00 Desert Vet. 2.00 The Young And The Restless. 2.55 Garden Gurus Moments. 3.00 Antiques Roadshow. 3.30 MOVIE: Brothers In Law. (1957) 5.30 Murder, She Wrote. 6.30 Antiques Roadshow. 7.30 As Time Goes By. 8.50 Midsomer Murders. 10.50 House. 11.50 Late Programs.</p>	<p>TEN (5, 1) 6.00 The Talk. (PGa) 7.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 7.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (R) 8.00 Studio 10. (PG) 12.00 Dr Phil. (PGal, R) 1.00 The Living Room. (PG, R) 2.00 Entertainment Tonight. 2.30 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. (R) 3.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 3.30 Freshly Picked With Simon Toohey. 4.00 Farm To Fork. (PG) 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. 5.00 10 News First.</p> <p>6.30 The Project. The hosts and guest panellists take a look at the day's news, events and hot topics. 7.30 All Aussie Adventures. (PGL, R) After checking out some ancient Aboriginal artwork, Russell drops by a remote farm to help out a mate. Afterwards, he heads into croc country, before tracking down some lost hikers and rescuing a pair of pensioners. 8.30 Bull. Bull takes on a sports agency's young assistant charged with providing a star client lethal drugs. 11.30 The Project. (R) A look at the day's news and events. 12.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) Late night talk show. 1.30 Home Shopping. (R) 2.30 Infomercials. (PG, R) 3.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 CBS Mornings. Morning news and talk show.</p> <p>10 PEACH (52, 11) 6am The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. 7.00 The King Of Queens. 8.00 Becker. 9.00 The Middle. 10.00 Frasier. 11.00 The King Of Queens. Noon Becker. 1.00 Man With A Plan. 1.30 Friends. 2.30 NBL Slam. 3.00 The King Of Queens. 4.00 Becker. 5.00 Frasier. 6.00 Friends. 8.00 The Big Bang Theory. 9.20 2 Broke Girls. Midnight Shopping. 12.30 Infomercials. 1.00 Shopping. 1.30 Late Programs.</p>
<p>NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 2pm Shortland Street. 2.30 Chefs' Line. 3.00 Wapos Bay. 3.25 The Magic Canoe. 3.50 Wolf Joe. 4.00 Aussie Bush Tales. 4.10 Project Planet. 4.35 Grace Beside Me. 5.00 Our Stories. 5.30 Te Ao With Moana. 6.00 Bamay. 6.40 News. 6.50 Undiscovered Vistas. 7.40 Hip Hop Evolution. 8.30 Going Native. 9.00 Hunting Aotearoa. 9.30 MOVIE: Gurrumul. (2017, MA15+) 11.15 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Loving. Continued. (2016, PG) 7.45 Goal! 2: Living The Dream. (2007, PG) 9.55 The Thief Of Bagdad. (1940, PG) 11.55 Beautiful Lies. (2010, M, French) 1.55pm A Monster Calls. (2016, PG) 3.55 Robinson Crusoe. (2016, PG) 5.35 Chalet Girl. (2011, PG) 7.30 Mississippi Grind. (2015, M) 9.30 Dogman. (2018, MA15+, Italian) 11.25 Kokowaah. (2011, M, German) 1.45am Late Programs.</p>	<p>7MATE (73) 6am Morning Programs. 9.00 Barter Kings. 10.00 America's Game. 11.00 A Football Life. Noon Dirty Rotten Survival. 2.00 The Grade Cricketer. 2.30 Seven's Motorsport Classic. 3.00 7th Gear. 4.00 Fish'n With Mates. 4.30 Barter Kings. 5.30 Storage Wars: TX. 6.00 American Pickers. 7.00 Pawn Stars. 8.30 Storage Wars. 9.30 Storage Wars: Miami. 10.00 Irish Pickers. 11.00 Late Programs.</p>	<p>9GO! (82, 93) 6am Children's Programs. Noon Hollywood Medium. 2.00 America's Top Dog. 3.30 3rd Rock From The Sun. 4.00 That '70s Show. 4.30 Malcolm. 5.30 The Nanny. 6.00 3rd Rock From The Sun. 6.30 That '70s Show. 7.00 Young Sheldon. 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. 8.30 MOVIE: Ace Ventura: Pet Detective. (1994, M) 10.15 MOVIE: Liar Liar. (1997, M) Midnight Desperate Housewives. 2.00 Late Programs.</p>	<p>10 BOLD (53, 12) 6am Infomercials. 8.00 Stories Of Bikes. 8.30 iFish Summer Series. 9.00 Rhys Darby: Big In Japan. 10.00 JAG. Noon MacGyver. 1.00 Star Trek. 3.00 Diagnosis Murder. 5.00 JAG. 7.00 Bondi Rescue. 7.30 NCIS. 8.30 NCIS: Los Angeles. 11.15 Evil. 12.10am Home Shopping. 1.40 Infomercials. 2.10 Motor Racing. Formula 1. Race 22. Abu Dhabi Grand Prix. Highlights. 3.10 NCIS. 5.00 The Doctors.</p>

