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Premier plea to get vaxed

Premier Palaszczuk has officially announced that Queensland is 80 per cent vaccinated, one of the goals set by Queensland Health earlier this year.

"This is a great day for Queensland," Premier Palaszczuk said. "Very few places in the world have got to this level of protection before a Covid wave arrives."

Premier Palaszczuk credited every Queenslanders for their efforts.

"But we can't stop here... let's get to 90 per cent and beyond," she said. "Please - get vaccinated"

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We would like to wish you All a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and safe New Year and look forward to catching up with you in 2022 from Elders Staff at Aramac, Barcaldine, Blackall, Longreach and Winton and Elders Insurance Longreach. Longreach Office will be closed from 12 Noon Thursday 23rd December 2021 and re-open 8 am Wednesday 5th January 2022.



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The editor's desk

This week Santa made the trek deep into the west to pay a tribute to the locals of Yaraka, and I know many people made the distance with him.

Santa made the effort to be both at the Railway Station and at the light displays outside people's houses.

Santa's already made the trip to every town in the Central West with only weeks out before the big day.

Yes.

Santa is magic, and much like the jolly man who ate too many caramilks, you can be magic too.

It's the little efforts people make in our towns that gives life that extra pumpkin spice – give yourself a pat on the back CW.

The way we keep turning up for each other.

This year make sure you're mate is having as jolly a Christmas as you.



- Michael R Williams

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Push to go far west

By Michael R Williams

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The campaign's tag line, Stop The Crap, Go FarOut!, sums up the campaign's goals to remind city folk of the lack of traffic and lower property prices in the central west.

RAPAD has worked with the Regional Australia Institute, market researchers, current and former residents to distil what makes living, working, and investing in the region a great alternative to inner-city living.

RAPAD Chairman Tony Rayner said we in the central west have plenty of living, working, and investing opportunities on offer.

"Queensland is enjoying strong population growth adding almost 30,000 last year," he said.

"In contrast, the population of the central West has declined in recent years.

"We needed to tap into that potential by putting ourselves on people's radar; we know the pressures on many Queenslanders living in the south-east and along the coast; we also know many Australians are moving to Queensland for a better life."

Councillor Rayner said we want them [inner city patrons] to cut the crap and go FarOut! to Central West Queensland.

"Central West Queensland is where lifestyle meets opportunity," he said.

It's a place that provides people with the chance to escape the pressures of southeast Queensland, other large regional centres, and interstate to fast-track their lifestyle, investment, and career goals.

The goFarOut! website aims to be a genuine lens on the region and an informational



Local, Sarmid Habib has gone FarOut!

platform designed to inform and inspire people to invest, live, and work in Central West Queensland.

"The stories are real, the people are real, the opportunities are not empty promises," Councillor Rayner said.

Major centres that offer the opportunity to "go FarOut!" include Longreach, Winton, Barcaldine, Blackall, Jundah, Birdsville, and Boulia.

To learn more about the campaign please visit, gofarout.com.au.



Local Au Pair Katherine Oliver with her Grandma Jean Montgomery.

Reuniting for Christmas

By Michael R Williams

As borders open over this weekend many friends and families will look to reunite over Christmas.

Longreach community member and au pair Katherine Oliver will be travelling to the Victorian town of Cobram to visit her grandmother, Jean Montgomery and visiting friends and family in Griffith along the way.

"I grew up in New South Wales, my friends and family are down there, but grandma's in Victoria" she said.

"The main person I want to see is my grandma."

Ms Oliver hasn't seen her grandma since

Covid lockdowns began early last year.

"It will be the best Christmas present this year (to see her grandma)," Ms Oliver said.

"Because she is actually fit as a fiddle beside her hearing and her eyes – so it will go really well.

"But it's just harder on the phone because you can't speak to her easily."

Ms Oliver will be driving down this Christmas and her grandma doesn't know that she's coming.

"I actually don't tell her, I tell my Aunt," Ms Oliver said.

"So when I ring the doorbell and she answers the door, she says 'Ohh, hello.'"

MP wants a piece of Olympics

In the final day of sitting for Parliament, Member for Warego, Ann Leahy has barracked for the inclusion of Central West towns at the Olympics.

Minister Leahy has argued for the inclusion of sheep shearing, along with Member for Gregory's idea to include bull riding as a competitive sport the 2032 games.

"Will Roberts from Victoria Downs has asked how this could occur and he is pursuing that through, and that would be a great boost to the sheep and wool industry," she said.

"The competition could be held in the regions in places like Charleville and Cunnamulla.

"That would give great exposure to a wonderful industry in Queensland."

Minister Leahy also noted how exciting it would be for Central West towns as well.

"I am sure that the Mayor of the Blackall-Tambo shire, Andrew Martin, would like to see the profile of the sheep and wool industry raised in the Brisbane games and showcased as it will complement the proposed end-to-end wool processing plant in Blackall," she said.

"This next suggestion will interest members opposite, and it is made with a little bit of Christmas cheer: perhaps the Labor government would even give consideration to having some of those shearing finals out in Barcaldine.

"That would really showcase the industry, and I am sure those opposite would be interested in that going back to the Shearers' Strike in Barcaldine.

"I ask members opposite in the government to please give that some consideration."



Mayor Rayner and George Kent shake hands on a deal to complete works by mid May.



Mayor Tony Rayner, George Kent, Project Manager Brendon Harvey, Childcare Services Manager Johanna Webster

Childcare boost on way

Longreach parents will be excited to hear, the highly anticipated childcare centre expansion has been officially given the thumbs up.

Regional Council Mayor Tony Rayner has signed on the dotted line, handing the contract to local builders Kent Constructions.

Partially funded by the Federal Government, the project will effectively double the usable space of the facility.

Council said the planned expansion of the centre will take place within the existing centre footprint, without the need to construct any new buildings.

The expansion will allow 28 more enrolments to Long Day Care services, as babies’

and toddlers’ rooms have increased in workable size.

The need to expand the centre was underlined earlier this year when Central West Hospital and Health Service advised that a record number of births were due to take place at the Longreach Hospital in the next 12 months.

According to Central West Health’s data, approximately 100 babies would be born in Longreach this year, at least half of which will be born to families residing in the Longreach region.

This meant Council forecasted an increase in demand in child care services in the coming new year, with no comparable service to the Longreach Childcare Centre.

The Longreach Regional Council antici-

pates the demand to continue into the next four-to-five years, until Primary School-age.

Council stated that the renovations could create up to 108 extra childcare places and support the employment of up to five additional roles in the medium to long term.

Construction will be executed in three separate stages between the end of January and mid-May.

Mayor Tony Rayner said securing a local contractor to deliver the works was a good outcome.

“We’re glad we’ve been able to secure a local builder to deliver this project, particularly considering how challenging it is to secure tradespeople at the moment,” he said.

“It means the project budget, including the commonwealth funding, will deliver the best value to our community and support our economy.

“It also means we can be more flexible about how we phase the construction and have minimal impact on families at the centre.”

Kent Constructions Business Owner George Kent said the project was an exciting one to work on.

“We’re delighted to have won the tender to complete this project here in our hometown,” he said.

“It’s nice to think we’ll be delivering works that will support such an important service and help grow our community.”

New website to improve community connectivity

By Michael R Williams

Remote Employment Services Queensland (RESQ+) is promoting a website that will help connect existing members of a community, but also make the transition into a new town easier.

CEO of RESQ+ Chris Hamilton said the website outbackqldcommunity.com.au came from his own experience moving west.

“When I came out here things seemed to be a bit disconnected, that you only found out about events just about 24 hours beforehand, if you came across it on social media or if someone told you about it,” he said.

“We didn’t have a centralised repository for employment – for posting job ads - which I might say we’ve now addressed through the outbackqueenslandjobs.com.au website.

“So it’s [the community website] is just

events, posting jobs, and just general visibility for businesses to advertise their services and products more for the broader community coming through.”

Mr Hamilton got the idea when stumbling upon Localised Community, a platform developer.

“It’s pretty stock standard but, what they go at is they link up the community of your choice through demographic analysis with basically everything you need to know about living and working, or coming to the community,” Mr Hamilton said.

“So if people log on to the site, and you’ll see that on the ad – you’ll see that it’ll run through a whole heap of things like businesses and their locations.

“There will be a news section where people can jump on and punch out a headline

story, there’s an area for technical articles, so if DAF wanted to put something up on Acacia control they can put it on there, there’s the events portal, as I said which is harnessed up to every event, a grants portal, information about schools and information about real estate.

“Basically it covers anything you need to know about any community in the Central West.”

Mr Hamilton said, if successful, he hopes to expand the website to cover the South West and North West of Queensland.

If employers in the Central West were to begin using Mr Hamilton’s site, he believes it would be beneficial floor newcomers to the town.

“I wanted to draw together all the disconnected stuff, your newspapers, your Face-

book, your Instagram – and have people interact with one another as an online community,” he said.

“If employers show faith with it, and they would say to their new employees, ‘hey jump on to our outback community website, and you can find everything you want to know about our patch’.

“Then they have that reference to go back to.”

Mr Hamilton said he is hoping to link this service with the recently released Go FarOut! campaign to draw workers to the region.

“The more the merrier – the more people go on to the website and interact, the better it’s going to become,” he said.

If you have anything to post on the website or would like to interact with it, please visit outbackqldcommunity.com.au

An advertisement for the RESQ+ website. It features a photograph of two men wearing wide-brimmed hats, one in a red shirt and one in a grey shirt, standing in a rural setting. The background is a warm, reddish-brown color. The RESQ+ logo is in the top right corner, featuring a rainbow arc above the text 'RESQ+'. The main text reads 'JOIN YOUR COMMUNITY' in large white letters, followed by 'outbackqldcommunity.com.au' and 'Discover local jobs, grants, business, events + MORE...'. A small number '12528675-DL62-21' is in the bottom left corner.

Budding artist to feature

By Michael R Williams

A budding Tiktok star will be among the exciting line-up for the highly anticipated Road to Rodeo April 30 next year.

Road to rodeo is an event that will sister the Longreach rodeo with the Mount Isa rodeo, enlarging both events and making it more appetising for high quality bull and horse riders.

Queensland-based, Ingham-born musician James Johnston said he was excited to be performing at the event.

“Just the fact that it is a first-year event, and Mount Isa rodeo is looking after us,” he said.

“They have an incredible reputation for putting on events.

“I’m excited to be performing with the Wolfe Brothers they put on an amazing show.”

Mr Johnston is fairly new to the country music scene, only putting out his debut single Raised Like That in August this year.

“It’s been a pretty crazy ride,” he said.

“The song has done really well and we’ve connected to large audience.

“Especially, in outback Queensland – I do



James Johnston will be performing at Road to Rodeo next year.

a lot of work on tiktok, and we’ve had over 9000 people make videos using my song, and a lot of those people are coming from regional

Queensland, Longreach area.”

Mr Johnston described these tiktok videos as wholesome.

“People are using my music to elevate their life,” he said.

“if that’s from some guy riding his horse out in Longreach, or somebody on their tractor.

“It’s people celebrating their way of life, and that’s what I wanted to achieve.”

Mr Johnston said he will be performing his new single, “New Town” at Road to Rodeo.

“The song is really about what Road to Rodeo represents,” he said.

“It’s about getting out of the big smoke and heading to a small town and everything a small town represents.

“I grew up in a small town, and I know what small towns have to offer.”

Mr Johnston said he brings “big energy” to his performances.

“In my music and show, I tend to want to celebrate and bring a lot of joy in my music.

“I want to have people sing a long with it, we’re going to go 100 per cent energy, we just want people to be along for the ride.”

If you would like to hear James Johnston’s new single “Small Town” you can hear it streaming on all major platforms.

Town Band, a vital part of Christmas celebrations

By Michael R Williams

As a part of this year’s festivities, the Town Band has been making the efforts to regularly perform for locals and made an appearance at the Longreach Christmas Street Party.

Town Band Organiser Tanya Lloyd said the band enjoyed playing carols for locals.

“When you’re walking along the street and you can hear carols playing, it’s just something a little bit special,” she said.

“And, we have the ability to do it and because we don’t need everybody doing it every single time, we only need a small group of us, we’re able to do it.

“We had our kids up with us today with the egg shakers, and Alex, who is our photographer, we were able to involve as many people as we can.”

Ms Lloyd said this year for the band had been quite quiet because a few people had been out of town.

“We recruit some new members every year, so we’ve been able to have a few people come from the school as well,” she said.

“That’s been good.

“We haven’t been able to play in town as much this year, but we’ve still been able to play at the [Longreach] Show and play at Anzac Day – supporting the carols and doing those community events.”

For next year, Ms Lloyd said the band hopes to perform out on the street more often.

“I’d like to maybe have a performance in the park, but we haven’t worked that one out,” she said.

For people interested in joining the town



The Town Band at the Christmas Street Party.



The Town Band performing on Eagle St.

band in the new year, Ms Lloyd said they would be most welcoming.

“We will take anybody – we work with children,” she said.

“Alex used to only play five notes, so he

would play those notes whenever they would come up.

“We work with people of all abilities, we will sit and help if you need help.

“If you are a competent player just come

along for the social aspect.”

Ms Lloyd said all it costs is the initial joining fee and even adults can be taught.

“It’s open to anybody and you get free lessons and access to instruments,” she said.

Christmas and New Year Services

Central West Hospital and Health Service emergency departments, emergency surgery, inpatient wards and pathology departments will continue delivery of normal health care services through Christmas and New Year.

Administrative services and private clinics have adjusted hours of operation during this time. Please contact your local clinic for hours of operation.

Remote primary health centres are also available to response to emergencies through the Triple Zero (000) system during the festive season.



Central West Hospital and Health Service staff wish you and your families a safe, healthy and happy Christmas – and remember to stay COVID-safe.



Fuel giants eye Channels

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Channel Country Cattle Producer Ann Rayment said she believes this potential for gas and oil mining in the region will put one of the last untouched river basins in Australia at risk.

"The Channel Country, in my opinion, is 'God's own country', with considerable areas of pristine rivers, creeks, floodplains, and waterholes, which are surrounded by arguably some of the best organic grazing country in Australia – a natural grass-fed feedlot," she said.

"I am voicing my concerns now before it is too late.

I don't want to look back in 10 to 20 years' time and use the two most futile words strung together; 'if only'.

"No amount of money will ever undo the potential devastation this type of mining could cause: irreversible – end of story."

Windorah resident and Mithaka Traditional Owner, George Gorringe, has been involved in the community's ongoing fight to preserve the Channel Country rivers and floodplains for decades.

"We saved Cooper Creek from cotton irrigation in the 90s, and I reckon if we come together again we can save these precious rivers from oil and gas mining too," said Mr Gorringe.

"These rivers are more than just a resource



for making money; they are as significant to this country as its birds and animals - our stories all depend on the rivers."

Professor Richard Kingsford is a renowned river ecologist and conservation biologist who has worked extensively across the wetlands and rivers of the Lake Eyre Basin.

"The Lake Eyre Basin rivers are one of the world's greatest desert river systems - arguably the greatest," said Professor Kingsford.

"Every drilling rig will need a road, a pipeline, and perhaps even a wastewater storage pond; this will result in an industrialised landscape - threatening the nature, water, people, and organic pastures the Channel Country is known for.

The landscape is so flat that any development could change the river flows and significantly damage the floodplains."

Angus Emmott, a fourth-generation Channel Country grazier, and recognised naturalist said he believes the rivers and floodplains should be protected for both wildlife and for the local organic beef industry.

"The Channel Country rivers and floodplains are among the last untouched free-flowing desert rivers and healthy, fertile floodplains left on Earth which means that they are home to an abundance of wildlife - from freshwater fish species to waterbirds and small desert marsupials," he said.



Angus Emmott on his property in Channel Country.



George Gorringe in Windorah.

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"The key elements in the project, such as jobs in both construction and in operational phases, that information won't change.

"So, the opportunity that a venture of this scale can mean, those key areas are not going to change."

The Planning Minister gave notice in No-

vember for interested parties to make submissions on the proposal.

That notice period has ended, but one of the reasons Minister Miles may call the project in is to allow for more public consultation.

Mr Dillon said for locals to keep their eyes peeled if that is the case.

"People who have strong views one way or the other may be afforded a process there to follow," he said.

"They will be informed how to best partake in the decision-making process moving forward."

Mr Dillon said the power station and the recently approved Renewable Energy Zone, were two totally separate projects.

"They are stand-alone, individual, unlinked projects with no crossover whatsoever," he said.

"But like the energy hub, it's an opportunity for non-traditional income to underpin the future of our local economy."

The power station will bring significant investment into the region according to Mr Dillon.

"Capital builds projects of this size and magnitude benefits, during the construction phase, local businesses," he said.

"But there's also the sustained benefit long term of the security of jobs and the diversification of the region which is critical for its future success.

"Any benefits that can be brought out of large companies working in our area is a plus."

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A gift back to community

By Michael R Williams

To share out the Christmas spirit, Outback Aussie Tours hosted a Christmas Light Tour, allowing locals to ride in the new tour bus recently dubbed, “Nellie” around the streets of Longreach.

Locals who had their lights displays erect greeted the bus and waved as it drove by.

Participants were asked to donate a gold coin which went to the Longreach Police Food Drive.

Outback Aussie Tours Business Owner Alan Smith said the idea came from the company’s “amazing” team.

“It was enhanced a little bit this year by Rochelle Patten, she pulled in a few more punches in fitting the display, getting the emergency services on board, and cranking up the profile and experience for the kids,” he said.

“We incorporated a few new things this year, it was well supported by the ambulance, the fire, and the police – the decorations in and outside the bus was new, and our driver, Brett Hintz did an excellent job, not only decorating the bus, but he actually did some research.

“He also put together the left v right side competition, and all of a sudden it became about more than just the lights, but the experience onboard looking aside as well.”

During the lights tour, attendees were treated to a visit from Santa.

Mr Smith said Santa’s appearance meant a lot to the staff at Outback Aussie Tours.

“Santa actually turned up at one of the light displays and handed out chocolates to all the people on the bus,” he said.

“He even got back to the railway station in time to take some photos on the big red couch.

“Santa’s had a lot of great messages sent to him throughout the year, particularly our team [Outback Aussie] who love Christmas, and he’s got that Christmas vibe.



Santa delivering gifts to people on the bus.



Santa ringing his jingle bell.



Santa on his big red chair with the Naude family.



Everyone excited for the trip around town to see the lights.



Santa with the Watts family.

“He thought why not give back to the people of Longreach and hold an event at the Longreach Railway Station.”

Mr Smith said Santa was pleased to hear what all the local kids want to have for Christmas.

“Two kids wanted scooters, one with a bell and one without; and then one of them wanted just a bell,” he said.

“Santa was very engaged and jolly. “Lots of ho ho hos.”

At the railway station, where the bus left off

and arrived, there were other extra added activities, such as face painting, a sausage sizzle, a playpen, and music from Corrine Ballard.

The event raised \$300 for the Police Food Drive

“There wouldn’t have been more than 100 people there so some people spent more than their gold coin donation,” he said.

“So that was really good.”

Mr Smith said next year the team would like to ramp things up.

