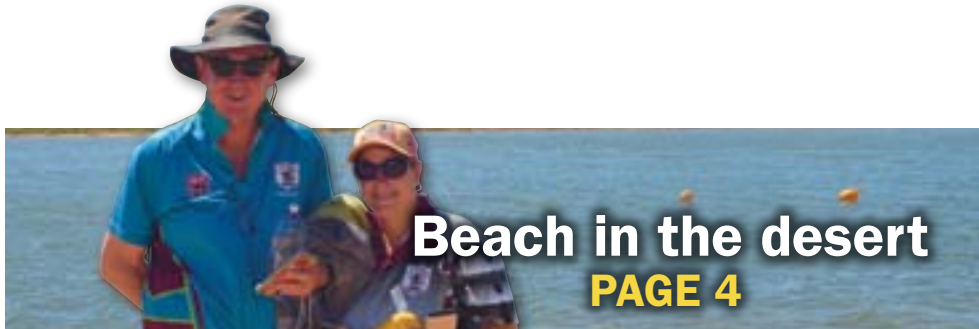


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Ready to make a splash

The Barcaldine Amateur Swimming Club is making a splash this season and recently boarded the bus, as well as many a car, and headed to the Emu Park Swimming Club Skins Carnival on Saturday, 4 December which was extended into

a four-day camp for our swimmers.

A group of 26 junior swimmers participated in the day-long event from the 6 Years and under to the 15 Years and open.

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The Yellowbellies on their trip to Emu Park on the coast.

Bracing for Covid arrival

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Ambitious youth project

The wildly anticipated Winton Youth Centre has taken its next step towards actualisation.

The Winton Shire Council has begun consultation with locals as to what they want to see in the Master Plan for the centre, and Mayor Gavin Baskett said feedback was "99 per cent positive".

This is the third such Master Plan made this year by the Winton Shire Council, after the Saleyards and Showgrounds Master Plans.

According to the Master Plan, the centre will include a rock-climbing wall and a space to watch movies, among many other sporting facilities.

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Opal 'disaster'

By Michael R Williams

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It comes at a time the industry was finding momentum.

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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 other cheek

The major stories in this edition have their roots found in a breaking of trust.

We may find ourselves raw, unable to deal with the uncertainty.

Twice in this edition, our State Government turns their back on promises of consultation with our most vulnerable communities.

Raw – I know a lot of a few people feeling the heat of the situations they’ve been put under, the people that depend on their decisions going forward.

At a time when trust in our Government is so vital.

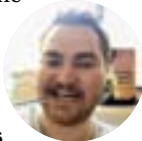
What do I recommend? Turn the other cheek?

I believe we must not lose sight of the important things – each other.

Outside of those whose role is to lobby the Government on behalf of certain constituents, now is the time – Christmas – to focus on each other.

We must still live our lives.

- Michael R Williams



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Couple's adventure

By Michael R Williams

Two travellers who met in New Zealand, solidified their love of exploration, meet up and explored Australia before landing in Ilfracombe.

Wonderers Joe Masters is from the UK and Marina Mackenzie is from Canada.

"We actually met when we were working in New Zealand, I had been there for three years and Marina was there for a couple of years," Mr Masters said.

"Both working in the tourism industry there.

"Marina had quit her job and was just about to leave when we first met, so then we just sort kept meeting up on our days off."

Mr Masters was working an on-and-off roster and Ms Mackenzie was looking to travel elsewhere; Mr Masters would make the decision to join her in travelling around New Zealand before they hopped on a plane to Australia.

"Both of our visas were expiring, and at that point, we needed a change from New Zealand – we both love New Zealand but we wanted something a little bit different," he said.

"We got lucky in being able to hop over to Australia, it was probably one of the only countries in the world at that point that you could move to."

They would spend some time in Brisbane and in cities along the coast before being poached by Terry Hatch from the Wellshot Hotel on a backpackers forum.

"We got a message from Tracey and the Wellshot really took our fancy," Mr Masters said.

"She told us about the small town; we're very used to living in a small-town community.

"Throughout Covid there were only 100-150 people living in the community at the place we used to work at.

"We enjoy the small-town small community feel of things – the real communities you don't necessarily see on a tourist trail."

Mr Masters said he had been shocked as to the depth of comradery within the people of the Central West.

"Yesterday, we were in Longreach and our car broke down – made a few calls to locals, a few people who drink in the pub," he said.

"We managed to get two or three people out helping us – one guy, Lurch, lent us his trailer.

"A few people picked up the car and brought it back and had a look at it for us.

"We've only been here for a short amount of



Couple Joe Masters and Marina Mackenzie have had a wonderful time in Ilfracombe.

time, and the people are willing to help us and they don't expect anything in return.

"They are lovely lovely genuine people looking to help."

Ms Mackenzie has been making films during her time in Ilfracombe for her youtube channel, "My World Experience".

"I've been doing it for about a year and a bit now," Ms Mackenzie said.

"I've always done stuff that's a bit odd and harder to film because I am on my own.

"Or when I'm with Joe, we're spending more time with each other and it gets a bit difficult to try and capture everything that's happening."

During her time in Ilfracombe, she's been able to find more time to film.

"It's been nice to have the time together and time to go off and capture what's happening around here," she said.

"And things you'd kind of think of would happen in a small town, but just trying to film the experience of it, that feeling of it.

"For Ilfracombe and the station, I was working on before this [in Cairns], I've grown as a filmmaker in that sense."

Both Mr Masters and Ms Mackenzie said they had felt welcomed during their whole stay in Ilfracombe.

"It's a completely different feeling to the rest of Australia," Ms Mackenzie said.

"We've spent time in Brisbane and in Cairns; you can feel the difference coming up North, people are a bit more friendly more talkative.

"But I think as well when you start coming to the Outback it's very different the cities; as a foreigner, this is the kind of Australia you think of.

"The other day we got to see a whole bunch of kangaroos just jumping along - that quintessential Australian feel."

Community gardens keep growing on us

By Michael R Williams

The Longreach Community Gardens, homed at the back of the Youth Centre, has been growing exponentially over the past year.

Members of the garden met to enjoy a shared brunch which included various fruits and baked goods.

Longreach Community Garden member Heather Hale said the day had been great fun.

"It was lovely sitting down and sharing food with the people that have been working in the garden and also, some new people who have been working in the garden who will be coming along next year," she said.

Ms Hale said there is much to be excited about next year and the group would like to entice new members.

"We'd love to have more members, and at the moment it's just a big garden where you can take anything," she said.

"The whole thing is communal, but next year the plan is to have some gardens that are down on what was the netball court.

"They will be gardens that are self-contained and self-watered – people can have a rent-free personal garden.

"Obviously, we'll need some funding for that but we definitely want people to come down and join."

Ms Hale said other plans the gardens have going into the new year, include a "chook pen" and flowers to entice bees.

Judging by the progress seen in the gar-



The Longreach Community Garden Group just after brunch.

dens this year, there has been a good amount and consistent amount of work put in.

Ms Hale said it's been exciting watching the garden develop.

"It's spent quite a few years being unloved," she said.

"And then some people came together and started working it.

"There's been bits and pieces, but the momentum just built – we've done lots of mulching for weed suppression, built new gardens, and allowed some "positive weeds" to grow to maintain the soil also planted lots of flowers."

As a result, lots of fruits and vegetables

that would be pulled out this time of year have managed to continue to grow in the summer months, due to care and shading, such as tomatoes.

Ms Hale said to those who may be interested that "we'd love you to come to be a part of the community garden".

"It's so much fun working with a lot of people, bringing together something that is community-based," she said.

"And making it look beautiful – having food that you know can give away to people, having the ingredients to make jams and give away or sell to make money.

"It's a lovely feeling."

Channel fracking outrage

By Michael R Williams

Under the assumption the channels would be protected by the Palaszczuk Government, Queenslanders dependant on the Lake Eyre Basin will now be fighting for their way of life.

"The horse has bolted," Karen Monaghan, Wangkangurru Yarluyandi traditional owner said.

"Once the horse has bolted, it's hard to control it after that."

Ms Monaghan, along with other graziers, conservationists, and locals from Channel Country, were caught offside when the State Government told them production for shale oil licenses had been approved – shale oil most often requires fracking.

"We were told that we'd have a consultation but, sadly, there's been none before the biggest decision was made," Ms Monaghan said.

"It's something that our governments, in different States, are just going ahead and doing it.

"It's not only happening here but in the Territory and Western Australia as well; consultation that is promised is just pushed aside – ignored."

Ms Monaghan is a part of the Western Rivers Alliance, she and her constituents have done a lot of footwork and have put money into producing a network to lobby for the Channel Country.

"We need people to consider the land a priority," she said.

"We can't just miss out on the main decision – we're not out here, but it's sadly becoming common for us to be ignored.

"I know the Government thinks about generating finances for Australia and maybe work for whoever is in the district, but it's pretty clear when you look at the gas in the Darling Downs that, you know, it just went boom and then bust."

Ms Monaghan said she was worried her grandchildren may not be able to swim and



Karen Monaghan said Palaszczuk had turned her back on a handshake.

drink from the same rivers she did as a kid.

"You know I have some really dear friends who have properties in the Channels, I am sure that they would want to have their great-grandchildren to inherit their land, as they have as well," she said.

"The water is drinkable now, but if fracking comes in, there's no guarantee that the water is going to be drinkable for stock or humans.

"My ancestors would walk from waterhole to waterhole – what happens when I want to take my grandchildren there? what happens when my sister wants to take her grandchildren there?"

"We still go now, it doesn't matter if it's 45 degrees – we'll get up at three am and go fishing."

Ms Monaghan said she was disappointed in the decision.

"Things are happening on the land, right now, that is wonderful for the land," Ms Monaghan said.

"There are people out here who work to manage the land now, it's been looked at positively.

"But this, I'm sure they'll be able to write wonderful policies, but it's still going to damage the land on a level that won't be measurable."

The already fragile Lake Eyre Basin could end up with hundreds of tonnes of chemicals dumped into its system.

"That's not a cordial bottle," Ms Monaghan said.

"It was the gas company's (Origin Energy) biggest hurdle, and now it's been passed.

In 2019 the Palaszczuk Government stated they would support the Lake Eyre Traditional

Owners Alliance and give them an "active role in the decision-making and management of that area".

"When are we going to get the opportunity to have that consultation, and is there any point to it anymore?", Ms Monaghan said.

"What measures there are for control is not going to be consulted with us.

"There's no indigenous consultation been had at all – just one would have been good."

The applications for petroleum leases granted will cover more than 250,000 hectares of Channel Country.

"It's scary that we can have over 9000 wells put in the basin – that's a lot," she said.

"The footprint of one well is up to four hectares, that's a lot of space taken up.

"They will need to compensate the landholders quite well – south of Longreach, the production of the organic stock is massive."

Ms Monaghan grew up in Windorah where they still pump water out of the creek.

"The town water in Windorah is still processed in town," she said.

"What's going to happen to all these little towns that sit on these major waterholes? How are the cattle stations going to fill out the chemicals?"

"In the desert and the heat, we need water every single day."

Ms Monaghan said she has seen the destruction of waterways in places such as the Darling Downs.

"This waterway is in pretty good condition," she said.

"It's the lifeblood of us out here."

"Like the people of the outback, I believe a handshake is a handshake," Ms Monaghan said.

"Every second person out here believes in that.

"Where do we find a politician who believes in that?"

Dinosaur museum continues its winning streak

By Michael R Williams

For the second year in a row, Winton's Australian Age of Dinosaurs has been announced as the winner in the category of Sustainability: Organisations with Paid Staff at the Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards.

The team at the Australian Age of Dinosaurs won the award for their project, "Our past, Your Museum", which is a part of the museum's goals of long-term sustainability.

The Australian Age of Dinosaurs has been a business project that has been built up steadily over the past 11 years to become the tourism juggernaut that it is today.

Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum Services Manager Kim Stoter said the award was won on the back of the Museum Staff's

commitment to growing the attraction in incremental stages.

"We've done it in a way that it will be a viable museum in the Outback for lots of years to come," she said.

"Heading into 2022, we'll be offering the Dark Sky Observatory Tours and also branching into the virtual experience without education endeavours.

"Just stepping it up each time, we're also stepping into our own unique merchandise as well."

Ms Stoter said locals should be proud of the efforts of the Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum.

"Event with our visitor numbers, we've doubled it since this time last year," she said.

"It's certainly been a big boost to the town."



The Australian Age of Dinosaurs team.



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Beach day in the desert?

By Michael R Williams

The Barcaldine Rec Park, a water park built on the outskirts of the Barcaldine township, had its unofficial opening with locals excited to escape the heat and put on their swimmers.

One local pairing Brett Jenkins, a builder, and Tanya Morton said their time at the water park has been a blast.

Mr Jenkins said he plans to use it regularly on a Sunday afternoon and Ms Morton said she'd be coming down on a regular basis from Longreach.

"Looking at the facility they've got here, it's just a credit to the Barcaldine Regional Council and all the locals involved," she said.

"A lot of them are written on the tables on the decks, so it's a great family facility."

A Father-Daughter duo was also at the park.

Steve Egerton said he and his daughter had come to take photos to send to their families.

"This is going to be amazing for the community," he said.

"I can see this being used a lot on weekends.

"It'll be great for people who want to swim, people who want to row or kayak – it'll just be about managing the time for each activity."

The gates are now open at the Barcaldine Rec Park with residents and visitors having the opportunity to enjoy the facility before Christmas.

The Rec park itself consists of a man-made lake, boat ramp, jetty, beach area, amenities building, walking tracks, fish habitat, and landscaping.

The lake is 1,100m long and 250m wide with a maximum water depth of 3.2m.

Barcaldine Regional Council Mayor Sean Dillon said "Not only will this facility offer a place for water sports, but it will also offer another location for other recreational activities such as walking, running, and cycling.

"It will be a great spot for families and friends to come together."

The Barcaldine Regional Council plan to build the rec park in stages into the future as funding becomes available, including a playground zone and picnic shelters in selected areas for all to enjoy.

"This facility will be a great boost for residents' mental health and wellbeing by providing recreational activities and local businesses will also see the benefit with more visitors to the region," Cr Dillon said.

The excavation of the lake commenced in September 2019 with the construction of the Clubhouse and spillway completed in 2020.

An operations management plan is available on Council's website.

An official opening will be scheduled for 2022.



Brett Jenkins and Tanya Morton on their second visit to the Rec Park.



Amy Maule and Stephen Egerton said they see the park being used every weekend.

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"Everyone not covered by an exemption will need to be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 before they can enter a Central West Health facility," he said.

"This includes public hospitals, community clinics, and aged care facilities.

"Exemptions also include end-of-life visits, childbirth, emergency situations, and people caring for children."

Dr Walker said everyone will receive care or treatment at our hospitals and health facilities whether they are vaccinated or not.

"All visitors to health facilities and aged care units aged 12 years and older also will need to wear masks as part of a new state-wide direction that came into force from 18 December," he said.

"Mask-wearing also is mandated in many other public areas, so Central West residents should familiarise themselves with the rules, as our communities would not be used to wearing masks extensively, as are residents in the south-east corner of the state."

Dr Walker said staff would be stationed at health facility main entrances to help visitors verify their vaccination status, which could be through digital or printed proof.

"I ask for the community to be patient

and kind to our staff as we implement these changes," he said.

He said Central West Health had plans in place to manage any outbreaks of Covid-19 within the region as they occurred.

"This includes transferring confirmed cases outside our region to larger tertiary hospitals with the specialised facilities necessary to manage them," he said.

"But as case numbers rise, it is likely those patients who are less sick will need to be managed locally to reduce the pressure on our large specialised hospitals.

"We have options available for doing this, including care at home with the support of remote monitoring for those who can safely do so.

"Central West residents can also do their part by ensuring they are vaccinated, remain vigilant, and prioritise getting tested if they have symptoms."

Dr Walker said testing for Covid-19 is available at all health facilities at all times and Central West Health can also stand up additional pop-up testing centres as and when required.

"Anyone with symptoms should always be tested for Covid-19," he said.

"Symptoms include: Fever, sore throat, runny nose, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, diarrhoea, vomiting, nausea or lack of taste or smell.

"Once you've had your test, please do the right thing: go straight home and stay there until you receive a negative result.

"Please also remember to maintain hand hygiene and social distancing measures – and stay home if you are sick."

Dr Walker said vaccination, combined with Covid-safe behaviours like social distancing, mask-wearing where directed and good hygiene, give us the best chance of keeping our communities safe going forward.

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Averting an opal disaster

By Michael R Williams

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It comes at a time the industry was finding momentum.

Queensland Boulder Opal Association President James Evert said his association was first notified of a moratorium as a result of the Resources Industry Development Plan review, which had recommended the removal of Small Mining Claims on 24 November.

“The small mining claims – they want to replace them with something else, but they haven't actually said what,” he said.

“They said it's not viable for the Government to continue on using the system of Mining Claims in the State of Queensland.

“They used a number of excuses – we're not viable, we don't contribute to tourism, we don't contribute to these remote communities.”

QBOA will be looking to challenge the moratorium in February next year, and according to their figures, the State Government's claims are wrong.

The opal mining industry contributes over \$7 million to the Winton Shire economy a year, not including the tourism dollar it draws.

Mining claims were set up in fossicking areas such as the Winton Shire, for small-scale miners in the opal fields and Gemfields, to help new people enter into the industry, with the hopes they would proceed to larger-scale operations that require a Mining Lease.

Mining Leases do not have size restrictions like a Mining Claim.

“For us to see to see them cut Small Mining Claims, it has a major economic effect across the board for small-scale mining,” Mr Evert said.

“It's our job to try to convince the Government to keep them going.

“They may need to tweak them [Small-Mining Claims], but to actually just pull them off the table is just unacceptable.”

Mr Evert said State Government has not been clear with its reasoning behind the decision.



“At the moment, the State Government has just dropped this on the table without any real reason other than stating we're not viable, we have minimal royalty, we're too expensive to run,” he said.

“They didn't actually pinpoint issues like the environment or anything like that.

“They've used this report as an excuse to have a close look at the Mining Claims and how they're operated.”

But the decision could leave opal miners out of work for over two years – the moratorium will last a year, and even if the State Government were to keep Mining Claims after that period of time, it would take opal miners another six months to a year to have their claims granted.

“Because you've been out of action for a year and a half, it'll take you [an opal miner] another six months to get going,” Mr Evert said.

“It's got an immediate effect, and the longer it goes on for the worse the long-term effects will be.

“It's really important that we sort this out sooner rather than later.”

Mr Evert said the decision was disappoint-

ing when opal mining was becoming a more popular occupation.

“In our industry, we have to create our destiny,” he said.

“We've never had a lot of help from Government, it's an industry where we have to create the vehicles, the sales, the markets.

“What's happened is, we've been doing a really great job, we're moving forward – communities like Winton over the past five or six years, there are approximately 20-28 houses directly related to opal miners investing in the industry and community.”

Winton has become the major centre for opal mining in Queensland.

“Our industry is based on supply, when we have the greatest supply, we have the greatest demand,” Mr Evert said.

“So we need people out there mining.

“It's Winton that's continually lifting its image, and continually lifting its community.”

Winton Shire Council Mayor Gavin Baskett said the moratorium could cripple the opal industry and have long-term effects on not only the miners' income but the Winton economy.

“The opal industry is an important economic driver in our community and needs the



Opal Mining in the Winton Shire will struggle under the moratorium unless something is done.



security of future claims,” he said.

“In the QRID Draft Plan, it says “a recent cost-benefit analysis found that the sector had only a marginal benefit on the Queensland economy and surrounding communities”, this is incorrect, there are many businesses in town that benefit from the Opal Industry.

“A lot of miners own houses in town and we have 4 opal retail shops as well, you can't tell me this has only a “marginal benefit to the surrounding community”.

“We also have an opal trade show and opal festival through the year with an International Gems Awards Night which attracts lots of buyers and visitors.”

Councillor Baskett said opal is a value add industry.

“The government only gets minuscule royalties compared to coal and gas but the benefits are taking a piece of rock and turning it into jewellery that is worth thousands to tens of thousands of dollars,” he said.