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Thursday, December 16

<p>ABC TV (2) 6.00 News Breakfast. 9.00 ABC News Mornings. 10.00 Australia Remastered: Nature's Great Divide. (R) 11.05 The Heights. (PG, R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 1.00 Hard Quiz. (PG, R) 1.30 QI. (Ml, R) 2.05 Glitch. (Malv, R) 3.00 ABC News Afternoons. 4.10 Think Tank. (R) 5.10 Grand Designs. (R)</p> <p>6.00 The Drum. Analysis of the day's news. 7.00 ABC News. Takes a look at today's top stories. 7.30 7.30. (Final) Presented by Leigh Sales. 8.00 Barrie Cassidy's One Plus One. Barrie Cassidy speaks with Rebecca West. 8.30 Joanna Lumley's Unseen Adventures. (PG, R) Part 1 of 3. Joanna Lumley provides an insight into how her travel programs are made. 9.20 Nigella's Christmas Table. (R) Nigella Lawson shares her tips for relaxed entertaining during the festive season. 10.35 ABC Late News. 11.05 Christmas At St Paul's. (R) 12.10 Catching A Predator. (Ma, R) 1.05 Call The Midwife. (PG, R) 2.05 Rage. (MA15+adhlsv) 4.25 The Drum. (R) 5.25 7.30. (R)</p> <p>ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 7.15pm Odd Squad. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.30 Mock The Week. 9.00 Sammy J: Full Credit To Christmas. 10.00 Hard Quiz. (Final) 10.30 Gruen. (Final) 11.05 Doctor Who. 11.50 You Can't Ask That. 12.30am Penguins: Meet The Family. 1.25 The Misadventures Of Romesh Ranganathan. 2.25 Community. 2.50 Parks And Recreation. 3.10 ABC News Update. 3.15 Close. 5.05 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS (3) 6.00 Soccer. FIFA Arab Cup. Second semi-final. Continued. 7.00 WorldWatch. 11.30 Turkish News. 12.00 Arabic News F24. 12.30 ABC America: World News Tonight. 1.00 PBS NewsHour. 2.00 Tulip. (a, R) 2.15 The Chefs' Line. (R) 2.45 Child Genius. (R) 3.45 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. (PG, R) 4.15 The Wonderful World Of Chocolate. (R) 5.05 Jeopardy! (PG) 5.30 Letters And Numbers. (R)</p> <p>6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) 6.30 SBS World News. 7.35 The Wonderful World Of Chocolate. (PG) A tour of Whitakers' chocolate factory. 8.30 Red Election. (MA15+) The day of the referendum arrives and things are looking good for Adam. 9.25 Murder Case: Motive Unknown. (MA15+) Part 3 of 3. 10.30 SBS World News Late. 11.05 Gomorrah. (MA15+av, R) 12.00 We Are Who We Are. (Mls, R) 12.55 Darklands. (MA15+lv, R) 3.40 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. (MA15+ls, R) 4.35 VICE Guide To Film. (MA15+anv, R) 5.00 France 24 Feature. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.</p> <p>SBS VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. Noon Project Blue Book. 1.40 Hustle. 2.30 Gymnastics. FIG Artistic World Challenge Cup Series. Replay. 4.00 WorldWatch. 5.25 Joy Of Painting. 5.55 Shortland Street. 6.25 Rockwiz. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. 8.30 The Curse Of Oak Island. 10.00 The Source. 10.50 Vikings. 11.40 News. 12.35am Me And My Affair. 1.25 The X-Files. 2.15 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SEVEN (7) 6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 The Morning Show. (PG) 11.30 Seven Morning News. 12.00 World's Deadliest Weather: Caught On Camera. (PGa, R) 1.00 The Ashes: Pre-Game Show. 2.00 Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 1. Afternoon session. 4.00 The Ashes: Tea Break. 4.40 Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 1. Late afternoon session.</p> <p>6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 1. Evening session. 9.30 MOVIE: The Taking Of Pelham 123. (2009, MA15+lv, R) After subway train passengers are taken hostage, a dispatcher matches wits with the criminal mastermind. Denzel Washington, John Travolta, Luis Guzmán. 11.45 Autopsy USA: David Bowie. (Mad, R) A look at the death of David Bowie. 12.45 American Crime. (Masv, R) Kimara explores financial options. 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.</p> <p>7TWO (72) 6am Morning Programs. 8.00 Harry's Practice. 8.30 Million Dollar Minute. 9.30 NBC Today. 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A look at the latest news and events. 11.15 New Amsterdam. (Mam, R) Kapoor comes face to face with Ella. 12.05 Tipping Point. (PG, R) 1.00 A Current Affair. (R) 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 2.30 Global Shop. (R) 3.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 5.00 News Early Edition. 5.30 Today.</p> <p>9GEM (81, 92) 6am TV Shop. 7.00 Creflo Dollar Ministries. 7.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. 10.30 Pointless. 11.30 My Favorite Martian. Noon Seaway. 1.00 As Time Goes By. 2.10 The Young And The Restless. 3.05 Antiques Roadshow. 3.35 MOVIE: Alive And Kicking. (1958) 5.30 Murder, She Wrote. 6.30 Antiques Roadshow. 7.30 Death In Paradise. 8.40 The Brokenwood Mysteries. 10.40 Law & Order. 11.40 Late Programs.</p>	<p>TEN (5, 1) 6.00 The Talk. (PGa) 7.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 7.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (R) 8.00 Studio 10. (PG) 12.00 Dr Phil. (PGa, R) 1.00 The Living Room. (PG, R) 2.00 Entertainment Tonight. 2.30 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. (R) 3.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 3.30 Freshly Picked With Simon Toohey. 4.00 Farm To Fork. (PG) 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. 5.00 10 News First.</p> <p>6.30 The Project. A look at the day's news and events. 7.30 Jamie: Together At Christmas. Jamie prepares festive-themed dishes. 8.30 Law & Order: SVU. (Mav) Benson and Rollins must contend with unexpected interference from the FBI and the Organised Crime bureau in their latest investigation when a rape victim identifies a dangerous mobster as her assailant. 10.30 Blue Bloods. 11.30 The Project. (R) 12.30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) 1.30 Home Shopping. (R) 3.00 Infomercials. (PG) 3.30 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 CBS Mornings.</p> <p>10 PEACH (52, 11) 6am The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. 7.00 Frasier. 8.00 Becker. 9.00 The Middle. 10.00 Frasier. 11.00 The King Of Queens. Noon Becker. 1.00 Man With A Plan. 1.30 Friends. 2.00 Carol's Second Act. 3.00 The King Of Queens. 4.00 Becker. 5.00 Frasier. 6.00 Friends. 8.00 The Big Bang Theory. 9.30 Seinfeld. 11.00 2 Broke Girls. Midnight Shopping. 12.30 Infomercials. 1.30 Late Programs.</p>
<p>NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 12.30pm Going Native. 1.00 Ranger To Ranger. 2.00 Shortland Street. 2.30 Chefs' Line. 3.00 Wapos Bay. 3.25 The Magic Canoe. 3.50 Wolf Joe. 4.00 Aussie Bush Tales. 4.10 Project Planet. 4.35 Grace Beside Me. 5.00 Our Stories. 5.30 The 77 Percent. 6.00 Bamay. 6.30 News. 6.40 Undiscovered Vistas. 7.30 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. 8.30 Trickster. 9.20 MOVIE: Peeples. (2013) 11.05 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am The Thief Of Bagdad. Continued. (1940, PG) 7.25 Robinson Crusoe. (2016, PG) 9.05 Hawaa Hawaai. (2014, PG, Hindi) 11.20 Chalet Girl. (2011, PG) 1.15pm Loving. (2016, PG) 3.30 Heidi. (2015, PG, German) 5.35 Frantz. (2016, PG, French) 7.40 Hyde Park On Hudson. (2012, M) 9.30 The Traitor. (2019, MA15+, Italian) 12.15am Late Programs. 5.45 Chalet Girl. (2011, PG)</p>	<p>7MATE (73) 6am Morning Programs. 1pm Dirty Rotten Survival. 3.00 Pawn Stars. 4.00 Al McGlashan's Fish'n With Mates. 4.30 Barter Kings. 5.30 Storage Wars: TX. 6.00 Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 1. Late afternoon session. 6.40 The Ashes: Dinner Break. 7.00 Pawn Stars. 7.30 MOVIE: Big Trouble In Little China. (1986, M) 9.35 MOVIE: Executive Decision. (1996, M) 12.20am Late Programs.</p>	<p>9GO! (82, 93) 6am Children's Programs. 11.00 Survivor 41. 2pm Raymond. 3.00 The Nanny. 3.30 3rd Rock From The Sun. 4.00 That '70s Show. 4.30 Malcolm. 5.30 The Nanny. 6.00 3rd Rock From The Sun. 6.30 That '70s Show. 7.00 Young Sheldon. 7.30 Survivor 41. 10.30 MOVIE: Zombieland. (2009, MA15+) 12.15am Desperate Housewives. 2.10 Vanderpump Rules. 3.00 Teen Titans Go! 3.30 Late Programs.</p>	<p>10 BOLD (53, 12) 6am Home Shopping. 6.30 Infomercials. 8.00 What's Up Down Under. 8.30 NBL Slam. 9.00 Diagnosis Murder. 10.00 JAG. Noon MacGyver. 1.00 Star Trek. 3.00 Diagnosis Murder. 5.00 JAG. 7.00 Bondi Rescue. 7.30 NCIS. 8.30 Hawaii Five-O. 10.30 SEAL Team. 12.30am Infomercials. 1.00 Home Shopping. 2.00 SEAL Team. 3.00 Blue Bloods. 4.00 Hawaii Five-O.</p>

On Demand

BACK IN THE CITY

AND JUST LIKE THAT...
Streaming, Bing

BINGE

If you thought the *Sex and the City* ladies had complicated lives in their 30s, just wait 'til you see what life has in store for Carrie (Sarah Jessica Parker), Miranda (Cynthia Nixon) and Charlotte (Kristin Davis) in their 50s.

Based on the novel by Candace Bushnell, *Sex and the City* changed the way TV depicted sex, romance and friendships for women in their 30s when it premiered in 1998. In a recent interview with *Vogue*, Parker was quick to assure fans that the show is groundbreaking as ever, saying: "There's still a lot of sex in this version of *Sex and the City*."

This new chapter in Carrie and co.'s well-heeled story is shrouded in secrecy, but early clips from the 10-part series show that just like in real life, there's some old friends still in the picture, and others not so much.

Much has been made of Kim Cattrall's absence from the revival, but her character Samantha is simply living and working in London, leaving the door open for a future return. Mario Cantone and Willie Garson reprise their roles as Anthony and Stanford, while love interests Mr. Big (Chris Noth), Aidan (John Corbett), Harry (Evan Handler) and Steve (David Eigenberg) also return.

With the original series' costume designer Patricia Field filming *Emily in Paris* (streaming, Netflix), sartorial duties are in the hands of her collaborator Molly Rogers. Rogers' costume design is definitely on the money – pieces seen in paparazzi shots from the set of *And Just Like That...* have already sold out as a result.



Fifty and fabulous: Cynthia Nixon, Sarah Jessica Parker and Kristin Davis in *And Just Like That...*



THE PROTÉGÉ
Streaming, Amazon Prime Video

prime video

A diversely cast thriller with plenty of bite, *The Protégé* stars Maggie Q (pictured) as Anna, who was rescued as a child by legendary contract killer Moody (Samuel L. Jackson) and trained in the family craft. When Moody is killed, Anna's need for vengeance draws her into a deadly conflict with enigmatic assassin Rembrandt (Michael Keaton).



QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE
Streaming, Paramount+

Paramount+

Hosted by Graham Norton, this competition brings together 14 of the world's fiercest drag artists in a singing extravaganza with \$250,000 on the line, judged by a pop-diva panel of judges, including former Miss America Vanessa Williams, *RuPaul's Drag Race* judge Michelle Visage, drag superstar Trixie Mattel and singer Leona Lewis (pictured, from left).



LA FORTUNA
Streaming, SBS On Demand

SBS ON DEMAND

When Alex Ventura (Álvaro Mel, pictured with Ana Polvorosa) walks into the Ministry of Culture for his first day on the job, what awaits is an adventure he never could have imagined. In this thrilling series, he'll have to prove the largest underwater treasure in history sank in Spanish waters, then recover it from aptly named Captain Frank Wild (Stanley Tucci).



UNDER THE VINES
Streaming, Acorn TV

ACORN TV

This quirky six-part rom-com stars Rebecca Gibney (pictured) as Daisy, a Sydney socialite who heads across the ditch to sell the rural winery she inherited from her stepfather. Once there, Daisy learns she has a co-owner in grumpy lawyer Louis (Charles Edwards). They'll have to work together to turn a profit, but it won't be easy.



THE LAST DUEL
Streaming, Foxtel On Demand

FOXTEL

Director Ridley Scott adds to his resumé of A-list adrenaline-filled epics with this 14th-century tale. When an allegation of sexual assault is made by a knight's wife (*Killing Eve*'s Jodie Comer), the king declares that the 'dispute' should be settled by a duel between her husband (Matt Damon) and the accused squire (Adam Driver, pictured left with Damon).



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- 1: Harb Heslin enjoying the Not So Silent Night at Edkins Park.
- 2: Rochelle Bichsel and Georgia Palmer having a good time at the Christmas Party.
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- 12: The IGA staff enjoying the Christmas Party.
- 13: Suzie Anderson, Monnie Everett, and Leanne Dicoski just came from the Outback Aussie Tours party.



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This photo is to give an idea of the lifestyle. The small wagon is for personal items, camping gear and food, etc. This photo is from the era though we have no record of who owned it at that time.

Teamsters in the 1880s

The extracts below - anonymously contributed to the **WINTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY** - are from the reminiscences of a young man who left his home in Sydney to start work with a carrier operating out of Rockhampton before his 11th birthday. Late in life he wrote his story, which was later edited by his family, and reprinted here with their approval.

I worked two teams of bullocks for, my first start in life on my own, stock loading from Barcaldine to Winton for £3 per ton.

I and Fred Harris, who was killed in a shaft in Croydon.

The loading was to build the hospital in Winton. Then went down to Prairie and loaded timber to build the Winton Herald Office for a Mr Maxwell.

I then stayed in those parts for some time, rented my team to Mat Tyrrell and stayed with my old boss, Jack Hill, who had bought a butchering business in Winton till he bought a roadside pub at Coxes Dam on the Hughenden and Winton road after selling out of his business in Winton.

I shifted the old pub from Coxes Dam to the Whitewood Dam, then I went carrying again.

I had then two good teams.

I got one load from Winton but could not get one for the second team and was persuaded by

the agent to take a steam engine, 6 ton 11 cwt to a station called Llanrheidol at Middleton.

This none of the carriers would load as they were afraid of capsizing it as it was very high and narrow.

It was packed in one big case.

The agent offered me ten-pound bonus if I landed it safely.

So I took it.

Loaded it with the big crane and delivered it at the station safely but they wanted it taken 6 miles over the loose downs to where they intended putting down the first bore on that station.

Mr Archie McGuigan was then the manager and he gave me an extra £5 to take it to the said site.

So the despised load turned out a good load for me.

We camped there about three months waiting to take back wool.

While there, I carted 100 cords of firewood for the shearers' hut and made good money.

I also helped a carpenter build a big wool store and got 10/- per day. It was all fish to my net in those days.

Harry Thompson, who had three teams, travelled out with me and we were waiting in the one camp near the station to load wool back. I remember one Sunday coming to the

fire as it was very cold and Thompson had two pennies and said, "A Daller I head them" and I said "A daller you miss" which he did.

That started the ball rolling and we played till dark.

By that time I had won £70, a good race-horse and a new rug.

With the horse, I won two match races of £10 a side in Hughenden and then sold him for £40 to a Mr Tompkins who won a lot of races with him after.

It was there in Hughenden that I first met my late wife.

She was not long out from Inverness, Scotland and still had the bloom on her cheeks.

I sold my two teams of bullocks, one to Mat Tyrrell and the other to Phil Shaw.

After selling the bullocks I bought a team of horses.

They were a poor team but I soon made them up to a very good team.

I left my teams in Vindex station in charge of Phil Shaw while I rode to Hughenden and then to the Towers where the wife was then a barmaid at the Queens Hotel.

We got married there by Rev. Watt Allen.

Took the wife back and left her at Peter Neilson Hotel in Hughenden while I rode to Vindex and brought my team in loaded with wool. Then I made a short trip to Richmond and

when I came back, my first home was built, a big Spring Cart with a tilt on.

At that time, I had a big Table Top Wagon being built by Atkinson & Sons which I called the Natives Pride.

I think it cost me about £100. My first trip with the new wagon and the wife, she came with me driving the cart, was to Sesbania.

I was loaded with big stockyard posts cut in the desert.

We were very comfortable in our Spring Cart with a big fibre mattress and our swing lamp.

There was no flies on us.

We were both well satisfied with our lot.

I had broken in a big bay mare, Tess was her name.

She had 4 colt foals from 4 years of age down to the foal.

They all pulled the cart and when we stopped, they would all want to have a suck at the old mare.

Of course, we had a Nanny Goat for milk. Yes, we were well equipped for the life.

Our next load was to Woodstock, a fairly long trip.

When I unloaded and got my cheque, I gave it to the wife and she said it was the most money she had ever handled.

How a Canadian came to a rewarding life on the land

ILLFRACOME INTRIGUE By Joanne Robertson

Hello.

I suppose I should introduce myself before I get started on this new journey.

My name is Joanne Robertson, and I live on Arundel, a sheep and cattle property about an hour northeast of Longreach.

Next door to Rodney Downs, as I tell some people, since it's a bigger place more people know.

If you draw a triangle connecting Ilfracombe, Aramac, and Barcaldine, we're smack in the middle of it.

I first came to the district in 1994 to teach at the Longreach School of Distance Education, or LSOE for short.

As happens often out here, I met a grazier

at a "B and S" and the rest is history.

Except it wasn't that straightforward since I was an exchange teacher from Canada so, we spent the next 18 months ping-ponging back and forth between Australia and Canada - he meeting my family and me meeting his.

And, getting engaged (here) and married (there).

Until, I was finally able to get a permanent visa to join my new husband... who left about a month after the wedding.

It was a much easier process to come here to teach than to live here.

When I went for a police background check in Canada, which required a very embarrassed and apologetic young constable

taking my fingerprints like they do criminals, one of my family asked, "Do you still have to prove you're a convict to get into Australia?" (You don't.)

I entered the country as a migrant the following July.

As my husband likes to say, "we were happily married for six months, then they let my wife into the country".

We celebrated our silver wedding anniversary last Christmas, and I've been living here for over 25 years now.

Fun Fact: a local couple married just after us, and their marriage was over before I made it back to Australia.

We were separated longer than they were married.

Happily, ours worked out, and we are still at Arundel together.

We also have two grown-up kids, one working in Brisbane and the other attending university in Townsville.

I've been asked to write about living on the land, so I suppose the first thing I have to say is it tends to be a rather unorthodox way of living, as meeting my husband and our courtship attests.

But, it's also a rewarding way of life, especially when it rains, which it has this past week.

I hope to write more about rain, but I'll also write about the drought and other aspects of living on Arundel

Until we meet again.

Longreach *Leader* COMMUNITY EVENTS BILLBOARD

DECEMBER

Friday, 10 December

First Five Forever

An interactive educational experience for children learning to read.

Location: Longreach Library

Time: 10 am

Multi-Purpose Raffle and RSL Raffle Draw

Head on down to the Longreach RSL for your chance to win big.

Location: Longreach RSL

Time: 6.30 pm

Christmas Street Party

Hosted by the Longreach Lions Club experience street stalls, fireworks, and a truck pulling competition.

Location: Eagle Street

Time: 7 pm.