“We’d like to make more money [for the

charity] because this is our way of giving back to the community,” he said.

“What I love about the Food Drive is that people have donated down at the IGA, but they need cash.

“We’d like to work out ways to make that a bit higher [the company’s donation], so we can support those that not many people know about.

“At the end of the day, we need to look after those people because they are a dear part of our community.”

Millar tributes John Palmer, calls for sport support

In a speech where Gregory MP Lachlan Millar proposed a regional sports support program, he also tributed local legend, John Palmer.

“I want to pay tribute to a bloke called John Palmer,” Minster Millar said.

“John Palmer owns the BP in Longreach; he is involved in the Longreach Athletics Clubs.

“If he is not doing something with the athletics club, he is doing something with the Scout group.”

Minister Millar said John Palmer was a key part of the Longreach community,

“He is one of those key people in a community that every community needs,” he said.

“His children and grandchildren have benefited from that passion for athletics, as has the whole community.

“They are very good at their sport; I am hoping to see some track runners and swim-

ming stars coming from regional and rural Queensland.”

Minister Millar also expressed concerns about the lack of equal training opportunities for young athletes in the bush.

“One of the most exciting privileges of hosting the Olympics is the increased opportunity for our athletes to compete at an Olympics—and to compete at an Olympics on home ground,” Minster Millar said.

“When I leave here this week I will be heading to a little outback town called Stonehenge to celebrate the end of the school year with students and their parents and teachers.

“I would like to think that I can look those children in the eye and tell them that the only thing standing between them and the chance to compete in the Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games is their talent and hard work - as things stand, this is a bit of a fairytale.

Minister Millar said Gregory is full of talented young athletes, but t have poorer training and playing facilities than children in the southeast corner or in the coastal cities.

“Despite this, our parents pay the same fees to the state sporting bodies as parents in the southeast corner,” he said.

“Our parents are all too likely to discover that the state body has allocated one development officer to cover an area from Goondiwindi to Moranbah and all points west.

“It is no surprise that the children never receive professional coaching or a masterclass under a system like this, a system that acts as if Queensland is the size of Victoria.”

Mr Millar recognised Gregory parents who spend weekend after weekend in the season driving children to compete in other towns and cities.

“They have to devote the time and find the

money for transport, accommodation, and supervision as their children travel long distances to compete against competitors who have not left home,” he said.

“If the Premier and the Minister for Sport are sincere in saying that the 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games are for all Queensland, I ask them to put in place a 10-year program to support regional and rural athletes in a journey of development towards competing at the Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games.

“I would love to see not just a record number of Queenslanders in the Australian team but a record number from rural and regional Queensland.

“This is an opportunity for a statewide revolution in how Queensland conducts sporting development and competition for the permanent benefit of all Queensland children.”

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Tambo

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Christmas Service + morning tea @9am | Sunday 19

Winton

St Paul's, Cork St
Christmas Service @2.30pm | Sunday 19

Muttaburra

All Saints, Sword St
Christmas Service @6pm | Wednesday 22

Blackall

Holy Trinity Church, Coronation Dr
Christmas Eve Holy Communion @6pm | Friday 24

Longreach

St Andrew's, 144 Emu St
Christmas Eve service @6pm | Friday 24

Barcaldine

St Peter's, 85 Elm St
Christmas Day Service @9am | Saturday 25





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Bringing docs to the bush

A program to have HECS debts wiped for young doctors and nurses who go bush has been announced by the Minister for Health Greg Hunt.

The incentive has been long championed by Member for Kennedy Bob Katter who applauded the announcement.

"I applaud the Minister for Rural Health for announcing an incentive program which will attract graduate doctors to head to medical practices in remote, regional and rural towns. It is the "dangling carrot" many desperate towns have been waiting for," Minister Katter said.

"The program will see HECS debts wiped under a new federal government plan to incentivise young doctors by using the Monash Model to determine the duration of service required at regional, rural or remote locations before the HECS debt is cleared.

"The more remote the location, the quicker that HECS debt will be wiped."

Minister Katter said it was "spot on" and "exactly what we are after".

"And it's not greed, but it is the differentiation between how much they get paid in the government system, and how much they can earn in the private system," he said.

"Most towns now do not have a hospital, so it is a medical practice or nothing.



Minister Katter said the crisis in North Queensland was unbelievable.

"There are medical centres collapsing everywhere and I'm not talking about the Doomad-

gees or Julia Creeks, I'm talking about the Mareebas, Innisfairs, and Mission Beaches," he said.

"Principal doctors reach retirement age and

yet they have no choice but to keep the show on the road. When he pulls the pin, most of those centres will just dissipate.

"I'd say that there is no doubt in my mind that we have lost, or are in the process of losing, 30 or 40 doctors."

Minister Katter said the government should also lower the bar on foreign doctors to bridge the GP shortfall in the immediate.

"Even though first-year doctors and foreign doctors may not be able to jump over the very high bar currently set, the bar simply has to be set lower because the choice is now between seeing a 'not-so-good doctor' or no doctor at all," he said.

"I'll take the not-so-good doctor every time because I have found they make up for their inexperience with idealism, enthusiasm, and energy.

"I've got to personally thank Dr Rod Catton in Innisfail, Dr Grant Manypeney in Mareeba and Dr Lisa Fraser at Gordonvale, they not only approached me about the problem but were prepared to go to Canberra at their own expense to meet with the Minister and the head of the department where they raised the issue of HECS debt amongst other issues.

"I think it was their determination that has a lot to do with this breakthrough."

Queensland 80% vaxxed, CW at 78%

Premier Palaszczuk has officially announced that Queensland is 80 per cent vaccinated, one of the goals set by Queensland Health earlier this year.

"This is a great day for Queensland," Premier Palaszczuk said.

"Very few places in the world have got to this level of protection before a Covid wave arrives.

Premier Palaszczuk credited every Queenslander for their efforts.

"But we can't stop here... let's get to 90 per cent and beyond," she said.

"Please - get vaccinated".

Meanwhile, the Central West is trailing slightly, by 0.6 of a percentage.

Central West Hospital and Health Service Executive Director of Medical Services Dr David Walker said 78 per cent of the region's eligible population aged 12 years and older was now fully vaccinated, with 88.5 per cent having had at least one dose of vaccine.

"For the eligible population aged 16 years and older, we are already almost at the 80 per cent mark with 79.4 per cent of over-16s fully vaccinated," he said.

"We will likely pass the 80 per cent fully vaccinated mark for everyone aged 12 years and over during the course of next week.

"We have a lot of residents in the Central West who have had a single dose of vaccine but have not yet had their second dose, so we urge you to do so as soon as possible.

"You must have that second dose for maximal protection and time is running out."

Mr Walker warned that once the borders reopen, Queenslanders will see outbreaks of COVID-19 throughout Queensland.

"That includes here in the Central West," he said.

"Our remoteness and relative isolation will not be any protection - as we have seen with the recent outbreaks in remote communities in the Northern Territory."

Dr Walker said Central West Health would continue offering vaccinations across the region right up until the week leading into Christmas.

"Our vaccination teams will then be taking a break over Christmas and New Year and returning from 10 January," he said.

"When they return, we will be focussing on delivering booster vaccinations to the fully vaccinated, as well as first and second doses as required.

"The current national recommendation is that everyone aged 18 years and over have a booster dose six months (24-26 weeks) after your second dose and that this booster should be Pfizer. Mr Walker said for those in remote locations and have genuine difficulty accessing vaccination clinics, you can have the booster as early as 21 weeks after your second dose.

"We will also be offering COVID-19 vaccinations next year to children aged from five to 11 years, in line with national recommendations once these are finalised," he said.

Dr Walker said the Longreach-based vaccination booking and information call centre would close from midday on 24 December

and reopen on 4 January.

"The call centre team will then be ready to take your calls about clinics restarting from 10 January," he said.

He said Central West residents over the Christmas and New Year period were welcome to email their vaccination-related queries for a response to CW-COVAX@health.qld.gov.au

Dr Walker said Central West Health over the past week had delivered vaccination clinics at Longreach, Isisford, Jericho and Alpha.

Next week, vaccination clinics will be delivered at Barcaldine, Longreach, Tambo, Boulia, Bedourie, Muttaborra and Winton.

Bookings are recommended but walk-ins are welcome at all clinics. Booking an appointment for a first, second or booster dose of vaccine is easy as calling 1800 953 703, or emailing: CW-COVAX@health.qld.gov.au

Upcoming community Pfizer clinics:

- Barcaldine: 13 and 14 December at the Town Hall
- Muttaborra: 14 December at the Memorial Hall
- Tambo: 15 December at the Town Hall
- Longreach: 16 December in the pm and 17 December, both at the Civic and Cultural Centre
- Boulia: 16-17 December at the Boulia Primary Health Centre
- Bedourie: 17 December at the Bedourie Primary Health Centre
- Winton: 20-21 December at the Winton Shire Hall.



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Wishing you and your family love, peace and joy this Christmas.

LACHLAN MILLAR MP
MEMBER FOR GREGORY
AND THE GREGORY ELECTORATE TEAM

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Signing off on big year for council

Hello again for my last column of the year. **We had our final Council Meeting for the year in Isisford last week, and what a year it's been:**

- We won Gold at the Queensland Tourism Awards in the Visitor Services category.
- The Thomson River Master Plan was adopted and is underway.
- We secured funding for a major expansion of the Longreach Childcare Centre in the New Year.
- We delivered a \$1m shade structure for our multi-purpose netball courts.
- We completed a major refurbishment of the Outer Barcoo Interpretation Centre in Isisford, and we also constructed a new state-of-the-art amenities block in the main street there.
- Our \$1.4m Isisford Weir repairs are fully funded and underway.
- We've completed a major upgrade of the Longreach Aquatic Centre.
- We hosted regional visits from the Prime Minister, the Board and Executive Management Group of Qantas, and the Tourism & Events Queensland, and Outback Queensland Tourism Boards.
- We hosted the Premier and her Ministers for a Community Cabinet meeting in Longreach.
- We constructed a new pedestrian walkway at Longreach Airport.
- We won an LGMS Risk management award for our COVID response, and we completed upgrades to the Machinery Mile at Ilfracombe.

I could go on, but suffice to say it has been



another busy and successful year for your Council.

I'd like to acknowledge my fellow Councilors, and the team of diligent and hard-working staff that make all of these achievements possible. I look forward to another successful year ahead.

In other news, we hosted an open day with our partners at Western Queensland Livestock Exchange (WQLX) recently.

We've partnered with AAM Investment Group (AAMIG) to make some exciting improvements at the Longreach Saleyards and Spelling Facility, better known as WQLX.

Our Rural Lands and Pest Management Advisory Committee joined members of the public and industry representatives to tour the new features.

Everyone was impressed by the new full-deck weighbridge, new spelling area shade structures, and the designs for the new fully covered selling ring.

Visitors were most impressed though by the new seven-way single-weigh drafting facility.

The innovative facility is available for hire to local producers at per-head rates, but as one producer remarked on the day:

'You won't want to go home!'

It's going to be a very exciting year ahead for WQLX, with the new selling ring starting construction soon and scheduled to be up and running sometime after April.

A big thanks to everyone who gives their time to make the many Christmas events happening in our communities.

Council has launched an events calendar on its website to help keep track of all the different events happening in our region – and there are plenty of them.

The community can even submit an event to the calendar themselves using our online form.

We're hoping this will become the central reference for what's happening around our region, and you can find the calendar by visiting longreach.qld.gov.au/whats-on.

Most Council offices and libraries will close today and re-open on January 4.

If you have some last-minute business, our Longreach head office will be open next week for limited hours (8:30 am – 3 pm) up to and including Wednesday 23 December.

While the office is closed, you'll still be able to call our answering service 24-hours-a-day on (07) 4658 4111, and they can alert the on-call staff if necessary.

I'll be back with another column next year.

Until then, you can find direct emails and phone numbers for me and each of my fellow Councillors at longreach.qld.gov.au/elected-members.

If you want to know anything at all, reach out to one of us – or contact Council directly on (07) 4658 4111 (24hrs), or via email to asist@longreach.qld.gov.au.

Looking on the bright side of drought

I have a friend who posts motivational messages that encourage positive thinking, even about the negatives in your life.

I think we can agree that a decade-long drought fits the criteria of a negative.

So, is it possible to see any positives in this drought?

Turns out it is if you really put your mind to it.

In keeping with Monty Python's exhortation to 'always look on the bright side of life', here's the bright side of this drought:

You have no worries about floods when there's not a cloud in the sky.

And no worries about bushfires when there's not a blade of grass in the paddock.

Clothes dry in little more than a nanosecond, thanks to good ol' solar power. And it doesn't cost anything to use.

You keep the native wildlife close and your livestock closer, so if you're into bird watching,



there is plenty to see.

And it's nice to watch the stock gallop up to the vehicle every time they see you, instead of running to the furthest corner of the paddock.

You also see some awesome dust storms (though not so awesome to clean up after, admittedly).

There's plenty of lean meat available, so you eat healthy.

You get a lot of quality time with your better half while doing the feed run.

You can postpone the 'rainy day jobs' indefinitely.

Plus, you've got plenty of time to save for a rainy day.

But, all joking aside, you see the best of your fellow Australians and experience the kindness of strangers, which is a very bright side indeed.

Still, even if you don't need your Driza-bone during a drought, remember, you always need your funny bone.

I wrote this last year when there was no rain in sight.

However, even though we have enjoyed the best November in years, measuring about 55 mm for the month, it doesn't mean the drought is over.

Not for us, and not for the many unfortunate souls who had less rain than us, or none at all.

We may need to hold onto that funny bone a while longer yet.

Fitting Bond send-off for Daniel Craig

Four films and 15 years later, Daniel Craig has reached the end of his expansive journey portraying cinema's most suave secret agent in No Time To Die, a film that gives audiences a deeper look into the man behind the sharp demeanour that is 007.

The events of 2015's Spectre resulted in James Bond (Daniel Craig) re-signing from active service. Bond's early retirement is short-lived though as CIA operative and close friend, Felix Leiter (Jeffrey Wright), contacts the former 00 agent asking for his aid in tracking down a mysterious adversary bent on world eradication; naturally, Bond accepts, returning to a life that he left behind and has persevered without him.

Part due to the actor's real-life fatigue of the role, Daniel Craig, ironically, gives his best performance as Bond in No Time To Die, presenting fans a version of the character that is so distraught by his past that it causes him to be utterly-jaded in his future. James Bond has always been a lackadaisical individual; cool, calm, and most importantly, collected. This



all changes in his latest adventure as Craig switches out playful one-liners for dispassionate jabs, making the chemistry between him and his former colleagues such as M (Ralph Fiennes), Moneypenny (Naomie Harris), and Q (Ben Whisaw) that more enjoyable due to their reactions being more confounded than amusing as they've never encountered a Bond like this before.

No Time To Die brings life to what, in recent years, has become a lifeless franchise, choosing to tell an engrossing story rather than provide monotonous action. Daniel Craig delivers his best performance as the MI6 agent in a film



You can see No Time To Die at the Cinema Under the Stars event this weekend.

that is a mixture of everything that makes Bond great. Captivating action and stunt choreography, beautiful sceneries, and well-developed characters; a fitting send-off for Daniel Craig who, for over 15 years, provided audiences dedication, commitment, and memories that will stand the test of time, and if the quality of this film is any indication, the series will be in good hands moving forward. Thank you, Daniel.

Full review available at movieswithhart.com.



From the Leader archives.

Blast from the Past

Front page news from December 18, 1943
SOME GOOD STORMS
MUNGINDI STOCK REPORT

Some fairly good patchy storms have fallen around the northwestern district of New South Wales giving much relief, states a Mungindi correspondent.

With the hot weather, heavy rains are required to make good summer feed.

Conditions in the Moree and Narrabri districts are fair, and the New England, Gunnedah, Tamworth, Manilla, and other parts in that direction are in good condition. Similar conditions apply to Central New South Wales and the Riverina.

Collarenebri is fair, but the Walgett, Coonamble, and western parts are not too well off for feed.

Some storms have registered five inches in one fall, but the rain was very patchy.

If good rainfalls in the northwestern parts, the State would be in a fairly happy position.

Only light storms fell from Mungindi to St. George, but around St. George is beginning to show signs of a drought North of St. George, towards Surat and Mitchell, the country is in good order.

The Bollon district is only just fair and owners are anxiously looking for rain.

The Talwood district received patchy relief and the Gondiwindi district received extra good rain practically throughout the whole of the district, the north and the east faring best.

The New South Wales stock market at present is fairly slack, although a few sales of young wethers have been affected shorn July and August at 17/6 and 18/-.

This class of sheep, showing good quality is hard to secure.

There does not appear to be any enquiry for other classes of sheep and values have to be fairly low to attract attention from buyers. As no trucks for store stock are available in New South Wales business has been hampered considerably. Drovers are very scarce due to a shortage of men.

The store cattle market at Singleton and scone on the Hunter River, which was excellent, has eased considerably.

Recently a large number of cattle had been sent into the market and indications are that some dealers have had their fingers burned in the store stock market.

Bountiful rain would, of course, improve the market, but, even at present values, the market is good.

A large number of sheep continue to cross the border making inside.

The majority of them are showing signs of being road weary.

Some are lice infested and owners have been compelled to dip before crossing the border.



Life Member Emma Brodie with fellow members of the Winton ICPA Branch.



The new committee for the Winton ICPA Branch: President: Belinda McLeish, Secretary: Paula McKerrow, Treasurer: Kirsten Enriken

A life honour for Emma

By Michael R Williams

The Winton Branch of the Isolated Children Parent's Association awarded a life membership and welcomed a new president at their 2021 annual general meeting.

Former branch president and secretary Paula McKerrow said the AGM had a good turn-out.

"We welcomed a new president Belinda McLeish, our current secretary stood down, so I moved into the role of secretary, and our cur-

rent treasurer stayed on," she said.

"We still have two vacant positions in the publicity officer and vice president and those roles are still up for grabs for anyone who wants to come forward.

"They're roles that are great for people to sink their teeth into and learn about the organisation without having to take on too large of a role – they're good introductory roles."

Ms McLeish said the highlight of the evening was awarded life membership of the branch to Emma Brodie.

"Emma has been very passionate about supporting local children with all things," she said.

"Emma has been the branch president, a state conference convenor, a branch publicity officer, and a state councillor, since she first joined.

"She was awarded the life membership by Megan Easton, who is the state councillor and our branch mentor."

Emma Brodie has been essential to the hard work done by the Winton ICPA Branch.

Over the year, Ms McLeish said the branch had continued with fundraising and continued to award grants for prac teachers who chose to do their practical in Winton.

"It will cover the costs of them coming out here to do their prac in the hopes that it will entice them to come to teach in the west," she said.

The branch also brought on some new members, but is hoping for more.

Next year the Winton branch turns 50 so look out for a celebration.

Christmas Shutdown Period

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Santa visits outer Barcoo

Yaraka residents were given a treat recently when Santa, with an Elf, drove into town on a motorbike to deliver presents to the 25 children in attendance.