“This is not to mention, the Outback Opal Hunters has become a worldwide phenomenon and has filmed at Opalton for the past 7 seasons, hopefully, this moratorium doesn't have a negative impact on future filming”

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

From all of us to all of you



The Councillors and staff of Longreach Regional Council wish everyone in our communities a joyous Christmas, and a wet and prosperous New Year.

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We have been very fortunate in our area to be able to open the west's newest tourism and lifestyle facility,

The Barcaldine Rec Park.

Large numbers of visitors attended the opening weekend and we look for awards to many more over the summer break.

I was fortunate to be able to attend some of the judging for our various towns' Christmas Lights recently and the community spirit was palpable and such a credit to all involved.

Whilst our towns are small in size, they



certainly bat well above their average in this area, which is great for our youth (and not so young!) to enjoy the festive spirit.

Power supply has been a major issue lately in our region and on my recent trip to Brisbane, I met with Deputy Premier Miles and Energy Minister De Brini to discuss the matter and some solutions.

Since then Ergon and I have met to further explore the situation, and whilst no silver bullet exists, there is a clear understanding now of the issue. Ergon has recently been undertaking planned upgrades throughout our area, but this won't eliminate all of our issues.

We will be undertaking a more detailed

communication in the New Year to assist with identifying ongoing issues and the true extent of the problem, but I have to compliment both the government and Ergon for the swift attention that has given to working out a solution that delivers more acceptable outcomes with regard to the ongoing power supply.

From my family and I to all of you, please enjoy the festive season, whatever that brings for you and wherever you may be this year.

I look forward to 2022 and working with you all again.



Photos after the rain in Arundel, near Ilfracombe.



Could be better, could be raining...

As a follow-on to the bright side of drought, I thought I'd consider the bright side of rain since we've enjoyed a bit.

One of my favourite movie scenes comes from Mel Brooks' Young Frankenstein, where Dr Frankenstein and his offsider are digging up a grave in the local graveyard.

The good doctor is complaining and his offsider says, "Could be worse. Could be raining."

Of course the heavens immediately open and they're drenched.

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You get mud, glorious mud, which makes kids happy, horses happy, cattle happy and dogs happy.

(Not so much the person who has to try and get around the place, but it's fun to watch the stock prance about in the mud while you slog through it.)

If you live on black soil and are short, you get the chance to grow a foot with a simple walk around the paddock.

You get a nice change of scenery when the dry, dusty browns of the drought are replaced with many shades of lush, beautiful green.

Once it's green, you don't have to head out to hand feed the stock every day.



As long as it remains green, bushfires are less likely.

Wildflowers pop up, alongside the grass and herbage, adding a multi-coloured splash to the scenery.

The amount of subject matter for artists and photographers is endless.

The creeks fill, bringing all manner of wildlife back.

The frogs can be heard enthusiastically croaking to the beat of raindrops.

There's plenty of rainwater for washing your hair.

You can even stand in the garden to wash it if there's a heavy shower.

You also see some awesome thunderstorms.

(Hopefully not while washing your hair in the rain!)

You get a lot of quality time with your family while stuck indoors.

Plus, you can finally start on those rainy day jobs that have been piling up.

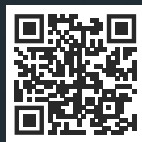
And, even if you need your Driza-bone during the rain, you can still use your funny bone, especially when you're scraping off that foot of black soil stubbornly clinging to the bottom of your mud boots.

Hopefully, everyone in the district gets a chance to enjoy a bit of mud over a wet Christmas.

I wish you the joy of the season and a most excellent 2022.

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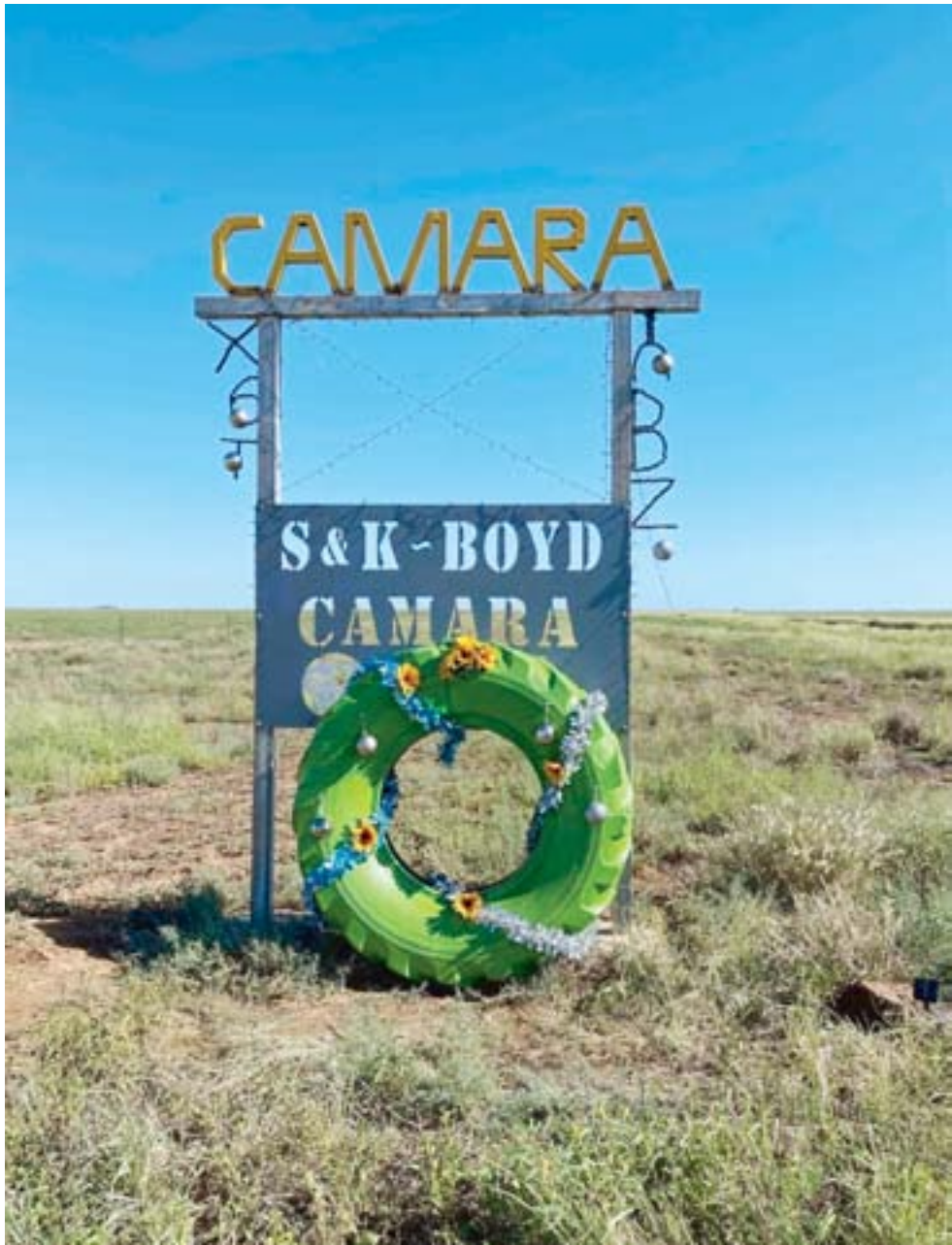
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Vaccination teams take a well-earned break

Vaccination nurses and doctors will take a well-deserved break over Christmas and New Year after delivering their last vaccinations for the year as of midday Christmas Eve.

Central West Hospital and Health Service Executive Director of Medical Services Dr David Walker said the region was ending the year on a high, with 83 per cent of the region's eligible population aged 12 years and older having received two doses of Covid-19 vaccine and 91.9 per cent at least one dose.

"Our teams have been working continuously since March," Dr Walker said.

"The planning required to deliver a safe, quality Covid-19 vaccination program is continual, and our vaccination program team work hard every day on the logistics, supply, and staffing strategies that have contributed to the program's success to date.

"I'd like to take the opportunity to give all our vaccination teams – from our nurses to our health workers, our admin team, operational staff, and infrastructure team – a big shout-out for their unwavering commitment and dedication to helping keep our communities safe during a very challenging time for all.

"Thank you to all and have a very well-deserved break."

Dr Walker also thanked the Royal Flying Doctor Service, Western Queensland Primary Health Network, the Queensland Ambulance Service, and all our local government authorities, their majors, councillors, and staff for their help over the year.

"And of course, a big thank you to all our Central West communities who have



Picture: UNSPLASH

turned out in such large numbers to be vaccinated," he said.

"Without all this support from our staff, our partners, our local councils, and our communities we would not have achieved such high vaccination rates as we have."

Dr Walker said the last scheduled vaccination clinics for the year would take place at Winton at the shire hall on 20–21 December.

The Longreach-based vaccination booking and information call centre also will 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," Dr Walker 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

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Longreach Region Christmas Lights Competition Winners

Ilfacombe Business

- 1st Prize - Bec's Family Day Care Centre
- 2nd Prize - Ilfracombe Police Station

Ilfacombe Residential

- 1st Prize - 11 Torrs Road
- 2nd Prize - 9 Torrs Road

Rural Property Sign or Mailbox

- 1st Prize –TIE: The Ranch and Neenah Park

Longreach Street or Block

- Wren Street Block, Longreach

Longreach Business

- 1st Prize - Centwest Engineering
- 2nd Prize - CQID RedRidge LATSIC CentaCare

Longreach Residential

- 1st Prize - 76 Galah Street
- 2nd Prize - 37 Crane Street

Barcaldine Region Christmas Lights Competition - Winners

Alpha Residential

- 1st Prize - 38 Byron Street
- 2nd Prize - 53 Byron Street

Alpha Commercial/ Community

- 1st Prize - Bank of Queensland, Alpha

Alpha People's Choice

- 1st Prize - 5 Hooper Street

Jericho Residential

- 1st Prize - 87 Darwin Street
- 2nd Prize - 3 Bessemer Street

Jericho Commercial/ Community

- 1st Prize - Jordan Valley Hotel

Jericho People's Choice

- 1st Prize - 10 Edison Street

Barcaldine Residential

- 1st Prize - 32 Elm Street
- 2nd Prize - 14 Coolibah Street



Cent West Engineering tied with CQID for best Christmas Lights at this year's competition.

Barcaldine Commercial/ Community

- 1st Prize - Meraki Hair Plus Beauty

Barcaldine People's Choice

- 1st Prize - 142 Ash Street

Aramac Residential

- 1st Prize - 54 Porter Street
- 2nd Prize - 13 Kerr Street

Aramac Commercial/ Community

- 1st Prize - Aramac Post Office

Aramac People's Choice

- 1st Prize - 34 McWhannell Street

Muttaborra Residential

- 1st Prize - 55 Sword Street
- 2nd Prize - 47 Sword Street

Muttaborra Commercial/ Community

- 1st Prize - Muttaborra Police Station

Muttaborra People's Choice

- 1st Prize - 5 Sword Street

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Muttaborra’s Santa magic

By Michael R Williams

Muttaborra has held its Christmas celebrations - and community is the modus operandi.

Muttaborra Town and Country Christmas Tree Event Secretary Emma Price said it was her first year involved in the community, and it was a great event.

“We had 37 kids who received presents, got pretty good crowds, but the numbers were down on previous years,” she said.

“But the kids all had a good time playing at the Jubilee Park on the playground with each other.

“Santa arrives every year in our local fire truck, so it’s always a highlight when the kids see the flashing lights and sirens coming down the streets.”

Ms Price said this year was the 78th anniversary, and the committee is planning for a big 80th in two years’ time.

“We did purchase a projector and screen for kids to watch a Christmas movie on this year,” she said.

“They all enjoyed that, the kids get very excited when Santa comes and they get to open their presents, so it’s good for them to wind down and watch a movie.”

Ms Price said the spirit of Christmas is alive and well in Muttaborra.

“Everyone gets involved, we’ve got lots of decorations that get set up in the park,” she said.

“There’s a big community spirit – everyone comes along even if they don’t have kids, it makes the night much more exciting.

“Everyone loves to see the kids having fun.”

Ms Price thanked the Spence family for their efforts in getting everyone involved.

“Charmain Spence, she has a lot of Christmas spirit and gets everyone involved,” she said.

“She’s definitely an asset to the committee.”



Josh, Indianna, and Braxton Donaldson and Maddie Harber with Santa



Cousins Anna, Reginald, Albert and Charlie Button, Amelia and Jack Seccombe on Santa's chair.



Santa delivering presents in the depths of the outback.



Santa visits Muttaborra.



Brad, Jackie, Xander, Jocelyn, and Claire Schultz at the festivities.

Banks park bash: Community carols a big hit

By Michael R Williams

Blackall locals were treated to Community Carols in the Park organised by the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council.

They were given a free sausage sizzle coupled with a free soft drink and flameless L.E.D. candles.

The local Country Women's Association had an array of beautiful baked treats to give away.

Councillor Jane Scobie said the event had evolved out of the Senior's Christmas Luncheon organised the year before.

“We did it that way because Covid had made last year so ordinary,” she said.

“And that went off really well, so we did another one this year – the Council organised it and it was paid for out of our own pocket.

“And then, we thought we’d add to it this year and do something for the community because there hasn’t really been a carols event in some time.”

Ms Scobie said she believes the event went really well.

Carols were led by health care worker and musician Frankie Calleja who roped in two other terrific musicians to provide a wonderful atmosphere.

“We weren’t too sure as to what we could do with the Covid change of rules,” she said.

“We were going to have a bar – but we scrapped that at the last minute.”

Then the lolly drop happened.

“Santa and his elf came belting in on his golf cart,” Ms Scobie said.

“And it was a bit like feeding the chooks, so we were throwing out lollies and they just had to keep a bit of pace to keep ahead of the small people.

“I don’t know how many laps they did of Banks Park, but they seemed to go around quite a few times before they knocked a few of them up and enough to stop and get out of the golf cart.”

Ms Scobie said it was great to have Christ-



Photos taken at the Christmas Carols in the Park event in Blackall.



The Blackall QCWA stall.



mas events in Blackall again after not having one since the “Giving Kids Memories” team had visited a couple of years ago.

“From the time we conceptualised this, to the time we had it, I don’t know how many changes of rules of Covid,” she said.

“It was getting a bit antsy, and then the masks came in over the weekend.

“Given it was an outdoor event, we were right.”

Ms Scobie said Council was excited to use the new stage with its Elephant backdrop.

“It was just good,” she said.

The 2021 Christmas Be Local Buy Local campaign was wrapped up with 12 lucky voucher winners and the local Christmas

lights competition winners were also announced.

Mr Peter Skewes and Ms Avril Fazel have announced the Regional winners with their spectacular display at “Duthie Park” Blackall.

Ms Scobie thanked the Councillors for putting on the event.

“It was a good community night,” she said.

Ambitious youth project

By Michael R Williams

The wildly anticipated Winton Youth Centre has taken its next step towards actualisation.

The Winton Shire Council has begun consultation with locals as to what they want to see in the Master Plan for the centre, and Mayor Gavin Baskett said feedback was “99 per cent positive”.

This is the third such Master Plan made this year by the Winton Shire Council, after the Saleyards and Showgrounds Master Plans.

According to the Master Plan, the centre will include a rock-climbing wall and a space to watch movies, among many other sporting facilities.

It will also have a second purpose, to home tourists and locals caught out in a disaster such as a flood.

Due to maintenance costs, the Council has decided to disuse the current Youth Centre and to start a new more modern one.

“It would still be an old building, and we decided to start pursuing a new one,” Councillor Baskett said.

“But, people are looking forward to having the Youth Centre being up and running again.

“And both the external, the internal – everybody liked it [the current Youth Centre Master Plan].”

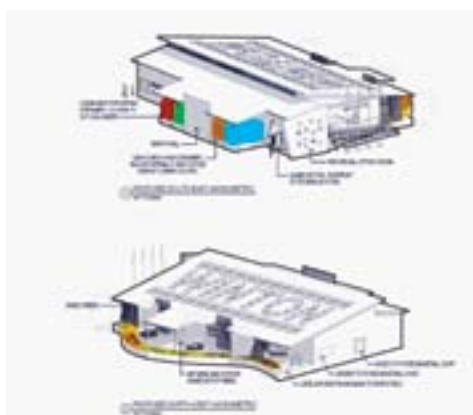
Councillor Baskett said despite an overall positive attitude towards the plan from locals, there was still some skepticism in the community over details in the plan.

“There were some people asking, ‘why have you done this? why have you done that? what about something else?’,” he said.

“They were just making sure we’ve got sufficient toilets – all in all, it was positive.”

Councillor Baskett said locals can look forward to an enjoining indoor sports facility along with the traditional Youth Centre.

“There will be indoor Netball, Basketball,



and Indoor Cricket – that will be phenomenal,” he said.

“The entry will be changing, so it will be coming from the Southern side of the footy field, not the Northern side.

“There will be a lot more structured car parking, a ‘bump track’ - a track for the kids to ride around on their pushbikes – and another big thing is the Cricket pitch will be rejuvenated and all will have a lawn.

“That will let us join into the Cricket comp with Barcaldine and Longreach.

“To add another layer there will be Athletics as well.”

Councillor Baskett emphasised the size of the project, with other ideas including renewing the Grand Stand, upgrading the Tennis Courts, and adding a shaded area and barbecue at the Skate Park.

“It’s just going to be a fantastic place for people to go,” he said.

“For young kids, older kids, and lots of different sports and recreation.”

A part of the Master Plan is already being undertaken with a “doubling of the size” of the gymnasium, which will allow more space for Zumba and other class exercises.



The Winton Recreation Centre Master Plan has been mostly supported by locals.

Councillor Baskett said the Master Plan was about improving the quality of life for locals.

“Everything we do, and that includes the Water Park and upgrades to the Showgrounds and the Main Street is about trying to improve the liveability,” he said.

“You want to keep your youth, but you want to also pertain to families - and they sort of go hand-in-hand.

“So anything you can do that’s activities for the kids, activities for the adults – it just helps: a) maintain the population, and b) when people come out here for a job, and they see all

these fantastic facilities that they want, that just ticks a box.

“We want to remove obstacles in front of people who want to move to Winton.”

Councillor Baskett said the Youth Centre would help maintain and grow the population in the Shire.

“It’s just so important for your school numbers, for your grocery shops, for your hotels, hardware – just for everything,” he said.

“You need to grow those just for businesses; it grows the rates base which is good for the local Council budget – which will pay for these facilities.”

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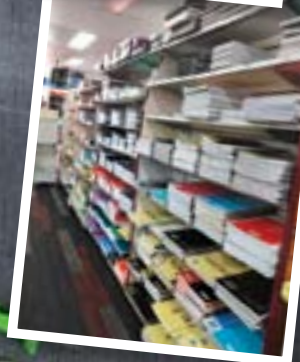
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The SES team helped organise the Christmas Party in Winton.



The Winton Christmas tree was lit.



Giant Baton Battle was among the entertainment provided at the party.

A white Winton Christmas

Well over 300 people attended the Annual Emergency Services Christmas Street Party in the main street of Winton.

The beautifully landscaped main street was closed to vehicles, so families could spread out on the lush green lawn as well as on the road, mingling with the local emergency services members.

The local SES and Firefighters both had stalls full of information about their services and they were also recruiting new members urgently needed in the community.

Outback Futures attended on the night to provide information and support.

Liz Lynch also had an RFDS information stall with giveaways and free information.

The local Ambulance committee had a ham and seafood wheel where the tickets were sold by committee members and two of our local paramedics Troy and Andrew.

Attending Families enjoyed free food supplied by various committees including boiled spuds, steak burgers, and lush deserts.

Santa Claus attended around 8 pm after he decided to shave his beard as Winton is usually



hot but the night was lovely with a cool breeze – surprising for December.

Santa gave bags full of goodies to the children and these were greatly appreciated with lots of exciting gifts to entertain.

Street entertainment was in the form of a giant slide, jumping castle, giant baton battle, and a huge worm tunnel with music supplied



by Gary Parker from Townsville.