Winton ICPA AGM

Come have listen in on the future of Distance Education Students

Time: 4.30 pm

Location: North Gregory Hotel

Winton Christmas Party

All welcome. Late night shopping.

Location: Elderslie St

Time: 6 pm

Saturday, 11 December

Park Run

Looking to get fit and make friends? Come join Park Run.

Location: 110 Spoonbill St, Longreach.

Time: 7 am

Morning Golf

Morning shootout of golf.

Location: Longreach Golf Course.

Time: 7 am

QCWA Monthly Markets

Monthly Markets held by the Longreach QCWA

Location: Qantas Park

Time: 9 am

Alpha Christmas Markets

Open to all residents and travellers. Anyone welcome to have a stall, fee of \$5 per stall (bring your own tab).

Location: Alpha Town Hall

Time: 8 am

Barcaldine Bowls Christmas Fair

Looking for anyone who would like to hold a stall there. If interested please contact Veronica. Need to be notified by Friday 4 December 2021.

Location: Barcaldine Bowls Club

Time: 6.30 pm

Mttaburra Town and Country Christmas Tree

Ham, chook and chocolate Raffles. Santa arriving at 7.30pm. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. BBQ Dinner. Cash only. BYO drinks.

Location: Jubilee Park

Time: 6 pm

Sunday, 12 December

Longreach Town Band Mixed Ensemble Rehearsals

Location: Longreach State School.

Time: 4pm

Monday, 13 December

Longreach Town Band Brass Ensemble Rehearsals

Location: Longreach State School

Time: 6pm

Longreach SES Group Training

Come be a vital part of the community.

Location: Longreach SES Base

Time: 7 pm

Christmas Lights Tour

Outback Aussie Tours invites you to come see the Christmas Lights around Longreach.

Location: Longreach Railway Station

Time: 6.30 pm

Tuesday, 14 December

Qantas Founders Museum Movie Night

Come down to the Qantas Founders Museum on Tuesday 7 December to watch a free screening of Arthur Christmas!! BYO Blanket and Pillow. Free Popcorn and Candy Canes. Water only.

Location: Qantas Founders Museum

Time: 6 pm

Longreach Squash

Come along and have a bash.

Location: Longreach Squash Courts

Time: 5.30 pm

Thomson River Lions Club Meeting

A meet-up for people who are a part of, or wish to be a part of, the Thomson River Lions Club, formerly the Lioness Club.

Location: Birdcage Hotel

Time: 6 pm

Prize entries: Callout for regional artists

The Outback Regional Gallery in Winton is now calling for final entries for the 2022 John Villiers Outback Art Prize.

The long-running, annual art prize generously sponsored since 2012 by The John Villiers Trust attracts artworks from across Australia, with the judges having the unenviable task of narrowing down the finalist pieces for exhibition and choosing the prize winners.

This year's prize pool is \$16,000 with the overall winner receiving \$10,000, and the art-

work being acquired for the art gallery collection.

Exhibition supervisor Karen Stephens remarked: "You never really know how artists will approach the theme Outback".

"Over time we've received artworks that range from traditional styles with technical proficiency of mediums, naïve storytelling, to wild abstractions.

"Our prize is also unique in that the final-

ist exhibition showcases side by side remote, regional, emerging, and established artists.

"What the judges are looking for is the best depiction of 'contemporary outback' through mediums of painting, drawing, textile, mixed media, sculpture or printmaking."

Last year, the inaugural emerging youth category for ages 15-26 years was held for the first time in the history of the prize.

Call for entries will close Monday 10 Janu-



Bailey Donovan's glass vessels *Dry Grass* won the 2021 Emerging Youth Category.

ary, at 5pm.

For more information contact karens@matildacentre.com.au

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"Vaccination Special" saw a return-to-form for South Park, with Post Covid proving to be just as good if not better." - Hamish Hart.

South Park looks post-Covid

Fans have been speculating for over 20 years whether South Park would canonically portray the children as adults, and thanks to this special, nearly all queries have been answered.

Post-Covid delves into the future of the main four - Stan, Kyle, Eric, and Kenny; all of whom are given near-perfect character progression and development.

Being a direct sequel to "The Vaccination Special" earlier this year, Paramount Plus's "Post Covid" tackles many surrounding Covid-19 on top of new ones including anti-vaxxers, new variants, and pandemic fatigue in gut-wrenching and controversial ways like only South Park can.

The special also takes jabs at what the future has in store for us through scarily realistic predictions such as Amazon Alexas becoming physical beings, children playing outside with VR headsets, and perhaps the funniest running gag, that doorbells in the future will literally sing to you about how they can sing in the future; a stupid joke only made funny by Trey Parker's absurdly funny vocals.

"Vaccination Special" saw a return-to-form

MOVIE REVIEW

HAMISH HART



for South Park, with "Post Covid" proving to be just as good if not better.

The risky decision to perform a 40-year time skip was a breath of fresh air in a show which has remained a standard-bearer for future adult sitcoms, allowing for immense character progression and a broader range of jokes to be explored and capitalised on.

Parker and Stone listened to fans and gave them character growth for nearly every fourth grader, showcasing their earnest progression from plucky elementary school kids to pandemic-hardened adults who remain as ingenious as they do hilarious.

Full review available at movieswithhart.com.

COMICS

Bottled Fruit



"Scrub that previous message Houston. There is no, I repeat no intelligent life on Mars."

Insert Brain Here



Doodley Squat



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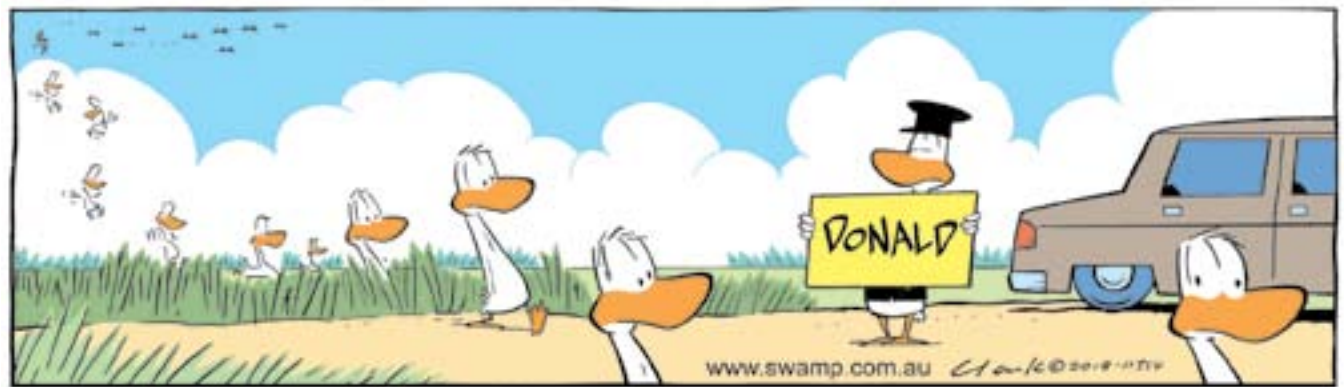
Against the Grain



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Insanity Streak



Ballard Street



Grin Bin



Plea for ‘climate priority’

By Michael R Williams

Bruce Currie, a grazier just north of Jericho, has beseeched both major parties to make climate change a number one priority ahead of the upcoming election.

As a part of the “It’s What Queenslanders Do Campaign”, Mr Currie hopes to break the greenie stereotype associated with climate activism.

The campaign, conceived by Charlotte Rogers and Exit Ghost Productions, aims to cast aside “the divisiveness too often propagated by outside voices”.

The campaigners encourage locals to get knowledgeable about climate change, write letters to their MPs, be considerate at the polling booth, and be considerate about your personal carbon footprint.

In 2011, Mr Currie’s production system was decimated by fires; 10 years on, he is still suffering the consequences.

“The way I see it, people have to get mobilised and take the issues seriously because, us famers, we produce food not for the right to farm but for the right for people to eat.”

He joined the campaign after earning a doctorates worth of experience in working with regenerative agriculture.

“I’ve spent at last 40 years sourcing information and literature and being involved in campaigns to learn about the process.”

“One of the big concerns is that we’re dealing with climate change, so we’ve jumped on board for any campaign that focusses on sustainability, regenerative agriculture, and addresses climate change.”

For Mr Currie, regenerative agriculture is not just a hobby but a matter of survival.