Yaraka community member Susan Glasson said it was a great night but numbers have dropped greatly over the years from when they Christmas tree tradition started more than 70 years ago.

“People came from near and far to make a crowd of about 100,” she said.

“Everyone enjoyed it greatly, the weather was pleasant.

“The kids participated in a lolly hunt and were given presents provided by the Salvation Army.

Ms Glasson said locals were provided free meals from the Longreach Regional Council.

“We think Santa had to come the long way around this time because the river was up and that stopped a few attendants,” she said.

“Most people attending had to make a big

effort in attending because it's become the community Christmas get together.

“People gathered from other districts, it was a great mixed age event.”

Santa also gave out free chocolates to the locals, a hamper raffle was drawn with five prizes given out.

Councillor Dale Bignell handed out the Christmas light competition prize and presented an award to Bob and Kathy Long for their service in the Yaraka Town and Garden.

Ms Glasson set the hall was decorated very nicely in Yaraka.

“There were lights around the hall, lights around the garden and a few Christmas features,” she said.

“I think it got people into the Christmas spirit after a hard year.

“A little bit of rain has lifted people's spirits, but certainly a lot more rain is needed.”

Ms Glasson thanked Kaye Albrand for her great work in organising the event.



Santa handing our presents in Yaraka.

Garden club reflects upon a year of growth

The Longreach Garden cCub has held its final meeting of a year of many exciting adventures.

Club president Linda Tait said this year, and the year before had actually been good for the club.

“Well there are more people staying at home – and I know the Ilfracombe nursery has been doing really well,” she said.

“And also Smith Brothers have increased their volume of plants over the winter – I’ve been getting a lot of mine from there.”

Ms Tait said the group had visited Muttaborra in June, hiring the multi-purpose bus.

“About 18 people went over,” she said.

“And, Muttaborra is a nice little town – we had a look at the school's garden and their Glasshouse.

“That was very interesting to see what they'd done, and they got money put into their bedding and build their nice big shed.”

Ms Tait said going into the next year, the club is hoping to encourage younger members to join the Gardening Club.

“The youngest in the club is in their early 60s,” she said.

“Some of the younger people who I do know who garden, it'd be nice for them to come into the club.

“This year three garden groups were going to come down from Brisbane to see the local gardens – I do know of one group that will be coming next year, people can get excited about that.”



Wendy is the treasurer of the club.



Jan Hetherington, chairman; Gwen Rogers, Bernardene and Howard Raven at a get-together in Wendy Kerrigan's yard on Sunday.



The Alpha Christmas Markets.

Alpha Christmas party taken inside for comfort

This year's Alpha Christmas markets event was successfully taken indoors so locals could search for Christmas presents in the comfort of the Alpha Town Hall air-conditioning.

It was only the second year Alpha had held a Christmas markets event, and Alpha District Tourism Association president Sharon Wilson said it was well attended with 14 stalls.

“The decision was made to have in the Town Hall was just because it was a bit too hot but it made for a great day,” she said.

Ms Wilson said some of the highlights were the Men's Shed ham wheels, smoked hamburgers, and of course, coffee.

“There was a great mixture of stalls, some second-hand stalls – it was well attended,” she said.

“It was good for everyone, we weren't clumped up, there was wheelchair access – and you could actually see the products on sale.

“People were able to catch up and sit and have a coffee and something to eat – which is great especially for country people who came into town.”

Going forward into next year, Ms Wilson said all of the town's markets will be held in the air conditioning of the Town Hall.





Camilla and John Harvey from EZZE for dogs.



Michelle, Richard, Lorraine, and Tim Carr from Longreach Handicrafts.



Sophie Wake and Anne Webber K.W. Soap.

Massive turnout on street

By Michael R Williams

The annual Lions Club Christmas Street Party saw a massive turnout, with vendors finding sales promising and Longreachers able to shop for presents locally.

Lion Club Christmas Street Party group member Peter Coombes said the hamburger stand he was working at, had a constant flow of customers.

“The best burgers in town on the night we reckon,” he said.

“It went right up until 9.30pm – there was a slight pause when the fireworks went off.

“And a number of people commented that the crowd was bigger than it has been, but the fact that it [the party] had been extended to two blocks down Eagle St, made it look dispersed.”

Mr Coombes said many of the stallholders had commented on the fact that their stalls had done “really well”.

“Nobody that I spoke to indicated that they hadn’t done ok,”

“Everybody was happy to very happy.”

Extracurricular events on the night included: a Truck Pull competition, photos with Santa, Town Band performances, and a fireworks display.

Mr Coombes said it was difficult to acquire a set to allow for the photos with Santa due to COVID restrictions.

“We managed to get a person to that this year and get someone on board to take the photos with Santa,” he said.

“And you mentioned the Truck Pull before, and there was quite a bit of excitement with that.

“It generated a lot of talk around town, which is good.”



Locals enjoying the fireworks at the Longreach Christmas Street Party.

Mr Coombes also said the Town Band had been popular and thanked them for running the drinks.

During the fireworks, Mr Coombes was able to take a short break between burger customers.

“It’s good that we can actually have a quick breather,” he said.

“But, yes the comments that we get beforehand, like ‘I wouldn’t go if there weren’t fireworks, and ‘they were great, weren’t they?’ after.

“It gives people a lift of spirits and sets the community up for a real good Christmas.”

Mr Coombes said there had been a conflict

about the start time of the event.

“It starts at seven o’clock because we can’t get the street cleared sufficiently to set everything up,” he said.

“If we could get the street cleared earlier – that’d be great – we’d start earlier, but I think it works fairly well from 7 to 9.30 pm.

“We have a fairly good balance of activities and entertainment on the night; we don’t want it to become a big production as such that takes things away from the shops and enjoyment of the stalls.

“And we want it to remain family-friendly, so there’s no alcohol as a part of the event – the pubs and the Branch are open, but they are separate.”



Lesley Meritt at the QCWA stand.

Mr Coombes said they were unable to subsidise food this year as the club’s funds were tight this year.

“The sense for the night was people were enjoying it, and they stayed around a lot longer which was good too,” he said.

Mr Coombes thanked the sponsors of the event and the Leader for putting the ad in at a tight time frame.

“A few local sponsors helped, which is good because we haven’t asked in the past for local sponsorship,” he said.

“We pleasingly have been able to save enough in the kitty to make it as good or slightly better next year.”

Haulin’ for the holidays... new feature for street party

By Michael R Williams

A new addition came to this year’s Longreach Christmas Street party – a Truck Pull out front of the old Fire Station.

Local groups of five tested their merits pulling a semi-trailer across a distance of about five metres.

Organiser and Former Lions Club President Matthew Strong said the Truck Pull idea came from a brainstorming session around getting more people involved with the festival.

“We had a couple of ideas – trying to do something a bit iconic and we settled on a Truck Pull,” he said.

“A couple of different truck options came up, but we settled on the Prime Mover.”

Mr Strong said he believed the event was very successful despite not having promoted the event heavily.

“We just wanted to try it out and see whether it was going to work,” he said.

“It looks to work fairly well, we’ve got an idea how to do it better now.”

Having looked at truck options, Mr Strong said Galilee Basin Haulage and Plant Hire were willing to come on board and supply the truck.



The Kilo Heavy Haulers was made up of local firemen, they won the event.

Into the next year, he said the Lions Club will look at running the event again.

“We’ll definitely be looking to promote it a bit better next year,” he said.

“We probably wouldn’t be making a lot of changes.

“It’ll depend on whether we get more teams – we might only do the one go where tonight each team got two.”

Winning Team Kilo Heavy Haulers Captain Brendan Harvey said it was a good competition to have in the street party.

The \$1000 his team won will be put back into the social club.

“It will go towards looking after the trucks,” he said.



The Truck Pull was embraced by the community at the Christmas Street Party.

Out and About



- 1: Mr and Mrs Merritt ready for action.
- 2: Rochell, Noah, Isaac, and Oliver Patten love Santa.
- 3: Jasmine, Sonny-James, Charli and Sue Hancock and Ethel Hay ready for a night of Christmas Lights.
- 4: Corinne Ballard singing her heart out .
- 5: Judy Menzies and Norelle Mowler havin' a good ol' time.
- 6: Girls night out, Rachael Jones, Sara Schotterius, and Prue Ridgin.
- 7: Shopping locally, Meg Morton and Mandy Hayer.
- 8: Craig Boosey, Maxien Bradley, and Heather Hale keen to spot the prettiest lights.
- 9: Look behind you, Gary and Jane Black.
- 10: A night a way from the office for Tony and Vicki Rayner.
- 11: Lily Smith and Jo Bartley are keen to see some chrissy lights.
- 12: Dan Carter and Paul Ishiguci enjoying the Christmas Street Party.
- 13: Anouk Jaaniste and Sarah Northfield just grabbing some bevies.
- 14: Sophia and Chloe Walker are excited for Christmas.
- 15: Payton Vedders and Cam Macmillan working hard to give locals the best experience.
- 16: Jerome Davis, Christina Swan, Cameron Davis are excited for Christmas lights.



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'Til death do us part
Olivia Colman leads
Stan's kooky crime
drama *Landscapers*

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Full house

Katie Robertson shares why **Five Bedrooms**
holds a special place in her heart

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and we'll publish it in our weekly Events Calendar.

Drama close to home

As *Five Bedrooms* returns for a third season, actress Katie Robertson talks to **Danielle McGrane** about what her character Ainsley has gone through and what's special about this show.

There's been a lot of life imitating art with the show *Five Bedrooms*. Take actress Katie Robertson for example. As season one of the show ended, she realised she had more than a little in common with her character Ainsley.

"I actually fell pregnant at the end of series one so when we were filming the episode where Ainsley finds out that she's pregnant and tells Lachlan [Hugh Sheridan], that same week I found out that I was pregnant," Robertson said.

Luckily, the real-life timing worked out well for the actress.

"We finished filming, which was good because I was starting to feel sick and then I had a year off so I managed to have my son George, and then we went back and started filming season two when he was about 11 weeks old," she said.

For most of the season, Robertson was able to bring George on set to take care of him while he was still a small baby.

"I was lucky that Kat [Stewart, her co-star] had paved the way before me because she had both her children while she was filming *Offspring*," Robertson said.

"She just came to me with all the advice that she had figured out so I had a lot of support from her.

"And the whole production wanted it to work for me so they scheduled breaks every three hours. We had a little nursery set up in one of the trailers and he became this set baby. At lunch time I'd say 'Where's George?' and he'd be in the make-up bus with the girls or with the caterer. He just became a part of the crew."

Robertson has really been tested emotionally on *Five Bedrooms*. In season two, her character Ainsley goes through a stillbirth and the actress felt those scenes were one of the greatest challenges of her career.

"It doesn't get much more harrowing than that," Robertson said.

"But it was written so beautifully. I remember different members of the crew would walk out of the trucks at lunchtime and have tears down their faces, everyone was so instantly affected by reading this episode so it felt like this privilege."

As a new mother, she accessed a lot of real emotion to film those scenes.

"I think having George, my emotions were so raw and everything was on the surface so as an actor I was so open," she said.

"I could go into work, do what I needed to do and then go home and cuddle my healthy, happy baby. I was really careful to not take home anything that wasn't mine, that was Ainsley's story and so many

Home, sweet home:
The cast of *Five Bedrooms*, from left, Stephen Peacocke, Doris Younane, Roy Joseph, Kat Stewart and Katie Robertson.



other women's stories, so my job was to tell that story as well as I could and then go home and be really grateful for what I had."

In season three, Ainsley is in a much better and stronger place than she was in the first season. She's in a relationship with Simmo (Johnny Carr) and is a more confident version of the character we first met.

"Ainsley has what she thought she always wanted, which is that big love and romance," Robertson said.

"She really was searching for that, and she's found that, but it maybe isn't quite what she expected. And particularly since she lost her baby Evie I think a lot of her dreams have changed and evolved.

"Old Ainsley had this really optimistic and idyllic view of the world and I think those rose-coloured glasses have been shattered through everything she's been through and I think she's dealing with that."

But she's come a long way, not just because of what she's gone through but because of the people around her – her four housemates played by Kat Stewart,

Doris Younane, Stephen Peacocke, and Roy Joseph.

"If you look at Ainsley in season three compared to where she was in season one, it's such an evolution and a maturing," the actress said.

"I think that evolution is down to several factors. There's the

The whole concept of the show is that these five people who barely know each other buy a house together. It's a great premise for a show, but also a novel way of navigating a tough housing market.

"I think it's really relevant," Robertson said.

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loss and the grief that she's been through, there's no way that hasn't affected her world view on a cellular level so that's there. But also these people who are in her life, and them showing up for her and their influence. I think she feels the most comfortable in herself that she ever has."

"My husband and I are trying to buy a house and we've realised we've been priced out of most areas we'd want to buy in. So I think it's a very real option for first home buyers to get into the market. It's a really valid way to go. Is it that far a jump from renting and having a house share with other people?"

While Robertson hasn't bought a house with her castmates, she says there is a sense of kismet to their casting.

"What I love about this show is that they're totally different people and we are also in real life," she said.

"We're so different and at such different stages in our lives yet there's just something that bonds us. There's a real respect and genuine enjoyment of each other's company. I think it was luck and the casting people got it right in our case. Because it could also go so badly."

But she's hopeful that there are many more seasons of *Five Bedrooms* to come.

"I really feel we are not done with these people," she said.

"We've just got so much scope and there's so many more stories that these characters can explore that I think are relevant, but also just funny and entertaining. We're just hitting our stride now and the writing just gets better each season."

■ *Five Bedrooms*, streaming, Paramount+. Season three premieres New Year's Day

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PICK OF THE WEEK



Young love:
Toheeb Jimoh
and Julia Brown
in *Anthony*.

GONE TOO SOON

Sunday
ANTHONY
ABC TV, 8.40pm, M (2020)

This timely and tender tale imagines the adulthood of Anthony Walker, whose life was tragically cut short when he was murdered in a racist attack aged just 18. In consultation with Anthony's mother Gee Walker, BAFTA Award-winning writer Jimmy McGovern (*Time*) examines the impact on the devout Christian teen's murder by exploring what could have happened to his family and friends had Anthony (*Ted Lasso*'s Toheeb Jimoh) still been around to realise his dreams and change people's lives for the better. Told in reverse chronology, the film begins with adult Anthony accepting an award for helping his friend Mick (Bobby Schofield) turn his life around by overcoming alcohol addiction. A particularly heartwarming thread envisages a love story between Anthony and a young lady named Katherine (Julia Brown). The questions McGovern, and director Terry McDonough, pose in this powerful work will stay with viewers long after the credits have finished. ★★★★★



LAST CHRISTMAS
Nine, Friday, 10.20pm, PG (2019)

There's no shortage of festive viewing options this holiday season, but a rom-com this cute and heart-warming could never be on the naughty list. Directed by *Bridesmaids*' Paul Feig, *Game of Thrones* star Emilia Clarke (pictured) plays Kate, a wannabe singer whose various misfortunes have led to a job in a year-round Christmas store. But things start to look up when she meets Tom (Henry Golding, *Crazy Rich Asians*), a handsome man who brings out the best in her. ★★★★★



DADDY'S HOME 2
Nine, Saturday, 7.30pm, PG (2017)

The simmering hatred that powered the first instalment of this silly comedy series has given way to acceptance, with Dusty (Mark Wahlberg) and his kids' perfect step-dad Brad (Will Ferrell, pictured, right, with Wahlberg) calling a truce on their war. When they spend the holidays together, the blended family is joined by Dusty's macho dad Kurt (Mel Gibson) and Brad's touchy-feely father Don (John Lithgow). A change in plans sees the four men head to a luxury resort with the kids – chaos follows. ★★



SPY
7Flix, Saturday, 7.30pm, M (2015)

The comedy genre has been given a facelift of late, heralding a new era of features that are as entertaining as they are intelligent. Much of that effect can be attributed to *Spy*'s leading lady, Melissa McCarthy (pictured). Here she plays a maligned pencil-pusher working for the CIA who's often overlooked in favour of the shoot-'em-up agents in the field. But when her partner (Jude Law) goes missing in action, it's up to her and her undercover alter egos to infiltrate a smuggling ring. ★★★★★



PARASITE
SBS World Movies, Sunday, 8.30pm, MA15+ (2019)

The first foreign language film to win the Best Picture Oscar is a genre-bending social commentary about an impoverished South Korean family. Director Bong Joon Ho blends elements of comedy, drama and horror as Kim Ki-woo (Woo-sik Choi, pictured, right, with So-dam Park) takes drastic measures to reach his goal of a lavish lifestyle – infiltrating the home of the wealthy Park family and slowly replacing their servants with his family members. It's a masterclass in satire. ★★★★★



WHAT WE DO IN THE SHADOWS
SBS World Movies, Monday, 9.20pm, M (2014)

This Kiwi mockumentary, a sort-of prequel to the series of the same name, follows the lives of Viago (Taika Waititi, pictured), Deacon (Jonathan Brugh) and Vladislav (Jemaine Clement) – three vampires who are just trying to overcome life's obstacles, such as paying rent, trying to get into nightclubs and resolving flatmate conflicts. Filled with throw-away humour and funny moments of the ghoulish kind, this slightly bonkers offering is worth a watch, even if you're not a sucker for vamps. ★★★★★



THE 40-YEAR-OLD VIRGIN
7Flix, Tuesday, 8.30pm, MA15+ (2005)

Co-written by Steve Carell (pictured) and based a character created for *The Daily Show*, this romp stars Carell as Andy, a man who has had many successes in life, but has never gone all the way. He has just fallen in love with Trish (Catherine Keener), but doesn't want sex to complicate their relationship. His mates want to spice up his life a bit, so they concoct a few schemes to help Andy, whether he likes it or not. Carell brings a naive charm to Andy, and the greatest laughs are his. ★★★

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PICK OF THE WEEK

**KELLY CLARKSON:
WHEN CHRISTMAS
COMES AROUND**
SBS Viceland,
Saturday, 8.30pm



**GARDENING AUSTRALIA:
CHRISTMAS SPECIAL**
ABC TV, Friday, 7.30pm

Before you wonder where you'll get your garden inspiration and nature fix from after the team packs up the shovels and seeds for another year, settle in for an abundance of Christmas cheer and savvy, creative garden ideas. Presenter Costa Georgiadis perpetually exudes a festive cheer and here, he dons Santa's red hat in an episode jam-packed with Yuletide joy. Costa visits Jimmy and Jane Barnes at their country home, while Jerry explores fragrant frangipani. Hannah makes a handmade snack with nasturtium leaves and Jane recommends plants to attract insects.



**THE ROYAL EDINBURGH
MILITARY TATTOO:
CELEBRATING 70 YEARS**
ABC TV, Monday, 8.30pm

It's a musical spectacle in a league of its own. Set on the grounds of the majestic Esplanade of Edinburgh Castle and showcasing music by the British Armed Forces, Commonwealth and international military bands, this iconic Scottish event that has traditionally been watched by more than 100 million people around Christmas time on the humble TV. The festival has never been cancelled in its 70-year history, except the past two years during COVID. This special celebrates 70 years of the Military Tattoo by soaking in its best moments.