The local children provided a wonderful show from their youth program performing acrobatics and whip cracking with the Crack-Up Sisters.

Local girls performed dances taught by dance teacher Ebonee Christopher that are from the Winton Bush Beatz program which



Santa handing out presents in Winton.

is produced by Redridge Interior Queensland Ltd, and such a treat to have the Blackall-Tambo star Gretchen Hayman give a wonderful guest performance.

Thanks to the local businesses for staying open for late-night shopping to give the people of Winton an opportunity to purchase last-minute Christmas gifts and vouchers.

Kids turn out in numbers for a big Jericho Christmas

By Michael R Williams

Jericho locals were among the last in the west to host a Christmas celebration, but the event was a massive success with over 80 children in attendance.

President of the Jericho Christmas Tree Committee Lucy Colahan said the event was full of things to do for the children.

“We had a jumping castle and a face painting for children while they waited for Santa,” she said.

“Any kid from 12 and under got a present from Santa.

“We also had the Ham Wheel, a chance to win per round, ham, chook, chocolates, or cake.”

Ms Collahan said Jericho has hosted a jumping castle for the past three years.

“It just helps spread out the kids’ entertainment,” she said.

“You know when you have 80 kids, the park we have available can’t take that many kids.

“It sort of helped further entertain the kids – and face painting, what kid doesn’t like face painting?”

The event was organised by the Jericho Christmas Tree Committee who received \$1500 of drought relief funding from the Barcaldine Regional Council and was sponsored by the Jericho-Alpha Chaplaincy.

“We also received help from other committees like the Arts and Crafts who provided a barbecue so families can buy a meal while they are there,” Ms Colahan said.

“Just because we are such a small committee.”

On the night, a raffle was dedicated to Aunty Una Vale – a community member who passed away a few years ago.

“She was one of the organisers for the Jericho Christmas Tree for Forty years,” Ms Colahan said.



Local children excited to see Santa.



Jericho has been hosting a Jumping Castle for three years.



One child after face painting.



Santa is here!



Children enjoying face painting.

“Just as a thank you to her, the year that she died, we started that.”

When Santa arrived in Jericho, the kids wildly ran from one side of the park to the other.

“The kids loved it,” Ms Colahan said.

“They don’t know which side Santa comes from so they are running from the end of the park to this end of the park.

“It’s a big lead-up for them to know which

way Santa is coming.”

Santa arrives in a vehicle and beeps his horn.

The funds raised on the night will go towards presents for the next year.



Cassie Swanson, Raylene Still, and Christine Bradshaw enjoying the art.



The Grassland Art Gallery is in Tambo.

National prize at gallery

By Michael R Williams

The Grassland Art Gallery opened in November 2019, when a very keen Tambo Arts Council came together to open a facility for regional arts.

The team amalgamated funds from various corners and was fortunate to refurbish a dis-used shop along the main street.

Grassland Art Gallery secretary and promotions officer Alison Shaw said the gallery has a diverse program.

"We have tourist exhibitions, regional art-

ists, indigenous work, all media including 3D work," she said.

"We try to have an interesting program throughout the year to encourage engagement and attract visitation into the gallery."

Ms Shaw said it was one of the only purpose-built art galleries for a long time.

"That was something different to attract visitation," she said.

"Tourists would come and say, 'how come a small town like Tambo has a gallery like this?'

"Well, why shouldn't we have one?"

The Art Gallery is owned and staffed by the

Blackall-Tambo Regional Council.

"The Arts Council manages the exhibitions," Ms Shaw said.

"It's a wonderful place to work from."

Ms Shaw said she believes arts are making a comeback in the Central West.

"It's a great way to engage the community," she said.

"There's a hell of a lot of talent out here and there's a lot of inspiration for our artists as well.

"Even artists from the city come out to be inspired by the landscapes and interpret what they're seeing.

"I think we've been through a lot with drought and Covid, life out here can be a bit tough – and the arts help by bringing people together in a very open and not in your face way."

The Grassland Art Gallery 2022 public and exhibition program will be available soon.

"Next year we will be hosting an art prize," Ms Shaw said.

"We will be looking to attract entrants from across Australia.

"The theme will be. 'The View from my Window'.

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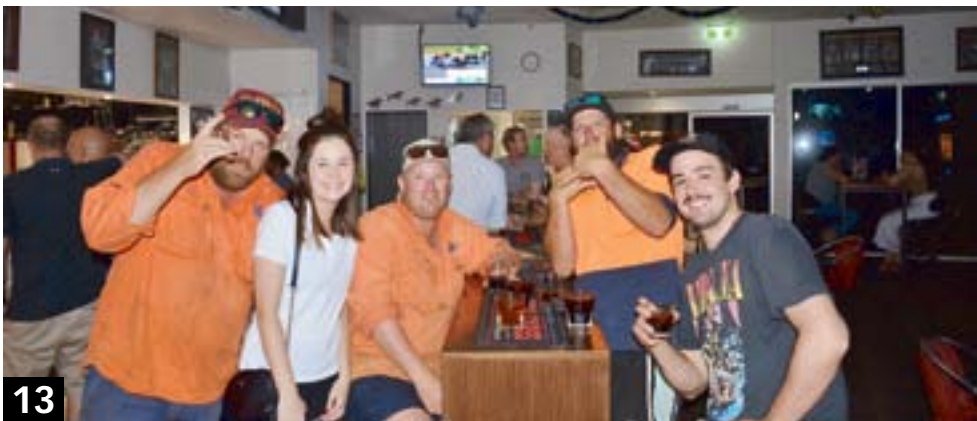
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Love leads the way

Romantic drama *Love Me* is the first original Australian series commissioned by streaming service Binge. One of its stars, Bob Morley, tells **Danielle McGrane** what to expect from this show about love across the generations.

Apparently, all you need is love. That's a theory that will be tested in the new Aussie series, *Love Me* – an original drama that looks at love through each generation of one family, the Mathiesons.

There's Clara, who's in her 30s; her father Glen, who's in his 60s; and her brother Aaron, who represents the 20-something generation. They all find themselves exploring love and relationships, and what that means to them at each stage of their lives.

"It's about how love comes in and out of your life and whether you're ready to receive it," said actor Bob Morley.

"It's just a lifelong journey. Love can come to you at any age at any time and whether you're ready to receive it, that's completely up to you. So it tells that story of how love can flow into your life and can leave as well, and it's all tied up in your own readiness."

Morley plays Peter, a love interest for Clara, played by Australian actress Bojana Novakovic.

"Peter spent most of his late teens into his early 30s being a model and travelling around the world," Morley said.

"And then he had a health scare and decided to stop the travel and move back to Melbourne and focus on things that are more important to him.

"He's very patient and he's very considered, and he's very confident in himself. He's not afraid of being a dork and he enjoys authentic moments, and I think that's why he's drawn to Clara because, whether she knows it or not, in amongst her manicness there's something beautiful and endearing that sparks him and helps him with his own journey."

Morley liked playing Peter because he brought out a different side to the actor.

"Playing Peter was quite interesting because he contemplates situations much more than I would," he said.

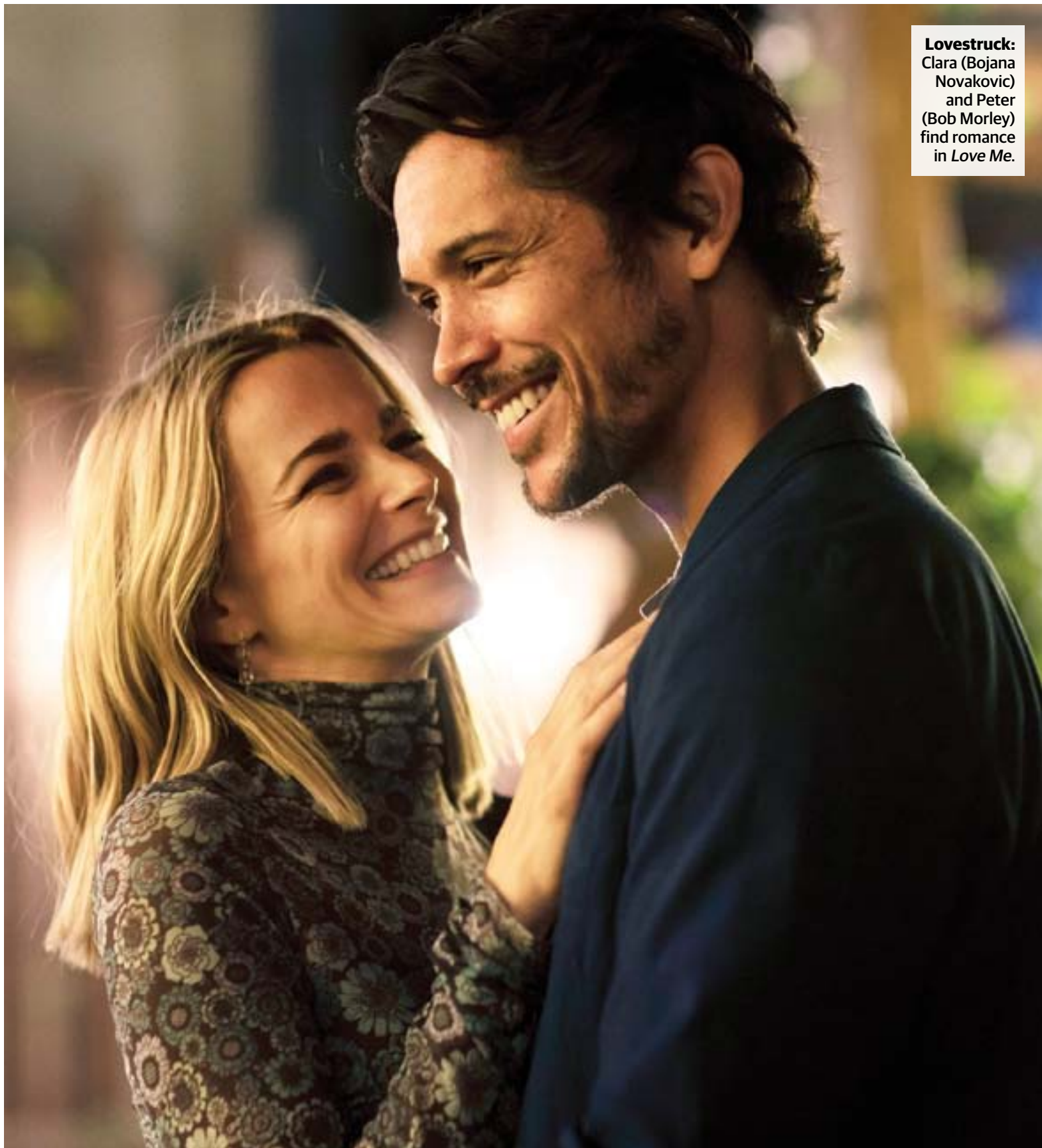
"I'm much more reactionary. Peter kind of absorbs information and then processes it and I think that's a good lesson for anyone."

Up until the making of this series, Morley had never met his co-star Novakovic, even though they've both been making a name for themselves in the US.

Morley recently finished filming popular sci-fi series *The 100*, while Novakovic is known for her role in police procedural *Instinct* and the series *Shameless*.

It took an Aussie production to finally introduce them to each other.

"When I saw Bojana was on the project I was very excited to



Lovestruck: Clara (Bojana Novakovic) and Peter (Bob Morley) find romance in *Love Me*.

work with her because I knew of her and had seen her in a few things and thought she was fantastic," Morley said.

And there are some more heavy hitters attached, with Hugo Weaving as Clara's father Glen, who's exploring love in his 60s alongside the brilliant Heather Mitchell.

Morley knew this was a show worth the trip back to Australia for.

"I liked the tone of this show and the story it was telling seemed very authentic and that's something you don't often get," he said.

His excitement was dampened though when he landed straight into Melbourne at the height of a COVID outbreak.

"It was a bit strange shooting in Melbourne when it went into a pretty severe lockdown," he said.

"I hadn't been home for about three years, and I was coming back

to shoot the show and I was all excited because Australia was all open at that point and I thought that I could see family but I didn't get the chance to. But it was still really nice to come back after such a long time away and the crew was quite humble. We got the job done and had a good time doing it so it's really quite lovely."

It was a situation that also forced the cast to bond quite intensely over the course of the shoot.

"One of the beautiful things about the show was that because we were all in lockdown we hung out together a lot because we couldn't go outside to places in Melbourne," he said.

"We got to know each other quite well and it was a special experience."

Another thing Morley found strange on this project was representing the 30-somethings.

"I find it funny because it's the first project I've come into where I'm not in the young group anymore," he said.

"But I often think about how it would be going into the dating scene in your 20s these days. It seems totally wild to me."

Morley is not as familiar with the dating scene, having married his co-star from *The 100*, Eliza Taylor, so he was happy to sit back and listen to how people in their 20s navigate love.

"I'm glad that I'm not in it because it seems totally scary to me," Morley said.

"I try to keep up with everything and I think I'm also just a bit slow on the uptake. So it was interesting chatting to the younger cast members about their experiences."

Morley also relished working on a show that focused on love,

and had a different pace than what he's been used to.

"I've been doing a sci-fi show for the last seven years and it's nice to slow down and have those deeper conversations that they have in this show over dinner, and they're important conversations," he said.

He also relished being part of a show he thinks is part of the zeitgeist, as it looks at love and relationships.

"I think these are stories that are universal and need to be told so I'm quite proud to be a part of that," he said.

"It was quite fun playing Peter and the show is a lot funnier than I thought it would be. And there was a lot more improv, so we called it a drama with funny bits."

■ *Love Me*, streaming, from Boxing Day, Binge. Visit binge.com.au

Movie Guide

PICK OF THE WEEK



Lion heart:
Saroo (Dev Patel)
seeks his lost
family in *Lion*.

A ROARING SUCCESS

Christmas Day
LION
SBS, 10pm, PG (2016)

Based on the incredible memoir of Indian-born Australian Saroo Brierley, *Lion* tells the tale of Saroo, an Indian boy who gets lost on the streets of Calcutta and must try to survive before being adopted by a loving Australian family. Twenty-five years later, he sets out to defy the odds and find his lost family with the help of Google Earth and a small store of memories. Starring Dev Patel (*Slumdog Millionaire*) as Saroo, Nicole Kidman as his adoptive mother Sue, David Wenham as her husband John and Rooney Mara (*Carol*) as Saroo's girlfriend Lucy, this film is powerful and heartfelt without being sentimental. An uplifting tale of courage and determination. ★★★★★



ELF
Seven/Prime7, Christmas Eve, 7pm, PG (2003)

"I just like to smile! Smiling's my favourite," chimes the wide-eyed, sublimely hilarious, instantly endearing Will Ferrell (pictured) in this joyous Christmas treat. He plays a supposed "elf" who jets off to New York to seek out his biological dad (James Caan). There, the awkward, ungainly proportioned elf finds employment at a department store, where he befriends a sweet co-worker (Zooey Deschanel). This little charmer proves good things come in small packages. ★★★★★



THE SHAPE OF WATER
7Flix, Christmas Eve, 8.30pm, MA15+ (2017)

Guillermo del Toro's odd but beautiful Oscar winner defies categorisation at every turn, but can best be described as a romantic Cold War fantasy sci-fi thriller, unlike anything you have seen before. The story follows a lonely, mute janitor (Oscar nominee Sally Hawkins, pictured) who develops a unique relationship with an amphibious creature (Doug Jones) being held captive. There story is a magical and unexpected plunge into a world where love conquers all. ★★★★★



NATIONAL LAMPOON'S VACATION
Seven/Prime7, Christmas Day, 8pm, M (1983)

Chevy Chase, funny? There was a time when this wasn't a question. The first of the *Vacation* series, written by John Hughes, is possibly the best, with the Griswold family taking a cross-country car trip to an amusement park and receiving a metaphorical poke in the eye at every turn. Two hours of moronic misadventure somehow manages to gel into a chuckle-filled study of Murphy's Law, and there's a hilarious cameo from the late, great John Candy. ★★★★★



THE MATRIX
Nine, Boxing Day, 9.10pm, M (1999)

Experiencing the Wachowskis' thrilling sci-fi masterpiece is kind of like a rebirthing in the genre. Neo (Keanu Reeves) is a computer hacker who, guided by Trinity (Carrie-Anne Moss, pictured) and Morpheus (Laurence Fishburne), learns the true nature of his reality when he is sucked into a virtual world. His bewilderment gives way to self-belief that enables him to battle an evil government force. The miraculous production proved to be a yardstick for all effects-based cinema. ★★★★★



ONLY THE BRAVE
7Flix, Monday, 8.30pm, M (2017)

Only The Brave is based on the true story of the elite crew of Arizona firemen, known as the Granite Mountain Hotshots, who battled the destructive Yarnell Hill Fire of 2013. The squad of men is led by Eric Marsh, portrayed by Josh Brolin (pictured, left). Miles Teller plays Brendan, a drug abuser trying to turn his life around, and other actors in the band of brothers include Jeff Bridges and Taylor Kitsch. After an intense finale, the film will leave you with a sense of gratitude to these heroes. ★★★★★



STRANGERLAND
SBS World Movies, Tuesday, 8.45pm, MA15+ (2015)

Soon after the Parker family moves to a remote desert town, siblings Lily (Maddison Brown) and Tommy (Nicholas Hamilton) go missing. With a dust storm about to hit the town, their parents (Nicole Kidman and Joseph Fiennes, both pictured) are thrown into crisis. This local film, a feature debut from Kim Farrant, is complex and confronting. Kidman's portrayal of the resentful, scared and frustrated mother, who becomes increasingly unstable, is terrific. ★★★★★

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CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT Nine, Christmas Eve, 8pm

While a lot has changed since Carols by Candlelight began in 1938 as a way to bring people, including the less fortunate, together to celebrate carols and the Christmas spirit, the old-school tunes haven't changed one bit. The rest of it? Well, the glitz and glamour of the production is a lot more fancy and tightly orchestrated, but the festive feeling remains. Live from Melbourne's Sidney Myer Music Bowl, hosts David Campbell and Allison Langdon (both pictured) are joined by old favourites including Marina Prior and Anthony Callea, along with the Melbourne Gospel Choir.



THE ROYAL VARIETY PERFORMANCE ABC TV, Christmas Day, 7.40pm

In Australia, we have Christmas specials with breakfast-TV presenters taking to the stage along with some of our best musical talent. You won't see our prime minister popping up in the crowd. In the UK, the annual Royal Variety Performance is another spectacular festive event, but with this one, you can spot royal family in the exuberant audience. For some, spying a sequined Kate and tuxedo-clad William makes it all the more exciting, not to mention the famous performers. Bill Bailey, James Blunt, Elvis Costello, Sir Rod Stewart and Ed Sheeran all take to the stage, with cheeky comedian Alan Carr (pictured) playing host.



FBI: MOST WANTED 10, Monday, 8.30pm

American police procedurals are reliably slick affairs, and there's arguably no one better to create one than Dick Wolf, the veteran producer of the prolific *Law & Order* franchise, as well as this engaging series. While viewers can expect a crime to be committed and then enthrallingly solved by a bunch of world-weary police investigators, this series stands out from the pack in Australia because of its stars. Boasting American heartthrob Kellan Lutz (*Twilight*), it also features Aussie Julian McMahon (*Nip/Tuck*) and Kiwi-Aussie Keisha Castle-Hughes (*Whale Rider*). In "Unhinged", Hana (Castle-Hughes, pictured) rejoins the team and experiences a raft of new adjustments as an arson case leads to a decades-old secret.



YOUNG SHELTON 9Go!, Tuesday, 7pm

This sweet and inspired spin-off from *The Big Bang Theory* is nothing like its predecessor and, as we round out season four, it's a comedy that has always harboured a quiet confidence. We bid adieu to the season with "The Wild and Woolly World of Nonlinear Dynamics", and fans can look forward to more family friendly, slightly quirky drama with season five waiting, along with more lively episode titles. Expect high drama for Sheldon (Iain Armitage, pictured) and his household when Missy's (Raegan Revord) first heartbreak triggers a series of events that lead every member of the Cooper family to the brink. Fans of the original show might have an inkling of what's to come. Prepare for an unsettling conclusion.