“We’ve always been enthusiastic about regenerative agriculture because when you consider the principles of regenerative agriculture: maximum ground cover, maximum water infiltration, maximum biodiversity, and minimum erosion, those are all factors that don’t only provide for a sustainable and profitable future for



Bruce Currie on his property north of Jericho.

my property but also provides for a sustainable planet for future generations,” he said.

“That’s where our passions have always laid; it’s not just what’s good for us, but what are we leaving behind for future generations.

“And, the overriding factor in that whole equation is – what’s the climate going to be like, what’s the environment going to be like going forward?

“If the temperature out here rises by 1.5 or event degrees, the frequency and severity of droughts in Western Queensland could potentially make this country uninhabitable.”

Mr Currie said westerners are already experiencing drought’s disruptive effects on local economies.

“I can remember a number of years ago regularly going to cattle sales in Longreach,” he said.

“Because of the drought, a lot of those sales stopped occurring.

“The best way to combat climate change and to reduce the severity of drought is to be involved in regenerative agriculture.”

Mr Currie agreed that droughts are natural and not a foreign concept to westerners.

“Drought is a very subjective concept, so when you’re talking about drought how sever is that specific dry spell you’re talking about?” he said.

“What were the temperatures when that event occurred? The best thing we can do to minimise drought, is to take the maximum opportunity to occur across our landscape.

“Whether it’s a general occurrence or an isolated occurrence across your property, if you can capture as much moisture as you can and get that moisture in the ground, that will

reduce the impact of that dry spell on your property.”

Mr Currie said the best thing for central west locals to do is to consider the impact their homes and properties are having on the environment.

“Maybe you’re not making the most out of every rain event, or you don’t have quite as much ground coverage as you could, or you’re lacking in biodiversity,” he said.

“Get yourself up to speed and get knowledge in that area.

“Then also pressure and lobby your representatives to give you some support to do that.

“At the moment, the government are throwing around money willy-nilly at programs they claim support primary producers and farmers, but very little of it is getting to the farmers on the ground so that they can do tangible projects.”

It’s official: La Nina established in the tropical Pacific

The Bureau of Meteorology has officially stated that La Niña has become established in the tropical Pacific.

The Bureau said its ENSO Outlook has been raised to LA NIÑA. Climate models suggest this La Niña will be short-lived, persisting until the late southern hemisphere summer or early autumn 2022. La Niña events increase the chance of above-average rainfall across much of northern and eastern Australia during summer.

Several indicators of the El Niño–Southern Oscillation (ENSO) now show clear La Niña patterns. Sea surface temperatures

in the tropical Pacific are close to La Niña thresholds, with climate model outlooks expecting them to cool further. In the atmosphere, cloud and wind patterns are typical of La Niña, indicating the atmosphere is now responding to, and reinforcing, the changes observed in the ocean.

The negative Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) is approaching its end, with oceanic index values in the neutral range. However, cloud and wind patterns across the eastern Indian Ocean suggest some IOD influence remains. All models indicate the IOD will remain neutral for the coming months, consistent with its typical seasonal cycle. A negative IOD in-

creases the chances of above-average spring rainfall for much of southern and eastern Australia.

The Madden–Julian Oscillation (MJO) is currently over the Maritime Continent region at weak to moderate strength. The MJO is forecast to progress eastwards across the Maritime Continent and into the western Pacific over the coming fortnight, increasing the chances of above-average rainfall across northern Australia and the Maritime Continent, to Australia’s north.

The Southern Annular Mode (SAM) has generally been positive for several weeks. It

is forecast to remain at positive levels to the end of the year. A positive SAM during summer typically brings wetter weather to eastern parts of Australia, but drier than average conditions for western Tasmania.

Climate change continues to influence Australian and global climate. Australia’s climate has warmed by around 1.44 °C for the 1910–2019 period. Rainfall across northern Australia during its wet season (October–April) has increased since the late 1990s. In recent decades there has been a trend towards a greater proportion of rainfall from high-intensity short-duration rainfall events, especially across northern Australia.

World-leading protection: Celebrating biosecurity success

This National Agriculture Day, the Australian Government has celebrated Australia’s world-class biosecurity system, thanking Australians who keep our land free of exotic pests and diseases.

Minister for Agriculture and Northern Australia, David Littleproud said the Australian Government was committed to a strong biosecurity system that protects Australian agriculture and jobs, enabling us to grow our exports and, importantly, maintains our environment and lifestyle.

“It’s been a tough couple of years for all Australians, as we have battled natural disasters and the pandemic,” Minister Littleproud said.

“Despite the odds, the total value of farm production came in at \$68 billion in 2020-21 and is forecast to rise to \$73 billion in 2021-22 - our enviable biosecurity system has been key to this.

“Protecting our enviable pest and disease status and the jobs which rely on it is critical to ensuring our agriculture industry can continue to provide world-class products around the globe.

Minister Littleproud said maintaining and

improving biosecurity was fundamental to growing the agricultural industry.

“We have biosecurity officers, scientists, and Indigenous Rangers – and the tools they need – helping to stop biosecurity threats in their tracks,” he said.

“Delivering our \$400.1 million biosecurity Budget package will be a focus for the foreseeable future.

“New biosecurity legislation passed in June gives courts access to higher penalties that reflect the true seriousness of non-compliance with the new maximum penalty at \$1.11 million.

“Australia’s biosecurity system yields large positive benefits for all Australians, our agricultural industries, and the environment that we live in, and we want agriculture and biosecurity jobs to remain an attractive place of work for young Australians.

“This Ag Day I want to thank governments, Australian agriculture industries, and the communities which rely on them for playing their part in ensuring our produce remains the envy of the world,”



Federal Agriculture Minister David Littleproud.

Gardening

Neil Fisher



A cool white garden

I think the hot weather might be about to set in for the Summer.

We have been so fortunate over the last few months to have had such a long period of mild weather added with that beautiful rain that covered so much of the region.

With the temperature to hover above the mid-thirties for the rest of the weekend, it is time to look for those cool spots in the garden. But you can feel even hotter when looking into the garden and seeing nothing but the hot vibrant colours of many of the plants.

Have you ever noticed how much cooler a garden planted with white flowers can look?

I love seeing the Evergreen Frangipani or Plumeria obtusa in full summer bloom.

But it is not only for the plants' beautiful white flowers.

It is also the delightful perfume that seems to drift in the late afternoon to early evening.

So why not plant a garden of white flowering shrubs as a cool escape from our hot, humid climate?

There are many beautiful shrubs that could be used, but the following are some interesting plant varieties, all-white flowering, which are worth trying in an attempt to cool yourself and your garden:

Barleria cristata or Philippines Violet is an evergreen small shrub that is widely grown as an ornamental, particularly as a flowering hedge plant.

During Spring and Summer, this shrub will become covered in pure white trumpet-shaped flowers.

It will grow in the most hostile conditions and always look great but prefers a warm, sunny position in the garden and also makes a spectacular tub plant.

Bauhinia variegata Alba or White Orchid Tree is a dry season deciduous small tree with attractive Butterfly two-lobed leaves.

Masses of beautiful fragrant orchid-like white flowers will appear in spring and intermittently in summer followed by flattened brown seed pods. Growing about 5 to 6 metres high and the same in width, it is ideal as a shade tree in medium to large gardens.

Buddleia davidii White Bouquet is an evergreen medium shrub with spikes of fragrant white flowers. The Summer flowering season will attract birds and butterflies in mass to the garden. White Bouquet will grow in most positions in the garden but prefers good drainage. White Bouquet is one of the first Buddleia hybrids grown in Queensland and is still one of the best.

Calliandra haematocephala Alba or The

White Pom Pom is a large spreading shrub, growing to three metres if left unpruned.

Showy white pom pom flowers appear most of the year, though heaviest during July and August or after rain.

It is able to be kept trimmed into small hedges without a lot of effort.

Carissa Desert Star is an attractive shrub with dense thick glossy green foliage and small thorns.

During the warmer months, this plant is scattered with star-shaped lightly scented white flowers that appear at the end of each branch. Desert Star is ideal for pots and tubs, dry borders, and rockeries and will require little maintenance.

Convolvulus cneorum or Silver Bush is a silver foliaged groundcover that provides something different for the garden with masses of large white flowers produced during the warmer months.

It is excellent as a specimen plant and is ideal for borders and pots on patios.

It handles sun or part shade, is salt and drought tolerant, and frost hardy.