**CHER AND THE
LONELIEST ELEPHANT**
SBS, Tuesday, 8.30pm

This could be the winner of most surreal title for a TV special this year. You might find yourself quietly asking: has Cher waylaid being a singing superstar to become a zookeeper? The truth is not far off that mark, in this gloriously strange and uplifting documentary. In an epic journey edited down to movie-length captivating viewing, we learn how superstar Cher flew across the world during the pandemic to help save a bull elephant that had been held prisoner for 30 years in heartbreaking conditions in a zoo in Pakistan. The awesome nature of the story will stay after the credits.



Christmas cheer:
Kelly Clarkson
hosts star-studded
festive special
*When Christmas
Comes Around.*

Friday, December 17

<p>ABC TV (2)</p> <p>6.00 News Breakfast. 9.00 ABC News Mornings. 10.00 Searching For Superhuman. (PG, R) 11.05 The Heights. (PG, R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 1.00 Barrie Cassidy's One Plus One. (R)</p> <p>1.30 The Sound. (Final, PG, R)</p> <p>2.05 Glitch. (M, R)</p> <p>3.00 ABC News Afternoons.</p> <p>4.15 Think Tank. (PG, R)</p> <p>5.10 Grand Designs. (R)</p>	<p>SBS (3)</p> <p>6.00 WorldWatch. 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 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. (PG, R) 5.05 Jeopardy! (PG) 5.30 Letters And Numbers. (R)</p>	<p>SEVEN (7)</p> <p>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 2. Afternoon session. From Adelaide Oval. 4.00 The Ashes: Tea Break. 4.40 Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 2. Late afternoon session. From Adelaide Oval.</p>	<p>NINE (8, 9)</p> <p>6.00 Today. 9.00 Today Extra Summer. (PG) 11.30 Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: Wish Upon A Christmas. (2015, PGa) Larisa Oleynik, Aaron Ashmore, Alan Thicke. 1.45 Making Of Ghostbusters: Afterlife. (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>TEN (5, 1)</p> <p>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, R) 1.00 Christmas With Australian Women's Weekly. (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. (PG) 5.00 10 News First.</p>
<p>6.00 The Drum. (Final) Analysis of the day's news.</p> <p>7.00 ABC News. Takes a look at today's top stories.</p> <p>7.30 Gardening Australia: Christmas Special. (Final) The team celebrates the festive season.</p> <p>8.30 Midsomer Murders. (Mav, R) DCI Barnaby and DS Winter investigate when a body is found dead in a vat in a brewery.</p> <p>10.00 Talking Heads. (PG) A woman shares her story.</p> <p>10.40 ABC Late News.</p> <p>11.15 Gruen. (Final, R)</p> <p>11.50 Preppers. (Final, Mals, R)</p> <p>12.20 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv)</p>	<p>6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R)</p> <p>6.30 SBS World News.</p> <p>7.30 France: A Journey Through Time. Takes a look at France.</p> <p>8.30 Empire With Michael Portillo. (PGa, R) Part 4 of 4. Michael Portillo travels to North America to explore how British rule led to an armed rebellion.</p> <p>9.25 Dig World War II. (PG, R) Part 4 of 4.</p> <p>10.20 SBS World News Late.</p> <p>10.50 Cornwall With Simon Reeve. (PGa, R)</p> <p>12.00 Agatha Christie's Criminal Games. (Mav, R) 1.40 Celebrity Mastermind. (R) 4.40 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 Local News.</p> <p>6.30 Seven News.</p> <p>7.00 Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 2. Evening session.</p> <p>9.30 Jessica Fox: Greatest To Gold. (PG) A look at the incredible story of 8-time world champion canoeist Jessica Fox.</p> <p>10.00 MOVIE: Why Him? (2016, MA15+Is, R) A man struggles to accept his daughter's boyfriend. James Franco, Bryan Cranston.</p> <p>12.20 Ant Middleton & Rebel Wilson: Straight Talking. (Mal, R)</p> <p>1.20 RSPCA Animal Rescue. (R)</p> <p>2.00 Home Shopping. (R)</p> <p>4.00 Million Dollar Minute. (R)</p> <p>5.00 NBC Today.</p>	<p>6.00 Nine News.</p> <p>7.00 A Current Affair.</p> <p>7.30 Taronga: Who's Who In The Zoo: Red Panda Implant. (PGa) The red panda exhibit is at capacity.</p> <p>8.30 MOVIE: Deck The Halls. (2006, PGals, R) Two neighbours compete to see who can come up with the most impressive Christmas lights display. Danny DeVito, Matthew Broderick, Kristin Davis.</p> <p>10.20 MOVIE: Last Christmas. (2019, PGals) Emilia Clarke.</p> <p>12.10 The Weakest Link. (PGL, R)</p> <p>1.10 Destination WA. (PG, R)</p> <p>1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)</p> <p>4.00 Global Shop. (R) 4.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 5.30 A Current Affair. (R)</p>	<p>6.30 The Project.</p> <p>7.30 The Living Room. (PGn, R) The team helps big-hearted local hero.</p> <p>8.30 The Graham Norton Show. (R) Celebrity guests include Keanu Reeves, Olivia Colman, Mahershala Ali, Jack Whitehall and Jennifer Lawrence.</p> <p>9.30 Rhys Darby: Big In Japan. (PGa) Part 2 of 4. Rhys Darby tries to break into the Japanese entertainment industry.</p> <p>10.30 Just For Laughs. (Mls, R)</p> <p>11.00 The Project. (R)</p> <p>12.00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG)</p> <p>1.00 Home Shopping. (R)</p> <p>2.30 Infomercials. (PG, R) 3.00 Home Shopping. (R) 5.30 Infomercials. (PG, R)</p>
<p>ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 5.35pm The Wonder Gang. 5.50 Peppa Pig. 5.55 Dot. 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: Awakenings. (1990, M) 10.25 Doctor Who. 11.15 Art Works. (Final) 11.45 Live At The Apollo. 12.30am QI. 1.00 Would I Lie To You At Christmas? 1.30 Sick Of It. 1.50 Community. 2.10 Parks And Recreation. 2.35 ABC News Update. 2.40 Close. 5.05 Five Minutes More. 5.10 Sarah & Duck. 5.20 The Hive. 5.30 Digby Dragon. 5.40 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. Noon Letterkenny. 2.15 Gymnastics. FIG Artistic World Challenge Cup. Replay. 3.45 WorldWatch. 5.10 Joy Of Painting. 5.45 Shortland Street. 6.15 Rockwiz. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. 8.30 Hoarders. 9.15 The Swiping Game. 10.15 The Science Behind Sex. 11.15 Project Blue Book. 12.05am VICE News Tonight. 1.00 MOVIE: Welcome To Me. (2014, MA15+) 2.35 NHK World English News. 3.00 Thai News. 3.30 Bangla News. 4.00 Punjabi News. 4.30 Sri Lankan Sinhalese News. 5.00 Korean News. 5.30 Indonesian News.</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 Better Homes And Gardens. 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 Summer. 8.30 The Amazing Homemakers. 9.30 Australia's Big Backyards. 10.30 The Mentalist. 12.30am The Fine Art Auction. 3.30 The Real Seachange. 4.00 Better Homes And Gardens. 5.30 Home Shopping.</p>	<p>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 Seaway. 1.00 Death In Paradise. 2.10 The Young And The Restless. 3.05 Antiques Roadshow. 3.35 MOVIE: Agatha Christie's And Then There Were None. (1974, PG) 5.30 Murder, She Wrote. 6.30 Antiques Roadshow. 7.30 Saved & Remade. 8.30 MOVIE: Star Trek V: The Final Frontier. (1989, PG) 10.40 Memory Lane. Midnight The Equalizer. 1.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping.</p>	<p>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 King Of Queens. Noon Becker. 1.00 Man With A Plan. 1.30 Seinfeld. 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 2 Broke Girls. 4.30 Home Shopping. 5.30 Infomercials.</p>
<p>NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 8.45 Waabiny Time. 9.10 Bushwhacked! 9.35 The Magic Canoe. 10.00 Undiscovered Vistas. 10.50 Going Places. 11.50 MOVIE: Peeples. (2013) 1.35pm Bamay. 2.00 Shortland Street. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 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 Living Black Conversations. 6.00 Bamay. 6.30 News. 6.35 Undiscovered Vistas. 7.30 Little J And Big Cuz. 7.45 MOVIE: Toys And Pets. (2017, PG) 9.30 Bedtime Stories. 9.40 Cultural Connections Immersion Festival. 10.40 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Chalet Girl. Continued. (2011, PG) 7.40 Frantz. (2016, PG, French) 9.45 The Illusionist. (2010, PG) 11.15 Heidi. (2015, PG, German) 1.20pm Robinson Crusoe. (2016, PG) 3.00 Hawaa Hawaa. (2014, PG, Hindi) 5.15 Kirikou And The Sorceress. (1998) 6.40 Walking On Sunshine. (2014, PG) 8.30 The Old Man And The Gun. (2018, M) 10.15 Phoenix. (2014, M, German) Midnight Capernaum. (2018, M, Lebanese Arabic) 2.20 The Traitor. (2019, MA15+, Italian) 5.00 Hawaa Hawaa. (2014, PG, Hindi)</p>	<p>7MATE (73) 6am ITM Fishing Show: Best Of The Best. 6.30 Mark Berg's Fishing Addiction. 7.30 Creek To Coast. 8.00 Storage Wars: Texas. 8.30 Pawn Stars. 9.00 Barter Kings. 10.00 America's Game: The Super Bowl Champions. 11.00 A Football Life. Noon Heavy Rescue: 401. 1.00 Dirty Rotten Survival. 3.00 Shipping Wars. 4.00 Timbersports. 4.30 Barter Kings. 5.30 Storage Wars: Texas. 6.00 Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 2. Late afternoon session. 6.40 The Ashes: Dinner Break. 7.00 Pawn Stars. 7.30 MOVIE: The Rookie. (1990, M) 10.00 MOVIE: Fire Down Below. (1997, M) 12.10am Late Programs.</p>	<p>9GO! (82, 93) 6am Children's Programs. Noon The Incredible Hulk. 1.00 Airwolf. 2.00 The A-Team. 3.00 The Nanny. 3.30 3rd Rock From The Sun. 4.00 That '70s Show. 4.30 Malcolm. 5.30 MOVIE: Ella Enchanted. (2004, PG) 7.30 MOVIE: Mean Girls. (2004, M) 9.30 MOVIE: Clueless. (1995, M) 11.30 Malcolm In The Middle. Midnight Desperate Housewives. 2.00 Vanderpump Rules. 2.50 Mike Tyson Mysteries. 3.00 Teen Titans Go! 3.30 Ninjago: Masters Of Spinjitzu. 4.00 Pokémon The Series: Sun & Moon - Ultra Legends. 4.30 Beyblade Burst Turbo. 4.50 Bakugan: Armored Alliance. 5.10 Yu-Gi-Oh! Arc-V. 5.30 Yu-Gi-Oh!</p>	<p>10 BOLD (53, 12) 6am Home Shopping. 7.00 Infomercials. 8.00 Motor Racing. Formula 1. Race 22. Abu Dhabi Grand Prix. Highlights. 9.00 Diagnosis Murder. 10.00 JAG. Noon MacGyver. 1.00 Star Trek: Discovery. 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.</p>

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.

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Saturday, December 18

<p>ABC TV (2) 6.00 Rage. (PG) 7.00 Weekend Breakfast. 10.00 Rage. (PG) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 12.30 Midsomer Murders. (Mav, R) 2.00 Restoration Australia. (R) 3.00 Dream Gardens. (PG, R) 3.30 Landline Summer. (R) 4.00 Basketball. WNBL. Round 3. Southside Flyers v Melbourne Boomers.</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 Patrizio Buanne: Celebration. 4.00 The World's Best Film. 5.40 Nazi Megastructures. (PGav, R)</p>	<p>SEVEN (7) 6am Morning Programs. 10.00 Morning Show. (PG) 12.00 Salvation Army Christmas Special. (PG) 12.30 Jabba's School Holiday Movies. (PG) 1.00 The Ashes: Pre-Game Show. 2.00 Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 3. Afternoon session. 4.00 The Ashes: Tea Break. 4.40 Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 3. Late afternoon session.</p>	<p>NINE (8, 9) 6.00 Animal Tales. (PG, R) 7.00 Weekend Today. 10.00 Today Extra Summer. (PG) 12.00 Surfing Australia TV. 12.30 Cybershack. (PG) 1.00 Destination WA. 1.30 Bondi Lifeguard World Adventures. (PG) 2.00 MOVIE: Sabrina. (1995, G, R) Harrison Ford, Julia Ormond, Greg Kinnear. 4.30 The Garden Gurus. 5.00 News: First At Five. 5.30 Country House Hunters Australia. (R)</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 Everyday Gourmet. (R) 12.30 Farm To Fork. (PG, R) 1.00 Jamie's Easy Meals At Christmas. (R) 2.00 4x4 Adventures. (R) 3.00 All 4 Adventure. (PGI, R) 4.00 Waltzing Jimeoin. (PGa, R) 4.30 Roads Less Travelled. (R) 5.00 News.</p>
<p>6.00 That Christmas. (PG, R) A collection of Christmas stories. 7.00 ABC News. Takes a look at today's top stories. 7.30 The Larkins. (Ms) Pop Larkin takes justice into his own hands when he tries to save the local railway station from closing. 8.20 Miniseries: Us. (Mdl) Part 2 of 4. Despite a rocky start in Paris, the family's tour of Europe continues with the next stop, Amsterdam. 9.20 Total Control. (Final, Malv, R) Alex is on the cusp of rewriting history when the forces of violence and reaction make one last attempt to stop her. 10.15 Call The Midwife. (PG, R) The nuns elect a new mother superior. 11.50 Father Brown. (Mav, R) A local lord is found murdered. 12.35 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: George V, Paris. (PG) Takes a look at one of the world's most iconic hotels, including the Four Seasons George V in Paris. 9.25 Titanic: Dead Reckoning. (PGa, R) Explores claims that a vessel failed to come to the aid of the RMS <i>Titanic</i> when it was sinking. 10.25 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. (Mals, R) 12.10 When The Wind Changes. (Mls, R) 12.30 Soccer. FIFA Arab Cup. Final. 3.30 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. (Mls, R) 4.20 VICE Guide To Film. (MA15+dv, R) 4.50 Destination Flavour Down Under 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. The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 3. Evening session. 9.30 MOVIE: Speed. (1994, Mlv, R) An LAPD cop is put to the ultimate test after he is trapped on a runaway bus full of passengers, which has been set to explode if it slows below 80km/h by a psychopathic bomber as part of an elaborate revenge plot. Keanu Reeves, Sandra Bullock, Dennis Hopper. 12.00 Harry's Practice. (R) Information about pet care. 12.30 RSPCA Animal Rescue. (R) A cow is stuck in deep mud. 1.00 Gold Coast Medical. (PGa, R) Doctors encounter a major problem. 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Get Clever. (R) 5.00 My Greek Odyssey: Nysiros. (PG, R)</p>	<p>6.00 Nine News Saturday. 7.00 A Current Affair. 7.30 MOVIE: Daddy's Home 2. (2017, PGals, R) Two men plan to have the perfect Christmas, but when their fathers arrive, their holiday is turned into chaos. Will Ferrell, Mark Wahlberg. 9.30 MOVIE: Bad Moms 2. (2017, MA15+als, R) Three under-appreciated mothers rebel against the expectations of organising the "perfect" Christmas. Mila Kunis, Kristen Bell, Kathryn Hahn. 11.30 MOVIE: The Dilemma. (2011, Mlsv, R) A man uncovers a shocking secret. Vince Vaughn. 1.35 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 5. Melbourne City v Melbourne Victory. From AAMI Park, Melbourne. 9.00 Ambulance. (Ml, R) London paramedics are dispatched to aid a patient who has fallen down a flight of stairs at a casino and respond to an incident involving a woman who is struggling with side effects of her cancer treatment. 11.00 FBI: Most Wanted. (Mav, R) When a judge known for dealing out harsh sentences is murdered, the team looks into his lengthy list of cases in the hunt for his killer. Kristin faces family hurdles while resettling with her daughter in New York. 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 Schitt's Creek. 11.10 Catastrophe. 11.35 The Young Offenders. 12.10am Upstart Crow. 12.50 GameFace. 1.15 Red Dwarf. 1.45 Would I Lie To You At Christmas? 2.15 Escape From The City. 3.15 ABC News Update. 3.20 Close. 5.05 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. 11.30 SBS Courtside. Noon Basketball. NBA. Utah Jazz v San Antonio Spurs. 2.30 Making A Gang. 3.00 KanyeKanye. 3.30 Julian. 3.45 Ancient Aliens. 4.35 WorldWatch. 6.00 When Demolitions Go Wrong. 6.50 The Story Of The Songs. 7.40 Brooklyn Nine-Nine. 8.30 Kelly Clarkson: When Christmas Comes Around. 9.30 The X-Files. 1.40am Undressed. 2.40 France 24. 3.00 Late Programs.</p>	<p>7TWO (72) 6am Home Shopping. 8.30 Travel Oz. 10.00 Bargain Hunt. 11.00 A Foodies Guide To Kyushu Japan. 11.30 Horse Racing. VRC Christmas Race Day, Eagle Farm Racecourse and Royal Randwick Raceday. 5pm Greyhound Racing. The Phoenix. 6.00 Border Security: International. 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 Late Programs.</p>	<p>9GEM (81, 92) 6am Newstyle Direct. 6.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. 10.00 Edgar Wallace Mysteries. 11.15 Saved & Remade. 12.15pm MOVIE: The Courtneys Of Curzon Street. (1947) 2.30 MOVIE: The Ten Commandments. (1956) 7.00 MOVIE: Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country. (1991, PG) 9.15 MOVIE: Star Trek: Generations. (1994, PG) 11.30 Memory Lane. 12.50am Explore. 1.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping.</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 Seatbelt Psychic. 11.30 Jamie's Easy Meals For Every Day. Noon Jamie: Together At Christmas. 1.00 Carol's Second Act. 2.00 Brides Of Beverly Hills. 3.00 Friends. 6.00 The Big Bang Theory. 9.45 2 Broke Girls. 12.10am Shopping. 1.10 Infomercials. 1.40 Mom. 3.30 2 Broke Girls. 4.30 Shopping.</p>
<p>NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. Noon Undiscovered Vistas. 12.55 Other Side Of The Rock. 1.00 Boxing Night To Remember V. 2.00 Hockey. SA Men's Super League. 4.00 Soccer. FIFA Arab Cup. First semi-final. Replay. 5.50 News. 6.00 VCV: Vulcan Championship Wrestling. 7.00 Chuck And The First People's Kitchen. 7.30 Sing About This Country. 9.30 MOVIE: Apocalpyto. (2006, MA15+) 11.45 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Hawaa Hawaii. Continued. (2014, PG, Hindi) 7.15 Heidi. (2015, PG, German) 9.20 Walking On Sunshine. (2014, PG) 11.10 Kirikou And The Sorceress. (1998) 12.35pm Capernaum. (2018, M, Lebanese Arabic) 2.55 Frantz. (2016, PG, French) 5.00 The Illusionist. (2010, PG) 6.30 The Well-Digger's Daughter. (2011, PG, French) 8.30 Vice. (2018, MA15+) 11.00 Late Programs.</p>	<p>7MATE (73) 6am Morning Programs. 1pm Blokesworld. 1.30 Australia ReDiscovered. 2.00 Boating. UIM Class-1 Powerboat C'ships. Key West C'ships. 3.00 Dirty Rotten Survival. 5.00 Pawn Stars. 5.30 Storage Wars: TX. 6.00 Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 3. Late afternoon session. 6.40 The Ashes: Dinner Break. 7.00 Pawn Stars. 8.30 MOVIE: The Departed. (2006, MA15+) 11.35 Late Programs.</p>	<p>9GO! (82, 93) 6am Children's Programs. 1.30pm Malcolm. 2.00 Making Of Ghostbusters: Afterlife. 2.10 MOVIE: Once Upon A Main Street. (2020, PG) 4.00 MOVIE: The Flight Before Christmas. (2015, PG) 5.50 MOVIE: The Little Rascals. (1994) 7.30 MOVIE: Richie Rich. (1994, PG) 9.30 MOVIE: Beethoven. (1992) 11.15 Malcolm. 11.45 Young, Dumb And Banged Up In The Sun. 12.45am 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. (Final) 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 19