Friday, December 24

ABC TV (2)

6.00 News Breakfast. **9.00** ABC News Mornings. **10.00** Gardening Australia. (R) **11.05** The Heights. (PG, R) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Barrie Cassidy's One Plus One. (R) **1.30** Call The Midwife. (PG, R) **3.00** ABC News Afternoons. **4.00** Think Tank. (PG, R) **4.55** Worzel Gummidge. (Final, PG, R) **5.55** Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. (R) Julia Zemiro interviews various celebrities.

6.25 Shaun The Sheep. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30** Outback Ringer. (PG, R) The Cooks have to catch 16 bulls. **8.00** Would I Lie To You? (PG, R) Hosted by Rob Brydon. **8.30** Midsomer Murders. (Mv, R) A butterfly collector and founding member of a global society, Circulus, is found murdered. **10.00** Talking Heads. (Final, PG) A woman makes some surprising discoveries. **10.30** QI. (PG, R) **11.00** Sammy J: Full Credit To Christmas. (PG, R) **12.00** Rage Christmas Special. (MA15+adhlmsv)

ABC TV PLUS (22) **6am** Children's Programs. **5.50pm** Peppa Pig. **5.55** Hey Duggee. **6.05** Ben And Holly. **6.20** Bluey. **6.25** Shaun The Sheep. **6.35** The Adventures Of Paddington. **7.00** Dino Dana. **7.15** Odd Squad. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. **8.00** Hard Quiz. **8.30** **MOVIE:** Roxanne. (1987, PG) **10.15** Doctor Who. **11.05** Live At The Apollo. **11.50** QI Christmas Special. **12.25am** Would I Lie To You At Christmas? **12.55** Insert Name Here. **1.25** Sick Of It. **1.45** Community. **2.10** Parks And Recreation. **2.30** ABC News Update. **2.35** Close. **5.05** Five Minutes More. **5.10** Sarah & Duck. **5.20** The Hive. **5.30** Digby Dragon. **5.40** Late Programs.

NITV (34) **6am** Morning Programs. **10.00** Undiscovered Vistas. **10.50** Freshwater Dreaming. **11.00** Going Places. **Noon** **MOVIE:** Jowable. (2019, M) **1.50** Road Open. **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** Living Black. **6.00** Bamay. **6.35** News. **6.40** Undiscovered Vistas. **7.30** Little J And Big Cuz. **7.45** The Great Northern Candy Drop. **8.15** **MOVIE:** Unaccompanied Minors. (2006) **9.45** Bedtime Stories. **9.55** Cultural Connections Immersion Festival. **10.55** Late Programs.

SBS (3)

6.00 WorldWatch. **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** Dr Russell's Imaginarium. **2.30** All Is Bright. **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)

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) **6.30** SBS World News. **7.30** Silent Night: A Song For The World. Takes a look at *Silent Night*. **9.10** Freddie Mercury: The Great Pretender. (Mls, R) Explores the life of Freddie Mercury through previously unseen footage. **10.45** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. (MI, R) **11.40** Agatha Christie's Criminal Games. (Malv, R) **1.25** Celebrity Mastermind. (PGI, R) **3.30** Destination Flavour Christmas. (R) **4.30** Bamay. (R) **5.00** France 24 Feature. **5.15** NHK World English News. **5.30** Deutsche Welle English News.

SBS VICELAND (31) **6am** WorldWatch. **9.30** SBS Courtside. **10.00** Basketball. NBA. Philadelphia 76ers v Atlanta Hawks. **12.30pm** WorldWatch. **1.30** Florence Has Left The Building. **1.45** Gymnastics. FIG Artistic World Challenge Cup. H'lights. **3.50** WorldWatch. **5.15** Joy Of Painting. **6.15** Forged In Fire. **7.05** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** Hoarders. **9.20** Taskmaster: Champion Of Champions. **10.10** The Year That Changed Love. **11.05** I Want My MTV. **12.35am** Undressed. **2.35** NHK World English News. **3.00** Thai News. **3.30** Bangla News. **4.00** Punjabi News. **4.30** Late Programs.

SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) **6am** The Odyssey. Continued. (2016, PG, French) **7.15** The Imaginarium Of Doctor Parnassus. (2009, PG) **9.30** Toast. (2010, PG) **11.15** The Lunchbox. (2013, PG, Hindi) **1.15pm** Vicky Cristina Barcelona. (2008, M) **3.00** Asterix And Obelix In Britain. (2012, PG, French) **5.05** Sun Children. (2020, PG, Farsi) **6.55** Monkey King: The Hero. (2016, PG) **8.30** The White Crow. (2018, Russian) **10.50** Bride And Prejudice. (2004, PG) **12.55am** Touched With Fire. (2015, M) **2.55** Back To Burgundy. (2017, M, French) **5.00** Bride And Prejudice. (2004, PG)

SEVEN (7)

6.00 Sunrise. **9.00** The Morning Show. (PG) **11.30** Seven Morning News. **12.00** **MOVIE:** Santa's Boots. (2018, PG) Megan Hilty. **2.00** House Of Wellness. (PG, R) **3.00** The Chase. (R) **4.00** Seven News At 4. **5.00** The Chase Australia. (R) Hosted by Larry Emdur.

6.00 Seven Local News. **6.30** Seven News. **7.00** **MOVIE:** Elf. (2003, PGal, R) A man raised as an elf searches for his father. Will Ferrell, James Caan. **9.00** **MOVIE:** Fred Claus. (2007, PGalv, R) Santa Claus' cranky older brother comes to stay with him at the North Pole. Vince Vaughn, Paul Giamatti, Elizabeth Banks. **11.20** **MOVIE:** Isle Of Dogs. (2018, PGalv, R) Japanese canines are exiled to a garbage island. Bryan Cranston. **1.20** Travel Oz. (PG, R) **2.00** Home Shopping. (R) **4.00** Million Dollar Minute. (R) **5.00** NBC Today.

7TWO (72) **6am** Home Shopping. **6.30** Travel Oz. **8.00** Harry's Practice. **8.30** Million Dollar Minute. **9.30** NBC Today. **Noon** House Of Wellness. **1.00** Million Dollar Minute. **2.00** Better Homes And Gardens Summer. **3.30** Mayor's Christmas Carols. **4.30** M*A*S*H. **5.30** Escape To The Country. **6.30** Bargain Hunt. **7.30** Billy Connolly: Made In Scotland. **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 Summer. **5.30** Home Shopping.

7MATE (73) **6am** ITM Fishing Show: Best Of The Best. **6.30** Mark Berg's Fishing Addiction. **7.30** Creek To Coast. **8.00** Boating. UIM Class-1 World Powerboat Championship. Roar Offshore. Replay. **9.00** American Pickers. **10.00** NFL 100 Greatest. **11.00** A Football Life. **Noon** Heavy Rescue: 401. **1.00** Great Lake Warriors. **3.00** Shipping Wars. **3.30** Bull Riding. PBR Australia. Monster Energy Tour. **4.00** Timbersports. **4.30** Billion Dollar Wreck. **5.30** Storage Wars: Texas. **6.00** American Pickers. **7.00** Pawn Stars. **7.30** **MOVIE:** Upgrade. (2018, M) **9.30** **MOVIE:** Outback. (2019, M) **11.20** **MOVIE:** Toke. (2020, MA15+) **1.25am** Late Programs.

NINE (8, 9)

6.00 Today. **9.00** Today Extra Summer. (PG) **11.30** Morning News. **12.00** **MOVIE:** A Christmas Movie Christmas. (2019, G) **1.45** Garden Gurus Moments. (R) **2.00** Pointless. (PG, R) **3.00** Tipping Point. (PG) **4.00** Afternoon News. **4.30** Millionaire Hot Seat. (R) **5.30** WIN News.

6.00 Nine News. **7.00** A Current Affair. **7.30** Christmas With Delta Goodrem. (PG, R) A Christmas concert with Delta Goodrem. **8.00** Carols By Candlelight. (PG) The 84th Vision Australia Carols by Candlelight from Melbourne's Sidney Myer Music Bowl. **11.00** Christmas At Highclere Castle. (R) A look at Highclere Castle at Christmas. **12.00** The Weakest Link. (PG, R) **1.00** A Current Affair. (R) **1.30** TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) **4.00** Global Shop. (R) **4.30** TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) **5.30** Wesley Impact With Stu Cameron. (PG)

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:** Quiet Weekend. (1946) **5.30** Murder, She Wrote. **6.30** Antiques Roadshow. **7.30** A Very Royal Christmas: Secrets Of Sandringham. **8.30** Poirot. **10.30** Midsomer Murders. **12.30am** Antiques Roadshow. **1.00** TV Shop: Home Shopping.

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. **5.00** Making Of Ghostbusters: Afterlife. **5.10** **MOVIE:** E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial. (1982, PG) **7.30** **MOVIE:** The Goonies. (1985, PG) **9.45** **MOVIE:** Uncle Buck. (1989, PG) **11.45** Malcolm. **12.15am** Desperate Housewives. **2.10** Vanderpump Rules. **3.00** Power Rangers Dino Fury. **3.30** Ninjago: Masters Of Spinjitzu. **4.00** Pokémon. **4.30** Beyblade Burst Turbo. **4.50** Bakugan: Geogan Rising. **5.10** Yu-Gi-Oh! **5.30** Yu-Gi-Oh!

TEN (5, 1)

6.00 Ent. Tonight. (R) **6.30** Farm To Fork. (PG, R) **7.00** Judge Judy. (PG, R) **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. (PG, R) **1.00** Jamie: Together 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. **4.00** Farm To Fork. (PG) **4.30** Inside Bold. (Final) **5.00** 10 News First.

6.30 The Project. **7.30** The Living Room. (PGa, R) Barry Du Bois tackles a tricky renovation. **8.40** Have You Been Paying Attention To 2021? (Malns, R) Presenter Tom Gleisner quizzes celebrity guests about some of the most memorable events from 2021. **9.40** Rhys Darby: Big In Japan. (PGa) Part 3 of 4. **10.40** The Graham Norton Show. (ls, R) **11.40** The Project. (R) **12.40** The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) **1.30** Hour Of Power Christmas Eve Special. **2.30** Infomercials. (PG, R) **3.00** Home Shopping. (R) **5.30** Infomercials. (PG, R)

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 Show With James Corden. **3.30** 2 Broke Girls. **4.30** Home Shopping. **5.30** Infomercials.

10 BOLD (53, 12) **6am** Home Shopping. **7.00** Infomercials. **8.00** Pat Callinan's 4x4 Adventures. **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** 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.

Saturday, December 25

<p>ABC TV (2)</p> <p>6am Morning Programs. 9.30 The Pope's Christmas Mass. 11.30 Maggie Beer's Christmas Feast. (R) 12.00 ABC News Summer. 12.30 A Berry Royal Christmas. (R) 1.25 Lucy Worsley's Christmas Carol Odyssey. (R) 2.25 Would I Lie To You? (PG, R) 2.55 Hard Quiz: Battle Of The Has Beens. (PG, R) 3.30 Christmas In Australia With Christine Anu. (R) 4.30 Midsomer Murders. (PG, R)</p>	<p>SBS (3)</p> <p>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 A World Of Calm. (R) 2.25 Patrizio Buanne: Celebration. (PG) 3.25 NSW Seniors' Christmas Concert. 4.45 Wonderful World Of Chocolate Christmas. (R) 5.35 Secrets Of The Toy Shop: Inside Hamleys. (PG, R)</p>	<p>SEVEN (7)</p> <p>6.00 NBC Today. 7.00 Carols In The Domain. (PG, R) 9.30 Christmas Pageant. (PG) 10.30 Mayor's Christmas Carols. (PG, R) 11.30 SeaLink Carols By Candlelight. (PG, R) 1.00 House Of Wellness. (PG, R) 2.00 Jabba's School Holiday Movie Special. (PGhv, R) 2.30 Salvation Army Christmas Special. (PG, R) 3.00 MOVIE: Fred Claus. (2007, PGalv, R) Vince Vaughn. 5.30 Creek To Coast. (R)</p>	<p>NINE (8, 9)</p> <p>6.00 Christmas Pageant. 8.00 Lord Mayor's Christmas Carols. 10.00 Good Food Christmas. (R) 10.30 CMA Country Christmas. (PG) 11.30 Christmas With Delta Goodrem. (PG, R) 1.00 Carols By Candlelight. (PG, R) 4.00 MOVIE: Blizzard. (2003, G, R) Jennifer Pisana.</p>	<p>TEN (5, 1)</p> <p>6am Morning Programs. 7.30 Escape Fishing. (R) 8.00 Freshly Picked. (R) 8.30 Jamie: Together At Christmas. (R) 9.30 Studio 10. (PG, R) 12.00 4x4 Adventures. (R) 1.00 All 4 Adventure. (PGL, R) 2.00 Christmas With Australian Women's Weekly. (R) 3.00 Everyday Gourmet. (R) 3.30 Taste Of Australia. (R) 4.00 Waltzing Jimeoin. (PGal, R) 4.30 Roads Less Travelled. (R) 5.00 News.</p>
<p>6.00 The Penguin King With David Attenborough. (R) Follows a penguin's search for a mate. 7.00 ABC News On Christmas Day. A look at the top stories of the day. 7.30 The Queen's Christmas Message. The annual broadcast of Queen Elizabeth II's Christmas message to the Commonwealth. 7.40 The Royal Variety Performance. (PG) Entertainment spectacular featuring the stars of the stage and screen at London's Royal Albert Hall. 9.35 Call The Midwife. (PG, R) Mother Mildred decides to send Sister Frances and Sister Hilda to Nonnatus House. 10.35 Father Brown. (Final, PG, R) Lady Felicia's necklace is stolen. 11.20 Rage Christmas Special. (MA15+adhlnsv) Christmas-themed music videos. 5.00 Rage. (PG)</p>	<p>6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Deck The Halls: The Luxury Christmas Decorators. Follows decorators as they transform venues. 8.30 On Broadway. As audiences prepare for the return of live theatre after an absence of 18 months, an all-star cast, Hugh Jackman and Ian McKellen, tell the inside story of the last time Broadway came back from the brink 10.00 MOVIE: Lion. (2016, PGa, R) An Indian boy gets lost on the streets of Calcutta. Dev Patel, Nicole Kidman. 12.05 Dolly Parton: 50 Years At The Opry. (PG, R) 1.35 The Chocolate Factory: Inside Cadbury Australia. (R) 4.55 Poh & Co. Bitesize. (R) 5.00 France 24 Feature. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.</p>	<p>6.00 Seven News. 7.00 Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly. (PG) Follows dog trainer Graeme Hall. 8.00 MOVIE: National Lampoon's Vacation. (1983, Mdl, R) A Chicago family encounters an endless series of disasters during their annual cross-country road trip. Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo, Randy Quaid. 10.10 MOVIE: National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation. (1989, Mls, R) A hapless man tries to create a traditional, fun-filled Christmas for his family. Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo. 12.10 MOVIE: Harum Scarum. (1965, G, R) A famous movie star is kidnapped by assassins. Elvis Presley. 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Get Clever. (R) 5.00 My Greek Odyssey. (PG, R)</p>	<p>6.00 Nine News Saturday. 7.00 MOVIE: Deck The Halls. (2006, PGals, R) Two neighbours compete in a lights display. Danny DeVito, Matthew Broderick. 8.50 MOVIE: Four Holidays. (2008, Ms, R) A couple are forced to endure a noisy festive season alongside their relatives. Reese Witherspoon, Vince Vaughn, Mary Steenburgen. 10.35 Queen's Christmas Message. Queen Elizabeth II's Christmas message. 10.45 Dame Edna Rules The Waves. (Ms) An evening of entertainment. 11.50 MOVIE: The Santa Con. (2014, PGav, R) Barry Watson. 1.30 Destination WA. (R) 2.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 2.30 Global Shop. (R) 5.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 5.30 Wesley Impact With Stu Cameron. (PG)</p>	<p>6.00 Terry Pratchett's The Abominable Snow Baby. 6.30 A Baby Reindeer's First Christmas. (PGa) 7.30 The Dog House. (PG) Christmas might have come early for a pug. 8.30 The Cheap Seats. (Mal, R) Presenters Melanie Bracewell and Tim McDonald take a look at the week that was. 9.30 The Graham Norton Show. (PGL, R) Graham Norton is joined by George Clooney, Michael Sheen, David Tennant, Viola Davis and Vanessa Kirby. 10.30 The Savoy At Christmas. (PGL, R) 11.30 The Living Room. (PGa, R) 12.30 Terry Pratchett's The Abominable Snow Baby. (R) 1.00 Home Shopping. (R) 1.30 Infomercials. (PG, R) 2.30 Home Shopping. (R) 5.00 Hour Of Power.</p>
<p>ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 7.30pm A Very Specky Christmas. 8.30 Adam Hills: The Last Leg. 9.10 QI. 9.40 Live At The Apollo. 10.30 Mock The Week. 11.00 Schitt's Creek. 11.45 Catastrophe. 12.10am Upstart Crow. 12.40 Review With Myles Barlow: Christmas Special. 1.10 GameFace. 1.35 Red Dwarf. 2.05 Escape From The City. 3.00 ABC News Update. 3.05 Close. 5.05 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. Noon Alone. 4.55 WorldWatch. 6.20 Taskmaster Norway. 7.10 Travel Man: Rebel Wilson In Florence. 8.05 Brooklyn Nine-Nine. 8.30 Saving The Delorean Time Machine. 9.30 The X-Files. 1.40am Undressed. 2.40 France 24. 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. 8.30 Travel Oz. 10.00 Bargain Hunt. 11.00 Weekender. 11.30 Creek To Coast. Noon A Foodies Guide To Kyushu Japan. 1.15 MOVIE: Stay Away, Joe. (1968) 3.30 MOVIE: Charro! (1969, PG) 5.30 Ed And Karen's Recipes For Success. 6.30 The Hotel Inspector. 7.30 MOVIE: The Tender Trap. (1955, M) 9.30 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 With You This Christmas. 10.30 Edgar Wallace Mysteries. 11.45 Seaway. 12.50pm MOVIE: The Holly And The Ivy. (1952) 2.30 The Secret Life Of The Zoo. 3.30 A Very Royal Christmas: Secrets Of Sandringham. 4.30 MOVIE: White Christmas. (1954) 7.00 Carols By Candlelight. 10.00 Timeless. Midnight Gideon's Way. 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 Jamie's Easy Meals For Every Day. 11.30 Jamie's Easy Christmas Countdown. 12.30pm Jamie: Together At Christmas. 1.30 Carol's Second Act. 2.30 Brides Of Beverly Hills. 3.30 Friends. 6.00 The Big Bang Theory. 9.45 2 Broke Girls. 12.10am Shopping. 1.10 Infomercials. 1.40 Mom. 2.05 Late Programs.</p>
<p>NITV (34) 6am Morning Programs. 1.05pm Long Time Ago Bloomfield River. 1.30 Jupurrula: Man Of Media. 2.00 Ice Hockey. National Hockey Super League. 4.00 Soccer. FIFA Arab Cup. Second semi-final. Replay. 6.00 VCW: Vulcan Championship Wrestling. 7.00 Chuck And The First People's Kitchen. 7.30 Nat King Cole: Afraid Of The Dark. 9.15 MOVIE: Rare Exports: A Christmas Tale. (2010, M) 11.15 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Bride And Prejudice. Continued. (2004, PG) 7.05 The Lunchbox. (2013, PG, Hindi) 9.05 The Three Musketeers. (1973, PG) 11.05 Sun Children. (2020, PG, Farsi) 12.55pm Monkey King: The Hero. (2016, PG) 2.30 Toast. (2010, PG) 4.15 The Tree Of Life. (2011, PG) 6.50 Unaccompanied Minors. (2006) 8.30 T2 Trainspotting. (2017, MA15+) 10.40 People Places Things. (2015, M) 12.15am Late Programs.</p>	<p>7MATE (73) 6am Morning Programs. 11.30 Your 4x4. Noon The Mike & Cole Show. 12.30 Timbersports. 1.00 Blokesworld. 1.30 Australia ReDiscovered. 2.00 American Pickers. 3.00 Motor Racing. Velocity Invitational. Highlights. 4.00 Shipping Wars. 5.00 Billion Dollar Wreck. 6.00 American Pickers. 7.00 Pawn Stars. 7.30 Full Custom Garage: Sports Car Edition. 11.00 Late Programs.</p>	<p>9GO! (82, 93) 6am Children's Programs. 8.00 MOVIE: Alice-Miranda - A Royal Christmas Ball. (2021, C) 9.30 Children's Programs. 2.30pm Making Of Ghostbusters: Afterlife. 2.40 MOVIE: Becoming Santa. (2015) 4.25 Children's Programs. 4.55 The Nanny: Oy To The World. 5.25 MOVIE: Dr. Seuss' The Grinch. (2018) 7.00 LEGO Masters Bricksmas Special. 10.30 The Hundred With Andy Lee. 11.30 Late Programs.</p>	<p>10 BOLD (53, 12) 6am Home Shopping. 6.30 Infomercials. 8.00 Home Shopping. 9.00 The Doctors. 10.00 MacGyver. Noon Diagnosis Murder. 1.00 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 Stories Of Bikes. 6.00 JAG. 7.00 Bondi Rescue. 7.30 NCIS. 8.30 Law & Order: SVU. 10.20 MacGyver. 11.20 Late Programs.</p>