Jasminum Sambac or Arabian Jasmine is a rambling shrub with glossy foliage and highly fragrant white flowers which will bloom over an extended period of time.

It is best planted close to the house so you can enjoy the fragrance in the evening and also protect this shrub from frost. In the right location, Jasminum Sambac can grow to 3m high and 2m across.

Jacaranda White Christmas is one of the most distinctive flowering trees when in full bloom.

Large heads of faintly perfumed white flowers appear in late Spring through to Summer that contrast beautifully with the lime green foliage.

White Christmas is a deciduous tree that reaches a height of 8 to 10 metres, and up to 8 metres across when fully mature.

Jacarandas have a comfortable spreading habit that seems to invite gardeners to place Elkhorns and Stag horns on the trunk.

If the Jacaranda is given too much water prior to flowering, the foliage will engulf the buds and you will lose the startling effect of the flowering.

I plan to publish some pictures of living Christmas Trees in the Christmas edition of the Longreach Leader. So if you have that living Christmas Tree please send a picture to fishersnursery@bigpond.com



Jasminum Sambac Barcaldine



Convolvulus cneorum



Calliandra haematocephala Alba in Tambo



Jacaranda White Christmas



Buddleia davidii White Bouquet in Blackall



Barleria cristata white



Bauhinia variegata Alba

WEATHER

FORECAST

Warnings

See www.bom.gov.au/australia/warnings

Longreach:

Sunny. Winds south to southwesterly 15 to 20 km/h tending south to southeasterly 15 to 25 km/h during the morning then tending south to southwesterly during the day.
Saturday. Sunny.

Isisford:

Sunny.
Saturday. Sunny.

Barcaldine:

Sunny.
Saturday. Sunny.

Central West District:

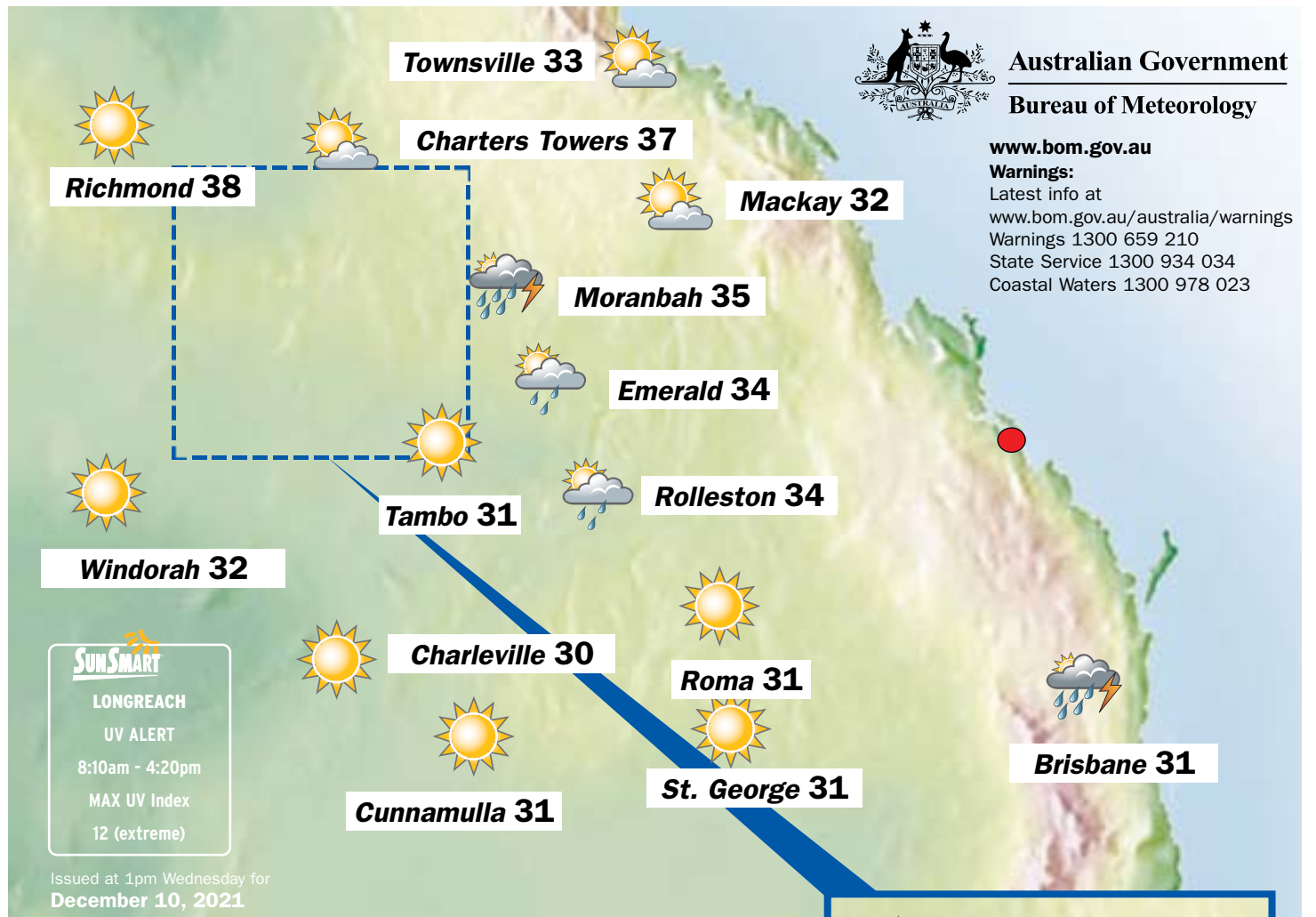
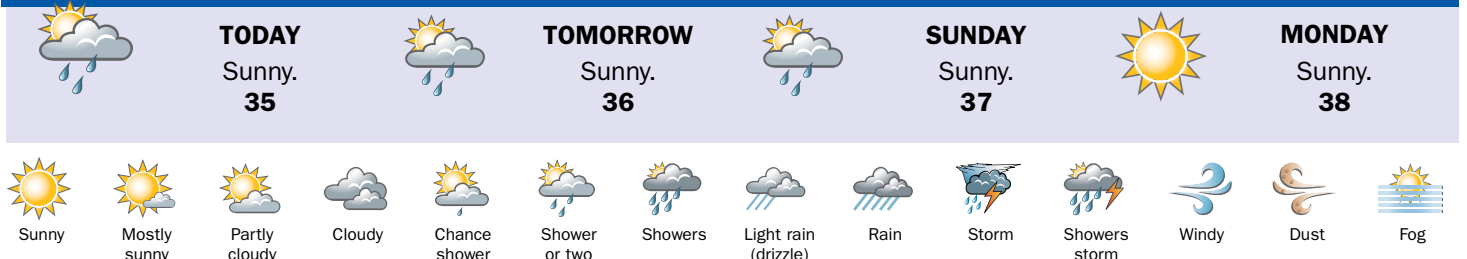
Mostly sunny. The chance of a storm in the northeast in the afternoon and evening. Winds southerly 20 to 30 km/h becoming light during the evening.

Queensland:

A trough will extend from the Gulf Country across eastern districts, possibly moving off the Southeast Coast late in the day. A high in the Great Australian Bight will extend a ridge and mostly clear skies across interior Queensland. A slight to medium chance of showers and storms in the east and north, increasing to a high chance about the Wide Bay and Capricornia and a high to very high chance in northern Cape York Peninsula. Temperatures near or above average in the east and far north, below average across the interior.

Saturday. A trough extending to the Gulf Country to southeast of state is likely to remain slow-moving over eastern districts. However, still some uncertainty around the exact movements of this system. A high near Tasmania will extend a weak ridge over western and interior parts of the state. Mostly sunny in the west and interior. A slight to medium chance of showers in the southeast. A slight to medium chance of showers and storms about the far north and eastern districts north of the Sunshine coast. Increasing to a medium to high chance over the Peninsula and Wide Bay and Burnett districts. Temperatures near or above average in the east and far north, below average across the interior.