<p>ABC TV (2) 6.00 Rage. (PG) 7.00 Weekend Breakfast. 11.00 Compass. (R) 11.30 Songs Of Praise. (R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 12.30 Landline Summer. 1.00 Wildflowers Of The Midwest Of WA. (PG) 1.30 Gardening Australia: Christmas Special. (R) 2.30 Nigella's Christmas Table. (R) 3.30 Magical Land Of Oz. (R) 4.40 Everyone's A Critic. (PG, R) 5.05 Art Works. (Final, PG, R) 5.35 Antiques Roadshow.</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 France 24 English News Second Edition. 1.00 Speedweek. 3.00 AusMoto Show. 3.30 Figure Skating. ISU Grand Prix. Round 3. Grand Prix of Italy. Highlights. 5.00 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. (R) 5.30 We Bugged Hitler's Phone. (PGa, R)</p>	<p>SEVEN (7) 6am Morning Programs. 12.00 Better Homes. (R) 1.00 The Ashes: Pre-Game Show. 2.00 Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 4. Afternoon session. (Please note: alternative schedule may be shown due to changes to cricket coverage). 4.00 The Ashes: Tea Break. 4.40 Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 4. Late afternoon session.</p>	<p>NINE (8, 9) 6.00 Easy Eats. (R) 7.00 Weekend Today. 10.00 Cows For Cambodia. (PGa) 11.00 With You This Christmas. 11.30 The Xtreme CollXtion. (PG, R) 12.00 Ultimate Rush. (PG, R) 12.30 Snackmasters. (PG, R) 2.00 MOVIE: Snowed Inn Christmas. (2017, PGa, R) Bethany Joy Lenz, Andrew W. Walker, Tasha Smith. 4.00 Bondi Vet. (PGm) 5.00 News: First At Five. 5.30 RBT. (PGI, R)</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 Jamie's Easy Meals For Every Day. (R) 2.00 Christmas With Australian Women's Weekly. (R) 3.00 4x4 Adventures. 4.00 All 4 Adventure. (PGI) 5.00 News.</p>
<p>6.35 Quentin Blake's Clown. (R) The adventures of a little toy clown. 7.00 ABC News Sunday. 7.40 Death In Paradise. (Mv, R) The police are stunned by another murder. 8.40 MOVIE: Anthony. (2020, Ma) Explores what life may have been like for Anthony Walker had he not been murdered. Toheeb Jimoh, Bobby Schofield, Julia Brown. 10.10 Doc Martin. (Ma, R) Martin and Louisa face the challenge of living together. 10.55 Harrow. (Mav, R) 11.50 Talking Heads. (PG, R) 12.30 Silent Witness. (Mav, R) 1.30 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsv) 3.30 Hive: The Woman And The Car. (Ma, R) 4.00 Death In Paradise. (Mv, R) 5.00 Gardening Australia. (R)</p>	<p>6.30 SBS World News. 7.35 Inside Harrods At Christmas. (PG, R) Takes a look at the origins of Harrods. 8.30 Muhammad Ali. (M) Part 4 of 4. A look at one of the best-known sports figures of the 20th century, Muhammad Ali, concludes. 10.15 Michael Palin: Travels Of A Lifetime. (PGanw, R) Michael Palin revisits his fourth travel series. 11.10 24 Hours In Emergency: Children Of Men. (Mal, R) A 16-year-old is rushed to St George's. 1.00 Chasing The Moon. (PG, R) 3.00 Moon Landing. (PG, R) 4.40 Bamay. (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. The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 4. Evening session. 9.30 MOVIE: National Lampoon's European Vacation. (1985, Ms, R) When his family embarks on a European holiday, an over-enthusiastic father decides to videotape the trip. Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo, Dana Hill. 11.40 Homicide: With Ron Iddles: Gina Rossato. (Mav, R) A look at the murder of Gina Rossato. 12.40 Air Crash Investigation: Deadly Display. (PGa, R) 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 Million Dollar Minute. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.</p>	<p>6.00 Nine News. 7.00 Lord Mayor's Christmas Carols. Coverage of the 2021 Lord Mayor's Christmas Carols from Brisbane's Riverstage. 9.00 MOVIE: Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw. (2019, Mlv, R) A US lawman and a former spy are forced to put aside their rivalry and team up to take down a genetically enhanced anarchist with a bio weapon that threatens the fate of humanity. Dwayne Johnson, Jason Statham, Idris Elba. 11.30 Chicago Med. (MA15+amv, R) Charles and Elsa have a confrontation. 12.20 To Be Advised. 1.10 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. Panellists dissect, digest and reconstitute the daily news, events and hottest topics. 7.30 The Graham Norton Show. Celebrity guests include Stanley Tucci, Jamie Oliver, Romesh Ranganathan and Lil Nas X. 8.30 FBI. The team tries to extract key information from a vulnerable 9/11 widow, Hannah Thompson, who is shocked that her new boyfriend is the manipulative leader of a terrorist group planning an attack. 11.30 The Sunday Project. (R) A look at the day's news. 12.30 Home Shopping. (R) 1.30 Infomercials. (PG, R) 3.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 CBS Mornings. Morning news and talk show.</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. 9.20 Pilgrimage: Road To Istanbul. (Final) 10.25 The Misadventures Of Romesh Ranganathan. (Final) 11.25 Brian Johnson's A Life On The Road. 12.05am George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. 12.55 Horror Movie: A Low-Budget Nightmare. 1.55 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. Noon Basketball. NBA. Utah Jazz v San Antonio Spurs. Replay. 2.00 Stacey Dooley: Russia's War On Women. 3.00 Ancient Aliens. 3.50 WorldWatch. 4.20 Welcome To Country. 4.30 Oh Lucy! 4.55 The Djarn Djarns. 5.30 Secrets Of Our Cities. 6.30 Country Music. 7.30 The Eruption: Stories Of Survival. 8.30 Patriot Brains. 9.25 Dark Side Of The Ring. 10.15 Late Programs.</p>	<p>7TWO (72) 6am Morning Programs. 1.30pm A Foodies Guide To Kyushu Japan. 2.00 Border Security: Int. 2.30 Escape To The Country. 3.30 MOVIE: Greystoke: The Legend Of Tarzan, Lord Of The Apes. (1984, PG) 6.30 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 14. Brisbane Heat v Sydney Thunder. 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 My Favorite Martian. 10.30 Edgar Wallace Mysteries. 11.50 MOVIE: The Sound Barrier. (1952, PG) 2.15pm MOVIE: Darling Lili. (1970, PG) 5.00 MOVIE: Gunfight At The O.K. Corral. (1957, PG) 7.30 Christmas At Chatsworth House. 8.30 MOVIE: It's A Wonderful Life. (1946, PG) 11.10 Late Programs.</p>	<p>10 PEACH (52, 11) 6am Morning Programs. 9.00 The Middle. 10.00 Christmas With Australian Women's Weekly. 11.00 Seatbelt Psychic. 11.30 Jamie's Easy Meals For Every Day. Noon Basketball. NBL. Round 3. Melbourne United v New Zealand Breakers. 2.00 Basketball. NBL. Round 3. Brisbane Bullets v Illawarra Hawks. 4.00 The Dog House Australia. 5.00 Friends. 6.00 Big Bang. 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. Stage 11. Highlights. 1.15 Soccer. African Cup NSW. 3.00 Rugby Union. Monsoon Rugby Union. 4.30 Softball. SA Premier League. 6.00 Welcome To Country. 6.10 News. 6.20 Colonial Combat. 6.50 Undiscovered Vistas. 7.40 Coast New Zealand. 8.30 MOVIE: Whitney. (2018, M) 10.35 MOVIE: Curse Of The Golden Flower. (2006, M) 12.35am Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Kirikou And The Sorceress. Continued. (1998) 6.25 The Illusionist. (2010, PG) 7.55 The Well-Digger's Daughter. (2011, PG, French) 9.55 The Ash Lad 2. (2019, PG, Norwegian) 11.50 Tracks. (2013, M) 1.55pm Walking On Sunshine. (2014, PG) 3.45 Beauty And The Beast. (2014, PG, French) 5.50 Angrezi Medium. (2020, PG, Hindi) 8.30 Parasite. (2019, Korean) 10.55 Late Programs.</p>	<p>7MATE (73) 6am Morning Programs. 1pm Hook, Line And Sinker. 2.00 On The Fly. 2.30 Million Dollar Catch. 3.00 Fishing Addiction. 4.00 Ultimate Fishing. 5.00 Storage Wars Canada. 5.30 Storage Wars: TX. 6.00 Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Aust v England. Late afternoon session. 6.40 The Ashes: Dinner Break. 7.00 Cricket. BBL. Heat v Thunder. 10.00 MOVIE: Passenger 57. (1992, M) 11.45 Late Programs.</p>	<p>9GO! (82, 93) 6am Children's Programs. 1.30pm MOVIE: Pokémon The Movie: Black - Victini And Reshiram. (2011) 3.25 MOVIE: Alice-Miranda - A Royal Christmas Ball. (2021, C) 5.00 MOVIE: The Nutcracker: The Untold Story. (2010, PG) 7.00 MOVIE: Dr. Seuss' The Grinch. (2018) 8.35 MOVIE: The Mummy: Tomb Of The Dragon Emperor. (2008, M) 10.45 MOVIE: Dragonheart. (1996, M) 12.40am 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 3. Sydney FC v Wellington Phoenix. 5.00 All 4 Adventure. 6.00 JAG. 7.00 Bondi Rescue. 7.30 NCIS. 9.30 Star Trek: Discovery. 1am Late Programs.</p>

ABC TV (2) 6.00 News Breakfast. 9.00 ABC News Mornings. 10.00 The Great Acceleration. (Final, PG, R) 11.05 The Heights. (PG, R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 1.00 The Larkins. (Ms, R) 2.00 Glitch. (Mlv, R) 3.00 ABC News Afternoons. 4.10 Think Tank. (PG, R) 5.10 Grand Designs. (PG, R) 5.55 Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. (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. (PG) 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)	SEVEN (7) 6am Morning Programs. 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. Aust v England. Afternoon session. (Please note: alternative schedule may be shown). 4.00 The Ashes: Tea Break. 4.40 Cricket. The Ashes. Second Test. Aust v England. Late afternoon session.	NINE (8, 9) 6.00 Today. 9.00 Today Extra Summer. (PG) 11.30 Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: Four Christmases And A Wedding. (2017, G, R) Arielle Kebbel, Corey Sevier. 1.45 Talking Honey: Relationship Specials. (PG, R) 1.50 Making Of Ghostbusters: Afterlife. (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.	TEN (5, 1) 6.00 The Talk. (PGa) 7.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 7.30 Bold. (PG, R) 8.30 Studio 10. (PG) 11.00 My Market Kitchen. (R) 11.30 Everyday Gourmet. (R) 12.00 Dr Phil. (PGds, R) 1.00 Jamie's Easy Meals At Christmas. (R) 2.00 Ent. Tonight. 2.30 Jamie's Easy Meals For Every Day. (R) 3.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 3.30 Left Off The Map. (Return) 4.00 Farm To Fork. (PG) 4.30 Inside Bold. 5.00 10 News First.
6.30 Movin' To The Country. (R) 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 Outback Ringer. (PG, R) 8.00 Australian Story Summer Series: I Dream Of Jeanne. (R) A look at the life of the late Jeanne Little. 8.30 The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo: Celebrating 70 Years. A look at the Military Tattoo's rich history. 9.40 Nigella's Cook, Eat, Repeat: Christmas Special. (R) Nigella shares some festive recipes. 10.40 Secrets Of Althorp With Charles Spencer. (PG, R) 11.30 Call The Midwife. (PG, R) 12.50 EXPOSED: The Case Of Keli Lane. (ML, R) 1.50 Rage. (MA15+adhlNsv) 4.25 Rage Closer. (R) 4.30 Catalyst. (PG, R) 5.25 Short Cuts To Glory: Matt Okine Vs Food. (R)	6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) Presented by Marc Fennell. 6.30 SBS World News. 7.35 Britain's Most Expensive Houses. (PG) A look at expensive UK homes. 8.30 The Death Of Bruce Lee: Killing Bruce Lee. (M) Former Hong Kong police detective Philip Chan reinvestigates the death of martial arts superstar Bruce Lee. 10.00 The Best Of 24 Hours In Emergency: Never Really Alone. (M) Stories from King's College and St George's. 10.55 SBS World News Late. 11.25 The Crimson Rivers. (MA15+av) 12.25 Tell Me Who I Am. (Mv) 1.20 North To South: The Full Journey. (R) 4.25 Kambuwal, Guuwa & Gayiri Country. (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. The Ashes. Second Test. Australia v England. Day 5. Evening session. 9.30 Fantasy Island. (PGals) A bookworm who wants to say yes to life goes back in time to meet her favourite author. 10.30 Motorway Patrol. (PG) Lightning strikes twice for one drunk driver. 11.00 Highway Cops. (PG) Follows people who help keep motorists safe. 11.30 Surveillance Oz. (PGa, R) A group of teens are caught on CCTV. 12.00 MOVIE: Girl Happy. (1965, G, R) A singer watches over a nightclub owner's daughter. Elvis Presley. 2.00 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 RBT. (Mdl, R) Follows the activities of police units. 8.30 Australian Crime Stories: Million Dollar Mystery. (Mv, R) Takes a look at the 1994 disappearance of 22-year-old dancer and model Revelle Balmain. 9.40 Reported Missing: Dementia. (Ma, R) Police mount urgent searches for two people with dementia, including Sheila who has vanished during a shopping trip. 11.00 Chicago Med. (Mam, R) Will treats his pregnant patient. 11.45 The Village. (Premiere, Ma) 12.35 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. (Final, PGal) Lifeguards try to enforce social distancing. 8.00 Territory Cops. (Final, Mdv) Takes a behind-the-scenes look at the Northern Territory Police. 8.30 FBI: Most Wanted. (Mv) The team must determine if the kidnapping of a woman is a random hate crime or if she was specifically targeted. 10.30 The FBI Declassified: 20 Days Of Terror - The Austin Bomber. (Ma) A look at the search for a serial bomber. 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.
ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 7.15pm Odd Squad. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.00 Q! Christmas Special. 8.30 David Attenborough's Great Barrier Reef. 9.30 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. 10.20 Doctor Who. 11.10 Adam Hills: The Last Leg. 11.50 The Young Offenders. 12.25am Escape From The City. 1.20 Red Dwarf. 1.50 Community. 2.15 Parks And Recreation. 2.35 Late Programs.	SBS VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. 10.00 SBS Courtside. 10.30 Basketball. NBA. Brooklyn Nets v Denver Nuggets. 1pm WorldWatch. 2.00 Mimi. 2.20 Curse Of Oak Island. 4.00 WorldWatch. 5.25 Joy Of Painting. 5.55 Shortland Street. 6.25 Rockwiz Rewind. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. 8.30 Dark Side Of The '90s. 9.20 Hypothetical. 10.10 Chad. 11.00 Sex Tape. Midnight Late Programs.	7TWO (72) 6am Morning Programs. Noon House Of Wellness. 1.00 Million Dollar Minute. 2.00 Railway Restorations With Peter Snow. 3.00 Weekendender. 3.30 Animal Rescue. 4.00 M*A*S*H. 5.00 Escape To The Country. 6.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 15. Perth Scorchers v Hobart Hurricanes. 7.00 Bargain Hunt. 8.00 Doc Martin. 9.00 The Inspector Lynley Mysteries. 11.00 Late Programs.	9GEM (81, 92) 6am TV Shop. 7.00 Creflo. 7.30 TV Shop. 9.30 Newstyle Direct. 10.00 Danoz. 10.30 Pointless. 11.30 My Favorite Martian. Noon Seaway. 1.05 Christmas At Chatsworth House. 2.05 The Young And The Restless. 3.00 Antiques Roadshow. 3.30 MOVIE: Are You Being Served? (1977, PG) 5.30 Murder, She Wrote. 6.30 Antiques Roadshow. 7.30 Poirot. 8.40 Silent Witness. 10.50 Late Programs.	10 PEACH (52, 11) 6am Seatbelt Psychic. 6.30 The Big Bang Theory. 8.00 Friends. 10.00 The Middle. 11.30 Seinfeld. Noon Carol's Second Act. 1.00 Man With A Plan. 1.30 The Big Bang Theory. 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 Stephen Colbert. 2.30 Late Programs.
NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 1.50pm Road Open. 2.00 Shortland Street. 2.30 Chefs' Line. 3.00 Jarjums. 3.25 The Magic Canoe. 3.50 Jarjums. 5.00 Our Stories. 5.30 APTN National News. 6.00</				