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Sunday, December 26

<p>ABC TV (2)</p> <p>6am Morning Programs. 9.00 ABC News Summer. 9.30 Gardening Australia: Christmas Special. (R) 10.30 The World In 2021. (R) 11.00 Compass. (PG, R) 11.30 Praise. (R) 12.00 ABC News Summer. 12.30 Landline. (R) 1.30 Doc Martin. (Ma, R) 2.15 The Royal Variety Performance. (PG, R) 4.25 Everyone's A Critic. (PG, R) 4.55 Dream Gardens. (R) 5.30 Nigella's Cook, Eat, Repeat. (R)</p>	<p>SBS (3)</p> <p>6.00 WorldWatch. 12.30 France 24 English News Second Edition. 1.00 Speedweek. 3.00 Figure Skating. ISU Grand Prix. Round 5. Internationaux de France. Highlights. 4.30 Cycling. National Road Series. Cycle Sunshine Coast. Highlights. 5.00 Welcome To Country. (PGL, R) 5.10 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. (R) 5.40 By Royal Appointment: Shops That Serve The Queen. (R)</p>	<p>SEVEN (7)</p> <p>6am Morning Programs. 11.30 The Ashes: The Lunch Break. 12.10 Cricket. The Ashes. Third Test. Australia v England. Day 1. Afternoon session. 2.10 The Ashes: Tea Break. 2.30 Cricket. The Ashes. Third Test. Australia v England. Day 1. Late afternoon session. 5.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 20. Sydney Thunder v Sydney Sixers.</p>	<p>NINE (8, 9)</p> <p>6.00 Easy Eats. (R) 7.00 Weekend Today. 10.00 The Xtreme CollXtion. (PG, R) 10.30 Ultimate Rush. (PGL, R) 11.00 Destination WA. (PG) 11.30 Making Of Ghostbusters: Afterlife. (PG, R) 11.40 MOVIE: Mr Mom. (1983, PGa, R) Michael Keaton. 1.30 MOVIE: Rocky II. (1979, PGv, R) Sylvester Stallone. 4.00 Bondi Vet. (PG) 5.00 News: First At Five. 5.30 RBT. (PGdl, R)</p>	<p>TEN (5, 1)</p> <p>6am Morning Programs. 11.00 A Baby Reindeer's First Christmas. (PG, R) 12.00 Luca's Key Ingredient. (R) 12.30 Everyday Gourmet. (R) 1.00 Farm To Fork. (PG, R) 1.30 My Market Kitchen. (R) 2.00 Jamie's Easy Meals For Every Day. (R) 2.30 Roads Less Travelled. (R) 3.00 4x4 Adventures. (Final) 4.00 All 4 Adventure. (PGal) 5.00 News.</p>
<p>6.00 Antiques Roadshow. (Final, R) A look at some favourite finds. 7.00 ABC News Sunday. 7.30 Death In Paradise. (Ma, R) A radio legend is murdered live on air. 8.30 Call The Midwife. (PGa) It's December 1965, and everyone at Nonnatus House is looking forward to traditional celebrations. 10.00 Doc Martin. (PG, R) Louisa helps diagnose a pupil. 10.50 Harrow. (Madv, R) A skeleton is discovered in a backyard. 11.40 Silent Witness. (Mav, R) 12.40 Talking Heads. (Final, PG, R) 1.10 Miniseries: Mrs Wilson. (Ma, R) 4.00 Death In Paradise. (Ma, R) 5.00 Gardening Australia. (R)</p>	<p>6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Zoo Mum. (PG) A look at England's Colchester Zoo. 8.30 Walt Disney. (PG, R) Part 1 of 2. Explores the life and legacy of American icon Walt Disney. 10.35 Michael Palin: Travels Of A Lifetime. (PG, R) Michael Palin revisits his travel series. 11.30 MOVIE: Chef. (2014, MI, R) Jon Favreau. 1.30 24 Hours In Emergency. (Ma, R) 2.25 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>6.00 Seven News. 7.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 20. Sydney Thunder v Sydney Sixers. 8.10 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 21. Perth Scorchers v Melbourne Renegades. From Optus Stadium, Perth. 11.30 Why Can't We Sleep? (PGal, R) An investigation into insomnia. 12.30 Dr Harry's Animal Encounters. (PG, R) Presented by Dr Harry Cooper. 1.30 Travel Oz. (PG, R) A look at holiday destinations. 2.00 Home Shopping. (R) 3.30 Million Dollar Minute. (R) Hosted by Simon Reeve. 4.00 NBC Today. News and current affairs. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.</p>	<p>6.00 Nine News. 7.00 60 Minutes. A rogue regime's evil is exposed. 8.00 David Attenborough's A Perfect Planet: Oceans. (PG, R) Sir David Attenborough takes a look at the oceans of the world and how they are all linked by powerful currents. 9.10 MOVIE: The Matrix. (1999, Mlv, R) A computer hacker learns about the true nature of reality from a group of mysterious rebels. Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne, Carrie-Anne Moss. 11.50 Chicago Med. (Mam, R) 12.40 Miniseries: The Bad Seed. (Mlsv, R) 1.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Take Two. (R) 5.00 News Early Edition. 5.30 Today.</p>	<p>6.00 Soccer. A-League Men. Round 6. Melbourne Victory v Western United. From AAMI Park, Melbourne. 9.00 FBI. (Mav, R) FBI special agent Jubal's concern for his sick son affects his judgement as the team rushes to track down two doctors abducted by a desperate father willing to do anything to save his own son. 11.00 The FBI Declassified: Saving Ethan. (Ma, R) FBI agents and analysts provide an inside look at the 2013 kidnapping of five-year-old Ethan Gilman. 12.00 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: Gambling In Las Vegas. 9.30 The Yearly With Charlie Pickering 2021. 10.30 Brian Johnson's A Life On The Road. 11.15 Christmas In Australia With Christine Anu. 12.15am George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. 1.00 Horror Movie: A Low-Budget Nightmare. (Final) 2.00 In The Long Run. 2.25 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. Noon Alone. 5.00 WorldWatch. 5.30 Secrets Of Our Cities. 6.35 Travel Man. 7.05 Guy Martin: The World's Fastest Electric Car? 8.30 Patriot Brains. 9.25 Dark Side Of The Ring. 10.15 What's The Problem With Nudity? 11.15 Das Boot. 12.25am MOVIE: Dead Ringers. (1988, M) 2.30 Flowergirl. 3.00 Thai News. 3.30 Bangla News. 4.00 Punjabi News. 4.30 Late Programs.</p>	<p>7TWO (72) 6am Morning Programs. 10.00 House Of Wellness. 11.00 The Great Australian Doorstep. 11.30 Your 4x4. Noon Ed And Karen's Recipes For Success. 1.00 Escape To The Country. 2.00 MOVIE: Speedway. (1968, PG) 4.00 MOVIE: The Trouble With Girls. (1969) 6.00 Dog Patrol. 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 Rainbow Country. 10.30 MOVIE: Contraband Spain. (1955, PG) 12.10pm MOVIE: The Grass Is Greener. (1960, PG) 2.20 MOVIE: That Touch Of Mink. (1962, PG) 4.20 MOVIE: Hatari! (1962) 7.30 MOVIE: The Core. (2003, M) 10.10 MOVIE: Awoken. (2019, MA15+) Midnight Late Programs.</p>	<p>10 PEACH (52, 11) 6am Morning Programs. 9.00 The Middle. 10.00 Seatbelt Psychic. 10.30 Jamie's Easy Meals For Every Day. 11.00 Jamie's Quick & Easy Christmas. Noon Basketball. NBL. Round 4. Tasmania JackJumpers v New Zealand Breakers. 2.00 Basketball. NBL. Round 4. Sydney Kings v Melbourne United. 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. 1.15pm Soccer. African Cup NSW. 2.45 Gaelic Football. Ladies Association. Highlights. 3.00 Rugby League. NRL Perth Nines. Harmony Cup. 4.30 Softball. SA Premier League. 6.00 Colonial Combat. 6.30 Welcome To Country. 6.40 Land Of Primates. 7.40 Coast New Zealand. 8.30 Charley Pride: I'm Just Me. 9.55 MOVIE: Silent Souls. (2010) 11.30 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS WORLD MOVIES (32) 6am Monkey King: The Hero. Continued. (2016, PG) 7.35 Unaccompanied Minors. (2006) 9.15 The Tree Of Life. (2011, PG) 11.50 The White Crow. (2018, Russian) 2.10pm Fame. (2009, PG) 4.25 Bride And Prejudice. (2004, PG) 6.25 Florence Foster Jenkins. (2016, PG) 8.30 American Woman. (2018, MA15+) 10.35 The Sound Of Silence. (2019, M) 12.10am The Last Emperor. (1987, M) 3.15 Late Programs.</p>	<p>7MATE (73) 6am Morning Programs. 11.30 Sailing. Sydney Hobart Yacht Race. 1pm Blue Water Savages. 1.30 The Hunt For Monster Bass. 2.00 On The Fly. 2.30 Million Dollar Catch. 3.00 Fishing Addiction. 4.00 Ultimate Fishing. 5.00 Shipping Wars. 6.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 20. Sydney Thunder v Sydney Sixers. 7.00 MOVIE: Firefox. (1982, PG) 9.30 MOVIE: Tightrope. (1984, M) 11.55 Late Programs.</p>	<p>9GO! (82, 93) 6am Children's Programs. 1.30pm Surfing Australia TV. 2.00 Liquid Science. 2.30 Road Trick. 3.00 MOVIE: Pokémon The Movie: White - Victini And Zekrom. (2011) 5.00 MOVIE: The Spiderwick Chronicles. (2008, PG) 7.00 MOVIE: Mission: Impossible. (1996, PG) 9.10 MOVIE: The Mummy. (2017, M) 11.15 Stunt Science. 12.15am Desperate Housewives. 2.10 Below Deck Mediterranean. 3.00 Late Programs.</p>	<p>10 BOLD (53, 12) 6am Morning Programs. 8.30 Pooches At Play. 9.00 Healthy Homes Aust. 9.30 Escape Fishing. 10.00 iFish Summer. 10.30 The Doctors. 11.30 MacGyver. 1.30pm The Offroad Adventure Show. 2.30 All 4 Adventure. 3.30 Soccer. A-League Women. Round 4. Melbourne Victory v Melbourne City. 6.00 MacGyver. 7.00 Bondi Rescue. 7.30 NCIS. 9.30 Star Trek: Discovery. (Final) 1.20am Late Programs.</p>

Wednesday, December 29

<p>ABC TV (2) 6.00 Escape From The City. (R) 7.00 News. 9.30 How Deadly World. (PG, R) 10.00 Griff's Great Australian Rail Trip. (R) 11.00 The Heights. (PG, R) 12.00 ABC News Summer. 12.30 Gardening Australia Presents. (R) 1.00 Worzel Gummidge. (PG, R) 2.00 Miniseries: Mrs Wilson. (Final, PG, R) 3.00 ABC News Summer. 3.30 Ask The Doctor. (PG, R) 4.00 Think Tank. (R) 5.00 Restoration Australia. (R)</p> <p>6.00 Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. (R) 6.30 Movin' To The Country. (Final, R) 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 Outback Ringer. (PG, R) Clarry's nephew joins the team. 8.00 Hard Quiz Celebrity Special. (PG, R) Hosted by Tom Gleeson. 8.35 Spicks And Specks. (PG, R) Adam Hills, Alan Brough and Myf Warhurst celebrate the music, dance and fashion of the '90s. 9.30 Fisk. (MIs, R) A woman takes a job at a law firm. 10.00 Adam Hills: The Last Leg. (R) 10.45 The Queen's Green Planet. (R) 11.30 Father Brown. (PG, R) 12.20 Silent Witness. (Mav, R) 1.15 Adam Hills: The Last Leg. (R) 2.00 Miniseries: Delicious. (MI, R) 2.45 Rage. (MA15+adhlInsv) 4.35 Catalyst. (PG, 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 A World Of Calm. (R) 2.25 Michael Mosley: The Great Intelligence Test. (PGa, R) 3.30 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. (PG, R) 4.00 Queen Victoria's Children. (PG, R) 5.05 Jeopardy! (PG) 5.30 Letters And Numbers. (R)</p> <p>6.00 Mastermind Australia. (R) Presented by Marc Fennell. 6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Great Australian Railway Journeys: Port Augusta To Darwin. (PG, R) Michael Portillo heads to Australia. 8.40 The Royal House Of Windsor: Adapt Or Die. (MI, R) Explores the House of Windsor and how they have survived all manner of crises. 9.50 Departure. (Mav) Kendra and Ellen share inside information. 10.40 SBS World News Late. 11.10 In Therapy. (Mal) 12.00 DNA. (Malv, R) 1.40 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. (MIs, R) 2.40 The Ghan: The Full Journey. (R) 5.00 France 24 Feature. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle English News.</p>	<p>SEVEN (7) 6am Morning Programs. 11.30 The Ashes: The Lunch Break. 12.10 Cricket. The Ashes. Third Test. Australia v England. Day 4. Afternoon session. 2.10 The Ashes: Tea Break. 2.30 Cricket. The Ashes. Third Test. Australia v England. Day 4. Late afternoon session. 5.00 The Chase Aust. (R)</p> <p>6.00 Seven Local News. 6.30 Seven News. 7.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 26. Melbourne Renegades v Hobart Hurricanes. From Marvel Stadium, Melbourne. 10.00 Ambulance: Code Red. (Ma, R) A desperate 999 call comes in from a woman who is injured after being thrown out of a vehicle. 11.00 Autopsy USA: Prodigy. (M) Forensic pathologist Dr Michael Hunter takes a fresh look at the 2017 death of rapper Prodigy. 12.00 American Crime. (Malv, R) Dustin fears for his safety. 1.00 Gold Coast Medical. (PGa, R) A sports star faces an uncertain future. 2.00 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 Travel Guides. (PGIs, R) 1.00 The Weakest Link. (PG, R) 2.00 Pointless. (PG, R) 3.00 Tipping Point. (PG) 4.00 Afternoon News. 5.00 Millionaire Hot Seat. (R)</p> <p>6.00 Nine News. 7.00 A Current Affair. 7.30 Mega Zoo. (PG) A much-loved meerkat faces an X-ray. 8.30 Emergency. (MI, R) Mark assembles a crack team to save a man with life-threatening gunshot wounds. 9.30 A+E After Dark. (Mm) A patient in emergency becomes agitated after waiting to be seen for a bleeding hand. 10.30 New Amsterdam. (Mam, R) Max challenges hospital administration. 11.20 Manifest. (Madv, R) Ben forms an alliance with a student. 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) 8.30 Studio 10. (PG) 11.00 Everyday Gourmet. (R) 11.30 Jamie's Easy Meals For Every Day. (R) 12.00 Dr Phil. (PGal, R) 1.00 The Living Room. (PG, R) 2.00 Ent. Tonight. 2.30 My Market Kitchen. (R) 3.00 Judge Judy. (PG, R) 3.30 Left Off The Map. 4.00 Farm To Fork. (PG) 4.30 Jamie's Easy Meals For Every Day. (R) 5.00 News.</p> <p>6.30 The Project. A look at the day's news and events. 7.30 Ambulance Australia. (Mad, R) Paramedics perform a resuscitation. 8.30 The Boxing Day Tsunami. (PGa) Documents the story of the 2004 Boxing Day Tsunami that killed more than 250,000 people in South East Asia, with researchers hearing from survivors and explaining how the tragedy happened. 10.30 The Royals Revealed: Succession - The Royal Bloodline. (PGas) A look at the royal succession. 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>
<p>ABC TV PLUS (22) 6am Children's Programs. 7.15pm Odd Squad. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.00 Would I Lie To You? 8.30 Brian Johnson's A Life On The Road. 9.15 David Stratton's Stories Of Australian Cinema. 10.15 Doctor Who. 11.05 You See Monsters. 12.05am Louis Theroux: Gambling In Las Vegas. 1.05 Community. 1.25 Parks And Recreation. 1.45 ABC News Update. 1.50 Close. 5.05 Late Programs.</p>	<p>SBS VICELAND (31) 6am WorldWatch. Noon Basketball. NBA. Charlotte Hornets v Houston Rockets. Replay. 2.00 Slingshot. 2.10 Curse Of Oak Island. 3.50 WorldWatch. 5.15 Joy Of Painting. 5.45 Abandoned Places. 6.20 Alone. 7.10 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. 8.30 MOVIE: Twelve Monkeys. (1995, M) 10.55 MOVIE: The Bank Job. (2008, MA15+) 12.55am The X-Files. 2.35 France 24. 3.00 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. 3.30 RSPCA Animal Rescue. 4.30 M*A*S*H. 5.30 Escape To The Country. 6.30 Bargain Hunt. 7.30 The Vicar Of Dibley. 8.40 Mrs Brown's Boys. 10.40 Miranda. 11.20 What A Carry On! Midnight Andrew Denton's Interview. 1.15 Late Programs.</p>	<p>9GEM (81, 92) 6am TV Shop. 7.00 Creflo Dollar Ministries. 7.30 TV Shop: Home Shopping. 10.30 Pointless. 11.30 My Favorite Martian. Noon Seaway. 1.00 World's Greatest Man Made Wonders. 2.00 The Young And The Restless. 2.55 MOVIE: The World Of Suzie Wong. (1960, PG) 5.30 Murder, She Wrote. 6.30 Antiques Roadshow. 7.30 As Time Goes By. 8.50 Midsomer Murders. 10.50 House. 11.50 Late Programs.</p>	<p>10 PEACH (52, 11) 6am The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. 7.00 The King Of Queens. 8.00 Becker. 9.00 The Middle. 10.00 Frasier. 11.00 The King Of Queens. Noon Becker. 1.00 Man With A Plan. 1.30 Friends. 2.30 NBL Slam. 3.00 The King Of Queens. 4.00 Becker. 5.00 Frasier. 6.00 Friends. 8.00 The Big Bang Theory. 9.20 2 Broke Girls. Midnight Shopping. 12.30 Infomercials. 1.00 Shopping. 1.30 Late Programs.</p>
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Capturing a complex week in the life of Lucille Ball and her husband and co-star Desi Arnaz, *Being the Ricardos* is a revealing glimpse into their personal and professional lives from Oscar-winning writer and director Aaron Sorkin (*The Social Network*).

No stranger to going behind-the-scenes of a TV series (*The Newsroom*), Sorkin takes viewers behind closed doors on the set of *I Love Lucy*, the couple's smash 1950s sitcom; from the writers' room to the soundstage and into the boys' club boardrooms where Ball and Arnaz wield their considerable clout.

Despite some controversy over casting, Nicole Kidman is excellent as the leading lady, disappearing behind Ball's trademark curls, hoarse voice and sharp one-liners. Javier Bardem (right) is likewise impressive as Cuban-American Arnaz, a charismatic and business-savvy dynamo who was one of the first Latino talents to find stardom on television.