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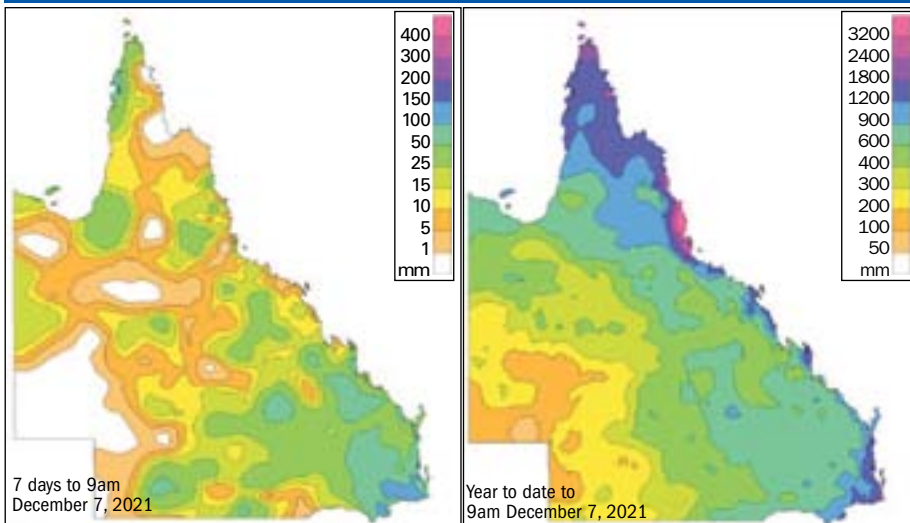
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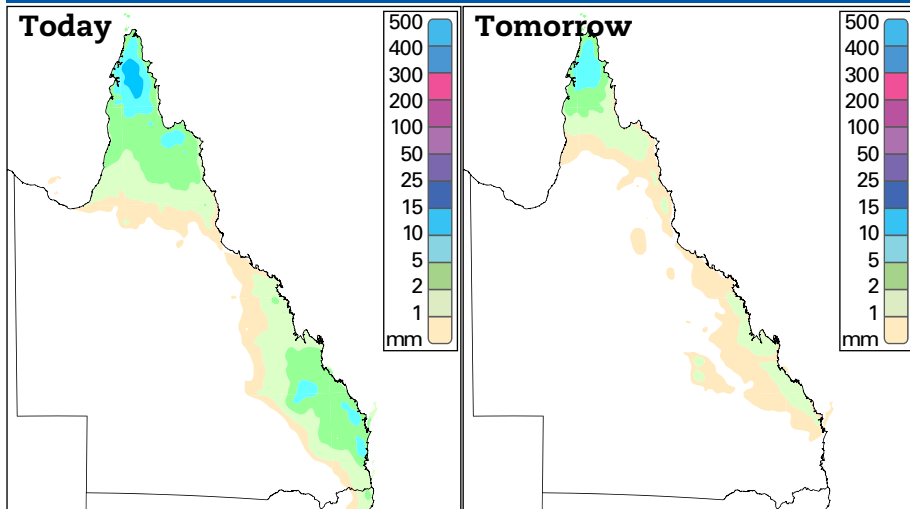
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RAINFALL



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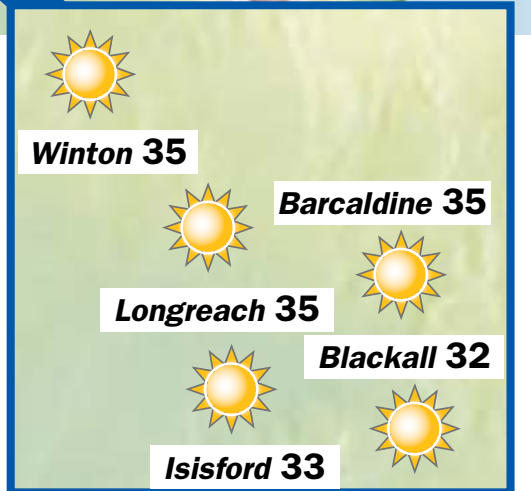


CAPITAL CITIES

City	Condition	Max
Adelaide	Mostly sunny.	24
Brisbane	Shower or two. Possible storm.	31
Canberra	Shower or two.	17
Darwin	Showers. Possible storm.	33
Hobart	Possible shower.	17
Melbourne	Cloudy.	20
Perth	Partly cloudy.	25
Sydney	Shower or two.	24

SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonsset
Thursday	5:00am	6:34pm	9:50am	11:23pm
Friday	5:01am	6:35pm	10:51am	Nil
Saturday	5:01am	6:35pm	11:49am	12:02am
Sunday	5:01am	6:36pm	12:43pm	12:37am
Monday	5:02am	6:37pm	1:35pm	1:09am
Tuesday	5:02am	6:37pm	2:26pm	1:40am



THE WORLD

World conditions yesterday

City	Weather	Max	Min
Athens	fine	19	7
Auckland	showers	26	18
Bangkok	fine	31	22
Beijing	fine	8	0
Berlin	snow	-1	-3
Christchurch	fine	24	12
Denpasar	cloudy	32	25
Dublin	showers	9	2
Hong Kong	sunny	23	18
Honolulu	sunny	27	24
Jakarta	rain	28	25
Johannesburg	storms	24	16
Kuala Lumpur	storms	33	24
London	sunny	7	5
Los Angeles	rain	14	11
Madrid	cloudy	11	4
Moscow	rain	0	-3
New Delhi	fog	24	10
New York	sunny	4	1
Noumea	showers	31	25
Paris	fine	8	3
Auckland	showers	26	18
Port Vila	fine	31	23
Seoul	cloudy	11	2
Singapore	showers	33	24
Suva	storms	30	24
Tel Aviv	showers	18	15
Tokyo	cloudy	12	8
Vancouver	showers	5	0
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Use for Service Station
(Unmanned Truck Refuelling Facility)

Where: Codlin Street, Yaraka Qld 4731

On: Lot 541 on SP102294

Approval sought: Development Permit for
Material Change of Use

Application ref: DA21/22-009

You may obtain a copy of the application
and make submission to:

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assist@longreach.qld.gov.au
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Longreach Regional Council

Ilfracombe Localised Longreach Yaraka

Public and Special Holiday 2022

Pursuant to Section 4 of the Holidays Act 1983,
the Minister for Education and Minister for Industrial
Relations has appointed 13 May 2022 a holiday in the
Longreach Regional Council area for the purpose of
the Longreach Agricultural Show.

Notification of the appointment of the 2021
special holidays was published in the Queensland
Government Gazette on 26 November 2021. A copy
of the gazette can be accessed on the Queensland
Government's publications website, the special
holidays notifications commence on page 396 of
the gazette.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to
contact Council directly on (07) 4658 4111.

Mitchell Murphy
Chief Executive Officer

PO Box 144
Ilfracombe QLD 4727

Public Notices
and Event

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Brooke was born to ride

By Michael R Williams

Barcaldine-based senior jockey Brooke Richardson has officially been dubbed Central West Jockey Champion, and has had to fight to prove her worth as a female jockey.

Horse racing is a part of Ms Richardson's genetic make-up, both her father and grandfather were jockeys.

She started her adventure in Barcaldine but spent much of her childhood between Toowoomba and Duramba Downs, commencing her jockeying apprenticeship in Toowoomba while still in high school at the age of 16.

"We grew up riding horses, it's always been a part of our life," she said.

"I used to watch my father ride in the races, and my grandfather also was a race horse trainer.

"So, I used to go to the race track with him before school; I liked just going and watching the horses work.

"The whole family were involved in racing, so it all sort of stemmed from there."

Jockeying is a four-year apprenticeship under Racing Queensland with a trainer of your choice, meaning Ms Richardson was able to start her training under her own grandfather.

In 2010, she would have her first race ride.

Bush bashing

Racing ever since, Ms Richardson said she was proud of her achievement riding both in the bush and in the cities.

"I've rode a few winners in Brisbane, but I think all my wins are pretty special and important to me," she said.

"I might have to mention winning the Roma Cup back-to-back in 2018 and 2019 on the same horse.

"That was pretty special."

Ms Richardson said the racing in the bush was just as good, but there is significantly less pressure.

"The people are more understanding because there is less trainers and jockeys," she said.

"It's a more close knit community and a more relaxed atmosphere."

Ms Richardson said she was pleased to see racing grow in the regions since she was a young girl.

"I remember growing up and going to the Barcaldine races to watch my father ride," she said.

"I think racing, in general, is becoming more popular with the younger people.

"They're getting really good crowds to the meeting, and I think there is a lot more jockeys coming through, and there's more women jockeys too."

Ms Richardson said she believed racing, and its recent growth, was greatly beneficial to the regions.

"It's certainly good for these little communities," she said.