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<p>ABC TV (2) 6.00 News Breakfast. 9.00 ABC News Mornings. 10.00 Christmas At St Paul's. (R) 11.05 The Heights. (PG, R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 1.00 The Cook And The Chef: Christmas Special. (R) 1.25 MOVIE: Anthony. (2020, Ma, R) Toheeb Jimoh, Bobby Schofield, Julia Brown. 3.00 ABC News Afternoons. 4.00 Think Tank. (PG, R) 5.00 Worzel Gummidge. (PG, R)</p> <p>6.00Sammy J: Full Credit To Christmas. (R) 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 Outback Ringer. (PG, R) Lach and his team set a frenetic pace. 8.00 Hard Quiz: Has Beens. Hosted by Tom Gleeson. 8.40 The Yearly With Charlie Pickering 2021. Charlie Pickering is joined by a cavalcade of guests to look back at stories from 2021. 9.40 QI. (PGs) Hosted by Sandi Toksvig. 10.10 Would I Lie To You At Christmas? (PG, R) 10.40 A Berry Royal Christmas. (R) 11.40 Father Brown. (Mav, R) 12.30 Silent Witness. (Mav, R) 1.30 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsV) 3.30 Gardening Australia: Christmas Family Special. (R) 4.30 Catalyst. (R) 5.30 Short Cuts To Glory: Matt Okine Vs Food. (R)</p>	<p>SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 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. (PG) 2.15 The Chefs' Line. (R) 2.45 Child Genius Australia. (R) 3.45 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. (PG, R) 4.15 The Wonderful World Of Chocolate. (PGa, 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 Sesame Street: 50 Years Of Sunny Days. Takes a look at <i>Sesame Street</i>. 9.00 Grand Tours Of Scotland's Lochs: Beneath The Surface. (PG) Paul Murton continues his loch-hopping journey through Scotland on a stretch of Loch Hourn. 9.30 Departure. (Mav) Kendra learns about a mysterious passenger who escaped the custody of US Marshal during the crash. 10.20 SBS World News Late. 10.55 In Therapy. (Mal) 11.50 DNA. (Ma, R) 1.25 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. (Mls, R) 2.20 North To South: The Full Journey. (R) 4.40 Bamay. (R) 5.00 France 24 Feature. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.</p>	<p>SEVEN (7) 6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 The Morning Show. (PG) 11.30 Seven Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: A Holiday Wish Come True. (2018, 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 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 17. Melbourne Renegades v Perth Scorchers. From Marvel Stadium, Melbourne. 10.00 Gordon, Gino & Fred: American Road Trip: Christmas Road Trip – Three Unwise Men. (Ml) Gordon Ramsay, Gino D'Acampo and Fred Sirieix take a festive road trip through Morocco. 11.00 Ambulance: Code Red. (Mal, R) After a car driver is seriously injured, the paramedics put him into an induced coma at the roadside. 12.00 American Crime. (Masv, R) Dustin introduces Shae to the world of online sex work. 1.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. News and current affairs. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.</p>	<p>NINE (8, 9) 6.00 Today. 9.00 Today Extra Summer. (PG) 11.30 Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: Christmas On The Menu. (2020, G) Kim Shaw, Clayton James, Cynthia Gibb. 1.50 Talking Honey: Relationship Specials. (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 Michael Bubl��s Christmas In The City. A festive performance by Michael Bubl��. 8.30 MOVIE: Love Actually. (2003, Mlns, R) Explores a series of interlocking vignettes about love and romance in Britain in the weeks before Christmas. Hugh Grant, Alan Rickman, Keira Knightley. 11.15 Christmas In New York: Inside The Plaza. (R) A look at the Plaza Hotel in New York City. 12.10 Tipping Point. (PG, R) 1.05 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>TEN (5, 1) 6am Morning Programs. 7.30 Bold. (PG, R) 8.00 Inside Bold. (R) 8.30 Studio 10. (PG) 11.00 My Market Kitchen. (R) 11.30 Everyday Gourmet. (R) 12.00 Dr Phil. (PGadl, R) 1.00 Jamie's Quick & Easy Christmas. (R) 2.00 Ent. Tonight. 2.30 Jamie's Easy Meals For Every Day. (R) 3.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 3.30 Left Off The Map. 4.00 Farm To Fork. (PG) 4.30 Inside Bold. 5.00 News.</p> <p>6.30 The Project. A look at the day's news and events. 7.30 Bondi Rescue. (PG, R) A game of beach gridiron comes to a halt. 8.00 All Aussie Adventures. (PGln, R) Russell shares his love of native fauna with some unsuspecting students. 8.30 Bull. (M, R) Bull helps Taylor's brother-in-law, Ralph Kelly, fight manslaughter charges. 10.30 The Royals Revealed: The Royal Family – Are They Worth It? (PGa) A look at the status of the British royal family. 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.</p>
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<p>ABC TV (2) 6.00 News. 9.00 News. 10.00 Australia Remastered: Nature's Great Divide. (R) 11.05 The Heights. (PG, R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 1.00 Maggie Beer's Christmas Feast. (R) 1.30 QI. (PGs, R) 2.00 Would I Lie To You At Christmas? (PG, R) 2.30 Christmas With Poh. (R) 3.00 ABC News Afternoons. 4.00 Think Tank. (PG, R) 4.55 Worzel Gummidge. (PG, R) 5.55 Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. (R)</p> <p>6.30 Movin' To The Country. (R) 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 Outback Ringer. (PG, R) 8.00 Barrie Cassidy's One Plus One. Melissa Leong talks to Barrie. 8.30 Joanna Lumley's Unseen Adventures. (Ml, R) Part 2 of 3. 9.20 That Christmas. (PG, R) A collection of Christmas stories. 10.20 Lucy Worsley's Christmas Carol Odyssey. (R) 11.20 Call The Midwife. (PG, R) 12.50 Jill Bilcock: The Art Of Film Editing. (Mlv, R) 1.20 Rage. (MA15+adhlnsV) 3.25 Rage Closer. (R) 3.30 Gardening Australia: Christmas Family Special. (R) 4.30 Catalyst. (PG, R) 5.25 Short Cuts To Glory: Matt Okine Vs Food. (R)</p>	<p>SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 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. (PG) 2.15 The Chefs' Line. (R) 2.45 Child Genius Australia. (PG, 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 vegan chocolate factory Nomo. 8.30 Red Election. (MA15+) Adam prepares to resign. 9.25 Bowled Over: Untold Australia. (Mal, R) A look at a group of drag performers. 10.30 SBS World News Late. 11.00 Gomorrah. (MA15+av, R) 11.55 We Are Who We Are. (Mal, R) 1.00 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. (Mls, R) 1.55 North To South: The Full Journey. (R) 4.15 Bamay. (R) 5.00 France 24 Feature. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.</p>	<p>SEVEN (7) 6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 The Morning Show. (PG) 11.30 Seven Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: The Last Christmas Home. (2018, 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 Better Homes And Gardens Summer. Melissa installs a stylish cubbyhouse. 7.30 Carols In The Domain. (PG) Coverage of Carols In The Domain, hosted by David Koch and Natalie Barr. 10.00 MOVIE: Vacation. (2015, MA15+Ins, R) A man embarks on a cross-country trip to an amusement park with his family. Ed Helms, Christina Applegate. 12.05 American Crime. (Masv, R) 1.05 The Zoo. (R) 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 NBC Today. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.</p>	<p>NINE (8, 9) 6.00 Today. 9.00 Today Extra Summer. (PG) 11.30 Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: The Christmas Ball. (2020, G) Deirdre Mullins, Caroline Langrishe, Nick Hendrix. 1.45 Explore. (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 Great Getaways. (PG) Takes a look at holiday ideas in the Americas. 8.30 MOVIE: Miss Congeniality 2: Armed And Fabulous. (2005, Mv, R) Against orders, an FBI agent goes undercover to rescue Miss USA and the pageant MC after they are kidnapped. Sandra Bullock, Regina King, William Shatner. 10.50 New Amsterdam. (Mam, R) Max reckons with his diagnosis. 11.40 Chicago Med. (Mam, R) 12.35 Tipping Point. (PG, 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>TEN (5, 1) 6am Morning Programs. 7.30 Bold. (PG, R) 8.00 Inside Bold. (R) 8.30 Studio 10. (PG) 11.00 My Market Kitchen. (R) 11.30 Everyday Gourmet. (R) 12.00 Dr Phil. (PGadl, R) 1.00 Jamie's Easy Christmas Countdown. (R) 2.00 Ent. Tonight. 2.30 Jamie's Easy Meals For Every Day. (R) 3.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 3.30 Left Off The Map. 4.00 Farm To Fork. (PG) 4.30 Inside Bold. 5.00 News.</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) The team searches for a serial rapist who preys on mothers with young children. 10.30 The Royals Revealed: Royal Retainers – Upstairs And Down. (PGa) A look at the staff who support the royals. 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>ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 7.15pm Odd Squad. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.30 Mock The Week. 9.00 Hard Quiz: Has Beens. 9.40 Insert Name Here. 10.10 Doctor Who. 11.00 Gavin & Stacey. 12.05am You Can't Ask That. 12.35 David Attenborough's Great Barrier Reef. 1.35 The Misadventures Of Romesh Ranganathan. (Final) 2.35 Community. 2.55 Parks And Recreation. 3.15 ABC News Update. 3.20 Close. 5.05 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. Noon Project Blue Book. 1.40 Nocturne In Black. 2.10 Butter Lamp. 2.30 Figure Skating. 2019-2020 ISU European C'ships. Replay. 4.00 WorldWatch. 5.25 Rockwiz Salutes The Bowl. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. 8.30 The Curse Of Oak Island. 10.10 The Source. 11.00 Vikings. 11.50 MOVIE: Gangs Of Wasseypur Part 1. (2012, MA15+) 2.45am Late Programs.</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 To Be Advised. 3.00 A Foodies Guide To Kyushu Japan. 3.30 RSPCA Animal Rescue. 4.30 M*A*S*H. 5.30 Escape To The Country. 6.30 Bargain Hunt. 7.30 Father Brown. 8.30 Inspector George Gently. 10.30 Murdoch Mysteries. 11.30 Late Programs.</p>	<p>9GEM (81, 92) 6am TV Shop. 7.00 Creflo. 7.30 TV Shop. 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: Sea Devils. (1953) 5.30 Murder, She Wrote. 6.30 Antiques Roadshow. 7.30 Death In Paradise. 8.40 Grantchester: Christmas Special. 10.10 Keeping Up Appearances. 10.50 Late Programs.</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. 1pm From The Western Frontier. 1.30 Going Native. 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. 9.30 MOVIE: Jowable. (2019, M) 11.20 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Our Little Sister. Continued. (2015, PG, Japanese) 7.20 Asterix And Obelix In Britain. (2012, PG, French) 9.25 The Odyssey. (2016, PG, French) 11.40 Colossal. (2016, M) 1.40pm What We Did On Our Holiday. (2014, PG) 3.30 The Three Musketeers. (1973, PG) 5.30 The Lunchbox. (2013, PG, Hindi) 7.30 Toast. (2010, PG) 9.15 Seven Psychopaths. (2012, MA15+) 11.20 Late Programs.</p>	<p>7MATE (73) 6am Morning Programs. 9.00 Desert Collectors. 10.00 NFL 100 Greatest. 11.00 A Football Life. Noon Heavy Rescue: 401. 1.00 Weird, True And Freaky. 2.00 Great Lake Warriors. 3.00 Shipping Wars. 4.00 Al McGlashan's Fish'n With Mates. 4.30 Billion Dollar Wreck. 5.30 Storage Wars: TX. 6.00 American Pickers. 7.00 Pawn Stars. 7.30 To Be Advised. 10.30 MOVIE: Cool Hand Luke. (1967, M) 1.10am Late Programs.</p>	<p>9GO! (82, 93) 6am Children's Programs. Noon The Incredible Hulk. 1.00 Airwolf. 2.00 The A-Team. 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 MOVIE: Dr Seuss' How The Grinch Stole Christmas. (2000) 9.35 MOVIE: Four Holidays. (2008, M) 11.20 Young Sheldon. 11.45 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

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LANDSCAPERS
Streaming, Stan

Stan

Having won the Best Actress Oscar as Queen Anne in *The Favourite*, and both a Golden Globe and Emmy for her turn as Queen Elizabeth II in Netflix's *The Crown*, you'd be forgiven for thinking there wasn't much ground left for immensely talented Olivia Colman to cover. And yet, the actress outdoes herself here as Susan Edwards, a mild-mannered English housewife accused of a terrible crime.

Along with her husband Christopher (David Thewlis, *Fargo*), Susan becomes the focus of an extraordinary police investigation when a pair of dead bodies are discovered, buried in the back garden of a house in Nottingham. The case, inspired by real events, draws national media attention, in part due to the seemingly ordinary couple's complete and utter normalcy.

As it turns out, the pair have been on the run from reality for over 15 years – sharing a fantasy world of Susan's invention. An avid fan of old Westerns and classic cinema, Susan imagines herself and Christopher to be Hollywood heroes, a middle-aged Bonnie and Clyde.

It falls to lead investigator Emma Lancing (Kate O'Flynn) to weed through the couple's bizarre delusions and find the truth.

The darkly funny four-part limited series is created and written by Ed Sinclair, Colman's real-life husband, who wrote the script with his wife in mind. In the hands of Japanese-English director Will Sharpe (*The Electrical Life of Louis Wain*, *Flowers*), *Landscapers* blossoms into an exhilarating and surreal cinematic experience

'Til death do us part:
Olivia Colman and David
Thewlis in *Landscapers*.



RUMBLE
Streaming, Paramount+ *Paramount+*

Based on the graphic novel *Monster on the Hill* by Rob Harrell, this entertaining family flick goes inside the world of monster wrestling, where Winnie (voice of Geraldine Viswanathan) wants to follow in her father's footsteps by turning lovable underdog Steve (Will Arnett) into a champion worthy of taking on reigning titan Tentacular (Terry Crews).



FIREBITE
Streaming, AMC+

amc+

Helmed by Aussie auteur Warwick Thornton, this fantasy-horror series about Indigenous slayers vanquishing vampires in the outback is like nothing you've seen. Rob Collins (pictured) and Shantae Barnes-Cowan (*Total Control*) star as Tyson and Shanika, two hunters on a quest to eliminate the last colony of vampires in the middle of the South Australian desert.



**YOUNG ROCK:
A CHRISTMAS PERIL** **FOXTEL**
Streaming, Foxtel On Demand

On Christmas Eve, 1982, young Dewey (Adrian Groulx, pictured, centre) is shown some terrible Christmases to come in his future: in 1987, Rocky and Dwayne (Bradley Constant, left) work as shopping centre Santas and in 1993, Dwayne (Uli Latukefu, right) spends the holidays with Coach O.



**THE GRAND TOUR PRESENTS:
CARNAGE A TROIS**
Streaming, from Friday, Amazon Prime Video

prime video

James May, Jeremy Clarkson and Richard Hammond (pictured, from left) dive into the world of French car culture. However, thanks to the pandemic, they do it from the UK. Starting in Wales, the trio make their way to the English Channel in all manner of wacky vehicles.



PUFF: WONDERS OF THE REEF
Streaming, Netflix

NETFLIX

An extraordinary glimpse inside the life of an often-overlooked creature, this unbelievably intricate documentary follows a baby puffer fish living on the Great Barrier Reef as it learns to survive and thrive through its first year of life. *Bridesmaids* star Rose Byrne narrates as scientists, cinematographers and filmmakers take us into Puff's exquisite world.




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Christmas Greetings & Gifts



Sue & the elves at **Spinifex Collections** welcome home the Leader & wish its readers & everyone else, a **happy, happy Christmas!**

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Our offices will be close from Wednesday afternoon 22nd December, 2021 & re-open Tuesday 4th January, 2022



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The Team at **Outback Aussie Tours** would like to thank everyone for their support in 2021 and wish you all a **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.**

See you in 2022!




Merry Christmas
See you in 2022

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Indian Restaurant

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Merry Christmas

From the team at **LongreachLeader** and **CentralWestLeader**

We would like to thank the Central West community for your support throughout 2021.

We will be having a break over Christmas, 24 December will be last edition for 2021.

21 January will be the first edition for 2022



Christmas Greetings & Gifts

The team at Darcy's Diner send you our sincerest thanks and tidings of joy this Christmas

Darcy's will be closed from 23rd December '21 through to 3rd January 2022

We look forward to serving you again on the 4th January 2022

Merry Christmas everyone!



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Thank you to all our customers this year

We wish you all the very best for a flourishing 2022

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Fresh Poinsettia pots instore now

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Happy Valley Chinese Restaurant

Serving customers for 19 years!

Merry Christmas to all our local and district customers

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Open Boxing Day December 29th

Closed December 30 - February 6, 2022

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From all our Team at Johnlee Motors

Thank you for your custom in 2021

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

Closed December 23/Reopen January 10

Look forward to seeing you in 2022 for all your mechanical repair needs & buggy sales
34 Swan Street, Longreach

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Thank you all for supporting us this year
Happy Christmas everyone!

From Sharyn and Team

We're taking a well deserved break from Dec 24 and will reopen on Jan 12

Longreach Embroidery

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Myers Newsagency

Management and staff would like to wish one and all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Remember to grab your NY's Eve Megadraw and we'll see you for a prosperous 2022!

Closed Christmas Day and reduced trading hours until Tuesday, January 4, 2022



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Forever grateful for the support I have received this year - making your coffee has been such a joy.

I'll be back in the new year!

Case x



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Boxing Day	CLOSED
Mon 27th December	CLOSED
Tues 28th December	CLOSED
Wed 29th December	8.30am - 5.00pm
Thurs 30th December	8.30am - 5.00pm
Fri 31st December	8.30am - 5.00pm
New Year's Day	CLOSED
Sun 2nd January	CLOSED
Mon 3rd January	8.30am - 5.00pm



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Christmas Greetings & Gifts

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The last weekend for trading in 2021 is **Saturday and Sunday 11 and 12 December.**

We are taking a break until 22 January 2022 and look forward to welcoming you back with an exciting new lot of antique and vintage treasures, jewellery and more of the items of yesteryear and collectables you all love.

Once again thank you, see you in 2022.



Wishing all our clientele a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

A massive thank you for everyone's support through the year.
Trading Hours: 10.00am to 12.00am - 7 days for Lunch and Dinner.
Hosting the Birdy Christmas Lunch again. Bookings essential.
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Christmas A to Z

Write a Christmas-related word that starts with each letter from A to Z.

The first one to finish wins.

Do your best and enjoy the game!

A	_____	N	_____
B	_____	O	_____
C	_____	P	_____
D	_____	Q	_____
E	_____	R	_____
F	_____	S	_____
G	_____	T	_____
H	_____	U	_____
I	_____	V	_____
J	_____	W	_____
K	_____	X	_____
L	_____	Y	_____
M	_____	Z	_____

Merry Christmas and good wishes for 2022

Thank you for all your support this year and looking forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Remember we have all your Christmas Gifts in store!

Leanne and Rob and their helpful Elves at Barkers Newsagency



We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

From Joy & Don, Chloe & Amie and team at Merino Bakery

Closed Friday Dec 24th at 4pm and reopen on Wednesday Dec 29th at 6 am



Serving our baking delights to you for our 6th year in 2022

RUM BALL RECIPE

Ingredients

- 8 weetbix
- 395g Sweetened Condensed Milk
- 1 cup coconut
- 1/4 cup cocoa
- 1 1/2 tbs rum *to taste
- 1 cup coconut *to decorate *extra

Method

1. Break up the WeetBix and use the end of a rolling pin to crush the WeetBix into small pieces.
2. Add all the dry ingredients and mix well.
3. Add the rum and the condensed milk.
4. Mix with hands until well combined and place in the fridge for about 30 minutes to harden.



What's on

A special cinema return

By Michael R Williams

This weekend Longreach locals will be treated to a special event, hosted by Outback Cinema Gurus Norm and Edna Salsbury.

Tomorrow night at the Longreach Showgrounds, locals will be able to watch A Boy Called Christmas and the new James Bond film, No Time to Die.

Originally a joke, Mr Salsbury told his mate “Brooksie” from Brisbane it might be an idea to host an outdoor cinema event before the end of the year.