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Leading lady: Nicole Kidman as comedy legend Lucille Ball in *Being the Ricardos*.



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When *Yellowstone* creator Taylor Sheridan set out to expand his hit ranching series, there was only one place to look – the start of the Dutton family legacy. This Wild West prequel follows the ancestors of the present-day Duttons as they leave poverty-stricken lives behind and seek a better future in America's promised land – Montana. Stars Sam Elliot (pictured).



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A touching and powerful journey, this sci-fi drama stars Oscar winner Mahershala Ali as Cameron, a devoted family man expecting his second child with wife Poppy (Naomie Harris, pictured with Ali). When he is diagnosed with a terminal illness, his doctor (Glenn Close) proposes a radical solution to shield his family from grief: to replace himself with a clone.



12 DATES OF CHRISTMAS
Streaming, Binge

A festive reality romance extravaganza, this American dating series welcomes three singles (Danny, Amanda Grace and Markelle, pictured from left) to a lavish ski lodge in a picturesque winter wonderland, where they'll meet a flurry of love interests eager to win their hearts. Over 12 dates, our trio of romantics search for someone they can take home for the holidays.



EMILY IN PARIS
Streaming, Netflix



Netflix's most-viewed comedy series of 2020 is back for a second season. American expat Emily (Lily Collins, pictured) might have improved at navigating the streets of Paris, but she's no better at the idiosyncrasies of French life. After stumbling into a risqué love triangle last season, Emily is determined to focus on work for a while.



LOVE ME
Streaming, from Boxing Day, Foxtel On Demand

Made in Melbourne, this six-part romantic drama follows three members of the same family as they experience the highs and lows of modern love. Bojana Novakovic (pictured) is 30-something Clara, whose career has always taken priority over romance. Her dad Glen (Hugo Weaving) and brother Aaron (William Lodder) are also dealing with dating dilemmas.




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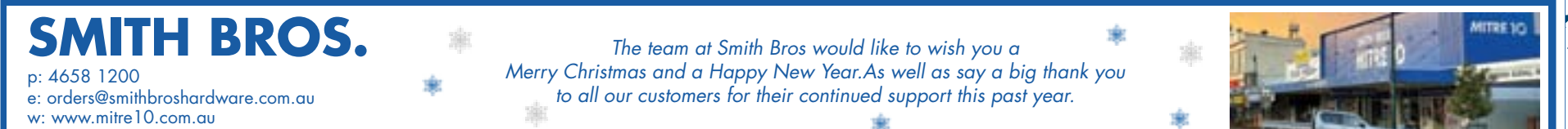
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Wed 29th December 8.30am - 5.00pm
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Fri 31st December 8.30am - 5.00pm
New Year's Day CLOSED
Sun 2nd January CLOSED
Mon 3rd January CLOSED
Tuesday 4th January 8.30am - 5.00pm

Christmas Greetings & Gifts

**Merry Christmas
See you in 2022**

LITTLE



Indian Restaurant

DINE IN / TAKEAWAY CATERING PH 0468 431 491

Thank you for sharing
our cuisine this year

12528743-SN52-21

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!



12528867-SG52-21

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.

Remember to get your Christmas beverages from us.
GIFT VOUCHERS AVAILABLE

See in the New Year with band duo, GDub,
from 8.30pm on 31st December



31 Duck Street Longreach
P: 07 4658 1230

12528513-0152-21

COOLA CARPETS & FURNITURE COURT
FLOORING & FURNITURE CENTRE

**COOLA CARPETS &
FURNITURE COURT**

Wishing everyone
throughout the
Central West a

Very Merry Christmas.

Coola offers quality
floorcoverings installation
throughout the district
plus a wide range of furniture
at competitive prices

Check out our home décor,
manchester and rugs for that
special Christmas gift

Gift Vouchers available

Here's to a Safe and
Happy New Year.

Ho Ho Ho

See you all next year

12528650-JW52-21

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

JOHNLEE MOTORS

12528864-JW51-21

**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



#MeetMeAtCaseys
@caseys.longreach

12528424-JW51-21

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**

12528758-DL51-21

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

12529032-1W51-21

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!



12528685-SN52-21

Thank you to all our customers this year

We wish you all the very best for a flourishing 2022

Di & John

Ilfracombe Garden Nursery

Closed Christmas Day

Open Boxing Day & all public holidays & weekends

Fresh Poinsettia pots instore now

Come and stretch your legs and enjoy wandering around our beautiful space



12529744-JN52-21



12529103-SG51-21

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



12528642-GS52-21



Ringrose & Button
chartered accountants

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR CLIENTS FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 2021

Have a very Merry Christmas

BILL, ELAINE, TANYA & STAFF

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W: www.rbca.com.au

Longreach Hughenden Blackall Rockhampton

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

12528657-JN52-21

Staff of the Longreach Tavern would like to thank the community for your patronage this year and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Remember, if you are hosting or toasting this holiday season, Celebrations Bottle Shop has all your festive supplies.



That calls for
Cellarbrations



12528814-SG52-21



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

12528869-BL51-21

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.



12529170-JW52-21

What’s on

Night at the movies

By Michael R Williams

Hosted by Norm Salsbury, former owner of the Star Cinema, Longreach locals gathered at the showgrounds for a treat of two films.

While there weren’t enough sales break even with film and projection hire costs, Mr Salsbury said with a few tweaks, he believes an event like this could be run again.

Mr Salsbury was also recongised during intermission for his work in the community.

“The event was very very good, I spoke to a lot of people who enjoyed the evening,” Mr Salsbury said.

“I was surprised with the kids, I thought they might be indifferent and run around, but they were always looking at the movie.

“And it was a good movie too – the people who worked at the kiosk, they were very happy with their sales, also.”

The first film, A Boy Called Christmas, was well received.

“I’ll be honest, I thought it could have been a little bit better – it was well-made and well-acted – but the story was a little bit over the kid’s heads,” he said.

“I thought it was a little bit too long, but the kids seemed to like it.

“I think the characters and the movements were what did it – it was a beautiful movie, visually.”

Mr Salsbury is an avid Bond fan, he thought No Time to Die was a fitting ending.

“I really really enjoyed it,” he said.

Mr Salsbury said he did not anticipate receiving the Paul Harris Fellow award during the intermission.

“I really got a shock, I knew nothing about it,” he said.

“Jason came up to me just before the intermission, he said, ‘come for a walk up to the microphone, we’ll say a few words together about the movie’.

“I got up there, and he started talking and handed me the award, and we were dumbfounded (Mr Salsbury’s wife also received the same award), we’re just happy to do what we can for our community.”

Mr Salsbury loved seeing locals watching films again.

“I was worried about the night, I was worried we were going to get storms,” he said.

“I thought it was a great night – a lot of work went into it – you don’t see what happens in the background.”



The Walker family at the Longreach Showgrounds eager to see A Boy Named Christmas.



Norm Salsbury receiving the Paul Harris Fellow award.

Mr Salsbury said he was extremely disappointed with the number that turned up.

“We had 120, and it definitely doesn’t cover the costs,” he said.

“It makes you wonder whether to try at another time of the year or something else. – or to put it down as an, ‘it was a good idea at the time’.

Going forward, Mr Salsbury said he would try running the event at a different time of year.

“What I’d have to do is to accept the film



Norm Salsbury opening the show at Cinema Under the Stars.

hire is to have a subsidy to bring the projection up from Brisbane, and then also insurance, accommodation for the projectionist,” he said.

“If that was all funded and we made more at the door – it was to be aimed at not-for-profit, but not lose because it’s my pocket that has to pay for it.

“I would like to see a Cinema Under the Stars again, for that we might need five good sponsors, I think it would be a lot better – because I may be able to look for a top-notch movie that may cost a few dollars.”

Community Billboard

Friday, 24 December

Wellshot Christmas Eve

Celebrate Christmas with a free barbie, drinks special, free pool, free jukebox and Santa for the little ones.

■ Location: Wellshot Hotel.

■ Time: 5 pm

Isisford Christmas Eve

Everyone welcome for a Christmas Eve Celebration BBQ.

■ Location: Whitman’s Memorial Park

■ Time: 6 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, 25 December

CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday, 26 December

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, 27 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, 28 December

Longreach Squash

Come along and have a bash.

■ Location: Longreach Squash Courts

■ Time: 5.30 pm

Wool spinning

Come get creative!

■ Location: Longreach Arts and Crafts Centre

■ Time: 2.30pm

Thursday, 30 December

Social Craft at the Library

For more information please contact Longreach Library (07) 4659 0735.

■ Location: Longreach Library

■ Time: 9:30 am

Hole-in-One

For more information send an email to longreachgolf@gmail.com or visit Longreach Golf Club

■ Location: Longreach Golf Course

■ Time: 4 pm

A Wellshot party on Christmas Eve

By Michael R Williams

The Wellshot is holding its yearly Christmas Eve Party and locals are excited for a cracking time.

Wellshot Hotel Publican Tracey Hatch said it was just a way to give back to the community.

“They give to us every day at the Wellshot Hotel, and we just wanted to have a free barbeque for whoever turns up – kids have lollies, it’s great,” she said.

“Everyone will need to sign in and be double vaxxed.

“It’s just a bit of a get-together, no one wants to be at home cooking dinner on Christmas Eve.”

Ms Hatch said there was a good chance, like most years, Santa will arrive in a buggy or fire truck.

“He rolls in and has a chat with the kids and takes home a bottle of rum and off he goes,” she said.

“But it’s a night for everyone – it’ll be a relaxed night.”



The staff of the Wellshot Hotel.



The DCQ team on the road to erase Prickly Acacia.



Bruce Honeywill.

NFF backs trade bid

The National Farmer Federation has applauded the Federal Government for securing a free trade agreement with one of Australia's oldest allies.

The trade agreement is the first reached by the United Kingdom following its separation from the European Union last year, and will guarantee tariff-free, quota-free access to the UK market for all Australian agricultural products, after phase-in periods of up to 15 years.

"Australian and UK farmers share a commitment to meeting the highest standards when it comes to caring for their land and their livestock, and that commitment shows in the quality of our produce," NFF CEO Tony Mahar said.

"UK customers will benefit from the increased availability of high-quality Australian products on their supermarket shelves, alongside their homegrown options."

Specific outcomes relevant to agriculture include:

Beef tariffs will be eliminated after 10 years.

During the transition period, Australia will have immediate access to a duty-free quota of 35,000 tonnes, rising in equal instalments to 110,000 tonnes in year 10 years.

Sheep meat tariffs will be eliminated after 10 years.

During the transition period, Australia will have immediate access to a duty-free quota of 25,000 tonnes, rising in equal instalments to 75,000 tonnes in year 10 years.

Sugar tariffs will be eliminated over eight years.

During the transition period, Australia will have immediate access to a duty-free quota of 80,000 tonnes, rising by 20,000 tonnes each year.

Dairy tariffs will be eliminated over five years.

During the transition period, Australia will have immediate access to a duty-free quota for cheese of 24,000 tonnes, rising in equal instalments to 48,000 tonnes in year five.

Australian dairy farmers will also have immediate access to a duty-free quota for non-cheese dairy of 20,000 tonnes.

Rice will receive immediate duty-free access for short and medium-grain milled rice when the agreement enters in force.

Importantly, the trade agreement will also facilitate much-needed agricultural labour mobility between the UK and Australia providing a new avenue for Australian farmers to fill their skilled labour needs.

"The NFF applauds Trade Minister Dan Tehan, Agriculture Minister, David Littleproud and Australia's negotiating team on valuable set of market access outcomes. The UK deal creates new opportunities for Australian farmers as we work towards growing industry output to \$100 billion by 2030," Mr Mahar said.

Holding the line

By **Bruce Honeywill;**
Desert Channels Queensland

In 2019 floods wreaked havoc across northern Queensland.

Tens of thousands of cattle lost, businesses collapsed.

Nature and the Wet Season did its worst.

Yet once again, the resilience of the northern cattle producers and communities was an exemplar of the bush spirit.

The aftermath of an event such as the 2019 floods leaves tracks of tragedy across the landscape that can last for years.

As the floodwaters rushed south through the Desert Channels region so came biogenic material from invasive weeds such as Prickly Acacia, Parkinsonia, and Rubber Vine.

The challenge is the numerous seed pods that wash downstream to germinate along watercourses, flood plains, and Mitchel Grass Downs, so increasing the distribution and range of the weed from an estimated pre-flood 33,000,000 hectares in the northwestern and central-western areas of Queensland to further afield, potentially putting the entire Desert Channels region at risk.

Landholders and natural resource managers are still assessing the spread of these invasive weeds. The work to slow and stall the spread of weeds coming from the flood continues.

There has been significant government support for affected landholders and businesses.

This includes the Prickly Acacia Weed Management Program, Commonwealth Government grants contributing to identifying the extent of the spreading of weeds and reducing and mitigating the risk associated with Prickly Acacia following flooding.

Under the program, Desert Channels Queensland in partnership with landholders continues to survey and map Prickly Acacia to better understand the spread of the weed following the flooding and identify the extent of new infestation.

Originating in Africa and introduced to Australia as a potential shade and fodder species, Prickly Acacia quickly developed into a fast-spreading invasive weed without the natural control species of its native lands.

The threat in Australia is the reduction of biodiversity through the transformation of natural grasslands into thorny scrub and woodland.

The weed reduces available pasture for livestock.

The loss of ground cover causes erosion, makes access to watering points such as dams difficult, and increases the time and cost of mustering livestock.

Under the project, DCQ is assisting land-

holders with the development of on-farm weed management plans, building the capacity of landholders, and undertaking control methods.

Under the Commonwealth Government program, DCQ carries out surveillance and mapping of Prickly Acacia to understand the spread of the weed following the flooding, establishing the extent of new infestation, and the outcomes of management actions under the program.

During the course of the program, the battle has been joined by DCQ field teams working in partnership with landholders carrying out on-ground management activities such as mechanical control, the use of fire, controlled use of herbicides, and other control methods.

The field teams are the frontline in stalling the spread of the weeds as they assist landholders with the development of on-farm weed management plans and build the capacity of landholders and the community with management and control methods.

Significant success has been achieved to date.

In the assessment and mapping of new infestations coming from the floods, it has been found the properties that have carried out Prickly Acacia control programs are being affected less with the expansion of the weed, where it is spreading and clogging pasturelands.

More rain needed to take full advantage

By **Michael R Williams**

For those with stock, this year has been one of the best years on record for beef, but unfortunately due to drought, westerners have not been able to take full advantage.

Eldwick Station Grazier Peter Batt said the market had been unbelievably good; but unfortunately, the season has not been so good.

"Overall, it's never been a more prosperous time in the cattle industry and if we had more rain, it would have been tremendous," he said.

"Regardless of that, it's been a great year."

Mr Batt said much of the influx of wealth was likely to have happened from "the break-

ing of the drought" in the south of the State.

"Any cattle at all are just getting lapped up," he said.

Mr Batt still is keeping a reasonable amount of stock.

"We've taken cattle away on agistment in Thargomindah and Yullo," he said.

"So, our numbers are pretty light at home and will remain that way until we get more rain.

"We've had a little bit and that's ok, the few we have [cattle] are ok.

"The key to that is to get some good summer rain so we can bring them [the cattle held

south] up, they haven't been home in two years."

Mr Batt said he is hoping to be able to bring home his cattle to take advantage of the booming market.

"We get some good summer rain, and we'll be back in business for sure," he said.

For those interested in breaking into the Cattle market Mr Batt said, "you'll need a good checkbook".

"If the market stays where it is, and there are no clouds on the horizon and you're buying and selling on the same market, the market is still as strong as, you'll go well with cattle," he said.

Agforce refutes deforestation claims against beef

Agforce has rebutted against the argument that beef is directly linked to deforestation, using recent data from two separate reports.

According to AgForce, Australia's State of the Forests Report, 2018 shows steady forest growth during the previous five-year period and the 2019 National Greenhouse Gas Inventory Report shows the growth of approximately 160,000 hectares since 2008.

Data from Queensland's Statewide Land-cover and Trees Study (SLATS) and Department of Resources also shows there is no significant clearing of trees in Queensland.

According to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, Australia is second in a list of top 10 nations for reforestation, with an average net gain in forest area between 2010-2020 of 446,000 hectares each year.

Analysis of currently available data has found that the extent of vegetative cover and vegetation density in Queensland are both increasing and that high ecological value areas are protected.

AgForce CEO Michael Guerin said that with so much at stake these days – environmentally, climatically, socially, and economically – this latest information told an undeniably good and positive story.

"This is fantastic news for everyone in Queensland, but especially for landholders who we know manage the land sustainably," Mr Guerin said.

"They value protected plant and animal species, and they are united in their desire to produce safe, delicious, healthy food for the rest of us in Australia and throughout the world.

"The other good news is that agricultural land, with its diverse range of vegetation, essentially acts as "carbon sinks" because most landholders sequester more carbon on their properties than they release."

Mr Guerin said claims by some that Queensland is a "deforestation hotspot" were false and based on outdated, incorrectly verified science.

He said the State of the Forests Report 2018 showed most clearing in Australia, including in Queensland, was of regrowth and did not include permanent conversion of "remnant forest" into grazing lands.

"Control of regrowth is vital to help trees and grasses in Queensland regenerate, and critical to maintaining grazing lands and our current food production capability – including

for crops and pulses," Mr Guerin said.

"Sensational claims of land clearing the size of football fields are myths and by our estimations would take at least 250 years to achieve.

"Queensland's world-class monitoring and compliance framework are able to identify cases of illegal clearing from satellite imagery updated every five days – which helps keep unexplained clearing to levels less than 0.04 per cent.

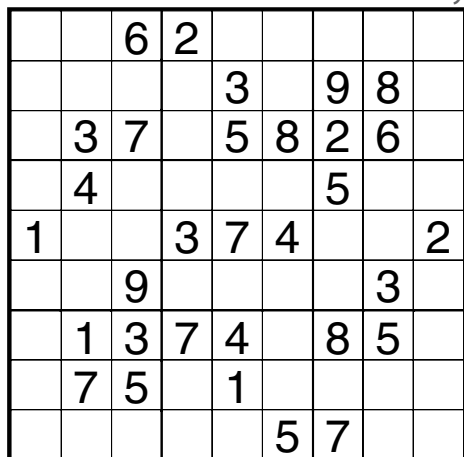
"Some groups like to take these satellite images and apply their own "facts" to them, twisting the truth and perpetuating myths to satisfy their own agendas.

"I'd like to suggest, however, that the last thing on the minds of these people is the health of the planet."