"I think for people who have been struggling with drought that getting involved, it's



Brooke Richardson has been racing for 11 years.



Brooke Richardson with her son.

more of a special event than just a race meeting.

Breaking the mould

When Ms Richardson started her apprenticeship, she said, often she would be the only female jockey, now it seems there has been a great influx of young woman taking the reins.

"I think that we've come a long way, and we've had a lot of women over the years who have paved the way for us," she said.

"I think that now, within the past few years and looking forward, we're on a pretty level playing field.

"I don't feel as though I get treated any differently as being a girl.

Ms Richardson said, however, it was different at the beginning of her career.

"I did have to work a lot harder for my rides, people were still of the mindset that men are

more aggressive and stronger on a horse," she said.

"But, I think people are changing their perception – women are strong, but also when you're dealing with animals who do have their own brain, women can be a lot more nurturing, and soft, and kind.

"Sometimes that gets more out of an animal than just being physically strong; sometimes it take soft hands and a good temper to bring out a horses best ability."

For Ms Richardson, horse racing as a girl is about connecting deeply with the animal.

"Horses are very sensitive animals; if a fly lands on them then a muscle will twitch," she said.

"I try to approach a race with a clear mind, when you get on them with a positive attitude, the horses will feel that.

"I don't necessarily enjoy racing, I just enjoy

getting the best out of an animal; I don't necessarily need to win to get that good feeling – I could run a third place on a horse that got back on the field and came home flying and still feel like it was worth it."

Ms Richardson has been racing for 11 years, she has her own child now – but she feels she is just starting the pinnacle of her skills.

"I think it's a long time, when you start at such a young age," she said.

"Racing isn't just a job, it's a lifestyle – you give up a lot of things.

"That's why we do it because we love it."

Lately, Ms Richardson said she has had a lot of success with the Todd Austin and the David Rewald Stables.

She is closer in the overall Country Jockey's Premiership than what she has been in a long time.

Lloydy's Serve

Micheal Lloyd



Okay CA, let's have the Fifth Test in Longreach

It's summer in Australia and our sports brains turn to cricket. Sure there is tennis and that game that half the world plays, but with the First Test starting this week this column is all about cricket.

For a cricket nut like myself, the only bad things about summer are flies and the commercials for I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here, and at least flies mean rain.

Yes, people think we are crazy for standing out in the field on a 42-degree day, but it's what we do.

To many of us, the Australian men's cricket captain has been the highest office in the land, and the last two resignations have hit me and

many supporters hard.

These days it is somewhat expected of politicians, Hollywood celebrities, and NSW rugby league players, but bad behaviour by our cricket leaders is rarely tolerated.

But I have not given up hope!

We have two great young Australian cricket vaptains in Pat Cummins and Meg Lanning, and we are ready to take on all comers this summer.

Cricket in the West has been thriving the last few years.

Great support from Queensland Cricket, investment in local facilities, and a super team of volunteers have seen senior and especially

junior numbers soar.

Playing stocks in Longreach has been record-breaking, and it has been great to see Barcaldine juniors and seniors starting up again. We are looking to improve the game in the further reaches, so look out Winton, Birds-ville, Isisford and Tambo, and all those towns in between, there are plans afoot.

Cricket Australia has said no to WA to hosting the Fifth Test, and apparently, Hobart and Melbourne (for a second turn) have been touted to be the replacement.

I love Tassie, but watching cricketers wearing three jumpers and warming their fingers is just not summer, and Melbourne, well it gets

the Boxing Day Test, so give someone else a go.

I am proposing Longreach to host the Fifth and maybe deciding Test of the summer.

Malcolm Sellick is the best curator in Australia outside of Kevin Mitchell Junior, Steve Hunt would have the kids out on the field for lunchtime entertainment, and there is nothing more iconic than having a family of kangaroos at fine leg.

England would melt, Andrew Symonds would come out to commentate but end up going fishing on the Thomson, and instead of the team bus, the players could arrive by stage-coach.

It sells itself Anna, put in the bid!



A lifetime love of tennis

By Michael R Williams

Lionel Walsh has dedicated over half a decade of his life to the tennis community in Barcaldine.

He has been pivotal to the club's evolution both physically through helping fund its refurbishment and through his hours of unpaid coaching.

He has now been recognised at the Queensland Tennis Awards for the Geoffrey E Griffith Lifetime Volunteer Achievement Award.

Mr Walsh said he was surprised to have received the award.

"I thought, 'why me?'" he said.

"Nobody from here nominated me, it came from Tennis Queensland.

"Then I thought 63 years of continuous service, there's wouldn't be too many people that have done that."

Mr Walsh said achieving the award was a good feeling.

"Tennis Queensland flew us down and back," he said.

"It was a big affair in Parliament House, with half a dozen members of parliament.

"Yeah treated us royally, they gave out 15 or 20 awards, then at the end they said, we came to the main event – and that was me!"

Mr Walsh is former president and now treasurer of the Barcaldine Lawn Tennis Club.

He has been a part of the tennis club since 1959.

"It would be 63 years continuous (at the club) since I was an adult and played a bit before that as a junior," Mr Walsh said.

"In those 63 years, I've always had some (committee) role or other – I had 14 years as president.

"I've been court captain, committee member, groundsman, secretary, and now treasurer."

Mr Walsh said his most proud moment was



Lionel Walsh and his wife Margaret at the Barcaldine Lawn Tennis Club.

when he lobbied the committee to build the new clubhouse.

"In 1987, I charged the committee to raise the funds for it because we had a very old clubhouse," he said.

"In fact, when we did manage to take the roof off the walls fell down.

"It was pretty ramshackled back then so, we built the new brick clubhouse which, you know, it's very good."

Mr Walsh, with his wife Margaret, who he describes as the real hero, went into catering to raise funds for the house.

"She organised everything, so we did any catering big or small that came along," Mr Walsh said.

"For a few years, we did everything for all the sports.

"The biggest catering event we ever did was when they had the Queensland Apex event in Barcaldine, and we had to cook breakfast for 522 people three days in a row.

"So, at four o'clock in the morning, 23 members we needed there to cook whatever you know.

"And you had to have everything organised because at four o'clock in the morning there are no shops open."

From 1987 to 1990, the Tennis Club Committee raised \$90,000.

"Considering we only had 90 club members at the time, 30 of whom were kids, so that's \$1000 raised for every club member," he said.

"So that was a big one."

In 1990 when they went into the new clubhouse, the courts fell to pieces.

"They were hard courts so they just fell apart," he said.

"So, we had to spend the money on the courts no use having a clubhouse if you have no courts.

"So we put down our first Mitchell grass courts."

The next year they went to the Barcaldine



Lionel Walsh serving it up against the competition.

Council who gave \$50,000 toward "the whole show".

"I said the next year, to the committee, 'I think you all deserve a break,'" Mr Walsh said.

"They told me no 'we want to build the club house'.

"So, we built the clubhouse mostly by voluntary labour." Looking at the clubhouse now, it was a "pretty impressive effort".

Lionel Walsh has been a life member of the Barcaldine Lawn Tennis Club since the 1980s, he said that with the increase of different sports, Tennis numbers have gone down since then.

"Nowadays, everyone likes something different," he said.

"So, it's much harder to grab you a slice of members, so we have fewer numbers than we used.

"We're still a viable club, I think we're the only club in Central West playing continuous fixtures."

Making a splash: Pelicans hold swimming carnival

By Michael R Williams

After a successful returning year, the Winton Pelican Swim Club held a swimming carnival to end the year off.

Club president Penny Holcombe said the event was a good way to get the word out that the club is starting up again.

"It's a fun afternoon," she said.

"We're just putting on an event to celebrate family, fun, friendships, and fitness.

"It's also a way to thank people for joining."

Ms Holcombe said after the club has been folded for over a year, the community recognised the number of keen young swimmers and that's when she decided to start the club up again.

"We just had a number of people keen to get it back up and running again," she said.

"Just for the kids who like to meet people and be a bit competitive."

The committee is all volunteers who have young kids who are keen to swim.

"We've had a great following," she said.

"It's been very successful, we've been getting at least 25 to 30 kids every Thursday night for swim club.

"This is a chance to celebrate the rejuvenation of our club; we're getting some new gear of Council who have been helping us out and that will improve the quality of swimming in our younger generation in Winton."

Ms Holcombe said next year they will be looking to maintain a well-run club.



The Winton Pelican Swim Club held a carnival to end a successful returning year.