“We’ve seen these open-air events take off in other places,’ he said.

“But they’re still very costly, so my wife and I have lived a significant number of years here.

“And, people have supported us right back to when that Roxy Theatre ran around there.

“So we just thought we’d give it a go, and if it doesn’t work, it doesn’t work.”

Mr Salsbury thinks the event will “fire up” as long as there are no storms.

But agreeing to organise the event, Mr Salsbury was able to get a “treat” from two distributors he’s been getting along with for some time.

“I’m surprised that I got Bond, and this Christmas film that I’ve got, has just been released for this Christmas,” Mr Salsbury said.

A number of local businesses have chipped in to help tie loose ends with funding.

“Mercury Business Supplies have become



Norm Salsbury by his Bond car collection, he’s excited to see the new 007.

a sponsor, a popcorn business from Brisbane have just left for the event,” he said.

“So you know, things like that.

“It’ll work – the locals that I’ve spoken to have said the idea of taking their own chair or sitting on the ground sounds great.”

For local die-hard cinema fans, this event means a chance to watch a film in a formal setting, something they haven’t been able to do since the closure of the Star Cinema, formerly owned by Mr Salsbury.

“I’m surprised Hamish [Hart] is still trying

to do the film reviews,” Mr Salsbury said.

“He’s a good lad, he hardly missed a program.”

If the night is successful, Mr Salsbury said he wouldn’t rule out “having a go again at some other time”.

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Community events billboard

Friday, 17 December

Locals Christmas Party

Come join in on the festivities

■ Location: Birdcage Hotel

■ Time: 5 pm

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

■ Saturday, 18 December

Monster Christmas Raffles

What will you win

■ Location: Longreach RSL

Cinema Under the Stars

Star Cinema is back for one night only

■ Location: Longreach Showgrounds

■ Time: 5.30 pm

Wool spinning

Come get creative!

■ Location: Longreach Arts and Crafts Centre

■ Time: 2.30pm

Jericho Public Christmas Tree

Jumping Castle and facing painting from 5.30 – 8.30 Christmas Photo opportunity – BYO camera BBQ food available Bar operating – No BYO glass or alcohol Multi Draw Christmas Wheel – First spin 6.00pm Multi Draw Raffle – Tickets available before event, drawn on Christmas Tree night Memorial ‘Auntie Una’ Raffle – tickets available on night only 4 x \$50 Vouchers to WIN, nominated Children only (aged 12 and under) Santa arrives 6.45pm

■ Location: Jericho Drive-In Theatre

■ Time: 5.30 pm

■ Sunday, 19 December

Christmas in Banks Park

Join us for an evening of Christmas Carols on

The evening is hosted by your BTRC CouncillorsThe Be Local Shop Local and Christmas Light Competition winners will be announced at this event.

■ Location: Banks Park

■ Time: 6pm

Community Garden

■ Come lend a hand in creating a beautiful garden.

■ Location: Longreach Youth Centre

■ Time: 6.30 am

■ 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

Longreach Town Band Mixed Ensemble Rehearsals

■ Location: Longreach State School.

■ Time: 4pm

Men's Shed Markets

Nothing we can't fix.

■ Location: Ilfracombe

■ Time: 7am

■ Monday, 20 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

■ Tuesday, 21 December

Wool spinning

Come get creative!

■ Location: Longreach Arts and Crafts Centre

■ Time: 2.30 pm

COMICS

Bottled Fruit



(Retired) Jockeying for position

Insert Brain Here



Doodley Squat



WuMo



Against the Grain



Bushy Tales



Swamp



Insanity Streak



Ballard Street



Grin Bin



Rural road improvements

By Michael R Williams

The Outback Regional Road and Transport Group (ORRTG) recently reviewed the Regional Road Hierarchy Invest Priority maps and Roads of Strategic Importance and other State Funding going into the new year.

Chair of the Outback Regional Road and Transport Group Gavin Baskett said three of the group's priority roads will get complete sealing in the new year, including Muttaborra-Cramsie road, and Blackall-Jericho.

“So, they’ll get completed and we’ll remove them from the priority ones so we can put some other roads in,” he said.

“Like the Winton-Richmond Road and the Tambo to Alpha, Clermont, and Springsure roads.”

Mr Baskett said the group's main priority is the Birdsville-Bedourie road.

“It is one of our main communities and it doesn’t have a sealed road yet, so that’s our main priority for the whole region,” he said.

“It’s almost going to be complete [by the end of the year] - it’s got 15kms through channel country that will take a significant amount of funding because it’ll need a lot more work than your normal road.

“That stretch will be all that’s left after this funding.”

For major events that occur in Birdsville, most travellers come in through the Charleville but, Mr Baskett said many choose to return through the Bedourie.

“The roads get knocked around from the gravel [going through the Charleville],” he said.

“You’ll find most travellers return through Bedourie/ Boulia, so the more bitumen that gets on that road, the more people that will travel that way back through the central west.”

The ORRTG also reviewed the Local Roads of Regional Significance, with Mr Baskett highlighting improvements coming to the Winton-Opalton road.

“That road is getting more and more use with tourists and opal miners are getting back into the business and becoming more popular again,” he said.

“The Local Roads of Regional Significance



The ORRTG updated investment map.

(LARS) is roads in each of our seven shires that are important to our local economy.

“Usually that’ll be stock transport or mining in the Winton area – the Opalton road wasn’t on this map the last time it was reviewed, five years ago.”

Mr Baskett this time the ORRTG were successful in having the Winton-Opalton road added by the technical group, a separate group that reviews the ORRTG’s work.

“It’s just a very important road to us – more and more opal miners are getting down there and the Opal industry is really starting to kick off,” he said.

“And that will take-off when international borders open.

“There’s the Opalton bush park, which is a caravan park down there that sees a lot of trade in the tourist season and, they’re also wanting to open the interpretation and visitor information centre and, once that’s completed that road will get more and more traffic.

“We’ll identify that as a road that maybe needs more maintenance than it currently gets – but once it’s on this LARS, it’s on a priority to be worked on, not just in the Shire, but the whole outback region.”

Mr Baskett said moving forward as fund-

ing comes in, different roads will move up and down the priority lists.

“Once the dirt roads are all sealed in the priorities, then we’ll concentrate on widening roads like the Barcaldine-Aramac or Longreach-Jundah road,” he said.

“Until a road is fully sealed at six to eight metres, they will remain on this map as an important road.”

With the WQAC, the ORRTG is also working with the northern and southern road groups to lobby the State Government for the importance of these roads.

Rural leaders working to protect our future

By Michael R Williams

Over the past month, locals of the central west have met in the name of building drought resilience in the future for our regions.

The Rural Leaders and Drought Resilience Program was held throughout the month of November and was held in Barcaldine, Longreach, and there was an online session.

Managing Operator for the North Australian Pastoral Company at Portland Downs and Rural Leaders Graduate Sarah Ferriday said the program was a pilot program that is currently being run across Australia.

The central west block of 21 participants

was among the first to have completed the program.

“We worked for eight days gaining knowledge and skills and networking with others just to help our communities in different ways to become more drought resilient into the future,” Ms Ferriday said.

“It wasn’t just drought resilience in regard to farming practices, it was delved into links within the community in regard to well-being and the social side of things too.”

Several key speakers were invited to speak at the program events or via zoom.

Ms Ferriday pointed out a group of actors from Barcaldine Cleverfool Creative who

taught the attendees how to role play scenarios that may occur during a drought.

“It highlighted the emotion within a challenge that you’re facing,” she said.

“Then you see how other people handle that situation.

“So, it was very unique, it certainly wasn’t run of the mill.”

Ms Ferriday said the program successfully gave attendees the skills necessary to handle tough drought-related situations in the future.

“It’s given us the confidence and belief within our leadership abilities to go into the community and become bolder and more a part of decision making,” she said.

“Whether it’s through regenerative agriculture, which is farming practices or whether its mental wellbeing or workshops within a community.

“Everyone came from all walks of life: we had a paramedic, we had a creative director from the Crack-Up Sisters – through to producers and property managers.

“So they will go back into their communities, and its made them more comfortable to become more involved.”

The program was organised by the Australian Rural Leadership Programs and is a part of a broader picture goal of building leadership in rural Australia.

The Leader caught up with **TIM SALTER** from Elders Longreach to discuss the Livestock and Property Markets.

Cattle stocking rates are low, goat market going strong

Cattle

According to Mr Salter, stocking rates for cattle are low compared to what Elders believe the district can handle.

“We’d be 30-35 stocked out in the west, I think,” he said.

“The markets are exceptionally good – with what’s happening in the southeast and eastern states.

“The market results from today reflect that.”

Mr Salter said weaners were making up to just under \$9 a kilo this week.

“The markets are extremely strong – we’ve never it stronger for cattle and sheep sales,” he said.

Mr Salter said the recent rains may only be

enough for some people to restock.

“We’ve had a bit of a start to the season, and we’ve had a little bit of a break,” he said.

“And there could some people that could restock a little bit – but it’s not enough of a break to give people the confidence to restock in big numbers.

“Some people out west to restock cattle, they need to be sure of at least six months in front of them.

“Generally speaking people are sitting at the moment.”

Sheep and Goats

Mr Salter spoke highly of the current goat market.

“The goat market is going really really

good,” he said.

“General rates are at \$10, and you can see quite a few more people out west getting into goats as an alternative.

“They breed up exceptionally – a lot of kilos of product converted in a short period of time.”

Mr Salter also said the sheep market was doing very strongly.

“With the exclusion fencing, now if you want to run sheep it’s viable,” he said.

Property

Mr Salter said land values in the west have doubled in the past two years.

“A number of districts record sales have been landed in the last six months,” he said.

“Those people who have been fortunate to

get out, to retire out, or to succession plan out have been very well based on the value figures.

“You’ve got values across the country skyrocketing; our area is starting to catch up a little bit.”

Mr Salter said with the little bit of feed with had in the past month, eastern buyers may see the value in the district.

Mr Salter said recent rain should give local property owners and graziers more security.

“If we continue to get rain, we’ll be able to get more stock and more stock will stay in the country,” he said.

“As I said earlier about numbers or buying back in – if we continue to get a seasonal break – people will have the confidence to buy numbers back and continue on.”

Gardening

Neil Fisher



Hibiscus bruceii



Hibiscus Blackall 150 Lucy



Hibiscus Peggy Walton Blackall

Hibiscus of the west

Hibiscus rosa sinensis has had a long history and successful history with the gardeners of Western Queensland.

With Blackall being acknowledged as having one of the largest collections in Queensland.

During the early 1980's Harold Caulfield the Brisbane Botanic Gardens Curator of the day would highlight in his presentations, "the large and distinctive collection of Hibiscus that could be found growing in Blackall".

Much of the early beautification and streetscaping of Blackall would have to be credited to the former Queensland Government Botanist Selwyn Everist. He was based in Blackall during the early 1930s and it was around this time that Hibiscus shrubs were introduced into the township.

It was during this period that Hibiscus rosa-sinensis shrubs were introduced into the township where they have flourished to this day. Many of the Hibiscus planted during this time are still growing within Blackall.

In recent times the Blackall Tambo Regional Council has started a succession planting program to re-establish many of the original trees and shrubs planted during Selwyn Everist times, including the Hibiscus.

Under the guidance of Cindy Morgan and her Parks and Garden team over sixty different varieties of Hibiscus rosa-sinensis have been replanted.

While there are 1000's of varieties of Hibiscus rosa-sinensis grown around the world.

Not all Hibiscus will grow successfully in Western Queensland, in fact, many new hybrid Hibiscus struggle to grow in the dry conditions. Yet at the same time, you will see old Hibiscus shrubs in full bloom and flourishing in neglected gardens.

Some of the Hibiscus with an interesting history that can be found in Blackall include Cindy Morgan's favourite is the Hibiscus Peggy Walton X.

The reason for the cross is that this form of the lavender grey flowering Hibiscus has a pale coloured eye instead of the normal red-eye. Hibiscus Peggy Walton is a low shrub with glossy green foliage and growing to 1.2m.

Hibiscus Albo Lacinatus is an upright variety growing to 4m high with pink windmill-shaped flowers with a deeper pink centre.

This Hibiscus is one of the first hybrid Hibiscus cultivated in the world and is more than likely amongst the first varieties planted in Western Queensland.

Hibiscus bruceii is a medium-sized shrub with large green leaves.

The large bright yellow flower with a white eye appears most of the year.

Hibiscus bruceii is a very fast-growing shrub.

This Hibiscus has been grown in



Cindy Morgan, Terry Tapim, Dennis Seaby and Adrian Austin

Queensland for over 60 years.

Hibiscus Cameo Queen the first Hawaiian Hibiscus is grown in Queensland.

This Hibiscus would have been planted in the late 1940s.

Hibiscus Cameo Queen has large single, pale lemon flowers with a soft pink eye.

It will form a bushy shrub to 1.2m high.

Hibiscus Wilders White could have been part of the first group of Hibiscus planted in Western Queensland.

It is a medium to tall evergreen shrub what is ideal as a garden specimen and suitable as an informal hedge or screen.

The large single pure white flowers with a red staminal column will make a colourful addition to a western garden.

Then there is the Hibiscus Blackall 150 "Lucy" a rosa-sinensis hybrid that is unique to the Blackall community.

Most likely this was a seedling that emerged from in a Blackall garden many years ago.

This Hibiscus produces regular single glossy red flowers with toothed petals about 10cm in diameter.

It is best described as a medium shrub growing to 2m high with glossy green foliage.

All of these Hibiscuses are varieties of Hibiscus rosa-sinensis and, while some nurseries have stopped growing these ones in prefer-

ence for later hybrids which most likely would have been the first to die, many nurseries are now carrying quite a range of hardy Hibiscus varieties.

Although there are no known original examples in the wild, Hibiscus rosa-sinensis is considered to have originated in the Indian Ocean area. All of its variants are tropical or semi-tropical.

Hibiscus rosa-sinensis can be found today throughout the warmer parts of the world. Hybridized Hibiscus rosa-sinensis plants can be propagated by cuttings, air-layering, or tissue culture since the seed of Hibiscus rosa-sinensis usually produces plants that display different characteristics from their parents.

There are a tremendous number of variations, within both single and double forms.

Single blooms typically have five petals, and the doubles are identical but have extra petals in addition to the basic five, with a few of the basic types having a slight scent

Hibiscus rosa-sinensis flowers are somewhat unique in that they do not require water and usually last only one day during the warmer months.

Hibiscus rosa-sinensis varieties can range from sprawling and semi-prostrate shrubs to tall, upright screen plants growing up to 6m high. Heights can vary from about three feet to twenty-five feet.



Hibiscus Albo Lacinatus

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

WEATHER

FORECAST

Warnings

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

Longreach:

Partly cloudy. Slight chance of a shower. The chance of a thunderstorm in the afternoon and evening. Winds east to northeasterly 20 to 30 km/h tending north to northeasterly 25 to 35 km/h during the morning then tending east to northeasterly 15 to 25 km/h during the afternoon. Saturday. Sunny.

Isisford:

Partly cloudy. Saturday. Sunny.

Barcaldine:

Partly cloudy. Saturday. Sunny.

Central West District:

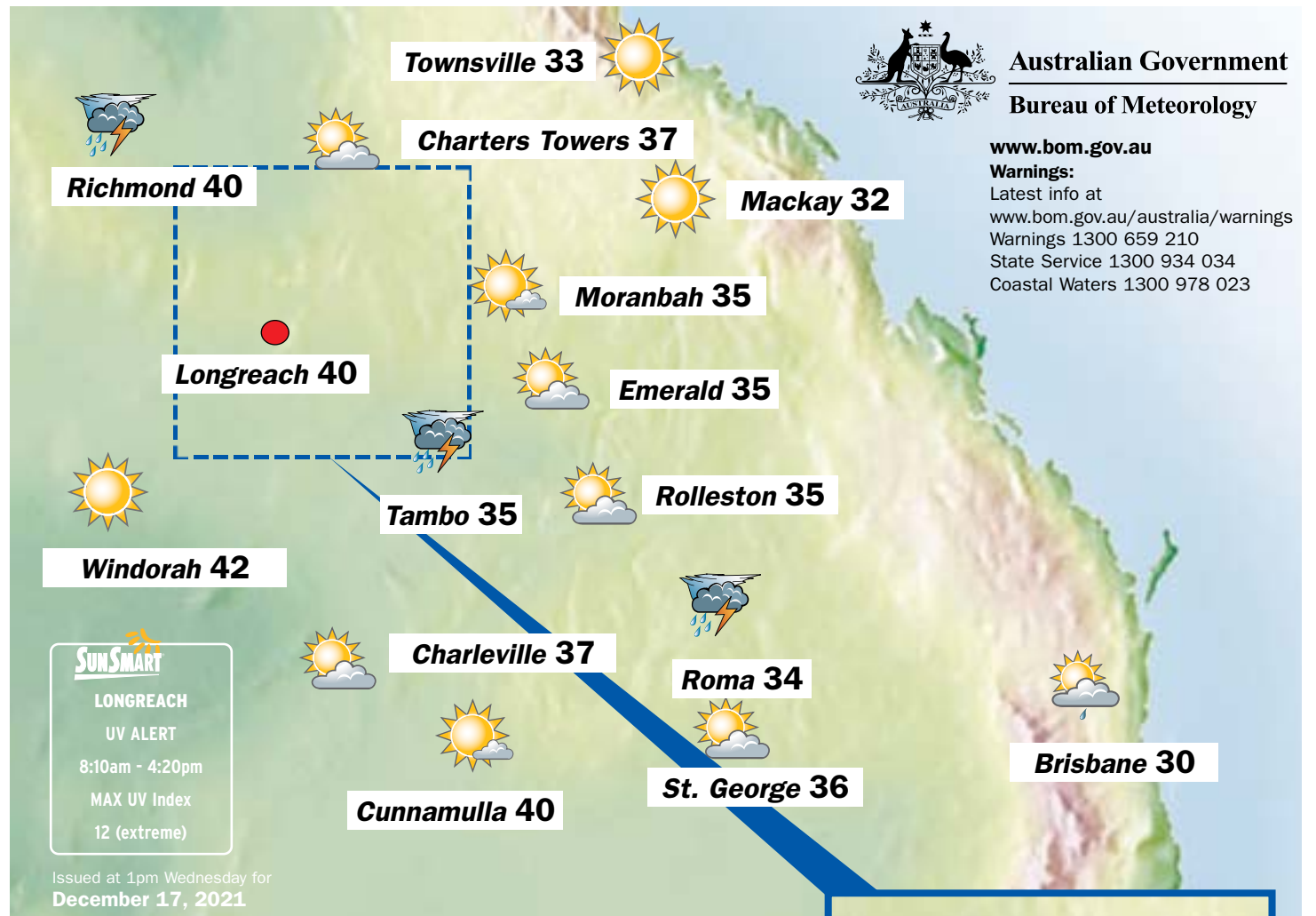
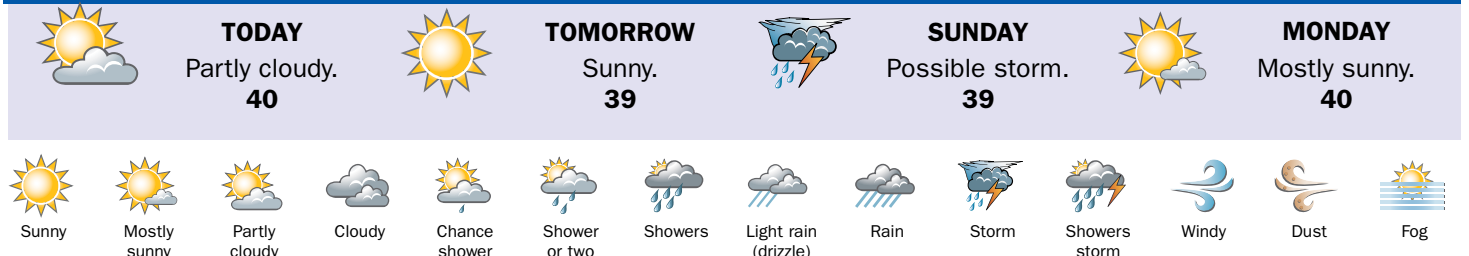
Partly cloudy. The chance of a storm in the afternoon and evening. Winds east to northeasterly 15 to 25 km/h tending north to northeasterly 25 to 35 km/h during the morning then tending east to northeasterly 15 to 25 km/h during the afternoon.