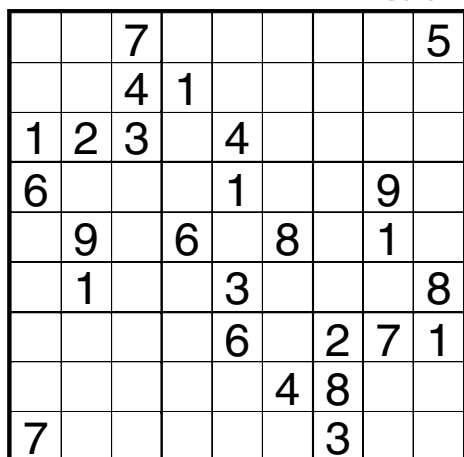
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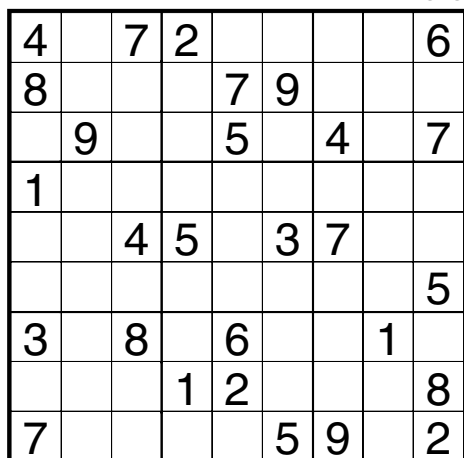
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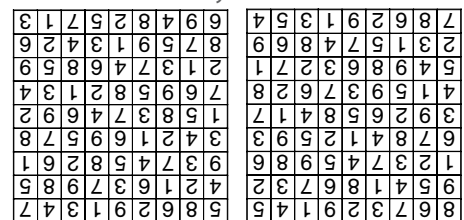
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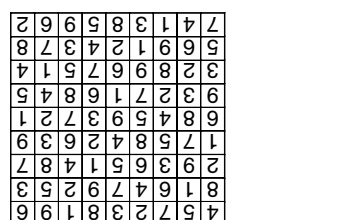


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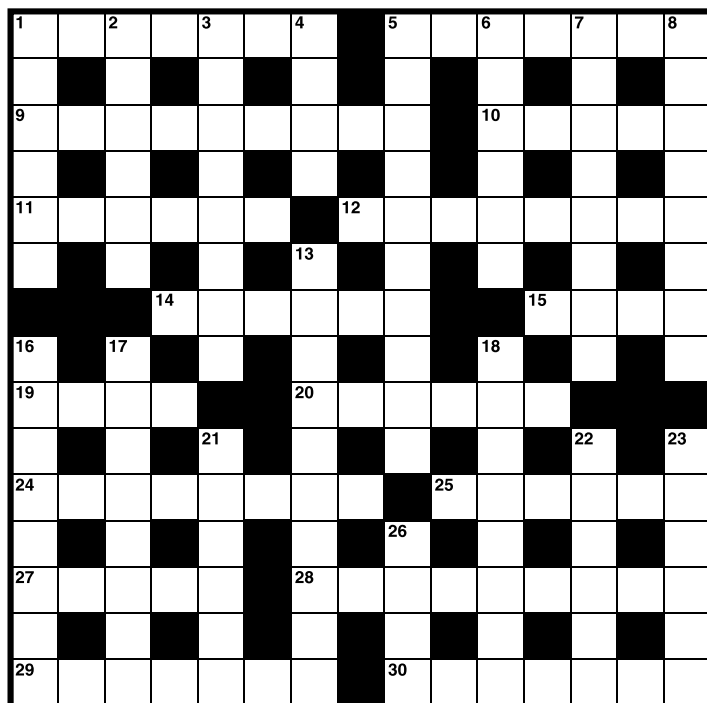
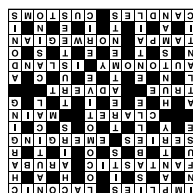
ACROSS

- 1 Suggests (7)
5 Expressing much in few words (7)
9 Terrific (9)
10 Caribbean Sea island (5)
11 Sequence (6)
12 Becoming prominent (8)
14 Red wine (6)
15 Most important; major (4)
19 Not false (4)
20 Commercial (6)
24 Self-government (8)
25 Water-surrounded land mass (6)
27 Florida port (5)
28 From Oslo, e.g. (9)
29 Sources of light made with wax (7)
30 Traditions (7)

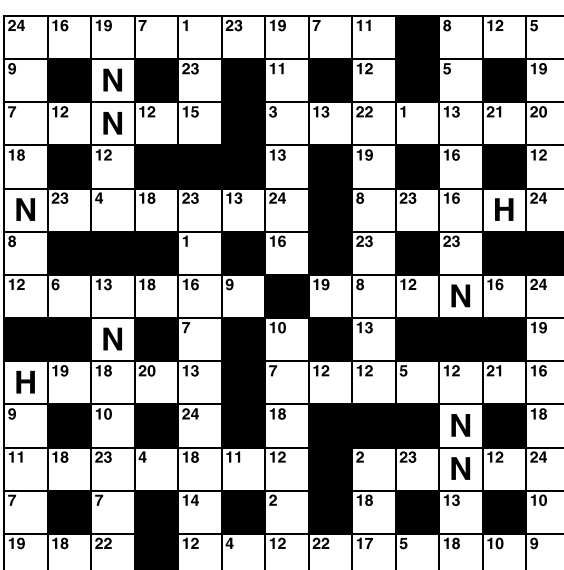
DOWN

- 1 Brew; steep (6)
- 2 Food cupboard (6)

- 3** Female name (8)
- 4** Places oneself on a chair (4)
- 5** Railway vehicle (10)
- 6** Objects for sitting (6)
- 7** Maritime (8)
- 8** Replenishing (a battery) (8)
- 13** Medications given to a patient (10)
- 16** Second largest ocean in the world (8)
- 17** Large Australian spider (8)
- 18** Members of a trust (8)
- 21** Require (6)
- 22** Gambling house (6)
- 23** Ancient Greek figure of beauty (6)
- 26** Australian actor —
Bana (4)



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[illegible]

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B	Z	J	X	L	Q	R	G	Y	F	D	E	U
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9-LETTER WORD

Using the nine letters in the grid, how many words of four letters or more can you list? The centre letter must be included and each letter may only be used once.

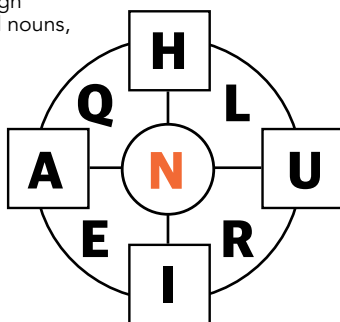
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Today's Aim:

16 words: Good

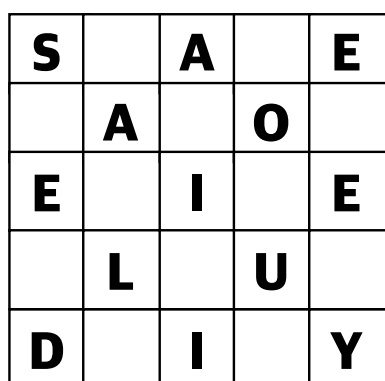
24 words: Very good

33 words: Excellent



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

NOTE: more than one solution may be possible

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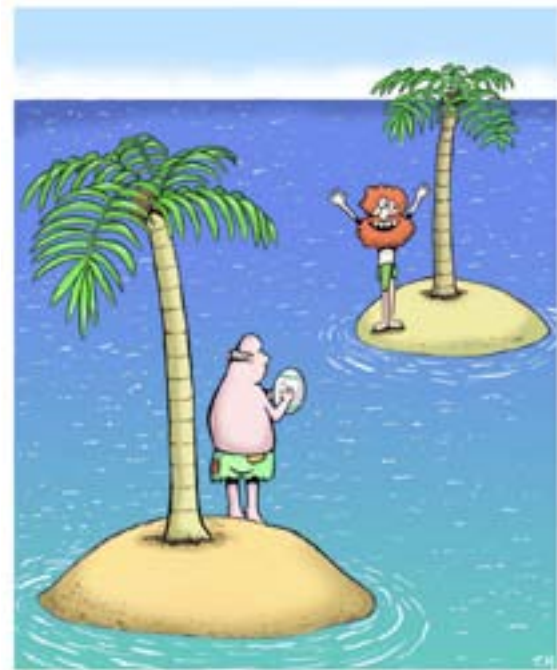


- 1 Who was Player of the Match in the 2020 ICC Women's World Cup Final?
- 2 Which US band released the 2020 album *Women in Music, Pt. III*?
- 3 Dan Levy is best known for his work on which sitcom?
- 4 The Battle of Hampton Roads was an important naval battle during which war?
- 5 Who voiced Mulan in the 1998 Disney film?
- 6 Bah Ndaw was inaugurated as president of which African country in 2020?
- 7 Yvonne Strahovski (pictured), Asher Keddie and Marta Dusseldorp star in which 2020 TV series?
- 8 Who served as leader of New Zealand's National Party for just 53 days in 2020?
- 9 Which of Donald Trump's former lawyers wrote the memoir *Disloyal: A Memoir*?
- 10 Chris Rock plays Loy Cannon in which TV crime anthology?

1. Michael Cohen 10. Fargo
2. Ven 6. Mail 7. Stateless 8. Todd Muller
3. Creek 4. The American Civil War 5. Ming-Na

COMICS

Bottled Fruit



"Kick it to me! Kick it to me!"

Insert Brain Here



Doodley Squat



WuMo



Against the Grain



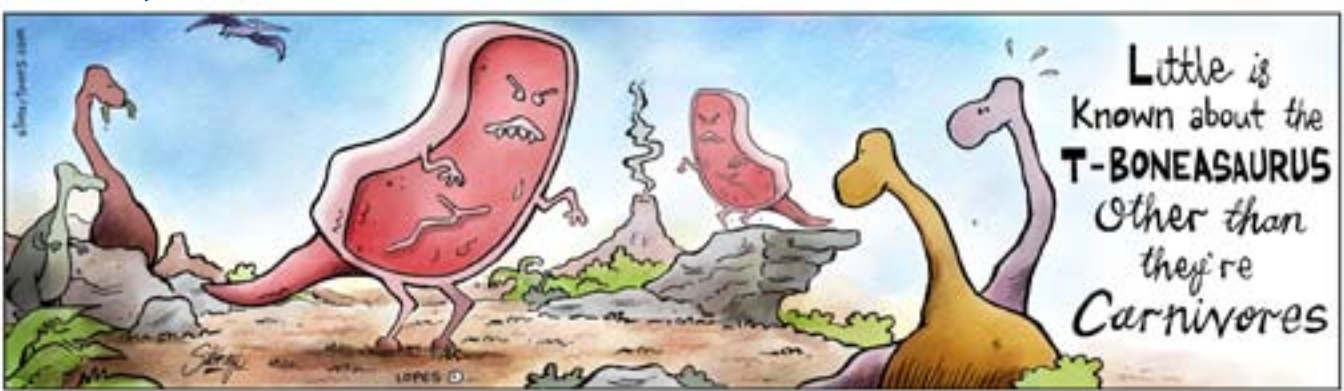
Bushy Tales



Swamp



Insanity Streak



Ballard Street



Grin Bin



Gardening

Neil Fisher



Christmas Peltophorums

Everybody has a certain item or event that they associate with the coming of Christmas.

To me, it has always been when the Peltophorum trees begin their heaviest bloom.

I just love the golden skyline of Alpha during this of the year and Barcaldine's highway avenues of Peltophorums.

Although it will flower throughout the year, it always seems to be a mass of yellow, sweetly scented flowers from around the second week of December.

The tree itself is found throughout South East Asia, the Pacific islands, and tropical Australia.

Renowned as a quick-growing, symmetrical tree with a dense crown, it can reach a maximum height of 15 to 17 metres.

The leaves are fine and feathery and are a rich, dark green, and the large flower clusters are produced well clear of the foliage, which helps create the spectacular displays which can be seen at the moment.

Also making an attractive appearance on this plant are its flower buds, twigs, and all new leaves, which are covered with brown, velvety hairs.

The tree has the ability to grow in a large variety of soil types, and even in poor drainage, the tree's growth rate is not affected. Mulching is always highly recommended, and it does respond well to regular pruning and shaping.

The pinkish-brown coloured timber of this tree is a favourite of local woodturners.

All in all, the Peltophorum is an excellent parkland tree that is suitable for most Central Queensland conditions, and their current spectacular display means that the jolly red man is on his way!

THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

By today, I hope everyone has their Christmas Tree fully decorated.

But have you ever wondered what the different Christmas decorations mean?

According to an old tradition, a family's Christmas tree should include these twelve ornaments to ensure happiness:

- Angel - symbolises God
- Bird - symbolises good luck
- House - signifies family shelter
- Teapot - symbolises hospitality
- Pine Cone - symbolises eternity
- Fruit - symbolises plentiful blessings
- Rose - symbol of the Virgin Mary
- Animal - symbolises peace with nature
- Santa Claus - symbol of giving and caring
- Fish - symbolises Christ, as well as fertility
- Flower Basket - represents beauty in the home
- Heart - represents true love

CHRISTMAS WISH

On behalf of my family, and myself I would like to wish everyone a happy, holy, safe, and hopefully a fine cool Christmas.

SAVING YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

Straight after Christmas, one of the biggest problems faced by many people is how to look after the Christmas tree that has been inside for the last few weeks.

While they may still look attractive, some care will be required when relocating them to their outdoor position for the next eleven months.

Always one of the first problems encountered after moving their tree outside is the browning of the outer shoots.

Quite often this will happen within days of relocating the tree but don't worry, fresh green shoots should appear within the first five to six weeks.

Sometimes some of the older, brown tips may need to be pruned, and the tree may even need some light reshaping, particularly if decorations or children overcome with too much Christmas spirit have bent or broken some of the branches.



Barcaldine's highway avenues of Peltophorums.



Flower of the Peltophorum dubium.



A Norfolk Pine Christmas Tree.



A potted Norfolk Pine.

Ideally, the best position to place the Christmas tree after being inside is an open but slightly shaded area, such as a greenhouse or under the shade of a tree, eg a Fig Tree, but without any direct sunlight.

Over the next five to six weeks, gradually move the tree into a sunnier position.

An important note to remember is that the shadier the position in which the tree is kept during the year, the more compact in appearance the tree will be, and will therefore make a more attractive Christmas tree for the following year.

Another question always asked straight after Christmas is, "should the Christmas tree be repotted into a bigger pot?"

This is not advisable, as the bigger the pot, the bigger the plant, and eventually the tree will become too big to move inside.

As far as fertilising goes, a teaspoon of Osmocote during the next few weeks is highly recommended, and then probably another application of Osmocote during spring would provide the best Christmas specimen for Christmas 2022.



A Peltophorum dubium from Alpha.

WEATHER

FORECAST

Warnings

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

Longreach:

Sunny. Winds northwest to northeasterly 20 to 30 km/h tending southeasterly 15 to 25 km/h during the afternoon then tending easterly 20 to 25 km/h during the evening.

Saturday. Possible shower or storm.

Isisford:

Sunny.

Saturday. Possible shower or storm.

Barcaldine:

Mostly sunny.

Saturday. Possible shower or storm.

Central West District:

Mostly sunny. Slight (20%) chance of a shower in the southeast in the afternoon and evening. The chance of a storm in the afternoon and evening. Winds northwest to northeasterly 25 to 35 km/h tending northwest to southwesterly 15 to 25 km/h during the day then tending northeast to southeasterly 20 to 30 km/h during the afternoon.

Northern Goldfields & Upper Flinders District:

Partly cloudy. Slight (20%) chance of a shower, most likely in the afternoon and evening. The chance of a storm. Winds north to northwesterly 20 to 30 km/h tending west to northwesterly 15 to 25 km/h during the day then tending northwest to northeasterly 15 to 20 km/h during the evening.

Central Highlands & Coalfields District:

Partly cloudy. Medium (50%) chance of showers in the south, slight (30%) chance elsewhere. The chance of a storm. Winds north to northeasterly 15 to 25 km/h becoming light during the day then becoming east to northeasterly 15 to 20 km/h during the evening.

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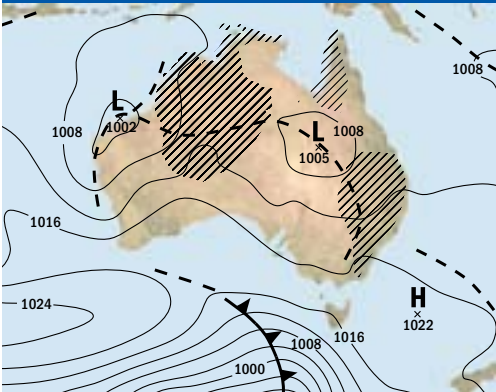
Partly cloudy. Medium (50%) chance of showers in the northeast, slight (30%) chance elsewhere. The chance of a storm, possibly severe. Winds east to northeasterly 15 to 20 km/h tending east to southeasterly 15 to 25 km/h during the morning.

Queensland:

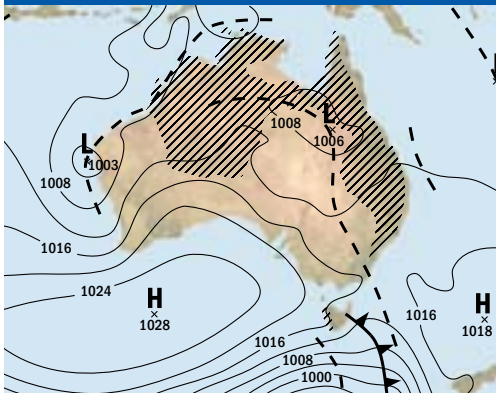
A high in the Tasman Sea will maintain a ridge along the east coast. A trough will extend from northwestern to southern Queensland. A weak southeasterly change may cross the southeast coast as a new high moves into the Tasman Sea. Mostly sunny in the west. A slight to medium chance of showers and storms elsewhere, increasing to a medium to high chance about the western Peninsula and in the southeast. Possible severe storms in the southeast interior. Temperatures near or above average, tending below average in the southeast.

Saturday. A weak ridge will be maintained over eastern Queensland, while a trough will lie over the west. A slight to medium chance of showers and storms, increasing to a medium to high chance about the western Peninsula and in the southeast. Temperatures near or below average over the southern half of the state, near or above average in the north.

TOMORROW 10AM



SATURDAY 10AM



Forecast Rain
24 hrs to 9am

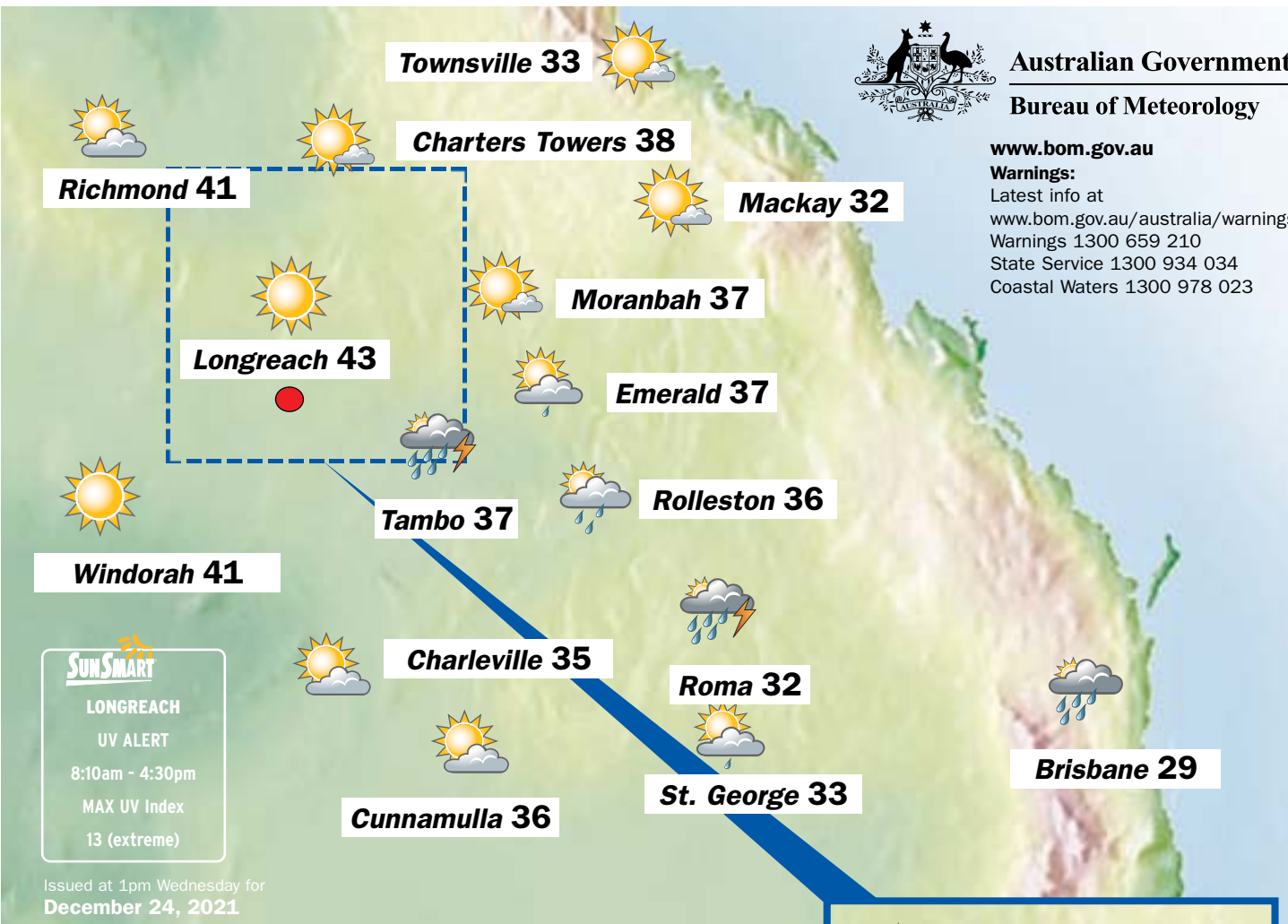
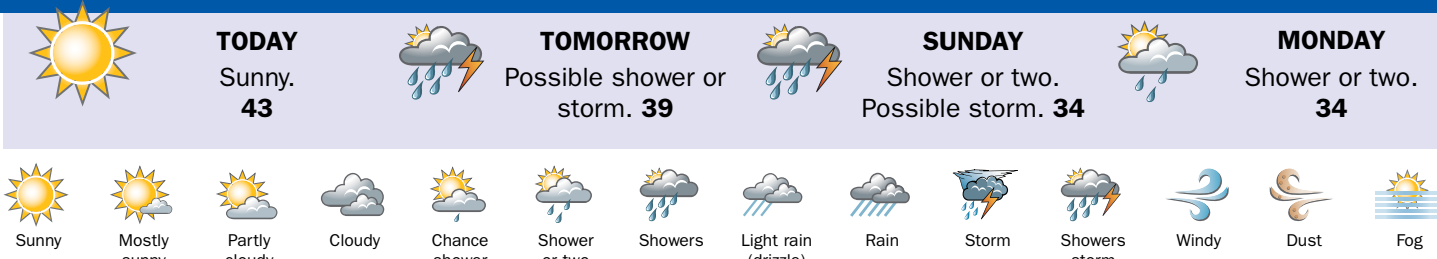
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trough

cold front
warm front

City	Condition	Max
Adelaide	Sunny.	31
Brisbane	Showers.	29
Canberra	Cloudy.	26
Darwin	Showers. Possible storm.	33
Hobart	Partly cloudy.	24
Melbourne	Sunny.	25
Perth	Very hot and sunny.	39
Sydney	Shower or two.	26