Queensland:

A high in the Tasman Sea will strengthen a ridge along the east coast, while a trough becomes slow-moving over the interior. Mostly sunny along the tropical east coast and in the southwest. A slight to medium chance of showers along the southeastern Queensland coast. A slight to medium chance of showers and storms elsewhere, increasing to a high chance about the Granite Belt and southern border ranges. Storms possibly severe about the southeastern interior and the northwestern interior. Temperatures near or above average, tending well above average in the west with severe heatwave conditions.

Saturday. A high in the Tasman Sea will extend a ridge along the east coast, while a trough will linger about the far west of the state. A slight chance of showers and storms about the northwest and southern interior. A slight chance of showers about the east coast. Mostly sunny elsewhere. Temperatures near or above average, tending well above average in the west with severe heatwave conditions.

LONGREACH FORECAST



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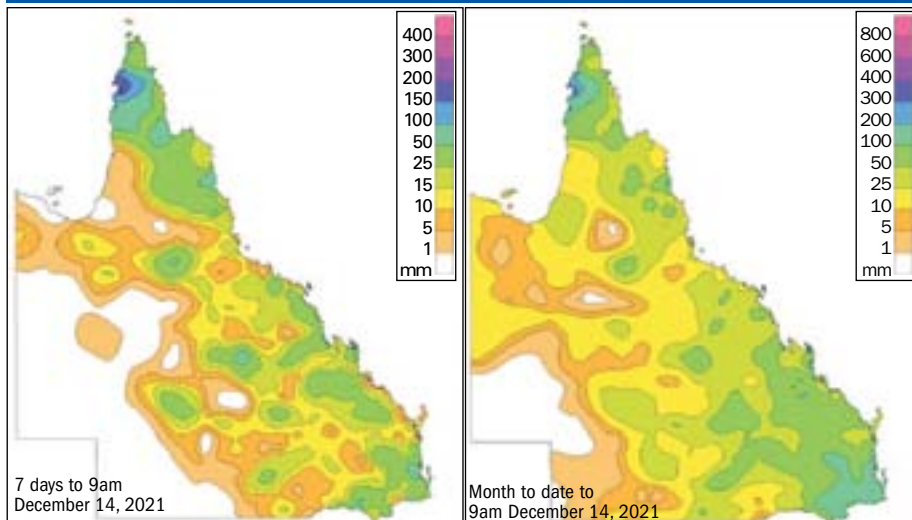
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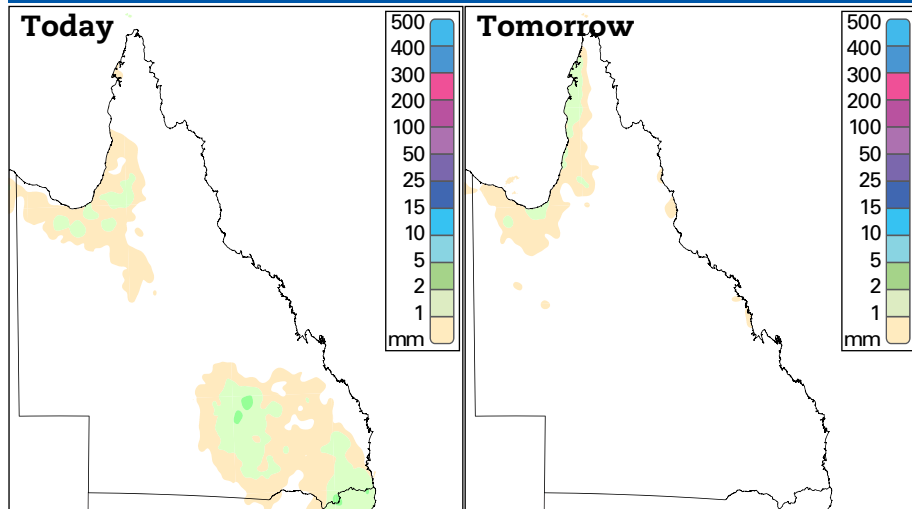
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RAINFALL



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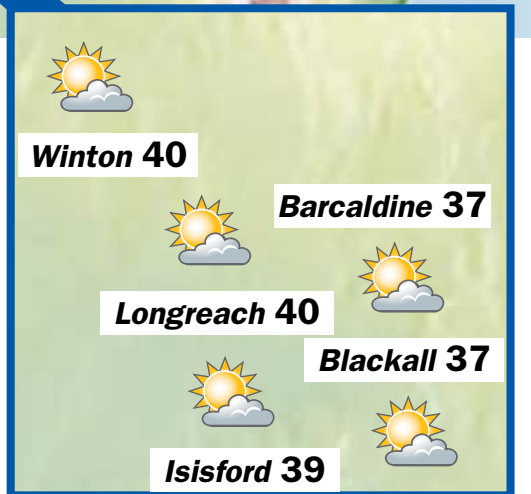


CAPITAL CITIES

City	Condition	Max
Adelaide	Very hot. Partly cloudy.	37
Brisbane	Possible shower.	30
Canberra	Partly cloudy.	27
Darwin	Shower or two. Possible storm.	35
Hobart	Mostly sunny.	22
Melbourne	Mostly sunny.	29
Perth	Possible shower.	23
Sydney	Cloudy.	25

SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Friday	5:32am	7:06pm	5:31pm	3:51am
Saturday	5:32am	7:07pm	6:25pm	4:30am
Sunday	5:33am	7:07pm	7:18pm	5:14am
Monday	5:33am	7:08pm	8:10pm	6:02am
Tuesday	5:34am	7:08pm	8:59pm	6:53am
Wednesday	5:34am	7:09pm	9:44pm	7:47am



THE WORLD

World conditions yesterday

City	Weather	Max	Min
Athens	cloudy	12	3
Auckland	showers	24	18
Bangkok	fine	33	23
Beijing	cloudy	6	-5
Berlin	cloudy	8	5
Christchurch	windy	16	12
Denpasar	rain	31	23
Dublin	cloudy	10	3
Hong Kong	sunny	25	21
Honolulu	showers	27	23
Jakarta	rain	33	25
Johannesburg	storms	23	14
Kuala Lumpur	storms	32	23
London	cloudy	12	9
Los Angeles	showers	15	6
Madrid	sunny	13	3
Moscow	rain	-2	-3
New Delhi	rain	23	7
New York	cloudy	15	11
Noumea	showers	29	22
Paris	cloudy	10	7
Auckland	showers	24	18
Port Vila	fine	31	24
Seoul	cloudy	10	3
Singapore	storms	33	24
Suva	storms	30	25
Tel Aviv	showers	17	14
Tokyo	cloudy	15	4
Vancouver	showers	5	3
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Announcements

Deaths

BROOMHALL Jennifer Anne

The relatives and friends of the Late Jennifer Anne Broomhall, formerly of Wompoo Road Longreach, wish to advise she passed away peacefully on Friday 10th December 2021 surrounded by her loving family.

A Memorial Service will be held in Isisford on Saturday 8th January 2022.

More details to be advised.

Longreach Regional Council
Funeral Directors of Longreach

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FROST William Bennet 'Bill'

The family of William Bennet Frost known to most as 'Bill', born in Barraba NSW and formerly of Ilfracombe QLD, wish to advise that he passed away unexpectedly and peacefully on Wednesday 8th December 2021 with his family by his side.

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You have the opportunity to review and comment on this UWIR.

From Friday 17 December 2021 you can access the UWIR for ATP 2019 by visiting Galilee Energy's website at: www.galilee-energy.com.au

You can also phone 07 3177 9970 to arrange for a hard copy to be posted to you.

Written submissions on the UWIR may be made to Galilee Energy and mailed or emailed to:

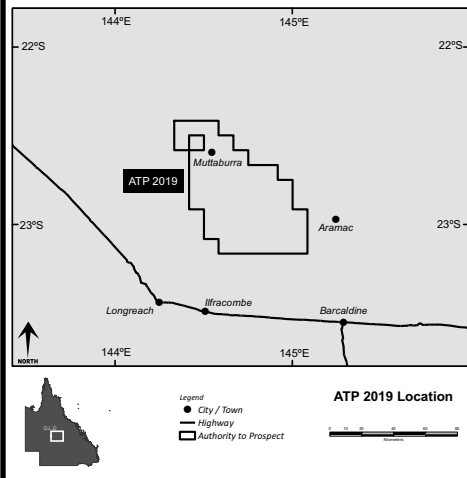
- Galilee Energy Limited, GPO Box 1944
Brisbane Qld 4001
- admin@galilee-energy.com.au

Your submission must be:

- In writing, and
- Received by COB Thursday 20 January 2022

Please note that as required by Section 382(3)(d) of the Water Act, copies of all received submissions must be provided to the Chief Executive. The submissions will be considered as part of the assessment process for the UWIR.

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Patrons Trophy Winner Gavin Baskett.

Big golf year ends

By Robyn Stephens

Winton Golf Club has held its Annual Presentation of Trophies evening.

2021 has been a successful year for the club with golfers contesting eight months of competition which also included travelling to several North-West and Central West Opens with success for a number of our players at various events.

Highlights for the 2021 Season include:

The Diamantina Open Golf Championships held over two days with over 55+ attending and travelling from Townsville, Mt. Isa, Richmond, Hughenden, Boulia, Cloncurry, Longreach, Ilfracombe, Jundah, Isisford, Muttaburra, Barcaldine, and Blackall; free Junior Golf coaching Clinics conducted by PGA Kevin Carruthers with a number of juniors receiving coaching.

One of the Clubs aims is to build its player base and foster junior golf, and it is through ongoing golf clinics this interest in the sport will strengthen.

Interesting to note there are at present six full playing junior members in the Golf North Queensland Western Zone.

2021 Men's GNQ Men's Inter-Association hosted by the Darling Downs Golf Association 25th & 26th October. Adrian and Brendan Lenton were part of the hosted four-man squad representing the Western Zone Clubs and being selected to play alongside thirteen Queensland Clubs was a rewarding experience.

Golf North Queensland Men's Handicap Pennants event held at Mystic Sands NQ Golf Club. with eight players from the Western Zone Clubs competing.



Ladies A,B and C Grade Champions.

The Pelican Waterhole Masters event was held in the lead-up to the 26th biennial Out-back Festival. Over 40 players tested their skills teeing off using a multiple number of gimmicks which is always a lot of fun and enjoyment.

Winton Neighborhood Centre Community Golf Day kicked off Winton's Mental Health Week of Events saw twenty-eight people enjoying a fun-filled nine-hole Ambrose golf event Winton Golf Club Committee would like to thank their many valued Sponsors who have supported the club this year and members for their patronage during the year.

Also, our band of workers who assist with the everyday up-keep of the Club, and many thanks to the Winton Work Camp men for



Match Play Winner BJ Lenton.

their wonderful assistance.

Winton Golf Club would like to wish you and your families a safe and Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year.

It's a big slam dunk

By Michael R Williams

Youth sports fanatics can get excited in the new year, as Own the Rock, a basketball camps and private sessions company, will be coming to Longreach in the new year to train locals in the sport.

Own the Rock Head Coach Travis Fisher said he was excited to be bringing basketball to Longreach on January 9.

"I've been going to a fair few rural towns for the better part of a year now," he said.

"I was originally coaching in Roma, so when I came back to Brisbane, I really wanted to get out to all these rural places, like Longreach that doesn't have too much organised Basketball.

"I want to give them [Longreach youth] the same kind of coaching that kids on the coast get."

Mr Fisher said he was aware of a local who has been running a few Basketball coaching sessions but said he'd like to make his event a bit broader.

"Australia is just behind the USA and the Philippines on who watches the NBA the most," he said.

"A lot of that's kids – it doesn't matter which school you go to, there's always kids shooting basketballs at the courts.

"It's just to give them the fundamentals and basic skills to when there might be an organised competition, they're already ahead."

Mr Fisher said it won't be just a once-off event.

"We get a lot of kids interested in the Longreach event, it's not the most ideal day," he said.

"If we come there a couple of times, and someone might want to run a competition, I can help there.

"That can get the coaches up to scratch and teach the kids how to ref as well."

Mr Fisher said it was important to build up regional sports again after Covid interruptions.

"It's just good to get kids involved in sport again," he said.



Lloydy's Serve

Michael Lloyd



Tickets please! Let's support those who support sport

It is expensive to play sport.

Gone are the days that you bought a set of jerseys and footy, and you could play in the local competition.

Insurance, facilities, medical, officials, and all the licences and plans (I didn't say the C-word) mean that just to put a team on the park can be a costly proposition.

Governments of all persuasions are pretty generous when it comes to infrastructure, but often there is little money to maintain, upgrade, clean, and just keep open facilities for the following years after the initial build.

But Australians are pretty generous, even

more so out here in Western Queensland.

Local businesses line up to sponsor teams even with the full knowledge that all the players and supporters already come to their business.

Many are current or ex-players, diehards, or their kids participate, but they also realise that if towns are to survive, so must sport.

And raffles!

Well, the only disappointed people at a raffle in the West are those who couldn't get a ticket!

I bet if I set up a table on Eagle St selling a 100 board for the Longreach Tiddlywinks side,

I would be sold out by the end of the morning.

Now before you say it, I'm more than guilty of buying a ticket or 20 myself, but the opportunity to not only support our local teams but get the chance to win something is just tooooooo tempting!

Many teams are getting more inventive with their fundraising.

Shirts, stubby holders, caps, and I have even seen reusable drinking straws, allow people to show their support and donate to the club. The Blackall Magpies range of memorabilia has been particularly impressive, and it is daunting for opposition supporters attending

the town when its cover is in black and white items.

Where are you going with this rant Lloyd?

Well as I just attended our local Multipurpose Group meeting, a committee that does a great job in Longreach supporting local-sport, I just want to say, keep up the good work Western Queensland.

Sponsor, buy tickets, get the gear, thank those who sit in the heat while you toss up between 17 and 75 on the 100 board (Mrs Willersdorf you are a legend) and shop local to support those businesses who support us.

Tickets please!



Drone shots of the Ilfracombe shootout.

Pictures: JOE MASTERS; @JHMDRONE, INSTAGRAM



Jacques Jacobi taking a shot in Ilfracombe.

Shooting comp blasts off

By Michael R Williams

In the name of promoting handicap shooting in the Central West Region, the DNJ Contracting along with the Ilfracombe Clay Target Club are holding a competition.

The first rounds are being held in Ilfracombe and Barcaldine and the final rounds will be held in Tambo.

Ilfracombe Clay Target Club president John Back said the event had been pretty good for numbers.

"We don't expect a lot of people to come out here with the heat," he said.

"And, a lot of people have travelled quite a long way."

There is usually only one handicap event at each shoot, this event gave westerners a chance to sharpen up their skills in that mode.

Queensland Clay Target Association president Dave Back said it was an initiative to con-

nect the central west clubs.

"As you can see today, we got some pretty good support from Tambo and Barcaldine," he said.

"It's why we shoot more than anything – yes people like to be competitive, and we like to be competitive."

"But, at the end of the day, it's just a really great group of people, and it's more of a social interaction."

Mr Back said for those who would like to join, the club would love to have more enthusiastic members.

"Like Jacques, just in the last six months or so, he said he'd like to come and have a go," he said.

"It's that sort of thing we really encourage."

"For new shooters, there's a school running in Tambo in January, which will come with the last of these Handicap events – for anyone and everyone."



Cricket is quickly growing in the Central West

By Michael R Williams

We are now in the mid-season for cricket in the central west, and the new year bares many promises for fans of the sport, for both Longreach and surrounds.

Longreach Cricket president Michael Lloyd said this year had been a big year for cricket.

"This year we got the new nets, they went in with two separate grants," he said.

"That was with the Community Benefit Fund and the Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund – so big thank you to both those organisations."

"When we got them we had to wait 18 months because of Covid, so we ended up having to put in \$15,000 of our own money because the price of steel had gone up."

"But they are a fantastic edition, and I think they will really improve cricket across, not just Longreach, but the whole district."

Mr Lloyd said cricket has seen record numbers of juniors.

"We're still one of the biggest junior clubs in central Queensland, if not the biggest – we beat a lot of Rocky clubs," he said.

"So, really good numbers there – adult numbers have been down a little bit, still pretty good but going well."

"It's been a good first half of the season."



The Longreach Cricket Club are still happy to have locals join.

Mr Lloyd said the competitive viability of the adult teams has improved this year.

"The Wellshot Hotel team are still doing well," he said.

"The Birdcage is doing better than it did last year – they've taken out the first leg of the Duck Shield against the RSL."

"So done very well there – that's a bit biased it being my team."

Going into next year, Mr Lloyd said he and Paul Andrews from the Barcaldine Cricket Club will be looking to organise some inter-town games.

"We're really excited to be planning some of those games after Christmas," Mr Lloyd said.

"We're hoping to have an inter-town comp for next season 2022-23."

"We've thrown around some ideas – you've got the Goldfield Ashes in Charters Towers, we want the Sheep Station Ashes here in Longreach."

Next year, the club is also hoping to revamp the pitch at the Showgrounds to improve game quality.

"We'll dig it up completely, shift it so that the lights aren't in your eyes, and relay some new clay," he said.

"That should help Malcolm Sellick with all of his activities."

Mr Lloyd said there were still opportunities to join in on the Cricket action.

"The great thing about the Cricket season is that it goes for about 20 weeks," he said.

"Even if you join up in January, you'll still have about 10 weeks for Cricket juniors."

"So just go on to play cricket online and search Longreach."

"For adults, see either the Birdcage, the RSL, or the Wellshot and they will put you in touch with one of the captains."

Mr Lloyd said man or woman, the club was happy to have anyone on board.

Along with Queensland Cricket, Mr Lloyd will be looking to do more work with smaller towns across the central west to build Cricket in those communities.

"Places like Windorah and Birdsville – stay tuned," he said.