LONGREACH FORECAST



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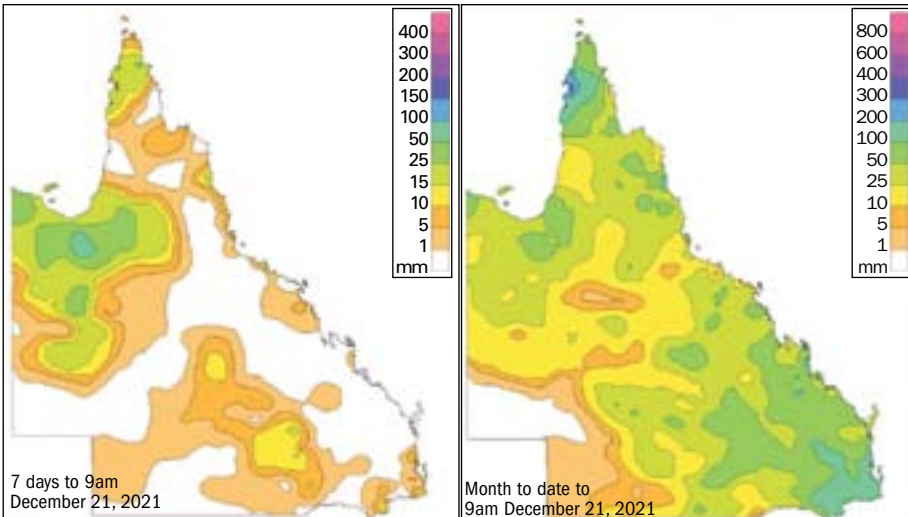
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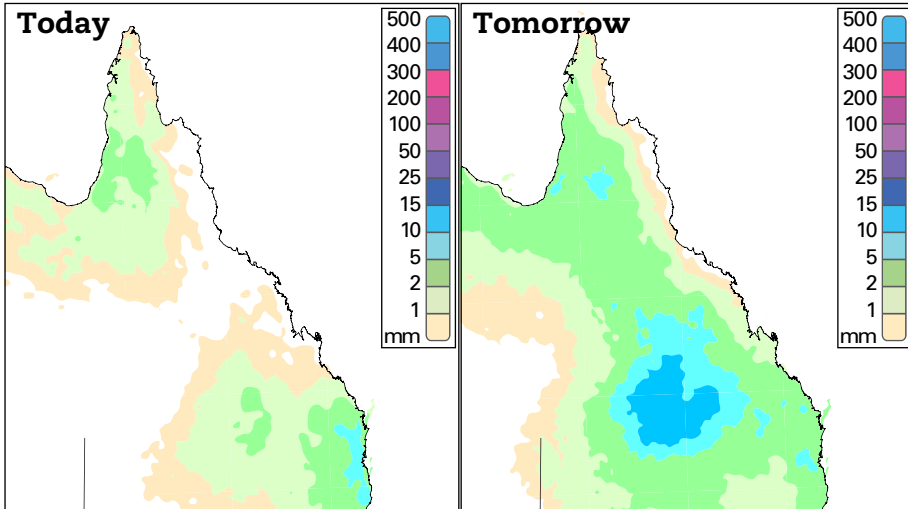
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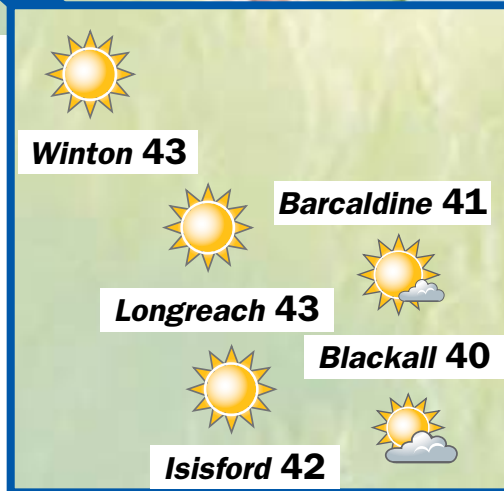
Forecast Rainfall



CAPITAL CITIES

SUN & MOON

City	Condition	Max		Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Adelaide	Sunny.	31	Friday	5:35am	7:10pm	11:03pm	9:38am
Brisbane	Showers.	29	Saturday	5:36am	7:10pm	11:39pm	10:33am
Canberra	Cloudy.	26					
Darwin	Showers. Possible storm.	33	Sunday	5:36am	7:11pm	Nil	11:28am
Hobart	Partly cloudy.	24	Monday	5:37am	7:11pm	12:14am	12:23pm
Melbourne	Sunny.	25	Tuesday	5:38am	7:11pm	12:48am	1:21pm
Perth	Very hot and sunny.	39					
Sydney	Shower or two.	26	Wednesday	5:38am	7:12pm	1:24am	2:20pm



THE WORLD

World conditions yesterday

City	Weather	Max	Min
Athens	fine	12	3
Auckland	fine	25	17
Bangkok	fine	32	23
Beijing	cloudy	1	-3
Berlin	cloudy	1	-3
Christchurch	fine	20	13
Denpasar	rain	32	25
Dublin	sunny	12	5
Hong Kong	cloudy	22	19
Honolulu	showers	26	20
Jakarta	storms	30	24
Johannesburg	storms	24	15
Kuala Lumpur	storms	33	24
London	cloudy	11	4
Los Angeles	rain	14	11
Madrid	rain	12	9
Moscow	snow	-16	-21
New Delhi	fog	24	7
New York	cloudy	4	-2
Noumea	showers	30	24
Paris	cloudy	9	0
Auckland	fine	25	17
Port Vila	cloudy	28	21
Seoul	fine	7	-3
Singapore	storms	33	24
Suva	storms	32	25
Tel Aviv	showers	17	12
Tokyo	fine	10	3
Vancouver	showers	3	1
Wellington	windy	22	17



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LRC072021 – Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers Mechanical Services

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LRC122021 – Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers Supply

Mechanical Services Tender closes at 2:00 pm on Wednesday 12 January, 2022. The remaining Tenders close at 2:00 pm on Tuesday 25 January, 2022.

Tender documents are available by download from QTender <https://qtenders.hpw.qld.gov.au/qtenders/>. All queries are to be directed to the Procurement Team on (07) 4658 4111.

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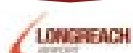
Positions Vacant

Part-Time Administration Assistant

Our Longreach airport is looking to hire a new Administration Assistant

Closing date: 3rd January 2022

If you are interested in this role please contact
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for further details.



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Employment

Positions Vacant



Longreach Regional Council
Iliracombé Laidford Longreach Yarnika

Positions Vacant

Longreach Regional Council is seeking enthusiastic people with a passion for their community to join a vibrant team in a progressive Council for the following positions.

Positions	Branch	Closing Date
Engineering Technical Officer	Longreach	07 January 2022
Stores Officer Trainee	Longreach	07 January 2022
Finance Trainee	Longreach	07 January 2022
Childcare/Community & Cultural Services Administration Trainee	Longreach	07 January 2022
Customer Services Officer	Longreach	07 January 2022
Assistant Educator	Longreach	07 January 2022
Senior Educator	Longreach	07 January 2022
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Works Supervisor	Longreach	14 January 2022

Most Positions offer a nine day fortnight, and superannuation of up to 12% of salary is available upon commencement.

If you would like to join the Longreach Regional Council team, please contact Human Resources on (07) 4658 4111, email hr@longreach.qld.gov.au or visit the Council website at longreach.qld.gov.au/careers to download a copy of the Positions Descriptions & Information Kit.

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Careers with Queensland Health

Operational Services Officer

Operational Services - Central West Health Service District.

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- Salary packaging – increase your take home pay
- 17.5% annual leave loading
- Career development opportunities

Positions throughout various locations within the Central West Health Service District area.

Duties/Abilities: Working as part of a multidisciplinary health facility the Operational Services Officer will be required to perform a range of cleaning duties under indirect supervision as per specific duty guides. This role is pivotal in supporting the Supervisor in providing quality client care working as part of a team or autonomously depending on the task required.

The successful candidate will be required to undertake all cleaning duties, including light and heavy tasks, in all areas of the Hospital and associated facilities to infection control standards, assist in the preparation and serving of meals to patients, staff and Meals-on-Wheels clients, assist in the process of laundering and undertake waste disposal and management practices as required by the waste management guidelines.

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Enquiries: Lisa Kings, Acting Business Manager (07) 4650 7700

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- 17.5% annual leave loading
- Career development opportunities

Duties/Abilities: Working as part of a multidisciplinary health facility the Administration Officer – Ward Clerk will provide administrative assistance to the Director of Nursing, Business manager, Medical Records Officer and Client Service Officer and any other administrative duties as required.

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Netball looks to big year

Longreach Netball Association President **EMMA ELLIOTT** discusses Netball in the new year.

What was the best moment(s) this year for your club?

So many great moments; a few highlights were:
Our awesome new shade infrastructure over our three courts with new lights and three big fans.

This was all thanks to the successful partnership and funding we were lucky to have with Longreach Regional Council and Queensland Government Community Infrastructure Program.

Not to mention our special guests from Netball Queensland CEO Catherine Clark and Ex Diamonds player Demelza Fellowes who visited for our opening along with Longreach Regional Council Councillors and Mayors.

Four Junior teams from our club travelled to Emerald and participate in a junior carnival; they all gained so much from this carnival (as they do every year) and the smiles on all their faces said it all and that's the most rewarding thing for any club to see.

What can fans, players, and volunteers get excited about in the coming year?

We have submitted a funding application to have our three court resurfaced and if successful the project will include us incorporating basketball.

So two courts will have universal goal posts and line markings for both codes of sport.

Fingers crossed we're successful.

Our players can start getting their ladies' teams together; remembering you need two or more junior players in your team for our usual fixtures. Junior training will recommence around March which accommodates Juniors aged 5 years to 17yrs of age; both genders.

Social mixed fixtures will also occur later in 2022.

How can locals get on board with supporting the club?

Contact us via our Facebook page; Longreach Netball Association or email us at Longreach-netball@hotmail.com we welcome all new players, officials, coaches, spectators, and



Longreach Netball got new courts this year.

even new sponsors.

We hold monthly meetings and more info is always posted on our Facebook page.

How would you describe your club's ethos?

Our motto is 'play with passion' which sums us up.

We are passionate about our sport and strive to promote our club as an active community group promoting fun, fitness, and one that provides a safe, friendly, family environ-

ment for everyone.

Our club is a place for everyone no matter one's age or ability; and a place to socialise, catch up with friends on a regular basis, do a few fitness activities, and have a laugh.

Do you see your team as premiership possibles? why?

Wow, a good question; I personally am a player that enjoys a fun, competitive game, and no doubt 2022 will showcase some great teams.

Stormbirds this year slowly depleted due to players moving away for work or schooling or injuries so I'm unsure what it will look like in 2022.

But one thing I am sure of is I'm always a winner if I can physically walk off the court at the end of each game.

And Longreach Netball has many talented players so it will be an action-packed season next year.

What's in store for the Winton Devils in 2022?

WINTON DIAMANTINA Devils President, Coach, and Captain **JUSTIN SMITH** talks about what fans can expect in the new year.

What was the best moment(s) this year for your club?

The Winton Devils had a few great moments throughout the 2021 season both on and off the field. Some of those moments on the field came in the form of Devils rookie Robert "Bob" Mann's game levelling try in the corner and Carlin "Bully" Ellis's clutch conversion from the sideline after the siren in the Devils last minute come from behind win against the Barcaldine Sandgoannas. Another moment was the Devil's last game of the year against Alpha Brumbies where after a long season the boys came together for a big win to end the season on a high. With so many of our more experienced players retiring at the end of 2019 and no season in 2020, I would say one of our biggest achievements was fielding aside each week.

What can fans, players, and volunteers get excited about in the coming year?

There are plenty of reasons to be excited about the 2022 season! Some of those things include our Winton Diamantina Devils Ladies Day/Pink Day where we will be unveiling a special set of one-off jerseys that will be auctioned off at the end of the game, with proceeds from the jersey's to be donated to a local charity. Some of the other things to be looking forward to and looking out for during the 2022 season will be some of our Winton Devil players doing the rounds of the town selling meat trays and raffle tickets. Also be on the lookout for our newly designed Winton Diamantina Devils merchandise for example supporter shirts, stubbie coolers, Hats/caps, and much more.

How can locals get on board with



In the new year, the Winton Devils believe they can trouble any team.

supporting the club?

For anyone who is looking to get on board in supporting the Winton Diamantina Devils, either juniors or seniors, there are many ways that you can get involved. Some of those ways include volunteering whether that be to fill water bottles, as a coach, a bus driver, working in the bar or canteen, or even as a referee/touch judge. Even just by turning up to our games, having a hotdog and beer or soft drink, and cheering on the mighty Diamantina Devils, you can do your part to show your support.

How would you describe your club's ethos?

Winton Diamantina Devils may only be a little club in a small town but it is rich with

history with many former Winton Devils throughout the years shown that through hard work, dedication and a will to dream big have not only gone on to have professional careers as rugby league players but some have even gone on to represent not just their state but their country also. Players such as Matt Sing, Danny Moore, Noel Solomon, and more recently Kurt Mann and Mitch Fogarty. The Devils pride themselves on their dedication, grit, and determination. We are proud to serve the people of Winton in all aspects, not just footy. We march proudly with the community on Anzac Day, participate in other community events throughout the year. The men and women who wear the blue, yellow,

and red know that when they do so, they are carrying a legacy built on hard work, courage, and passion for rugby league.

Do you see your team as premiership possibles? Why?

We were a very young side and inexperienced side in 2021 and at times played some games short of a full team. Nevertheless, the boys never dropped their heads, kept on turning up all year for every game, and showed Central West what being a Devil really meant. In my opinion, we showed more than enough glimpses of our future: that when we put it all together for the full 80 minutes, not only can we match them, but we can trouble any team.



Carnival makes splash

By Brooke Miller
Yellowbelly Swim Club President

The Barcaldine Amateur Swimming Club is making a splash this season and recently boarded the bus, as well as many a car, and headed to the Emu Park Swimming Club Skins Carnival on Saturday, 4 December which was extended into a four-day camp for our swimmers.

A group of 26 junior swimmers participated in the day-long event from the 6 Years and under to the 15 Years and open.

There was lots of cheering and encouragement from the poolside with a number of families plus our Coach, Geoffrey Rafter, joining the Yellowbelly Team in Emu Park.

The day consisted of individual medleys as well as 25m sprints in all strokes.

We are proud to say that one of our upcoming champions, Ava Arnaboldi aged 12, smashed out the day and achieved a final placing in each of the skins events in her age categories.

We also saw a large number of personal best times (PBs) throughout the carnival.

Some excitement to finish the day when the BASC Yellowbellies won the 'Dance Off' beating the other clubs to an extremely large watermelon.

Congratulations to all of the swimmers and thank you to the EPSC for welcoming our team



with open arms.

The carnival was followed by a number of opportunities for the outback children to

participate in including activities that they may not have experienced living in rural Queensland.

On Sunday we were welcomed by the Emu Park Surf Lifesaving Club and were shown some drills and skills in swimming in the ocean as well as some lifesaving skills.

Even the adults jumped in and had a great time.

Monday saw our group head to the Capricorn Caves, after our squad swimmers experienced a training session with EPSC and their coaches, where they experienced the Cathedral Walk and were entertained by our very own, Cara Burger, singing Amazing Grace inside. Magical!

Over the few days, our children were able to experience other adventures such as the Yepoon Lagoon and training with Jodie from the Caribee Swimming Club on Tuesday morning before heading home.

The Barcaldine Amateur Swimming Club would like to take the time to thank their many sponsors, organisations, and people involved for providing this opportunity for our bush children including the Emu Park Surf Lifesaving Club for housing our campers over the weekend. We are looking forward to our upcoming Outback Oasis Swimming Carnival to be held on Saturday 29 January at the Barcaldine Swimming Pool Complex where we can repay the hospitality to our many swimmers and families across the Central Queensland and South West Regions.

Lloydy's Serve

Michael Lloyd



Jingle balls... here's to a funny year in sport

Well, we have come to the end of another year. If we can put aside the negative aspects of the past 12 months and just focus on sport, there was a lot going on.

We had an AFL final in Perth and an NRL final in Brisbane, something I dare say you will never see again.

We had the cricket 20/20 World Cup played in a desert, which Australia won, and women's national leagues expanding in several codes.

The Brisbane Bullets returned to the NBL and Queensland got a third NRL team.

That's a LOT to take in.

On a local level, the newly combined Long-

reach/Ilfracombe Tigers took out the Central West Rugby League, Union returned, Longreach Parkrun turned 1, Auskick made a comeback, Longreach Tennis held their championships, Cricket got some new facilities with those at Bowls getting a refresh, and Swimming, Athletics, Netball, Soccer, Motorbikes, Squash, Touch, and all the Horse events, continued to thrive!

What a year!

So what does 2022 hold?

Inter-town cricket to make a comeback with Winton, Barcy and Longreach already onboard, and fingers crossed a new pitch at Longreach.

Another successful 9s tournament leading into the Tigers going back to back.

Auskick and Tennis to be played in towns all around the West, keep an eye out.

Hockey to make an appearance in Longreach after an absence of several decades, and the possibility of Basketball starting up again as well.

There will be so much happening!

On the lighter side, some of my predictions for 2022.

Tom Cameron plucked from a game against Cunnamulla to play for the Reds.

Lloydy sited at Parkrun, apparently, I

missed out on cake last week, without the Hell freezing over.

Henry Willersdorf to win the A grade squash final, outlasting his opponent in a match that stretches three hours, with the last three games played in complete darkness.

And Gavin Ballard comes on to kick the winning field goal in the Central West Grand Final!

But can I save my final words for the year for the Miller family.

They give their all to this town on and off the field, and from all the Clubs in Longreach, we will be there for you.